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Troops send thank-yous to Iron Range

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VIRGINIA - American troops overseas who received care packages from people across the Iron Range have put their gratitude in writing with handwritten notes, typed letters, e-mails and postcards.

The thank-yous from service members who received the packages are displayed on a wall at the Laurentian Chamber of Commerce in Virginia.

Iron Range residents donated money, food and supplies, including personal hygiene items, reading materials, candy, snacks and letters to the local campaign that sent packages through AnySoldier.com, a Web site that coordinates the distribution of letters and boxes to troops.

More than 1,800 pounds of supplies in 454 packages were sent, and more than \$18,000 was raised.

Service members from throughout the country stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Africa and at sea received the

packages, which were sent out by Dec. 10 to arrive by Christmas.

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