



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HEADQUARTERS, 726th FINANCE BATTALION
43rd JOINT LOGISTICS COMMAND
COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE-82
BAGRAM AIRFIELD, AFGHANISTAN
APO AE 09354

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

29 September 2007

Office of the Commander

Ms. Fiona Canavan
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Dear Ms. Canavan:

On behalf of the 726th Finance Battalion, I extend my deepest condolences to you and to each member of your family on the recent loss of your sister, Ciara. A huge void is left in all our hearts and in our formation without Ciara. Words seem so inadequate, but with this letter come our hearts filled with love and sympathy on the loss of your beloved sister.

Ciara was selfless in her duty, ready for every mission given to her and caring for fellow Soldiers. Everyone whose life she touched dearly loved her. Ciara was a true go to person and a real contributor to the rebuilding of the country of Afghanistan.

As I write, flooded with precious memories, I recall the day when Ciara prevented a contract worker on our base from serious injury by grasping his arm and holding him long enough for him to reposition and fall in a way only to break his ankle. Had she not, this individual would have assuredly suffered serious injury. Her action was an act of absolute heroism and care for her fellow man.

You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. Know that Ciara's spirit will live on in our hearts, because it was we who had the great honor of being in her presence. Her memory will never fade and her commitment to this mission will always serve as our inspiration. May God comfort you and bless your family.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Devine
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army
Commanding