

## **Military Resistance 8C1**



# **Oops: Resistance Attacking U.S. Resupply Convoys For Marjah: “There Was No Word On Casualties”**

[Thanks to Michael Letwin, New York City Labor Against The War & Military Resistance]

March 1, 2010 By Alfred de Montesquiou, Associated Press [Excerpts]

[I]nsurgents are striking back by attacking resupply convoys moving in and out of Marja with roadside bombs, Marines said Sunday.

**Four convoys have been hit in the last two days, Marines said, speaking on the condition of anonymity because they were not supposed to release the information.**

**There was no word on casualties.**

[So, who has who in what box? T]

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## IRAQ WAR REPORTS

### **Remember Obama’s Stupid Lying Bullshit About How U.S. Troops Have Been Withdrawn From “Urban Areas”?**



A U.S. soldier walks on patrol in Kerbala, 572,300 people (2003), 80 km (50 miles) southwest of Baghdad March 1, 2010. Photo: REUTERS/Mushtaq Muhammed

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## AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

### **Three Foreign “Service Members” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan; Nationality Unknown**

3.1.10 AP & IJC Public Affairs Office

Three service members died in attacks Monday, in addition to one service member killed by a bomb in Kandahar.

Two ISAF servicemembers were killed in an indirect fire attack in western Afghanistan today.

In another operation, an ISAF servicemember was killed in a small-arms attack in southern Afghanistan today.

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## **Foreign Soldier Killed By IED Attack Near Key Kandahar Base Supporting Marjah Offensive; “Several” Wounded; Nationality Not Announced**



Remains of armored personnel carrier blown up in Kandahar south of Kabul, Afghanistan on March 1, 2010. (AP Photo/Allauddin Khan)

3.1.10 By Sayed Salahuddin and Hamid Shalizi Sayed Salahuddin And Hamid Shalizi, (Reuters) & AFP

Two blasts hours apart on Monday killed at least six people in the southern city of Kandahar.

One member of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) [translation: foreign occupation soldier] was killed in one of the Kandahar strikes,

An improvised explosive device (IED) exploded about four kilometres (two miles) south of the main base in Kandahar where thousands of NATO and US troops are stationed, NATO spokesman and Polish army Major Macin Walezak told AFP.

Several foreign soldiers were wounded in the blast.

**The airport is a key base for a major offensive by Afghan and foreign forces launched in neighbouring Helmand province two weeks ago to retake the town of Marjah from the Taliban.**

Foreign troops cordoned off the road leading to the site of the strike, witnesses said, adding that a coalition helicopter evacuated the wounded foreign soldiers.

In a statement on their website, the Taliban claimed responsibility, saying at least 11 foreign soldiers were killed in the strike.

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## **Soldier From East Austin Killed In Afghanistan**



Bobby Pagan, 23

2/18/2010 By: Anne Szilagyi, News8Austin

A former Anderson High school student, who joined the Army in 2008, has been killed in Afghanistan.

Bobby Pagan was born and raised in East Austin, and leaves behind a family of eight.

The Pagan family said 23-year-old Bobby was a man eager to help out, and one who brought joy into the lives of others.

He had hoped to return home from his tour in Afghanistan with his new fiancée Diana Soriano in two weeks. They met while in the Army, and finding the time to see each other wasn't easy.

"He actually proposed to me through a letter and then later on after I told him 'Yes' over the phone, he said he wanted to do it in person," Soriano said.

It was not to be, however. Soriano said he was killed by a suicide bomber on a motorbike, while on foot patrol in southern Afghanistan.

Soriano had to make the journey to meet his family for the first time, alone.

“He was supposed to be traveling with me, so I just, I was just alone for too long. When I finally seen them, I mean they are the only thing that I have that's a part of him,” Soriano said.

According to Soriano, Pagan was promoted to Army specialist right before he died and was scheduled to return home to Texas this summer.

