

GI SPECIAL 4119:



[Thanks to David Honish, Veteran, who sent this in.]

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**“Ft. Carson Was A
Powderkeg With The
Fuse Lit”**
**“The Anti-War Sentiment Was
Running Rampant”**

“You Could Cut The Rebellious Atmosphere With A Knife”



Darnell Stephen Summers and two other soldiers: PFC Jones (who's in the background) & SP4 Greg Holiday, in Chu Lai 1968.

I guess the only difference between Attica and Ft. Carson was the fact that we were armed and those defenseless prisoners were not. A crucial difference. We could bring extreme pressure to bear on any adversary.

From: **Darnell Stephen Summers; Stop The War Brigade,**
stopthewarbgde@hotmail.com
To: GI Special
Sent: September 11, 2006
Subject: Attica & Bernard Stroble aka Shango

The GI Special issue of September 10th was a difficult and emotional read for me.

It brought back so many memories.

September 10th 1970, I was still in the US Army. My last duty station was the 517th Med Co. at Ft. Carson Colorado.

During my time as a soldier I had been in a multitude of units. They kept moving me around.

The Brass said I had a bad attitude and short of shooting me they didn't know what to do with me.

Infantry, JAG, 33rd Army Band, Signal, Personnel, MOS Testing, you name it I was there. Through my travels I got to know the system from top to bottom.

I don't want to confuse the story but between my Enlistment and Discharge I even served a 1-1/2 year sentence in a Michigan State Penitentiary to boot and was even charged with the murder of a Michigan State Police Detective Sergeant who was an operative in a McCarthy Era throwback called the "Red Squad".

This murder was supposed to have happened while I was home on leave before going on to Viet Nam.

Those were turbulent times, believe me. I was extradited from Viet Nam in November 1968, I came back in handcuffs. When I finally was sent back to the US Army, April 10th 1970, I still had my Rank and Security Clearance.

Back to September, 1970. If I wasn't already, I was soon to become the Chairman of the "Post Racial Harmony Council" having been appointed by vote to that office by my fellow soldiers.

I assumed command, and I use the word command purposely, from SP4 Melvin Hutchinson, my predecessor, and preceding SP5 William Manning who took over after I was discharged.

When the rebellion at Attica broke out and the news reverberated around the World soldiers at Ft. Carson also made note of it.

You could cut the rebellious atmosphere with a knife.

Ft. Carson was a powderkeg with the fuse lit.

The Racism and Harassment knew no bounds.

The great majority of us were what the military liked to call Viet Nam returnees. That was trouble in and of itself. The soldiers were in no mood for nonsense having faced the ultimate challenge, Death.

The anti-war sentiment was running rampant. Black, Brown, Red, Yellow and White soldiers were uniting and putting petty differences aside.

We were a formidable force and everyone knew it. Their whole jive game couldn't work without us troops. They couldn't lock us all up.

I guess the only difference between Attica and Ft. Carson was the fact that we were armed and those defenseless prisoners were not. A crucial difference. We could bring extreme pressure to bear on any adversary.

I saw Easy Rider at Ft. Carson with hundreds of other GI's and when they played the National Anthem before the start of the movie only two soldiers stood up and they promptly sat down when ordered to do so by the rest of the soldiers in the theater. That was something to behold. I wonder how those two soldiers felt after being fronted off by such a mutinous group in public.

It demonstrated who was really calling the shots.

There are many things I could relate but I should get to the point of all this.

We all go through life being influenced by people, places and events.

As the rebellion at Attica was unfolding and prisoners were putting it all on the line I had no idea that I would meet one of the organizers and get to know him personally and marvel at his strength and humanity.

In 1982 I was once again arrested this time in Germany on trumped up charges of Murder dating back to the original Murder Charges of 1968. I know it sounds bizarre but it's true and to make a long story short, I met "Shango" aka Bernard Stroble, a former prisoner at Attica and rebellion Leader, and his Mother in 1982 and they were active in my Defense Committee offering financial and moral support to the campaign.

He was instrumental in the battle to insure my release and freedom and he will always be remembered by those who respected and loved him.

In doing research for this email I was surprised to find out that a movie was made about Shango.

I'm also providing a photo which shows myself, Bernard Stroble aka Shango and John Sinclair:



To talk about John in this email would be an exercise in futility because my connection to him starts about 1963 or so and there's just too much ground to cover and it would be unfair to just mention him in a cursory manner.

