

## GI SPECIAL 3C32:



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August 24, 2005 SWEETWATER (AP)

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Hunt had two sons — 5-year-old Caleb and 3-year-old Josh.

"They don't have any idea what's going on," Hunt's aunt, Pat Thomas, told WATE-TV. "They went to be with their grandmother, Joey's mom, and she was just holding both of them in her arms. And they kept saying, 'Why are you crying, Mamaw? Why are you sad?'"

Lieurance leaves behind his wife, Penny, and four children, two sons and daughters.

Both his parents said their son's death makes their once-wavering opinions about the war in Iraq much more clear.

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**"It's a bad war; it's a stupid war," said his mother, Karen Lieurance. "I questioned it from Day One. I think it's a lot easier to support the president when you don't have a family member over there."**

Three other members of the Knoxville-based 278th were killed last week, bringing to nine the number in the unit who have died while serving in Iraq. About 4,000 members of the 278th deployed last November.

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resistance to the war, at home and inside the armed services. Send requests to address up top.

## IRAQ WAR REPORTS

### **Soldier From The 278th Dies In Iraq**

8/23/2005 WDSI Chattanooga

Two members of the 278th have died in Iraq, and two other soldiers are injured.

**The Department of Defense is waiting until they contact all the family members before giving us any details, but family and friends have confirmed that nearby Monroe County's Andy Newman was injured in that blast. And Joseph Hunt did not survive.**

"I shook hands with Joey right before he went back this last time, and he said, 'I'll be seeing you.' So, you never know," said Bob Wheeler, family friend.

Friends and family in Sweetwater, Tennessee are dealing with the loss of a treasured soldier, Joseph Daniel Hunt, age 27, affectionately known as Joey.

Around 10:30pm Monday, his family got the dreaded knock at their door.

Military officers made a second visit on Tuesday.

According to his family, a roadside bomb struck Hunt's vehicle while on patrol.

"It just takes your breath away to think that... You just hope he went quick, hope he didn't suffer, hope..." said a tearful Pat Thomas, Hunt's aunt.

Hunt left behind his parents, two younger sisters, and two sons, one age five and one three. They are too young to fully understand they will never see their daddy again.

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### **Vermont Guardsman Killed By Sniper**

August 24, 2005 By Adam Silverman, Free Press Staff Writer

COLCHESTER -- A Vermont Army National Guard soldier who volunteered for duty in Iraq was killed Tuesday by a sniper's bullet as he helped Iraqis learn about voting near Ramadi, a tumultuous city west of Baghdad.

Sgt. 1st Class Chris S. Chapin, 39, of Proctor was on a civil-affairs mission at about 1 p.m. local time -- 5 a.m. in Vermont -- when the sniper fired, Guard commander Maj.

Gen. Martha Rainville said. The bullet pierced Chapin's heart, and comrades could not save him, the general said.

"Even though the medics worked valiantly, and he was medivaced immediately, he died shortly thereafter," a solemn Rainville said during an evening news conference at Guard headquarters at Camp Johnson in Colchester.

Chapin was a member of the 3rd Battalion of the 172nd Mountain Infantry Regiment.

Chapin is survived by his wife, Paula, and a 21-year-old stepson, Michael, said Guard Col. Terry Lambert. The Chapins wed during Chris Chapin's brief leave between the end of his training and the start of his Iraq mission, Lambert said.

Those who knew the career soldier described him as a quiet man with a sense of humor, easy to like and even easier to respect. He was a soccer player and 1984 graduate of Proctor Junior-Senior High School. He served with the active-duty Army during the first Gulf War in 1991, and in 2003 he volunteered for a Vermont Guard mission to Afghanistan.

**Chapin's death brings to 19 the number of servicemen with Vermont ties who have died since the U.S.-led war with Iraq began in March 2003. All but one were killed in combat. Chapin is the fifth member of the Vermont National Guard to die in the Middle East, the first since June 2004. One Guard member died of natural causes while training in Kuwait.**

**His death also is the second connected to Proctor, a small town just north of Rutland with about 1,900 residents. Army Sgt. Justin Garvey, 23, who graduated from Proctor High School, was killed in July 2003 when insurgents attacked his convoy near Tal Afar.**

Chapin worked for the Guard as an instructor in scouting skills, which involves reconnaissance and surveillance of the enemy, Lambert said.

Chapin lived on Meadow Street, a road within eyesight of the town's Little League baseball and softball fields. Chapin graduated from the 250-student high school and was known and well-respected in the community, school Principal Chris Sousa said. Three teachers still on staff had Chapin as a student, the principal said.

**"Proctor is a small community, and this is going to hit very hard," Sousa said Tuesday night.**

Neighbors described Chapin as an affable man who quietly helped people as much as he could.

"He was a nice guy. He used to shovel my walk, shovel off my porch," said Irene Holland, who lives across the street from Chapin's house. Chapin had lived in the home for eight or nine years, she said. "He used to plow out my driveway every now and then. I'd hear a noise at night and wonder what the heck was going on, and it would be him. I offered him money and he wouldn't take it. He was just that way."

Chapin loved his dogs and was always with them when he was home, Holland said.

"There are two dogs over there that are really going to miss him," she said.

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# **Resistance Launches “Swarm Tactic” Offensive In Baghdad; Uniformed Fighters Openly Patrol Streets; Their Film Crew Covers The Action**

8.24.05 By ROBERT H. REID (AP) & Reuters

**Dozens of insurgents wearing black uniforms and masks launched their boldest assault in Baghdad in weeks, attacking police Wednesday with multiple car bombs and small arms fire.**

**Up to 43 people were wounded in the *brazen* daylight attack, which began about 3:15 p.m. with three car bombs - two of them piloted by suicide drivers - blasting police patrols in a Sunni neighborhood of western Baghdad, police said.**

**Following the explosions, dozens of gunmen attacked with small arms and rocket-propelled grenades, using what the U.S. military refers to as "swarm tactics" \_ an innovation by an insurgent force that U.S. officials acknowledge is becoming a more sophisticated.**

U.S. soldiers came under small arms fire but suffered no casualties as they rushed to help the Iraqi police, the U.S. military said. Two U.S. Apache attack helicopters circled overhead during the battle that lasted more than an hour.

