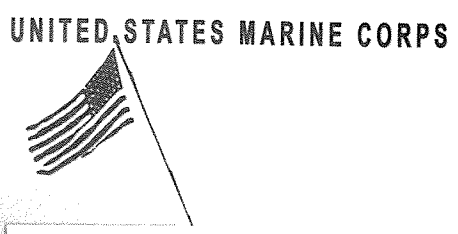
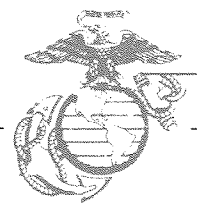


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Mr. Silverman,

I want to say thanks on behalf of my Marines for the care packages you and your company sent us. It may seem like a small gesture for you but it is greatly appreciated on this end. It is a good feeling to be over here knowing that there are good Americans back home who remember us out here. I know all the packages from back home make life just that much better for the Marines.

Just to fill you in on the platoon. We are with Gulf Company 2nd Battalion 2nd Marine out here in Helmand Province. My platoon and I are operating out of a small patrol base. In the few months we have been out here the Marines have had a very positive impact on the people and the area around us. I only hope that this deployment continues to be as successful as it has been so far.

I hope this holiday season finds you all well. It is kind of interesting to be out here. I've gone without the Christmas music, the endless advertisements for Christmas sales, and no Coca Cola Polar Bear commercials and it just seems strange. Oh well. Again, thank you, take care, and God Bless.

A. Dee Rodriguez
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P.S. Please ^{have} a 5-buys burger for me.
I think I miss those most

