

GI SPECIAL 4K14:



ROADSIDE BOMBS...

[Thanks to Mark Shapiro, who sent this in.]

A Thank You From Ramadi:

**“We Will No Longer Stand By
And Watch A Failed Policy Kill
Our Sons, Brothers, Sisters,
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November 08, 2006 By Spencer Batchelder, Posted At Drinking Liberally, Drinkingliberally.org

Our good friend Spencer, currently in Iraq, sent out this email thanking those of us who voted for progress and change. with his permission I have posted his email here.

I just wanted to take a moment to thank all of you who voted in this election.

First off let me thank you for being my voice from Iraq.

I remember during my last deployment the extreme upset I felt when our President was re-elected for a second term.

At the time I blamed it mostly on voter turnout and a disinterest from the American people, now I understand it as something different. It was a powerful fear campaign.

I saw weariness on the men's faces around me everyday, and constantly saw the injured and dead children of our great Nation being brought into our gates.

I lost friends and fellow service members for a war that was unpopular and that I couldn't agree with.

I carried the bodies of Iraqi teenagers with my bare hands seeing their lifeless eyes staring back at me as I loaded their bodies into the backs of trucks to be hauled off to hospitals, teenagers who were barely 16.

I couldn't understand what all this madness was for and I felt a deep resentment of the American people for not doing enough. For continuing to elect officials that I felt didn't ask the tough questions.

That resentment seems to be dwindling today as I watched on the news a country vote to send a message to our president, a strong resounding voice arouse from the churches, civic centers, and other polling places of America yesterday telling our president that we will no longer stand by and watch a failed policy kill our sons, brothers, sisters, and daughters in a poorly planned, poorly executed, and poorly strategized war.

I would like to thank all you that voted not only for encouraging change in this nation, but for supporting the other various issues that hopefully now will not plague us in the future, as in poor budget planning, health-care costs, and various other environmental issues.

Thank you all first and foremost for restoring this service-members faith in his fellow countrymen.

I hope the oversights to come reveal to America the horror that is this war and the gross negligence of the men whom they elected into office to plan it.

We see the cost everyday as we watch the ticker at the bottom of the news screen.

Thank you for full filling your civic responsibility, thank you for being a true American, and again thank you for restoring my faith in our nation.

Sincerely
Spencer Batchelder
Ramadi, Iraq

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 or write to: The Military Project, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657

NOTICE:

As activity by and for troops against the war increases, that takes time away from GI Special work. Some issues are delayed. It's not possible to reply with thanks as often for the fine news and letters sent in by troops, military family members, veterans, and civilians who understand why nothing is more likely to shorten the war than reaching out to the troops person to person, face to face, including the National Guards and Reserves who live right next to you.

It's very hard to fight a war without an armed force willing to do it.

So, please accept this way of expressing respect for and hand-in-hand solidarity with everybody who sends in all the good stuff. T.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Two Baghdad Soldiers Killed, Two Wounded BY IED

Nov. 13, 2006 Multi National Corps Iraq Public Affairs Office, Camp Victory RELEASE
No. 20061113-13

BAGHDAD: Two Multi-National Division Baghdad Soldiers were killed during combat operations when an improvised-explosive device detonated at approximately 10:20 a.m. in Baghdad Nov. 13. Two additional Soldiers were wounded in the same incident.

Two Soldiers Killed, Two Others Wounded By Salah Ad Din VBED

Nov. 13, 2006 AP

TIKRIT, Iraq: Two Soldiers assigned to 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, were killed Sunday when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle while conducting operations in Salah ad Din Province.

California Staff Sgt. Killed In Kirkuk



Staff Sgt. Richwell A. Doria, of San Diego died Nov. 7, 2006, in Kirkuk, Iraq, after being hit by small arms fire during an air assault mission. He was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. (AP Photo/U.S. Army)

Maine Native Killed In Iraq Explosion

11/13/2006 Rhonda Erskine, Online Content Producer, WCSH

A Maine native has been killed in Iraq. Army Sergeant William "Jack" Samuel Jackson, II was killed by an improvised explosive device on Veterans Day.

