## Eric B. & Rakim "Casualties Of War"

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Casualties of war, as I approach the barricade Where's the enemy? Who do I invade? Bullets of teflon, bulletproof vest rip Tear ya outta ya frame with a bag full of clips

'Cause I got a family that waits for my return
To get back home is my main concern
I'ma get back to New York in one piece
But I'm bent in the sand that is hot as the city streets

Sky lights up like fireworks blind me Bullets, whistlin' over my head remind me President Bush said attack Flashback to 'Nam, I might not make it back

Missile hits the area, screams wake me up From a war of dreams, heat up the M-16 Basic training, trained for torture Take no prisoners and I just caught ya

Addicted to murder, send more body bags They can't identify 'em, leave the name tags I get a rush when I see blood Dead bodies on the floor

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Day divides the night and night divides the day It's all hard work and no play
More than combat, it's far beyond that
'Cause I got a kill or be killed kind of attack

Area's mapped out, there'll be no Stratego
Me and my platoon make a boom wherever we go
But what are we here for? Who's on the other side of
the wall?
Somebody give the President a call

But I hear warfare scream through the air Back to the battlegrounds, it's war they declare A Desert Storm, let's see who reigns supreme Something like Monopoly, a government scheme

Go to the Army, be all you can be Another dead soldier? Hell no, not me So I start letting off ammunition in every direction Allah is my only protection

But wait a minute, Saddam Hussein prays the same

And this is Asia, from where I came I'm on the wrong side, so change the target Shooting at the general, and where's the sergeant?

Blame it on John Hardy Hawkins for bringing me to America Now it's mass hysteria I get a rush when I see blood Dead bodies on the floor

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The war is over, for now at least Just because they lost it don't mean it's peace It's a long way home, it's a lot to think about Whole generation, left in doubt

Innocent families killed in the midst It'll be more dead people after this So I'm glad to be alive and walkin' Half of my platoon came home in coffins

Except the general, buried in the Storm
In bits and pieces no need to look for 'em
I played it slick and got away with it
Rigged it up so they would think they did it

Now I'm home on reserves and you can bet When they call, I'm going AWOL 'Cause it ain't no way I'm going back to war When I don't know who or what I'm fighting for

So I wait for terrorists to attack Every time a truck backfires I fire back I look for shelter when a plane is over me Remember Pearl Harbor? New York could be over, G

Kamikaze, strapped with bombs

No peace in the East, they want revenge for Saddam

Did I hear gunshots or thunder?

No time to wonder, somebody's going under

Put on my fatigues and my camouflage Take control, 'cause I'm in charge When I snapped out of it, it was blood and Dead bodies on the floor

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