

Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Dear Church family,

Thank you very much for the card and gift. I appreciate that a lot. It's great to know that you all love and care about me back home. It's easy to forget in all the stress of my job here.

As I'm sure you've heard from my parents, we've wrapped up all our state side training and will depart for the "Big Sandbox" some time after February 12<sup>th</sup>. I don't feel the least bit nervous or concerned. Between my good training and my faith in God I have nothing to worry about.

I can't say my birthday was too happy. I was standing guard in a bunker at our base on March Air Force Base when I looked at my watch at about 2 PM and that's when I realized it was my birthday. After that I had to wait four days and four freezing nights before I got to celebrate by eating pizza and reading my birthday cards.

Keep praying for 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines and I'll keep praying for good old Moose Lake and, God-willing, I'll see you all this fall.

sincerely,

Moose Lake