Jackson was born in Thomaston, graduated from a small, Christian high school in Warren and went to college in Wisconsin.

His sister, Victoria, said when he was in college, he met his wife, Katie. Victoria said it was also then that he decided to join the Marines.

Jackson was deployed to Afghanistan shortly after the September 11 attacks and he stayed for about 18 months. When he returned home, he moved his wife and children to Rockland to be close to his family. He worked for Telford Aviation for a short time. But Jackson told his family he wanted to do more and wanted to rejoin the military.

"We had some words over it, because different viewpoints than him," said Victoria Jackson. "He just said he was born to do it. He just loved everything about it, just wanted to serve his country. And he just enjoyed it so much."

The 29-year-old enlisted with the Army and left for Iraq in January. He came home in April to be there for his daughter's birth. Victoria said Jack was looking forward to coming home to his wife and four children in Michigan.

"He had just passed the board for a promotion," said Victoria. "He was going to get a job in the states after March in Michigan hopefully. I don't know if he was going to be a recruiter or something like that for a little while."

No funeral arrangements have been made yet. Victoria said there will be a memorial service in the Thomaston-Warren area because much of their family still lives in the area. She said Jack's wife, Katie, is also arranging a service at Arlington National Cemetery.

Slovak Soldier Killed In Iraq

11/13/2006 The Slovak Spectator

A SLOVAK soldier was one of four casualties caused by the explosion of an improvised explosive device (IED) used to attack a convoy of coalition forces in Iraq during the night from Friday to Saturday in the city of Al Qut.

Private Rastislav Nepelch from Žilina was serving in the Slovak peacekeeping mission stationed in Al Hillah at the time. The explosion also killed a Polish soldier and seriously wounded another Pole as well as an Armenian soldier.

The wounded soldiers are now in hospital in Baghdad. The convoy was made up of 20 vehicles, ten of which were Slovak Army vehicles, four of which were US and six of which were from Salvadorian forces.

The explosion hit the third vehicle in the convoy after it passed through an intersection on a narrow street in a built-up area of the city, the SITA news agency wrote.

In response to the news from Iraq, Prime Minister Robert Fico said he considers this to be a "very, very tragic event".

The Slovak government had already decided to withdraw Slovak troops from Iraq in February 2007 prior to the incident.

A poll carried out by the MVK agency for the Sme daily suggests that 57 percent of Slovaks support the pullout of Slovak troops from Iraq.

Great Moments In U.S. Military History:

U.S. Jets Attack Homes In Baghdad

Nov. 13, 2006 ASSOCIATED PRESS

US forces Monday night raided the homes of followers of radical anti-American Shi'ite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, then called in US jets that were circling the northwest Baghdad neighborhood and firing rockets, killing nine people, residents said.

Police put the death toll at five.

FUTILE EXERCISE: BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW!



U.S. soldiers search a vehicle at a checkpoint in Baghdad October 24, 2006.
REUTERS/Thaier al-Sudani (IRAQ)

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Four Occupation Soldiers Wounded In Bermel; Nationality Not Announced

11.13.06 Associated Press Writer

Four NATO soldiers and three Afghan soldiers were injured from fighting in Bermel district, Paktika province, in the last several days

Bermel is home to a military base that hosts both Afghan and U.S. soldiers.

600 Resistance Attacks Monthly Now; Up From 130 A Month Last Year

11.13.06 By JASON STRAZIUSO, Associated Press Writer

Insurgent activity in Afghanistan has risen fourfold this year, and militants now launch more than 600 attacks a month, a rising wave of violence that has resulted in 3,700 deaths in 2006, a bleak new report released Sunday found.

The new report said insurgents were launching more than 600 attacks a month as of the end of September, up from 300 a month at the end of March this year.

