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Pvt. George Prince at Fort Rucker, Alabama

New Orders!

George Remains a Southerner while Andrew will be heading to the Pacific Northwest.

We were happy to learn this week where our first two graduates currently in Advanced Individual Training will be headed after home leave when their AIT phases are over.

Andrew will be going to Fort Lewis in Washington State. The Fort is named after Meriwether Lewis, who opened that territory to the United States on his famous 1803 expedition with Clarke. One of the most modern Forts in the country and the largest military installation in the Northwest, Ft Lewis is home to I Corps. The principal Fort Lewis maneuver units are the 1st Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division and the 3rd Brigade 2nd Infantry Division. It also houses many other diverse Army units and maneuvers support groups and is closely associated with the Pacific Command. Called a “Power Projection Platform,” the Fort’s primary mission is to prepare troops for deployment to areas under that Command. Located in the wooded plains area at the foot of American Lake, Fort Lewis has a spectacular view of Mt. Rainier.

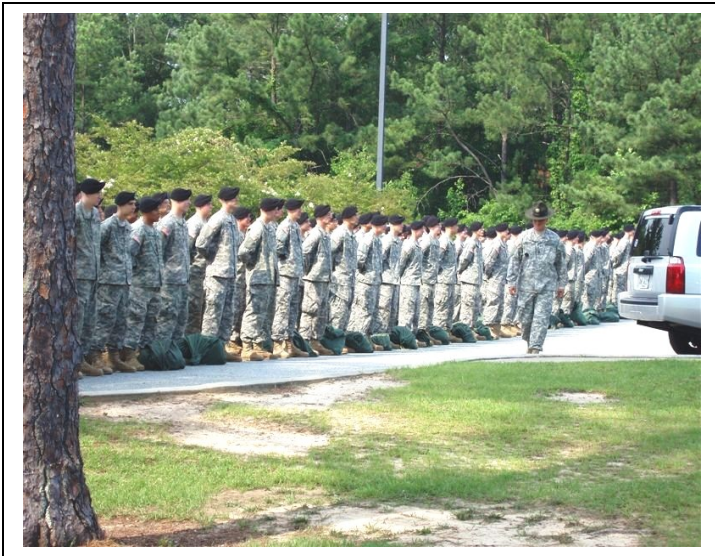
George will be forwarded to Savannah, Georgia to further his training at Fort Stewart there. After being billeted to S.C. and then AL and soon GA, we are wondering if he will be coming home with a deep “y’all” drawl?

Fort Stewart is also an RDF base or Rapid Deployment Force. It is named after Daniel Stewart

who distinguished himself in the Revolutionary war with Francis Marion, the famous “Swamp Fox” who was so instrumental in winning that war in the south. The Fort operates in conjunction with Hunter Air Field there which covers 5,400 acres, with many ranges geared for its initial service, anti-aircraft gun training. Now the Fort and airfield are home to the 3rd Infantry (the one Patton made so famous) and a Ranger group (which made its first entry into the Fort in 1974 by parachuting in!). Also in 1974 an element of the Army Aviation School at Ft Rucker (where George is now) was transferred to Ft. Stewart to train helicopter and light fixed wing aircraft pilots. In addition, Hunter Airfield houses the largest helicopter unit in the Coast Guard. It provides Savannah and the southeast United States with round-the-clock search and rescue coverage of its coastal areas. George will continue his training in helicopter maintenance there.

Fred’s Family Days

C. and BA arrived home safely from Georgia and Alabama on Wednesday 6-25 at 3 pm after getting a very early start from Daleville. The driving went well and Kiboshii performed faultlessly round trip! Thank You, Father! It was a very good and beneficial trip, a blessing not only to Fred and George, but to all of us as well. We are so thankful for this opportunity C. and BA had to see the young men in their new environments, and especially for Fred and George to have this time with them.



Fred's unit after the Family Orientation waiting for dismissal to their families. Fred is in there somewhere!



Kiboshii. Part of Fred's "family" at Ft Benning on Family Day. "She" got them there! 6-21-08. (It would take a book to explain this beautiful vehicle built from the bare frame up!)



There he is! PV2 Fred Prince on Family Day 6-21-08

Joshu

We had two letters from Joshu this week. His unit is not getting so many "smokings" (disciplinary exercising) these days so he says that gives him more time to write. Last Monday's letter (6-23) said they had had a 2 mile "Ruck March." This is a march with 35 pounds strapped on in an Army version of a ruck sack, which is simply another term for backpack. The next ruck march will be 4 miles, then 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 18 and finally 20 miles with more weight added on. These marches are spread out over a couple of months. Joshu says he is sore from day to day but it is adding muscles! He is enjoying the training.

In his second letter, received Thursday, 6-26 Joshu says he was reminded again that things go better when he is more aggressive in taking charge. He has learned to lead by example, take suggestions from others when he sees they have a point and stick to his guns when the Lord has shown His way!

He also received a very helpful response from the Lord to give when others compliment or praise him for something. It is worth quoting and remembering for it applies to all. "If you see something good in me, that is the Lord Jesus Christ. If you see something bad, then He is working with that."

Joshu has a DS who said "Never lose sight of the bigger picture." Joshu knew this was from the Lord too.

