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I worked with Specialist Leisten at Camp Rilea until he deployed. He was a hard working and a nice young man. I was surprised that he volunteered to go with the unit to Iraq. I believe that he said he switched units to go. He had found a purpose and family in the Oregon National Guard and I was deeply saddened, along with the rest of the Billeting Office staff, when he died in Iraq. He had worked at various places around the post and they kept finding opportunities for him to continue there because he was an outstanding young soldier. I would be thrilled that this happens and he can be remembered for his sacrifice. Thank you!