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Hey 127 Staff/Family! I haven't been writing much because I'm really trying to take in this experience. I'm having a great time, I've repelled down a 45 foot wall, completed multiple obstacle courses, endured the gas chambers & just finished my first week of white phase. I've been going to the range all week zeroing & grouping this M4 Carbine. I "qualify" this upcoming week. Based on what I've done so far I think I'm a pretty good shot. My favorite part so far is our FTX1 or "Field Training Exercise." I was told to walk around in the woods & find specific coordinates at night with a red lens light, compass, & a map. I have 2 more FTX's to go & the second one is coming up in a week or so. Another highlight of Basic Training is church on Sundays. It makes me feel like I'm back in Texas. I plan on requesting my duty station to be in Texas after my AIT. I'll be ~~visiting~~ visiting you guys around Christmas for my first break. I want to thank everyone who invested their time & wisdom into me, because I was truly lost & you led me to God. I can tell you from a first hand experience that you're doing God's work. And I've made it a goal of mine to fulfill James 1:27 when I am financially stable. You have provided such a strong work ethic in me that I see basic training as just another day on the job. I'm gaining discipline as well. All in all, thank you guys. Especially Stevie Ray, & Mrs. Lanra. You've changed my life.