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Hey Mom,

I'm so happy to hear the good news! That's really great that you guys are doing so well. I'm doing well here too. We just moved from Red to White phase. That really just means that now we have an assigned platoon leader, assistant platoon leader, assigned squad leaders and we have less interaction with the drill sergeant. We could also get more time / freedoms so I might be able to use my phone more. Woot!

I think your glasses story is funny because I lost my safety glasses 2 weeks ago & just got a new pair today. We were given special safety glasses that we were supposed to wear everywhere, so that when we qualify, the safety glasses don't bother us. Anyway, when we got off the motor move to the range, my drill sergeant found a pair with prescription insert. Everyone else had their glasses so he threw the inserts in the bushes and gave me the glasses. Sweet! When I got back to my bay, I swapped out the scratched up lens for my spare lens.

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Ugg! I'm so tired. It's 3 in the morning & me and Cummings are on our CQ shift (2 hours) until 5. The only reason I sign up for CQ is 'cause we get to do our laundry, which the only other times we can is on Sunday, when our bay of 56 people try to get their laundry done within the 7 hours we have. We also only have 3 washers or laundry service which takes 2 days. :(

Hopefully on Sunday I'll go in and buy more sets of PT clothes. We only have 4 and we're supposed to sleep in them. They get really gross after PT. I should be making my list of things to buy "cause I forgot stuff last time.

It's actually pretty nice out right now. It's been raining here and there. The other day it randomly started raining and it would rain-stop-rain-stop-rain-stop in seconds. It was huge rain like marbles! It only rained for like 2 minutes and when it was done, the pavement on the road was steaming.

I can't wait. On Tuesday, we qualify and then we're pretty much done at the range. From here, we move on to using all the different kinds of weapons like grenades, the saw and the M209 grenade launcher. We saw some people in another company carrying AT4's (rocket launchers) with

their M-16's on their backs.

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Anyhow, the rest of the weekend is cake. We stayed in the company area & did a contra-band inspection instead of a 5 mile ruck march. We had free time so DS Campbell took us in the classroom and told us to put our heads down and not talk. We slept for 2 hours. Tomorrow we go to the PX and it's a good thing I made my list! I gotta go to the ATM nearby and see how much I got in the bank. I was thinking about getting Meagan a Camel Back that has a spot to put the name tape. Camel Backs aren't that bad. Just like canteens, you only put water in them and they won't mold. If we can get everyone to buy them, we would be able to get those instead of our 2 quart canteens.

I am doing fine here and we are all counting down until we leave. Sunday marks week 5.

Love you guys and hopefully we get to use our cells again! :)

- Kyle