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Hi Dad,

Just got back from another daily work party, you know how those go. Who ever came up with the name "work party" anyway? There's nothing resembling a party anywhere. We've been working our asses off trying to get this place back on its feet and it really needs it. When we first got here we were sent to a pretty large city called Park Spire, the big "last stand" for the Malvies before they beat feet and ran. I can just hear you now, "typical of the toads" eh, Dad? The whole place had been hammered pretty hard by the legions that invaded, you've probably seen it on the news feeds. Let me tell you that those news reports do not do justice to what was done, this place is total rubble. When I first saw it, I was honestly bothered by the sight of it, the creatures here don't seem that bad and my heart goes out to them. Maybe it's Mom's influence on me, and I know it may bug you to hear me talk like that, but this isn't the way Terrans make war, is it? The toads could have picked a better place rather than such a large city as a defensive position but still, we didn't need to level it did we?

Anyway, we do daily patrols and of course there are plenty of work parties to help rebuild their infrastructure which I keep getting picked for. We've been working on what they consider schools, churches, and businesses (similar to ours in many ways), getting them back online as soon as possible for them to use again. My LT says it is part of the pacification program: getting the locals back to their daily routine and going about their business, in the end paying us no mind.

I feel good doing the work, after seeing what we did I feel it is my duty as a representative of the Terran Federation to show goodwill. And I think the populace will appreciate it. Or at least hate us less for it. I'm of the mind that we're all just trying to find our way in the universe, regardless of what our belief system is. Yea, that's Mom's doing I suppose but I'm here serving the Terran Federation as a soldier like you did, aren't I Dad? Maybe I can be the balance between Mom's pacifistic ways and your belief in national service. Doing what I can here to assist these creatures while working towards my citizenship, serving in the UFF. Isn't that the best thing you and Mom taught me? Service doesn't only have to mean use of force though, right? Please don't be angry with me, I do believe in fighting for a just cause and I think this war is probably that but right now I see the hurt this war has inflicted right in front of me and want to help in any way I can to alleviate that pain. Maybe I'm wrong but the Malvernians just don't seem all that bad. Sure they look different and have a different belief system and all that, but does that make them evil? I don't see them in that way anymore.

Time to run off, heading to the mess hall and then back to another evening work party I volunteered for. Yea, you heard me right – I'm actually volunteering for chores for a change! Doing my part is making me feel better I suppose, anyway I'll write more later.

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