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Sept. 2, 2010: During a firefight in Afghanistan, U.S. Marines rush critically wounded Marine to a medevac helicopter. He was pronounced dead after arrival at a field hospital. (Brennan Linsley / AP)

Christmas Tree

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Christmas Tree

**Dead Solders hang from the Christmas tree,
a cross on top blinks red white and blue
blood dripping from the pine needles
like a junkie government who can't get enough.**

Obama dressed as Old St. Nick throws
more coffins as presents under the tree
Congress doesn't argue about the cost of the war
they just hang shiny purple hearts made
of gold all over the tree and decorations
of black hearses end to end that go around
the tree and then hanging like bulbs are
missing arms and missing legs and hanging
like garland are gold and silver bars that
the war profiteers steal in the early morning
so all the children find is a funeral procession
as they watch the dead Soldiers placed
into coffins and witness the carnage under
the tree and when they look up, all they
can see is more dead Soldiers hanging from
the tree and all they know is Christmas
isn't supposed to be like this, as the War on
the Workers is like the War overseas

where the rich take everything and

give back nothing, using a

lying banner that says Peace On Earth,
Goodwill Toward Men and Christ says
nothing except follow your government
and the priests and pastors and the leaders
of the churches preach, let us not forget our
fallen Soldiers on Christmas Day

and the Soldiers overseas, so we can
enjoy the freedom to live in poverty,

but the children rise up in a choir of truth
sing to their elders can't you see the dead
Soldiers hanging from the Christmas tree
can't you see the rich stealing the silver
and gold like every day is Christmas
for them as they keep the money
and all we get is dead Soldiers each hanging
from a cross and placed on a Christmas tree

and our Mom and Dad's don't have a job

all of this is so wrong

makes you want to kill someone

written by Dennis Serdel for Military Resistance

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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

‘He Died A Hero’: Dustin Finch, Army Soldier From Humboldt Killed In Iraq

December 10, 2010 BY MARIANN MARTIN, Jackson Sun

HUMBOLDT — Dustin Finch was a man who opened doors for his wife, played football with a dislocated finger without telling his coach, followed orders with a smile and joined the Army because he wanted to serve his country.

Pfc. David “Dustin” Finch, 24, was killed during military operations Wednesday in southern Iraq while serving in his first tour of duty with the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment.

“He died a hero,” his wife Heather Finch said Thursday evening, speaking in a phone interview from Fort Hood, Texas, from which Dustin Finch deployed. “It is not OK right now, but I know he died fighting for our country.”

The news of Dustin Finch’s death spread through West Tennessee on Wednesday and Thursday as his family, friends, coaches and teammates remembered the former football player and soldier as a “great guy” who did anything for his teammates and friends.

Dustin Finch played football at Humboldt High School four years, graduating in 2005. He was the team’s captain and Most Valuable Player during the 2004 football season. He then played football at Bethel University from 2005 to 2009, leaving that year to join the military. He studied civil engineering at Bethel and planned to finish his degree in that field.

“It was something he really wanted to do — his two best friends were in the military — and we talked about it a lot,” Heather Finch said. “We knew something like this could happen, but he wanted to join. He was an amazing person and touched so many lives.”

Dustin Finch deployed with the Second Squadron, Third Armored Cavalry Regiment out of Fort Hood, Texas, in August for Iraq.

Heather Finch said her husband told her the day before he was killed that they were going out on a special mission the next day. She said she doesn't remember many of the details about what military officials told her but said Dustin Finch was riding on a Humvee when he was shot.

"I opened the door and I knew what they wanted," Heather Finch said.

The U.S. military told the Associated Press that an American soldier died in southern Iraq but has not yet released Dustin Finch's name. In a statement released Thursday, the military says the soldier was killed during operations Wednesday in southern Iraq. The statement gave no cause of death. It says the incident is under investigation.

The death raises to at least 4,428 the number of U.S. military personnel who have died in Iraq since the war began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

Heather Finch said she and other members of Finch's family will fly to Dover Air Force Base today when the military brings his body home. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Coaches said Thursday they were not surprised when Dustin Finch told them he was joining the Army.

"Dustin was built to be in the Army," Bethel Assistant Coach Chris Elliott said. "He was really happy with the decision he made. Dustin was the kind of guy who would do anything we asked him to do and do it with a smile on his face."

Elliott recruited Dustin Finch from Humboldt High School to play at Bethel, where he played several positions, including linebacker.

