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Christmas for Our Troops
P.O. Box 10549
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To the members of this great patriot organization,

Thank you for the care package I received over the Christmas holidays. I was fortunate to join my family at home for Christmas back in Texas in time to celebrate with my wife our son's first Christmas. Your package was a great reminder that our Soldiers fighting here in Iraq and Afghanistan are not forgotten back home through efforts such as yours.

Our battalion is operating in Maysan Province in the southeast portion of Iraq. To date, we have captured over 600 improvised explosive devices (the roadside bombs that are killing the majority of our Soldiers) and over 600 rockets which could have been used against Coalition bases throughout Iraq. We have significantly disrupted our enemy's ability to operate and bring harm to Soldiers and Iraqi citizens alike. While the absence from home may be difficult, the overwhelming success of our mission makes the sacrifice worthwhile.

Organizations such as yours are vital to helping Soldiers through the most difficult of times, particularly during the holidays. Many have missed several Christmas holidays with their loved ones and the volunteer efforts and donations of your organization send a powerful message to those of us serving overseas. It is not lost on us that many in the Great State of Texas are true patriots and we from the Fort Hood community value your support.

Please pass our thanks to all of your members from all of the Soldiers and leaders of the GarryOwen battalion.

Sincerely,

Anthony W. Rush