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What you can do:

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- Send messages of support **NOW** to Lance Corporal Joe Glenton, Military Corrective Training Centre (MCTC), Berechurch Hall Camp, Colchester, Essex, CO2 9NU or defendjoeglenton@gmail.com
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