

Military Resistance 8K12

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



U.S. Marines carry a wounded comrade to a waiting medevac helicopter near the town of Marjah in Helmand Province, August 17, 2010. REUTERS/Bob Strong

**U.S. Military Destroying Zhari In
Order To Save It:**

**“Troops Are Destroying Their
Property, Leaving Some Homeless
And Blocking Their Irrigation
Canals”**

**Cruel, Stupid, Silly U.S. Commanders
“Argue The Destruction Is Actually A**

Positive Development - It Forces Zhari Residents To Go To Their Local Government Center For Compensation”

“I’ve Never Seen So Many Explosives Being Used”

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

Nov. 10, 2010 by Ben Gilbert, GlobalPost [Excerpts]

FORWARD OPERATING BASE WILSON, Afghanistan

The U.S. military has destroyed hundreds of Afghan civilian homes, farm houses, walls, trees and plowed through fields and buildings using explosives and bulldozers in war-torn Zhari district, a practice that has begun to anger Afghan villagers.

The much anticipated third phase of the Kandahar campaign, called Operation Dragon Strike, has U.S. troops from the 2nd brigade, 101st Airborne Division pushing into a dangerous swath of once-Taliban dominated territory from Highway 1 to the Arghandab River.

But it has come at much material cost to the Afghans, who complain that the troops are destroying their property, leaving some homeless and blocking their irrigation canals -potentially derailing the all-important counterinsurgency strategy that aims to win the hearts and minds of regular Afghans.

“You bulldozed some of my trees, they’re blocking the canal, now we can’t get water to the orchard,” Haji Jilal, a frail, weathered Afghan farmer with a white beard said to one of the U.S. military’s Afghan interpreters on a recent patrol here.

Military officials said the majority of the buildings blown up, and fields and walls plowed through, have been either booby-trapped or used by the Taliban as hideouts and shooting positions.

They also argue the destruction is actually a positive development - it forces Zhari residents to go to their local government center for compensation.

U.S. Army commanders see this as a way to kick-start progress toward the final goal of the Kandahar campaign: connect the people of Zhari district to the Afghan government.

[No, this is not a satire from the Onion. This idiocy is for real. T]

Zhari has acquired an almost mythical status among U.S.-led coalition troops here. Its reputation as a Taliban stronghold has led soldiers to call it the “Heart of Darkness.”

Narrow dirt roads in this district skirt rows of waist high mud grape trellises. Mud brick buildings, known as “grape huts,” with walls as thick as medieval castles, serve as perfect ambush positions for Taliban gunmen and IED triggermen.

Few farmers here have ever seen a soldier from the U.S.-led coalition during the war, which is now in its 10th year.

This summer, soldiers who tried to venture even close to these areas were pinned down by Taliban ambushes and heavy machine guns.

Five American troops lost their lives in the last two weeks.

So during their push into Zhari, troops from 2nd brigade have spared no expense, or explosives.

“I’ve never seen so many explosives being used,” said 1st Sgt. Larry Breland, a 17-year veteran of the Army with two tours in Iraq under his belt. He and his troops paused during a patrol among hedges of dusty grape vines as Army engineers blew up yet another compound they suspected the Taliban used as a medical station.

In an effort to clear paths heavily mined by the Taliban, soldiers employed a weapon called a MICLIC, an acronym for Mine Clearing Line Charge.

In one thunderous, ground-shaking boom, the weapon clears a path 300 feet long and wide enough for a tank. Breland said his company commander, Cpt. Mike Gold, had used 16 MICLICs in one day.

“When Cpt. Gold clears a road he clears a road,” he said. “It’s clear.”

The destruction can appear apocalyptic.

A school had been reduced to flattened rubble by an air strike - American soldiers said it was a Taliban fighting position. Across the road, another pulverized building spilled its rusting rebar and concrete guts into the dirt. A kilometer south, MICLICs had torn a path along the edge of a village, where burnt trees and battered buildings hugged the edge of the cleared corridor where U.S. troops walked - very deliberately - in the tracks of a bulldozer.

Gold said that in order to clear a safe path for the troops, there was no choice but to destroy Afghan property.

But all the bulldozing and bombs have begun to draw the ire of Afghan villagers whose farms, buildings and trees the Americans are destroying.