“He was so excited when he got his CIB, Combat Infantry Badge, he was proud to have earned it, and I thought he definitely deserved it,” Soriano said.

Pagan's family of three brothers and four sisters said he was always full of laughter and the practical joker in the bunch. Which is why, his mother Peggy Pagan said, when they first heard the terrible news, no one could believe it was true.

“Everybody pretty much was thinking that it was a joke, and I told them 'No, it's not a joke, it's true.' And of course everybody is hoping that maybe who's in that casket isn't him. They told me 'No, we verified it,'" Pagan said.

Now faced with the reality of a loss no family should have to endure, the Pagans are trying to remember their son as they say they knew him, loving, strong and full of joy.

Bobby Pagan's older brother is serving in the Army as well, and was scheduled to join the family Wednesday from Fort Hood.

Pagan's fiancée was serving in Iraq, but was able to return to Texas for the funeral.

She will soon return to Iraq to serve another three months of deployment. She wrote that the rest of her time overseas would be dedicated to his memory.

“He wanted to get married and have kids when we got home, we had it all planned out, three boys and two girls. We had names and everything,” Soriano wrote.

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## Paulding County Marine Killed In Afghanistan



Jason Hill Estopinal, an East Paulding High graduate, died in Helmand province, site of a major offensive by U.S. and Afghan forces against the Taliban. Family photo

February 17, 2010 By Alexis Stevens, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Boot camp for Pfc. Jason Hill Estopinal began just over a year ago. But he had planned on becoming a Marine long before that, his family said.

On Monday, the 21-year-old from Paulding County was killed during combat operations in Afghanistan. Estopinal was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force out of Camp Lejeune, N.C. He died in Helmand province, site of a major offensive by U.S. and Afghan forces against the Taliban.

The Estopinal family, which lives in Dallas, found out about Estopinal's death a few hours after it happened.

"It's still hard to believe," his father, Jason Estopinal, said Wednesday night from his home. "We're accepting it. But it's something we were not expecting."

The Marine was a popular student and a member of the soccer team at East Paulding High School before graduating in 2007, his father said.

In January 2009, he left for boot camp, where he spent the next several months.

"He's only been a Marine for a little over a year," his father said. "He was deployed in late October and was due to come back in May."

The family is making funeral arrangements and planning to bury the Marine at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton. The service is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, the older Estopinal said.

In addition to his father, the Marine is survived by his mother, Claire, and his brother, an 11th grader at East Paulding.

**POLITICIANS CAN'T BE COUNTED ON TO HALT  
THE BLOODSHED**

**THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE  
WARS**

**"The single largest failure of the anti-war movement at this point  
is the lack of outreach to the troops." Tim Goodrich, Iraq  
Veterans Against The War**

# Lake Hamilton Soldier John Reiners Dies In Afghanistan



Staff Sgt. John Reiners in a 2 1/2 year old photo in Lakeland, FL . John, who was on his third deployment, was killed when a motorcyclist detonated a bomb close to his unit in Afghanistan. SCOTT WHEELER | THE LEDGER

February 16, 2010 By Kevin Bouffard & Gary White, The Ledger

Friends and family agree: Staff Sgt. John Reiners would set a goal and strive relentlessly until achieving it.

The 24-year-old Lake Hamilton native was killed in Afghanistan on Friday.

Reiners ran cross country at Haines City High School not for love of the sport but because he viewed it as good preparation for his lifelong dream of becoming a U.S. Army Ranger, said his father, Greg Reiners of Lakeland.

“One of the things he told me is he was disappointed” about his Army boot camp, Greg Reiners, 47, said Tuesday. “It wasn't as hard as he thought it should be.”

Military officials told the family Reiners was on a foot patrol in South Afghanistan about 10 p.m. Friday local time when a motorcyclist drove up and detonated a bomb, said his stepfather, Jerry Jackson of Gainesville. It killed Reiners and two other soldiers and injured several more.

