

A Personal Message From Brenda:

I'm delighted you are interested in our appeal.

I've been working in UA for the past three years, mostly with the troops all along the front. They are astonishing, realistic, hardworking, incredibly brave fathers, brothers, sons, and mothers, daughters, sisters. The majority of them, sadly, are non career soldiers- as the career soldiers have mostly fallen, -but farmers, accountants, Olympic champions, chefs, mechanics, waiters, taxi drivers etc.

In addition to not being experienced, - they have had to learn fast or they don't survive, -they are poor.

They fundraise for the bullets to put in their guns. They appeal for cars with which to get to 'work' each day, they pay for many of their own operations when injured, and they are often fed by charities within the country. They are a world away from our own army which provides everything to do the job.

To receive a present from someone far away is an incredible boost to their morale. And they so need it.

Thanks for caring. If anything is not clear below, please do get in touch -

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List of Items:

What might a soldier far from home want for Christmas from you?

How about

Clothing

- Thick/thermal socks
- T-shirts
- Thermal layers
- Underpants
- Neck warmers
- Warm pull-on hats
- Balaclavas
- Gloves

Health and personal care

- Paracetamol
- Throat sweets
- Plasters/bandages + safety pins
- Toothbrushes + toothpaste
- Shaving foam
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Wipes
- Hygiene products

Food items and extras

- Chewing gum
- Sweets/chocolate
- Biscuits/small cakes
- Nuts/dried fruit/nibbles
- Pot Noodles
- Savoury biscuits
- Cola
- Protein bars

General

- Playing cards/games
- Batteries,
- Tobacco,
- Lighter,
- Water,
- Hand/foot heat pack,

You might have some other ideas, go for it, these are just suggestions.

We would love you to include a message of support, which you could run through google translate and write in Ukrainian as well as English.

All gifts should fit inside a shoe box. (No bags please).

Should I decorate my box?

Your choice, but looking cheerful is good. Please make sure nothing can escape. (Using string to close the box is good, because it means customs can check the contents should they wish to.) If you want to wrap individual items inside your box, please do, but it's your call.

Please write a list of contents firmly fixed to the outside of the box for customs.

All boxes need to reach us by 30 November please at the

Village Hall,

Shipton on Cherwell.

OX51JP.

The hall is open every Friday, 1500-1600, or by private arrangement.

Many many thanks,

Brenda, xx