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July 29, 2010: U.S. soldiers carry a seriously wounded comrade from the 101st Airborne Division to a medical helicopter as others attend to another soldier, left, wounded by an IED, Arghandab Valley, Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)

Afghan Wounds

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Afghan Wounds

**slop guts foot gone
leg torn like the red
of the blue and white
spaghetti stomach**

laying in Germany
sit up sweat pours
from pain from
the forehead weakness
almost falls caught
by the sarge face white
that's OK good boy
drip bag pain shot
layed down like
a half dead wounds
open no stitches
illness dry mouth
almost dead scalpel
slice flesh saves lives
Doctor's cloths bright red
catheter deep yellow
see through bag
near the floor
good boy
boots heard
hustle by up
and down the
hospital airplane
in and out of
consciousness strapped
in can't fall
slots fit flat
like layered
men up and down
what's happening
engines thrush
on the wings
curl around
high whining
sounds jerk
around turn
lines up
on the runway
takes off
back home
not the same
blanked out
blackness
ugh stop
some die
waking up head

leg arm side
hurts

while Obama
smokes a cigarette
and drinks a beer

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?

Forward Military Resistance along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly. Whether in Afghanistan, 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 wars, inside the armed services and at home. Send email requests to address up top or write to: The Military Resistance, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657. Phone: 888.711.2550

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Two U.S. Soldiers Killed, One Wounded By Baghdad Bomb

Aug 4 (Reuters)

BAGHDAD - Two U.S. soldiers were killed and one was wounded on Monday when a bomb struck their vehicle in eastern Baghdad, the U.S. military said.

It Is Not Prudent To Cut Off Electricity To Insurgent Neighborhoods: “Twelve People At The Factory Were Wounded”

[Thanks to Michael Letwin, New York City Labor Against The War & Military Resistance, who sent this in.]

August 1, 2010 By STEVEN LEE MYERS, New York Times [Excerpts]

BAGHDAD — Ikbal Ali, a bureaucrat in a beaded head scarf, accompanied by a phalanx of police officers, quickly found what she was out looking for in the summer swelter: electricity thieves. Six black cables stretched from a power pole to a row of auto-repair shops, siphoning what few hours of power Iraq's straining system provides.

"Take them all down," Ms. Ali ordered, sending a worker up in a crane's bucket to disentangle the connections.

In Mosul, the troubled northern city, the consequence of the campaign against piracy turned violent in June.

When government workers cut an illegal connection from the Nineveh Textile Factory to a restive neighborhood called Mahmoun, insurgents retaliated by shelling the plant.

"I knew it was not safe for me, but I did it anyway," said a ministry engineer, referring to ordering the cutting of the cables.

"After that, the electricity went back to normal, as it was before, but the reply came quickly when the factory was targeted with mortars.

There were many victims of the success," said the engineer, who would give his name only as Abdullah, Father of Mohammed.

Twelve people at the factory were wounded.

More Resistance Action

Aug 4 (Reuters) & Aug 5 (Reuters)

THAR-THAR - Three members of the government-backed Sahwa militia were killed and two were wounded when insurgents attacked their security checkpoint late on Wednesday in Thar-Thar, about 80 km (50 miles) north of the capital, police said.

YATHRIB - Insurgents attacked the local leader of the government-backed Sahwa militia in Yathrib, 90 km (56 miles) north of Baghdad, wounding three of his security guards, police said.

Insurgents raided a policeman's house late on Wednesday and shot dead him, his wife and one of his relatives, in Abu Ghraib on the western outskirts of Baghdad, police said.

KIRKUK - Insurgents in a car opened fire on an off-duty policeman and wounded him severely in northern Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

MOSUL: Four police and three civilians were wounded when a bomb planted in a parked car exploded, police said.