Reiners' wife, Haines City High School graduate Casey Barker Reiners, received a bouquet of roses for Valentine's Day just hours after receiving the news of his death from three military representatives at her home in Colorado Springs, Colo. Reiners had been stationed at Fort Carson before his deployment to Afghanistan in early November.

Reiners, who was due to return home in May, leaves behind a 2-year-old son, Lex. Reiners had previously served two deployments in Iraq.

Casey Reiners, 23, said she has been told her husband will posthumously receive a Bronze Star and other decorations.

"I'm so honored and so proud to have had him as my husband," she said. "A lot of the superiors he worked with have been telling me he was one of the best soldiers they've ever seen. He really took serving his country very seriously. He wasn't just in it for the money or for the benefits. He was in it to serve and protect his country."

Family members said Reiners set his mind on a military career at a young age. His sister, Glennette Jackson of Gainesville, has a photo of him at age 3 in military gear.

Reiners' mother, Ronna Jackson of Gainesville, said he was strongly influenced by his grandfather, Army veteran Jay Jackson of Haines City, who earned a Purple Heart and Bronze Star in Vietnam.

"He was always an overachiever," Ronna Jackson said of her son. "If he was required to make 100 (on a test) and made 99, he always wanted to know what question he missed. He was a perfectionist."

Reiners played youth baseball, entered his junior high school's Young Astronauts program, was a Boy Scout and joined the Haines City Police Explorers. He joined the Army JROTC program as a high school freshman and made a strong impression on Sgt. Maj. Dwight Smith, a 25-year Army veteran and his commander for four years.

"I normally ask them, 'What are your plans for the rest of your life?'" Smith said. "His was straightaway, 'I'm going into the military.'"

Smith said Reiners had no trouble with his requirements for cadets of doing 100 pushups and 100 situps each in two minutes. Smith said Reiners' team never lost in four years at military competitions against squads from other schools.

Smith, recognizing Reiners as officer material, encouraged him to enroll in college.

"He said, 'I don't know if I want to take that time,'" Smith recalled. "He said, 'I want to be infantry. I want to head to the front lines. I just want to be there.' And that's what he did."

Reiners headed to boot camp a month after graduating from high school.

"It (boot camp) didn't challenge him enough," said Jerry Jackson. "That boy was so physically fit, the other soldiers called him 'Rambo.'"

Reiners first deployed for Iraq in 2005. Casey Reiners said her husband was injured when his armored vehicle hit an explosive device.

She said Reiners escaped the vehicle and led his fellow troops to safety.

He received a Purple Heart for the incident.

Reiners' second tour of Iraq lasted from late 2007 through 2008.

His wife said he incurred a concussion from another encounter with an explosive device.

Casey Reiners said her husband hoped to become an Army Ranger instructor after returning from Afghanistan. Reiners' father said he talked about going to college for a business management degree and opening an automobile mechanic shop.

Casey Reiners described her husband as “a country boy.”

He bought a vintage Chevrolet Suburban and equipped it with 44-inch tires so he could take it mud-bogging in Lakeland.

Reiners put a photo of the lime green vehicle, nicknamed “the Spearmint Hearse” by his wife, as the main image on his Facebook page.

Family members said Reiners didn't speak often about the dangers he faced in Iraq and Afghanistan.

They said his extreme seriousness about his duty was balanced by a prankish manner back home.

“I remember before he left, I said, 'John, are they going to send you to a good part (of Afghanistan)?’” recalled his sister.

“He said, 'Yeah, the Army is just going to send me to the best part over there where nothing is going on.' I said, 'Oh, really?’

He said, 'No, Glennette, that's not possible. Every part over there is bad.' He knew what he was going into; he definitely did.”

“I don't think he really wanted to talk about it (the danger) too much,” Casey Reiners said, “but he did say he was scared going over there this time. He was worried.”

Although a dedicated soldier, John Reiners shared his struggles with some duties he performed as a soldier, Greg Reiners and Jerry Jackson said.

