

## GI SPECIAL 3C29A:



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There, They Are Tired Of  
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**ArchAngel's Opinion  
08-19-05**

From: ArchAngel1BL@aol.com [USMC ret'd]  
To: GI Special  
Sent: August 19, 2005

**ArchAngel would like to speak its opinion once again.**

**I am so tired of the BS, that it isn't funny any more.**

**First, you go Mrs. Sheehan, keep fighting, because like you, I too and the rest of America wants to know why our troops are in Iraq, and what reason is there for the fallen.**

**I have an idea of what it is, but you will never hear this from the horses' mouth. All that horse can do is say hard work, stay the course, bla....bla...bla...**

**You want to know what hard work is? Staying alive, because you can't defeat something that has been there since the time of man. You would think that we would have learned by now with what has happened in the past, i.e. the crusades.**

If we are not taking into consideration our past, then why do we keep teaching it in school when it just goes to show you that we haven't learned a damn thing.

Now I can hear some people saying that the crusades was a holy war, well, what the heck does Jihad mean may I ask?

**I have been told by a friend who used to work for KBR in Afghanistan that the company is making all kinds of money because of OIL. While there, they have seen the reason and heard the reason why our troops are still dyeing and the war still going on.**

The only problem unless someone investigates it, is there is no proof, or is there. I have been told that KBR (Halliburton) is able to buy fuel for just \$0.15 per gallon and turn around and sell it to the military for \$1.00 per gallon.

Let's do the math people. That is an \$0.85 profit per gallon of fuel in the pockets of the head honchos of KBR.

**Foreign banks must be real busy because from what has been heard, there is money that has been unaccounted for, and also, an over-heard conversation from a CO was saying to someone else that the war is the best thing that ever happened and that they hope it will go on forever.**

**Makes you wonder what that person would have said if a member of his/her family were in Iraq because of that greed. What am I saying, that couldn't happen, the rich don't have to worry about a loved one being sent to war. This crap has got to stop.**

**Another thing that needs to stop, is this "SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE TROOPS AT WAR."**

**I watched the press conference about a week or so ago, with Myers and Rumsfeld.**

**How dare Myers say "speaking on troops behalf, that they want to stay there and complete the job," or something like that.**

**He has no right to speak on their behalf, because we all know that our troops do not want to be there, that they are tired of getting crapped on, lied to, and shot at.**

**They want to come home, and Myers damn well knows that but yet he said that they say they are glad to be there, etc.**

Also, what the heck is the deal, are we or are we not going to train enough Iraqi Soldiers so that they can take over the job, what ever that is. According the that press conference, Myers and Rumsfeld said that there are just over 178,000 and counting Iraqi combat ready Soldiers on the front lines compared to our 135,000 or so U.S. troops in Iraq.

There is 48,000 or so more Iraqi Soldiers then U.S. Soldiers, and yet we have not let them take over their own country which is why they joined their armed forces, because they want us out.

**For heaven's sake, give it to them and bring our troops home, and don't give me that crap that the Iraqi Soldiers don't want us to leave yet, because we all know different.**

If it only takes 135,000(+) of our troops to, sort of speak, take Iraq, then just how many Iraqi forces will it take? It just doesn't make any sense, but then again sense when has our government/military ever made sense.

This takes me to the old saying about owning something. If you let it go and it doesn't come back then it wasn't meant to be, but if it does come back, then it is yours to keep.

Let Iraq go to become its own country because if you do you know that it won't be coming back.

If Bush says that we can rely on our own resources, then why are we still in Iraq? It just makes no sense. Also if we can rely on our own, then why in the heck is gas, that we are being forced to purchase, almost \$3.00 per gallon? Why isn't it like the \$0.15 or \$1.00 per gallon like KBR is able to purchase and sale back to our own government/military?

Why are the wells, that are located in the Gulf of Mexico, capped off? Those wells are our resources, why on Earth were that capped off??

**It is so bad, that people are working their butts off just to put gas in their cars/trucks instead of putting food on the table for their children. What is more important Mr. President, making the price of gas go higher to get rich, or putting food on the table for the kids that you don't want to leave behind.**

Open these wells that have been capped off, tap the reserves again so that we can begin relying on our own resources. The reserves have been tapped before, let's do it again.

**America, keep standing up and speak your minds, because from what the latest polls are involving the handling of Iraq, and the current gas prices, maybe, just maybe we can force Bush to sign the orders for the return of our troops so that no more troops get killed because someone wants to get rich, because of OIL.**

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**MR. PRESIDENT:  
WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT, THE OIL OR FOOD IN A CHILD'S  
BELLY?  
SOMETHING HAS GOT TO BE DONE!!!**

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## **DEVELOPING NEWS FROM ARCHANGEL**

**ArchAngel reports someone pretending to be The President and threatening Soldiers .**

**Here is some more BS for you America. Just a few days ago, I have been informed that some Soldiers requesting CO have been receiving threatening emails from someone claiming to be the President Bush. I am thinking that these emails to these Soldiers are coming directly from their chain of command using government computers. Last time I checked that is a big NO NO, and isn't impersonating the President illegal?? It is if you impersonate a police officer.**

