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http://www.amazon.com/War-Within-Doonesbury-Andrews-McMeel/dp/0740762028/ref=sr_1_4?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1239202575&sr=1-4

To follow Leo's current experience

http://www.doonesbury.com

Of course, the vivid, gross destruction of war is always cleansed from media presentations. There are links that offer images of what happens to people when they come in close connection with explosive devices or burning chemicals, but we are foregoing including them here. Perhaps it is enough to know that such links exist. Currently more American soldiers die from suicide than are dying from combat wounds.

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/29879221#29060607

And have pity and compassion for the hundreds of thousands of young men and women who are damaged and will be damaged, and for all those who care for and depend upon those men and women, and for the children who will and will not be born to those young men and women who only sought to serve and protect the interests of their people and their nation.

Lance Cpl. Nicholas G. Ciccone, USMC, captured by Marine Combat Artist and Warrant Officer Michael D. Fay. Says Fay: "This was the face I looked upon inside the freezing gutted remains of Kandahar International Airport in early January 2002. His platoon had just dragged themselves into the terminal building after completing a nine-day combat patrol. They had originally intended to be out for only twelve hours, but found a huge weapons cache and the Taliban wanted it back. I don't know what happened during those long days, but whatever it was, these Marines had the look. And of them all, Ciccone had it in spades. The drawing shows him the very moment he's dropped his backpack and removed his helmet. Looking at it now I realize what it was about him — the weight was still there."

Sadly, Lance Cpl. Nicholas G. Ciccone later lost his own battle with PTSD, killing himself in October of 2003. Ciccone's suicide, Fay remarked, "made me acutely aware that not all fatal wounds are physical."