“He was having problems because he had to kill women and children who were suicide bombers,” Jerry Jackson said.

“He couldn't tell who they were. That's not the way he was raised. He didn't like the idea of having to take a human life.”

Greg Reiners said his son was a devout Baptist and had a problem reconciling the biblical commandment “Thou shall not kill” with what he had to do to protect himself and his fellow soldiers.

Casey Reiners said she chatted with her husband by computer on his final morning. He called two hours later to say he was about to go out on patrol.

“The last thing he said to me was, 'Casey, I feel your love with me and I carry it everywhere I go out here, and just know I won't be able to talk to you on Valentine's Day but just know all the love I possess I'm sending to you on that day and I'm constantly thinking about you.’” Casey Reiners said.

Ronna Jackson said she always listened to the Shedaisy song "Come Home Soon" with her son before his deployments.

"It doesn't make it any easier that my son died the ultimate hero of America, but when I gave birth to him he was already my hero," she said, her voice breaking. "I carried him for nine months, raised him for 18 years and my wonderful son repaid me by giving his life for my freedom. To me, that's all a mom can ask for."

The family was still making funeral arrangements Tuesday. Casey Reiners said her husband will be buried at Forest Hill Cemetery in Haines City.

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## Same Old Same Old: Another One Gone



An oil tanker carrying fuel to NATO and US forces in Afghanistan attacked by militants in Peshawar, Pakistan March 1, 2010. (AP Photo/Mohammad Sajjad)

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

Telling the truth - about the occupations 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 to Imperial wars 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 Veterans Against the War to end the occupations and bring all troops home now! ([www.ivaw.org/](http://www.ivaw.org/))

## Resistance Action

### Main Police HQ In Kandahar Attacked



Afghan policemen run the site of a blast in Kandahar March 1, 2010. Four Afghan civilians and one foreign soldier were killed on Monday when a suicide car bomber hit a convoy of NATO-led troops near the southern city of Kandahar, officials and witnesses said.

REUTERS/Naadem

A car bomb exploded outside the main police headquarters in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar on Monday, killing a civilian employee and wounding 16 other people, police said.

The vehicle exploded in the police headquarters' car park, blasting out windows in a radius of several hundred meters, witnesses said.

The man killed by the remote-controlled bomb was a civilian working for the headquarters, while nine police were among the wounded, said deputy provincial police chief Fazel Mohammad Shairzad.

The interior ministry said the blast was caused by a station wagon packed with explosives.

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# **A Karzai Government Admission Insurgents Are Winning: Terrified Collaborator Regime Bans Coverage Of Taliban Attacks: “The Government Should Not Hide Their Inabilities By Barring Media From Covering Incidents”**

3.1.10 By Sayed Salahuddin and Hamid Shalizi Sayed Salahuddin And Hamid Shalizi, (Reuters)

Afghanistan on Monday announced a ban on news coverage showing Taliban attacks, saying such images embolden the Islamist militants, who have launched strikes around the country as NATO forces seize their southern strongholds.

Journalists will be allowed to film only the aftermath of attacks, when given permission by the National Directorate of Security (NDS) spy agency, the agency said. Journalists who film while attacks are under way will be held and their gear seized.

“Live coverage does not benefit the government, but benefits the enemies of Afghanistan,” NDS spokesman Saeed Ansari said. **[This is nothing but a confession of defeat. Obviously, if coverage showed the Taliban attacks being successfully repelled and crushed by Karzai and Occupation forces, the government would be proud and happy to have maximum media coverage. T]**

The move was denounced by Afghan journalism and rights groups, which said it would deprive the public of vital information about the security situation during attacks.

“Such a decision prevents the public from receiving accurate information on any occurrence,” said Abdul Hameed Mubarez head of the Afghan National Media Union, a group set up to protect Afghan journalists, who often complain of harassment by authorities.