Joshu has completed his first 3 weeks of Basic, the Red Phase, and is now entering the next 3 weeks; the White Phase, or "Gunfighter Phase". .

George is able to email home now and his latest one describes how much he is enjoying class. He got a full 100 on his last written test. “We are learning crimping of fittings on aluminum, steel and stainless line. In addition we are learning how to flare and bend these lines and attach several kinds of fittings. Knowing the experience the Lord has shown in these areas, flaring the aluminum fitting was perfect the first time as were the bends. The bending and single flaring of the stainless line also came out nicely.” He says the fitting used on the end of the stainless line “was what we used on the rear brakes of Kiboshii, transferring from the stainless line to the adapter for the flexible line. Ingenious. Once again prior experience through the Lord’s teaching has given a solid ground to operate from.” He mentioned how all the thousands of soldered joints he has done over the years also stood him in good stead when they were doing soldering last week. Another benefit of this course is that he is being exposed to new tools and equipment the Army uses and that could be a great help in the work done here.

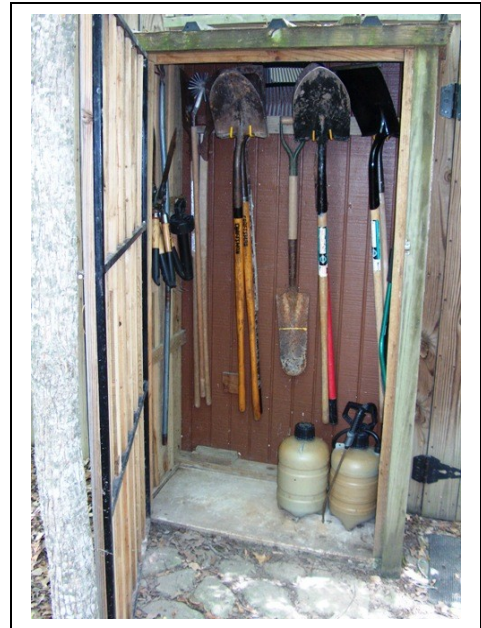
He too is being encouraged by the Lord through his Sergeant to take a leadership role. He says “The Lord is doing something here and it really picked up after the visit.”

Keeping the Home Fires Burning

Well, the daily temperatures being 100 or so, we aren’t exactly using the wood burning stoves right now! However, as surely as fall follows summer, it is never too soon to get started on filling up the totally empty “kindling keepers” for the winter. And that is what Hikari worked on today. (6-28). Fred had left us with the very nice pile of broken branches and dead fall he collected in the woods, and it really gives us a leg up on kindling production! Hikari got the tall chopping block off the flatbed and onto a dolly and rolled it to the side yard of Atarashii’s garage. Then the tractor cart was hooked up and some of the kindling pile taken over there for chopping. Only time for one bag today, but it is thought that this will be done regularly one afternoon a week until the kindling keepers are full. We expect that will be well before the first really cold night!

Joanna and Mother did warm up the kitchen again this week with the cooking and canning of **70**, yes, **seventy**, pounds of tomatoes. 13 more quart jars of spaghetti sauce made their way to the

stockroom shelves! And believe it or not, the hearth was covered with tomato trays again on Sunday, 6-29 so 49 more pounds were prepared, cooked and canned



Another one of the week’s projects, a reorganized tool shed on kibo’s Garage. Only sprayers on the floor so it is easily swept.

AIT for a Unit of Three!

On Tuesday evening, Mother got the manual and brought the Kubota Diesel tractor out of the garage. She said it started up and ran beautifully.



The idea was to give the tractor a very thorough cleaning on Wednesday; then we would study how to start and drive it, taking photos of each step to put with the manual. This would be a help to anyone who needed to learn to use it.

Mother operated the pedals and levers while Joanna and Hikari watched carefully and took pictures. It is obviously different from the smaller gasoline tractors, but not hard to learn. There was no time for Joanna or Hikari to drive it that day as we were focusing on being ready for C. and BA's return, but we will get back to it as soon as possible. It can be very helpful to us as larger items need to be transported about the property.



Mother washing the Kubota.

Look at that corn growing in the background! We read that corn prices have risen drastically since the floods along the Mississippi in Iowa ruined many, many thousands of acres of corn crops. Iowa is corn country. But, as you see, there is no lack of corn here! Thank You, Father!

Adeline was able to call George this weekend, who in turn called Andrew, who called home last night (6-29) and told us that she reported she had been on the 15k (approx 9 miles) march last week and she experienced NO shortness of breath. We thank You so much, Father, for this tremendous healing.

It looks as though most or all of you will have a 4 day weekend for the 4th of July. George says his unit is on "good behavior" this week so they don't miss their weekend passes and Andrew reports that he will have an off-base pass and has been encouraged to wear civilian clothes. He doesn't know what he will do with the time yet, but all the bases do have celebrations for the holiday and there is a strong possibility he can visit with Adeline.

We do wish you all a very fine Fourth of July. There is so much to be thankful for. Yes, "For God and Country"!

Li'l Twuk from the Inside Out!

BA took these pictures yesterday (Sunday, 6-29), and we know that you will want this peek at progress closing up the inner body panels.



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