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The silhouette of a man standing on top of a hill keeping watch
A group of five sitting in a circle, playing a sociable game of poker
The captain leaning against a tree, relieved that his crew is still alive
Breathing a sigh of relief, a woman holds a flashlight while writing to her family
In the distance, a man sits on a log
The flickering flame of a match, used to light a cigarette
Reveals a falling tear from his cheek,
Along with the anguish and suffering concealed in his face.
On the horizon, the sun slowly fades
A blazing red hugs the land as a dark yet cool blue rolls in overhead
It all gives the earth a picture of peace—
The sight a soldier can never forget
The part of war history cannot see.