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Until Every One Comes Home.®

USO, Oh So Helpful!

The USO leads our articles this week because it has been such a helpful organization in so many ways to our traveling troops and to us as we make arrangements for you. And as you will travel more and more and likely be making some of your own arrangements we wanted to be sure you all knew about this resource.

After much looking around airport web sites and digging out such simple answers as how to get from airport to base, or how to get from terminal to terminal, we finally learned to call the USO first. They KNOW those things! Need a place to park your bags while you have a lengthy wait at an airport? Go to a USO (all major airports and many smaller ones have them); the USO provides a place to lock them up for you. They offer complimentary food service, a place to wash up or even shower, and even a bed to rest your weary head if need be! It was a USO volunteer at the Houston airport that mailed Joshu's first letter home to us when he wrote one at the airport.

The USO web site tells you which airports have them and describes what is available there and gives the phone number and often the name of someone to speak to. The fascinating history of the organization is available there too. George sent us the article he found on it. It is a non-profit, volunteer organization with facilities in many places all over the world and with many programs. The USO is funded by corporate and individual donations, much like the Red Cross. We are very thankful that the Lord has made such a helpful resource available at such a time as this.

Another resource that you all are aware of is the MWR (Morale Welfare Recreation) organization on each base that provides many services and information to soldiers that can be very helpful also. It too, is an Armed Services sponsored organization

made up of, and staffed by volunteers. We have learned that its programs and agencies are funded by the purchases you make at the PX!

Andrew has finished his 5 day In-Processing at Waller Hall in Fort Lewis and will be moving on to his unit barracks on Monday, August 4. Meanwhile, he was assigned CQ (office duty) over the weekend. It is a great opportunity to become more familiar with things there and for staff there to become more familiar with him.

We were very thankful when he related how, on Wednesday, July 30, as he was walking back from the PX to his quarters it began to rain, a cold Northwest rain, and he had no jacket or cover of any kind. He prayed that somehow he could get a ride, and sure enough his prayer was answered as a vehicle pulled over with an officer and his wife and they told him to hop in and very graciously transported him to his building.

Andrew has been doing a lot of walking around there. The PX is walking distance, and he has been out and about taking pictures when he has time. There is a van that transports him and others at In-Processing to the various buildings where the things they need to do take place and to the chow hall, as they call it there. But otherwise, walking is the way around right now. It is good exercise! Sometime he may be able to take advantage of the beautiful trails in Rainier Nat'l Forest.

*Mt. Rainier WIKI photo
(See Andrew's version on
pg. 4!)*



Meanwhile, back at the COT, **Fred** is taking advantage of a very different kind of transportation for him. On Tuesday, July 29, after we bagged up the “recyclables” for BA and Fred to take to the Bedias “Recycle Center,” Fred got behind the wheel and drove down the driveway!



The next day he and BA went to Huntsville where Fred passed his written test for a DL so, if time permits, he can take the driving part before he leaves for Hawaii! We are thankful for progress in this.

We are thankful too that a trip to Wal-Mart brought forth some very nice new slacks and shorts and polo shirts for him to wear and take with him as, when he got home and got out his “civvies” to wear, they were too small! He has filled out and gained muscle and looks very FIT but NOT fat as the following photos attest. When he was packing up the things he will send on to Hawaii, he donned his Class A uniform so we could see him in it and take pictures. It was interesting to see what the Infantry’s blue cord, which is given on graduation from AIT, or rather, OSUT, in his case is like. It is intricately woven and does add a very smart looking touch to the uniform. We also noted that the brass buttons at the collar are set on a pale blue disc to match the cord. And, as with Andrew, the three ribbons above the left pocket represent having graduated from BCT, service in time of war, and one for service during the War on Terror. Altogether it is a very handsome uniform, and we look forward to seeing each one in yours when possible.



Blue cord and ribbons and Infantry cross can also be worn on the shirt when not wearing the jacket.



What a Difference a Twig Makes!

On Wednesday, July 30, Mother got out the tractor and the DR and tackled the ever growing carpet of leaves that had been covering the drive as the trees shed them in the heat. This is something she has been wanting to learn to do. She took the DR manual and did her reading first. It was a “family project” as Joanna got the gas blower on back pack and blew leaves into piles for vacuuming while C raked them from the edges, where the vacuum could not get them, into the center of the road.



keep unwanted bugs from finding them and laying their eggs on them. It is a very neat arrangement and Hikari got this photo of the rows of squash and bean seed beds in the glow of early morning as the sun was just coming up over the yard.