**A Reuters cameraman at the scene said at least six police vehicles were on fire and gunfire and explosions could be heard.**

Officials gave varying casualty figures. Police Col. Hussein Jaddou said 13 were killed and 43 wounded, including three policemen, two suicide drivers and a gunman. Interior Minister Bayan Jabr said seven insurgents were killed but gave no overall figure.

As gunfire rattled through the streets of the commercial and residential district, merchants hurriedly shuttered their shops and pedestrians ducked for cover.

Masked gunmen swaggered brazenly **[Nothing like a factual, objective reporter, is there? That's two “brazens” in one story. Must have lunch with at least a Colonel every day. Or wishes he could. He ought to be on the Pentagon payroll.]** down the sidewalk, brandishing **[missed his chance here. Should have been “brazenly**

**brandishing”]** Kalashnikov rifles and rocket-propelled grenade launchers. At least one police car was set ablaze.

The insurgents may have filmed their attack, a witness said. Two young men were seen driving slowly among the insurgents, apparently recording the scenes with a TV camera. [“May?” Hurts that much to admit it? “Apparently” recording? What, he thinks they may have been faking it to deceive him?]

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

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<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))

## **Kenosha Marine Seriously Wounded**

August 24, 2005 (AP)

A Marine from Wisconsin was seriously injured in an explosion that killed another Marine in Iraq.

**Cpl. Adam Kisielewski, 21, of Kenosha, was injured when a bomb exploded at a vacant school earlier this week, about a month after he arrived in Iraq.** He lost an arm and a leg in the attack, which killed a lieutenant, said Kisielewski's mother, Sandy Moran of Kenosha.

“f his squad had not been right there ... and jumped right on things right away, he would've died too,” she said.

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### **TROOP NEWS**

## **Soldier “Thinks The War Is Senseless”**

# Says There Are “Thousands Of Soldiers Out There” Who Agree

[Thanks to Lietta Ruger who sent this in.

[She writes:

*[I'm exceptionally proud of my Iraq veteran son-in-law who appeared with me on KOMO 4 News which aired Saturday, Aug 20.*

*[I thought him most courageous to appear and speak a ground truth known to the troops.*

*[I was impressed with his composure and candid answers to the interviewers questions.*

*[I only wish more of both our interviews could have been fitted into the airtime, but we well know the sound bites by now. Nonetheless, we thought it a good interview and a useful portrayal to our Seattle and outlying areas audience.]*

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August 19, 2005 By Tracy Vedder, KOMO RADIO-TV

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**SEATTLE - The military mom who started a national anti-war movement outside President Bush's Texas ranch has touched people here in our state.**

**In fact, one woman was so compelled by Cindy Sheehan's protest, she was compelled to travel to Texas and join her.**

**Lietta Ruger just got back from a week spent camped outside the Bush ranch. Ruger grew up a military brat, was a military wife and now has a son-in-law and a nephew in the Army.**

She says it's that military connection that compelled her to travel to Texas and join in Sheehan's vigil. "I just felt that I needed to get down there and stand with her because I'm fully in support of what she's attempting to do," Ruger said.

Ruger, of Bay Center, Washington, says she's never been an activist, until now. Over the past year she's protested the Iraq war locally, but going to Crawford, Texas, sleeping in a tent, and being a part of something she believes is growing, just felt right.

**"For us as military families, carrying the disproportionate load of the Iraq war, it's our troops and our families affected."**

Ruger knows other military moms disagree, but she insists the protest does not dishonor those who have lost loved ones. Yet nationally there's been criticism of Sheehan's vigil, including from other Gold Star moms who've lost sons in the war in Iraq.

Rosemary Palmer, whose son Bryon was 25 when he was killed said, "Sheehan has become a lightning rod. We want to open up the conversation -- you can support the troops and not support the way that this war is being waged right now."

Ruger believes it's military families' responsibility to speak out for those who can't.

**Like her son-in-law, a soldier who asked to remain anonymous: "I can look back on this one day, and say I served in the U.S. military," he told KOMO 4 News, "and I take great pride in that."**

**In spite of that pride, this soldier doesn't feel safe showing his face. He's done one tour in Iraq and expects to do another. He also thinks the war is senseless. But it's not something he feels free to say publicly.**

**"If we say too much, then we can get in trouble for it. So, as a troop, we need people to speak for us."**

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**He may have no voice, but his mother in law does. And she vows to continue speaking on his behalf.**



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## Round Trip Ticket To Hell

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8/24/05 By KEVIN COUTURE, Contributing Writer, Press-Republican, Plattsburgh, NY

**Imagine being a parent and hearing that your son or daughter has to go to fight in Iraq.**

**The questions, the uncertainty, the anxiety.**

**Now, imagine hearing that news twice.**

**That is just what Mark and Jane Donahue heard earlier this summer.**

**Their 22-year-old son, Bryan — who joined the Army after graduating from Beekmantown Central and is member of the 101st Airborne — received his orders to return to Iraq for a second tour of duty.**

Jane talked about what it was like the first time for Bryan, who is stationed in Fort Campbell, Ky.

"He didn't know what to expect. So actually, he was a little apprehensive, but they trained for a long time, so they were all gung-ho and ready to fight for their country.

"They were in boot camp when 9/11 happened, so when it happened, they were all pumped up. They had some sort of excitement at first."