**Below are two letters that have been sent. The names of the Soldiers have been removed.**

## **1ST EMAIL**

*Dear Mr. XXXXXXXX,*

*Soldier, I regret to inform you that you have been added to our government's black list. Meaning, you will not find employment in our great nation outside of our military ever again. I have read your CO packet Mr. XXXXXXXX and I must say I have never been more sickened in my life's entirety.*

*It is spoon-fed yuppies like yourself who make me sick to my stomach at the thought of you and your vantage point of our great military. It is for that, that you have been listed as a betrayer, one who has committed treason on his own country, for the name of peace.*

*Do you have any idea what peace is Mr. XXXXXXXX. No, you don't and from this point on you will never find it. I hope Mr. XXXXXXXX, that you find all this useful and that you will make the correct decision when the time comes. Stay Active, Stay Army, Stay America.*

*God bless our beautiful nation,*

*George W. Bush Jr.  
President, USA  
Commander in Chief*

## **2ND EMAIL**

*Dear Mr. XXXXXXXX,*

*I am writing to inform you that your reply was feeble and inept. So, now it gives me great pleasure to inform you again that your active life in the United States is at an end.*

*Your passport has been suspended, therefore, if you choose to exit our military, you will be held in Germany on a breach of the Status of Forces Agreement. If you are not well informed on the matter Mr. XXXXXXXX, then I suggest you visit here:  
[www.globalsecurity.org/military/facility/sofa.htm](http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/facility/sofa.htm)*

*I hope you understand that this is nothing personal, but it is my patriotic duty as your country's President. Our people love their freedom Mr. XXXXXXXX and love, not treason, is welcome my country.*

*Thank you for time once again.*

*George W. Bush  
President, USA  
Commander in Chief*

These emails came from a .gov address. If anyone has any idea on to how to identify this person please email me. Again I am thinking the person or persons who sent this are of higher rank within the Soldiers command i.e. officers. What do you think America???

Last but not least, I have received a few more cases of medically unfit Soldiers being forced to go to Iraq. As of right now new things for the good have developed, and it is a wait and see kind of thing. ArchAngel will keep you informed.

God Bless our Troops,  
God Bless America,  
ArchAngel1BL  
ArchAngel1BL@aol.com

**FOR MORE ABOUT THESE BIZARRE LETTERS, SEE TROOP NEWS SECTION BELOW: "STOP IT AT THE START" T**

**NEED SOME TRUTH? CHECK OUT TRAVELING SOLDIER**

Telling the truth - about the occupation or the criminals running the government in Washington - is the first reason for Traveling Soldier. But we want to do more than tell the truth; we want to report on the resistance - whether it's in the streets of Baghdad, New York, or inside the armed forces. Our goal is for Traveling Soldier to become the thread that ties working-class people inside the armed services together. We want this newsletter to be a weapon to help you organize resistance within the armed forces. If you like what you've read, we hope that you'll join with us in building a network of active duty organizers.

<http://www.traveling-soldier.org/> And join with Iraq War vets in the call to end the occupation and bring our troops home now! ([www.ivaw.net](http://www.ivaw.net))

## IRAQ WAR REPORTS

### **42nd MP Brigade Soldier Killed By IED**

08/21/05 MNF Release A050820a

**BAGHDAD, Iraq – A 42nd Military Police Brigade Soldier was fatally injured Aug. 20 when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device.**

He was evacuated to 86th Combat Support Hospital where he died as a result of his injury.

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### **US Soldier Killed By IED Near Tikrit**

08.21.2005 AFX News

**One US soldier has been killed when his vehicle hit a roadside bomb in northern Iraq, the military said.**

**The soldier was with 20th Engineer Brigade Combat Airborne. He was killed south of Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit.**

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## **NOT GOOD: BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW!**



**3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment walks beside a highway during a cache explosives searching mission on the outskirts of Baghdad. (AFP/Liu Jin)**

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## **Parrottsville Soldier Injured By Shrapnel**

08-21-2005 By: Gary Butler, The Newport Plain Talk

**NEWPORT Even going to use the telephone in Iraq can be hazardous to your health just ask Staff Sgt. Ricky Dent Gentry, of Parrottsville.**

**Gentry, attached to Charlie Company of the United States Army's 234th Armored Division, 3rd Battalion, told his family he was walking to use the telephone when his camp came under mortar fire on Aug. 16.**

**Gentry was reportedly struck by three pieces of shrapnel in the nighttime attack one piece lodging in his groin, one in his chest, and another near his liver.**

Fortunately, Gentry was able to call for help on his radio after being wounded, and, after initial treatment at a medical station, was sent to Landsgraf Hospital in Germany for more extensive treatment.

Gentry's family said he is currently undergoing tests and X-rays at the hospital in Germany, and that doctors there are evaluating the position of the pieces of shrapnel before operating to remove them.

Gentry, the son of Rick Gentry, of Parrottsville, and Kim Ball, of Cosby, is married to Tammy Gentry, and the couple has two daughters Lorissa and Kimberlyn.

Gentry's wife and daughters are currently living in Kansas, but her grandparents, Jay and Nola Ball, live in Cosby.

Gentry has been in the military for about six years, and has been stationed in Iraq since late last year.

Gentry will reportedly be flown to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. after being treated in Germany.