"He was the kind of guy that I would want 150 players just like him," Elliott said. "He will always be a part of our family — he was well-liked and had a lot of friends. Everyone is kind of in shock."

Carey Craig, who now coaches at South Side High School, was head coach at Humboldt High School when Dustin Finch played there. Craig recalled one story he said was typical of Dustin Finch.

One day during practice, Craig saw Dustin Finch shake his hand a little and keep on playing. A while later, Dustin Finch walked up to Craig and said one of the other coaches ordered him to report his injury. One of Finch's fingers was completely dislocated.

"He didn't want to stop playing — he played through so many injuries," Craig said. "If I had asked him to run through a brick wall, he would have done it."

"The thing I remember about him most is that he was fearless — nothing ever stopped him. He was the kind of guy who would voluntarily serve his country and die for his country."

Heather Finch, 21, fought tears as she talked about her husband, sometimes laughing as she shared happy memories of their five years together. The two were married Dec. 20, 2009.

“Many people don’t believe in love at first sight, but I still remember everything about that night, walking into the room and seeing him standing there,” she said. “I was just a 16-year-old kid, but the first moment I started talking with him, I knew. I fell in love with him — I will forever be in love with him.”

Heather Finch described her husband as a guy who opened doors for her and pulled out her chair, but never hesitated in the most difficult battle.

“He has touched so many people’s lives,” she said. “I’m hearing from so many people I don’t even know, from all the men he served with. They say he was such a wonderful soldier.”

More Resistance Action

December 12, 2010 CNN & Dec 19 (Reuters) & Dec 20 (Reuters) & Dec 21 (Reuters) & Dec 23 (Reuters) & Dec 24 (Reuters) & CNN

BAGHDAD - Armed men using silenced guns opened fire on the car of an Iraqi army brigadier, killing him and wounding his daughter, in the Mansour district of west-central Baghdad on Wednesday, an interior ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - Armed men using silenced guns wounded an Iraqi police lieutenant colonel in Baghdad’s western Amiriya district on Wednesday, an interior ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - Two roadside bombs exploded near a fuel station, wounding one policeman, in Baghdad’s northeastern Sadr City area on Wednesday, an interior ministry source said.

MOSUL - Armed men shot dead an Iraqi policeman on Wednesday in eastern Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb targeting a police patrol wounded two policemen, in central Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - Three policemen and three Iraqi soldiers were wounded when two roadside bombs exploded in succession in Baghdad’s western Ghazaliya district, an Interior Ministry source said.

At least 11 people were killed and 41 others wounded after a car bombing in central Ramadi, Iraq, the country’s Interior Ministry said Sunday. The ministry said the bomber detonated near the western entrance of the Anbar provincial council building by a checkpoint.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb exploded near a traffic police patrol, wounding three traffic police officers in Baghdad's eastern Zayouna district, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb targeted an Iraqi police patrol, wounding four policemen in Baghdad's southeastern Zaafaraniya district, an Interior Ministry source said.

SAMARA - A roadside bomb struck an Iraqi police patrol, killing two policemen, in Samarra, 100 km (62 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

A policeman was wounded in Baghdad Friday night when a roadside bomb detonated by a police patrol, an Interior Ministry official told CNN.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Minnesota Marine Killed In Helmand



U.S. Marine Sean A. Osterman, 21, of Princeton, Minn. died Dec. 16, 2010. Osterman was wounded last Tuesday while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, N.C. (AP Photo/Family Handout)

Foreign Occupation “Servicemember” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan Monday: Nationality Not Announced

December 21 Reuters

A foreign servicemember died following an improvised explosive device attack in southern Afghanistan today.

Canadian Soldier Killed By Panjwa’i Improvised Explosive Device

December 19, 2010 CEFCOM NR

OTTAWA — One Canadian Forces member was killed yesterday, December 18th, 2010, after an improvised explosive device detonated while on operations in the Panjwa’i district of Kandahar Province, at approximately 12:30 p.m. local time.

Killed in action was Corporal Steve Martin, from 3rd Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment, serving with 1st Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment Battle Group, based at CFB Valcartier, Quebec.

Capitaine Benoît Dupin Killed In Alasay Valley

20/12/2010 Armée de Terre 2010 [France]

Captain Benoit Dupin of the 2nd foreign regiment Engineering (2e REG) Saint Christol, died during a reconnaissance operation in Alasay Valley, Afghanistan.