When parents have a child at war, the evening news can be their best friend or worst enemy.

Jane remembers watching the broadcasts with great intensity.

"I would watch the news, and every time I heard something happened with the 101st, I'd panic constantly because they didn't release the names right away.

"I worried. I would just go into a frenzy until I found out that it wasn't him.

"I would e-mail him right away to get a response back, but I rarely got a response because he was in an area where he couldn't use a telephone or a computer."

**Bryan's first stint in Iraq changed her son a great deal.**

**"He was very quiet. He slept a lot. He wanted to go out and eat steak and hamburgers and things like that, but he didn't talk much about his experience at all."**

He and other soldiers made a CD while in Iraq of pictures and music, which he shared with his parents and three siblings.

Jane recalls the first time her son drove a vehicle after returning home.

"They warned us that when he started to drive that he'd think it was a Humvee, and a Humvee can only go up to so many miles per hour, so he'd get caught speeding because he wasn't used to a real vehicle."

Jane is shuddering to think what round two will bring. She said Bryan's time in Iraq was difficult on the whole family, and this time will be more stressful.

"My daughter, Elizabeth, expressed to some people that she just wanted her brother to come home safely.

"It has taken more of a toll on them the second time because they know from the news how dangerous it is over there. So right now, everyone is kind of nervous."

Elizabeth and the Donahues' youngest son, Collin, will accompany their parents to Fort Campbell to join Bryan's wife, Samantha, as they see him off in early September.

"He really doesn't have a set job," Jane said. "They deactivated his unit this past year."

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Growing up, Bryan was always kind, polite, thoughtful and never demanding, Jane said.

She said he had a great sense of humor. "He was a clown, a class clown."

His sense of humor hasn't left him and has helped some fellow soldiers through rough times.

"Some soldiers were saying that how when they were up in the mountains, Bryan kept them laughing. He kept their spirits up all the time by making jokes. He is that type of kid."

Jane, who attends the Blue Star Mothers and Fathers meetings for parents of children at war, said her son has aspirations of becoming a state trooper once his military career is completed.

A big wedding celebration is planned for Bryan and Samantha upon his return home. The two were married this summer in the back yard of their Kentucky home but didn't have relatives or friends present.

Showing another dimension of her son's compassion, Jane said, "The first time Bryan went, I put yellow ribbons (on trees) not only for him, but for all the soldiers.

"When they come home, you are supposed to take the ribbon down. When Bryan came home, he said, 'Mom, you can't take those yellow ribbons down.'

"I said, 'Why not?'

"He said, 'Because everybody else is still over there.'"

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## Thousands Protest Bush, Iraq War In Salt Lake City



**August 23, 2005: Bill Moyer, 73, wears a "Bullshit Protector" flap over his ear while Bush addresses the Veterans of Foreign Wars.** (AP Photo/Douglas C. Pizac) [Thanks to Phil G, D, Tom and Don Bacon who sent this in.]

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22 August 2005 KUTV Salt Lake City

With the message that people can protest a war while supporting troops and veterans, a handful of speakers -including a Gold Star mom - addressed an anti-war rally in Salt Lake City Monday, the same day President Bush was in town.

**Bush spoke to more than 6,000 people at the annual convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, while three blocks away about 2,000 people gathered to protest Bush administration policies and the war in Iraq.**

**Barbara Wright, 56, drove five hours from her home in St. George to attend the rally at Pioneer Park.**

"There's a lot of reasons I'm unhappy. Predominantly due to the war, but also about the economy, Social Security," Wright said.

**Her father, a World War II veteran, was unable to come with her, but she said he would have come along for the same reasons.**

"So I'm here for him too," she said.

Several people attending the protest boasted that they were from military families or had served in the armed forces.

The featured speaker was Celeste Zappala, a co-founder of Gold Star Mothers for Peace with Cindy Sheehan, who made news camping outside Bush's Crawford, Texas, ranch in hopes of meeting with the president.

Zappala's son, Spc. Sherwood Baker, 30, was killed in Baghdad on April 26, 2004. He was a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard which was deployed to help provide security for a survey group looking for evidence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, she said.

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She said she has traveled over the past 16 months speaking out about the war because of a promise she made at her son's funeral. "My sweet and noble son was the 720th American soldier to die in the hideous miscalculation called the war in Iraq," Zappala said. "I vowed to him I will not be quiet."

**"What noble cause is it? What noble cause is it that has taken the lives of our best Americans? What noble cause is it this month?" Zappala said.**

**One of the event's organizers, Aaron Davis with a group called Veterans for Peace, said he filed a permit for a gathering of 1,000 people. Thirty minutes into the three-hour event Monday, he said he knew there would be that many and more.**

"Not only is our message today support our troops and bring them home now, but treat them right when you bring them home," said Davis, who said he served as a Marine from 1972 to 1976.

Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson, who called for a strong showing from Utahns at the protest in an e-mail he sent last week to local activists, addressed both the VFW convention and the protest.

Chants of "Rocky!" followed Anderson as he took the podium at the anti-war rally.

"Those who take a stand ... who stand up to deceit by our government. Those are true patriots. You are true patriots," Anderson said.

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## **Gold Star Mom Rejects “Silent Vigil” Bullshit; Won’t Be “Virtual Mom”**

August 20, 2005 MIKE FERNER, CounterPunch

*"Some people are trying to paint her as one crazy woman against the war, and she's not. A lot of people feel like her and want to know what the noble cause is." Karen Meredith, referring to Cindy Sheehan.*

**Meredith should know. Her son, Ken Ballard, was killed in Iraq. And she's going to Crawford, Texas this weekend.**

However, the 51 year-old mother, whose only child was killed by small arms fire in Najaf, May 30, 2004, is making the trip from Mountain View California for somewhat different reasons than what prompted Sheehan to camp out near George Bush's vacation home and wait for an answer.

