

Military Resistance 9G22

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



A wounded U.S. soldier following an attack near Kandahar, Afghanistan, July 30, 2011.
(AP Photo/Rafiq Maqbool)

**“There Were Also Reports This
Weekend Of A Syrian Army Colonel
Saying He Had Founded An Army Of
Defectors After Fleeing With
Hundreds Of Soldiers”**

**“Amateur Footage Circulating Online
Also Shows Soldiers Defecting In Hama,
Including One Video Showing Soldiers
Kissing Protesters”**

Scores of people have been shot dead and there were reports of bodies lying in the streets of the opposition stronghold of Hama following a tank assault as Syrian troops unleashed an apparent nationwide offensive targeting protesters against the regime of President Bashar al-Assad.

Videos posted online showed columns of black smoke rising from Hama after tanks moved in at dawn, with witnesses reporting indiscriminate firing at citizens. Residents shouted "God is great!" and threw firebombs and stones at the tanks as they pushed through the city.

There were also reports this weekend of a Syrian army colonel saying he had founded an army of defectors after fleeing with hundreds of soldiers. The man, identifying himself as Colonel Riad al-Asaad, told AFP: "I am the commander of the Syrian Free Army" and warned against any attack on Deir Ezzor.

Amateur footage circulating online also shows soldiers defecting in Hama, including one video showing soldiers kissing protesters.

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

Franklin County Soldier Killed In Iraq

July 18, 2011 WTVD

FRANKLIN COUNTY -- Relatives of a Franklin County soldier are dealing with his death while on duty in Iraq.

Lucas Elliott, 21, was killed while on his second tour in Iraq as an Army Reserve military police specialist.

Elliott's mother and brother, Patti and Bradley Elliott, remember him as a hero called to serve his country after America was attacked nearly 10 years ago. "He look at the TV as we watched everything happen, and said 'I want to be a soldier, I want to serve my country. I don't want this to happen again,'" Elliott's mother Patti said.

Elliott, who served five years in the military, was killed in southern Iraq Friday when the vehicle he was riding in was hit by an IED. Four other soldiers were injured.

"Those boys and girls need our prayers," Patti Elliott said. "They have gone through a terrible experience seeing one of their brothers fall and they still have to go on with their mission. So, our thoughts and prayers are with them."

Patti Elliott has made troops fighting the nation's wars her mission. She has dedicated herself to helping families grieve over loved ones lost while fighting overseas. She was featured in an ABC11 Armed Forces Salute last year.

"I know what to say to families in situations like this," she said. "I know what they go through. I know what resources to refer them to, but its hard to take your own medicine, though."

Lucas Elliott would have celebrated his 22nd birthday on Monday.

His mother says her son's body arrived at Dover Air Force Base overnight Sunday. "He's back in the U.S., home for his birthday and that's important to us," Patti Elliott said. "His favorite meal was barbeque ribs, so we will have that today and celebrate his life. "I still worry and I want everyone to pray for his brothers and sisters who witnessed his death and have to carry on with the mission."

Lucas Elliott will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. The date of his service has not yet been set.

ENOUGH OF THIS SHIT; ALL HOME NOW



ISKANDARIYA, IRAQ - JULY 15: U.S. soldiers with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment patrol in Iskandariya, Babil Province, Iraq. (Photo by Spencer Platt/Getty Images) less



ISKANDARIYA, IRAQ - JULY 19: U.S. soldiers with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment patrol a new ditch they have dug to protect the base from attack on July 19, 2011 in Iskandariya, Babil Province Iraq. (Photo by Spencer Platt/Getty Images)

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

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

August 1, 2011 Reuters

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

Resistance Action: Afghan Blast Kills 12 Policemen

July 31 (Reuters)

An attacker killed 12 Afghan policemen in the southern city of Lashkar Gah on Sunday when he detonated a car bomb.

The explosion happened near the police chief's compound in the provincial capital and appeared to target a joint Afghan police and army patrol.

Twelve people were wounded in the blast, nine of them policemen and three civilians, said Daoud Ahmadi, spokesman for the Helmand provincial governor.

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

**Marines “Complained About
The Squalid Conditions, Attacks
From An Unseen Enemy And
The Heat”**

**“This Place Isn't Really That Bad If
You're Not Scared Of Getting Shot
At Or Blown Up”**

**“The Taliban Have The Ability To
Maneuver Easily In The AO (Area Of
Operation)”**

**“They Do Have The Home-Turf
Advantage, Coupled With The Ability To
Blend In With The Local Populace”**

Piddock said U.S. forces didn't have the support of the local elders, many of whom have left the river valley for the relative safety of the nearby desert. Women and children that call the valley home have also fled, he said.

Jul 28, 2011 By Carmen Gentile - Special for USA Today [Excerpts]

UPPER GERESHK VALLEY, Afghanistan — Smoking a cigarette after a long day at a tiny military outpost deep in Taliban territory, Sgt. David Sowell mulled over how many of his fellow Marines had lost limbs in this river valley.

“I don’t want to lose my legs, but if I do, I can cope with it ... as long as it’s not one or both of my arms, I’ll be fine,” said Sowell in a casual Texas drawl.

Sowell and the rest of the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment are on the outermost ring of the U.S. forces that have spread from main population centers.