Aged 34, married and father of a young child, Captain Benedict Dupin committed in 1997 under the National School of sub-active officers (ENSO) in Saint-Maixent. Assigned to the 2nd Marine Infantry Regiment (2e RIMA) as head of the group, he participated in several overseas operations (ex-Yugoslavia, Kosovo and Chad).

Soldier From Royal Corps Of Signals Killed In Nahr-e Saraj

22 Dec 10 Ministry of Defence

It is with deep regret that the Ministry of Defence must announce that a soldier from 216 Parachute Signal Squadron, Royal Corps of Signals, was killed in Afghanistan on Tuesday, 21 December 2010.

The soldier died as a result of wounds sustained when the vehicle in which he was travelling came into contact with an improvised explosive device.

At the time of his death, the soldier was taking part in an operation to disrupt insurgent freedom of movement in the Nahr-e Saraj district of Helmand province, bringing increased security to the area.

Soldier With Isle Ties Dies In Bombing

Dec 15, 2010 By William Cole, Honolulu Star-Advertiser

Army Sgt. Sean M. Collins didn't have to go to Afghanistan.

His father, Patrick, said his son had been to Iraq twice -- most recently on a deployment last year.

"He could have claimed his dwell time. He could have said, 'Look, I get a year (between deployments),' " Patrick Collins said. "In fact, he had to request a waiver to be able to deploy with his unit, but he was a team leader in an infantry platoon."

But Sean Collins knew it was his duty and responsibility to go, his father said.

The soldier with Hawaii ties was among six killed Sunday in Afghanistan when an explosives-packed minibus blew up at the entrance of a joint NATO-Afghan base in Kandahar province, the Pentagon said yesterday.

Collins, 25, who grew up in Washington state, and five of his fellow soldiers were killed in the deadliest attack on coalition troops this month.

The Department of Defense identified the other victims as Cpl. Willie A. McLawhorn Jr., 23, of Conway, N.C.; Spc. Patrick D. Deans, 22, of Orlando, Fla.; Spc. Kenneth E. Necochea Jr., 21, of San Diego; Spc. Derek T. Simonetta, 21, of Redwood City, Calif.; and Spc. Jorge E. Villacis, 24, of Sunrise, Fla.

They were with the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) out of Fort Campbell, Ky.

Collins' father, a retired Army lieutenant colonel, lives in Palolo Valley. His son lived with him in Ewa Beach for about six months in late 2005 or early 2006 as he prepared to follow his father into the Army.

Sean Collins enlisted in the service, something his father said he had wanted to do from about age 5, in Honolulu.

Patrick Collins said his son had "a special unique Irish dark sense of humor -- often vulgar, always totally politically incorrect -- and it would still put a smile on your face."

Sean Collins was born in Colorado, and lived in Panama and Michigan before going through most of his "growing-up years" in Washington state, his father said.

Patrick Collins, a consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton at Fort Shafter, had deployed to Afghanistan in 2004-05.

The two would stay in touch through Facebook.

"It was a hard life. He was getting tired," Collins said. "He was looking forward to coming home. He was discussing whether he wanted to stay on in the service. He was debating the wisdom of having back-to-back combat tours, because it just wears you out."

Collins got the heartbreaking news on Sunday from his daughter while he was on assignment in Guam.

Collins said he felt "horrible, absolutely horrible." But he added, "I am incredibly proud of my son."

Marine Remembered For His Determination

December 15, 2010 By Thomas Byrne, Globe Correspondent

MALDEN — Lance Corporal Michael E. Geary was a determined, level-headed teenager who decided at an early age he wanted to be a US Marine, his family says.

"Since he was 14, it was all he talked about," said his father, Tim Geary of Derry, N.H. "I asked him why the Marines. His response was, 'Because they're the best.' The Marine Corps was everything to him."

Corporal Geary, 20, who was from Derry and had roots in Malden, was killed in action in Afghanistan last week, local officials and the military said yesterday.

He died Dec. 8 during combat operations in Helmand Province, in southern Afghanistan, according to the US Department of Defense.

Corporal Geary was born in Malden, spent his early childhood in Brookline, and had lived since the age of 9 in Derry, where he graduated from Pinkerton Academy in 2009.

