Harry's Game part 2A solution

Undiscoverably, I left the lookout post when the marching started, and passed the message to headquarters, intending to leave now my job is done but Harry has found me. He says they need my help in the war that is coming. I told him what I had heard, the thunder from a thousand miles away. I do not intend to stay with him, though, because he intends to train me, use me for his own ends. I agreed to keep a lookout for the soldiers because it was my duty, but now I am being given no choice. Besides, he is a brutal man and already has the blood of one of my friends on his hands. I hope he remembers.

Fear is rife amongst the soldiers. They are trained for combat, many have fought in other wars, but the thunder and the beat of the foreign drums marches through their heads in their dreams. Many cannot sleep.

I did at least meet an old friend on the road. We could not talk long but I know he will stand by my side through all this.