

World War I

No truce or parley
mitigated the strife of the armies.
The wounded died between the lines;
the dead mouldered into the soil.

Poison gas in many forms
stifled or seared the soldiers.
Liquid fire was projected upon their bodies.
Men fell from the air in flames,
or were smothered, often slowly,
in the dark recesses of the sea.

Winxton Churchill, *The World Crisis*