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Fellow Texans,

Thank you for the great Christmas package full of candy, cookies, cards, hygiene supplies, and books. I truly appreciate your thoughtful actions during the Christmas season. Knowing that we are supported by great Americans like y'all boosts our morale and makes our jobs easier.

My name is CPT Matt Stalcup and I am a Platoon Leader in the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. I lead 38 Infantrymen on daily missions through our area of responsibility in northern Baghdad. We have been living in an abandoned school that we turned into our base for the last 13 months. This is our second Christmas away from home and I thank you again for the package and Christmas cheer.

I have enclosed a couple pictures so you could see the men you are supporting. 2nd Platoon, Charlie Company, 1-14 Infantry Battalion gives West Texas a big "Hooah!" and "Thank You."

Respectfully,  
Matthew Stalcup

CPT, U.S. Army

(P.S. Gig 'Em Aggies)