“The key thing is that they have to go to district center to get compensation,” said Cpt. Ryan Kort, 1-75’s Alpha Troop commander. “It’s not the U.S. giving them compensation; it’s the Afghan government and district governor signing off on compensation.”

But there isn’t much of a staff at the Zhari district office other than the district governor.

So, the Civil Affairs team from the 2nd brigade is based in a tiny room just opposite the governor’s office at the Zhari district center. Their team is split into two groups of four soldiers and officers, who together field an average of 120 claims a week.

“There’s kind of a backlog right now,” said Maj. Todd Clark, a civil affairs officer for 2nd Brigade who was handling claims at the Zhari district center last week. “Typically we only do it once a week.”

As Afghans come in to begin the process, their names, photos and fingerprints are taken before the civil affairs team begins working out the basics of the compensation package.

One structure the Americans aren’t paying for is grape huts.

Clark said they’re pairing up Afghan farmers with a USAID contractor, called AVIPA, whose engineers have come up with a new design for grape huts, and will rebuild them for free. **[Well, not quite “for free.” You can bet your ass the war profiteers at AVIPA are laughing all the way to the bank. T]**

But because few Afghans have property deeds in this region, they have to get verification of their ownership from neighbors or village elders, providing an opening for corruption. [Corruption? In Afghanistan? Fucking over the poor farmers? Oh no, how can that be?]

On a recent morning at the district center, a distinguished looking elderly Afghan man named Haji Ratmutullah from Mullah Omar’s hometown of Sangsar, said he’d come to check on the progress of 110 compounds damaged or destroyed in the town.

He said some people were living outside because their houses had been destroyed. Others had fled to Kandahar City. He said the situation was still “very dangerous.”

“But we are angry with the government too, because they haven’t paid us back the cost our buildings.”

ACTION REPORTS

“I’m With You Guys. I Hate These Wars”

[Outreach To The New York Army National Guard]

From: Aaron W
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: November 08, 2010
Subject: Report: Outreach To New York National Guard--11/5/10

MR Outreach Report, 11/5/10

On November 5, Military Resistance met at the [XXXXXX] Armory at 6:30am for our monthly outreach.

There were two members and an ally handing out homemade cookies and lit packages, which included a National Guard Newsletter handout, Military Resistance Organizational Information [see below], Double-sided Military Resistance/Traveling Soldier flyer, the GI Rights pamphlet and our contact card [see below].

Unlike at our last outreach, there were no Humvees or other military vehicles. Also, The number of soldiers reporting was slightly smaller than last month. However, the soldiers were, as usual, friendly and polite, with most accepting the handouts.

One soldier enthusiastically told us, about our literature, “I want to read this.”

We were also encouraged to see the familiar face of a sympathetic sergeant, whom we’ve seen a number of times over the years and has always been in solidarity with us.

This time was no different, and he told us “I’m with you guys. I hate these wars.”

After staying until 8:00 and handing out most of the packages of publications, we continued to encounter soldiers on the street as we left the armory, and we gave out the last package to a soldier in Dunkin Donuts.

In total, we gave out 60 lit packs, 8 Sir No Sir DVDs, and most of the cookies. There were only enough of us present to cover one of the armory entrances — with more personnel attending outreaches, our presence will be even more effective.

That said, everyone has plenty of time to prepare for outreach to the next scheduled Guard training assembly, which will be in several months, on February 25th, at 5:45 pm.

MORE:

ACTION REPORTS WANTED:

FROM YOU!

An effective way to encourage others to support members of the armed forces organizing to resist the Imperial war is to report what you do.

If you've carried out organized contact with troops on active duty, at base gates, airports, or anywhere else, send a report in to Military Resistance for the Action Reports section.

Same for contact with National Guard and/or Reserve components.

They don't have to be long. Just clear, and direct action reports about what work was done and how.

If there were favorable responses, say so.

If there were unfavorable responses or problems, don't leave them out. Reporting what went wrong and/or got screwed up is especially important, so that others may learn from you what to expect, and how to avoid similar problems if possible.

If you are not planning or engaging in outreach to the troops, you have nothing to report.

NOTE WELL:

Do not make public any information that could compromise the work. Identifying information – locations, personnel – will be omitted from the reports.

Whether you are serving in the armed forces or not, do not identify members of the armed forces organizing to stop the wars. If accidentally included, that information will not be published.

The sole exception: occasions when a member of the armed services explicitly directs identifying information be published in reporting on the action.