**“The government should not hide their inabilities by barring media from covering incidents,” said Laila Noori, who monitors media issues for Afghanistan Rights Monitor, the country’s main liberties watchdog.**

“People want to know all the facts on the ground whenever security incidents take place.”

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## **“Government In A Box”**

# Meets Insurgency In A Box

Mar 1 By BOBBY GHOSH, Time [Excerpts]

Two days before launching the most ambitious military campaign of the Obama Administration, General Stanley McChrystal, commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, convened a meeting in Kabul of 450 tribal elders and scholars from Helmand province.

Then he described how these troops would protect the town while a “government in a box”--a corps of Afghan officials who had been training for this moment for months-- would start administering the town.

It can hardly be reassuring to the residents of Marjah that their newly appointed mayor, Haji Zahir, has only recently returned from 15 years of living in Germany.

Abdul Hadi, a student, fled the fighting along with his family on Feb. 18; now living in Lashkar Gah, he is in no hurry to return. He worries that many Taliban are just waiting for the NATO forces to move on to their next target.

“I know the Taliban will come back,” he says.

Mohammad Hosain, a teacher from Marjah, wonders if they even left.

“The Taliban does not have a uniform, so if they leave their weapons at home, they can easily move around,” he says. “There is no (sign) on their face that says, 'I am a Talib.’”

**If that means ceding strongholds like Marjah only to pop up elsewhere, then that's what they will do.**

**They have been doing it for years.**

**Call it insurgency in a box.**

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

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

**UNREMITTING HELL ON EARTH;**

## ALL HOME NOW



A U.S. soldier returns fire as move for cover during a firefight with insurgents in the Badula Qulp area, west of Lashkar Gah in Helmand province, southern Afghanistan, Feb. 14, 2010. (AP Photo/Pier Paolo Cito)



As above: Closeup



U.S. soldiers exchange fire with insurgents, as others, in the background, move to cover in the Badula Qulp area, West of Lashkar Gah in Helmand province, southern Afghanistan, Feb. 14, 2010. (AP Photo/Pier Paolo Cito)



U.S. Marines from Bravo Company of the 1st Battalion, 6th Marines during battle in the town of Marjah in Nad Ali district of Helmand province February 15, 2010. REUTERS/Goran Tomasevic



A U.S. Marine from Bravo Company of the 1st Battalion, 6th Marines during a gun battle in the town of Marjah in Nad Ali district of Helmand province February 15, 2010. REUTERS/Goran Tomasevic



A U.S. soldier of the 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 5th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, inspects a hole in the ground which they suspect was dug by Taliban fighters to plant an improvised explosive device in the Badula Qulp area, West of Lashkar Gah in Helmand province, southern Afghanistan, Feb. 17, 2010. (AP Photo/Pier Paolo Cito)

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## **TROOP NEWS**

### **HOW MANY MORE FOR OBAMA'S WARS?**



Feb. 18, 2010: U.S. Army Crew Chief Patrick Janssen, left, of Sibley, Iowa, with Task Force Pegasus, checks a vitals monitor as he helps provide emergency medical care to a wounded U.S. Marine on a medevac mission, in Marjah, Helmand province, Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)

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## **Seaman Disobeyed Orders And Saved Civilians In Burning Ship**

[Thanks to Max Watts, Australia, who sent this in.]

February 2, 2010 Sydney Morning Herald

A NAVY seaman has told how he disregarded an order to take a rescue vessel away from an asylum seeker's boat that was ablaze after an explosion.

Leading Seaman Paul Hetherington said people were still on the burning boat when he received the order over the radio from HMAS Childers, which was nearby.

"They needed rescuing - we were there," Leading Seaman Hetherington told the Northern Territory Coroner, Greg Cavanagh, yesterday.

Leading Seaman Hetherington said navy personnel on his vessel pulled 10 to 12 asylum seekers from the water after going to within a metre of the burning boat, which is known as SIEV36.

Mr Cavanagh is holding an inquest into the deaths of five Afghan men after the explosion on the boat that was carrying 49 passengers and crew near Ashmore Reef last April.