MOSUL - A bodyguard for Nineveh province's Deputy Governor Khasro Guron was killed and six others were wounded when an improvised bomb exploded near the politician's convoy, police said. Guron was not in the convoy at the time of the explosion.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb killed one Iraqi soldier, and wounded 15 when it exploded near an Iraqi army patrol on Palestine street in northeastern Baghdad, police said.

Four police were wounded Sunday by a roadside bomb in the town of Mahaweel, 60 km (35 miles) south of Baghdad, police said.

Three traffic policemen were killed in drive-by shootings late Wednesday in western Baghdad

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Hinesville Man Killed In Afghanistan Soldier's Mom Says He Loved To Cook



Staff Sgt. Sheldon Tate

July 21, 2010 By Denise Etheridge, Bryan County News

Like many Hinesville families with ties to Fort Stewart, fallen soldier Staff Sgt. Sheldon Tate's parents moved here, moved away and came back again.

Tate was the stepson of a 3rd Infantry Division soldier. He and his stepfather, Sgt. 1st Class Walter Moore, were both deployed at the same time — Moore to Iraq and Tate to Afghanistan.

Tate, 27, was killed July 13 in Kandahar City, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with rifle, rocket propelled grenade and small arms fire.

He was assigned to the 782nd Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

“We have been stationed at Fort Stewart on and off over the last 15 years,” Tate’s mother Valerie Moore said. “My son went to Diamond Elementary and he attended Bradwell Institute. He played football in Germany at Wiesbaden. When he was younger he attended the Fort Stewart Youth Center and he played baseball for them.”

Moore said her son loved his job.

“He used to say he had a career. And he enjoyed it 100 percent,” the proud mother said. “He jumped out of airplanes and helicopters. He also was a cook.”

Moore said her son often made homemade macaroni and cheese, cookies and biscuits.

“He would call from overseas to ask me for recipes when he had to cook anything,” she said.

In his off time, Tate also restored classic cars.

“He liked to put the rims on and soup them up and all that good stuff,” Moore said.

Tate joined the Army on Oct. 18, 2001, as a food services specialist. His first assignment was in Darmstadt, Germany.

Tate deployed to Iraq for the first time from October 2003 to February 2004. In April 2004, he was reassigned to Fort Stewart and deployed to Iraq again from January 2005 to January 2006.

In July 2006, Tate arrived at Fort Bragg and was assigned to 782nd Brigade Support Battalion. He deployed with the unit to Afghanistan from March 2007 to April 2008 and stayed to deploy again in August 2009.

“Staff Sgt. Sheldon Tate was a true warrior and leader of paratroopers. His last actions were a testament to the leader he was, as he grabbed a young paratrooper and led him to safety,” said Capt. William Hofmann, his company commander. “Staff Sgt. Tate was the epitome of a silent professional and a non-commissioned officer for others to emulate. Hero is the only word that can be used to describe a man of Staff Sgt. Tate’s caliber and moral fiber. “He cared with all his heart and loved his family dearly. He loved what he was doing, he loved the paratroopers with whom he served, and he will forever be remembered as an American hero.”

Tate’s awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal with three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, two Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army service ribbon, three overseas service ribbons, NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, Basic Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge.

Tate is survived by his mother and stepfather, his father Reginald Tate, his wife Marion, 3-year old daughter Kiante and sister Ebony Moore.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 24, at the main chapel on Fort Stewart. A viewing will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 23, at Dorchester Funeral Home in Midway.

"He gave us 27 good years. And we're happy with that," Valerie Moore said

Dayton Soldier Killed In Afghanistan

July 12, 2010 by Courtney Zubowski, 11 News

DAYTON, Texas -- A Dayton soldier killed in Afghanistan on Saturday was being remembered as a man who lived and died for his country.

Staff Sgt. Jessie Ainsworth died from an improvised explosive device as he was building a water reservoir in Walakan.

"It's the call that everyone dreads and when they say, 'he's gone,' you don't ask who, you just kind of drop to the floor and you know at that point that he's gone," said his sister, Rebecca Smith, as she recalled receiving the news about her brother.

