

My view of war

Franklin Roosevelt declared "I hate war" but later, after Pearl Harbor, declared war.

There's the dilemma. We hate the killing, the bloodshed, the grief, the costs but find that war is sometimes necessary.

I went through two years of college while we were in World War II, but enlisted in July of 1944. Deferment could have been mine as a pre-theological student. Some of my friends sought and received that deferment for which I hear them no ill will. To me it seemed that if I could do anything to help in the war effort, or to help shorten the war, I was willing to do so.

On looking back, I'm not sure that my service was suitable, but at least I gave what I could. The times were fearful and the struggle against totalitarianism was a reality.

That war it seemed to us, was thrust upon us, despite rumors of questionable tactics that led us into the war. It seemed to most of us a matter of survival.

True, the Bible speaks of war and summer of war, but at times war seems inevitable.

Following my discharge from military service I pursued the career I had casually sought before, that I might have a part in bringing justice and peace to the world by espousing and proclaiming the Prince of Peace -

War will cease when hearts are turned to God, and that will be in a future time

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