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Dear Granite Peak Development, W.N. McMurry Construction Co. & Casper/Wyoming Community,

Thank you very much for your generosity and taking the time out of your busy schedules to send a care package to our forces here in Afghanistan. The thoughtfulness of the gesture is very well appreciated by our team and the U.S. Service Members on this end. As you can imagine, we all enjoyed receiving a touch of home and the amenities from the package were enthusiastically gobbled up.

Our unit here is a Counter-IED Support Element (CSE) which supports the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. Our mission is to mitigate the threats of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) to our forces. Our teams consist of a host of different military skill occupations, to include Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) personnel who render safe the IEDs which pose the greatest threat to Coalition Forces and the Afghan people.

The mission here is dangerous, but the spirit and morale of our unit is extremely high. Ultimately, our goal as U.S. Servicemen is to improve the quality of life of the Afghan people, help them create a system of government which provides the people freedoms similar to ours, and allow the people to live their lives free of intimidation and terror.

Again, thank you very much for your thoughtfulness and generosity. We all look forward to returning home safely in the near future to be with our families once again in the country we love.

Very Respectfully,
 The Men and Women of CSE Shank



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