Afghanistan saw about 130 insurgent attacks a month last year, said the report by the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Board, a body of Afghan and international officials charged with overseeing the implementation of the Afghanistan Compact, a five-year reconstruction and development blueprint signed in February.

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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)

TROOP NEWS

RESISTANCE WHERE IT COUNTS:

HOW ANTI-WAR SOLDIERS WHO SERVED IN IRAQ
ORGANIZED AGAINST THE WAR ON THE FRONT LINES

JEFF ENGLEHART, JOE HATCHER and GARETT REPPENHAGEN
1st Infantry Division, Diyala Province, Iraq, 2004 - 2005



THERE HAS TO BE A POINT
WHEN WE REACH A HIGH
ENOUGH NUMBER OF TROOPS IN
OUR PEACE EFFORT THAT A
UNIFIED BOYCOTT OF ALL
MILITARY ACTION WILL HAVE
A DESIRED EFFECT

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**“The Anger I Felt During The
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Today”**

**“I Am Serving The Interests Of
Large Corporations And
Lobbyists”**

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Posted by Spencer Batchelder on July 18, 2006 at 11:56 PM, Halfjack.typepad.com

Why I Write this Blog

I was recently watching Gunner Palace and thinking how young and naïve I was back then. My biggest fear was the American people forgetting us, our plight, and our sacrifice.

I really didn't have a grasp on the situations arising in the states. The thing I feared most was in actuality my enemy. The media and its sensationalistic coverage of the war, the Middle East, and "terror" are what allowed the Bush administration to brainwash a people. A fear stricken public elected Bush again allowed him to take away our rights and freedoms, wire tap our homes and businesses all unpunished.

My new fear of this deployment is what is happening to America.

We cut social programs to line the pockets of corporations.

Is this the country I swore to defend?

The anger I felt during the last deployment is nothing compared to the hatred I feel today.

I guess I am bitter, I am slowly turning into the thing I most despise, the disgruntled veteran. I have had such a hard time dealing with this more than any other issue in my life. But I see so much wrong with America.

Maybe because I have sacrificed so much for this country I feel that I do have the right to express my opinions or that they should count more than people like Ann Coulter who have done nothing but poison public opinion.

I also serve in a different Army than I once did. The liberal soldier or the politically active soldier is an endangered species today. Gone are the days when I or the people I serve with could say, "I didn't sign up for this."

Soldiers that join today know exactly what they are getting into; they know they will go to Iraq over, and over, and over again. They know that they risk their lives for lies. Yet they still serve, it goes to show you the power that recruiters have over young impressionable minds. It saddens me that some of the army's best and brightest get out because their government has betrayed them.

I am disappointed that in America, when I signed a contract to protect our citizens I now count on them to defend me.

I guess that I have no viable option but to join my brothers in arms and leave an organization I so believed in, whose principles I swore to uphold to the best of my ability.

I can no longer serve a government that lies to its people, which tortures, murders, and exploits the ideals it was based upon.

I can no longer fight a war that I find morally reprehensible. That I have seen people lose their lives for.

I have been to more memorials than I can count on two hands. I have seen the faces of the men displayed above empty pairs of boots who have never met the children born to them during the deployment.

I have shed tears for their wives, children, mothers, and fathers whom I have never met.

I have scrubbed the blood of Iraqis off my boots, looked into their lifeless eyes and saw the idealism that our country was founded upon.

I discovered extremes of hatred and compassion I never knew were possible while serving in this country.

And while I feel I have grown and learned much serving here I do miss a day when serving your country meant what it said, not as it is today where I am serving the interests of large corporations and lobbyists.

So that's why I write this blog. To share my life, my story, and my views to involve people in the country in which they live.

It is the obligation of every citizen of this nation to become involved in politics, that is the basis of which our country is founded upon.

A government of the people for the people is an ideal we in this country must uphold because the inaction of her citizens will be her demise.

