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Hi mom

Life is quiet here and I expect it to stay the same. Hope everyone there is fine and doing well. I have been traveling and seeing the sights. I am being careful so don't worry, even though you will.

I have sent some pictures to Ann and John. Tell them to show you. I will be home soon and see you then.

Love

Roger
I AM THE GUARD

Civilian in Peace, Soldier in War... of security and honor, for three centuries I have been the custodian... I AM THE GUARD.

I was at Johnstown, where the raging waters boomed down the valley. I cradled the crying child in my arms and saw the terror leave her eyes. I moved through smoke and flames at Texas City. The stricken knew the comfort of my skill. I dropped the food that fed the starving beast on the frozen fields of the west and through the towering drifts I ploughed to rescue the marooned. I have faced forward to the tornado, the typhoon, and the horror of the hurricane and flood, these things I know... I was there! I AM THE GUARD. Through pounding rain or driving snow, whenever my community falls victim to disaster, I'll be there.

Whenever my great Nation needs me, I'll be there to serve, to protect and to defend. Soldier in war, civilian in peace... I AM THE GUARD. I was there when terror fell on my homeland and tried in vain to extinguish my spirit. I was there in the black of night as I searched for signs of life in far reaching destruction; and I was there on hallowed grounds, with a strong arm and valiant determination, defending my Nation. I am at home protecting the weary traveler, easing troubled minds and I am abroad fighting for the freedom of a people oppressed.

I am all these things... I AM THE GUARD. I have brought a fuller, finer and more abundant life to our youth. Whenever a strong arm and valiant spirit must defend the Nation, in peace or war, whenever a child cries, or a woman weeps in time of disaster, there I stand. I AM THE GUARD. I was there where the violent sandstorms did not bury my determination, but only hardened my resolve. Across the desert marched a parade of soldiers where the good of many defeated the evil of one.

I was there... I AM THE GUARD. For three centuries a civilian in peace, a soldier in war — of security and honor, I am the custodian, now and forever... I AM THE GUARD.

Bring this card to your Army National Guard Recruiter for your FREE T-shirt and DVD.
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[Underline] Roger [Underline]
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