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Dear Sergeant Major Craig,

Upon my return from AIR ASSAULT II, I was pleasantly surprised to find a handsomely engraved 105mm shell case on my desk. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you and all those responsible for a most imaginative memento. I understand that this was the first shell fired in the salute at my promotion ceremony, which makes it a splendid reminder of that occasion. As a matter of interest, you should know that it is just the right size for my favorite cigars.

Again, many thanks, and be assured that no one appreciates more than I the dedication, esprit, and the professionalism so characteristic of the Artillery, and of you.

With warm regards,

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