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



A member of U.S. military medical staff gathers uniforms of wounded U.S. soldiers at the emergency room of a U.S. military hospital in the fortified Green Zone in Baghdad October 30, 2006. REUTERS/Thaier al-Sudani (IRAQ)

104th Division To Send 300 Soldiers To Bush's Imperial Slaughterhouse

November 13, 2006 By DEAN BAKER, Columbian staff writer

About 300 soldiers from Vancouver's largest military organization are getting ready to deploy to Iraq, where they will help train elements of the Iraqi army and police force next year.

Many soldiers from the Army Reserve's Vancouver-based 104th Division (Institutional Training) already have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. But this is the largest deployment of soldiers from the 104th since World War II, when the unit was mobilized at Camp Adair, near Corvallis, Ore., on Sept. 15, 1942, said Maj. Daniel E. Herrigstad, the division's public affairs officer.

The soldiers preparing for war, including many from Vancouver and the rest from across the 14 Western states, are on a 12-day training exercise at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., under the command of Col. Blair Alexander, 48, an Oakland, Calif., police sergeant in civilian life.

They also trained there for nine days in September.

Alexander is a seasoned veteran of the Army. He served as a Ranger in the invasion of the island of Grenada under John Abizaid, now the general in charge of the Army's central command. [Oh right. Everybody knows how rough that one was.]

“Explaining Iraq To Friends”

[Thanks to Bunkie Weir, Veterans Against The Iraq War, who sent this in.]

November 13, 2006 By Col. S. Ward Casscells, Stars & Stripes Mideast edition

Explaining Iraq to friends was hard, until I realized it is a lot like your first car: the used Chevy you bought at 17.

It looks great, but up close you see some rust. It starts, backfires once and hesitates, then moves along pretty well. A few weekends of work, and you'll cruise to the beach!

You fork over \$800 and drive it home. Now you notice the radio has only one speaker. When you brake, it pulls to the left. Zero to 60 mph in 11 seconds doesn't impress the guys. You tell yourself to be realistic: You just need a car that will reach the beach without too much smoke and noise.

That night it rains and you learn that the headlights and the wipers are both out. Your father asks if you noticed the oil leak. Your mother says you have to leave the car on the street since the garage has two cars already.

You estimate you have to put in \$1,400, and every weekend that summer, just to have a car that is safe; twice that to have a showpiece. Meanwhile you have to drive it to work. You pray the engine doesn't catch fire before you can fix it up.

You work on it every weekend. Friends and relatives drop by to offer advice, wisecracks and a few parts, but no labor or money. Your girl thinks you're pretty darn manly.

A month later you're broke: Vandalism was not factored into the budget. Guys are asking if you are putting on the racing stripes yet, har har. You don't dare drive it all the way to the beach. Even your girl is asking you if you made a mistake. You put on a brave smile and keep at it.

Two years later you win a classic car contest, and your picture's in the paper. That night the tires are slashed; you sigh and fix them.

It occurs to you that you have learned a lot about cars and people, and people have learned a few things about you.

Col. S. Ward Casscells is serving in Baghdad. The views expressed are his and not necessarily those of Multinational Force-Iraq, the U.S. Army, U.S. government or Republic of Iraq.

Veterans Wait Years For Benefits: Richmond Lawyer Knows Of 40 Clients Who Died Before Court Ruled On Disability

[Thanks to Mark Shapiro, who sent this in.]

Oct 15, 2006 BY JAMES W. CRAWLEY, MEDIA GENERAL NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON -- Thousands of veterans, many of whom fought in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, have been waiting years for disability claims to be decided by a little-known appeals court here.

The delays have been so long that some veterans have died waiting.

"The backlog has never been longer than now," said Randy Reese, national service director for Disabled American Veterans.

The appeals court is at the crest of a bureaucratic tsunami that has hundreds of thousands of veterans waiting months and, more often, years for disability benefits. With one in four veterans of the battles in Iraq and Afghanistan already filing for disability benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs, the wait is likely to get longer.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims is the last resort for most veterans whose claims for disability payments have been denied.