"Personally, I don't want to meet with the President. I don't think there's anything he could tell me," Meredith said. "One of the reasons I'm going is because there's a whole other story going on besides Cindy. I don't want to take anything away from her," but she wants to keep the focus on the larger question of the war in Iraq.

**In an interview this morning, Meredith explained that although she is against the war, "people need to understand that we're not anti-military," adding that her father is a retired Lt. Colonel and her son, a 27 year-old Lieutenant, was a fourth-generation Army officer. "But we never got a proper explanation for why we should invade Iraq."**

Active in Gold Star Families for Peace, Meredith handles the mounting email traffic for the group and corresponds with many other families who have lost loved ones in Iraq.

**"All our stories are sad, and people need to know that. Every day we hear the news and it just takes us back to that first day when we learned he was killed."** She said several family members from the organization are in Crawford and others are arriving.

When she speaks for Gold Star Families, she said responses are "mostly positive. There are a few horrible people shouting at us, but everyone has to figure out what the war means in their own minds." One thing she's learned from her public appearances is that "the country is terribly divided on the war."

In hundreds of cities around the country tonight there will be vigils in support of Cindy Sheehan.

**Karen Meredith talked with the organizers of a vigil near her and was told it was going to be a silent event.**

**"I thought that was odd that in support of Cindy not even a Gold Star mom was going to be able to speak. I asked them if they wanted a real mom or a virtual mom? If all they want is a virtual mom then they don't understand the reason Cindy's in Texas."**

## **3059 More For The Imperial Slaughterhouse**

August 24, 2005 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 875-05

This week, the Army, Air Force and Navy announced an increase in the number of reservists on active duty in support of the partial mobilization, while the Marine Corps number decreased. The Coast Guard number remained the same.

**The net collective result is 3,059 more reservists mobilized than last week.**

Total number currently on active duty in support of the partial mobilization for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 121,295; Navy Reserve, 4,268; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 10,151; Marine Corps Reserve, 8,840; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 543.

**This brings the total National Guard and Reserve personnel, who have been mobilized, to 145,097, including both units and individual augmentees.**

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## **Pentagon Assholes Using KIA Tombstones To Promote War; Families Find Out Too Late: "Patrick Did Not Want To Be There, That Is A Definite Fact"**

**"They certainly didn't ask my wife; they didn't ask me." He said Patrick's widow told him she had not been asked either. "In one way, I feel it's taking advantage to a small degree," McCaffrey said. "Patrick did not want to be there, that is a definite fact."**

[Thanks to Tom Codit, who sent this.]

August 24, 2005 By DAVID PACE, Associated Press Writer

**Unlike earlier wars, nearly all Arlington National Cemetery gravestones for troops killed in Iraq or Afghanistan are inscribed with the slogan-like operation names the Pentagon selected to promote public support for the conflicts.**

The vast majority of military gravestones from other eras are inscribed with just the basic, required information: name, rank, military branch, date of death and, if applicable, the war and foreign country in which the person served.

**Families are supposed to have final approval over what goes on the tombstones. That hasn't always happened.**

**Nadia and Robert McCaffrey, whose son Patrick was killed in Iraq in June 2004, said "Operation Iraqi Freedom" ended up on his government-supplied headstone in Oceanside, Calif., without family approval.**

"I was a little taken aback," Robert McCaffrey said, describing his reaction when he first saw the operation name on Patrick's tombstone. "They certainly didn't ask my wife; they didn't ask me." He said Patrick's widow told him she had not been asked either.

**"In one way, I feel it's taking advantage to a small degree," McCaffrey said. "Patrick did not want to be there, that is a definite fact."**

**The owner of the company that has been making gravestones for Arlington and other national cemeteries for nearly two decades is uncomfortable, too.**

**"It just seems a little brazen that that's put on stones," said Jeff Martell, owner of Granite Industries of Vermont. "It seems like it might be connected to politics."**

Former Sen. Max Cleland, D-Ga., who lost both legs and an arm in Vietnam and headed the Veterans Administration under President Carter, called the practice "a little bit of glorified advertising."

**"Most of the headstones out there at Arlington and around the nation just say World War II or Korea or Vietnam, one simple statement," he said.**

The Pentagon in the late 1980s began selecting operation names with themes that would help generate public support for conflicts.

**Gregory C. Sieminski, an Army officer writing in a 1995 Army War College publication, said the Pentagon decision to call the 1989 invasion of Panama "Operation Just Cause" initiated a trend of naming operations "with an eye toward shaping domestic and international perceptions about the activities they describe."**

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## IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP

# Resistance Goes Underground: Escape Tunnel, Improvised Weapons Showcase Determination Prison Of Inmates:

**“We Learned Quickly”  
“We Fought Bravely”**



(Courtesy 105th Military Police Battalion)

**"The violence, it was just absolutely incredible," said 1st Lt. Shawn Talmadge, a fire engine salesman from Richmond. "The sheer volume of rocks and the accuracy of them throwing the rocks -- it was just a full-out battle."**

**Talmadge said he had an epiphany. "I realized, these guys have been fighting riots and wars a lot longer than we have. These guys have been fighting this way for hundreds of years."**

August 24, 2005 By Steve Fainaru and Anthony Shadid, The Washington Post Company

**CAMP BUCCA, Iraq -- In the darkest hours before dawn, groups of 10 detainees toiled 15 feet beneath Compound 5 of America's largest prison in Iraq. The men worked in five-minute shifts, digging with shovels fashioned from tent poles and hauling the dirt to the surface with five-gallon water jugs tethered to 200 feet of rope. They bagged it in sacks that had been used to deliver their bread rations**



**and spread it surreptitiously across a soccer field where fellow inmates churned it during daily matches, guards and detainees recalled.**

The 105th Military Police Battalion, charged with running Camp Bucca in the scorching desert of southernmost Iraq, knew something was amiss: Undetectable to the naked eye, the field's changing color was picked up by satellite imagery. The excavated dirt was also clogging the showers and two dozen portable toilets. The dirt was showing up under the floorboards of tents; some guards sensed that the floor itself seemed to be rising. Mysteriously, water use in the compound had spiked.