One thing I can share with you is the fact that we were in prison together walking same the yard and he was always good for a few laughs. My favorite line from him came one day when were walking in the prison yard and he was talking about why they were persecuting him, "Darnell, They've got me here because I'm the reason they took Howdie Doodie off Television".

If you're not a Baby-Boomer then you wouldn't necessarily understand the gravity and severity of the charge.

I'll provide a few links on John so people can browse if they're interested in learning more. <http://www.answers.com/topic/john-sinclair-poet>;
<http://cannabisnews.com/news/22/thread22023.shtml>.

I also knew Shango's attorney, Ernie Goodman. A good man no pun intended.

Ciao,
Darnell

Bernard Stroble aka Shango

www.abanet.org/publiced/gavel/2002program.pdf

MetroTimes (Detroit):

"Years ago, former Detroitier Bonnie Garvin became intrigued with the case of the state of New York vs. Bernard Stroble. The late Ernie Goodman, an icon among Detroit progressives, successfully defended inmate Stroble (aka Shango) on charges of murder and kidnapping stemming from the 1971 uprising of inmates at Attica prison.

It was a "David and Goliath" struggle, says Garvin, and a David-style victory effectively turned the tables on the state, making way for the surviving inmates and their attorneys to win \$12 million in damages for the brutality of the state's attack on the prison.

Garvin's interest led her to write and produce *The Killing Yard*. She spoke recently with *Metro Times*.

Metro Times: People are often accused in situations like this of playing fast and free with historical facts in order to make an interesting scenario. Is this all rooted in facts, or did you let your imagination go as well?

Bonnie Garvin: The things I fictionalized were mainly things about relationships or sort of personal situations where you kind of had to fill in the blanks. This is a drama; it isn't a documentary. Everything that went on in the courtroom - all the things that related to what, in fact, happened legally and so forth - were absolutely true to the facts and were a result of having spent countless hours reading thousands of pages of transcripts.

I've taken dramatic license with certain personal things that happened. For example, the investigator who worked with Ernie on Shango's case was a young woman who now lives in Detroit named Linda Borus. Linda Borus and Shango fell in love and ultimately had a child together some years later. But I wasn't really in the room when they had an exchange, so I had to imagine what might have gone on.

Metro Times: How much of this is prison drama and how much of it is courtroom drama?

Garvin: Certainly it's a courtroom drama, although I suppose if you added up all the time you spent in the courtroom, you're probably there maybe 15 to 20 minutes because it also takes place in flashbacks: We re-create the uprising.

There's amazing footage. People who have seen the actual documentary footage out of Attica thought that this was actually more powerful and realistic. It's so believable and so harrowing. The way it's layered in the story helps you see it from the inmates' point of view.

Metro Times: You knew Ernie Goodman personally. What was he like?

Garvin: The only really painful part in all this is that he's not around to see it. He was truly a remarkable human being, a man of enormous humanity who, when I first came to him and said I wanted to write about him and this case, he laughed. He just thought it was so absurd that anyone would want to spend time writing about him. The only way he was even interested in it was because it had something to say - because it was about Attica.

Metro Times: Was there an attempt to get Alan Alda to act like Goodman?

Garvin: What Alan captures for me about Ernie is this, as I said earlier, this enormous humanity that just comes from a person who's so compassionate and kind and true of heart, and who really puts the greater good ahead of himself. But to me, I don't think people who knew Ernie would look and think, "God, he really reminds of Ernie."

Metro Times: How did Morris Chestnut, who is in Boyz N the Hood, relate to the film?

Garvin: He had to become Shango and he had to know what Shango knew, and Shango was a really well-read, political guy. Morris had to throw himself into research. And it was really interesting because I found these tapes of Malcolm X delivering his own speeches and gave them to Morris as a gift, and that was the first time he'd ever actually heard Malcolm X speak.

The one thing about Shango was he had - you could really feel it even when you look at photographs - that rage in the pit of his stomach.

Through the evolution of all that, you really saw Morris change and become that character.

Do you have a friend or relative in the service? Forward GI Special 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.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Soldier Killed By Baghdad Small-Arms Fire

Sept. 17, 2006 Multi-National Corps Iraq PAO RELEASE No. 20060917-08

BAGHDAD: A Multi-National Division-Baghdad Soldier was killed by small-arms fire at approximately 4:10 p.m. Sunday in north-central Baghdad.