Leading Seaman Hetherington said that after survivors were transferred to HMAS Albany, which was also near the scene, three asylum seekers who had been belligerent and labelled a “high threat” were put under armed guard.

When the inquest resumed yesterday, Mr Cavanagh criticised an opinion article in the Herald on Saturday which said the inquest had the hallmarks of a witch-hunt.

Mr Cavanagh said he was obliged by law to hold the inquest into deaths of people who were in detention.

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## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**



**“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.**

**“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.**

**“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”**

**Frederick Douglass, 1852**

**Hope for change doesn't cut it when you're still losing buddies.  
-- J.D. Englehart, Iraq Veterans Against The War**

**I say that when troops cannot be counted on to follow orders because they see the futility and immorality of them THAT is the real key to ending a war.  
-- Al Jaccoma, Veterans For Peace**

## **Vietnam--A Beautiful Country and Beautiful People**



Photograph taken by Mike Hastie, An Khe, Vietnam 1971.

From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance  
Sent: February 24, 2010  
Subject: Vietnam--A Beautiful Country and Beautiful People

**Vietnam--A Beautiful Country and Beautiful People**

We Americans who served in Vietnam,  
never knew anything about Vietnam's history,  
nor anything about the Vietnamese people.  
The American people back home knew even less.  
Far less.

By the time the United States Government left Vietnam,  
we had turned an ancient culture into an environmental  
wasteland.

We had contaminated the country with mega death.  
Our government was a non-stop killing machine.  
Over three million people killed, and millions wounded.  
Southeast Asia is the most bombed area in the world.

So Mike,  
why do you keep bringing this horrible history up?  
You seem very repetitious in your writing.  
You're like a parrot with the same bad news.

Jesus Christ,  
give it a break for awhile.

Enough with the shame.

I'm sure most of the people who are currently  
reading this stuff already know it.

You're preaching to the choir.

I finally realized,  
it is not to my peer group who I am writing to.  
It is really to my eight-year-old granddaughter's  
generation who I am writing to.

I have to leave a trace of truth for her.

She does not realize that Vietnam is happening  
all over again in the Middle East.

This is happening in her lifetime.

The survivor's message is like a loud mantra.

Over and over and over again.

It's like being trapped under a collapsed building  
after an earthquake.

You keep crying out,  
until they find you.

You have to tell them that the building did not  
collapse because of the earthquake.

It collapsed because there was never a foundation  
to support the structure against deceit.

It was built on a foundation of lies.

They do not realize that they are not prepared  
to face their future.

They do not realize that the U.S. economy is built  
over the bodies of millions of people.

The survivor is obsessed with bearing witness.

The truth has to be told to an audience,  
even if most believe he is crazy.

The survivor is committed until he takes his last breath.

His worst torment is not to be able to speak.  
When he finally steps up on the witness stand,  
he often speaks with the artless skill of a severely  
abused child who has just blurted out some blatant  
fact of honesty.

The survivor's testimony can be so compelling,  
that it reveals the ultimate evidence--that  
**Lying Is The Most Powerful Weapon In War.**  
Vietnam--A beautiful country, and beautiful people.  
A people the Americans never knew.  
Like the teenage girl in this picture.  
That's why we killed her.

Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71  
February 24, 2010

PS: I remember one day in Vietnam when a young Vietnamese woman was flown  
in by helicopter, because she had a severe head injury.

She was riding a motorcycle near some American soldiers, and one of them threw  
a smoke canister at her, blocking her vision.

She ran off the road into a ditch. By the time we got her, she was dead.

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](mailto:hastiemike@earthlink.net)) T)

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

**“Conditions Of Prolonged And  
Unsuccessful War Could Only  
Hasten And Sharpen The Process**

# Of Revolutionary Disintegration Of The Army”

## “That Miserable And Criminal Offensive Of The Democrats Did The Rest”

### “The Soldiers Were Now Saying, To The Last Man ‘Enough Of Bloodshed!’”

#### Comment: T

In February 1917, Russian workers and soldiers rose in revolution to overthrow a feudal government that had dragged them into an Imperial War, World War I, where Russians died, at home and in the Army, for the glory and greed of the Czar, Emperor of Russia.