"We will let his friends know where he will be after he returns to the U.S. to recuperate," said Nola Ball.

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## Basra IED Wounds One British Soldier

8.21.05 Aljazeera.Net & BBC

**A British soldier has been wounded by a roadside bomb in the city of Basra, in Iraq, the Ministry of Defence has said. The soldier received cuts when the Land Rover he was in passed the bomb, in the Tariq district of northern Basra.**

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## U.S. Convoy Hit By IED Near Makshifta



A roadside bomb exploded near a U.S. convoy near Makshifta, about 100 miles north of Baghdad, August 15, 2005. REUTERS/Stringer

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# **Ben Nearly Died Yesterday In Iraq: “Understaffed In Broken Equipment With Officers Safe Back In The Compound With The Good Humvees”**

**Ben has two requests: Please do everything to end this war because nobody in Iraq wants us there, and, most importantly, pray for everyone there in harm's way. He believes in the power of prayer.**

[Via David McCreynolds]

From: D  
Date: Sat, 20 Aug 2005 16:55:59 EDT  
Subject: Update: Ben Nearly Died Yesterday In Iraq

Yesterday afternoon I received a call from our daughter-in-law, Sarah, as I was finishing a meeting in New Hampshire.

**According to Sarah who had just talked to Ben, Ben and two other soldiers were manning a checkpoint, when Ben approached a white van to inspect it. Upon approaching it, a man jumped out of the van and started spraying the area with an AK-47. With bullets whining past his head, Ben had the presence of mind to grab his own revolver and shot the man.**

**At that point, six others jumped out of the van, and a fire fight ensued. After it was over, Ben and his soldiers were OK except for helmets creased by bullets, a damaged 50mm machine gun, a burning white van, and violent shaking from the adrenaline and the stress of the fire fight.**

**They had nearly been killed. They will have the rest of the day off, and tomorrow they will be back at their 12 hour shifts doing the same thing in 120 plus degree heat understaffed in broken equipment with officers safe back in the compound with the good Humvees.**

I have just returned from a neighbor's house 100 yards down the street. I went there to thank my neighbors and their son for saving Ben's life. Our neighbor, a former NY City detective, had sent his son a hand gun in case he ever was in a close quarters fire fight. Coincidentally, Ben's brigade was the one that replaced our neighbor's brigade in Iraq early in July. Ben had a chance to have several meals together with our neighbor's son

who gave Ben the hand gun from his father. Ben would be dead now if he had not been given that hand gun.

Our neighbor's son is home and has been diagnosed with severe post traumatic stress disorder. It was his third tour.

**It is difficult to understand why we are still there in Iraq, and what will be accomplished except for killing people. If Congress or their children had to do this immoral and dangerous work in Iraq, it would be over by now. Bush is a coward and a bully, and at the rate he and the Congress is going, they will bring America down without any help from Bin Laden.**

Gretchen and I talked to Ben a few moments ago. He is very shaken, but he is OK.

**Ben has two requests: Please do everything to end this war because nobody in Iraq wants us there, and, most importantly, pray for everyone there in harm's way. He believes in the power of prayer.**

**While it is nice to think that soldiers could easily quit soldiering and end the slaughter, I am ashamed to say that it is more accurate to blame us all who stand by comfortably and let it happen.**

Dexter

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## **Iraqi Collaborator General Says US Troops Shot Him**

Aug 20, 2005 Reuters

**An Iraqi general who commands the country's border defence force was shot and wounded while driving in Baghdad late on Saturday and accused U.S. troops of firing on his car, police and hospital sources said.**

**Major General Ali Hamadi told doctors at Yarmouk Hospital, who treated him for a gunshot wound to the abdomen, that U.S. forces fired on him as he was driving himself to a doctor's appointment, a source at the hospital told Reuters.**

He was later transferred to a hospital in the U.S.-defended Green Zone government compound, the source added.

**Sources at Baghdad police headquarters, which like the border security force is overseen by the Interior Ministry, said Hamadi is the overall commander of the Iraqi Border Police.**

**They too said he was shot by U.S. troops. [Well, it's a start.]**

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

# **Four U.S. Soldiers Killed, 3 Wounded By Zabul IED; Two Embassy Officials Hurt In Another Attack**

[Thanks to Phil G who sent this in.]

2005/08/21 By DANIEL COONEY, AP & BBC NEWS & Reuters

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - A massive bomb exploded under a wooden bridge as a convoy of armored Humvees was crossing it Sunday, killing four U.S. soldiers and wounding three others in the deadliest assault on American forces in Afghanistan in nearly two months.**

The bomb tied to the bottom of the small bridge exploded as the last of three Humvees was slowly crossing it, said Bashir Ahmad Khan, the government chief in Zabul province's Daychopan district.

"It was an enormous remote-controlled bomb. The American vehicle was tossed into the air and off the bridge. It's totally destroyed, as is the bridge," he told The Associated Press.

The three wounded troops were hit by shrapnel from secondary explosions as they tried to pull the four soldiers out of the burning Humvee, the military statement said. The three were evacuated to a nearby base and were in stable condition.

A US military statement said the unit "was conducting offensive operations in support of an ongoing mission to find and defeat enemy forces" at the time of the attack in Zabul province.

**Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya, the U.S.-led coalition's operational commander, said the blast would "strengthen, not weaken, the resolve" of the troops to safeguard the polls. [Fine. So from now on, instead of sitting on his ass in headquarters, he will lead by example, showing his unweakened "resolve," by traveling around with his troops? Don't hold your breath.]**

**Two officials of the U.S. embassy in Kabul were hurt by a roadside bomb that hit their convoy on the outskirts of the Afghan capital on Sunday, officials said.**

**He declined to identify the pair and also refused to say if the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, Ronald Neumann, was in the convoy during the blast.**

The blast smashed the front of an armored four-wheel-drive vehicle but did not shatter its windows, footage obtained by Associated Press Television News showed.

Such bombings are relatively unusual in the capital. **[You mean “were” relatively unusual.]**

In the southern Kandahar province, armed fighters riding a motorbike killed cleric Mawlawi Abdullah - the latest in a string of attacks on religious leaders who have openly condemned the Taliban and other extremists **[translation: supported the U.S. Occupation.]**

Abdullah - a senior figure in the Islamic Ulama Council - and a colleague were killed as they walked out of a mosque after praying at dawn Sunday, said Interior Ministry official Dad Mohammed Rasa. Police set up roadblocks around the area, but no one was arrested.

**Two roadside bombs also exploded near police convoys in the southern provinces of Zabul and Uruzgan late Saturday, each killing two officers, officials said.**

Guerrillas also opened fire on a senior cleric in southern Spin Boldak district Sunday, but he fled into his house and was unhurt, local police chief Abdul Wasai Khan said.

**In the eastern province of Kunar, rebels ambushed two tanker trucks hauling fuel to a U.S. military base, burning the vehicles but letting the drivers go, officials said.**

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## **TROOP NEWS**

# **PFC Hernando Rosario Funeral In Sunnyside Queens: “Our Leaders Should Be Made To Attend Each Of These Funerals”**

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August 21, 2005 From: Stephen A. Somerstein, Veterans For Peace  
Subject: PFC Hernando Rosario -- Funeral In Sunnyside Queens

Yesterday, my girlfriend and I attended the funeral mass for PFC Hernando Rosario at Queen of Angels Church in Sunnyside, Queens.

**A member of New York's 69th Regiment, Hernando was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq on August 4, 2005. He was 29 years old and left behind a wife, three children and his mother. I did not know him or his family. The mass was in my neighborhood church and my girlfriend and I just felt compelled to interrupt our day to go pay our respects.**

**George Bush was bike riding with Lance Armstrong on his ranch in Crawford, Texas yesterday.**

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**I never saw him go near Hernando's family. When it was all over, he turned to the First Sergeant from the funeral detail. I heard him whisper, "Good job." Then he left.**

Except for Hernando's friends and family, it appeared almost no one else was there.

**There was the usual ceremony--an honor guard, taps, three volleys fired and a fly over by three helicopters. They presented the folded flag and Hernando's medals to his mother. I am sure this made it all up to her and the rest of his family.**

**My girlfriend and I did not know Hernando, but we wept for him, his family and the sad sad futility of his random death.**

**Our leaders should be made to attend each of these funerals so that they too can weep and, thus, come to know the real human impact of this senseless war in Iraq. They should certainly not be out joy riding on bicycles on any day a soldier or marine is being buried.**

**Stephen Somerstein  
Cpl. USMC 1963-1966**

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## **Fresh Meat For The Imperial Slaughterhouse**

August 22, 2005 Army Times

**Troops from the 10th Mountain Division are heading back to Iraq.**

The division's 1st Brigade Combat Team began deploying Aug. 9 for a year-long stay in Iraq, where it will replace members of the division's 2nd Brigade, who returned home this spring.

**About 3,200 troops will stay in Kuwait for a month before heading to Baghdad.**

**Early next year, another 8,000 soldiers from the division will deploy to Afghanistan.** That deployment will include the division's headquarters, 3rd Brigade and portions of its aviation and support brigades, along with the division's 4th Brigade based in Fort Polk, La.

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## **Guardsmen Deployed For Second And Third Times: It's Life Without Dad Again + Money Woes On Home Front**

August 11, 2005 Christian Science Monitor & Providence Journal-Bulletin,

**Call-ups often mean lower pay and hardship for National Guard and Reserve troops.**

**The number of reservists mobilized for active duty keeps rising. Those citizen-soldiers not only face tough assignments in Iraq and Afghanistan, they must also cope with the financial burden imposed by a sudden reduction in family incomes.**

**A ever-growing number of reservists are pulling two or even three tours of duty in Iraq.**

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## **Stop It At The Start**

From: Jim  
To: GI Special  
Sent: August 21, 2005  
**Subject: GI SPECIAL 3B85: Soldier called bitch: Update**

Jim Miller here, of Military Counseling Network in Germany.

**Strange things are happening with the CO packet of this soldier CO.**

**Someone evidently involved in processing his CO application has been sending him threatening emails from a .gov address. There are obviously people out there who can't stand his taking a stand.**

**This is of course "harmless" because the content of the email is an individual's evil daydream and not government policy. Still, blacklisting is standard procedure in authoritarian societies, and that's exactly what this person (and who knows how many others) are dreaming of.**

I'm not laughing at this "joke". I see it as an indication of what may be in store for us if this mindset continues to gain momentum.