Hours before the planned prison break on March 24, an informant tipped off the Americans, who then drove a bulldozer across Compound 5.

**What they discovered was breathtaking: a fully completed tunnel that stretched 357 feet, longer than a football field. Inside were flashlights built from radio diodes and five larger spaces to provide ventilation. The tunnel's walls were as smooth and strong as concrete, sculpted with water and, the Americans believe, milk. The exit, beyond the compound's fence, was camouflaged with sand-colored cardboard. It opened into a partially concealed trench that would lead the detainees to freedom.**

The discovery of what came to be known as "The Great Escape" tunnel was a seminal moment for the Americans charged with guarding Iraq's exploding prison population.

**It underscored the fact that the guards were not simply policing more than 6,000 detainees but, in their own way, fighting an enemy that exhibited the same complexity and resilience inside the prison's chain-linked fences and miles of coiled razor wire as it did in the most embattled streets of Iraq. For the inmates, the fight had never stopped.**

**"It was a military operation. It was very organized, and it was very disciplined," said Mohammed Touman, 27, an inmate released May 27 from Compound 5. "If only 200 people would have escaped, it would have been a blow to the Americans."**

Col. James B. Brown, commander of the 18th Military Police Brigade, which oversees the U.S. military's three detention facilities in Iraq, said the escape would have been one of the largest from any U.S.-run facility in history.

"In a prison, there's the feeling that the war is over for you and it's over for me. We'll chit-chat at the fence and get through this together," he said. "Nothing could be further from the truth."

Inside Camp Bucca, Brown said, "the war is not at all over."

### **'We Learned Quickly'**

Since the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003, the military said it has arrested more than 40,000 people. The population today at the three U.S.-run prisons -- Bucca, Abu Ghraib and Camp Cropper near the Baghdad airport, where former President Saddam Hussein

and his lieutenants are being held -- is 10,600, double the number of a year ago. The average incarceration at Bucca is a year. The military attributes the surge in detentions to an increase in combat operations and the inability of the nascent Iraqi justice system to handle the crushing caseload.

**Many of the freed detainees express bewilderment at why they were held; even the U.S. commander who oversees Bucca, Col. Austin Schmidt, 55, of Fairfax, estimated that one in four prisoners "perhaps were just snagged in a dragnet-type operation" or were victims of personal vendettas.**

"This is like Chicago in the '30s: You don't like somebody, you drop a dime on them," Schmidt said. "And by the time the Iraqi court system figures it out, they go home. But it takes a while."

Camp Bucca sits on one of the most unforgiving plots of Iraq, a desert moonscape of 130-degree temperatures and howling winds, a few minutes drive from the Kuwaiti border. The prison's two-mile perimeter contains 12 compounds, six on each side of a dirt and gravel road the Americans call the Green Mile. The detainees, usually clad in bright yellow jumpsuits or prison-issued traditional gowns, called dishdashas, are housed in tan-colored canvas tents or air-conditioned plywood buildings with corrugated tin roofs; each holds about 20 detainees. During the day, the intense heat keeps all but a few of the inmates from venturing into the sandy courtyards. At the corner of each compound, guards with automatic rifles stand watch from three-story wooden towers.

Three meals a day are served -- bread, cheese, jam and tea for breakfast and dinner, rice and stew for lunch, former detainees recalled in recent interviews. Although the Americans offer classes and even movies as incentives for good behavior, most downtime is devoted to lessons organized by the inmates. Some English is offered -- both elementary and advanced -- but the curriculum is heavy on religion: Islamic jurisprudence and doctrine, Muslim history, Arabic grammar and Koranic recitation, the former detainees said.

Most Sunni and Shiite prisoners are kept in separate compounds. In the Shiite area, about 20 clerics are in charge. They hand down stern justice. For breaking rules, inmates are denied food or beaten on the soles of their feet with poles, leaving no visible marks.

**In the more numerous Sunni compounds, inmates elect a leader from their ranks. Once in power, detainees said, his decisions are unquestioned.**

**"We organized ourselves by ourselves," said Hassan Challoub, a Shiite inmate from Baghdad who was freed last month.**

**Guards have discovered a large and elaborate array of artwork throughout the camp, but mainly in living quarters: portraits of Moqtada Sadr, a popular Shiite cleric who commands an armed militia, intricately etched on fabric culled from tents; Koranic verses rendered in sloping Arabic calligraphy; even handbags fashioned from juice boxes left over from meals.**

Breaking the monotony is the arrival of what the detainees call the "Happy Bus," which picks up prisoners who are to be released.

When the 105th Military Police Battalion, a North Carolina Army National Guard unit from Asheville, arrived last fall, the detainee population was 3,900, according to Brown.

Before long, the military stepped up counterinsurgency operations across Iraq and hundreds of inmates arrived each week.

"I guess we were kind of naive when we first got here," said Sgt. 1st Class John Freeman, of Marion, N.C., who was put in charge of detainee operations at Bucca. "It was like, 'Hey, they're inside a fence. They don't have anything they can hurt us with.' We learned quickly."

### **Inmate Uprising**

On April 1, a four-day riot began in Compound 3, where the Shiites were held.

A former detainee, Challoub, known as Abu Hala, was a burly, bearded 45-year-old Mahdi Army commander detained in August during pitched fighting with U.S. forces in Sadr City, a Shiite slum in eastern Baghdad. In Bucca, he was second in command at Compound 3.