During the past year, the appeals court received a record 3,729 new cases, said Norman Herring, the court's clerk and executive officer. At the same time, it decided 2,842 cases.

More than 300 new cases are filed monthly, Herring said, and the court has a backlog of 6,080 cases.

William Bolin is one of those veterans waiting in line.

Bolin of Winston-Salem, N.C., is 75 and a former Air Force pilot. He wants to increase his service-connected disability rating to 50 percent. If he wins, he will likely get free VA medical care and enough money to pay bills and maintain his house.

"I can't get a paying job because I can't keep up with healthy people," Bolin said, referring to a leg injured in a recreational plane crash while in the Air Force. He also suffers seizures, which he blames on head injuries suffered in the crash.

He says he has had trouble holding a job since he left the Air Force and therefore doesn't qualify for Social Security benefits.

"We should take care of our veterans, but I don't think they're taking care of me," Bolin said.

He filed his original claim seven years ago. It reached the appeals court in March 2005.

Bolin has been hospitalized twice this year and fears he may die before his case is settled. That fear is too often realized by veterans.

His attorney, Dan Krasnegor, who works for a Richmond law firm that specializes in veterans' appeals, has had about 40 clients die before their cases were decided by the court.

"When a veteran dies, the general rule is their claim dies with them," Krasnegor said.

MORE:

Troops Hating Scum Who Run The VA Cut Services, Created Waiting Lists: *And Refused To Spend Money They Had On Hand!!*

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[Thanks to Mark Shapiro, who sent this in.]

Oct 20, 2006 Eric Newhouse, The Great Falls Tribune [Excerpts]

Veterans with emotional disorders are overloading treatment facilities, which haven't received the funding they need to provide adequate help, according to two new government reports.

Among the other findings in the report:

40 percent of the centers have sent veterans with readjustment issues who should be receiving individualized therapy into group therapy.

30 percent said they need more staff.

25 percent cut services and created waiting lists.

20 percent said they have either limited or no capability to provide counseling or therapy for families dealing with veterans suffering from PTSD or other mental health problems.

Paul Sullivan, director of programs for Veterans for America, a veterans advocacy group, said the Vet Center report was disturbing but not surprising.

"We've been saying that VA is in crisis," he said. "It shows that VA does not have a plan. This is additional evidence."

The VA vastly underestimated the number of PTSD cases it expected to see this year, predicting it would see 2,900 cases. As of June, VA staff saw more than 34,000 Iraq and Afghanistan veterans for PTSD, Sullivan said.

Meanwhile, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) reported late last month that the Bush administration failed to fully fund its promised \$300 million to address gaps in access and quality of mental health services for veterans over the past two years.

Preliminary findings of the GAO study show the VA actually budgeted only half — approximately \$53 million — of the \$100 million it had committed to mental health care initiatives in fiscal year 2005.

VA also claimed to allocate another \$35 million in FY 2005 through a general fund, but the GAO found "VA did not notify networks that these funds were to be used for (mental health) plan initiatives" and that medical center officials "were unaware that any portion of their general allocation was to be specifically used for mental health strategic plan initiatives."

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IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP



(Graphic: London Financial Times)

Assorted Resistance Action

Nov. 13 Reuters & (Xinhua) & 14 Nov 2006 Reuters & Middle East Online

Unknown insurgents assassinated a high-ranking police officer and his driver in central Baghdad on Monday, an Interior Ministry source said.

They killed Brigadier Salih Kamel, from the Iraqi traffic police, in the Waziyria neighborhood while he was heading to his work, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. Kamel is the second high-ranking traffic police officer being attacked in two days.

A roadside bomb exploded near the convoy of army General, Anwar Amin, and wounded three of his guards near Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

Militants killed a policeman in the northern city of Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad.

An Interior Ministry source said insurgents attacked cars carrying guards of Vice-President Adil Abdul Mahdi, killing two and wounding a third.