The soldier's family gathered at a home in Dayton Monday where they shared pictures and memories.

"He's an American hero as far as I'm concerned," said Ainsworth's brother-in-law Ryan Parsons. "I don't think I could ever live up to what he's done for his country, and now ultimately given his life for this country."

The 24-year-old, who spent six years in the military, was on his third tour of duty. He was deployed twice to Iraq and left for Afghanistan in May.

"When he came home and decided to re-enlist it was kind of like one of those things like 'hey, isn't there something else you would like to do,' and he just didn't want to. It's what he says he was born to do he was a soldier and I think he always knew that," said Parsons.

Ainsworth was not only a soldier, but also a son, a husband and a father of two young girls. His youngest daughter is 6 months old.

"I don't think he knew what a big impact he had on everyone as far as his service and what he was doing for us and the fact of how proud we all were," said Smith.

If Smith could speak to her brother one last time she says she'd want to thank him.

“To thank him for everything he has done and everything that he brought to my life, because my life would not be my life had it not been for him and every step of it,” she said.

Fallen Sour Lake Soldier Had Reenlisted For Third Tour In Afghanistan

July 16, 2010 By KYLE PEVETO, The Beaumont Enterprise

After two tours of duty in Iraq, Leston Michael Winters decided in February to leave his position in a Missouri Army hospital to return to the front lines.

Over the Christmas holidays, the medic told his family he felt compelled to be there.

On Thursday, three months after arriving in Afghanistan, Winters, 30, was killed by an improvised explosive device in the Zhari district of Kandahar Province.

“He had an opportunity to stay home,” said longtime family friend Shodi Jacobson, 47. “This was his service. He reenlisted because he could help. This is what he was good at.”

Born in Florida, Winters - called Tony by his friends family - moved with his mother and stepfather to Sour Lake at age 9. He did not become serious about sports or schoolwork, only on practical jokes and clowning, his family said.

He put lizards in his sister’s bed and became quick friends with classmates. The slightly built Winters played a little football in high school and tried rodeos and claimed he would never grow up.

Winters loved to hunt and fish - but was never very good at it, said his stepfather, Carl Spivey, 47. He caused little trouble, his stepfather said, and was baptized at the First Baptist Church.

Hampton Soldier Dies In Afghanistan

July 16, 2010 By Michael M. DeWitt, Jr., The Hampton County Guardian

Hampton County gave another native son to war last week.

Sgt. First Class John H. Jarrell, 32, of Brunson, died July 15 while serving with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan.

According to the Department of Defense, Jarrell died in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. According to initial reports, Jarrell died of

injuries sustained when enemy forces attacked his dismounted patrol with an improvised explosive device.

His family was notified Friday, and they are still in shock.

“To open that door Thursday and see those two soldiers standing on my porch, I knew exactly what they were there for,” said Maude Duff, Jarrell’s mother. “My son was an awesome, awesome soldier. He did not lose his life, he gave his life for all of us.”

Jarrell was assigned to B Company, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Also killed in the attack was Sgt. Leston M. Winters, 30, of Sour Lake, Texas.

Jarrell was a highly decorated airborne assault infantryman. Just days after graduating from Wade Hampton High School, he enlisted in the Army in June of 1996. After a 14-year career that included two tours in South Korea, two in Iraq, and one in Afghanistan, he went to Fort Campbell in July 2009.

His awards and decorations include:

The Bronze Star Medal with Valor device, the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Parachute Badge, Air Assault Badge, Drivers Mechanic Badge with Driver Tracked Vehicles, and Weapons Qualification, M4, Expert.

He is survived by a wife, Wendi, also a former soldier and veteran of the war in Iraq whom he met in the Army; a daughter, Emma, of Clarksville, Tenn.; a son, Brantley, of Sweeny, Texas; and his parents, Maude and Larry Duff of Nixville, and Bobby Dean and Patricia Jarrell, also of Nixville.

