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Hey Dad,

Well, last week was a total blast. We started BRM (Basic Rifle Marksmanship) on Monday and we've been at the range everyday through Friday. On Monday I got a "go" on grouping. They have you shoot at a piece of paper that has a "Z" dot on it, so you have something to aim at. When you zero, they use a special target with a grid so they can move your sights to be accurate.

Well, I got over my sickness like a week ago. Turns out all the guys from Cali got sick the most. I have definitely made some good tight friends. Cummings I had met on the way from the recruiting station and we've been hanging out ever since. My friend Gregory, though I have most in common with. He moved from Kentucky to Atlanta so that his GF could go to college. Gregory is 20-21. I have also met a few people here that I am going to AIT with. None of us know what's going to happen regarding our start date. **Grrr!**

I told Jessi that next time her and mom harass Hornyak, that they should ask him about it and to give him my mailing address.

On Saturday, we also moved into White Phase. The DS (Drill Sergeant) assigns people in the platoon to be in leadership positions and we also see less of the DS. We also get more privileges, which hopefully include using our cell phones more. (Yay!)

It seriously feels like time has been flying here. What's cool is that a lot of the stuff here is a "no-brainer" for me and the stuff I don't know, I enjoy learning.

OMG, there is this one DS that is absolutely HILARIOUS! He works more in the office so he doesn't have a platoon, but he comes on activities and stuff. Well, we were outside of the PX waiting to leave and DS MacDonald starts talking about how one of our missions in the ARMY is to help eliminate the huge excess of beer in the world, and he wants us all to graduate because he can't do it on his own. Wow.

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OMG, I got all that info on Georgia yesterday. Everyone is a little antsy, hearing info left and right. The drill sergeants were saying we might go to war and someone else said we're putting missiles in Poland. Gregory said that if war is declared during the time we're in boot camp, that we finish our training and go as infantry. I'm not sure about that, but it's something to think about. Other

than that, time seems to be flying by. Yesterday and today we went to a new range to experience pop-up targets. The only sucky part is that we also just started shooting in the kneeling position, which I'm surprisingly not that bad at.

NOTE:

We also, for some reason, get 2 pizza parties during BCT. For \$10 each, we get a 20 oz. Soda, a med pizza and 2 candy bars. For an extra \$1, we can get an extra soda.

I gotta go. We have to line up and do a personnel and weapons count.

Our DS that came to do the count likes Darth Vader and we all just hummed the "Imperial March" theme as he left and he just flipped us off, LOL. He also said we're on tornado watch until morning! Scary!

Well, I'm sure I'll be okay. Have fun in Cali! I heard from Cummings that the fires got worse again.

-Kyle