Soldier Killed By Baghdad Roadside Bomb

18 September 2006 Multi-National Corps Iraq PAO RELEASE No. 20060917-09

BAGHDAD: A Multi-National Division-Baghdad Soldier was killed at approximately 3:45 p.m. Sunday when his vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb in north-eastern Baghdad.

W.Va. Marine Loses Legs, Finger After Stepping On Mine In Iraq

September 18, 2006 WCHS-TV8

PARKERSBURG, W.Va.: A Marine from Parkersburg was in critical condition today at a military hospital in Germany after losing both legs in a land mine accident in Iraq.

Corporal Christopher Santiago had both of his legs amputated below the knee yesterday. His mother Terri Santiago says he also lost the pinky finger on his left hand and his left arm was severely injured.

The 2002 graduate of Parkersburg High School was leading 45 men on a mission in Iraq on Saturday when he stepped on the mine.

The 22-year-old Santiago will likely spend the next month recovering in Germany. His mother says that once his condition improves, he will be transferred to a hospital in Bethesda, Maryland.

Santiago attended Marshall University for a year before joining the US Marine Corps. He was active in sports and martial arts, spending time as an instructor.

This was his third deployment, having served previously in Afghanistan and the Mediterranean. He arrived in Iraq in July.

Local Soldier Survives Iraq Blast

September 18, 2006 By CRAIG CASSIDY, Union Democrat

Part-time Sonora resident Michael Kruger came within a centimeter of death late last week when a car bomb exploded west of Baghdad, killing two and injuring 29 others.

Kruger, 25, was sitting at a mobile outpost kitchen on Thursday, when a truck driven by a suicide bomber burst near a power substation.

Kruger, a cook and Army specialist based in Fort Hood, Texas, was preparing to feed dozens of soldiers guarding the station.

The gun turret from a Humvee demolished in the blast flew over Kruger's head, said his mother, Ellen Perry, of Sonora.

"There were holes in the wall the size of a human head," she said.

Kruger was knocked from a chair and struck by shrapnel in the leg and neck.

One shard lodged in his neck within a centimeter of his carotid artery.

He was flown by helicopter to a hospital. Perry believes the hospital was in Iraq. The metal sliver was removed by a surgeon.

Of the other soldiers wounded in the attack, one was listed as very seriously injured and one as seriously injured. Eleven returned to duty and 17 were slightly wounded, military officials said. One soldier was reported missing.

Born in Willits, Mendocino County, Kruger grew up in Sonora. He attended Sonora's Mother Lode Adventist Junior Academy and, later, an Adventist high school in Sonoma.

He enlisted in the Army more than a year ago with his eyes set on becoming a cook, said Perry, who with her husband Roger Perry, runs Hillside Hearing Aid Center.

Kruger also hoped to be stationed far from the war-torn Middle East.

"He wanted to be stationed in Alaska," Perry said. "He went fishing in Alaska. He loves Alaska and he always hoped to go back and live there someday."

A U.S. Army official called Perry's home about 6 p.m. Thursday to report her son's injuries.

"I froze. I couldn't talk. He asked me if I was sitting down and that was worse," she said, learning moments later that her son's injuries were not considered major. She said her son, however, is in line for a Purple Heart medal.

Perry spoke with her son about 11 p.m. Thursday night.

"He said he was doing fine. He sounded pretty calm," Perry said.

"But if he had been standing, or if the shrapnel had been a centimeter over, he wouldn't be here."

Local Soldier Injured In Iraq Bombing

9.18.06 By Polly H. Greene, Hammond Star

One of Hammond's sons, Pfc. Alba Ryan Tanner, is in Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital for wounds sustained in a roadside bombing in Iraq. His relatives and church family are asking for prayers and letters of encouragement.

Tanner, 21, sustained extensive damage to the right side of his body on Aug. 27 in the line of duty with his Company A, 1st 37th Army Battalion tank unit, his Hammond relatives said.

A 2003 graduate of Independence High School, Tanner worked as an accounting technician for Neill Corp. in Hammond before enlisting in the U.S. Army on Sept. 13, 2004. Right from boot camp he was sent to Germany before being deployed to Iraq, family members said.

His mother, Barbara West of Hammond, is a library specialist at Southeastern Louisiana University.

While at work, she got a phone call telling her of her son's condition and that he was en route to Germany. Once she got word on Aug. 30 that he was flying from Germany to Washington, D.C., she and her daughter, Tiffany Tanner of Tickfaw, boarded a plane to be by his side.

