

PROSPECT HEIGHTS WOMAN'S CLUB
PROSPECT HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS 60070

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Dear Mrs. Villegas,

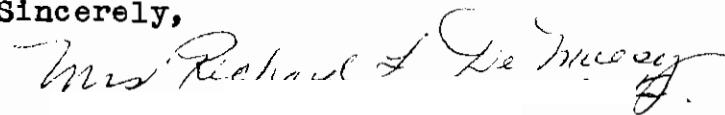
It certainly was nice of you to write us! It sounds as tho the servicemen you write in the Air Force surely must have enjoyed the "birthday cake" you fixed up using the distributor caps, and your idea for the paperweights is clever also. While we appreciate your offer of the caps, we feel, (as you mentioned) we could possibly ask local dealers regarding them. Enclosed are two reports to our membership of the mailings for April & July, I thought perhaps you might like to read them.

In regards to your question concerning the "cookie" packing -we wrap 2 cookies to one square of Saran Wrap. Lay one cookie on the square, fold over once, place second cookie on top and fold again tucking under the edges. This provides a "cushion" and the cookies can then be packed on top of each other in shoe boxes and tied or taped shut. We try to use shoe boxes of uniform size as it makes packing the large boxes much easier. Their Birthday Cakes, in this case, are cans of Date & Nut Roll, gift wrapped, and with 1 small candle scotch taped 3 times across on the outside of can. (Sometimes we send one Fruitcake to all the Birthday Boys) Their Birthday presents are usually cans of shrimp, sardines, herring & etc. We wrap them in the Sunday funnies so they can read them when unwrapped. Some other suggestions you may find of use -- Peanut butter can be shipped by repacking in a plastic container with an air tight lid and sealing with wax. Certain type Sausages, Beef Sticks can be dipped in wax, wrapped in foil also. For sending glass products someone suggested packing in a one or two lb. coffee can using popcorn as a cushion on bottom, top, and sides. Styrofoam (cups, buckets) make good containers and are light, which cuts down on weight.

In regards to the vases for Hines may I suggest something I saw done in our church which may be helpful to you. The women took 1 lb. coffee cans, sprayed them with paint, gold, silver, red, etc. and decorated them attractively with felt and other materials to be used for a hospital. They were really quite pretty.

We hope this has been of some help to you and thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,



Chairman
Prospect Heights Woman's Club

PLATOON B AND PLATOON D - VIETNAM

The two large boxes packed on April 29 had as their theme "Spring" - and upon opening, the first messenger seen to greet our platoons is a big, brightly colored cardboard "BIRD" with a note pinned to its beak sayings.....

Spring has sprung!	(Birds "buddies" can still be seen
The grass has riz!	(flying around our Jewel grocery
I wonder where - -	(store - part of their springtime
The POSIES is?	(decorations.)

Further down in the package is a smaller box with a little "bird" taped to the lid announcing "HERE THEY IS!" and inside are 84 gay artificial flowers scotch taped to 84 bags of candy. A total of 98 dozen cookies were baked by members of our club and other lovely ladies in our community! 84 pkgs. of Pillsbury Funny Face drink mix and 8 two-lb. coffee cans packed full of garlic toast an attached note cautions "If these aren't in one piece - you may be the only "birds" in the mess hall tonight with garlic toast CRUMB topping!" Included were many paperback books, magazines, a copy of the Prospect Heights Herald and airmail stationery and envelopes, if they want to write. The two large humorous cards addressed "To all the 'Boys' in Company B" and "To all the 'Boys' in Company D" showed a comical tiny little pink bird sitting on the nose of a huge gray hippopotomus the greeting inside reads "Ours is a Strange and Wonderful Relationship".

84 letters - one to each soldier in each platoon from members of our club and community have been mailed also.

The two Birthday boxes contained the following - For Platoon D there were 6 birthdays, so 6 cans of Date and Nut roll wrapped and with 1 candle attached, and a fruitcake. "Presents" were a 1 lb. can of smoked herring, 3 cans of herring fillets, 1 can of tuna, 1 can of Camembert cheese and a box of crackers, gum, 3 large pkgs. of lemonade mix, 3 great BIG bags of "Poppycock" (that's caramel corn and candy mixed) and 6 decks of cards. The Birthday Boys "favors" for their buddies were 42 Tootsie Rolls and their prizes were - 1st prize - a metal sign that could be tacked up anywhere saying "BEWARE OF CATS" and a smaller one (booby prize) saying "BEWARE OF OCCUPANT". Birthday cards and napkins and extra books and magazines also were included.

For Platoon B everything was exactly the same, except, since we don't know how many Birthdays there are, we sent one large fruitcake with candles, 10 cans of sardines and 10 decks of cards.

Those who helped on the packing committee this time were Margaret Lusk, Marge Kelly, June Lippert, Dorothy Szymanski, Pat Koelle and Bonnie DeMuesy. Due to the fact that it took the six of us from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM we think it best to pack once in the middle of the month for Platoon D and at the end of the month for Platoon B. By doing the packing in this manner we feel we should be through by noon or shortly thereafter.

If there are any questions, please call Pat Koelle, Cl. or Bonnie DeMuesy, Cl.
The mailing date for Platoon D will be May 18th, a Wednesday. For Platoon B, May 27th, a Friday.

Platoons in Co. d and Co. B - Viet Nam
(Mailed June 15th and 24th)

The theme - a "FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC" - and to each platoon a big sign reads as follows:

IT'S PICNIC TIME "BOYS" SO.....

SPREAD OUT THE TABLECLOTH,

TAKE YOUR NAPKIN (these were Hallmark Uncle Sam cloth & napkins)

PAPER PLATE..... (Little hamburger size plates)

CARTON (WITH YOUR NAME)..... (these were 1 pint cartons with little handles that contained - from the bottom up - 2 cookies, a layer of potato salad (marshmallows with red and green candies) 2 orange slices (their fruit, a layer of "baked beans" (candy-coated peanuts that are red) and 2 small "hot dogs" laid on top! (hot dog bubblegum, that is.)

AND DON'T FORGET THE SOFT DRINKS (84 pkgs. of Funny Face) - also sent were 21 miniature plastic "coke" bottles that contained pastel colored soft drink mix and 44 straws - each "boy" was to share with his buddy.

WHOOOPS! NOW WHAT'S A PICNIC WITHOUT BUGS!!

(this was a box of big chocolate "bugs" which were covered with red foil with black spots - they were "Ladybugs" - even had feet.)

AND WHOEVER HEARD OF A PICNIC WITHOUT KIDS???

(a "Kid" for each man was a letter to each from four classes at Ann Sullivan school - two 3rd grades, one 4th grade and one 5th grade)

(Ladies, these letters are priceless! We will copy excerpts from some for you.)

Additional candy, 84 pkgs. of gum, were also included, as well as their Birthday cakes (Date and Nut roll wrapped like firecrackers,) their presents - canned herring wrapped in the funny papers, favors were old fashioned candy sticks and the prize was an auto card game. Birthday cards, a couple of books and sermons were included. A card to the Platoon with pasted on "Creepy Crawlers" reminded them to "HAVE FUN AT THE PICNIC" from the 200 women of the Prospect Heights Woman's Club.

Most of the cookies went separately in a smaller box but totaled 55 dozen for EACH platoon.

A man at Glenview Naval Air Base informs us that what the men need most is entertainment! We surely do hope that they are as entertained by this months contents as those who were packing them.