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SUPPORTING GI RESISTANCE

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If you are a veteran who supports an immediate end to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan -- the Military Project recommends you contact:

IRAQ VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR



www.IVAW.org

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[Cards designed by Richie M, Military Resistance Organization]

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You Can Take Action That Makes A Difference: Join The Military Resistance Organization

Military Resistance Mission Statement:

1. The mission of Military Resistance is to bring together in one organization members of the armed forces and civilians in order to give aid and comfort to members of the armed forces who are organizing to end the wars of empire in Afghanistan and Iraq. The long term objective is to assist in eliminating all wars of empire by eliminating all empires.

2. Military Resistance does not advocate individual disobedience to orders or desertion from the armed forces. The most effective resistance is organized by members of the armed forces working together.

However, Military Resistance respects and will assist in the defense of troops who see individual desertion or refusal of orders as the only course of action open to them for reasons of conscience.

3. Military Resistance stands for the immediate, unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. and other occupation troops from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Occupied nations have the right to independence and the right to resist Imperial invasion and occupation by force of arms.

4. Efforts to increase democratic rights in every society, organization, movement, and within the armed forces itself will receive encouragement and support.

Members of the armed forces, whether those of the United States or any other nation, have the right and duty to act against dictatorships commanding their services, and to assist civilian movements against dictatorship.

This applies whether a political dictatorship is imposed by force of arms or a political dictatorship is imposed by those in command of the resources of society using their wealth to purchase the political leadership.

5. Military Resistance uses organizational democracy.

This means control of the organization by the membership, through elected delegates to any coordinating bodies that may be formed, whether at local, regional, or national levels.

Any member may run for any job in the organization. All persons elected are subject to immediate recall, by majority vote of the membership.

Coordinating bodies report their actions, decisions and votes to the membership who elected them, and may be overruled by a majority of the membership.

6. It is not necessary for Military Resistance to be in political agreement with other organizations in order to work together towards specific common objectives.

It is productive for organizations working together on common projects to discuss differences about the best way forward for the movement.

Debate is necessary to arrive at the best course of action.

Membership Requirements:

7. It is a condition of membership that each member prioritize and participate in organized action to reach out to active duty armed forces, Reserve and/or National Guard units.

8. Military Resistance or individual members may choose to support candidates for elective office who are for immediate withdrawal from Iraq and Afghanistan, but do not support a candidate opposed to immediate, unconditional withdrawal.

9. Members may not be active duty or drilling reserve commissioned officers, or employed in any capacity by any police or intelligence agency, local, state, or national.

10. I understand and am in agreement with the above statement. I pledge to defend my brothers and sisters, and the democratic rights of the citizens of the United States, against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

-----**(Signed)**

(Date)

----- **(Application taken by)**

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Students/Unemployed	@	\$10
Civilian/Military Prisoners	@	Dues Waived

Comments:

NOTE: Civilian applicants will be interviewed, in person if possible, or by phone.

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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

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Rhode Island Soldier Killed In Afghanistan



11.11.2010: U.S. Army Sgt. Michael F. Paranzino, of Middletown, R.I., died in Afghanistan of wounds he received when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. He was 22 and was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division out of Fort Drum, N.Y. (AP Photo/Family Photo)

Fallen Columbia Soldier Remembered



10.28.2010 by Teresa Snow, Barrington Broadcasting Group

Funeral services will be kept private for a Columbia soldier who died from war wounds.

The Department of Defense reports Sergeant First Class Charles M. Sadell died Sunday, October 24th, at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He was injured after an improvised explosive device attack near Arif Kala, Afghanistan October 5th.

His wife tells KRCG "CJ" as he was known to family and friends, was a great man, father and soldier. Sadell graduated from Harrisburg High School in 1995 and joined the Army soon after. Sadell's wife Kristin says he was, "a true mans man who loved hunting, fishing, riding his Harley, playing poker and spending his down time with loved ones."

Sadell is survived by his wife, two children and mother. Kristin Sadell suggests donations in her husband's memory to be made to the group Walk to Remember.

The Mountaineer Online at Ft. Drum, New York where Sadell was stationed outlined his military career.

Previous duty stations include Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Dexheim, Germany, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Sadell started his career with the Army in the 82nd Airborne Division in Ft. Bragg. He moved to Military Intelligence in 1999. Sadell came to Fort Drum in March 2010. The 34 year old was an intelligence analyst with the 1st Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division. Sadell deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in spring of this year.

