stood before. Our memory should justly consign him to the list as another, very late casualty of the Great War that so altered our culture’s definition of combat’s psychic wounding and its elusive cure, problems besetting us still.65

65 Consider Daniel Baird’s recent thoughtful, non-academic account of our current perplexity about the specific origins and treatment of the psychic wounds experienced by contemporary combat veterans: “Treatment helps instill a sense of control, but in a way it never ends: one has to remain vigilant, wary of triggers and relapses into old habits and patterns of behaviour... I’m not optimistic that the sense of self-doubt and brokenness, the sense of one’s very self as shaky... ever goes away” (“The Enemy Inside,” The Walrus 7 #6 [July/August 2010], 49).

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