

Dear Parents, Guardians and Wives,


A member of your family has just arrived safely at the US Army Reception Station, Ft Ord, California. He will be with us for about four working days, during which time we will process him into the US Army. The purpose of this card is not only to assure you that he arrived safely, but to furnish you with some information about the Reception Station.

During the time that the receptees are in the Reception Station, **THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE RECEPTION STATION AREA.** They may receive visitors, however, in our visitors lounge. The visitors lounge is open Saturday, 1:00-8:30 PM and Sunday, 12:00 noon to 8:30 PM. Due to medical precautions taken with all receptees, we can only allow **PARENTS, LEGAL GUARDIANS, AND WIVES** to visit receptees. Brothers, sisters, friends, children etc., will not be allowed to visit receptees. We would appreciate your cooperation in observing this restriction.

Since a receptee is with us only four days, sending mail to him here will only slow down its delivery. We therefore recommend that families do not write a receptee using the Reception Station as an address. A receptee is given a stamped post card and the name of the training unit to which he will be sent soon after he arrives in the Reception Station so that he may forward that address to his family. Using the address of a receptee's training unit will facilitate the delivery of his mail. In addition, if you write me about a receptee, - by the time your letter reaches me he will have left my authority. Write "COMMANDING OFFICER" at the address he gives you.

Should a situation arise which you feel requires the presence of the receptee at home, contact your local Red Cross for assistance. This will aid us in getting him home as quickly as possible, should it prove to be an emergency.

We fully understand the natural concern that families have when one of their men enters the Armed Forces. You may rest assured, however, that our receptees are well cared for.


EDWARD F. FIORA JR
Major, Infantry
Commanding