



A Veteran

I was that which others did not want to be. I went where
others feared
to go and did what others feared to do. I asked nothing
from those who
gave nothing and reluctantly accepted the thought of eternal
loneliness ---should I fail.

I have seen the face of terror, felt the stinging cold of fear,
and
enjoyed the sweet taste of a moment's love.

I have cried, pained, and hoped---but most of all, I have
lived times
others would say were best forgotten.
At least someday I will be able to say that I was proud of
what I
am...

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