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4TH BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 1ST ARMORED DIVISION
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Dear Mr. Jacobs and Colleagues at Richardson Printing:

At a time of year when deployed soldiers most feel the pain of separation from family and loved ones, your generosity has boosted our spirits and provided us a taste of old-fashioned holiday cheer. The thoughtfulness and effort you exerted to provide the 121st Brigade Support Battalion (BSB) with care packages is a truly humbling and heartfelt gesture. My thanks go out to all of you; not only for the packages, but also for the continued prayers and support you continue to demonstrate for those of us serving in Iraq.

As I disbursed your boxes across our formation, I was constantly greeted with the joyful smiles of soldiers who were truly touched by your efforts. Many of them were amazed that an organization or group of individuals with no ties to our unit, Fort Bliss, or El Paso, TX, would express such care and support for our well-being this holiday season.

We are thankful for your charitable kindness and honored to be named to the growing list of "*Richardson Raiders*." Rest assured, the officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers of the 121st BSB will live true to our battalion motto of, "*Utmost in Honorable Service*," and make all of you proud to be associated with our unit.

Our fondest wishes go out to each and every one of you. May your holiday season be filled with nothing but joy, laughter, love, and memories that last a lifetime. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

"Iron Hammer!"

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Hotek", is written over a printed name and title.

John A. Hotek
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Battalion Operations Officer