

Beekman Elementary School,

Thank you so much for the packages. With all of the candy, games, and gifts that you have sent us, you have made it feel a lot more like Christmas. We thank you all so much.

Your packages have filled our aid station, almost reaching the ceiling. The thankful recipients of your packages run the 8-1 Cavalry Aid Station. We are located in the southern part of Afghanistan, near the border of Pakistan. Last July, we arrived in Afghanistan, meaning we are halfway into our tour of duty. We all miss our families, but thankfully, the months have passed quickly.

Working in the aid station requires us to heal some difficult wounds, see some things that are hard on us. We thank you and your generous spirit for supporting us through this time. It means so much to be reminded of children and teachers who care so dearly for us and the cause of liberty. Our motivation is prone to waver with all that we experience day-to-day, and it helps us to see your kindness all around our aid station.

Two members of our aid station, Major Woods and Captain Obando, actually hail from New York state. The rest of us come from different places throughout the nation, and we even have two interpreters that are native Afghans. All of us are extremely appreciative of the gifts you have sent us.

Please show each other the compassion that you have shown us. We wish you a happy holidays and hope your school year goes smoothly. Thank you so much, Beekman Elementary School.

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