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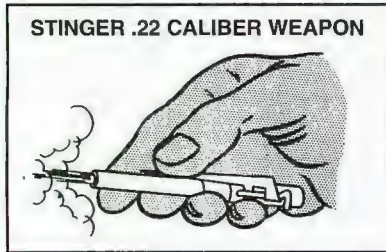
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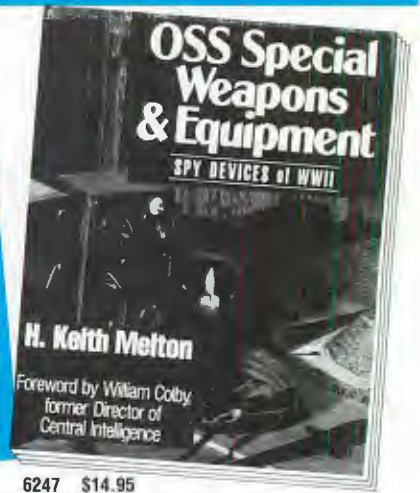


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The outcome of any election is not determined by the wishes of the majority of citizens. I hope this statement shocks you into reading the rest of this editorial.

The outcome of an election is determined by the wishes of a majority of the registered voters who actually go and vote. One of the surest ways of losing an election is by not ensuring that everyone supporting you and who ought to vote for you actually goes and votes. In the past, only about 25% of those eligible to register and vote actually voted. This means that about 13% of eligible voters control the outcome of an election. *Don't fail to be part of that 13%.*

In 1960, a change of one vote per precinct in Illinois would have cost John F. Kennedy that state and the whole presidential election. So don't say that your vote doesn't count. Election Day is the one day of the year when you are boss, but only if you exercise your right and duty as a citizen to vote.

It's really a three-step process: First, make sure that you are registered to vote and know where your polling place is located. Second, inform yourself on the candidates and issues. This may shock some, but when you think of it, it's really irresponsible to vote on a candidate or issue without knowing what you are voting for or against.

Find out which way the candidate actually voted on the issues. A lot of senators and representatives voted against the resolution authorizing President Bush to go ahead with the Gulf War; a lot of them voted in favor of the Brady Bill. All this is a matter of public record. Inquiries with campaign headquarters of all candidates can draw out a lot of information.

Keep in mind, a lot of incumbents say one set of things to people in their districts, then perform quite differently inside the beltway, so beware of vague generalities. Really digging these things

out can be a chore. In a democracy, sovereignty rests with the people. This is an awesome responsibility and includes the duty of finding out what's been going on and voting accordingly.

Third, *go and vote.* In previous years, the re-election rate of incumbents in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives has been on the wrong side of 95%, and this has moved a lot of people not to bother to vote.

For two very important reasons, this year is different: First, as a result of the 1990 census, a lot of congressional district boundaries were redrawn, turning a lot of House races into whole new ball games. Second, the rubber check-writing scandal in the House bank, and some other things, have moved a record number of incumbents not to run for re-election.

In short, now, if ever, is a real good time to "throw the rascals out." If you shrug and say, "Nothing's going to change," and don't vote, don't blame some indefinite "them" for the outcome of this election. And don't come whining to *SOF* when the bastards take your gun rights away.

Further, keep in mind that election campaigns cost money. Printers like to be paid, the rent on campaign headquarters comes due, phone bills and postage aren't freebies. So, if your "candidate of choice" needs help, cough up a nice fat check to his campaign fund.

No one, not even H. Ross Perot, has enough money to hire all the people required for a serious congressional campaign. Most of the work — answering phones, manning phone banks, stuffing envelopes, putting in yard signs, driving voters to the polls, and so forth — is done by unpaid volunteers. A lot of it isn't challenging or exciting, but it has to be done.

So make a contribution to that strange and marvelous ongoing process called American democracy. In summary, register and VOTE! ✕

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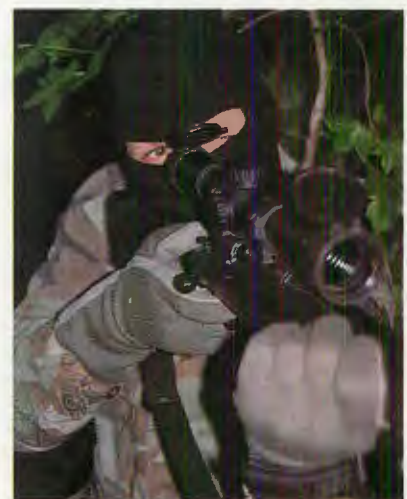
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KEEP YOUR MONEY IN THE FAMILY ...

A while back we mentioned that one of the Good Guys, Larry Porterfield (NRA benefactor member and president of Midway Shooter's Supplies) had instituted a program where his phone customers were being encouraged to "round up" their order to the next dollar, with the difference forwarded by Midway to the NRA/ILA Endowment — then Midway would match these contributions with \$1,000 a month from their own pockets. Well, as we're going to press, Midway is also taking NRA applications by phone ... and are nearing \$50,000 sent on to the NRA/ILA. If you shoot, and especially if you reload, you need their catalog. Write Midway at Dept. SOF, 5875-D W. Van Horn Tavern Road, Columbia, MO 65203.

OSLO COURT: GREENPEACE GUILTY OF DELIBERATE FALSIFICATION ...

Greenpeace sued filmmaker Magnus Gudmundsson for libel because in his film *Survival in the High North* he accused Greenpeace and other extreme environmental groups of falsification in their propaganda. The film called for a serious re-examination of the aims and objectives of these organizations.

Recently, the Oslo Municipal Court confirmed that Greenpeace is guilty of deliberate use of falsification in its propaganda, and that it used a

Bird Dog, Multi-purpose, Mk I: Major Sataporn Ratkasam, Royal Thai Army, Light Aviation Division. Headquartered at Lop Buri in northwestern Thailand, Maj. Sataporn flies his Bird Dog to spot poppy fields for destruction, and also flies recon and rocket-strike missions against Burmese troops who go into Thai territory on their relentless pursuit of Karen refugees. Sataporn's rules of engagement are simple: When the Burmese shoot, he launches his 2.75-inch rockets — if they don't, he takes pictures. Text & Photo: Ansa Treanor

film scene in one of its propaganda films against seal hunting that was undoubtedly false. Gudmundsson's further claim that Greenpeace, against its better knowledge, spread lies about seal hunters skinning animals alive was also accepted by the court as proven beyond doubt.