It's happened before and I think we should take it seriously before it becomes more powerful.

There's a saying in Germany that's been around since fascism was defeated in 1945: Wehret den Anfaengen. Translates roughly to: Stop it at the start.

Let's do exactly that.

In solidarity,  
Jim  
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69245 Bammental, Germany  
mailto:j.miller@tiscali.de

## **The Soldier CO Writes:**

Jim,

Please do write about this, I think that's the only reasonable response. I think it is somebody just joking around, they can't possibly think that I would be scared by this? I'm not freaked out or anything, it is a little weird though.

It must be somebody at brigade or maybe somebody at (the Congressman's) office. I sent a copy of my application to him. Who knows.

I got this email today:

What in the world is this???? It's from a ".gov" email address.

<b>THE TWO LETTER APPEAR IN THE ARCHANGEL ARTICLE ABOVE THAT OPENS THIS ISSUE OF GI SPECIAL. T</b>
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## **IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP**

### **Unmanned Resistance Donkeys In Action**

August 11, 2005 Washington Times

Smugglers in Iraq load dozens of mules or donkeys with contraband, then just let them meander across the Syrian border along familiar trails. That prevents the human smugglers from coming in contact with U.S. and Iraqi troops trying to stop the trafficking, which is mostly gasoline and cigarettes.

**Military officials say the illegal trade helps fund the insurgency in Iraq.**

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## **Assorted Resistance Action**



**U.S. troops stand guard beside a car containing the bodies of Iraqi interior ministry officers killed by guerrillas on the road leading to the Baghdad international airport August 21, 2005.** The two officers were killed on Sunday, according to witnesses. REUTERS/Ali Jasim

21 August 2005 Aljazeera.Net & By SAMEER N. YACOUB, Associated Press Writer & AFP

**Fighters have opened fire at the motorcade of a member of Baghdad's city council, killing one of his bodyguards and seriously wounding him and three others, an official at the municipality says.**

Sabir al-Issawi's three-vehicle convoy was intercepted on Saturday by two carloads of armed men who opened fire shortly after he left his house in Baghdad's northern neighbourhood of Oteifiyah, said the official on condition of anonymity, for fear of reprisals.

**The official said one bodyguard was killed and three others were wounded. He said al-Issawi suffered serious head injuries and doctors feared he may lose his sight.**

Al-Issawi is affiliated with the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, the largest Shia political group.

**Two Interior Ministry security officials were shot dead while driving through western Baghdad, police Lt. Majid Zaki said.**

**Another policeman was killed as he came under fire from armed fighters**



**in al-Shuhada neighbourhood, east of Samarra, 125 kilometers (80 miles) north of Baghdad, local police said.**

**In a separate incident in Samarra, Farid Jabouri, an Iraqi interpreter, was shot dead by armed fighters as he travelled to work, police said.**

**Armed fighters captured two Iraqi soldiers, an army source said, while a Turkish engineer employed in the local power plant and his Iraqi guard were also captured, police said.**

**Four police commandos were killed and five others badly wounded in the town of Madain south of Baghdad when their guard post was blown up by, security sources said.**

"The position, an empty building used as a watchtower by the commandos was blown up around 10pm (1800 GMT) by an explosive charge that had been placed there," a Defence Ministry source said.

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE  
END THE OCCUPATION**

## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**

# **“They Would March In Force Toward The White House”**

From: Mike Hastie  
To: GI Special  
Sent: August 21, 2005  
Subject: Bush's Score Card--never seen a dead soldier!

To G.I. Special:

**I noticed today that four more American soldiers were killed in Afghanistan. That makes a total of 187 American soldiers killed in Afghanistan.**

**Also, according to the news, there have been 1,864 American soldiers killed in Iraq.**

**Lets see now.... that makes a grand total of 2,051 American soldiers killed in both wars.**

The Bush administration stat sheet does not want to combine these two scores. I use the word " Score," because that is the kind of thinking that exists in The White House, or

The Chaos House. All of these deaths are acceptable losses. They are just numbers, because the people in The Chaos House are business men.

**These are not emotional losses, because these people have never seen a dead soldier.**

**I must repeat what I just said, so it can sink into me a little deeper, These People Have Never Seen A Dead Soldier.**

These civilians with suits on, have not experienced the tortured pain. They have never been in a padded cell fighting the demons of war.

And, that is the problem. Bush and Cheney are emotionally disconnected from the horror of death. They don't see the anguish of medics working with a sense of panic, as they try to save the lives of American soldiers. They don't see the face of death.

**I saw teenagers die in Vietnam that had peach fuzz on their faces. They looked so young, I thought they had another two years left in high school.**

**I truly believe if every mother and father, and extended family member had actually seen their loved ones take their last breath in Afghanistan, or Iraq, they would march in force toward The White House.**

**Their anger would be so powerful, they would put Washington, D.C. at a standstill. That is the power of knowing the truth.**

**Mike Hastie  
Vietnam Veteran**

**"The Most Revolutionary Act Is To Name Reality." Paulo Freire**

PS: Most people in the anti-war movement have never seen a Dead Soldier, but they are emotionally connected to that sense of reality.

