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Last March you sent me a box of hunting and fishing magazines. I have no idea how you got my address or how you know me. But I do want you to know that it meant a lot to me and my Marines that you would take your time to send me the package. At the time I received the package my Marines and I were living in a hut made of dirt barriers, ply wood and 6 X 6 timbers. We had not showered in weeks and were living on potatoes, eggs, and turkeys that we were able to buy from the locals, and some soup from home. We were very close to the Syrian border and spent most of our time trying to keep people from bring weapons across the border.

Now I am with another group of Marines and I am back in Iraq fighting in Fallujah. My Marines and I live in houses that were used Uday Hussian's workers that cared for one of his palaces. We spend most of our time in the city driving around looking for insurgents. We have had some success and feel like our actions will have a positive effect. But for now Fallujah remains very dangerous. I have had my vehicle hit by three road side bombs and I have had five hit my platoon in less that a month. My Marines can see the dream of a peaceful Iraq and we will hunt the enemy until we are able to hand over the area to the Iraqi people.

Thank you again for your support and your thoughtful gift. I wish you and your family all the best.

God Bless you

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