CONTENTS

```
Acknowledgments ix
```

Introduction: Beyond Telling or Imagining 1

PART I: THE WORLD WAR II ERA

- 1 Here Is Your War, 1941-1945 15
- 2 Little Guys with Golden Eagle Badges, 1945–1950 50
- 3 The Idea of Me, 1945–1950 70

PART II: THE LONG 1950S

- 4 Kilroy Is Back, 1950-1953 97
- 5 The True Story of the Foot Soldier, 1951–1966 132

PART III: THE VIETNAM ERA

- 6 The Perplexing War, 1964–1968 171
- 7 I Gave Them a Good Boy, 1969-1973 207
- 8 A Dark Side to Man's Soul, 1967-1978 241

Conclusion: The Warrior Image 273

Notes 283

Bibliography 333

Text Credits 355

Index 357