Sadell's previous deployments include a 4 month tour in Saudi Arabia in 1997, a 6 month tour in Kosovo in 2001, and a 12 month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005-2006.

Sadell's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Superior Unit Award, the Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, Driver and Mechanic Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the Basic Marksman Qualification Badge. Sadell had completed the Warrior Leaders Course and the Combat Life Savers Course.

Three Foreign Soldiers Wounded In Logar; Nationality Not Announced

11 November 2010 TOLONews.com

Three foreign soldiers were wounded in joint Afghan-coalition forces' operations in the central Logar province

In the operations that have been continuing for the last three days and are planned to continue for nine more days in the province's Charkh district, 4 Taliban militants have been killed and 2 others have been wounded, the chief of the 203 Military Corp in Logar province, Tooryalai, told TOLONews reporter.

Afghan forces have received no casualties in these operations, he added.

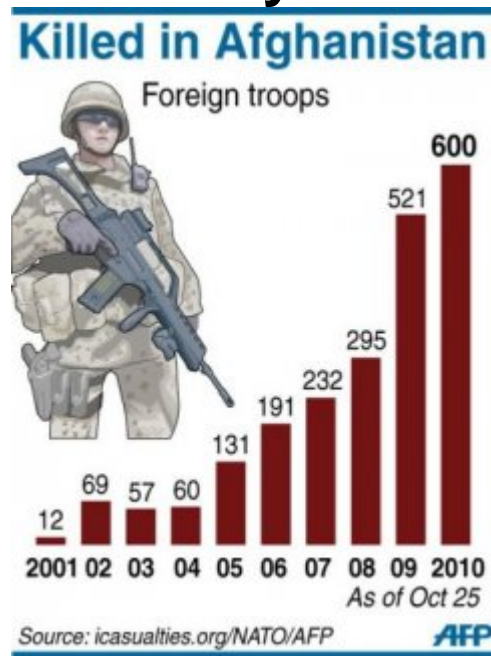
Two Wounded When "Foreign Forces" Tank Hit By IED In Charkh; Nationality Not Announced

11 November 2010 TOLONews.com

A foreign forces' tank was hit by a roadside mine blast on Wednesday afternoon in the province's Charkh district, a spokesman for the governor of Logar, Din Mohammad Darwish said.

Two foreign soldiers have been wounded in the blast, he added.

600 Foreign Occupation Troops Killed In Afghanistan In 2010 So Far Sets A New Record: “On Average, Two Soldiers Die Each Day”



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

25 October 2010 AFP

The number of foreign troops to die this year in Afghanistan has reached 600, by far the highest annual toll in nine years of war

The toll of 600, according to an AFP tally based on a count kept by the icasualties.org website, compares to 521 killed in all of 2009 in what was previously the deadliest year on record for the forces in Afghanistan.

On average, two soldiers die each day.

A total of 2,170 foreign soldiers have been killed since the 2001 US-led invasion of Afghanistan which overthrew the hardline Islamist Taliban regime.

A Taliban-led insurgency has since strengthened each year, but it is most intense in the southern provinces of Kandahar and Helmand.

At least 1,348 American troops are among the dead, and the US military provides two-thirds of the 150,000-strong international force in Afghanistan.

Western public opinion is growing increasingly tired of the war, angry over corruption within Karzai's government and mounting casualties.

Dutch troops ended their mission in Afghanistan on August 1. Italy plans to hand over control of large parts of western Afghanistan by the end of 2011.

Canada, which is the sixth-largest contributor of troops, intends to pull its estimated 2,830 troops out of the south in 2011.

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

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

**ENOUGH OF THIS SHIT;
ALL HOME NOW**



A U.S. Marine reaches out to his comrade as they struggle through heavy winds during a sandstorm at their remote outpost near Kunjak in southern Afghanistan's Helmand province, October 28, 2010. REUTERS/Finbarr O'Reilly



A U.S. Marine Mine sweeper from Eighth Marines uncovers an improvised explosive device during patrol in the town of Nabuk in southern Afghanistan's Helmand province, October 31, 2010. REUTERS/Finbarr O'Reilly



A U.S. Marine from the Eighth Marines Alpha Company on patrol in the town of Nabuk in southern Afghanistan's Helmand province, October 31, 2010. REUTERS/Finbarr O'Reilly



