

Hello Peoples!

I obviously miss you. Boot camp is rough. This week is “hell week,” and it lives up to its name: tests, inspections, and marching for hours. I’m always tired and worn out; I look like crap because of the huge glasses, geek straps (for glasses), no face wash, no makeup, no eye brow plucking; everything is pretty lame.

My division is falling apart because boot camp is a mind game, and their minds are too weak. Everyone gets ITed daily, and the females have made their cliques, so...no one gets along, and everyone’s always cranky and annoying. I just don’t talk anymore. I count the days 20 times a day. I don’t enjoy being here with all the PMS and disrespect. Hopefully honor, courage, and commitment is at A School and on. Anyway...my week:

Monday – I found out that I passed the D LAB. I don’t get anything for it now, but I could be an interpreter or something, if I learn a language. It’s a language aptitude test that tests ability to learn languages. It was easy mode (smile). We did running/PT, and then marched; that was about it for excitement...lol.

Tuesday – we did a thing called the Marlinespike. It’s a fake ship that you have to bring to port and get under way. It’s fun and our division got 0 safety violations, and our instructor said we were the 35th division that he’s seen in three years for 0 hits. It was a great accomplishment. Our brother Div 194 failed the time limit and had five hits, ha! So pro. I got ITed for folding and stowing without using my instruction notebook, but I did well. I missed PT because I was ITing. We practiced WTI (inspection for weapons), then studied.

Wednesday – took my PFA and ran over a minute faster than last time. I passed the whole thing (smile). So proud. We had our weapon turnover inspection and personnel inspect, and I got 0 hits on both (smile).

Thursday – we had been waking up at 4 on all these days BTW. Today, we woke up at 3:30 am to clean the house. We went to weapon training class and shot fake guns. I exchanged my uniform (had a loaned uniform until they got mine in). PTed running. We folded our new uniforms (dress whites, blues, NSUs). Then half the 193 girls tried to join 194. It was a BIG mess of drama. There is no loyalty. Chief wants us to fall apart, and it works.

Friday – went to weapons training. This time, a real gun, at a real range. I hated it, and I cried my first time. I ended up failing then having to shoot again. I was so angry that I took it out on my target and passed my second time. Ha-ha. It was a 9 mm and a 12 gage. The 12 gage was POWERFUL, and the kickback hurt. But, I’m okay and I’m over it. We were studying, and then a bunch of senior enlisted people came in and just talked to us and gave advice. It was really cool (smile). We ended up PTing with a bunch of them and other seniors from Army, Marines, and Air Force, too! It was the opportunity of a lifetime.

Our R POC (the guy above me in the recruit chain of command) is sick, and I’ve been doing his job, and it’s so hard. I hate it...lol. We have drill inspection the day of his appointment, so there’s a chance he won’t make it. We’re all really nervous.

Saturday – the days are getting worse. We practiced drill in the compartment, then the drill hall. We went to B.A.S.E.S. and got sweatier than ever before; it was bad. After that, we ate, showered, and then back to drill hall. 194’s chief was so angry. She ITed the whole 194 Div and said “F this, F that, you’re a stupid F.” It was bad. She was even disrespectful to another division that was in the drill hall too. She yelled at there petty officer and their chief. She is not a very good person when it comes to being respectful. On the way back, I tried a new cadence, and I did so well that my chief is give me a phone call just for doing well (smile). So pro. We studied and had a division discussion about the other chief and the loyalty of our division.

Overall, boot camp is getting more difficult. The IT is more often and longer, and the competition is getting rougher. I pray daily and often, but I could use your help. Pray for my division as a whole and people individually because everyone is getting sick and during week 5, if you get LLO or SUQ then they ASMO you backwards in training. I’ll be fine though (smile).

**I love you all! Send ME PICTURES and current news. Please...lol. I miss knowing what’s going on! I love yooooou!
-Kristi**