He was assigned to the Second Battalion, Ninth Marine Regiment, Second Marine Division, Second Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The Massachusetts Senate is expected to adjourn an informal session tomorrow in honor of Corporal Geary, said Michael Smith, a spokesman for Senate minority leader Richard R. Tisei's office. The presiding senator, scheduled to be James E. Timilty, Democrat of Walpole, is to read a statement paying tribute to Corporal Geary, in which family and teachers express their memories of the young man before and after he donned his Marine uniform, according to a copy of the statement.

Joseph Dion, one of Corporal Geary's teachers at Pinkerton, described him as "a young man people could admire for his conviction and his accomplishment."

"I am saddened by Mike's death because he was so young," Dion said in the statement, which was provided to the Globe.

"But like so many other Marines I have known, his sacrifice reinforces for me why we should not take for granted the men and women who have served and continue to serve in our armed forces."

Corporal Geary enlisted at 18, said his father, who spoke with pride about a son he said was kind and thoughtful, perhaps more so than others his age.

"For a kid his age, he had his head on pretty straight," Geary said, remembering times the two would fish together. "We had a cookout just before he went away. The last time I actually saw him and spoke to him in person was the week he left."

Corporal Geary had been stationed in Afghanistan since July, his father said.

Geary said his son was an active teenager who loved to go running. The two joined a gym together before he shipped out.

"He was an old soul," said Corporal Geary's aunt, Shannon Brandano, a lawyer who practices in Malden.

"He just knew exactly what he wanted in his life, and there was no room for skepticism. For a person of such a young age to articulate that, and to have such a clear sense of direction, is just amazing to me."

Brandano said the Marine doted on his mother and was a role model for some of the younger family members at gatherings. Brandano said she remembered when at a family cookout, her 14-year-old son looked up to his elder cousin.

"My son did not leave his side; he was just mesmerized by him," Brandano said. "(Michael) was infectious, he just had an infectious personality."

In addition to his father and aunt, Corporal Geary leaves his mother, Nancy (Buiting) of Derry; an uncle, William of Londonderry, N.H., a grandmother, Beverly of Londonderry; and a grandfather, Robert Antle of Billerica.

He was promoted to lance corporal March 1, and deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in July, the Department of Defense said.

His awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Department of Defense said.

A wake is planned tomorrow from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Peabody Funeral Home in Londonderry, N.H., with a 10 a.m. service Friday at St. Thomas Church in Derry.

Burial will follow at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, N.H.

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

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

Two Australian Soldier Wounded By IED In Baluchi Valley

December 23, 2010 Xinhua

An Australian soldier seriously wounded in an improvised explosive device (IED) explosion in Afghanistan has been flown to Germany for specialist treatment, Defense Force said on Thursday.

Australian Defense Force earlier announced that two members of the Mentoring Task Force (MTF-2) have been hurt in separate IED blasts in the Baluchi Valley region of Oruzgan province on Sunday.

According to MTF-2 commanding officer Lieutenant Colonel Darren Huxley, one of the soldiers received superficial wounds.

However, the other, in critical condition, suffered serious blast and fragmentation wounds when the IED exploded near an Afghan National Army foot patrol accompanied by Australian soldiers.

"He is still in a serious condition. He has been flown to Germany to the major NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) hospital there," Lt Col Huxley told Australia Associated Press in a telephone interview on Thursday.

“He has got some serious wounds but none of them are life- threatening. ... His mother has been flown out to be with him as well.”

Sunday’s incident brought the number of Australian wounded soldiers this year to 62.

Since Australia started operations in Afghanistan, 162 soldiers have been wounded. In that time, 21 have been killed, 10 this year.

U.S. Soldier Wounded By IED In Mohammad Agha

One US soldier was wounded in a roadside bomb blast on Sunday in Mohammad Agha district of Logar province, while their vehicle struck a mine, Din Mohammad Darwish, a spokesman for governor of Logar, told TOLONews reporter.

Taliban claimed responsibility for the incident saying that the foreign troops have suffered heavy casualties.

Two Insurgents Hold Off “Hundreds” Of Afghan, U.S. And German Troops In “A Day-Long Siege”

December 20, 2010 AFP

Kunduz: Troops shot dead rebels at an army recruitment centre in northern Afghanistan Sunday to end a day-long siege.

The gunbattle between insurgents and security forces in Kunduz erupted after four militants armed with guns and suicide vests attacked the centre early Sunday, killing eight security personnel, officials said.

Two of the attackers were killed by security forces as the other pair occupied the facility throughout the day, officials said. “The fighting is over,” Zemarai Bashary, an interior ministry spokesman told AFP in the capital, Kabul. He said the remaining two rebels had been gunned down by Afghan security forces, without giving further details.