DOGS OF WAR ...

Excerpts from a letter to the editor of *The Times* of London, regarding "Dogs of War," a TV documentary on Brits fighting in Croatia: "*I have met two of the people interviewed, and must make it quite clear they are not typical of the professional mercenary recruit ... such men are labeled by real professionals as "Hollywood mercenaries" ... for instance, I would keep clear of the character who labeled himself the "Yorkshire Ripper" ... I was billeted with him at Zagreb; he had no experience of the Army, but wanted to make out he was as bad as Peter Sutcliffe ... if he ever turns up at any of the local watering*

holes ... used as recruiting centers, he will be given a plastic helmet and a Johnny-7 gun and told to get on with it ... I worry for youngsters up north who have no hope of employment and want to get a chance of some fighting: they are the kind most likely to be influenced by programs such as this, and to end up in situations where they might get themselves killed and cause the deaths of others because of their ignorance ... They should be warned that real professionals would never allow themselves to be interviewed: The exposure would endanger their later careers ... Above all, they should realize that in places like Croatia and Bosnia, being 'Rambo' and getting killed go hand in hand ... " — D. C., London

WAR DOGS...

The 50th Anniversary of the K-9 Corps is being recognized by the National War Dogs Memorial Project by issuing prints of the painting "America's Unsung Heroes." Suitable for framing, these are available from NWDMP at P.O. Box 37783, Jacksonville, FL 32236, and proceeds will go toward maintenance of the National War Dog Memorial. Some studies have indicated as many as 10,000 U.S. casualties were prevented in Vietnam by fearless, selfless war dogs.

SLEEP WELL LITTLE NATASHA ...

Chemistry Quiz: No. 1: What is such a toxic nerve, carcinogenic and choking agent that its maximum permissible dose is 0.00001 milligrams per cubic meter [translated from metric to Good Ol' Boy, that's 1/10,000 of a flyspeck for the area inside a Ford pickup cab — or in other words, about a teaspoonful in a section of the Grand Canyon that's about a mile wide and a mile deep and a mile long]? No. 2: What's it used for? No. 3: Who could possibly be ignorant enough to amass millions of pounds of it, and plan to use it even though each use would contaminate an area 10 kilometers across of their land, and not have facilities (or even plans) for its ultimate disposal? Answers: No. 1 — Heptyl (unsymmetrical dimethylhydrazine) No. 2 — Liquid rocket fuel for aging SS-18 and SS-19 missiles.

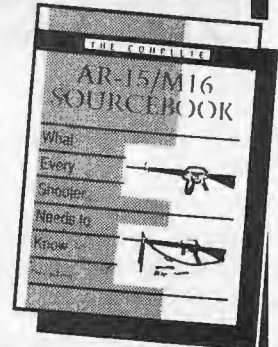
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MOSHE'S MILITIA MUSHY?

Major General Ran Goren, chief of human resources for the Israeli army, told the daily *Yediot Ahronot* that "pampering by parents" was undermining discipline. The issue made headlines when a paratroop platoon went AWOL — claiming "demeaning treatment" by their commander. Parents jumped into the fray, lobbying members of the Israeli parliament and the media, and faxing protests to the army's chief of staff.

"It's a national disgrace," said Rafael Eitan, a former chief of staff. "Just think about the Arabs seeing this and saying, 'this is an army?' This is crap!" Back in the 1970s, the army decided to encourage family involvement, but it led to such things as paratroopers landing amid food and drink spread out by waiting parents, and even parents joining the end of forced marches to help their limping progeny finish. Family visits to military bases are slated to be curtailed. Well, that might be OK, but only if good chicken soup is available in the mess hall during flu season.

P-38 RETRIEVED ...

One of six P-38s that went down on Greenland's ice cap on 15 July 1942 was hauled from a 265-foot-deep hole in the ice on the 50th anniversary of its crash landing.

Back in the early 1980s, Pat Epps and Richard Taylor of Atlanta established the Greenland Expedition Society to locate the downed P-38s and two B-17 bombers that crash-landed there while being ferried to the European Theater during World War II. Parts of one B-17 were recovered in 1990. The retrieved P-38 is restorable and expected to join only five other flyable P-38s. Brad McManus, one of the pilots who crash-landed in 1942, and Earl Toole, one of the pilots from the rescue team, were on hand when the P-38 was resurrected from its icy grave.

THIS IS NOT A JOKE ...

After decades of trying to convince Americans that the U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment didn't apply to individual citizens, the liars and Constitutional thieves in Washington have taken a new tack: They want a Constitutional amendment that will repeal the Second Amendment! This past 11 March, in the second session of the 102nd Congress, Rep. Major Owens of New York introduced House Joint Resolution 438, the text of which is here quoted verbatim:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid for all

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OR ONLY TAKE AWAY HALF...

Sen. John H. Chaffee (R-R.I.) has introduced a bill to totally outlaw private ownership of handguns in the United States. As Chaffee describes it, his bill would establish a grace period during which handguns could be turned in at "any law enforcement agency" without penalty, and the government would reimburse the owner \$25 a pop, or the "fair market value" of the gun, whichever is greater. IF people would actually do that, at an average value of, say, \$150 each times the estimated 67-million handguns, that would cost roughly \$10.5 billion. Exceptions would be made for "federally licensed" handgun sporting clubs and for security guard services. But the real cost might well be prison upkeep (at five years per head) — or burials — of the tens-of-millions of American gun owners who would tell Washington stuff it.

