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Victory! At "Victory Forge"

Pvt George Prince Officially a US Army Soldier!

George called Sabbath morning (May 17) with the news that he is officially a "soldier" now! At the completion of Ft Jackson's "Victory Forge", he was "dubbed" a true soldier of the United States Army along with his unit mates by the commanding officer. At the ceremony, he says that the commanding officer shook everyone's hands in congratulations but when he came to George he shook George's twice and very sincerely said, "Good job. Good job!" Victory Forge includes a 12 mile march with all your gear and George said that wasn't easy for him, but in the PBL he made it. The only way you fail is if the camp truck has to come and pick you up and carry you back to base and that wasn't necessary for him! Thank You, Father! He also reported that, in spite of the time in the hospital, he very much enjoyed his BCT experience there and that is very wonderful to hear.

Pvt Adeline Prince is Back in the Kitchen Again!

After a good trip from Vermont in D-2 with B A and Joanna, and some additional driving experience, Adeline arrived at Fort Leonard Wood on Friday, May 16th where she was warmly received by her Drill Sergeants and unit mates. Her former unit was out on FOB (we found out that means Forward Operations Base) and so she and several others who were on profile (reduced activity) were assigned to put together the breakfast and dinner meals for the unit and go with them to help them be delivered and served. Just like home on a much bigger scale! She said it was actually very educational. When not serving breakfast or dinner, these on profile are given the time between to sleep! Adeline found a better use for the time when the unit was called out early on an exercise and had no time to straighten the sleeping quarters. Enter Adeline, to straighten and organize as best she could while the mice were away!

PV2 Fred Prince "Awarded" 10,000 Push Ups!

At first we thought that was a mistaken amount in the May 12 letter we received where Fred reported that, due to a misunderstanding in orders, his rifle was found to be not quite up to standard when he cleaned it. To rectify this breach of rifle maintenance the DS in charge charged Fred with 10,000 push ups! Fred had never been in trouble before but this surely made up for it! When we read on we learned that this is not an uncommon event and since not even Superman or Captain America could do 10,000 pushups, the load is divided evenly throughout the company, each recruit getting to help out with 300 of them! Fred says on the whole they were all good natured about it. In a phone call, Sunday evening, he said that when he first went into BCT it was so foreign, another world, and he felt off balance, and made many "stupid" mistakes, but now he is "on his feet," has his bearings and is more stable and better able to navigate through it all in the strength and understanding of the :Lord.

Pvt Joshu Prince Takes On Unruly Chow Hall

Joshu reports that he is doing well; his mouth continues to heal as he carries on with his Orderly assignments. He is learning a great deal about how the Army operates and greatly appreciates the experience. He won't be sent "down range" (start BCT) until the first of June, a week later than he expected. He said he gets a little anxious to be moving on but he realizes that "every second we spend wherever we are is absolutely for good and is precisely where we need to be at that moment." Good for all of us to remember! Most of his assignments now are in helping to process the groups of 400 or so recruits that continually arrive. The DS in charge of getting them through all the processing is very good at it, but definitely it takes more than one. Typically, in chow hall, as recruits come up to the DS with one question or another and

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he gets involved in answering, the rest of the recruits get rowdy. Even though Joshu has the authority, to many he is still just a private and they don't have to listen to him. A few days ago they found out differently when the DS was busy and chow hall got too noisy. In the Authority he has in the Lord., Joshu climbed the stairs over the hall and in his loudest, sternest voice COMMANDED them to be quiet. "QUIET! THERE IS NO TALKING IN CHOW HALL!" They were all startled, it worked! They all quieted down. Sometimes a DS will not want Joshu's help, too proud. He says the Lord. has His ways of showing they do need his help, such as the time one of these locked himself out of his office and Joshu slipped through a very narrow window opening to let him in. As Joshua said in one of his letters regarding a similar attitude in one who said, "I don't need your help." Joshua's reply was "Everybody needs my (The Lord's) help!

Pvt Andrew Prince to Entertain Family at Graduation!

After leaving Adeline at Ft Leonard Wood early Friday Morning the 16th, BA and Joanna continued on southwest to Lawton, Okalahoma and Ft Sill. The drive from Ft LW to Ft Sill is very direct, almost a straight line on the same interstate 44 and is only 454 miles or approx. a 6-1/2 hour drive. From there it is only another 367 miles to home! Friday evening they checked into a nice hotel in Lawton which will serve as their FOB during their 7 day deployment there. As of Monday morning, 5/19, Andrew may not yet know they are there but he does know they will be and is very thankful this worked out as it has. We are too!

