

Press release

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LOCAL DEPOT DELIVERS DONATIONS FOR HEROES

A local parcel delivery depot has coordinated an effort to bring a 'slice of home' to the Black Watch Regiment based in Afghanistan. The Inverness depot of Home Delivery Network (HDN) today officially handed over 50 goodie boxes to the Families Unit of 3rd Battalion of The Royal Regiment of Scotland based in Wimberley.

Employees of the nationwide delivery company contacted clients and local businesses to request donations for the troops. HDNL Inverness Depot Manager, Derek Reid said: "We wanted to give something back to the troops and their families and would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who donated to this great cause."

Donations included t-shirts, socks and underwear provided by Shop Direct Group whilst Tesco provided a range of toiletries. The Inverness Courier donated 50 newspapers to ensure troops are kept up-to-date with news back home. Drinks wholesaler, Waverly TBS provided cases of Irn-Bru with donations packaged up in boxes supplied by Highland Fayre.

Local recreation centre, Inverness Leisure also donated £1,700 worth of swimming vouchers for the 141 family members of the Regiment .

"We would like to thank everyone for their generosity and continued support and say a special thanks to the team at the HDNL Inverness depot. It will mean a lot to the troops to know the community back home are thinking of them," said Capt. Lorne Campbell of the Black Watch Regiment.

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The 'Donations for Heroes' boxes will be delivered to troops in Afghanistan w/c 8th June.

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Notes to Editors:

- Home Delivery Network Limited (HDNL) is the UK's largest home delivery and collection service.
- HDNL delivers to all 1,760,000 UK postcodes in 120 postal regions.
- HDNL operates 50 parcel depots covering the UK, four specialised operations sites which distribute heavy and large items throughout the UK, two national sort centres at Shaw in Oldham and Droitwich in Worcestershire, and has its head office located in Whiston, Merseyside.
- HDNL separated from Littlewoods Shop Direct Group in May 2008.