When the 4th Marine Regiment arrived in the province a few months ago they had to fight their way in. The offensive left four Marines dead and 50 wounded from Taliban sniper fire and buried mines known as improvised explosive devices.

Casualties have subsided after the Marine objective was modified to prioritize the protection of a newly paved road rather than heading into the valley regularly looking for the Taliban.

“The Taliban have the ability to maneuver easily in the AO (area of operation),” Maj. Jackson Doan said. “They do have the home-turf advantage, coupled with the ability to blend in with the local populace.”

Battalion commander Lt. Col. Robert Piddock agreed that the previous strategy of pursuit wasn’t working.

Piddock said U.S. forces didn’t have the support of the local elders, many of whom have left the river valley for the relative safety of the nearby desert. Women and children that call the valley home have also fled, he said.

“In order to have success (here) you have to have the support from land-owning elders,” Piddock said.

With the Marines are Army special operations forces and Afghan commandos whose efforts to tamp down the insurgency, engage the populace and recruit Afghan men for a local police force also largely failed to produce results, officers says.

The absence of Afghan National Army forces here also makes it difficult to counter the insurgents’ influence and win favor among locals, said Capt. Andrew Terrell, who said there is a shortfall of Afghan forces in the region.

Mohammed Daud is among the many farmers that grow poppy for opium in the spring, followed by wheat, soy and corn. His thick, black beard and weathered face make him appear much older than his 36 years.

As most elders in Hayadarabad have fled for the relative safety of the nearby desert, Daud speaks as a de facto leader in a lawless area where there are no elected or appointed officials, and certainly no influence exerted by the federal government.

“We rely on poppy to make our money in case someone gets sick or to pay for a wedding,” Daud said. “It is the most profitable crop we grow. The others are just for our survival.”

Piddock says the men in the area, including Daud, are Taliban sympathizers who play “both sides of the fence” but that they continue to try and win them over.

Patrol Base Shark’s Tooth is comprised largely of mud walls and windowless hovels partially burrowed in the ground.

Marines live four or more in tiny rooms to escape the overbearing summer heat. Many sleep outdoors, using insect netting to avoid malaria from a mosquito bite.

There is no running water; the Marines go weeks, even months, without a shower.

At Outpost 22, a group of young Marines piles into a room covered with dirty carpets to rest.

They complained about the squalid conditions, attacks from an unseen enemy and the heat.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Kurtis Lett, a Navy corpsman attached to the Marines, said the assignment is not without its charms.

“This place isn’t really that bad if you’re not scared of getting shot at or blown up,” said Lett, prompting laughter from the rest of the men.

MILITARY NEWS

**Win One For Our Side:
Cheated Combat Veterans
Discharged For PTSD Force
Government To Pay Up Now:
“One Of The Boards Reviewing The
Cases Was Moving So Slow, It Was
Going To Take Seven Years For All The
Cases To Be Reviewed”**

Jul 29, 2011 By Kimberly Hefling - The Associated Press [Excerpts]

WASHINGTON — More than a thousand Iraq and Afghanistan veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder would be given lifetime disability retirement benefits such as military health insurance under the terms of a settlement reached between the government and the veterans.

Attorneys for the veterans, the Justice Department and the military jointly filed a motion on Thursday that spelled out the terms. The settlement must be approved by a judge to be final.

It also affects another thousand veterans who already had lifetime retirement benefits, but would receive a higher disability rating from the military.

All of the veterans affected by the settlement would potentially receive new monthly disability compensation.

The settlement stems from a 2008 class action lawsuit filed in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington by veterans unable to serve, at least in part, because of the anxiety disorder who said they were illegally denied benefits.

The law requires the military to give a disability rating of at least 50 percent to troops discharged for PTSD, but each of the plaintiffs received a disability less than that, said Bart Stichman, co-executive director of the National Veterans Legal Services Program, a nonprofit organization that represented the veterans.

As part of the lawsuit, the military in January 2010 said it would expeditiously review the cases.

But attorneys for the veterans grew concerned about the pace in which the cases have been reviewed by military boards.

One of the boards reviewing the cases was moving so slow, it was going to take seven years for all the cases to be reviewed, Stichman said.

That led to settlement talks.

Timothy Martin, 32, a former specialist in the Tennessee National Guard, who struggles with panic attacks and nightmares related to his war service in Iraq, would benefit from the settlement.

He said the health care benefits from the settlement would help with health care for his kids, ages 2 and 5.

“The extra money, the back pay, the insurance, it’s going to really help change our lives,” Martin said.

Each of the veterans in the suit was released from the military between Dec. 17, 2002, and Oct. 14, 2008.

Soldier Convicted Of Killing Master Sgt. Who Harassed And Denied Him Leave And Vacation Time: “I’m Tired Of Him. Fuck Him”

Jul 28, 2011 By Russ Bynum - The Associated Press & July 27, 2011 By Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. — A Georgia soldier who argued he shot a superior to death because a crash diet drove him to a violent state of delirium was convicted of premeditated murder Thursday by a court-martial.

Under military law, 30-year-old Staff Sgt. Rashad Valmont of Jonesboro gets an automatic life sentence. The only question left for the five-member military jury that convicted him is whether Valmont should ever be eligible for parole.

