

Thanks from Kabul, Afghanistan

This letter was sent to the Petrolia Cookie Lady. This letter says it all and this is why she sends cookies to our Canadian Troops.

The Petrolia Cookie Lady is now over 40,000 cookies sent.

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Subject: Thanks from Kabul, Afghanistan

Karen,

My name is LCol Rob Carter and I am the Canadian Commander for all the Canadians who are working with the Afghan Air Force in their primary training centre in Kabul, Afghanistan. We travel outside the wire each day to/from the Afghan compound where we work, and upon arrival back at our base camp today, we were all surprised to see a number of boxes labelled for us from Hero to Hero. We very enthusiastically opened each box, and low and behold were some fabulous cookies waiting for us...from you! There is nothing like some cookies from back home, made with love, care, and attention, just asking to be eaten by some hungry Airmen and Airwomen upon returning from a long and hot day's work.

My crew of course dug in with enthusiasm, and are all walking around with full bellies and smiles on their face. I would be remiss in not thanking you for investing your time, money, and energy into providing these for us, and for that I am very grateful. We are here to promote education and professionalism in the Afghan culture, and it is often hard to be spit at, have rocks thrown at you, or worse...from those you are here to help, and not wonder if it is all worth it. So when we get sent a reminder of home, it reminds us that it is all worth while, and that our investment of our national treasure into this struggling country is important, even if it will take time for those here to realize it. We do it for them not because it is easy, but because it is right, and the thoughts and prayers (and cookies) from our fellow Canadians makes all the difference in the world.

Keep baking those cookies, and never stop being part of the team!!!

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