OUTDOOR WRITERS SALUTE NRA

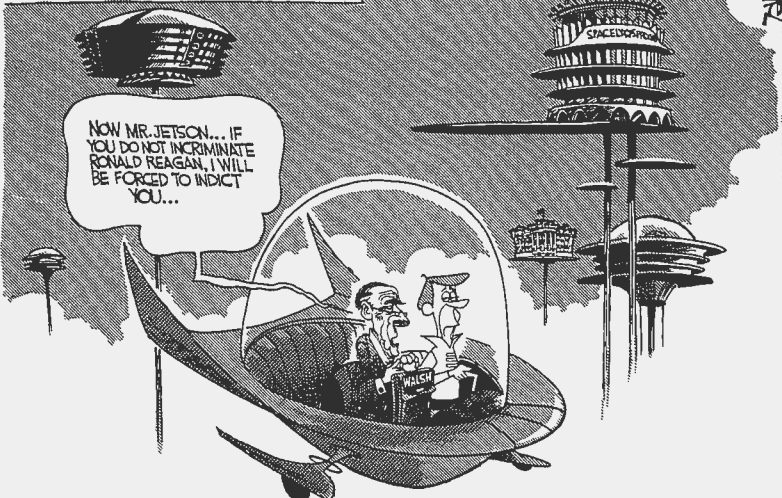
American gun owners and sportsmen have had the NRA fighting their political battles for more than a century. The Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA) presented their prestigious Mountain of Jade Award to the NRA at OWAA's 65th annual conference on 2 July in Bismarck, North Dakota.

NRA President Bob Corbin along with Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre accepted the award, promising the NRA will continue to battle to preserve the Second Amendment and protect sportsmen's rights.

"We're the new NRA," LaPierre reminded the OWAA membership. "We're not going to give an inch on sportsmen's rights, and that includes Proposition 200 in Arizona, which we are fully committed to defeating."

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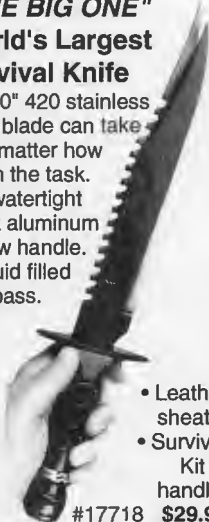
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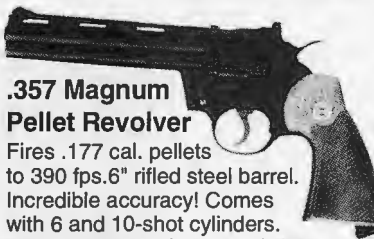
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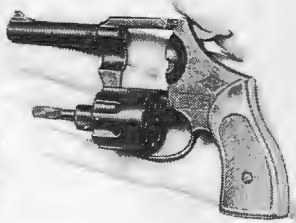
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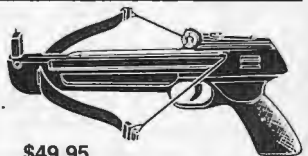
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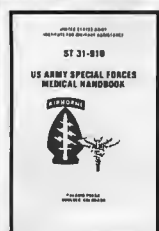
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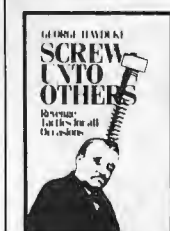
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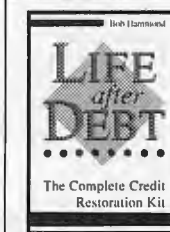
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Colorado Hunting Under Attack

Animal rights groups are backing petitions for two anti-hunting ballot initiatives in Colorado, one that would prohibit "the taking of black bears by the use of bait or dogs at any time, and prohibit the taking of black bears by any means between March 1 and September 1 of any calendar year." The second initiative would "prohibit any contest or competition involving the killing of animals."

This initiative would eliminate goose, turkey and deer hunting competitions sanctioned by the Colorado Bowhunters, by Boone and Crocket, and by Pope and Young, etc. — even 4-H Club contests where livestock is purchased for slaughter. Violators could be subject to felony penalties and loss of Colorado hunting privileges. ✕

FBI Asks Sportsmen's Help

The FBI is soliciting help from Northwest sportsmen in an effort to identify "animal rights" terrorists responsible for the following criminal acts: — Arson at Oregon State University's mink research farm, Corvallis, Oregon, on 10 June 1992. — Arson at Northwest Farm Foods Cooperative, Edmonds, Washington. — Destruction of U.S. Department of Agriculture property at Washington State University (wildlife research project), Pullman, Washington, on 13 August 1991.

Any information to assist in identifying individuals who committed the above crimes should be given to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Box 709, Portland, OR 97207, or contact Special Agent Janusz G. Bogdan; phone: 503-224-4181.

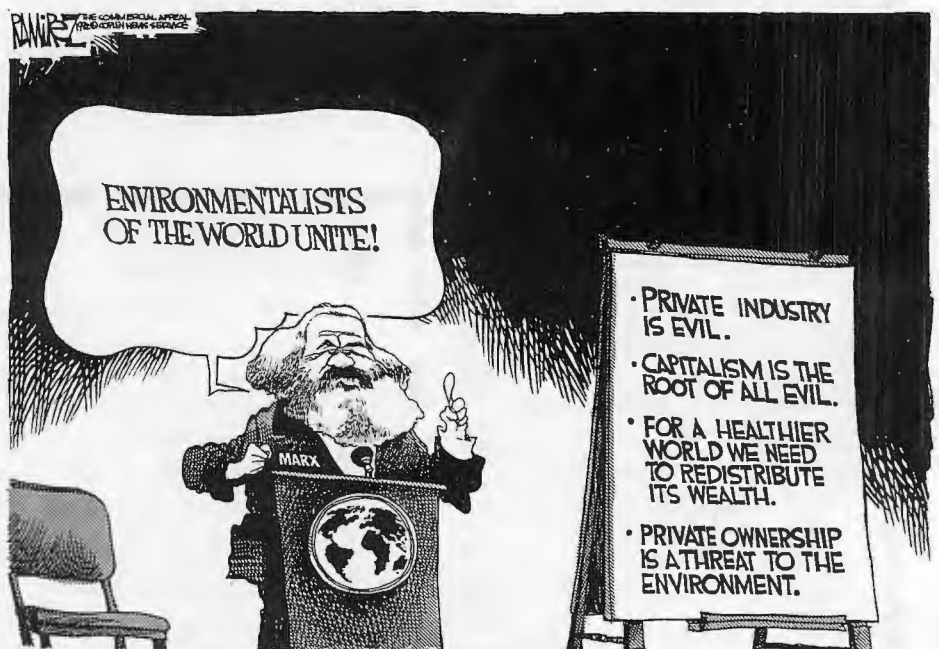
The FBI notes that groups like the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), an underground animal rights terrorist group, are particularly difficult to penetrate as they have no formal organization and operate with great secrecy. In situations such as this, law enforcement agencies at all levels are forced to rely more heavily on the public for tips and clues.