Valmont was convicted in the June 2010 slaying of Master Sgt. Pedro Mercado. Both men served in a medical administration unit of the Army Reserve stationed at Fort Gillem outside Atlanta.

After four days of testimony, jurors ultimately rejected Valmont’s defense — that he was dehydrated and delirious after a different supervisor ordered him to shed 3 percent of his body fat in a dangerously short period.

His fiancée testified he skipped meals and put in extra hours at the gym and sauna, pushing his body to exhaustion.

"He just was down and he felt like his superior officers wanted him to fail," Marina Nichols, Valmont’s fiancée, testified at his trial Wednesday. "He was exhausted and he looked really drained. He didn’t eat anything. He actually threw up."

Valmont’s fiancée testified that he came home that night weary from a body wrap at a sauna. He skipped dinner and went to the gym for several hours instead. She heard him vomiting after he returned home. The next morning, the day before the shooting, he went straight back to the sauna before work.

Psychiatrists at Walter Reed Army Medical Center reviewed Valmont’s case file and interviewed him before concluding the crash dieting left him delirious.

"There’s some risk of violence with delirium," said Navy Cmdr. Janis Carlton, one of the psychiatrists who diagnosed Valmont. "All the indicators were that he was depriving himself of food and water and had been sweating and exercising."

"This case was a tragedy because it was completely preventable," said Tim Bilecki, one of Valmont’s civilian attorneys. "We believe the command really broke this soldier."

Two days after receiving written orders to drop the weight, Valmont left his work cubicle to retrieve a Glock handgun he kept in his car. He walked into Mercado's office and shot him six times as a coworker watched in horror.

"Staff Sgt. Valmont entered his office and opened fire," Anthony Williams, who worked with both men for about six months, testified.

"I've never seen Staff Sgt. Valmont look like that. His eyes were blood red."

Williams, testified that he asked Valmont why he'd shot Mercado. He said Valmont replied: "I'm tired of him. Fuck him."

Prosecutors did not immediately reply to an email seeking comment. During the trial, they argued that Valmont was exacting revenge for poor performance reviews by his supervisors.

Coworkers testified he'd been working earlier in the week on a rebuttal of his most recent evaluation. Mercado had also recently denied his requests for leave and vacation time.

After the shooting, Valmont left the building without harming anyone else and drove to a nearby police station. Prosecutors said he told officers while turning himself in: "I just shot someone at Fort Gillem."

Mercado, 47, was slain as he planned to retire after 30 years in the military, including deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. His family says he had made arrangements to begin work as a consultant.

Veterans Affairs Department "Awarded At Least 1,400 Contracts Intended For Veteran-Owned Companies To Ineligible Businesses"

Jul 28, 2011 By Hannah G. Vickers - Medill News Service [Excerpts]

The Veterans Affairs Department was in the hot seat Thursday after an audit found it had awarded at least 1,400 contracts intended for veteran-owned companies to ineligible businesses.

The contracts were specifically set aside for veteran-owned small businesses and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses, but because companies can self-identify, many falsely identified themselves as veteran-owned.

"Seventy-six percent of the businesses we reviewed were ineligible for either the program and/or the specific (veteran-owned small businesses) or (service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses) contract award, potentially resulting in \$2.5 billion

awarded to ineligible businesses over the next five years,” said Belinda Finn, assistant inspector general for audits and evaluations at VA, testifying before the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee’s oversight panel.

The New Issue Of Traveling Soldier Is Out!

July, 2011 - Issue 35

At: <http://www.traveling-soldier.org/>

FEATURING:

“The Pentagon Must Be Shit Worried Knowing These Soldiers Have Minds Of Their Own And No Fear In Expressing Their Opinions”

<http://www.traveling-soldier.org/7.11.action.php>

Afghanistan:

“All My Guys Are Hurt. No One Cares”

<http://www.traveling-soldier.org/7.11.afghanistan.php>

Americans Don’t Support The War On Afghanistan:

“Lopsided Majority” Says Get Out

<http://www.traveling-soldier.org/7.11.americans.php>

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.”

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

Frederick Douglass, 1852

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

The Right To Be Lazy: “The Priests, The Economists And The Moralists Have Cast A Sacred Halo Over Work’

**“The Rothschilds And Other
Capitalists Should Be Allowed To
Bring Testimony To The Fact That
Throughout Their Whole Lives They
Have Been Perfect Vagabonds”**

**“Jehovah The Bearded And Angry God,
Gave His Worshipers The Supreme
Example Of Ideal Laziness; After Six
Days Of Work, He Rests For All Eternity”**

If, uprooting from its heart the vice which dominates it and degrades its nature, the working class were to arise in its terrible strength, not to demand the Rights of Man, which are but the rights of capitalist exploitation, not to demand the Right to Work which is but the right to misery, but to forge a brazen law forbidding any man to work more than three hours a day, the earth, the old earth, trembling with joy would feel a new universe leaping within her.

The Right To Be Lazy, By Paul Lafargue, Saint Pélagie Prison, 1883 [Excerpts]

A strange delusion possesses the working classes of the nations where capitalist civilization holds its sway. This delusion drags in its train the individual and social woes which for two centuries have tortured sad humanity.