Witnesses said that the militants had exchanged fire with hundreds of Afghan and NATO-led US and German troops until dark. Four police officers and four soldiers were killed in the first hours of the attack, according to Afghan officials.

An AFP reporter on the site said hundreds of Afghan security forces and US and German troops, based in Kunduz as part of NATO's International Security Assistance Force, had sealed off the area, as helicopters hovered overhead.

Afghanistan Occupation Fuel Tankers Destroyed In Pakistan As Usual



Burning oil tankers carrying fuel for foreign forces in Afghanistan, attacked by militants near Jamrud, in the Khyber tribal region along the Afghan border, Dec. 20, 2010. A Pakistani government official says militants fired rockets at a convoy carrying supplies to Afghanistan, destroying two oil tankers and wounding two people. (AP Photo/Amir Zada)

[Thanks to Felicity Arbuthnot, who sent this in.]

Dec 20, 2010 Press TV

Unknown militants have attacked two NATO fuel supply trucks in Khyber Agency in northwest Pakistan.

The militants targeted the fuel trucks with rockets in Gatha Pashta area in Landi Kotal tehsil of Khyber Agency on Monday morning, a Press TV correspondent quoted officials as saying.

According to a tribal administration official, two people were wounded in the attack.

“An oil tanker carrying fuel for NATO forces in Afghanistan caught fire after militants attacked with rockets and assault rifles,” tribal administration official Arshad Khan Afridi said.

No one has claimed responsibility yet but local officials blame the attack on pro-Taliban militants.

Pro-Taliban militants have destroyed hundreds of vehicles in northwestern and southwestern Pakistan over the past years.

The militants say the assaults are in retaliation for non-UN-sanctioned US drone strikes inside Pakistan's tribal belt.

Eighty percent of NATO supplies are transported to war-ravaged Afghanistan through Pakistan. The supply line has become increasingly vulnerable to militant attacks in recent months.

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Afghan policemen carry the body of a comrade killed by an insurgent attack in Kunduz December 23, 2010. A bomber blew himself up near the police post in Kunduz on, killing the officer REUTERS/Wahdat

December 18, 2010 by The Associated Press & December 23, 2010 The Associated Press & CNN & 12.24.10 By AMIR SHAH, Associated Press Amir Shah, Associated Press

In the north, insurgents attacked a South Korean-operated construction site, South Korea's Yonhap news agency said. Sher Jan Durani, spokesman for the chief of police in the northern Balkh province, confirmed a road construction site had been attacked and said a Bangladeshi worker had been killed. He said seven Afghan security guards were missing, believed to have been taken by the attackers. There were reports that four of them had managed to escape, he said, but the area was very remote and authorities were investigating.

A bomber blowing himself up at a checkpoint in city of Kunduz, killed a police officer provincial police chief Abdul Rahman Sayedkhaili said. Hamdullah Danishi, acting governor of Kunduz province, confirmed the assault and said the attacker wanted to target a police checkpoint. The incident occurred in the city's Chowk area.

In eastern Khost province, a roadside bomb detonated when the army vehicle drove by, killing the car's driver, said provincial chief of police Abdul Hakim Esaqzai. He said the blast also wounded another Afghan soldier.

U.S. Military Attacks Gives The Afghan Resistance Some Real Help: Police Officer And Brother Of A Political Leader Killed; Security Guards Massacred In Brilliant Action

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

December 23, 2010 The Associated Press & 12.24.10 By AMIR SHAH, Associated Press & By MICHAEL KAMBER and SHARIFULLAH SAHAK, New York Times

KABUL, Afghanistan — A U.S. helicopter opened fire on a convoy of cars heading to an event hosted by the head of a local council Thursday, killing a police officer and the brother of a lawmaker, provincial officials in northern Afghanistan said.

The chief of police, the governor and the head of the provincial council of Faryab province all said the helicopter strafed one car in the convoy, killing a policeman and Mohammad Aminuddin, the brother of former parliament member Sarajuddin Mozafari.

Police chief Khalil Andarabi said two policemen and a civilian were also wounded in the strike.

The strike in Faryab occurred on the main road about three miles (five kilometers) outside the provincial capital, Maimana, as a convoy of cars headed to a lunch hosted by the head of a local council, according to Faryab governor Abdul Haq Shafaq and the other officials involved.