His mom said Friday that inside his personal belongings she found that a Purple Heart had been awarded to her son. The father of her son's company commander, Lt. Col. Vincent Tedesco, has made several calls to Barbara to check on her son's progress.

Alba was unresponsive the first week after being wounded, she said. The upper right side of his body is badly injured. He has a broken jaw, so his jaw is wired. Plus, he has a trach.

As of Friday morning, Alba was communicating with his mom.

"He talks with his eyes and gives me a thumbs up," said West, who has been put up in Army billeting at the Walter Reed Medical Center.

West said she plans to be by her son's side as long as she can even though he is facing at least three to four months of treatment and rehabilitation. Her daughter has since returned home to her job and her 11-month-old child.

When asked how she was doing she said, "I'm not doing OK, but I will make it." Alba's mom, his uncle, Carl West, and his aunt, Audry Baham, say Alba was determined to serve his country.

He was home on leave in July, his uncle said. "While here I was complaining about abandoned cars in the neighborhood. He said to me, 'Uncle Carl, you don't have anything to complain about. You don't have bombs going off around your head.' He made me put things into perspective. He made me stop and re-evaluate and see what truly is valuable in life."

Tanner loved playing basketball, soccer and music, his uncle said. He and the family are members of Greater St. James Baptist Church where the Rev. Wilbard Jones is pastor. The family has already gotten tremendous support from their church family as well as from Neill Corp., which held a fundraiser and told Alba there is a job waiting for him when he returns, his mom said.

The family said they appreciate all those who have offered prayers and tokens of love and that's about all they can ask for right now.

"We can use all the prayers available," his uncle said.

Alba has needed several pints of blood, his mother said, so anyone wishing to donate blood in his name would be appreciated.

**THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO
COMPREHENSIBLE REASON TO BE IN THIS
EXTREMELY HIGH RISK LOCATION AT THIS
TIME, EXCEPT THAT A CROOKED
POLITICIAN WHO LIVES IN THE WHITE
HOUSE WANTS YOU THERE, SO HE WILL
LOOK GOOD FOR THE NOVEMBER
ELECTIONS:
That is not a good enough reason.**



A U.S. soldier stands on guard between two posts on a road as U.S. troops from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, in Baghdad September 16, 2006.
REUTERS/Thaier al-Sudani (IRAQ)

Mercenary Killed

September 17, 2006 Internet Broadcasting Systems, Inc.

NEW GLOUCESTER, Maine: A former police officer from New Gloucester has been killed in Iraq.

Darrell Wetherbee was working as an international police officer with DynCorp International when he was shot and killed Sunday by sniper fire in the city of Hawijah, near Tikrit.

Wetherbee, 46, had been in Iraq since June 1.

He had served two previous missions for DynCorp, both in the Serbian province of Kosovo.

Wetherbee had worked for the state's judicial branch. He began his career with the Freeport Police Department.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Four Canadian Soldiers Killed In Panjwayi

9.18.06 By NOOR KHAN, Associated Press Writer

A bomber on a bicycle attacked Canadian troops in Kandahar province's Panjwayi district. The blast killed four soldiers

Kansas National Guard Member Killed: Deghand Joined National Guard In 1986

September 18, 2006 The Associated Press.

TOPEKA, Kan.: A National Guard sergeant was killed Friday during fighting in Afghanistan.

The military said that Sgt. 1st Class Bernard Lee Deghand, 42, of Mayetta was killed by small arms fire during combat operations in Afghanistan. He is survived by a wife, two daughters and a stepson.

Deghand was a member of the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery in the 35th Division Artillery Embedded Training Team. Guard Capt. James Sullivan said that

Deghand went into the Army Reserves in 1981, when he was 18. He joined the Kansas Army National Guard in 1986.

Deghand's unit was involved in training Afghan soldiers in mechanized infantry

Rats Won't Board Stinking Ship [So Sorry About That]

9.18.06 Washington Post

More than a week after NATO's top officials publicly demanded reinforcements for their embattled mission in southern Afghanistan, only one alliance member has offered more troops.

“Western Troops Are Not Fighting ‘Terrorism’ In Afghanistan” “They Are Fighting The Afghan People”

<p>Claims that withdrawing Western garrisons from Afghanistan or Iraq will leave a void certain to be filled by extremists are nonsense. Half of Afghanistan and a third of Iraq are already largely controlled by anti-Western resistance forces.</p>

September 17, 2006 By ERIC MARGOLIS, Sun Media (Toronto)

As Canadian, American and British soldiers continue to die in Afghanistan, it is time the truth be told about this ugly little war.

