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Dear Mom, Dad, Meagan and Jessi,

Well, I think as of now I have the most solid piece of information about AIT since I got here. Let's go back first. I don't remember if I told you, but when I got to 1-20 (processing) they gave me a special paper that says that I have to leave boot camp by October 3<sup>rd</sup> to make my October 6<sup>th</sup> start date. Today the drill sergeants finally addressed the issue. About 21 of us in Echo Company are getting transferred to Charlie. Now the hitch. Charlie isn't just one week ahead of us, they're four weeks ahead. I now only have 18 days left. I graduate on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September. *\*note: This is old info –* Pros: I get about 3-4 weeks of nothing(paid) in Virginia that I could hang out on base, possibly meet Merry, get day passes or hopefully leave! Cons: Missing the next 3-4 weeks of boot with my buddies & having to cram for Victory Forge (such as tactical situations / positions), not getting mail for like a week and the chance of not getting leave when I get to Virginia. :(

I stay in Echo, and qualify tomorrow up until the 6<sup>th</sup> when the 21 of us go to Victory Forge (basically a week long field activity).

Hopefully, by the time you get this, I will have gotten my phone call to let all of you know. I just had to write anyway.

Speaking of which, I don't know if I'll be able to receive your letters or if they will send them back.

Well, I love & miss you all. I've just been in a daze all day. It's Labor Day and there's only one DS here and we're just chillin' in the bay waiting for dinner.

Love you guys,

-Kyle