Insurgents captured police Major Muhammed Salim in the central Karrada district of Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

A car bomb in downtown Tikrit wounded three policemen, police said.

Guerrillas killed a security guard for former Prime Minister Iyad Allawi on his way home in the western Ghazaliya district of Baghdad, Allawi's Iraqi National List said.

Gunmen attacked a police patrol killing three policemen and wounding another in Baquba, police said.

Police reported that a police lieutenant was shot dead in Baquba city itself.

Southeast of the capital, in the central city of Kut, gunmen attacked an Iraqi army patrol, killing two soldiers.

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

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS

A Mother Grieves The Death Of Her Child



From: Mike Hastie
To: GI Special
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2006
Subject: A Mother Grieves The Death Of Her Child

A Mother Grieves The Death Of Her Child

**I truly believe if mothers could hear the screams of their children dying in war,
there wouldn't be any wars.**

Mike Hastie
U.S. Army Medic
Vietnam 1970-71
Armistice Day 2006

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)

The F Troop

From: Dennis Serdel
To: GI Special
Sent: November 13, 2006
Subject: The F Troop

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

The F Troop

Bush is point man as his squad humps the desert sands
with dunes rolling all over with nothing else in sight
when he turned around and asks Chaney, "FUKOWE?"
Chaney asks him "What did you say?" Bush says "FUKOWE?"
Chaney says, "I don't understank what you are asking."
Bush takes a big swig from his canteen filled with whiskey
and screams, "WHERE THE FUCK ARE WE?"
Chaney feels like shooting Bush right in the face with his shotgun
but instead says, "The oil pipeline should be around here somewhere."
Then came Rumsfeld who is trying to put a clip in his M-16
he turns around to Condi who is carrying a M-60 machine gun
and asks her how to put bullets in his gun.
She screams at him to call it a rifle, not a gun, then tells him
he won't need ammo because the recruiters
said they would never see any action.
But Rumsfeld can feel fear and asks her, "FUKOWE?"
Just then, Asamabama's mama pokes up out of the sand
and snipers Rummy between the eyes and then she disappears.
The point man Bush says not to worry
he has Robert Gates to replace him and then asks again, "FUKOWE?"
Rush Limbaugh is behind Condi with his rucksack
full of pain pills wrestling with the radio with Karl Rove
who is telling FOX TV we are winning
but Rush wants to ask over the air "FUKOWE?" because he's scared
but Rove tells Rush to just take a hand full of pain pills and shut up.
Behind him is Evangelist Ted Haddard who is asking Rush for some meth

and looking at his ass while behind him
Paul Wolfowitz is getting upset and thinks they are lost
while Richard Perle is at the rear of the squad
and all he sees is sand and asks Wolfowitz, "FUKOWE?"
Wolfie sighs and says, "I think we're dead."

What do you think? Comments from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to The Military Project, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or send to contact@militaryproject.org:. Name, I.D., withheld on request. Replies confidential. Same to unsubscribe.

One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head. The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.

Mike Hastie
U.S. Army Medic
Vietnam 1970-71
December 13, 2004

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



[Thanks to Mark Shapiro, who sent this in.]



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The Traitor Bush Says Any Immigrant Can Be Arrested And Held In Prison Forever With No Appeal To State Or Federal Courts

13 November 2006 By Matt Apuzzo, The Associated Press

Washington: Immigrants arrested in the United States may be held indefinitely on suspicion of terrorism and may not challenge their imprisonment in civilian courts, the Bush administration said Monday, opening a new legal front in the fight over the rights of detainees.

In court documents filed with the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., the Justice Department said a new anti-terrorism law being used to hold detainees in Guantanamo Bay also applies to foreigners captured and held in the United States.

Ali Saleh Kahlah Al-Marri, a citizen of Qatar, was arrested in 2001 while studying in the United States. He has been labeled an "enemy combatant," a designation that, under a law signed last month, strips foreigners of the right to challenge their detention in federal courts.