The son of a large Hampton County family, he is also survived by several siblings, including Lisa Winn (Roger), Dean Jarrell, Jessica Jarrell, and Casey Long of Columbia, along with several nephews and nieces.

Burial will be at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, but no date has been set.

His mother recalls that even as a small boy, Jarrell loved playing with toy soldiers. “He loved his country, and he loved the military with all his heart,” said Duff. “He died doing what he loved best, what he truly believed in.”

After high school, his family enjoyed precious little time with him.

“He was a very special young man who loved serving our country, and because of this service we had limited amounts of time to spend with each other for the past 14 years,” said his father, Bobby Dean Jarrell.

Jarrell grew up almost in his uncle Haskell Seegers' backyard. Seegers, an Army veteran who fought in Vietnam, lost his right arm during combat about 40 miles north of Saigon in a place called Song Bay. He described the fallen soldier as a great kid who was always on the go.

"He was doing what he loved, and he loved what he was doing," he said. "He was dedicated to the service and when he put that uniform on, he was all business. He was going to make a career out of it, and he only had about six years to retire."

Seegers said that he plans to make sure the name John Jarrell is added to the Hampton County All Wars Memorial.

"I will make sure he is honored in Hampton County. I will make sure of that. They had better start chiseling."

The Hampton County Council extended its condolences to Jarrell's family during its meeting Monday night,

"This county has truly lost one of its sons," said County Council Chairman Hugh Gray.

Jarrell's cousin, Alan Winn, has served in the 741st Quartermaster's Battalion for more than 10 years and recently returned from a tour in Afghanistan. He said that because the two were only four years apart they felt more like brothers than cousins.

"He was the best soldier I've ever known," he said. "He was a good man, a good father, a good soldier, and you couldn't ask for a better friend. He was just a really great person, all around."

Family members also describe him as a country boy who loved the Georgia Bulldogs, hunting, fishing, rock crawling, and mud bogging.

"He loved to hunt and fish, and he worked at Piggly Wiggly all through high school, but he was career military, that's all he ever wanted to do," said cousin Wendy Jarrell. "That's how he lived his life, he wanted to serve our country."

Jarrell added that, in his high school yearbook under 10-year goal, he wrote "Army."

Jake Sullivan, one of his classmates at Wade Hampton and a boyhood friend, described him as just a "good old country boy" who loved hunting and fishing.

"He always had a big smile on his face, and he had this contagious laugh," he said. "He never had any trouble with anybody, and you couldn't ask for a friendlier person. It's hard to lose someone like that."

Jarrell's classmates are already organizing for a memorial, say family.

The one thing John Jarrell will always be remembered for is his unique smile, family members say.

"He was my heart, my sunshine, with that smile," said his mother. "My son was an awesome, awesome soldier, and an awesome person."

“I’ll always remember his smile, he had this beaming smile,” said Wendy Jarrell. “He was a people person, and he loved his family. And he was our hero.”

“And I personally would like to thank everyone who prayed, visited, and sympathized for us,” said Lisa Winn. “This is a very hard time for the family and everything that was done was and still is greatly appreciated.”

Duff said that within an hour of getting the news of her son’s death, her front yard was filled with concerned friends, family, neighbors, and people she didn’t even know. People called and brought food.

“All the support has just been wonderful,” she said. “Just pray for us, prayer is the best thing anyone can do for us right now. The worst is yet to come, when we have to say that final goodbye, and prayer will get us through the next few days.”

Duff had a few words for the community that has shown her family so much support. “Remember him as not just a soldier, but as a native of Hampton County. He loved his family, but he loved his country and he gave his life so that we could be free. That freedom is not free

Car Bomber Hits Military Convoy: “Some” Foreign Soldier Wounded: Nationality Not Announced

August 5th, 2010 Cable News Network & Reuters & DPA

A car bomber rammed his vehicle full of explosives into a joint Afghan and foreign convoy in northern Kunduz province, targeting a military convoy and killed seven Afghan police officers in northern Afghanistan on Thursday.