This delusion is the love of work, the furious passion for work, pushed even to the exhaustion of the vital force of the individual and his progeny.

Instead of opposing this mental aberration, the priests, the economists and the moralists have cast a sacred halo over work.

Blind and finite men, they have wished to be wiser than their God; weak and contemptible men, they have presumed to rehabilitate what their God had cursed.

I, who do not profess to be a Christian, an economist or a moralist, I appeal from their judgement to that of their God; from the preachings of their religious, economics or free thought ethics, to the frightful consequences of work in capitalist society.

In capitalist society work is the cause of all intellectual degeneracy, of all organic deformity.

Compare the thorough-bred in Rothschild's stables, served by a retinue of bipeds, with the heavy brute of the Norman farms which plows the earth, carts the manure, hauls the crops.

Look at the noble savage whom the missionaries of trade and the traders of religion have not yet corrupted with Christianity, syphilis and the dogma of work, and then look at our miserable slaves of machines.

When, in our civilized Europe, we would find a trace of the native beauty of man, we must go seek it in the nations where economic prejudices have not yet uprooted the hatred of work.

Spain, which, alas, is degenerating, may still boast of possessing fewer factories than we have of prisons and barracks; but the artist rejoices in his admiration of the hardy Andalusian, brown as his native chestnuts, straight and flexible as a steel rod; and the heart leaps at hearing the beggar, superbly draped in his ragged cape, parleying on terms of equality with the duke of Ossuna. For the Spaniard, in whom the primitive animal has not been atrophied, work is the worst sort of slavery.

The Greeks in their era of greatness had only contempt for work: their slaves alone were permitted to labor: the free man knew only exercises for the body and mind. And so it was in this era that men like Aristotle, Phidias, Aristophanes moved and breathed among the people; it was the time when a handful of heroes at Marathon crushed the hordes of Asia, soon to be subdued by Alexander. The philosophers of antiquity taught contempt for work, that degradation of the free man, the poets sang of idleness, that gift from the Gods:

Jesus, in his sermon on the Mount, preached idleness: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Jehovah the bearded and angry god, gave his worshipers the supreme example of ideal laziness; after six days of work, he rests for all eternity.

On the other hand, what are the races for which work is an organic necessity? The Auvergnians; the Scotch, those Auvergnians of the British Isles; the Galicians, those Auvergnians of Spain; the Pomeranians, those Auvergnians of Germany; the Chinese, those Auvergnians of Asia.

In our society which are the classes that love work for work's sake? The peasant proprietors, the little shopkeepers; the former bent double over their fields, the latter crouched in their shops, burrow like the mole in his subterranean passage and never stand up to look at nature leisurely.

And meanwhile the proletariat, the great class embracing all the producers of civilized nations, the class which in freeing itself will free humanity from servile toil and will make of the human animal a free being, – the proletariat, betraying its instincts, despising its historic mission, has let itself be perverted by the dogma of work. Rude and terrible has been its punishment.

We have seen that by diminishing the hours of labor new mechanical forces will be conquered for social production. furthermore, by obliging the laborers to consume their products the army of workers will be immensely increased.

The capitalist class once relieved from its function of universal consumer will hasten to dismiss its train of soldiers, magistrates, journalists, procurers, which it has withdrawn from useful labor to help it in consuming and wasting.

Then the labor market will overflow. Then will be required an iron law to put a limit on work.

It will be impossible to find employment for that swarm of former unproductives, more numerous than insect parasites, and after them must be considered all those who provide for their needs and their vain and expensive tastes.

When there are no more lackeys and generals to decorate, no more free and married prostitutes to be covered with laces, no more cannons to bore, no more palaces to build, there will be need of severe laws to compel the working women and working men who have been employed on embroidered laces, iron workings, buildings, to take the hygienic and calisthenic exercises requisite to re-establish their health and improve their race.

And that is not all: In order to find work for all the non-producers of our present society, in order to leave room for the industrial equipment to go on developing indefinitely, the working class will be compelled, like the capitalist class, to do violence to its taste for abstinence and to develop indefinitely its consuming capacities.

Instead of eating an ounce or two of gristly meat once a day, when it eats any, it will eat juicy beefsteaks of a pound or two; instead of drinking moderately of bad wine, it will become more orthodox than the pope and will drink broad and deep bumpers of Bordeaux and Burgundy without commercial baptism and will leave water to the beasts.

The proletarians have taken into their heads to inflict upon the capitalists ten hours of forge and factory; that is their great mistake, because of social antagonisms and civil wars.

Work ought to be forbidden and not imposed.

The Rothschilds and other capitalists should be allowed to bring testimony to the fact that throughout their whole lives they have been perfect vagabonds, and if they swear they wish to continue to live as perfect vagabonds in spite of the general mania for work, they should be pensioned and should receive every morning at the city hall a five-dollar gold piece for their pocket money.

Social discords will vanish.

Bond holders and capitalists will be first to rally to the popular party, once convinced that far from wishing them harm, its purpose is rather to relieve them of the labor of over-consumption and waste, with which they have been overwhelmed since their birth.

As for the capitalists who are incapable of proving their title to the name of vagabond, they will be allowed to follow their instincts.

