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Rod,

Operation Shoebox New Jersey packages are a big hit with our Marines and Sailors in 2d Marine Division (Forward) here in Helmand Province. I have attached a few more pictures so your volunteers can see some of the happiness they cause. Please pass our thanks on to all of the volunteers. Your support is felt deeply. The guys in the pictures with the boxes are Navy Hospital Corpsmen who take care of the health of our Marines and patch them up when they are wounded. The last picture is a gun team for our artillery battalion. They live in a fire base in the middle of the desert that was made by bulldozing a triangular berm out of the earth. These Marines and Sailors live in two-man tents (pup tents) so you can imagine how thrilled they were to get 4 boxes from your organization.

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