That law is being used to argue the Guantanamo Bay cases, but Al-Marri represents the first detainee inside the United States to come under the new law. Aliens normally have the right to contest their imprisonment, such as when they are arrested on immigration violations or for other crimes.

"It's pretty stunning that any alien living in the United States can be denied this right," said Jonathan Hafetz, an attorney for Al-Marri.

"It means any non-citizen, and there are millions of them, can be whisked off at night and be put in detention."

Texas Prisoner Gets 40 Years For Cellphone Used To Call His Sister; Guards Get Probation For Smuggling Them To Prisoners

By Michael Rigby, September 2006 Prison Legal News [Excerpts]

In April 2006 a Texas prisoner was sentenced to 40 years in prison for possessing a contraband cell phone: 8 years more than the 32-year sentence he was already serving for auto theft.

The sentence, the longest anyone has received since the Texas legislature made possession of a cell phone in prison a third degree felony, is extreme.

Prosecutors in Brazoria County never alleged that Manor 41, used the cell phone to carry out illegal activity or circumvent prison security.

Rather, the evidence shows only that he used it to call his sister.

"I was so surprised just to hear my brother's voice," said Shirley Manor, a contract worker for the Texas Department of Health. "He just asked us how we were doing."

Before the call, said Ms. Manor, she hadn't seen or heard from her brother in years.

Phil Hall, who prosecuted the case, was elated with the long sentence. "We are trying to remove him from society. He doesn't deserve to have a cell phone, said Hall. "The jury really bought into the argument."

Prosecutors initially offered Manor a 20-year plea deal. He opted for trial instead, hoping for a more reasonable sentence.

In 2005, Texas prison officials seized 135 cell phones. In just the first 4 months of 2006 they seized another 90.

Most of the cell phones, if not all of them, are brought in by prison workers, according to investigators and prosecutors.

In one case, a Brazoria County guard was arrested during a sting operation after she agreed to smuggle a cell phone and heroin into the Darrington prison for \$250.

With prisoners receiving such harsh sentences for merely possessing a cell phone, it would stand to reason that guards are also receiving stiff prison terms for providing them.

After all, they're the very ones responsible for the prison security, and ultimately the public safety, that prosecutors say is so threatened by the phones.

But incredibly, this is not the case.

As of April 2006, not one guard had been sentenced to prison for smuggling in a cell phone. If they receive anything, it's probation.

Herb Hancock, a special prosecutor in South Texas, said it is more difficult to prosecute guards because of who the witnesses are. "If you want to watch a room go cold, come watch a voir dire where I mention 'inmate witnesses,'" he said "They're like. 'Is this all you've got?'"

Meanwhile, there are no such hurdles to prosecuting prisoners.

After Manor was sentenced to 40 years, meaning he could very well spend the rest of his life in prison, another Darrington prisoner accepted a plea agreement of 25 years.

(See PLN May 2005, p. 24 for more on contraband cellphones in Texas, the U.S., and throughout the world.)

Sources: Dallas Morning News, Associated Press

OCCUPATION REPORT

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Sovereignty Bullshit:
U.S. General Gives Orders To
Iraq's Fake Prime Minister:***

Abizaid “Sternly Warns” His Dog To Disband Militias



The faithful dog getting his orders from his master: al-Maliki meeting Gen. Abizaid, head of the U.S. Central Command, in Baghdad Nov. 13, 2006. Abizaid, who commands all U.S. forces in the Middle East, told al-Maliki what to do. (AP Photo/HO)

November 13, 2006 By STEVEN R. HURST, Associated Press Writer

The U.S. Central Command chief confronted Iraq's prime minister on Monday.

Gen. John Abizaid, commander of all U.S. forces in the Middle East, sternly warned Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki that he must disband Shiite militias and give the United States proof that they were disarmed, according to senior Iraqi government officials with knowledge of what the two men discussed.

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