There are plenty of disgusting occupations in which to place them.

Dufaure might be set at cleaning public closets, Gallifet might perform surgical operations on diseased horses and hogs. The members of the amnesty commission might be sent to the stockyards to pick out the oxen and the sheep to be slaughtered.

The senators might play the part of undertakers and lackeys in funeral processions. As for the others, occupations could be found for them on a level with their intelligence. Lorgeril and Eroglie could cork champagne bottles, only they would have to be muzzled as a precaution against intoxication. Ferry, Freycinet and Tirard might destroy the bugs and vermin in the departments of state and other public houses.

It would, however, be necessary to put the public funds out of the reach of the capitalists out of due regard for their acquired habits.

But vengeance, harsh and prolonged, will be heaped upon the moralists who have perverted nature.

The bigots, the canters, the hypocrites, and other such sects of men who disguise themselves like maskers to deceive the world.

For whilst they give the common people to understand that they are busied about nothing but contemplation and devotion in fastings and maceration of their sensuality, – and that only to sustain and alimant the small frailty of their humanity, – it is so far otherwise that on the contrary, God knows, what cheer they make; *et Curies simulant, sed Bacchanalia vivunt*. [They pretend to morality, but live as gluttons.]

You may read it in great letters, in the coloring of their red snouts, and bulging bellies ...

On the days of great popular rejoicing, when instead of swallowing dust as on the 15th of August and 14th of July under capitalism, the communists and collectivists will eat, drink and dance to their hearts' content, the members of the Academy, of moral and political sciences, the priests with long robes and short, of the economic, catholic, protestant, jewish, positivist and free-thought church; the propagandists of Malthusianism, and of Christian, altruistic, independent or dependent ethics, clothed in yellow, shall be compelled to hold a candle until it bums their fingers, shall starve in sight of tables loaded with meats, fruits and flowers and shall agonize with thirst in sight of flowing hogsheads.

Four times a year with the changing seasons they shall be shut up like the knife grinders' dogs in great wheels and condemned to grind wind for ten hours.

The lawyers and legislators shall suffer the same punishment.

Under the regime of idleness, to kill the time, which kills us second by second, there will be shows and theatrical performances always and always.

And here we have the very work for our bourgeois legislators.

We shall organize them into traveling companies to go to the fairs and villages, giving legislative exhibitions.

The generals in riding boots, their breasts brilliantly decorated with medals and crosses, shall go through the streets and courts levying recruits among the good people.

If, uprooting from its heart the vice which dominates it and degrades its nature, the working class were to arise in its terrible strength, not to demand the Rights of Man, which are but the rights of capitalist exploitation, not to demand the Right to Work which is but the right to misery, but to forge a brazen law forbidding any man to work more than three hours a day, the earth, the old earth, trembling with joy would feel a new universe leaping within her.

Like Christ, the doleful personification of ancient slavery, the men, the women and the children of the proletariat have been climbing painfully for a century up the hard Calvary of pain; for a century compulsory toil has broken their bones, bruised their flesh, tortured their nerves; for a century hunger has torn their entrails and their brains.

O Laziness, have pity on our long misery!

O Laziness, mother of the arts and noble virtues, be thou the balm of human anguish!

“Soldiers And Sailors Were Sent To The East Without Any Hope Of Victory”

“One Of The Main Elements Of Military Hypnosis Is The Faith Energetically Promoted Among The Soldiers That They Are Invincible, Mighty, And Superior To All The Rest Of The World”

“The War Has Killed That Faith Everywhere”

“When An Army Loses Faith In Its Own Invincibility, It Is Already Halfway To Losing Faith In The Invincibility Of The Social Order It Serves’

We must make every possible use of the one slogan that can unite the army with the revolutionary people: ‘Down with the war!’

We must do this so that the officers, on the decisive day, will not be able to trust the soldiers, and the soldiers will have the same distrust of their officers.

From “Up To The Ninth Of January,” 1905; By L. Trotsky [Excerpts]

[The article is written about events in Russia in 1905, when the government’s failing military campaign against Japan became a trigger for revolution against the Russian dictatorship. T]

The exact moment when manoeuvres turn into a battle will depend on the numbers and revolutionary solidarity of the masses who have taken to the streets, on the thickening atmosphere of universal sympathy and support that these masses are breathing, and on the attitude of the troops that the government will send against the people.

These three elements of success must govern our preparatory work.

Finally, the attitude of the army is less and less able to inspire the government with confidence.

In recent years, there have been numerous alarming symptoms: the army is grumbling, discontented, and in a state of ferment.

When the masses move decisively, we must do everything possible to ensure that the army does not see its own fate linked to that of the autocracy

There is obviously discontentment in the ranks and a vague feeling of sympathy for the 'rebels'.

There is also no doubt that only a small part of this sympathy is directly due to our agitation among the troops.

Most of it results from the practice of using the army in clashes with the protesting masses.

All of the correspondents who have described battles between tsarist forces and the unarmed people emphasise that the great majority of soldiers resent the role of executioner.

The great mass of ordinary soldiers fire into the air.

All one can say in that regard is that anything else would simply be unnatural.

“Not A Single Half-Company Of Troops Would Comply With The Orders Coming From Their Officers.