Shafaq, who had been among the guests, said he had just driven by the area when he heard the helicopter firing and turned back.

“I myself helped with the body and the injured,” Shafaq told The Associated Press. He said three helicopters had been flying over the convoy, and one of them then landed and evacuated two of the injured.

Shafaq said more than 20 cars had been in the convoy.

“We are so angry about this,” Shafaq said, describing the dead as innocents. He called for an investigation into the incident by the attorney general.

An overnight raid by NATO troops on a private security company compound killed two Afghan guards.

In the capital, Kabul, Interior Ministry spokesman Zemer Bashary said an investigation was under way into why foreign forces raided the compound of Tiger International, an Afghan private security company, killing two Afghan guards and wounding another two.

Kabul criminal investigation chief Mohammad Zahir said the investigation began Friday, and that none of the approximately six guards in the compound at the time had opened fire on the foreign troops. He said there had been no coordination with Afghan authorities before the raid.

15 people were detained in the operation.

The detained were subsequently released after a senior Afghan army official arrived at the scene and “personally vouched” for them, NATO said.

“ISAF forces went to third floor of the Irshad Elham building and targeted Tiger International security guards,” Colonel Zahir said. “They killed the people based on the wrong intelligence that they had. After killing the guards, they did not find anything. There were no terrorists.”

A guard with Tiger International confirmed that two men had been killed there.

“Their names were Mubin and Sadiq,” said the guard, who insisted on anonymity. “They had young children at home; they were good men, poor men.”

Taliban Review Obama Regimes’ Review Of Afghanistan Strategy: “The Obama Strategy For Afghanistan Not Only Has Failed

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December 18, 2010 Los Angeles Times

[T]he Afghan Taliban have a very sophisticated and fast-moving media operation that has already issued a detailed response to the much-anticipated review of American strategy in the Afghanistan war issued on Thursday.

As expected, the Taliban gave the Obama administration’s review, covered by the Los Angeles Times, and its timing a big thumbs down.

“Obama unveils review of the strategy in a time that they left no stone unturned in Afghanistan to beef up the occupation, but all their efforts have failed,” a message e-mailed to reporters in Kabul said.

“Now he has come with the review of the strategy to present it before the American public and the public of the world in an effort to distract the attention from his failed strategy; to buoy up a new hope and keep people occupied in illusory expectations.”

The strategy review, the message said, “proves that his last year’s strategy, with all other overseas schemes, have faced frustration and failure because the substance of these schemes and strategy do not coincide with the ground realities in Afghanistan.”

The Taliban said the U.S. strategy amounted to shuffling the chairs on the deck of the Titanic.

“The past nine years have showed that the foreign troops surge and emphasis on the military approach is a failed replica for achievement of victory by the foreign occupation in Afghanistan, which has never been in a position to play a role in transformation of the status quo in the country,” the Taliban said. “This is the hard fact which Obama has also conceded, though indirectly, by resorting to reviewing the strategy.”

It noted that “thousands” had demonstrated against the war in front of the White House, and that U.S. intelligence agencies in separate reports “had expressed concern about American military setbacks in Afghanistan.”

It called the Obama administration's claims of progress in “some undisclosed areas of Afghanistan” vague. “All know that the ground realities are contrary to what he claims,” the statement said.

Not only have military efforts been a failure, so too have efforts to shore up Afghanistan's institutions and the government of President Hamid Karzai, the Taliban insisted.

“The Obama strategy for Afghanistan not only has failed in the military field but has had no achievement at the civilian and administration level,” it said.

“In view of common Afghans, the strategy has only resulted in helping the puppet Karzai government remain in power, spread corruption, insecurity, grievances, incompetence of officials, killings of thousands of civilians during American operations.” the statement said. “These are the consequences of the strategy.”

The planned draw-down of U.S. troops, to begin in the middle of next year, “is the bitter consequences which the American people are grappling with after losing thousands of American soldiers and spending hundreds of billions of dollars.”

The Taliban, which ruled much of the country with a bloody fist until they were ousted by U.S.-led forces in 2001, vowed that “peace and stability will not return to Afghanistan unless and until all foreign forces pull out of the country.”

“The unremitting continuation of foreign interference will pave the way for more casualties and destruction,” the statement read. “The foreigners should start the withdrawal of the occupying forces now — a task which they would have to do ultimately at a later stage. Thus they will save themselves from the heavy losses in life and equipment which they are facing as a result of the war of Afghanistan.”