Concussed U.S. Marines rest in a compound offering cover after rocket propelled grenades exploded near their positions during a battle against Taliban insurgents in the town of Nabuk in southern Afghanistan's Helmand province, November 1, 2010. REUTERS/Finbarr O'Reilly



A U.S. Marine from 8th Marines Alpha Company takes cover from incoming fire from Taliban insurgents while reaching for more ammunition during battle in the town of Nabuk in southern Afghanistan's Helmand province, November 1, 2010. REUTERS/Finbarr O'Reilly



U.S. Marines from Eighth Marines during a break in fighting with Taliban insurgents in Musa Qala district, southern Afghanistan's Helmand province November 7, 2010. REUTERS/Finbarr O'Reilly



U.S. Marines from First Marine Division move on rough terrain, Nov. 7, 2010 in Sangin, Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Dusan Vranic)

MILITARY NEWS

**NOT ANOTHER DAY
NOT ANOTHER DOLLAR
NOT ANOTHER LIFE**



A member of the Kentucky Air National Guard lifts his son before boarding a plane with a Kentucky Air National Guard unit departing for Bagram Air Force Base in Afghanistan, on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2010, at the National Guard base at Louisville, Ky., International Airport. (AP Photo/The Courier-Journal, Bill Luster)

NEED SOME TRUTH? CHECK OUT TRAVELING SOLDIER

Traveling Soldier is the publication of the Military Resistance Organization.

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/>

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

“What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms.”

-- Thomas Jefferson to William Stephens Smith, 1787

U.S. Out Of Iraq



From: Mike Hastie
To: Military Resistance
Sent: November 03, 2010
Subject: U.S. Out Of Iraq

U.S. Out Of Iraq

Day after day,
week after week,
month after month,
year after year,
The United States Government
continues to murder without mercy.
800 cruise missiles were launched on
Baghdad in the first 48 hours of that act
of terrorism on March 20, 2003.
All about lies for-----> \$
No such thing as the Iraq War.
Any more than there was a war in the Warsaw ghetto.
war-saw,
something the American people never see.

Mike Hastie
U.S. Army Medic
Vietnam 1970-71
November 3, 2010

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)

Americans

From: Dennis Serdel
To: Military Resistance
Sent: November 09, 2009
Subject: Americans
Written by Dennis Serdel, Military Resistance 2009

Dennis Serdel, Vietnam 1967-68 (one tour) Light Infantry, Americal Div. 11th Brigade, purple heart, Veterans For Peace 50 Michigan, Vietnam Veterans Against The War, United Auto Workers GM Retiree, in Perry, Michigan

Americans

**Jim Said, "Let's stop at Gettysburg"
I said "OK," I was tired of driving
my old Chevrolet, "We will drive
the rest of the way to the DC Demo
tomorrow," I said.
Then came the Soldiers walking
in a straight line
across an open field that was supposed
to be freedom
before but not now.
A Johnny Reb took a careful aim and
killed a Captain on the other side
but the Union cannons roared
like a train leaving it's tracks
it's been done before and after that
when Americans kill Americans
8000 that day
men on the ground in the grey
and the blue
an Army of One the Best You Can Be
was buried after awhile
some with no names on their stones
when the name tag was gone
or never was there.
Jim said, "My Granddaddy fought
at Shiloh
he left me some sand and a Navy Colt."**

He said, "I insured it for \$3000
those old Civil War artifacts
go for a ton of money nowadays."

"Then there was Lincoln
you could sleep in his room
but "It's hard to tell what is real
and what someone is saying,"
I said.

"All we know is that about 8000
Americans killed Americans
on that day," he said.
It was some sort of win for our Country
on that day but
the kindness of a Soldier would walk
around the battlefield late that day
to a Johnny Reb who said, "Just kill
me Mister, I can't stand the pain."
As a shot echoed off the woods
but nobody looked that way,
Americans killing Americans
it happens all the time but now they
call it Friendly Fire, Fratricide
or PTSD.

I said, "Is this the way the Empire
will fall and how to explain it?"

Jim said, "The rot comes from within
Generals and Officers
giving too many orders,
too many firefights, too many tours."
I agreed with, "Too many incompetent
Leaders, incompetent Reporters
that will write what they are told
to keep their job and not make
anyone mad."

