

## MEMBERS' POEMS ON THE THEME OF 'WAR'

### A.R. CLEMO ~~ORDINARY BRITONS~~

I SEE THE SUN ~~RISE~~ SET ON THE STREETS  
OF ~~LASHKAR GAH~~ WOOTTON BASSETT.  
~~LIFE ON THE FRONTLINE IS DIFFICULT.~~  
THE ROUTINE ON FOOT ~~PATROLS~~  
BENEATH CLOUDY SKIES. ~~THE~~  
IMPROMPTU GATHERINGS: ~~WOMEN ON~~  
THE ~~BEND~~ CORNER OF A ~~FARM TRACK~~  
CUL-DE-SAC AND KIDS IN  
~~ALLEYDRIVEWAYS~~ JUST ~~GOING TO~~ OUT  
OF SCHOOL. HERE ~~FEAR FLICKERS~~ A  
TEAR APPEARS ~~ACROSS~~ IN THE EYES OF  
AN ~~AFGHAN ENGLISH~~ GIRL. † ~~THEY THROW~~  
~~MYSELF~~ FLOWERS ON TOP ~~OF~~ A  
~~COMRADE~~ CAR ON FROM A ~~RAGGED~~  
VERDANT VERGE. THE ~~BLAST~~ RESPECT  
FROM THE ROADSIDE ~~BOMB~~ CROWD  
~~BUTCHERS~~ BEARS EVERY ~~FALLEN~~ BOY  
~~BESIDE THE BUS SHELTER~~ HOME. A  
SURGEON STANDS IN BLUE SCRUBS ~~AND~~  
~~CALLS THE~~ WHILE CHURCH BELLS RTOLL.  
† ~~THEY SEE A CALLOUS ACT~~ CLEAR  
EXAMPLE OF ~~TERROR~~HEROISM.