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Anti-Fatigue Matting Systems Donated to American Troops in Iraq

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Fremont, OH —September 11, 2007—Crown Mats and Matting has donated Comfort-King Supreme anti-fatigue matting to American soldiers fighting in Iraq for their use aboard Sherpa cargo planes.

The Sherpas are used to drop much needed supplies to troops all over Iraq, but are frequently the target of sniper attacks. As a result, crewmembers must stand during the entire flight—often more than eight hours per mission—to look out for snipers and avoid attack.

“We got a call from Michael Moy, a U.S. Army flight engineer in Iraq asking for our help,” says Christopher Tricozzi, Vice President of Sales & Marketing at Crown. “He told us how he found out about the Comfort-King mats and why he needed them.”

According to Tricozzi, Moy said the mats were placed near the entrance to the Chaplain’s office at a U.S. Army base in Iraq. Walking on the mats, he realized they could help reduce leg fatigue since the troops often complain of back, leg, and foot problems during their long flight missions.

Tricozzi says the mats were sent to Iraq at no charge and he heard they were installed in the planes as soon as they arrived. However, nothing more was heard from Moy for several weeks.

“Then we were told they were sending an American flag flown over Iraq and Kuwait during ‘Operation Iraqi Freedom,’ to express their gratitude as well as a card of thanks signed by many of the Sherpa crew members,” says Tricozzi.

Although the flag was much appreciated, Tricozzi says it was the thank you card that was in many ways much more touching and revealing. “These are handwritten notes thanking us for the Comfort-King mats,” he says. “The comments included such things as, ‘my feet thank you;’ ‘thanks for thinking of us;’ and one soldier wrote, ‘my 13s are smiling; we love your Comfort-King mats.’”

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