

### Appreciates Christmas Packages

The following letter has been received by the secretary of the local branch of the Red Cross from one of the soldiers who received one of the Christmas packages sent from here. The card which accompanied the package was returned with the letter and is signed "A Friend," and will undoubtedly be identified by the writer.

Camp Funston, Kansas  
314 Trench Mortar Battery  
Hannaford Red Cross,  
Hannaford, N. D.

To "A Friend":

This is a word to express my appreciation and the appreciation of the boys in the "Olive Drab" for the Christmas packages sent out by your local Red Cross. The package with the enclosed card fell to my lot and as the giver did not sign her name I can only thank her through this general letter.

I think that every one in this great camp had a "Merry Christmas." There seemed to be a big supply of good things to eat and every man in the camp had some token of remembrance from the Red Cross. I want to express it as my sincere belief that, no matter what the men in this camp may suffer in the way of discomforts, sufferings and death and no matter how we may cover ourselves with glory in this great cause, the mothers, sisters, wives and sweethearts are equally to be honored for the part they are even now playing. It is this spirit of the American womanhood which expresses itself through these gifts sent out for to-day which I believe will in the, not great future, send our boys home victors in this greatest of all wars.

Very sincerely,

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