Adeline called with good news this past week, regarding her PT finals. She did 52 sit-ups in 2 minutes and said she could have just gone right on doing them! What a miracle of total healing and restored strength this is. We praise and thank You, Father! But that is not all! She also did 27 push-ups and the 2 mile run in 18:25.

Joshu's Family Day weekend at Ft, Benning is coming up on Saturday, August 9th. Seems as though he has been there forever because of those first 10 weeks at Reception Battalion! But BCT is almost over and he wrote that he had his final PT test for this segment of training and he also did better than he had been able to before, mostly in the 2 mile run time which dropped from 15:09 down to 14:03. He continued:

"However, I only did 5 more push ups and 6 more sit ups than I did the last time. I expected a greater degree of improvement for all the exercises I had been doing but I had been hitting a threshold I couldn't get past. After the PT test though, that threshold was broken and I have seen a big improvement in those areas as well." He went on to say, "It is encouraging to see such significant strides made. The strides are so significant that it is now very feasible to get 100% on my next PT test. I have already done 100% on the sit ups and almost doubled my push ups." We do thank You, Father for this answer to prayer and for Your strength to take

Mother went back and forth over the road many times to get as much as she could yet when she finally went to empty the hopper onto the pile where raked leaves are composted, it seemed like such a very small amount. How odd! Well, not so odd when she learned that a small twig had gotten caught in the intake "tunnel" and the leaves she had been vacuuming had simply turned into leaf mulch and gone back onto the road as she went over it. C. then told her that a lodged twig was something George had to check for often when he was doing the job. Now aware of that, the next day Mother went over the road again and this time had a hopper full of mulched leaves to empty. The drives look so much better and once again we thank our Father for such a marvelous way to keep them looking nice.

Much of the garden has been cleared out of spent crops now and is being made ready for planting for a fall harvest. The weather is quite hot right now so Joanna has been setting row covers over the new plants to keep them shaded when needed and to

hold of in everything. While getting high scores on the PT tests is not the focus of being in the Army, it is wonderful to see the miracles of healing that these improvements represent.

Regarding his meeting with Fred he says, "Thank You, Father for the meeting Fred and I had and the agreement between partners. I know it was no mistake that we were stationed here together for so long." They agreed that the Fort and everything pertaining to it is for the very good purpose of the Lord, and will come into that.

Today, Sunday, August 3rd, we heard from each one of you, sometimes more than once! That makes for a very nice Sunday, when everyone can call home or be here, as in Fred's case!

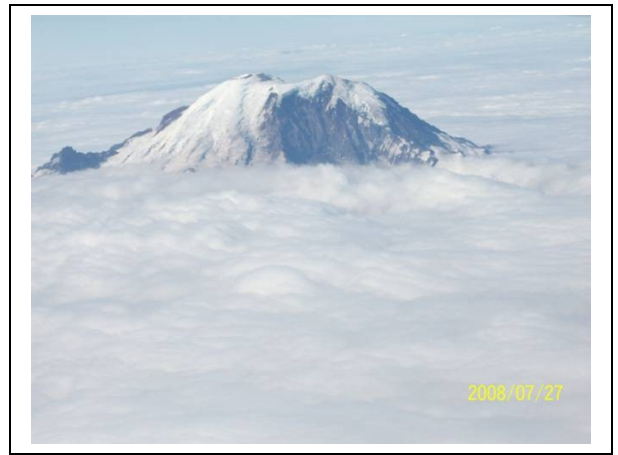
Adeline reports that she has had a one day training course in emergency and evasive vehicle driving. A must for MPs! It had to be done in one day and it took all day as they had only 2 vehicles and 243 students with just 2 drill sergeants to do the training! One of the vehicles was a Chevy Impala and the other a Dodge Strata. How old or in what condition we don't know! They learned to drive carefully, careen safely around corners and whatever else involves an emergency situation. She did say it was fun!

She also mentioned that she was learning many MP functions and how best to conduct them. For example, the way to approach an intoxicated driver so as not to cause a confrontation. MPs are not always the best loved soldiers on duty, but it is very interesting and very worthwhile work with opportunity and authority to be very helpful in protecting, defending and assisting as the MP Song goes!

George is continuing his training in applying the things he has been learning and taking apart and reassembling parts and mechanisms. His next duty station is not confirmed yet, there are a couple of possibilities depending on what direction his training takes. We will keep you posted!

Andrew emailed a wonderful set of pictures from Ft Lewis and we want to share some of them with you so we will close this part of the newsletter with several photos. We do thank our merciful Father for all the ways He is moving on with all of us here and all of you! Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! LGJBM!

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Mt Rainier through the clouds from the plane as it approached Seattle.



Ft Lewis Entrance Gate



Pvt. Andrew I. Prince reporting for duty!

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