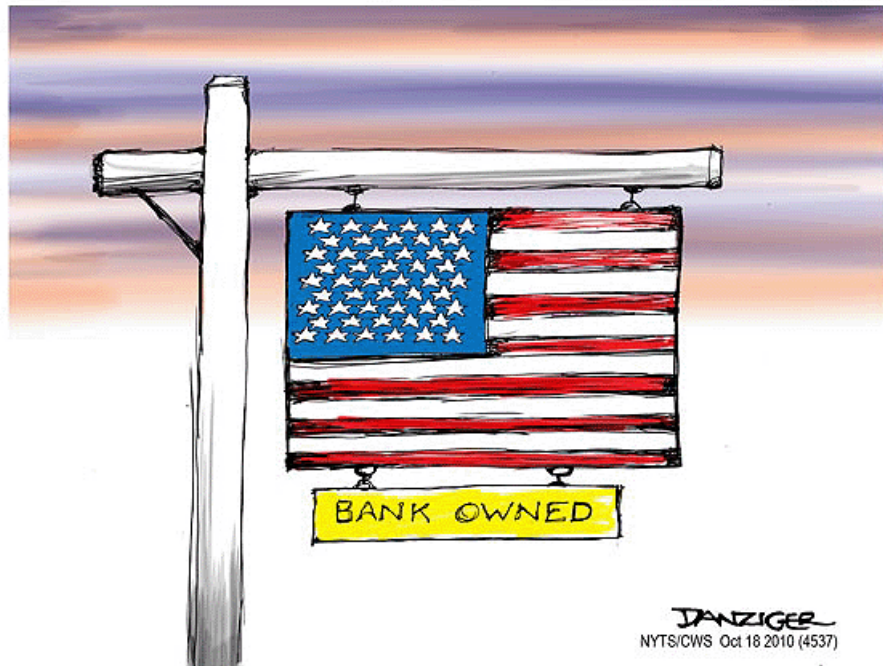
Jim added, "Yeah, write what
you are told and ask
patriotic questions that Officers
answer with pride, too many
blind Commanders from Obama on down."

I said, "Slightly above the rank
of enlisted men
is like going into a bee hive to ask
the Queen bee what went down,"
as she orders her Worker bees
to eat up these people
they are good for nothing
except for making
Americans kill Americans.

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



CLASS WAR REPORTS



“Cut Fees – Or We’ll Cut Off Your Balls”
“Demonstrators Stormed A Building In Westminster Housing The Conservative Party Headquarters”
“Outside, A Crowd Of Thousands Surged As Placards And Banners Were Set On Fire And Missiles Were Thrown”



Students and teachers gather in central London to condemn the government for proposing university funding cuts and huge tuition increases. Photograph: Steve Parsons/PA

[Thanks to Alan Stolzer, The Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

10 November 2010 By Jeevan Vasagar, Paul Lewis and Nicholas Watt, & Michael White Guardian News and Media Limited & By Angela Harrison, Education correspondent, BBC News & 11 November 2010 Jeevan Vasagar, education editor, and Matthew Taylor, Guardian News and Media Limited

An estimated 52,000 people, according to the National Union of Students, marched through central London to display their anger over government plans to increase tuition fees while cutting state funding for university teaching.

There have been violent scenes as people protested against plans to treble tuition fees and cut university funding in England.

Demonstrators stormed a building in Westminster housing the Conservative Party headquarters, smashed windows and got on to the roof.

Outside, a crowd of thousands surged as placards and banners were set on fire and missiles were thrown.

Police wielding batons clashed with a crowd hurling placard sticks, eggs and some bottles.

Lady Warsi, the Tory party chair, was in her office when protesters broke in. She initially had no police protection as the protesters made their way up the fire stairs to the roof.

A statement published by student leaders praised the storming of the building housing Conservative party headquarters by a fringe group of protesters on Wednesday.

“We reject any attempt to characterise the Millbank protest as small, ‘extremist’ or unrepresentative of our movement. We celebrate the fact that thousands of students were willing to send a message to the Tories that we will fight to win. Occupations are a long established tradition in the student movement that should be defended.”

The statement was signed by Clare Solomon, president of the University of London Union, Cameron Tait, president of Sussex University’s student union and Lee Hall, author of Billy Elliot, among others. It puts local student representatives at odds with the NUS national leadership, which condemned Wednesday’s violence.

