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Conversations with My Daughter What is combat dad?

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Radio Newscaster reports: 5 more U.S. soldier's died in combat on Saturday, 1 soldier died on Sunday.

T: Dad, what is a combat?

Dad: To combat means to fight. A combat is a fight. It is a war.

T: Why soldiers die in combat?

Dad: Soldiers die, civilians die. Everyone is in harm's way when there is a war.

T: But, who kills the soldiers?

Dad: Usually soldiers from the other side.

T: Who is the other side?

Dad: The other side is soldiers too.

T: Soldiers kill soldiers?

Dad: Yes.

T: Dad, did you ever kill anyone?

Dad: No, I never killed anyone?

T: But you were in a war.

Dad: I know. I was in a war.

T: Did you have a gun?

Dad: Yes, I did.

T: Did you use your gun?

Dad: I used my gun for target practice.

T: What is target practice, dad?

Dad: Shooting at objects.

T: Did anyone kill you?

Dad: Did any one kill me? What do you think?

T: I mean they wanted to kill you?

Dad: No. Nobody wanted to kill me.

T: But you were injured.

Dad: Oh. I see what you mean. I was injured by shrapnel. But it was not aimed at me.

T: What is shrapnel dad?

Dad: What is a shrapnel - it's bits and pieces of a large bullet.

T: Did someone shoot you?

Dad: Not intentionally.

T: How?

Dad: I think it came from an artillery gun - a big gun.

T: Oh I know artillery guns. You showed it to me at George Washington's house.

Dad: Good memory.

T: Did you cry dad?



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Dad: No I did not cry honey.
T: Did your friends kill anyone?
Dad: We were in an artillery unit.
T: Oh.
Dad: We never came face to face with the soldiers of the enemy.
T: Why did you go to war dad?
Dad: I had to.
T: Am I gone go to war?
Dad: You may not have to.
T: Why we go to war dad?
Dad: I don't know honey.
T: But, you know everything, daddy.
Dad: No, daddy, I don't know everything. I really don't know why we go to war.
T: Did George Washington have to go to war?
Dad: Yes he did.
T: Did your father go to war?
Dad: No. He did not and he did not have to. No more talk of war. Where do you want to go eat dinner? Pannera or Costal Flats?
T: Did your mother have to go to war?