At the time of the general strike in Kiev, the Bessarabsky regiment was ordered to march on Podol. The regimental commander replied that he could not guarantee the mood of his troops.

Then an order went out to the Kherson regiment, but there too not a single half-company of troops would comply with the orders coming from their officers.

In that respect, Kiev was no exception.

Correspondents report that during the 1903 general strike in Odessa, soldiers frequently did not rise to the occasion.

For example, in one case, they were posted to guard a doorway through which demonstrators had been driven, but they simply took it upon themselves to look the other way when those under arrest fled through adjoining doorways.

As a result, between 100 and 150 people escaped.

Workers were seen chatting peaceably with the soldiers, and there were cases where they disarmed them with no particular resistance.

That is how things stood in 1903.

Then came the year of warfare.

It is obviously impossible to say with any numerical precision how the past year has affected the consciousness of the army, but there is no doubt that its impact has been colossal.

One of the main elements of military hypnosis is the faith energetically promoted among the soldiers that they are invincible, mighty, and superior to all the rest of the world. The war has killed that faith everywhere.

Soldiers and sailors were sent to the East without any hope of victory. And when an army loses faith in its own invincibility, it is already halfway to losing faith in the invincibility of the social order it serves.

The one leads to the other.

In the current war, tsarism has shown itself for what it really is.

War is an event that focuses not just the public interest, but also the professional interest of the army.

Our ships are slower; our guns have a more limited range; our soldiers are illiterate; our non-commissioned officers have neither compass nor map; our troops are barefooted, naked and hungry; our Red Cross steals; the commissariats steal — and the news and rumours of all this naturally penetrate the army and find eager listeners.

Every such rumour acts like an acid that eats away at the corrosion of moral drill.

Years of propaganda work during peacetime could never accomplish what is achieved by a single day of warfare.

The result is that nothing remains but mechanical discipline; there is no longer any faith that things must, or even can, continue in the old way.

The less faith there is in autocracy, the greater is the likelihood of faith in the enemies of autocracy.

We must make the most of this state of mind.

We must explain to the soldiers the meaning of the mass working-class action being prepared by the Party.

We must fix this knowledge in their consciousness with a continuous stream of pamphlets.

We must make every possible use of the one slogan that can unite the army with the revolutionary people: 'Down with the war!'

We must do this so that the officers, on the decisive day, will not be able to trust the soldiers, and the soldiers will have the same distrust of their officers.

Everything else depends on the street, where the last remnants of the hypnosis induced by the barracks will dissolve in the revolutionary enthusiasm of the people.

Of course, it is easier to fire over people's heads than to refuse to fire altogether or to hand over one's rifle to the insurgent masses. That is a fact.

But the difference is not so great as it may first appear to be.

The same soldier who yesterday fired into the air will tomorrow hand over his rifle to a worker, provided he is confident that the people are not just being 'rebellious' but are able and determined to hold the bridges until they win recognition of their rights.

That confidence can and will be instilled in the soldiers by the numbers and the enthusiasm of the crowds in the street, supported by the entire people, and by the news of simultaneous action throughout every region of Russia.

Therefore, in order for the proletariat's political strike, once transformed into a demonstration by the entire people, to become the starting point for a victorious revolution, a sympathetic attitude must be widespread throughout the army.

Troops Invited:

Comments, arguments, articles, and letters from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or send email to contact@militaryproject.org: Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Same address to unsubscribe.

ANNIVERSARIES

August 1, 1944:

Dishonorable Anniversary; Stalin's Russian Empire Betrays The Polish Resistance Movement And Helps Hitler Destroy It

Carl Bunin Peace History July 30-Aug 5

The Polish Underground Army began its battle to liberate Warsaw, the first European city to have fallen to the Germans in World War II.

BBC.co.uk/onthistday:

The battle for control of Warsaw lasted 63 days and ended with surrender by the Poles on 3 October 1944.

A German counter-offensive began on 5 August 1944. Orders were given to round up civilians and shoot them. Women were used as human shields for the German tanks.

During the uprising, the civilian population of Warsaw was kept in touch with newspapers published mostly by the Home Army and a local radio station.

General Bor had planned for the liberation of Warsaw to take about a week. But he received no help from the Soviets, who ceased their offensive towards the capital.

They also refused to allow the Allies to use Soviet bases to take-off and land. So the pilots were forced, instead, to fly up from Italy. Without fighter escorts many were lost and many of their supplies ended up in the wrong hands.

Final casualties were over 15,000 dead or missing, 5,000 wounded, and 200,000 Polish civilians dead. On the German side there were an estimated 16,000 dead and 9,000 wounded.

[Although close enough to come to the aid of the Polish Resistance, Stalin ordered the Russian Army to do nothing for weeks so the Nazis could wipe out the Polish resistance. The last things Russian imperialists wanted was a fighting force in Poland able to stand up to the occupation of Poland by Stalin's Russian empire. T]

[From the BBC, 1944:]

“To the north of the city, Soviet troops are advancing north-westward to Warsaw, with the River Vistula on their left flank.

“Soviet troops are now said to be fighting within 10-12 miles of Praga, the suburb on Warsaw's right bank.”