No foreign troops were killed in the bombing, said Maj. Michael Johnson, a NATO forces spokesman.

He said some NATO forces were wounded, but declined to say how many or how seriously.

Two military vehicles were damaged.

The vehicles were stopped in preparation for an operation in the area and the killed police officers had been standing outside their trucks as they mobilized, said Abdul Rahman Aqtash, deputy police chief of Kunduz province.

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said that one of their bombers, Hamdullah, carried out the attack,

The strike occurred in Aghantepa, a village in the Aman Sahib district of Kunduz province.

Of the seven police killed, six were national police officers and one was a tribal police officer. A police unit commander was among those killed.

Seven civilians and six tribal police officers were injured.

The attacker used a Toyota Corolla to conduct the strike.

Canadian Chopper Lands ‘Hard’ In Panjwaii: “Hostile Fire Has Not Been Ruled Out” Eight Wounded



Canadian soldiers near a burning Canadian Forces CH-147 Chinook helicopter after it made a hard landing close to the village of Bazaar e Panjway, in the Panjway district west of Kandahar August 5, 2010. REUTERS/Bob Strong

August 5, 2010 CBC News

A Canadian Chinook helicopter was forced to make what military officials called a “hard landing” in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, but none of the 20 onboard was seriously injured.

The craft went down in Kandahar province’s Panjwaii District, a volatile area under the command of Canadian Forces.

“About 2 p.m. (local time) a Canadian Forces CH147 Chinook helicopter had a hard landing about 20 kilometres southwest of Kandahar city. “There were minor injuries,” said Maj. Daryl Morrell, senior public affairs officer for Task Force Kandahar.

“What we’re doing right now is we’re looking into causes. So this will be investigated and we’ll get more details. Right now all that we know is it was a hard landing. We want to confirm and that’s what we’re doing now.”

The site of the landing was immediately secured by Afghan National Police and NATO forces.

Morrell said 20 people were on the Chinook — including five crew members. Eight people sustained minor injuries.

Hostile fire has not been ruled out, a NATO forces spokesman said.

A Taliban spokesman responsible for the south, Qari Yousef Ahmadi, told The Associated Press by telephone the helicopter was shot down with a rocket.

Afghan Collaborator Forces Suffer “Heavy Casualties In A Taliban Ambush In An Area Of Eastern Laghman Province” [Resistance Action]

04 Aug 2010 (Reuters) & August 5th, 2010 Cable News Network & Reuters & TOLONews & DPA

LAGHMAN - Afghan forces have suffered heavy casualties in a Taliban ambush in an area of eastern Laghman province, security sources said on Wednesday. The interior and defence ministries confirmed the ambush and casualties, but did not give further details.

PAKTIKA - Taliban guerrillas killed several government officials in an attack in southeastern Paktika province on Tuesday, an official said.

ZABUL - A roadside bomb killed five guards with a private security firm in an area of southern Zabul province on Tuesday, a provincial official said.

A roadside bomb hit a police vehicle in District 8 of Kabul city but caused no casualties, the interior ministry said.

At least two guards of a private security company were killed and another one was wounded Thursday morning in a road-side bomb blast in the southern Ghazni province,

official say. The incident happened when the company's vehicle hit a mine in the province's Shahbaz area, the Provincial Police Chief of Ghazni, Nowroz Ali Mahmoud Zada, told TOLONews reporter. Taliban has taken responsibility for the attack, and claim that five of the company's guards have been killed in the incident.

A roadside bomb struck a police vehicle in the eastern outskirts of Kabul city Thursday, damaging the vehicle, but causing no casualties, the interior ministry said in a statement.

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END THE OCCUPATION**

6 American Missionaries Killed In Afghanistan: German, Briton And Two Afghans Also Dead

7 August 2010 Jon Boone in Kabul, Guardian News and Media Limited & AP [Excerpts]

A female British doctor is understood to be among at least 10 people murdered killed in the far north of Afghanistan on Friday.