Much of what we've so far been told by our governments and media has been untrue, wishful thinking, or crass jingoism.

Claims that withdrawing Western garrisons from Afghanistan or Iraq will leave a void certain to be filled by extremists are nonsense. Half of Afghanistan and a third of Iraq are already largely controlled by anti-Western resistance forces.

Were it not for omnipotent U.S. airpower, American and NATO forces would be quickly driven from the area.

Last week, Canadian and British commanders boasted they were about to annihilate Taliban forces “surrounded” around Panjwai and Zahri. They crowed about already killing an “estimated 500 Taliban.”

After a storm of bombing and shelling, British and Canadian commanders admitted “we were surprised the enemy had fled.”

Surprised?

“Good Morning, Afghanistan!”

Doesn't anyone remember the Vietnam War's fruitless search-and-destroy missions and inflated body counts? Don't NATO commanders know their every move is telegraphed in advance to Taliban forces?

Did Canadian officers making such fanciful claims really believe the Taliban's veteran guerillas would be stupid enough to sit still and be destroyed by U.S. air power?

U.S., British and Canadian politicians say they are surprised by intensifying Taliban resistance. They have only their own ignorance to blame.

Attacking Pashtuns, renowned for xenophobia, warlike spirits, and love of independence, is a fool's mission. Pashtuns are Afghanistan's ethnic majority; long-term national stability is impossible without their co-operation.

What the West calls “Taliban” is actually a growing coalition of veteran Taliban fighters led by Mullah Dadullah, other clans of Pashtun tribal warriors, and nationalist resistance forces under Jalalladin Hakkani and former prime minister Gulbadin Hekmatyar. Many are former mujahadeen once hailed as “freedom fighters” by the West, and branded “terrorists” by the Soviets.

The U.S. and its allies are not going to win the Afghan war. They will be lucky, the way things are going, not to lose it in the same humiliating manner the Soviets did in 1989.

Ottawa's deepening involvement in a conflict in which it lacks any national interests — save pleasing Washington and selling lumber — jeopardizes Canada's security.

Western troops are not fighting “terrorism” in Afghanistan, as Prime Minister Stephen Harper claims. They are fighting the Afghan people. Every new civilian killed, and every village bombed, breeds new enemies for the West.

TROOP NEWS

1200 From 1st ID Off To Bush's Imperial Slaughterhouse

September 18, 2006 Army Times

About 1,200 soldiers from 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, are en route to Iraq, a post press release said.

In January, the brigade's second deployment was halted. The unit will be in charge of training military transition teams at Fort Riley. Altogether, it has 3,500 soldiers.

The departing units are B and C companies, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry; B and C companies, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor; D Troop, 4th Cavalry; and B and D batteries, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery.

THIS IS HOW BUSH BRINGS THE TROOPS HOME: BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE



The casket of fallen Marine Lance Cpl. Eric Valdepenas, of Seekonk, Mass. at The Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul following funeral services, in Providence, R.I., Sept. 14, 2006. Valdepenas was killed by a roadside bomb while on patrol in Al Anbar province, in Iraq, in the first week of September. (AP Photo/Steven Senne)

“TELL BUSH AT THE UN: “YOUR WAR CRIMES MUST HALT!”

“We Have Been Fighting Too Long Their Way, It Is Time We Stood Up To Be Heard”

From: Elaine Brower (Mother Of Marine In Iraq)

Sent: September 18, 2006

Subject: BUSH VISIT TO UN 9/19

Dear friends,

I think it is time we stood together and let our impatience for this dictator be known.

I am asking that you join me tomorrow at 9:00 AM or possibly earlier at a location to be determined in the general vicinity of the UN.

Please come wearing nice clothing, no political statements, no backpacks, or large bags. No signs and just yourselves, and any of your friends you would think may like to join me.

This is important; I wouldn't ask you to join me because you all know I have a lot to lose. But there will be clergy, people of social standing, writers, poets, and some celebrities who will be joining me.

Military Families as well as Vets must show this government that we can no longer accept what is being done in our name and what they are doing to our children and the children of other nations.

If you will join me, email me or call me at 917-520-0767, so I can give you the exact location and time. Also, please forward this message to all you know who care deeply enough to make this commitment to end this illegal war and immoral government.

