The Forever War

*The Forever War, Joe Haldeman (1974)*

William Mandella is one of the first to be conscripted and soon finds himself a reluctant hero, fighting against the unknowable and seemingly unconquerable Taurans in an interstellar war. But if the enemy is impossibly alien, so too is civilization back on Earth. Relativity means that a tour of duty lasting a few months for Mandella takes him away from home for centuries, isolating him from the world he is fighting for, from meaningful relationships, from a worthwhile life.

Winner of the Hugo, Nebula, and Ditmar awards, Joe Haldeman's dark vision of the brutality, the hopes, the triumphs, the stupidities, the atrocities and the pointlessness of armed conflict places it alongside the very best war novels.

- Review on scifi.com
- Review on infinity plus
- Wikipedia entry