ALF also undertook an arson attack on a mink research project at Michigan State University last spring, destroying 32 years of research — plus a decade's worth of research in an adjacent office aimed at reducing the use of animals in research. PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals — mouthpiece for the underground ALF) issued a statement supporting the attack, saying it was "... an effective means to raise public awareness ..."

SOF's Outdoor Affairs Editor Galen Geer test-fires new Weatherby .460 during "Weatherby Day" held at Vail, Colorado. Even with muzzle brake removed, Geer found recoil manageable. Photo: courtesy Galen Geer

Lamebrained Lead The Blind

Ms. Jenine McKeown, former president of the Columbus, Ohio, chapter of the American Council of the Blind, wrote in *The Columbus Dispatch* of the cruel treatment of the blind by "animal rights" thugs: "*dog-guide handlers have been stopped on the streets of Columbus and other cities around the country by so-called animal rights activists threatening to set their poor, oppressed dogs free ... Not only does the threat of lunacy give dog-guide handlers cause to worry, it also defames those who*



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This intense work of art contrasts the beauty of our boys with the horror of war. No detail is overlooked, right down to the helmet covering and some of the more popular graffiti: the peace symbol; "Grateful Dead," scrawled by many soldiers for many reasons; and "no yellow ribbons," chosen by the artist to ask why these valiant warriors received no glory or honor. The men who gave unstintingly and then gave yet some more. The men who received nothing, at best, in return.

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COMBAT CRAFT

Going Dynamic

by Michael Lorden

1958 hours ... "Two minutes!" the team leader yells over the diesel engine roar of the SWAT team truck — the team is en route to serve a high-risk warrant. Each member of the 10-man team becomes silent, taking a mental inventory of equipment: MP5 SMG, locked and loaded, safety on

... check; semiauto handgun secured in low-ride holster ... check; goggles, Nomex gloves and hoods in place to prevent injuries ... check; assault vest with ballistic protection ... check; distraction devices and additional weapons magazines ... check. Positions and assignments are visualized in team members' minds, for each one knows precision is critical. The team looks as though it is about to go to war. They



Personnel, equipment and training make for successful SWAT operations. Photo: courtesy Michael Lorden

are: a war against drugs.

This scene is replayed every day all across the country, from small rural towns to large metropolitan cities, from low-income housing projects to affluent neighborhoods where homes are not complete without a pool, multiple-car garage and security system. No neighborhood is immune.

When such a mission is necessary, which unit handles it within the local

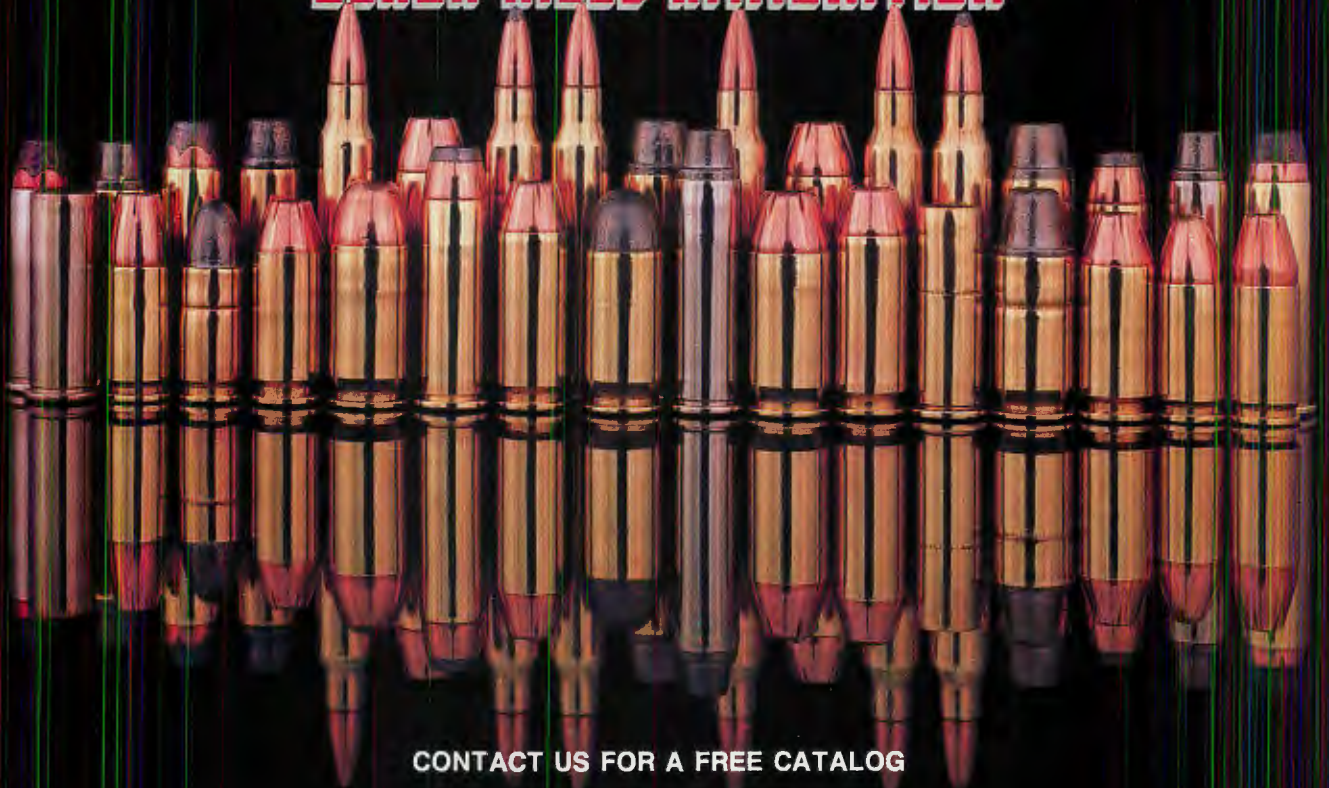
law-enforcement agency?

From the largest metropolitan department to the smaller rural station, nearly every law enforcement agency has a unit designed to handle high-risk operations. These special operations units are generally known by acronyms such as SWAT (Special Weapons And Tactics), ERT (Emergency Response Team), or others.

