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Load up the troops; move them on out.

Boots on the floor; fear in the air.

No place to hide.

No thanks for the ride. Holes in the fuselage for our trouble. Load up ammunition; move it on out. Bullets on the floor; freight in the air. A critical resupply, without it some die. More AK holes as an encore. Load up bodies; move them to the rear. Blood on the floor; pain in the air. One soldier dead, two still alive, no way to tell who will survive. Our flying ambulance at your service. Unload them quickly; triage is here. Gurneys on the ground; questions in the air: graves registration or battalion aid? Don't ask me that; it's above my grade. I'm not a medic; just the pilot. Hose down the floor; wash away the blood. Red stains on the ground; death smell in the air, need a drink,

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too tired to think—
don't know their names, nor they mine.