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Dear Fellow Veterans,

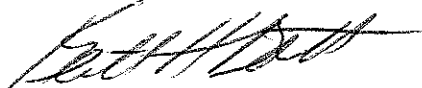
Thank you so much for the wonderful packages of snacks and hygiene items you sent last month! I apologize for not sending this letter sooner but my team has been pretty busy with our mission here in Iraq. (I also apologize for the red ink...it is all we have at the moment)

I'm currently assigned to a Military Transition Team but most people simply call us a "MITT". Our mission is to coach, teach and advise the Iraqi Army (IA) so they can develop and maintain a military that can function without US support. More specifically, we advise an IA Battalion, consisting of about 750 soldiers or 'jundi', who must secure the main Iraqi highway. The road is primarily used to transport supplies throughout the northern part of the country so it is a pretty important job.

We live at a place called Joint Security Station (JSS) Love with Delta Company, 2-327 IN (AASLT) from the 101st Airborne Division. Things are improving day by day but it is a small base without many amenities so the items you sent were a nice treat.

I can't begin to express how wonderful your packages made me feel. Thanks again and please feel free to contact me via the email address below.

Respectfully,



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