We have been fighting too long their way, it is time we stood up to be heard.

Here is my statement below:

September 18, 2006

TELL BUSH AT THE UN: "YOUR WAR CRIMES MUST HALT!"

On September 19, President Bush is coming to New York to address the UN General Assembly. Is there any doubt that he'll be demanding the world accept his illegal war in Iraq, his threats – and war preparations – against Iran, his torture, and his illegal prisons?

We have the moral and political responsibility to say NO, to stop this, and to reverse the current direction.

This is why I, a mother of a U.S. Marine stationed in Fallujah and a spokesperson for "World Can't Wait, Drive Out the Bush Regime," Beth Lamont, and members of the Bush Crimes Commission and the Not in Our Name Statement of Conscience

invite you to join us in a non-violent civil disobedience to protest Bush's UN appearance.

We do so in the spirit expressed by me recently: "I am on a mission to remove George Bush and his criminals from office."

And Beth Lamont states: – "I'll go for it! What have I got to lose? Think of the Iranians! Think of our Grandkids! Think of WWII!"

"The choice I have made as a mother and the choice that remains for all of us to make, is to take it upon ourselves to stop this awful war and all the other atrocities we watch being committed in our name."

Here is our statement for September 19: join us!

"We have come to the United Nations today to engage in non-violent civil disobedience. We demand the war on Iraq end immediately. We oppose any attack on Iran. We declare to the world that President George W. Bush has been found guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity. He does not speak for us."

"These crimes must come to a halt. As the Not In Our Name Statement of Conscience (Jan. 2005) said: "It is our responsibility to stop the Bush regime from carrying out this disastrous course. We believe history will judge us sharply should we fail to act decisively."

Some of us will also be joining the nationwide day of resistance on October 5th when thousands march around the country to say bring this to a HALT! World Can't Wait has been organizing feverishly with other groups and citizens who agree it is time to take the gloves off. Here in New York City we will rally by the UN and march through the streets. We are calling for people to walk out of work, school and stop what they are doing to join us. And people are jumping on board with this idea. There is a Way, There is a Day!

IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP

Assorted Resistance Action

09/18/06 By SINAN SALAHEDDIN, Associated Press Writer & KUNA & Reuters

Guerrilla fighters killed the security guard of parliament member Osama Al-Najafi whereas another policeman was seriously injured when an explosive device blew up in Mosul, a security source said on Monday.

The deceased was a brigadier in charge of the former Iraqi Army accounts.

The explosive device exploded when a police patrol was near by and the injured officer was taken to a hospital.

In southern Basra, police found the body of Lt. Col. Fawzi Abdul Karim al-Mousawi, chief of the city's anti-terrorism department. Al-Mousawi was captured late Sunday in front of his house by a group of armed men using two cars. He had been handcuffed and shot seven times.

Four policemen were killed when insurgents ambushed them in Mosul, police said.

Three border guards were killed and six wounded by a roadside bomb when they were searching a village near the Iraqi-Iranian border east of Kut, 170 km (105 miles) southeast of Baghdad, police said.

Two car bombers attacked a police station in Ramadi on Monday, killing at least two police officers.

Three Iraqi army soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb that targeted their patrol in Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of the capital.

Four policemen were killed when their patrol was ambushed by militant fighters in the northern city of Mosul, 230 miles northwest of Baghdad, police Maj. Ahmed Khalid said.

Celebration Time: **Foreign Mercenaries Blown Up**



Iraqis dance in front a burnt vehicle, in Baghdad, Iraq, Sept. 18, 2006. A roadside bomb targeting a convoy of foreign mercenaries exploded late on Sunday evening damaging one of their vehicles and injuring two occupants, police said. (AP Photo/Hadi Mizban)

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

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS

Top Secret--The Very Top



From: Richard Hastie
To: GI Special
Sent: September 15, 2006
Subject: Top Secret--The Very Top

**You do not bring the enemy to the peace table by
just killing military combatants.**

**You ultimately bring the enemy to the peace table
by killing innocent civilians.**

They are military targets.