**On that April morning, he said he watched as American guards tried to remove 10 prisoners from the courtyard, among them four clerics who made up the Shiite compound's leadership. The guards put the men on the ground, cuffed their hands behind them and, he said, put their boots on the clerics' backs.**

"As a Muslim, when you see your teacher treated like that, of course, you will get angry. As a Shiite, you should respect the cleric," said Challoub, who was released last month and returned to Baghdad. "That's when the chaos started."

Some of the detainees sat down in the dirt in protest, guards recalled. Others crowded around the detainees and screamed, "Don't go!"

Around 8:30 a.m., the company commander and prison commandant, Lt. Col. T. Paul Houser, a social worker from Catawba County, N.C., emerged from a meeting with the International Committee of the Red Cross and heard the commotion. Houser jumped in the back of a covered cargo truck and headed for Compound 3. As he approached, a chunk of cinderblock struck him in the left eye, fracturing his cheek in three places and breaking three teeth.

"I turned and just caught it in the face," said Houser, who was flown by helicopter to a military hospital, where a doctor told him his protective glasses had saved his eyesight. "I guess it must have come through the back of the vehicle. It was a lucky shot."

Suddenly, everything the Americans had provided the inmates over the previous months was turned against them, according to guards and a videotape of the riot made available by the military.

**The cinderblock had been chiseled from the concrete base of a tent pole; hundreds of pieces had been stored inside a tent the inmates used as a mosque**

that the military designated off limits to the guards. The detainees used floorboards as shields. They hurled socks filled with a cocktail of feces, dirt and flammable, slow-burning hand sanitizer, the Americans said. One of the crude devices ignited a Polaris all-terrain vehicle.

### **'We Fought Bravely'**

Before long, the ground was carpeted with pieces of cinderblock, much of it flung with slingshots fashioned from thin rubber gloves the Americans had given the inmates to distribute food. The detainees used what Brown called "standard David and Goliath" slings cut from the canvas tents.

The most skillful, Brown said, could propel the cinderblock chunks through a bank teller's window. One chunk, he said, embedded in the wall behind a tower guard's head.

The Americans fired back with rubber bullets and tear gas but failed to slow the projectiles cascading from the courtyard. "With that deadly velocity, they were out-ranging our nonlethal weapons, which becomes very dangerous," Brown said.

**"The violence, it was just absolutely incredible," said 1st Lt. Shawn Talmadge, a fire engine salesman from Richmond. "The sheer volume of rocks and the accuracy of them throwing the rocks -- it was just a full-out battle."**

Talmadge said he had an epiphany. "I realized, these guys have been fighting riots and wars a lot longer than we have. These guys have been fighting this way for hundreds of years."

Challoub, who was wounded twice in the foot by nonlethal bullets, said that within hours hundreds of prisoners had joined the fight. Many shouted, "There is no god but God!" and "We are ready to die for you, Moqtada!"

***Detainees in later interviews claimed to have held the compound for more than a week. Challoub and others said they were imbued with the spirit of Imam Mahdi, a messianic figure central to Shiite belief. They celebrated the courage of fighting a battle they knew they would lose.***

"We wouldn't let them see us suffer," said Abu Abdullah Saadi, another Mahdi Army veteran released from the camp.

**"We fought bravely, we fought like heroes," Challoub said. "Despite hunger, despite our injuries, we still fought."**

On the fourth day of the riots, the Americans called in a Black Hawk helicopter, the video showed. The helicopter descended over the camp, the force of its rotor flattening the tents that hadn't already been burned down by the detainees. Bulldozers and 200 heavily armed soldiers encircled the compound. The Shiite prisoners finally gave up, complying with a list of demands that included handing over their weapons: the remaining floorboards and cinderblock rubble.

Little was left of the camp; it smoldered, smoke mixing with the stench of overturned portable toilets the detainees had used to barricade the entrance. Heaps of garbage, rocks and used tear gas canisters littered the yard.

It was the end to what had been a sobering period for the Americans, coming just days after the tunnel was discovered in Compound 5.

### **'Engineering Miracle'**

According to former Sunni prisoners, work on the tunnel had begun in January, beneath the wooden floorboards of a tent. The detainees dug down three feet, installed a false bottom with planks, then tunneled 12 more feet to a point where the sand gave way to packed dirt. To prevent the entrance from collapsing, the inmates reinforced it with plywood scraps and sandbags.

**At its peak, nearly a third of the more than 600 inmates were engaged in the dig, detainees said. The work was tedious: The teams worked only at night, usually between 1 a.m. and the dawn prayer before the morning head count. Usually no more than three feet of dirt per day was excavated; each worker spent just five minutes in the tunnel, digging with flattened tent poles wrapped with canvas grips.**

**Inside the tunnel, the detainees carved spaces for others to push air with a makeshift bellow system, the former detainees said. Once each five-gallon water jug was filled with dirt, men at the tunnel's entrance pulled it to the surface. Others carted it off and spread it across the compound.**

"There was no work during the day," said Ali Atlawi Mughir, 31, who was detained in Baghdad in August 2004 and held in Compound 5. "The group never mentioned their secret."

By the end of March, the tunnel, just wide enough for one person to crawl through, was complete.

"It was an engineering miracle," said Muthanna Mahmoud, a 30-year-old inmate.

Inmates said they planned the prison break for after midnight on March 24. They would leave in groups of 25; during roll call, others would answer, covering their tracks, detainees said. All that was left was for the leadership to determine the order of the prisoners' escape. "They didn't want pandemonium," said Touman, another inmate.

For the Americans, it was a race against time. For days, they had detected something was wrong. In addition to the clogged showers and portable toilets, an informant had hinted that a tunnel was under construction, the fourth in as many months at the prison. But he never pinpointed its location or how far the detainees had dug.