The group included eight foreigners – one of them a Briton – six Americans and a German working for a project run by a small Christian aid organisation called International Assistance Mission (IAM).

A Taliban spokesman claimed responsibility saying the attack was on “Christian missionaries” who were carrying bibles.

It is possible the Taliban were simply exploiting early media reports about killings they in fact had nothing to do with.

“This tragedy negatively impacts our ability to continue serving the Afghan people as IAM has been doing since 1966,” according to a statement released by the nonprofit Christian organization.

Among the dead was team leader Tom Little, an optometrist from Delmar, New York who has been working in Afghanistan for more than 30 years.

Little was expelled by the Taliban government in August 2001 after the arrest of eight Christian aid workers — two Americans and six Germans — for allegedly trying to convert Afghans to Christianity.

He returned to Afghanistan after the Taliban government was toppled in November 2001 by U.S.-backed forces.

U.S. Attack Kills Civilians, As Usual

August 6, 2010 AFP & AP

A U.S. strike in the eastern Afghan province of Nangarhar killed at least 12 civilians, an official told AFP, as President Hamid Karzai ordered a probe into the incident.

“In one place, Nakrkhail village, they hit one vehicle and killed 12 civilians,” said Mohammad Hassan, district chief of Khogyani district in Nangarhar.

“In another place, Hashimkhail village, they launched an operation on some houses and 14 people were killed. It’s not clear how many of them are civilians or Taliban. There are some civilians among them,” Hassan said.

Massacre In Regey: Afghan Government And Helmand Residents Accuse Foreign Military Of Slaughtering 52 Civilians: “Ghafar Said 17 Members Of His Extended Family Were Killed, Including Three Sisters, Three Daughters And One Son” “The Foreign Forces Could See Us. I Think They Bombed Us On Purpose”

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Under rules of engagement issued last year, the attack on the building in Regey should not have been allowed unless troops on the ground could clearly identify insurgents and no civilians, or had reports from at least two intelligence sources to that effect.

27 July 2010 Jon Boone in Kabul and Ali Safi in Kandahar, Guardian News and Media Limited [Excerpts]

Survivors of an rocket attack on a small town in Helmand, which the Afghan government says killed 52 civilians, spoke today of their anger at what they claim was a deliberate air strike, despite coalition denials.

The incident took place last Friday in Regey, in the Sangin district of Helmand.

Many residents of the town say they believe the strike, which they say was a missile attack on a mud house where people were hiding from nearby fighting, was deliberate.

“The foreign forces could see us,” said Haji Abdul Ghafar, a 38-year-old farmer who had fled to Regey from a nearby village.

“We were not in any hideouts. The Americans can see tiny things on the ground, but they could not see us. I think they bombed us on purpose.”

Ghafar said at first he had not known whether shooting was coming from “tanks” or from aircraft. “But people a bit far from us said that the foreign troops’ tank fired a cruise missile. It hit the house and destroyed the front of the house and the left wall.”

He was speaking to the Guardian at the Mirwais hospital in Kandahar city, where he went with his son, Agha Shereen, who suffered a broken leg and nose, and a seven-year-old nephew, Abdul Jabar.

Abdul was still suffering from severe shock, appearing to believe he was still at home and looking for his sandals to go out and play with other children.

In total, Ghafar said, 17 members of his extended family were killed, including three sisters, three daughters and one son.

The large number of apparent deaths could be explained by the reputation of Regey, which is bounded by two rivers, as a safe area where people can escape fighting between foreign forces and insurgents – NATO has confirmed there was fighting in a village six miles south.

Ghafar made clear his disdain for foreign soldiers. “When Taliban fight, they always tell us to leave the area,” he said.

“Even before this fighting, Taliban told us to leave the area and we left.”

“There has never been fighting in Regey because people thought that military or Taliban will not cross the river,” said Haji Fazul Haq, a former governor of Sangin.