**What do you think? Comments from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Send to [contact@militaryproject.org](mailto:contact@militaryproject.org). Name, I.D., withheld on request. Replies confidential.**

## **Rumsfeld's Delusions: Drawing The Wrong Conclusions From Iraq**

August 10, 2005 By RON JACOBS, CounterPunch

***Mr. Rumsfeld cautioned that observers should not "draw the wrong conclusion" over any spike in violence. "As long as the Iraqi people persevere, the terrorists cannot win," he said. (The Australian, 8/9/2005)***

Rumsfeld made the above remarks at a news conference August 9, 2005. He then went on to compare the resistance fighters to "the cult of death among SS forces and the kamikazes in the Pacific" at the end of World War II.

**I don't know who Rumsfeld is talking about in his remarks, but it seems to me that it is he who is drawing the wrong conclusions. All indications are that the insurgency is not only getting bloodier, but it is becoming broader and deeper. This isn't to say that all aspects of the resistance are popular among all of its supporters, but it seems clear that their desire to drive the occupiers out is very popular. That is unlikely to change until the occupiers leave and take their puppets with them.**

Of course, that is what Washington would like to do-sort of. They do want to get US troops out of the resistance gun sights. Not because they are giving up their desire to turn Iraq into a model neoliberal colony, but because they know that unless they replace all those US dead and wounded with Iraqi dead and wounded soon, they may very well lose their opportunity to make that part of the world into a staging ground for future endeavors in their grand plan to make this century the New American Century. Plus, there is still a lot of oil under those sands that the US would like to keep under its watch.

Turning the occupation over to compliant Iraqis has always been part of the game plan, especially after it became clear that there was going to have to be a military-style occupation. Unlike the rose-colored fantasies of the neocons, the reality of Iraq is of a country that does not want to be part of the West's plans.

Sure, there are a few well-meaning and many self-serving individuals of Iraqi origin who have put their money and their lives with the capitalist forces in the Green Zone, but, in general, the Iraqis want the US out. At this juncture, however, the US has no intention of leaving.

**Bush and Congress really don't care how many Iraqis suffer in order to get what they want for their clients. Indeed, it appears that they don't really care how many US soldiers suffer, either. Forty-three have died in just the last ten days and all Bush has to say is that the US military will remain there to insure that those soldiers and the dead ones before them won't have died for nothing. Of course, they have.**

As for the Iraqi security forces, imagine if you were one.

**Many of these men are there because they need a paycheck and those jobs usually provide one. Most have less will to fight than the resistance does and live in fear that they will be targeted intentionally or not by a car bomb or some other act of war. Like the ARVN was in Vietnam, their existence as a fighting force depends on the support of the US forces in country. In addition, the fact that they**

**are infiltrated by resistance forces renders many of their military operations moot before they occur.**

**In recent days, there has been a flurry of headlines in most of the major US newspapers claiming that US forces will begin leaving Iraq next summer. If one reads further, however, the certitude of these headlines is quickly undermined by several sentences that begin with the word "if."**

The fundamental message of all those sentences is that the US forces will begin to withdraw if the Iraqi political situation is exactly how the Washington wants it to be-compliant and able to enforce Washington's bidding in all matters military and economic.

The fact that this is very unlikely leads one to believe that these headlines are propaganda designed to stem the growing tide of opposition to the occupation in the United States and Britain.

**If one considers the antiwar protests planned for September in Washington, DC and elsewhere, the timing of this news becomes even more suspicious. Even those who aren't cynical of the government's motives have got to acknowledge that part of the government's intention here is to try and diminish the support these protests are getting.**

**This is exactly why these protests need to be large and loud.**

The US people can no longer accept the arguments being put forth by the war party in Washington. Nor can they accept their timetable and the lies it is built on.

**Hell, back in the fall of 2004, administration officials were talking about withdrawing troops after the January elections. As we all know, that did not happen. Indeed, more troops were sent.** This is likely to happen again before and after the constitutional referendum scheduled for this coming October and the general elections that are supposed to happen in December.

If these polls occur, they are likely to face a good deal of skepticism from the Iraqis, given the lack of results after the so-called balloting that happened in January 2005.

This scenario is more similar than different to the one that played itself out in Vietnam in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, just like it is more similar than different to the French experience in Algeria.

There will be no real elections or peace in Iraq until the occupation forces leave completely. That means no bases of any kind, no CIA agents, no contracted mercenaries, no puppet army, and no crooked client rulers.

**In short, it means that Washington must leave now, not when it wants to. It is up to us to make this happen.**

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## **OCCUPATION REPORT**

### **Religion Bullshit Just A Smokescreen: Iraqi Constitution Hassles Really A Fight Over Who Gets The Oil Money**

August 11, 2005 Edward P. Joseph and Michael O'Hanlon, Christian Science Monitor

The political process is Iraq's main hope for escaping the vicious spiral of violence into which it has descended. Iraq's ability to contend with that violence depends on producing a constitution.

Right now, however, Iraq's near-term stability quite simply relies on satisfying the rights and prerogatives of the 20 percent of Iraqis who are Sunni Arabs.

