

Local Soldier Home For Christmas

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Ian Eads holds his son Tanner.

The best Christmas gift arrived early for one Tri-state family.

On Wednesday, a soldier serving in Afghanistan came home for the holidays.

Specialist Ian Eads and his wife of Kristin, of Alexandria, are stationed in Italy.

Since his deployment, his wife delivered a little baby boy and on Wednesday they were all reunited here at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport with family members.

The Eads family calls baby Tanner their little "miracle baby" since he was born premature and with pneumonia.

"We tried to get pregnant for almost six years and we lost two babies, and finally last year at this time, I got pregnant through in vitro," said Kristin Eads, Specialist Eads' wife.

"This is the best Christmas ever. Just today. You can cancel the rest of Christmas as far as I'm concerned," said Tracy Eads, Specialist Eads' Mom. "Yeah, everything's great."

The Eads family is looking forward to going home and resting after their long trip.

They'll go back to Italy on New Year's Day.