**Having gotten rid of him, they thought the new government, led by the liberal Prime Minister Kerensky, would stop the war. Instead, his government kept Russia in the war. Gee, does that sound familiar?**

But the soldiers, who had hoped for such much from the new government, increasingly felt abused and betrayed.

As noted by Trotsky, below:

“When enlightened pacifists try to abolish war by rationalistic arguments they are merely ridiculous, but when the armed masses themselves bring weapons of reason into action against a war, that means that the war is about over.”

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[Excerpt from: The History of the Russian Revolution, By Leon Trotsky, Chapter 19, The Offensive.

**The soldiers did not want to fight.**

**The rear troops, to whom the weakened units turned for replacements after occupying the enemy trenches, answered: “What did you advance for anyway? Who told you to?”**

**“It’s time to end the war, not attack.”**

The commander of the 1st Siberian Corps, considered one of the best commanders, reported how at nightfall the soldiers began to abandon the unattacked first line in

crowds and whole companies. "I understood that we, the officers, were powerless to alter the elemental psychology of the soldier masses, and I sobbed bitterly and long."

One of the companies refused even to toss a leaflet to the enemy announcing the capture of Galich, until a soldier could be found who could translate the German text into Russian.

In that it expressed the utter lack of confidence of the soldier mass in its ruling staff, both the old one and the new February one.

A century of taunts and violence had burst to the surface like a volcano.

The soldiers felt themselves again deceived.

The offensive had not led to peace but war.

The soldiers did not want war. And they were right.

**Patriots hiding in the rear were branding the soldiers as slackers and baiting them.**

**But the soldiers were right.**

**They were guided by a true national instinct, refracted through the consciousness of men oppressed, deceived, tortured, raised up by a revolutionary hope and again thrown back into the bloody mash.**

The soldiers were right.

A prolongation of the war could give the Russian people nothing but new victims, humiliation, disasters – nothing but an increase of domestic and foreign slavery.

The patriotic press of 1917 – not only the Kadet but also the socialist press – was tireless in contrasting the Russian soldiers, cowards and deserters, with the heroic battalions of the great French revolution.

This testifies not only to a failure to understand the dialectic of a revolutionary process, but also to a crude ignorance of history.

The remarkable warriors of the French revolution and empire frequently began their careers as breakers of discipline, disorganisers – ...

The future Marshal Davout spent many months of 1789-90 as Lieutenant d'Avout destroying the "normal" discipline in the garrison of Hesdin, driving out the commanding staff. Throughout France up to the middle of 1790 a complete disintegration of the whole army was taking place.

The soldiers of the Vincennes regiment compelled their officers to eat with them.

The fleet drove out their officers.

Twenty regiments did various deeds of violence upon their officers. At Nancy three regiments locked their highest officers in prison.

Beginning with 1790 the leaders of the French revolution never tire of repeating on the subject of soldier excesses: "The executive power is, guilty, because it has not removed officers hostile to the revolution."

It is remarkable that both Mirabeau and Robespierre spoke in favour of dismissing the entire old corps of officers. The former was trying the more quickly to establish a firm discipline, the latter wanted to disarm the counter-revolution. But both understood that the old army could not survive.

To be sure, the Russian revolution, in contrast with the French, took place in a time of war. But you cannot infer from this an exception ....

