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'Boz' does the biz in Southern Iraq.

Signaller Anthony "Boz" Boswell and his mates practice a musical number as they deliver a tumble dryer and various other goods to an Iraqi hospital from money raised by British troops.

For Anthony, 22, of Whiteacre, Wick, Littlehampton, it's just one of the many jobs he's done since arriving in Southern Iraq last week (17 Oct) to serve alongside more than 10,000 British peacekeeping troops.

The dryer, along with a fridge, cooker, washing machine and 12 heaters, were bought from £2,000 raised from Port Stars – a karaoke competition run along the lines of the TV series *Pop Stars*.

Squaddies paid to watch their mates belt out their favourite tunes onstage under the desert sky, with the audience vote narrowing the ten entrants down to a final winner. More cash was raised selling CDs made of the top acts.

But Anthony was overcome by the gratitude from Dr Alil, director of the hospital near the British base in Umm Qasr which was presented with the equipment.

"Seeing what they have here, which isn't much, its clear they need the help more than we do," said Anthony, "but I'm glad I was brought up in Yarmouth," he added.

As well as Royal Signals mates Andrew Cook, 20, from Great Yarmouth, and competition organiser Ralph Basnett, 39, from Liverpool, Anthony soon found he was being helped by two local boys – ten-year-old Mohammed and Naseem, aged 8.

And the variety of the work means Anthony has no worries about being bored during his six months in the region.

"I used to work at Cosi Ltd in their Littlehampton factory making cosmetics until I was made redundant," said Anthony.

“But since joining the Army a year and a half ago I’ve seen Germany and now Iraq, and I’m making new mates all the time.”

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Picture: Signaller Anthony Boswell (261 Signal Regiment) (Pictured front right) with Staff sergeant Ralph Basnett (Left), Mohammed (rear) and Naseem (front) and Signaller Andrew Cook. (rear) on the steps of Umm Qasr Hospital.