From their beginnings in the late 1960s, such units were formed to handle high-risk dilemmas, such as armed and barricaded suspects, hostage situations, or snipers. These law-enforcement special operations units fulfilled a need that until the volatile '60s was non-existent. Modeled after military commando units and utilizing military-style tactics and small arms, such teams are now an integral part of law enforcement.

Since their inception, special operations units have been assigned additional responsibilities such as serving

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high-risk search warrants, adding to an already dangerous list of tasks. The new missions require updated tactics if these scenarios are to have safe and successful conclusions. The individuals assigned to these teams must be highly skilled, as their very lives depend on one another's every move — teamwork and cohesiveness are musts. Cohesiveness can only be achieved by maintaining a comprehensive, realistic training program.

Training, a key issue in any criminal case or civil litigation brought against an agency, must meet several criteria before being implemented into practice on operations.

To illustrate this point, let's look at a technique that all special operations units are familiar with: the dynamic (fast) entry.

The areas of concern that must be addressed are:

1: *Legal and Liability* — What is the origin of dynamic entry and is it applicable to our mission? This technique was designed for the rescue of hostages being held by multiple suspects; it can be modified for law enforcement operations.

2: *Tactical Components* — What is required for this technique to be effective? Surprise: Some sort of distraction is necessary prior to entry. Speed: Team members must make entry into their respective areas of responsibility,

and dominate that area within three seconds or the element of surprise is lost. Cohesiveness: Each member must be fully aware of his duties and responsibilities — there can be no doubt or uncertainty. Discipline: Each member must maintain his area of responsibility and never leave this area unprotected. Communications: Must be maintained throughout the operation.

3: *Firearms Discipline* — What weapons are applicable? The submachine gun, semiauto handgun, and shotgun (shortened). What degree of proficiency is required? Only the best shooters should be used for dynamic entries, because they must be able to maintain control and deliver precise fire when necessary.

4: *Performance Under Stress* — What is the pivotal criteria when choosing a team member? His ability to successfully react under pressure (stress).

5: *Realism* — Now that we know what it takes to perform a dynamic entry, is your training conducted under realistic conditions?

Low Light: If the majority of operations are conducted at night, then the majority of training should be done at night. Equipment: Training should be conducted in full gear. Adverse conditions: Hunger, fatigue, inclement weather, manpower shortage. All of these situations are encountered by personnel on operations. Do you in-

corporate them into your training scenarios? You should.

Stress: A crucial factor that must be incorporated in training. There are many cases where officers have lost their lives in shooting situations due to their inability to react under stress. Dominant response: This is what we know and what we feel comfortable with, so under stress our dominant response will emerge. Our dominant response is developed through repetition, by constant training, and more training.

Live-fire scenarios: Entries that include shooting on the move and from various positions must be performed in shooting rooms or mock setups. If not, personnel will not know how to react to shooting done in close proximity on an actual operation. Threats do not always come from a straight-on position.

Adjoining rooms and avenues of opposition are right and left of personnel's direction of forward movement. Lateral shooting (right and left) should be a large percentage of the training. In addition, shooting from the prone, kneeling, seated, and even squat position(s) should be a part of every training session, and practiced in full equipment. The Army adage "Train like you fight, fight like you train" is true here, too.

Dynamic entry is only one of many

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The Quick And The Dead

This publication specializes in tales of combat and life-or-death confrontations. Readers may forget that all veterans have had to survive their first live-fire engagements. This is my story:



morning's military activities.

The primary threat to the convoy was from attack by roving PDF soldiers. They could strike at American

Left: Car used by PDF troops during failed attack on artillery convoy. Fast thinking and quick reaction by 82nd Airborne troops prevented American casualties.

Below: Author holding unit's guidon during Operation Just Cause in Panama.

While commanding Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment (a 105mm howitzer battery in the 82nd Airborne Division), my unit was alerted for Operation Just Cause. Within four hours of notification we were secured in the Personnel Holding Area (PHA), isolated to prepare for our mission. This was a familiar drill.

The unit was at home in the PHA, many having their favorite bunks staked out. As the 18-hour cycle progressed (the 82nd's mission calls for deployment from Fort Bragg within 18 hours of notification), the reality of the situation began to take hold.

The first command decision forced upon me was reduction of my deployment strength, driven by a strict and austere allocation of jumpers. I personally selected the 16 men to be left behind as their unit prepared to jump into history. Though they were avoiding an unknown danger, none of those selected to stay behind were pleased.

The drop was every commander's nightmare. The lead aircraft veered off the drop zone (Omar Torrijos International Airport) when a stream of tracers arced toward the sky. The equipment and jumpers were dropped into a swamp, up to one mile from the DZ. The flight lead's actions were confirmed by Rangers of the 1st Battalion, 75th Infantry, fighting at the adjacent Tocumen military airfield.

The movement to assembly areas was a draining three-hour ordeal. Troops worked their way through swamp and elephant grass, moving to the sound of Rangers fighting nearby. The botched drop delayed all planned operations. Surprise, predawn air assaults became daylight attacks against prepared Panamanian Defense Forces (PDF) positions.

Alpha Battery troopers struggled to recover howitzers, vehicles and ammunition from the grass and swamps. The guns required lift from limited

UH-60 Blackhawks, as the ground could not support their recovery. We raced against time to gather enough resources to support the attack against Fort Cimarron, home of the "elite" Battalion 2000. As the time to leave the airhead arrived, the battery had recovered two of its four guns. While

NCOs tailored ammunition loads and personnel to support this reduced battery, I briefed the battery executive officer who would stay behind to continue recovery operations.

I moved my sections to the linkup point established with 4th Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry, the unit conducting the attack on Fort Cimarron. Our column consisted of two M551 Sheridan armored reconnaissance vehicles leading, followed by two .50 caliber equipped Humvees and two sections of M102 howitzers towed by Humvees.

As the column prepared to leave the airport gate, I gave the order to "lock and load." Troopers chambered rounds into M16s and M203s, checked belts feeding M60s, and extended M72A2 LAWs into firing configuration. I confirmed that a very important 9mm round was in the chamber of my Beretta M9 pistol.

The area surrounding the airport was typical of outlying towns in the Panama City area. There were small stucco houses, fruit stands sporting bright, multicolored signs, and groups of serious, concerned people who suddenly found themselves in the middle of a battleground. The two-lane road wound through residential and business areas, with traffic reduced due to the



forces by ambushes, sniping or drive-by shootings. They might wear civilian clothes and use any number of weapons or booby traps.