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

**[Just When You Thought This
Reactionary Trash Could Stoop
No Lower]**

**Zionist Army Attacks Dutch Street
Musicians Playing For Palestinian
Kids:**

**“The Musicians Were Confronted
With Tens Of Soldiers Who Shot Tear
Gas Cannisters During The Musical
Performance”**

**“They Then Found Themselves
Surrounded With Snipers”**



De Fanfare van de Eerste Lief des Nacht - PNN Photos

Nablus

The Dutch street orchestra 'Fanfare van de Eerste Liefdesnacht' (the First Night of Love Brass Band) from Amsterdam was attacked with tear gas today by the Israeli army during their performance in the Palestinian village Kufr Qadum near Nablus, northern West Bank.

The bands tour of Palestine is designed to be interactive, working with children from a refugee camp in the east of Bethlehem and having them play along with the band and dancing in the streets together.

The musicians were confronted with tens of soldiers who shot tear gas cannisters from behind their military jeeps during the musical performance.

They then found themselves surrounded with snipers. Several members of the band were injured and suffered from tear gas inhalation.

Kufr Qadum is a village near Nablus that has suffered in recent years from radical jewish settlers who have attacked the villagers, cut down olive trees and set fire to fields. The roads that lead to the village are often blocked by Israeli military checkpoints.

The Dutch music orchestra has travelled around the West Bank for a duration of two weeks to perform in towns, villages and refugee camps.

The band consists of 25 musicians with different musical instruments. They were invited by the town council of Kufr Qadum to perform in the village.

[To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation commanded by foreign terrorists, go to: www.rafahtoday.org The occupied nation is Palestine. The foreign terrorists call themselves "Israeli."]

MILITARY RESISTANCE NEWSLETTER BY MAIL FREE FOR ACTIVE DUTY TROOPS

**IF YOU WISH TO HAVE A SELECTION OF MILITARY RESISTANCE NEWSLETTERS MAILED TO YOU, EMAIL YOUR ADDRESS TO:
CONTACT@MILITARYPROJECT.ORG OR DROP A LINE TO: BOX 126, 2576
BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10025-5657 USA.**

Please say how many you wish sent.

NOTE WELL: They will all be different issues of Military Resistance to satisfy DOD regs that you may possess copies, *provided you don't have more than one of the same issue.*

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



**They Hate Our Liberties:
The Government Refuses To Say
How Many Americans They're
Spying On:
"The Government May Be Monitoring
Communications Of Law-Abiding
Citizens With Inadequate
Justification"
Obama Regime "Failing To Assure The
Public That Government Agencies Aren't
Violating The Rights Of Law-Abiding
Americans"**

Jul 28, 2011 By Pete Yost - The Associated Press [Excerpts]

WASHINGTON — Like its predecessor, the Obama administration says it cannot count how many people in the U.S. have had their telephone calls and emails monitored by government agents in national security investigations under federal surveillance law.

The national intelligence office said in a letter this week to two Senate Democrats that it was “not reasonably possible to identify the number.”

The senators, Ron Wyden of Oregon and Mark Udall of Colorado, worry that the government may be monitoring communications of law-abiding citizens with inadequate justification.

“Congress needs to know if the laws it writes are being interpreted and implemented as intended before it is asked to extend them, and failing to assure the public that government agencies aren’t violating the rights of law-abiding Americans erodes public confidence and makes it harder for intelligence agencies to do their jobs.”

The letter from the office of James Clapper, director of national intelligence, was a response to the senators’ requests for information about how the Obama administration is interpreting amendments in 2008 to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Wyden and Udall say they are concerned that the administration may be engaging in expansive interpretations of the 2008 law, which is scheduled to expire in late 2012.

The 2008 FISA amendments allow the government to obtain from a secret court broad, yearlong intercept orders that target foreign groups and people overseas, raising the prospect that phone calls and emails between those foreign targets and innocent Americans in this country will be swept in.

Wyden, however, said it was unacceptable that the administration was asserting it cannot give Congress “at least a ballpark estimate.”

Jim Dempsey, a privacy expert and vice president of the Center for Democracy and Technology, an advocacy group that monitors Internet privacy, said the classified reports to Congress probably mention few people in this country because they deal only with those cases where surveillance was clearly justified.

“What is of concern are the people in the middle,” Dempsey said.

“These are innocent U.S. citizens and others in the U.S. whose communications were intercepted in the course of targeting non-U.S. persons overseas, but whose connection with terrorism is so non-existent that they don’t even merit a mention in a disseminated report. Those people’s communications are being listened to, and it is at least relevant to know how many people are in that bucket.”

The administration’s response was similar to the one the Bush administration gave in December 2007 when the White House Office of Management and Budget said that it would “likely be impossible” to count the number of people located in the United States whose communications were collected by the government.

“Is this still the case?” Wyden and Udall asked in a July 14 letter to Clapper, which elicited a response from Kathleen Turner, director of legislative affairs for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

A newly released report by the American Civil Liberties Union said the public debate over reauthorization of the Patriot Act has been hampered by excessive secrecy.

The search provision enables the government to obtain orders from the secret court to seize “any tangible thing” the government says is relevant to a terrorism or espionage probe.

In a Senate Intelligence Committee hearing Tuesday, Wyden asked National Security Agency general counsel Matthew Olsen whether the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 has been the subject of “significant secret legal interpretations.”