**The primary goal of the aggressor nation
is to break the spirit of the people,
and its ability to defend its homeland.**

**This strategy is as old
as warfare itself.**

**Mike Hastie
Vietnam Veteran**

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

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

Captain Crazy Shot Seven Times

From: Dennis Serdel
To: GI Special
Sent: Subject: Captain Crazy Shot Seven Times, by Dennis

[Written by Dennis Serdel, Vietnam 1967-68 (one tour) Light Infantry, Americal Div. 11th Brigade, purple heart, Veterans For Peace, Vietnam Veterans Against The War, United Auto Workers GM Retiree, in Perry, Michigan]

Captain Crazy Shot Seven Times

**Formation at dawn, hell, it was still night
as the grunts bumped into one another.
"Why are we here so early?"
asked someone in the dark.
Some red butts from cigarettes lit the night.
"Put out those cigarettes
and get into formation," barked the darkness.
"What's going on?" asked a voice.
Just then, a small PA system said,
"Let us bow our heads and pray."
The eulogy lasted awhile
until the grunts could make out
the body bags lined up in the faint light
to be dumped in graves in America.
Dismissed, and the formation began to break up.
Suddenly the Lieutenants
and Sergeants were repeating.
"Hold up, hold up."
Then the Captain ran up and said,**

"Just gather around me." His eyes were rolling around full of excitement as he said, "We're doing a helicopter combat assault this morning and it's hot, very hot. I had to do some talking, but I finally convinced them to let our Company go in first." His eyes jumped around like a madman, "Let's go kick some ass," he said to the grunts, trying to pump them up as a coach would before a football game. But this was not a football game, this was Vietnam and his military career meant nothing to them.

“Think I’ll Pass On The Blood Money Offer”

From: David Honish
To: GI Special
Sent: September 18, 2006
Subject: Fwd: Retired Army National Guard Soldiers Are Now Eligible For The Guard Recruiting Assistant Program!

Think I'll pass on the blood money offer:

"Gifford, Fatimah E. CIV TXARNG" <Fatimah.Gifford@ng.army.mil> wrote:
Subject: Retired Army National Guard Soldiers Are Now Eligible For The Guard Recruiting Assistant Program!
Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 10:47:12 -0500
From: "Gifford, Fatimah E. CIV TXARNG" <Fatimah.Gifford@ng.army.mil>
To: <rem280guy@yahoo.com>

David J Honish,

Retirees, who have been retired for at least six months, can enjoy all their retirement benefits along with earning up to \$2000 for each new recruit who enlists and reports to Basic Training. With the unlimited numbers of potential soldiers that you can enlist, this is a great way for retirees to continue to serve their country/state.

G-RAP is designed for individuals who voluntarily apply online at: www.guardrecruitingassistant.com to become eligible to be a part time Recruiting Assistant. It aids in the Guard obtaining quality Potential Soldiers while maintaining its state's mission, while allowing you to use your individual spheres of influence within your communities.

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OCCUPATION REPORT

Collaborator Regime Helping Resistance Recruit More Fighters [As Usual]



Iraqis families, who had occupied houses left by Saddam Hussein's republican guards after the fall of Baghdad, shout anti Iraq government slogans, during a demonstration, in Baghdad Sept. 18, 2006, against the government's order to evict those houses. (AP Photo/Khalid Mohammed)

Welcome To Liberated Iraq:

Abu Ghraib Under New Management; Bigger And Better Torture Just For You!

Sep 16 Aaron Glantz, OneWorld US [Excerpts]

Fresh allegations of brutality are being reported from inside the walls of Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison, which was transferred from U.S. military to Iraqi government control on September 1st.

Sa'dik al-Hasnawi, who heads up Shi'ite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's offices in the southern city of Diwaniya, told OneWorld, "it seems torture is not just a random thing. It's a policy and everyone is required to follow it."

Hasnawi has been interviewing inmates as they're released from Abu Ghraib.

"I have seen cases with drilling and electric shocks and one of the prisoners' knee caps were removed in a surgical process that was a form of torture," he said.

"Abu Ghraib prison has been turned over to the Ministry of Justice so the torturing isn't just in the American prisons. It's in the Iraqi police prisons as well."

Hasnawi isn't the only one making such allegations.

This week, the London Daily Telegraph reported conditions inside the prison were "grim, with an overwhelming stench of excrement, prisoners crammed into cells for all but 20 minutes a day, food rations cut to just rice and water, and no air conditioning."

Prisoners interviewed by the Telegraph in the presence of their jailers said they were frightened for their safety.

Iraqi guards apologized for the lack of food for prisoners but said there was nothing they could do.

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DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



[Thanks to David Honish, Veteran, who sent this in.]

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The Let Him Off Easy

5.18.06 Wall St. Journal

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