That afternoon, an intelligence officer met again with the informant. This time he disclosed that the tunnel was in Compound 5 and had been completed. The detainees planned to escape within 48 hours, the informant said. He told the officer he feared a bloodbath if they were caught escaping. "That's the story he gave us; it's as credible as

anything else we've heard," said Houser, the prison commandant. "I don't know why he'd risk getting his throat cut for giving up such a huge, huge find."

The Americans immediately moved the detainees into a holding area and bulldozed a straight line through the compound. Within minutes it collapsed part of the tunnel. Trying to find the tunnel's exit, the Americans dug parallel to the compound fence. Before long it was night and they still hadn't found the end. Three guards walked outside, across a dirt road, beyond yet another fence, to a sandy berm bordering a trench. The cardboard that concealed it was propped up from inside by a 2-by-4.

"Through a fluke we walked right past the exit; we almost fell in," said Talmadge.

**Talmadge, the battalion's assistant operations officer, had studied engineering at Virginia Tech. "I was just fascinated by the complexity and simplicity of the whole thing," he said. "The tunnel, it's like perfectly made. It's nice and smooth, the edges of the wall. So we started doing some math calculations. They moved 100 tons of soil in about eight weeks."**

**"Extremely intelligent, these guys are," said Talmadge.**

Since the riot and the discovery of the tunnel, the U.S. military has overhauled Camp Bucca. The tents are nearly gone, replaced by buildings with concrete foundations almost impossible to dig through or fashion into a weapon. The dwellings are built at an angle, putting nearly all the detainees in the guards' line of sight. The compounds have been partitioned into quadrants, limiting the inmates movements and communication. The 105th no longer distributes hand sanitizer or rubber gloves.

**Brown said the changes came with the realization that Camp Bucca is not a prison "but actually a battle space."**

Eventually, as with counterinsurgency operations throughout the country, the military plans to turn Bucca over to Iraqi security forces. But when that will happen is unclear. "The target keeps moving," said Schmidt, the base commander. "So I'm building," he said. "I'm putting in things that look an awful lot like permanent structures."

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

## **Assorted Resistance Action**

8.24.05 By ROBERT H. REID (AP) & Reuters & KUNA

**Deputy justice minister Awshoo Ibrahim escaped a second assassination attempt in two days when gunmen fired at his convoy in western Baghdad, killing four of his bodyguards and wounding six, police said.**

**BAQUBA - Four mortar rounds landed on a base used by the Iraqi police's 'rapid reaction force' in Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad, wounding seven. Police said most of those wounded were recruits.**

**MUSAYYIB - An Iraqi soldier was killed and another wounded when two mortars landed on a check point at Musayyib, south of Baghdad, on Tuesday, police said.**

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

## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**



**When God and Government become one, war is inevitable.**

**Mike Hastie**

**Vietnam Veteran**

(Poster in bookstore window in Spokane, Washington, July 2005)

Photo and caption from the I-R-A-Q (I Remember Another Quagmire) portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (Contact at: [hastiemike@earthlink.net](mailto:hastiemike@earthlink.net)) for more of his outstanding work. T)

## **“The War In Iraq Will Not Be Stopped With A Peace Sign”**

From: Mike Hastie  
To: GI Special  
Sent: August 21, 2005  
**Subject: Pittsburgh police attack counter-recruiters**

**This piece is dedicated to the young American soldier who shot himself in the head, because he could not take the madness anymore. When I unzipped the body bag, the truth was staring me in the face. You do not forget the truth.**

**Mike Hastie  
Vietnam Veteran  
IRAQ: I Remember Another Quagmire**

**Don't tell anyone I said this, but the war in Iraq will not be stopped with a peace sign.**

I truly believe before it is all said and done, there will be chaos in America.

The U.S. government is not going to pull out of Iraq, and leave all of our oil under the Iraqi sand. I do not see this happening. Anti-war demonstrators may get jailed by the thousands.

The only thing that will stop this U.S. imperial madness, will be a worldwide revolt. Every country in the world who believes in justice, will have to put America on trial.

There must be massive protests in every country that is threatened by U.S. world dominance. The United States wants the vast majority of the natural resource pie, and we don't care who has to suffer in the process. It does not matter who has to starve to death.

America was on a non-stop rampage when it bombed Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos. The wake of death was absolutely staggering. The United States did not care how many civilians they killed.

**When you read the Vietnamese version of the "American War," you are shocked into reality. The U.S. government bombed, and fired artillery at everything. Nothing, absolutely nothing was off limits. You name it, the U.S. government killed it.**

When you read the Vietnamese accounts of the war, you want to climb into a deep hole. Everything I know about atrocities committed by American units from countless Vietnam



veterans I have met, was validated by the Vietnamese. (This was in no way done by all units.)

When I went back to Vietnam in 1994, I came back to America with all of that shame. I got so ill with panic, I had to be hospitalized for suicidal behavior. The first time I was hospitalized was in 1980, after I lost my second marriage, and the lies of the Vietnam War consumed me.

**I had the kind of anger and hatred toward the U.S. government for what it did in Southeast Asia, that it enveloped me in rage.**

This war in Iraq is going to get much worse, because the U.S. government is not going to give up its buried treasure.

**The madness will stop, when the moral consciousness of the world stands up to the Bully. This is not something the anti-war movement in America can do alone. It is way too big for us to handle. Progressive moral people in America will have to reach out and ask for help all over the world. This is a worldwide problem, just like global warming.**

When people from all nationalities unite under moral principles, we can take the bombs away from all the Bullies.

