1st Cavalry Division
First Team
Live the Legend

Dear Operation Shoebox New Jersey,

The Regional Command East Combined Joint Task Force 1, Chaplain's Office has received a number of care packages. Thank you for your kind support and consideration regarding the troops here in Afghanistan. We are a proud part of the 1st Cavalry Division of Ft. Hood, Texas and recently deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom XII. The 1st Cavalry Division is one of the most famous and decorated combat divisions of the United States Army. Presently, it is a rapidly deployable heavy armored division of the United States Army. Currently, we have troops in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Your packages were distributed with great delight to the troops in theater. We are located in a larger and populated area. Our intent is to distribute the packages to smaller areas in the combat zone. If not for the thoughtfulness and personal concern from people like you on the home front, we could not carry out this challenging mission.

Enclosed a disk with a photo journal put together and intended to paint a picture of what it is like here in our forward area. We like to send this in addition to a thank you note, as it provides pictures of the very people who have benefited from your kindness.

Progress in this kind of a conflict is slow, but it is steady and we are definitely experiencing success. Although our troops continue to fight very hard and always maintain an inspirational spirit, the human cost of battle is very real. Please know that your kindness has brought cheer into the hearts of these brave men and women who must attend to the difficult work of combat, and will always remind us of why we are here.

On behalf of the CJTF-1 Regional Command East Chaplain's office we want to thank you for your unyielding dedication to our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines. No support is in greater need than that of our American people. God bless you all for your generosity.

FIRST TEAM!

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