“People have always thought this is the best place to be safe.”

The Afghan president, Hamid Karzai, has condemned the alleged incident in Helmand, and repeated that 52 people were killed.

Under rules of engagement issued last year, the attack on the building in Regey should not have been allowed unless troops on the ground could clearly identify insurgents and no civilians, or had reports from at least two intelligence sources to that effect.

The Afghan government's report of 52 dead is based on an investigation by local members of the country's intelligence service, who could well have had access to the village.

BEEN ON THE JOB TOO LONG: COME ON HOME, NOW



U.S. soldiers and a local interpreter before leaving Combat Outpost Nolen in the Arghandab Valley north of Kandahar, July 19, 2010. REUTERS/Bob Strong



US soldier at Combat Outpost Terra Nova, Arghandab Valley, Kandahar, Afghanistan, July 20, 2010. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)



U.S. Army patrol during operations by the 101st Airborne Division near COP Nolen, Arghandab Valley, Kandahar, Afghanistan, July 23, 2010. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)



U.S. soldiers before an early morning patrol by the 101st Airborne Division near COP Nolen, Arghandab Valley, Kandahar, Afghanistan, July 23, 2010. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)



U.S. soldiers from the 2nd Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division, wake up in the early morning at COP Nolen, Arghandab Valley, Kandahar, Afghanistan, July 26, 2010 (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)



A U.S. soldier from the 101st Airborne Division at COP Nolen, Arghandab Valley, Kandahar, Afghanistan, July 26, 2010. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)

MILITARY NEWS

HOW MANY MORE FOR OBAMA'S WARS?



The casket of Army Sgt. Andrew R. Looney at Arlington National Cemetery Aug. 4, 2010. Looney was killed in Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

Sunday Rally In Support Of The Hero Soldier Bradley Manning



[Thanks to IVAW & Redvet, who sent this in.]

When: Sunday, August 8, noon

Where: Quantico Marine Corps Base where Manning is being held in pre-trial confinement; Meet at the Amtrak station in Quantico

If you live in the area of Quantico, VA, join us for a rally this Sunday, August 8 at noon.

WHERE: Quantico Municipal Park, located at 440 River Rd. (near Potomac Ave), Quantico, VA.

The park is located on the Potomac River. It can be reached by walking 5 minutes down Potomac Ave. (through the small two-block shopping district) from the Quantico Amtrak Station, our designated noon-time meeting spot. (See Google maps directions: Amtrak to park.)

IVAW members from the region will be in attendance. (If you plan to attend, you should expect counter-protesters who believe that Bradley Manning is “a traitor.”)

More information: Bradley Manning Support Network bradleymanning.org

Send Your Letter Of Solidarity To Pfc. Bradley Manning

Letters must be addressed as follows in order to be delivered:

“Inmate Bradley Manning
3247 Elrod Avenue
Quantico VA 22134
USA”

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

When The Truth Becomes Unacceptable



Photograph by Mike Hastie
U.S. Global Empire

From: Mike Hastie
To: Military Resistance
Sent: August 04, 2010
Subject: When The Truth Becomes Unacceptable

When The Truth Becomes Unacceptable

**The worst thing I experienced in Vietnam was the lie.
100% of the Vietnam War was an absolute lie.
100% of the Iraq War is an absolute lie.
100% of the Afghanistan War is an absolute lie.
When an active duty soldier or a veteran puts a gun to his head, and blows his brains out, he is putting a bullet in America's head. (I saw that happen in Vietnam.)
You kill the lie!
You kill the conflict that is unbearable.
Whenever the truth threatens one's belief system,
and the lie out weighs your ability to cope,
you pull the trigger.
Instead of putting the American flag over the casket, they ought to put the American flag in the casket with the body,
because they both died.**

**Mike Hastie
U.S. Army Medic
Vietnam 1970-71
August 4, 2010**

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**Mike Hastie
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