As the convoy moved through the neighborhood, the Sheridans forced all vehicles off the road. Infantrymen from the Hummers checked them out. After about 10 minutes of cautious movement, a small white car was forced off to the shoulder of the approaching lane. As my vehicle moved toward it (I was riding in the first of the two vehicles towing howitzers), I saw two men in the front of the car. It was moving forward slowly, ignoring cries and gestures of machine gunners on escort vehicles. The column halted and I dismounted to watch the approaching car.

Two infantrymen moved toward the vehicle. I saw the driver quickly twist the steering wheel, preparing to turn across the road between my vehicle and the escort vehicle to our front. I shouted to the passengers in my vehicle to get ready — as I looked over my shoulder I saw they were already aiming at the white car.

As the first infantry trooper reached the car, its driver accelerated and lurched forward, cutting across the con-

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Fast guns require fast loading — but just try loading an UZI magazine by hand. It looks easy, but by the time you get to round No. 24 and realize you have eight more to go, you'll start fantasizing about some kind of magic loading device. Some submachine gun (SMG) single position feed magazines, like those for the MP-40, Sten or French MAT 49, cannot be stuffed with more than two or three rounds without using a loading tool.

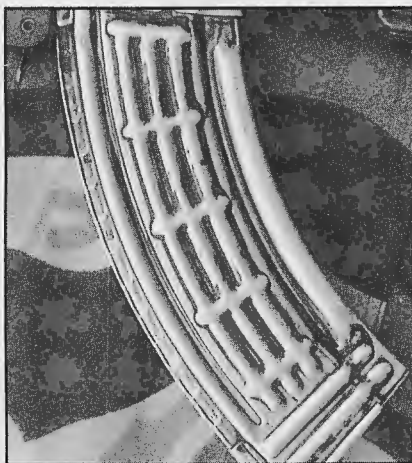
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Kalashnikov series and the Ruger Mini 30; for 9mm Parabellum SMGs with double-column magazines — such as the Heckler & Koch MP5 series, UZI, MAC 10 and Colt; for caliber-7.62x51mm NATO battle rifles, including the FN FAL, M14/M1A, and the Heckler & Koch HK91/93; and for .45-ACP SMGs, to include the Thompson and MAC 10.

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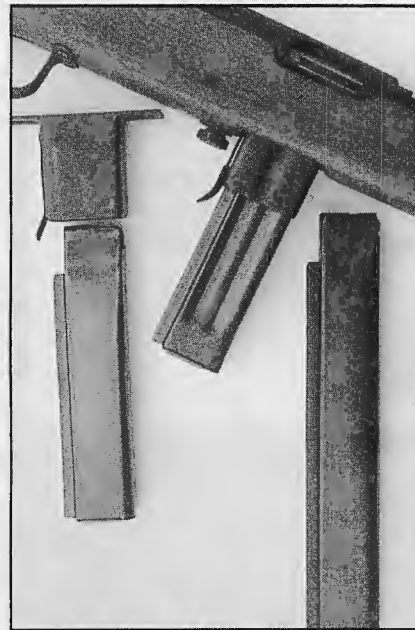


from Dupont Zytel, a fiberglass-filled nylon. The plunger is made from black-oxide-finished steel. Price of the C3 Rapid Loader with three Uni-Clips is \$34.95. Extra Uni-Clips are 98 cents each, or \$9.80 for a package of ten. The unit comes with a lifetime replacement guarantee.

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small arms magazine ever fielded. It is every bit as reliable as the weapon itself, if not more so. Unfortunately, that's more than we can say for the M16 — its overall excellent performance still remains tainted by a less-than-perfect magazine after more than 30 years' service.

However, between the steel AK-47 magazine and development of the plastic AKM magazine lay a failure little known outside Soviet military small-arms circles. Earlier this year, I obtained an unusual aluminum Kalashnikov magazine from Nicaragua that had never before been described in open-source small arms literature. No authority I spoke to had ever heard of such a magazine nor could suggest its possible origin.

This magazine's body, follower, follower-spring endpiece and floorplate are all made of a lightweight aluminum alloy that has been black-anodized. Only the follower spring is steel. The anodizing has been almost completely worn off the magazine body of the specimen I have. There are unusually large and bulbous longitudinal reinforcing ribs on each side of the two-piece stamped body. There are numerous subassembly and inspectors' marks (including "10" in an oval, and the Cyrillic "CB" in a diamond) on the magazine body, clearly indicating series production.

I was recently privileged to conduct a personal interview with Dr. Mikhail T. Kalashnikov, and he explained the mystery without hesitation: When the AK-47 was redesigned in 1959 at the Izhevsk arsenal, a primary goal was a drastic reduction in weight for the entire package.

The cartridge remained as before, but the new AKM rifle was reduced in weight by almost 27%, from a previous 9.5 pounds down to 6.96 pounds. At the same time, an aluminum magazine was designed by Kalashnikov and his staff to replace the steel magazine, which weighed 11.3 ounces (322 grams). This was reduced to only 6.5 ounces (186 grams) by the use of aluminum alloy. However, the soft aluminum feed lips deformed easily, and this decreased the system's reliability to an unacceptable level.

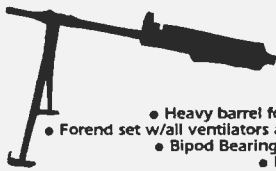
These magazines (now unknown by most, even in Russia) were quickly withdrawn from service, scrapped and replaced by the well-known synthetic magazine that weighs about 8.1 ounces (231 grams), which is still significantly lighter than the original steel version, yet provides even greater reliability and durability.

It's a pity we didn't reach a similar conclusion and move to a parallel solution with regard to the M16's aluminum magazine. While I routinely load AK

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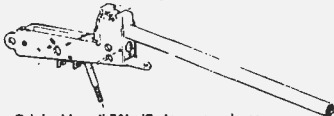


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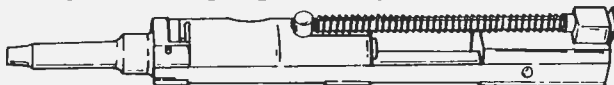
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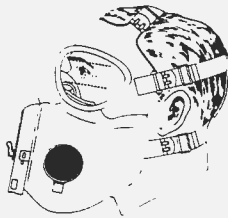
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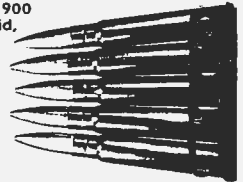
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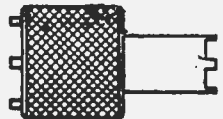
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WAR ZONE LOS ANGELES

I want to comment on Jim Morris' "War Zone Los Angeles" [Aug. '92].