**Without a fair deal to ensure that Iraq's oil revenue is treated as a national resource, to be distributed proportionately to regions on a per-capita basis, it is hard to see how the Iraqi constitution can defuse Sunni Arab paranoia.**

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### **This Summer The Most Fucked Up Yet; Lack Of Basic Services Is Prompting Growing Protests**

August 11, 2005 Christian Science Monitor

**This third summer since the fall of Baghdad has been the worst when it comes to basic service interruptions for water and electricity---caused both by decay and sabotage.**

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### **Iraqi Collaborator Cabinet Afraid To Cut Food Subsidies**

August 11, 2005 New York Times

Iraq's ruling cabinet rejected a proposal by the finance minister to reduce the enormous fuel and food subsidies that consume about a third of the government's budget.

A similar move in Yemen recently set off fatal riots there.

**OCCUPATION ISN'T LIBERATION  
BRING ALL THE TROOPS HOME NOW!**

**DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK**



"The Crawford Coward" by Jeff Paterson, Not in Our Name Sunday, Aug. 21, 2005 at 1:32 PM; jeff@paterson.net

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## **Republican Senator Says Pentagon Plan For 4 More Years Of War Is “Complete Folly”**

8.21.05 By DOUGLASS K. DANIEL, Associated Press Writer

A leading Republican senator and prospective presidential candidate said Sunday that the war in Iraq has destabilized the Middle East and is looking more like the Vietnam conflict from a generation ago.

Nebraska Sen. Chuck Hagel (news, bio, voting record), who received two Purple Hearts and other military honors for his service in Vietnam, reiterated his position that the United States needs to develop a strategy to leave Iraq.

**Hagel scoffed at the idea that U.S. troops could be in Iraq four years from now at levels above 100,000, a contingency for which the Pentagon is preparing.**

The Army's top general, Gen. Peter Schoomaker, said Saturday in an interview with The Associated Press that the Army is planning for the possibility of keeping the current number of soldiers in Iraq — well over 100,000 — for four more years as part of preparations for a worst-case scenario.

**Hagel described the Army contingency plan as "complete folly."**

**"I don't know where he's going to get these troops," Hagel said. "There won't be any National Guard left ... no Army Reserve left ... there is no way America is going to have 100,000 troops in Iraq, nor should it, in four years."**

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## ***Cowards In Blue:*** **PITTSBURGH POLICE ATTACK** **NON-VIOLENT PROTESTORS** **WITH TASERS AND K-9 UNITS:** **Attack Dog Set On 68 Year Old** **Grandmother**

**[While you're off in Iraq dying for oil, Empire and corporate greed, and Bush bullshits about "democracy," this is what's happening to "democracy" at home. In addition to all the other reasons to bring the troops home now, we need you at home to come out and defend us against the armed criminals doing this kind of shit. A well-armed platoon should be enough: they're cowards who get off on attacking grandmothers and people in wheelchairs but would piss their pants if they see some soldiers coming.]**

August 21, 2005 Pittsburgh Organizing Group

Pittsburgh, PA - The Pittsburgh Police Department displayed an excessive use of force at a demonstration yesterday outside a military recruitment station located near the University of Pittsburgh.

Five were arrested, two were hospitalized and several others received injuries as a result of police unwarranted use of Tasers, pepper spray, retracting batons and K-9 units.

**Two others were issued citations when they complained about police misconduct. [Right. So much for democracy. The punishment for complaining is jail.]**

Yesterday's protest marks the first time in the city's history that police used Tasers on demonstrators.

**Dramatic Indymedia video shows police dragging a young woman off the sidewalk and Tasering her mercilessly as she lay on the street screaming-and this after she was pepper-sprayed directly in the face.**

The video clearly demonstrates that she posed no threat to the police or anyone else when she was Tasered, marking a clear violation of the city's official guidelines for the use of these controversial weapons. The activist was taken to UPMC Presbyterian Hospital for treatment and remains in police custody.

Police also used K-9 units to chase away protestors on the sidewalk.

***A 68-year old grandmother was bitten from behind by a police dog and then arrested and placed in an unventilated police van in the hot sun where she remained for 45 minutes before she, too, was finally taken to UPMC Presbyterian Hospital for treatment.***

***In addition, police pepper sprayed a four year-old girl, toppled a man with Multiple Sclerosis in his motorized wheel chair and clubbed a number of protestors with retracting metal batons.***

At the time of the police attacks activists were peacefully assembled on the sidewalk in front of the recruiting station, which had opted to remain closed for the day in response to yesterday's call for non-violent direct action by Pittsburgh Organizing Group (POG).

It marked the second time this month that POG had pre-emptively shut down military recruitment at that station, which is the headquarters for military recruitment in the city.

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**Received:**

**“We Have WON My Brother”**

From: WR

To: GI Special

Sent: August 15, 2005

Subject: RE: GI Special 3C22A: **Hood Soldiers Visit Sheehan**



**I just wanted to let you know that I just got back from Camp Casey, and I met a huge amount of people that love the GI Special.**

So, MUCH LOVE TO YOU from M and from the many people that enjoy your cutting edge approach to the truth, and I can't wait to tell you about the incredible experience of Camp Casey.