BA reports that they spent some time on Sabbath changing the fuel filter on D-2 as the little light came on to let them know, that home or not, it was 15,000 mile filter changing time! They purchased one in Lawton and she said it was not too difficult except for a clearance problem that made it necessary to remove the filter from underneath the vehicle behind the tire, causing some spillage of gas, but they were able to filter about \$1 worth of diesel still in the old filter using an improvised paper towel filter, and poured that back into the gas tank!

We haven't heard from Andrew since he went on FOB and are looking forward to his report on that

and to his time "hosting" BA and Joanna through graduation activities.

Sounds like Aloha! For Fred After Benning.

In a call Sunday evening, 5/18, Fred said that he has learned that his next location will be Honolulu. On checking into this at his request we have learned that Hawaii has two bases in Honolulu, Fort Shafter being the main CINCPAC (Pacific Region) command post, and Schofield Barracks, (which is much more than barracks, it is a very large Army base), housing the 25th Infantry Division where Fred expects he will be assigned. The Mission of the 25th is to "redeploy, reset, and deploy trained forces to contingencies and operations worldwide to accomplish assigned tasks in support of a designated Joint Force Commander." He was told that 90% of infantry forces are deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan these days. Hawaii is chosen because the climate is conducive year round to training and deployment efforts. As we learn more facts and if it really is the 25th Fred will be joining we will send more detailed info on the 25th and training procedures.

And Now for Updates from Home Base!

On the picture page of this publication you will see that the garden is supplying us with the most beautiful and tender, tasty vegetables of its long career of producing the world's best veggies! And as you all know that doesn't just happen by accident. Much work and loving care has been provided. C was at the helm on Sabbath with the Mantis, tilling up the remainder of the corn bed. And incidentally, the 2005 corn that Mother found was so eager to sprout, and just as eager to grow; it came up in 3 days! She made more rows on Sunday 5/18, and when done the bed will have 7 rows of corn.

When C finished tilling he went on out front with the hedge trimmer and trimmed all the shrubbery along the road maintaining the beautiful entrance to the City of Truth.

On Thursday, 5/15, Mother planted watermelon that could be ready for summer leave times! We had the first plump, ripe, red cherry tomatoes in our lettuce salad that day, they are sweet and delicious. Next thing you know, great big pearly white heads of cauliflower were being harvested. Mother had closed the leaves over the heads last week to keep them white and it did! Extra Cauliflower and Broccoli have both been frozen for future meals.

The 20hp tractor needs a new air cleaner element and pre filter and we have asked BA to purchase one at Sears in Lawton if they can while they are there. Wanting to see if the green tractor needed a new pre filter that could also be purchased if it did, Hikari uncovered it and found that it did have a good prefilter that only needed cleaning. But it had also collected a lot of dust over the time not used and what appeared to be a mouse nest of dried grass and bits of string on the blower, so it was determined that it was time to give it a good cleaning. We put some gas in the tank and added a little oil, though the oil was obviously very clean. When she got on it to drive it away she was delighted to find that the engine turned right over as though it had been just used yesterday. However, it was a good thing Mother was right there before she got more than a few inches to see that the battery charger was plugged in to an extension cord behind it! Phew! No wonder it started right up. What a great idea those are. Mother explained that we have many of them to keep different batteries going. A real blessing! Tractor and pre-filter are all clean now and ready for service when needed. It was fun to drive it around a bit; kind of like zipping around in a sports car after driving a heavier vehicle. We noted that the blades were still quite sharp too.

We have changed the blades on the 20hp, they really were needing to be replaced and sharpened, and we were so thankful to find perfectly sharpened blades all ready to switch!. We are going to try our hand at sharpening the dull ones. C. has shown Mother how. The ramps made blade changing very easy once the nuts were loosened. A lot is being learned here too for which we are very, very thankful!

PHOTOS IN THE NEWS



Helping H take the trash to burn



Mother set out a stone walkway to the barn.



Our first very own onion! 4” in diameter! Mother dried and ground up the green leaves for seasoning.



A “peck” of Peppers all from last season’s bed! Harvested in one picking!





3 of 5 perfect cauliflower heads picked
on Sabbath 5-18-08



Separated, blanched and ready for
the freezer



All the while that Mother
was washing, cutting and
blanching the cauliflower
She was also talking to Joshu
on the phone!
He purposely calls on a day
other than Sunday
when he has time
so there is no line in back of him
waiting to use the phone!

Shop Info:

No time to take a photo now but wait until you all see the white shop and the barn! C. has been very busy cleaning, organizing, putting away, and He covered the white shop counter and work table near the door with heavy brown craft paper so neatly and carefully it almost looks like it has been painted on! What a transformation! Be sure to stay tuned for pictures next newsletter.

Till then: we are so thankful that the “dark days” of first entering into Babylon are behind us all, we rejoice over the deliverance that has come and look forward to the days ahead in the PBL and the new strength it has brought. Thank You, Father! Amen.

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