Morris blames the riots on Chief Gates. Mr. Morris, to blame any one individual, or event, for the senseless rioting, murder and thievery is, at the very least, the product of extremely shallow thinking.

In my opinion, the King verdict was merely an excuse, used by a few, to initiate the siege of terror. The real reasons for these riots are very complicated, but they can be summed up by stating that liberal extremism, which is permeating practically every aspect of our existence just as the plague spread throughout Europe, is corrupting the better angels of our nature.

Kevin S. Hutchinson
Pekin, Illinois

If Jim Morris wanted to do an article on the verdict he should have been at the trial instead of basing his findings of the officers' guilt on what he saw on the news. Obviously he never saw the complete tape, never read the articles by Reed Irvine of AIM or the article by a law professor who agreed with the jury.

As for Gates, I have no use for him, but to blame him for the riots is a joke. He, as police chief, responded politically to a police situation the same as any other big city police chief would have.

Put the blame where it belongs: on the savages who participated, irrespective of their race or color, and who should have been arrested and/or shot to prevent what happened. They were waiting for an opportunity to steal and kill, and the Rodney King decision was the excuse.

Kazakh army soldier in Chilik region, near Alma Ata, Republic of Kazakhstan. Photo: Calvin Poole

If the best that you can do is the garbage written by Jim Morris, you should rename your magazine "Soldier Of Fortune — TIME magazine with a soldier complex."

Alexander Yatchenia
Brooklyn, New York

I never thought I'd see the day when the *Washington Post* and TV Moscow (via C-SPAN) would eclipse *SOF* in providing factual, pull-no-punches reporting, but Jim Morris' "War Zone in L.A." indicates you are indeed a spent force.

Morris unblushingly serves up the same warmed-over hash of excuses and apologia spewed relentlessly by the media's liberal elite.

Perhaps, through a generous application of baton blows and TASER jolts, you can guide Gentle Jim (and your dozing editorial staff) to a central truth that came through loud and clear to the rest of us: When the thin blue line protecting the civilized from the uncivilized breaks down, the former will be left to the tender mercies of the latter, unless, of course, they are willing and able to protect themselves with force of arms.

S. King
Carlos, Minnesota

See "Did The Media Cause the L.A. Riots?" (Sept '92). This article convincingly condemned the media for failing to show the public the entire videotape shown to the jury in the Rodney King trial.

— RKB

LESSONS FROM L.A.

The riots in L.A. proved once again that the only one who will protect you is yourself. As Congress whittles away the Second Amendment, they also whittle away your ability to protect yourself and your loved ones. I don't think that truck driver would have been beaten if he had had a 9mm pistol with him, or better yet an H&K MP5.

It's funny how most people take for granted their Second Amendment rights. They let the anti-gun lobby take away their rights, then when they need a gun to protect themselves they are shocked to find out they have to wait 13 days to get one.

I'm sure the riots made a lot of people realize that in a crisis the police will not be there to protect you. Gun sales in L.A. are up, and now is the time to let our congressmen and senators know how you feel.

If you are not a member of the NRA, join now; protect what is left of your right to defend yourself before it's too late.

Jim Bernazani
Manassas, Virginia

HOW TO STOP SPREAD OF MOSLEM MILITANCY

Neil Livingstone's article "Mohammed's Militants" [Aug. '92] presents a very convincing case that the spread of Islam may now represent the largest threat to world peace.

I spent three weeks in the former Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan during June and July 1991, shortly before the coup. The Kazakhs were Moslem, but only by tradition, and they are very open to new ideas, especially American ideas. I believe what the Kazakhs and other formerly Soviet people need now is what Moslem extremists/terrorists fear and hate the most: the teachings of Christianity and the Bible. This may prevent Moslem extremism from taking hold in this part of the world.

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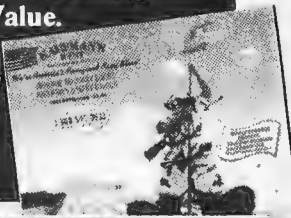
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Regarding your article "Foreign Legion Test New Small Arms" [March '92]: The FN Mimini Light Machine Gun



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rently in service. The M16s are going to the territorials (equivalent to your National Guard) whose current weapon, the British version of the FN FAL, will be partially sold off and kept in reserve.

K. Bogaerd
Sydney, Australia

PRACTICAL SHOOTERS VS. COPS

Re: "Shoot-Out at Lake Oswego" [Aug. '92]: I must take exception to the "veteran street cop" who made the wisecrack about practical pistol shoot-