**Mike Hastie  
Vietnam Veteran  
August 21, 2005**

**"The truth was obscure, too profound and too pure;  
to live it, you have to explode."  
Bob Dylan**

**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.**

## **OCCUPATION REPORT**

### **“This Is Prison Journalism”**

August 21, 2005 Robert Fisk, Zmag

I head off to the Palestine Hotel where one of the largest Western news agencies has its headquarters. I take the lift to an upper floor only to be met by a guard and a vast steel

wall which blocks off the hotel corridor. He searches me, sends in my card and after a few minutes an Iraqi guard stares at me through a grille and opens an iron door.

I enter to find another vast steel wall in front of me. Once he has clanged the outer door shut, the inner door is opened and I am in the grotty old hotel corridor.

The reporters are sitting in a fuggy room with a small window from which they can see the Tigris river.

**One of the American staff admits he has not been outside "for months". An Arab reporter does their street reporting; an American travels around Iraq - but only as an "embed" with US troops. No American journalists from this bureau travel the streets of Baghdad. This is not hotel journalism, as I once described it. This is prison journalism.**

One of the Americans, an old and brave friend of mine from Beirut days, walks over. "Have a look at this, Fisky," he says. "This is the kind of crap we get from the Americans these days - this is what they want us to write about.

**"It is a news release from the Coalition press office, the spin doctors of the occupation troops here. "Comics Bring Barrels of Laughs to Task Force Baghdad," it says.**

I drive back across Baghdad. There is a massive traffic jam because the Iraqi National Guard - the American-trained Iraqis who are supposed to save Donald Rumsfeld's career and let the US forces reduce their troop strength here - have mounted a checkpoint. Most of them are so frightened that they are wearing ski-masks over their mouths.

**Like every Iraqi I meet, I do not trust the Iraqi National Guard. They have been infiltrated by both Sunni and Shia insurgents and now have a nasty propensity to carry out house raids on Sunni areas, to arrest the menfolk and then to steal as much money as they can find in the house. "First they arrest my son and then they take all my jewellery," a woman complained on an Arabic satellite channel that was investigating this venal militia.**

Friday night. In the heart of this vast and oven-like city stands the Green Zone, 10 square kilometres of barricaded, walled, sealed-off palaces, villas and gardens - once the Raj-like centre of Saddam's regime wherein now dwell the Iraqi government, the constitutional committee, the US embassy, the British embassy and many hundreds of Western mercenaries. Many of them never meet Iraqis. Women in shorts jog past the rose beds; armed men and women "contractors" lie by the pool. There were at least three restaurants - until one of them was blown up by suicide bombers. You can buy phone accessories in a local shop, newspapers, pornographic DVDs.

For tactical reasons, the Americans were forced to include dozens of middle-class Iraqi homes inside the Green Zone, a decision that has outraged many of the householders. They often have to wait four hours to pass through the security checkpoints. Irony of ironies, the tomb of Michel Aflaq, founder of the Baath party that once included both Iraq and Syria, lies inside the Green Zone.

On Friday night, this crusader castle was bathed in its usual floodlights.

**I was looking up at the stars over the city when there was a dull sound and a flash of light from within the Green Zone. Somewhere not far from me, someone had launched a mortar at the illuminated fishbowl that has become the symbol of occupation for all Iraqis.**

Many ask what will become of it when the whole Western edifice here collapses. Some say it will become insurgent headquarters, others the next parliament. My guess is that whoever runs Iraq once the occupation collapses will turn the whole thing into a theme park. Or maybe just a museum.

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## **DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK**

### **Political Photo Test**

From: Mike Hastie  
To: GI Special  
Sent: August 21, 2005  
Subject: political photo test

*I just had to send this to you.*

***It was written by a good friend who is a Marine Corps veteran.***

**This test only has one question, but it's a very important one. By giving an honest answer, you will discover where you stand morally. Try not to give a rushed answer read the text and then give an honest answer.**

There is chaos all around you caused by a hurricane with severe flooding. This is a flood of biblical proportions. You are a photojournalist working for a major newspaper, and you're caught in the middle of this epic disaster. The situation is nearly hopeless. You're trying to shoot career-making photos. There are houses and people swirling around you, some disappearing under the water.

**Nature is unleashing all of its destructive fury. Suddenly you see a man floundering in the water. He is fighting for his life, trying not to be taken down with the debris. You move closer and somehow the man looks familiar. You suddenly realize who it is. It's George W. Bush.**

At the same time you notice that the raging waters are about to pull him under.

**You have two options--you can save the life of G.W. Bush or you can shoot a dramatic Pulitzer Prize winning photo, documenting the death of one of the world's most powerful men.**

**So here's the question, and please give an honest answer:**

Would you select high contrast color film, or would you go with the classic simplicity of black and white?

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## **Received:**

### **“You Tell Me That”**

**From: D [Military family]**

To: ThomasFBarton@earthlink.net

Sent: August 23, 2005 1:17 AM

**Things getting worse on this war and Bush's don't care; this is his last term in office he is going to raise more hell and sit back a laugh at the American people he has no honor or anything like that - his daughters just go out partying the night away and our soldiers come home injured - they should be over there serving as well. Not one rich kid is over there that can afford to party the night away at college, just the poor.**

When will it end???

That was UnAmerican for that Nothern man to run over crosses –

**I bet he didn't have a daughter or a son fighting in Iraq and die or he would have a cross: that is not right.**

**Did you know there are over 16,000 wounded soldiers the VA's are overwhelmed - why I knew this was going to happen and the deaths - that is history - my question is the higher chain of commands were not prepared for all the wounded and the deaths -- where did they go to school at???**

**I was raised in Germany and played in Hilter's graveyards; my school was a holding place for woman to get gassed - over all I had a normal childhood but learnt a lot of war, my favorite game to play was war, I had a fort in the woods and everything - anyway my point is I, me just a mom, knew what was going to happen - why didn't BUSH????**

**You tell me that.**

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