That way, “the oppressed and miserable people of Afghanistan will also find salvation from the illegitimate invasion and atrocities of America.

“This is the mechanism of the solution.”

Troops Invited:

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“Safety Starts With You”

[A Message From Your Neighborhood Highway Patrol]



Dec. 13, 2010: A Taliban fighter overwatches a checkpoint as others inspect vehicles in Nangarhar province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan. A Taliban commander on the ground said that they were checking the traffic looking for people working for the Afghan government, for non-governmental organizations allied to foreign troops, or who work at the US military bases. (AP Photo)

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.

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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/>

UNREMITTING HELL ON EARTH; ALL HOME NOW



An Afghan policeman looks on as U.S. troops aim towards a building housing an army recruitment center being attacked by Taliban fighters in Kunduz, north of Kabul, Afghanistan, Dec. 19, 2010. Teams of Taliban militants assaulted the Afghan army in the north of the country and in the capital, killing at least 10 members of the security forces, officials said. (AP Photo/Fulad Hamdard)

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

Government Soldiers Killed By IED They Dug Up And Took With Them

12.20.2010 Mareeg

At least 5 people were killed and more other numbers wounded in a land mine explosion that occurred in the Somali's capital Mogadishu on Monday, reports said.

Explosion occurred in Washadaha road in the capital Mogadishu killing 5 people and injuring other numbers and 4 of the dead are reported to be government soldiers, eyewitness said. "I have seen 4 government soldiers and a woman dead, eyewitness said.

There are other reports indicating that government soldiers picked up the land mine from where it was buried and carrying it on their armed vehicle and then exploded.

MILITARY NEWS

HOW MANY MORE FOR OBAMA'S WARS?



The casket of James Ayube Jr. at St. James Church in Salem, Mass. Dec. 18, 2010. Ayube, was killed Dec. 8 while on foot patrol in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. Ayube graduated from Salem High School in 2003. He leaves his parents, James and Christina Ayube, and his wife, Lauren. (AP Photo/ Mark Teiwes, Pool)

A Soldier Who Got A Friend To Drive Over His Leg To Avoid Being Sent Back To Afghanistan Freed From Military Prison After Judges Overturned A Decision To Lock Him Up

December 22, 2010 By Amy Glendinning and Mike Keegan, Manchester Evening News

A soldier who got a friend to drive over his leg in a desperate attempt to avoid being sent back to Afghanistan has been freed from military prison after judges overturned a decision to lock him up.

Private Danny Cross, from Reddish, Stockport, was so terrified of returning to the war-torn country he sat in the road while he and pal carried out the 'accident'.

The traumatised 19-year-old was declared unfit to go back but he confessed to a military doctor. He appeared before a courts martial charged with malingering and was sentenced to 18-months detention.

But at the Appeal Court in London, the decision was quashed when judges read a psychiatric report that listed the devastating effect of his combat experiences.

After the hearing, Pte Cross said: "I didn't ever want to disrespect the Army I'm just glad that its over and I'm glad to be back with my family."

Lord Justice Thomas said the teenager was suffering from a general anxiety disorder when he thought up the plot. He had recently returned home for rest and recuperation after his first taste of war during which he came frequently under enemy fire and experienced several 'near misses'.

While on leave he heard that two of his friends had been killed in Afghanistan.

Lord Justice Thomas said it was a miracle that he avoided serious harm after he sat in the road and his leg was driven over.

Pte Cross, who joined the Army as a cadet at 16, told his mother and his girlfriend what he had done, and later confessed his actions to a military doctor.

The military judge who sentenced Pte Cross said that malingering was so serious an offence he had no option but to lock him up. However Lord Justice Thomas, sitting with Mrs Justice Sharp and Mr Justice Supperstone, said no proper psychiatric evidence was heard by the courts martial.

Since then, a full psychiatric report had been prepared which testified to the effect of his combat experiences - including trauma, a general anxiety disorder and an adjustment disorder.

Lord Justice Thomas said he appreciated the necessity of the courts martial taking a very tough line in respect of those charged with malingering.

But he told the court that, in the circumstances, they took the view that it was safe to act on the report. He overturned the original 18-month term, substituting a 12-month community order with a supervision requirement.

Pte Cross served in the Mercian Regiment. He underwent battlefield training in Africa before being deployed to Afghanistan but failed to complete his combat training due to absences without leave.