The Millbank protesters were also praised by the president of the lecturers’ union at Goldsmiths, London, who said their actions had brought attention to the cause.

John Wadsworth said: “Yesterday was a really good natured but equally angry demonstration against the damage that the coalition is doing to higher education.

“The real violence in this situation relates not to a smashed window but to the destructive impact of the cuts and privatisation that will follow if tuition fees are increased and if massive reductions in HE funding are implemented.”

The NUS president told protesters: “We’re in the fight of our lives. We face an unprecedented attack on our future before it has even begun. They’re proposing barbaric cuts that would brutalise our colleges and universities.”

Creative arts students seemed especially fearful that their courses might be axed. Public school students (“my father’s a diplomat, so I can afford the extra fees”) declared solidarity with talented but poorer colleagues who might be squeezed out.

“Cut fees – or we’ll cut off your balls”, declared the poster held by a young woman in pink trainers.

Higher education funding is being cut by 40% - with teaching grants being all but wiped out except for science and maths.

Protesters occupied a building at the University of Manchester today, demanding access to accounts to see how government spending cuts may affect students and staff.

Student protests today included a three-hour sit-in by 60 students at Manchester. "This is just what a few students who had the energy left after the London demo managed to achieve," said Jeremy Buck, 22.

MORE:

“We Are Many, They Are Few” “We Are Against The Tory System Of Attacking The Poor And Helping The Rich”



A demonstrator kicks the window of 30 Millbank, the headquarters of Britain's Conservative Party, during a student protest march, in central London on November 10. Students occupied Prime Minister David Cameron's party headquarters during a turbulent protest against a 300% hike in tuition fees. (AFP/Ben Stansall)

11 Nov 2010 Richard Seymour, Marxism Digest [Excerpt]

The statement by students who occupied Tory HQ:

“We stand against the cuts, in solidarity with all the poor, elderly, disabled and working people affected.

“We are against all cuts and the marketisation of education.

“We are occupying the roof of Tory HQ to show we are against the Tory system of attacking the poor and helping the rich.”

**‘Rise like Lions after slumber
In unvanquishable number,
Shake your chains to earth like dew
Which in sleep had fallen on you -
Ye are many - they are few.**

Percy Bysshe Shelley

Written on the occasion of the massacre of protesting workers carried out by the British Government at Peterloo, Manchester 1819

MORE:

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Sign The Unity Statement

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We need unity to break the Con-Dems' attacks.

Stand with the protesters against victimisation.

Wednesday's national NUS/UCU 50,000 strong national demonstration was a magnificent show of strength against the Con Dems' savage attacks on education.

The Tories want to make swingeing cuts, introduce £9,000 tuition fees and cut EMA. These attacks will close the doors to higher education and further education for a generation of young people.

During the demonstration over 5,000 students showed their determination to defend the future of education by occupying the Tory party HQ and its courtyards for several hours.

The mood was good-spirited, with chants, singing and flares.

Yet at least 32 people have now been arrested, and the police and media appear to be launching a witch-hunt condemning peaceful protesters as "criminals" and violent.

A great deal is being made of a few windows smashed during the protest, but the real vandals are those waging a war on our education system.

We reject any attempt to characterise the Millbank protest as small, "extremist" or unrepresentative of our movement.

We celebrate the fact that thousands of students were willing to send a message to the Tories that we will fight to win.

Occupations are a long established tradition in the student movement that should be defended.

It is this kind of action in France and Greece that has been an inspiration to many workers and students in Britain faced with such a huge assault on jobs, benefits, housing and the public sector.

We stand with the protesters, and anyone who is victimised as a result of the protest.

Initial signatories include (all in a personal capacity):

Mark Bergfeld, NUS NEC

Sean Rillo Raczka, Birkbeck SU Chair and NUS NEC (Mature Students' Rep)

Vicki Baars, NUS LGBT Officer (Women's Place)

Alan Bailey, NUS LGBT Officer (Open Place)

Kanjay Sesay, NUS Black Students' Officer

Matt Bond, NUS Disabled Ctte (Open Place rep)

Michael Chessum, Education and Campaigns Officer UCL SU

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Cameron Tait, University of Sussex Students' Union President

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Clare Solomon, ULU President

Jim Wolfreys, UCU NEC

Dr Marion Hersh UCU NEC and Scottish Executive

Alex Gordon, President, National Union of Rail, Maritime & Transport Workers (RMT)

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