**On the contrary, conditions of prolonged and unsuccessful war could only hasten and sharpen the process of revolutionary disintegration of the army.**

**That miserable and criminal offensive of the democrats did the rest.**

**The soldiers were now saying, to the last man "Enough of bloodshed! What good are land and freedom if we are not here?"**

**When enlightened pacifists try to abolish war by rationalistic arguments they are merely ridiculous, but when the armed masses themselves bring weapons of reason into action against a war, that means that the war is about over.**

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## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



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## **CLASS WAR REPORTS**

# **Welcome To The Occupied USA: “25-Year-Old Unarmed African American Shot In The Back By Police While His Hands Were On His Head”**

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**PORTLAND, Ore.--Some 300 people stormed City Hall on February 17 to demand justice for Aaron Campbell, a 25-year-old unarmed African American who was shot in the back by police while his hands were on his head on January 29.**

**The protesters marched from a rally at the Justice Center, where demonstrators heard, as expected, that Officer Ronald Frashour, who shot Campbell with an AR 15 rifle, had been put back on duty in the morning.**

Chanting “No justice, no peace! No racist police!” the angry crowd listened to Dr. LeRoy Haynes from the Albina Ministerial Alliance say, “As they will not listen, we must take it to the next level.”

Protesters took their demonstration to City Hall where angry people confronted Mayor Sam Adams face to face about the racism and lack of justice in Portland's police department. Chants of “Fire him! Fire him!” echoed around the building.

People weren't going to be put off with the old excuse “Let's get all the facts.” At the insistence of the crowd, the mayor agreed to meet with Aaron Campbell's family behind closed doors.

The evening before, a multiracial crowd of 1,200 packed the Maranatha Church in North East Portland, the neighborhood where shooting took place, to hear the Rev. Jesse Jackson speak out against this police killing, which he described as an execution and compared it to New York and Chicago police killings.

Portlanders are also angry because Campbell's murder isn't an isolated incident, but one of several recent deaths at the hands of Portland police, including the killings of Kendra James, James Perez, José Mejía Poot and James Chasse. In every case, a grand jury has failed to indict any officer.

ON THE morning of January 29, Aaron's brother, Timothy, with whom he had a close relationship, died after a long struggle with heart disease. Aaron had become depressed

and suicidal. He had gone to the apartment of Angie Jones, his girlfriend, where her three children were.

Jones' aunt phoned the police with concerns that Aaron was suicidal. Jones and her three children came out of the apartment.

After some text messaging and phone calls with Officer James Quackenbush, Aaron came out of the apartment walking backwards with his hands on his head.

**The police claimed Campbell wasn't cooperating and shot him six times with beanbag rounds.**

**He was also attacked by a police dog. Aaron's hands came down after being shot with the beanbag rounds, probably because of the pain. Then he was shot once in the back by Officer Frashour, who claimed that he thought Campbell was reaching for a gun in his waistband.**

**But there was no gun.**

**He was then handcuffed and left on the ground while the dog sniffed around for half an hour before any medical attention was allowed.**

**Frashour was already the subject of a successful \$55,000 lawsuit after he Tasered a man who was using a video camera.**

**Other recent incidents have caused anger among the African American community, such as a 12-year-old Black girl who three police officers roughly tackled on a light rail station and shot at close range with a beanbag rounds.**

**This was caught on the station's video camera.**

**Delease Carter, a young Black woman student, was knocked to the ground by five cops with guns cocked, because she "looked like a gang member."**

The Albina Ministerial Alliance is demanding that, among other things, the city hold a public inquiry into Campbell's death and establish a special prosecutor for police excessive force and deadly force cases.

**A grand jury found no legal grounds to indict Frashour, but took the unusual step of sending a three-page letter to the attorney general severely criticizing the police action.**

**As Bishop A.A. Wells pointed out, "A grand jury can't indict because Oregon statute doesn't allow it. The law before the act exonerates the officer."**

Aaron's mother buried two sons on the same day, and it didn't need to happen.

Aaron's family and friends are determined to get justice and get Frashour off the streets for everyone's safety.

This time, the community has been galvanized and will not let the police officer, the police department or the city get away with murder. As Bishop Wells said outside the Justice Center, "We are here and we are not going away, enough is enough, we've had too much."



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