His solicitor Chris Harrison said: "What kind of a state of mind must he have been in to sit down in the road and get a friend to drive over his leg. This was the sort of case which demonstrates the enormous stresses suffered by young men during service in Afghanistan

“We hear a lot about the tragic combat deaths and major casualties, but nothing of the psychological problems suffered by men who deploy and then return apparently successfully. “

Pte Cross was also dismissed from the Army by the Courts Martial - a sentence which was not overturned by the Appeal Court.

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”

“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

<p>Hope for change doesn’t cut it when you’re still losing buddies. -- J.D. Englehart, Iraq Veterans Against The War</p>

**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**

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**

**The Social-Democrats ideal should not be the trade union secretary, but the tribune of the people who is able to react to every manifestation of tyranny and oppression no matter where it appears no matter what stratum or class of the people it affects; who is able to generalize all these manifestations and produce a single picture of police violence and capitalist exploitation; who is able to take advantage of every event, however small, in order to set forth before all his socialist convictions and his democratic demands, in order to clarify for all and everyone the world-historic significance of the struggle for the emancipation of the proletariat.”
-- V. I. Lenin; What Is To Be Done**

**A revolution is always distinguished by impoliteness, probably because the ruling classes did not take the trouble in good season to teach the people fine manners.
-- Leon Trotsky, History Of The Russian Revolution**

**“The Nixon administration claimed and received great credit for withdrawing the Army from Vietnam, but it was the rebellion of low-ranking GIs that forced the government to abandon a hopeless suicidal policy”
-- David Cortright; Soldiers In Revolt**

**It is a two class world and the wrong class is running it.
-- Larry Christensen, Soldiers Of Solidarity & United Auto Workers**

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, 1819, on the occasion of a mass murder of British workers by the Imperial government at Peterloo.

**“‘We Were Making Inroads,’
Said Capt. Nick Stout, Meari’s
Company Commander”
“No We Weren’t”
“We Were Occupying Their Country --
And They Hate Us”
“What Would We Do If Foreign Troops
Occupied The United States?”**

[Thanks to Larry Christensen, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

By Richard Reeves

November 20, 2010 By Richard Reeves, “UExpress”

Nov. 16,2010 -- LOS ANGELES –

I had to pull over to the side of La Cienega Boulevard last Tuesday evening as I drove home from work. I was crying.

It was nothing, or it was the same old thing.

I was listening to the news on National Public Radio when there was another story about another death in Afghanistan. Pfc. Andrew Meari, age 21. A village called Senjaray. An Afghan on a moped pulled up next to an American truck and blew himself up, killing Meari and another guy. The Americans, my countrymen, were there, near Kandahar, working to win the trust and cooperation of the locals.

They were paying the locals, sipping tea with them, giving them weapons and advice.

The locals killed them.

What hit me was listening to Spc. Robert Criss, who said Meari was his best friend: "I don't trust anyone out there. They just seem shady all the time. ... They duck around corners and peak out at us."

"We were making inroads," said Capt. Nick Stout, Meari's company commander.

No we weren't. We were occupying their country -- and they hate us.

I was not crying for Meari, though God knows, he and his family deserve our tears. I was crying for my country, for the cowardice of our leaders who continue to send the same brave young men out again and again to die rather than admit they have no chance as strangers in a strange land.

They, the cowards in Washington, know what they are doing. If they don't, they can read the reports of the University of Chicago Project on Security and Terrorism, which analyzed each of more than 2,200 suicide attacks around the world since 1980. Their conclusion, obvious if you read history, is that extremist religion is not the motivation for such terrorism. The reason, above all, is military occupation of other countries.

What would we do if foreign troops occupied the United States?

What did we do when we considered British troops occupiers in 1776?

An extraordinarily brave American, Spc. Salvatore Giunta of Hiawatha, Iowa, the first live American to win the Medal of Honor since the war in Vietnam, said this after his heroism was recognized in a battle far from Kandahar, in the Korengal Valley three years ago:

"These people won't leave this valley," he said of the Afghans, as reported by Elizabeth Rubin of The New York Times.

"They have been here far before I could fathom an Afghanistan."

Then he said: "All my feelings are with my friends and they are getting smaller. I have sweat more, cried more and bled more in this country than my own."

Our soldiers fight for each other, for their friends, as soldiers have fought and died for each other through the centuries.

They are not even fighting for the rest of us, the American people. We just had a national election for the Congress, that half-dead body which is supposed to declare wars, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan were barely mentioned by candidates.

Shed tears for the brave.

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