“Let me say yes,” Olsen replied. “And then let me add that the answer is that ... in the course of implementing those provisions, the government — and I was part of this effort — submits pleadings” to the court, which decides whether to authorize requests for surveillance.

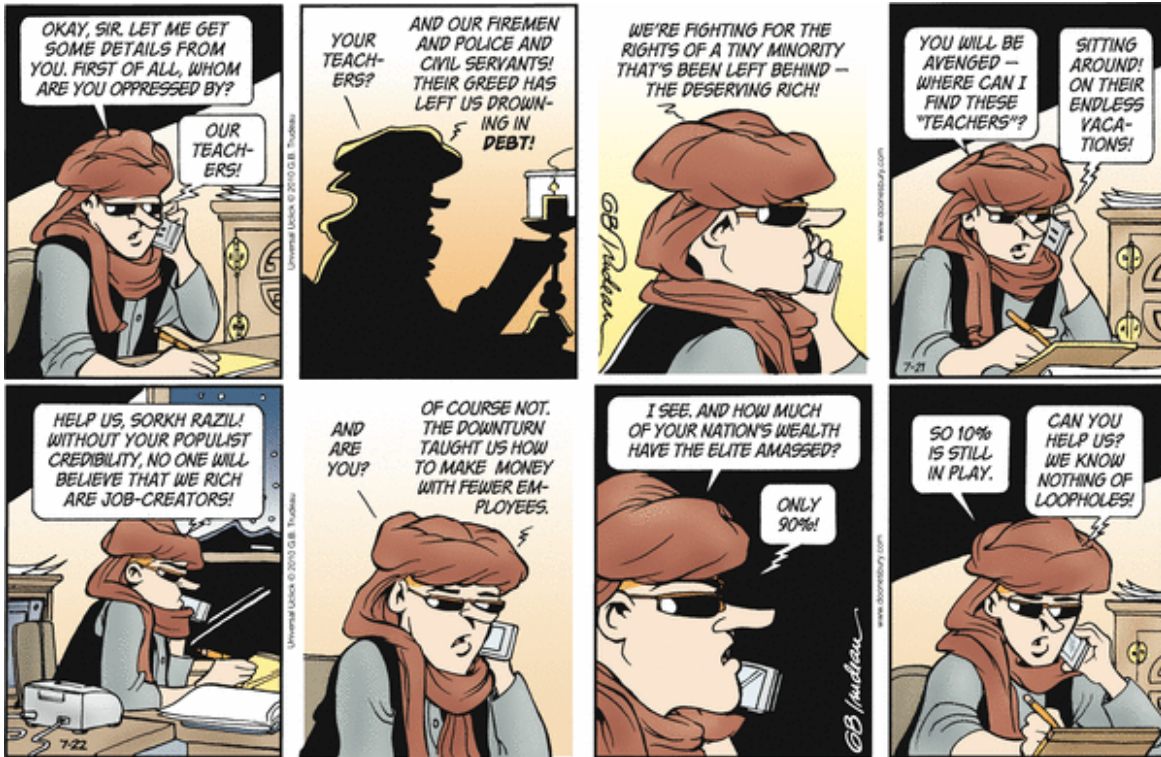
**UNFIT FOR COMMAND;
UNWORTHY OF OBEDIENCE:
DOMESTIC ENEMY OF OUR LIBERTIES:
LOYAL TOOL OF THE RICH AND POWERFUL**



June 15, 2011 (AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

Military Resistance Available In PDF Format
If you prefer PDF to Word format, email contact@militaryproject.org

CLASS WAR REPORTS



Military Resistance www.militaryproject.org

This is how Obama brings the troops home, BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE.



Military Resistance is a near-daily news bulletin for service members www.militaryproject.org

POLITICIANS CAN'T BE COUNTED ON TO HALT THE BLOODSHED

THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE WARS

Military Resistance Looks Even Better Printed Out

Military Resistance/GI Special are archived at website

<http://www.militaryproject.org> .

The following have chosen to post issues; there may be others:

<http://williambowles.info/military-resistance-archives/>; news@uruknet.info;

http://www.traprockpeace.org/gi_special/;

<http://www.albasrah.net/pages/mod.php?header=res1&mod=gis&rep=gis>

Military Resistance distributes and posts to our website copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available in an effort to advance understanding of the invasion and occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan. We believe this constitutes a "fair use" of any such copyrighted material as provided for in section 107 of the US Copyright Law since it is being distributed **without charge or profit** for educational purposes to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving the included information for educational purposes, in accordance with Title 17 U.S.C. Section 107. **Military Resistance has no affiliation whatsoever with the originator of these articles nor is Military Resistance endorsed or sponsored by the originators. This attributed work is provided a non-profit basis to facilitate understanding, research, education, and the advancement of human rights and social justice.** Go to: www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/17/107.shtml for more information. If you wish to use copyrighted material from this site for purposes of your own that go beyond 'fair use', you must obtain permission from the copyright owner.

If printed out, a copy of this newsletter is your personal property and cannot legally be confiscated from you. "Possession of unauthorized material may not be prohibited." DoD Directive 1325.6 Section 3.5.1.2.