**War criminals Bush, Rice and Rumsfeld passed within 25 feet of all of us, Cindy, etc., and NO, they did not have the courage our guts to end the siege with a simple 5 minutes of their time.**

**That is their mistake...**

**Much more later, but we have WON my brother...it is a done deal, and the momentum will roll into Washington on September 24th....I hope you can make it.**

All respect, Ward

**REPLY: This man writing in, and "M" who he mentions, have been sending in photos, articles and columns that GI Special has run for over two years now, so let's get real: they are the cutting edge, the organizers, the people who make things happen, including at Crawford, Texas.**

**And if the truth be told, what they write and send in is about as tough, hard hitting, and uncompromising as it gets.**

**Both have served in the armed forces, both won't take shit from anybody, and if GI Special works, it's because of them, and all kinds of other people who can wield the pen or camera in one hand, and the sword of justice in the other. Respect to them all.**

**And yes, the criminals and traitors are in retreat, and yes, on to Washington, their foul nest of corruption, for a reconnaissance in force 9.24. But they still have their hands on the levers of power, and that won't change until we have our troops marching side-by-side along with us. Then our liberties can truly be retrieved from the enemy domestic.**

**That may not be as soon as we might wish, but sooner than the enemy imagines possible. If they can imagine at all. T**

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**Received:**

**“They Treat The Guys Like Crap And Try To Screw 'Em Over Whenever They Can”**

From: V [mother of soldier]

To: GI Special  
Sent: August 21, 2005

**What also shocks and ticks me off is all the assholes (mostly higher ranks & officers) in the military!**

**My gosh what an eye opener. They treat the guys like crap and try to screw 'em over whenever they can.**

**No wonder they can't get anyone to join.....if they hear the truth that is.**

**Do you have a friend or relative in the service? Forward this E-MAIL along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly. Whether in Iraq or stuck on a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the war, at home and inside the armed services. Send requests to address up top.**

**Received:**

## **Request For Information Re: Ft. Riley Killed And Wounded**

From: D  
To: GI Special  
Sent: August 21, 2005

**Hey there I have a favor to ask you. Can you find out all the soldiers, killed and wounded that are from Fort Riley?? The dates are 2003-2004.**

Thanks D

**[If anyone can help with this, please reply to D, c/o GI Special, address: [Contact@militaryproject.org](mailto:Contact@militaryproject.org). Your letter will be forwarded. T.]**

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**Received:**

## **Objection & Reply**

From: J L  
To: GI Special  
Sent: Monday, August 15 & 21, 2005  
Subject: Anti-Gay Protesters Happy When Troops Are Killed: Bigots Celebrate At Soldiers' Funeral

Dear GI Special,

"Demanded an apology?" That's like demanding an apology from Hitler for killing Jews. The only thing scum like this understand is the direct application of physical force to their persons, in sufficient strength they are never able to do this again, unless they rise from the dead or roll up in wheelchairs. They have no right to any free speech, nor to continued existence.'

They do have a right to free speech and of course they have a right to exist. I feel my gorge rise just as you do at guys like this, and there seem to be more of them than I ever could have imagined!

But we cannot go into the killing business, or even into the censorship business ourselves. Once that bottle's open it cannot be easily closed again.

It's like the pressure of conscience which evaporated with the present regime's "response" to 9/11, and I put response in quotes because I am not at all sure the regime didn't allow 9/11 to "happen" in order to get their juggernaut of jingo rolling. They made it "OK" for every closet racist, ever closet fascist, every closet hater of any sort to come out of the closet, as these guys did above. As Fox News does nightly and Rush Limbaugh does daily.

No...once you put the whisky and the guns right out on the table we're all done for.

I feel just as you do, but we both know that what you wrote is just an outburst of pent-up revulsion at what these folks have turned our country into.

You gotta be careful though. There are probably a lot more people hanging on your words than you realize.

Great coverage of Cindy Sheehan! especially of the other families who have now spoken up as she has.

Much needed coverage of the souls lost in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Please keep up the good work.

Solidarity.

JL

REPLY: The comment had to do with a group of Protestant fundamentalist assholes who showed up at the funeral of a soldier killed in Iraq and proceeded to wave signs and loudly express their opinions about how happy they were he had been killed in Iraq, because all U.S. soldiers are Godless faggot scum who will burn in hell forever, and how wonderful that is.

It is reasonable, proper and just for those present at the funeral to use whatever physical force is necessary to remove them from that setting. Quickly, with sufficient vehemence they never, ever try it again, anywhere. They need not be killed to do that; severe beating may be sufficient.

This is not about them publishing a newspaper expressing their bigotry, or sending out emails, or setting up a website.

This is about their deeds, and how their deeds are to be responded to. FYI, this is the same crew that showed up in town after Matthew Shepard was tortured to death for being gay, and marched around cheering his murderers, encouraging others to go kill more gays.

Had people used physical force against Hitler and the Nazis as the storm troopers took to the streets, and the German government did nothing to stop them, things in Germany might have been quite different. When they go into the streets, no tolerance for them either, ever.

In North Carolina some years ago, the KKK decided to have a rally near the Lumbee Indian tribe territory, who they described as “mongrels.” The purpose of the rally, of course, was to terrorize them.

The Lumbees got their rifles, shotguns, and whatever else was handy, marched on the rally, and opened fire. The KKK ran away as fast as they could. The KKK never showed itself in that part of North Carolina again. Good.

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