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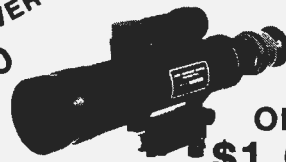
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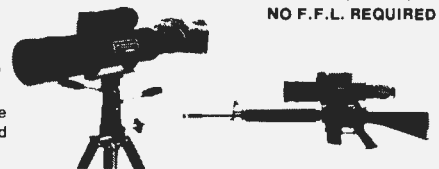
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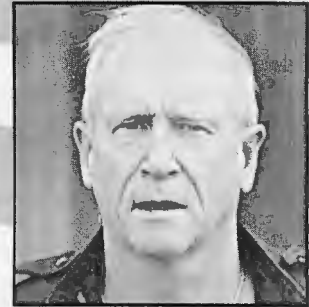
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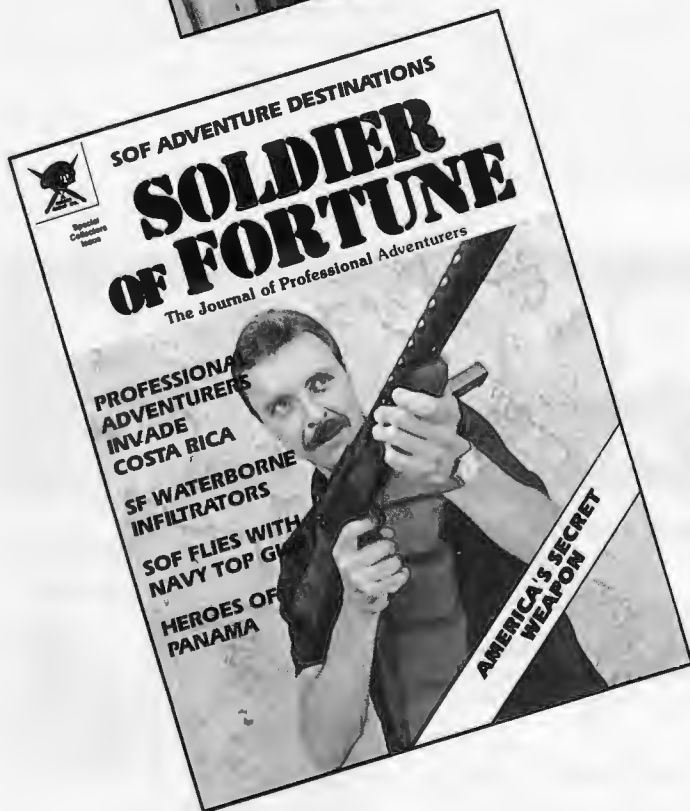
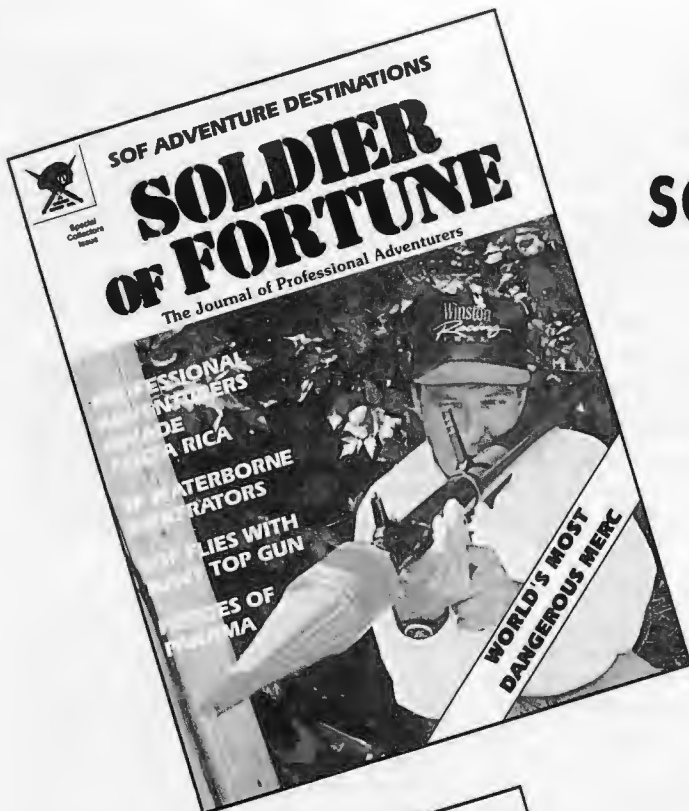
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ers not being able to negotiate the range by stating, "They end up frustrated because they don't understand that on the street there are no 'rules,' or comp-guns or crap like that."

Fact is, while everyone used box-stock pistols, a Class-A USPSA member and local gun store owner, Bob Schuessler, won the match hands down. If memory serves, the top cop from Salem was ranked about fourth place overall. This caused the club members real concern because these officers were "into guns" and most likely the best shooting cops from our area. Which brings up the question, how poorly do the cops shoot that don't like guns?

The bottom line is, the more you practice your gun skills, the more proficient you become, and most cops simply don't practice as much as the "practical" boys.

Douglas R. Berry
Portland, Oregon

SOFT ON SLICK WILLIE?

I cannot understand your passive, indulgent, noncommittal attitude toward Bill "Slippery Bill" Clinton. Of course, your political feelings are clearly your own affair, but your magazine has such a he-man, macho orientation, and Clinton is such disloyal, duck out

DRAFT-DODGER. I can't stand him! As an 18-year-old draftee, I was in combat as an infantryman before my 19th birthday. I fought in six major campaigns and was knocked out by shell concussion twice (World War II). I always regarded a draft-dodger, a man (?) who wouldn't fight for his country, as a yellow-backed MF. But, what the hell do I know? That was some 50 years ago and maybe the limp-wrists, like the meek, are inheriting the Earth.

James P. Parks Jr.
Atlanta, Georgia

We'll deal with "Slick Willie," the draft dodger and B.S. artist, in the November '92 issue. In the meantime, get yourself and your buddies registered and make sure you vote! — RKB

CHANGE FOR THE WORSE

When I recently learned that the chief of the POW/MIA office in Hanoi, Garnett Bell, had been replaced by a young, inexperienced military officer, and the U.S. office disbanded to be replaced by a small military detachment, I was deeply angered.

The MIA issue has been mishandled for so many years, and only recently were we beginning to get some new revelations from the Vietnamese and the Russians. There is no doubt in my mind that this new information was only

revealed due to Bell's candid testimony during the November 1991 Senate hearings and his persistence in dealing with communist officials in Vietnam.

For years now, Bell has been the most dedicated official working on the POW/MIA issue, and the only reason we have not had more progress is because he received very little support from senior military officers in charge of the overall effort.

I don't know who is responsible for disbanding our POW/MIA office in Hanoi or for the removal of Bell, but I know this was a mistake and someone at the policy level in Washington, D.C., should take enough interest in the POW/MIA issue to correct this tragic situation.

Charles W. Vint
Odenton, Maryland

The Hanoi POW/MIA office has not been closed down. However, Bell has been replaced by a young lieutenant colonel who has no background in the subject and who does not even speak Vietnamese. During the Senate Select Committee hearings in late June, the Pentagon assured Sen. Grassley that Bell was not being discriminated against, and that he was in a useful position. I don't buy it for a minute!

— RKB ✂

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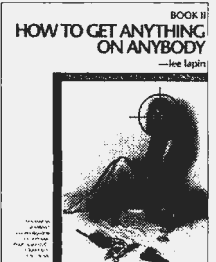
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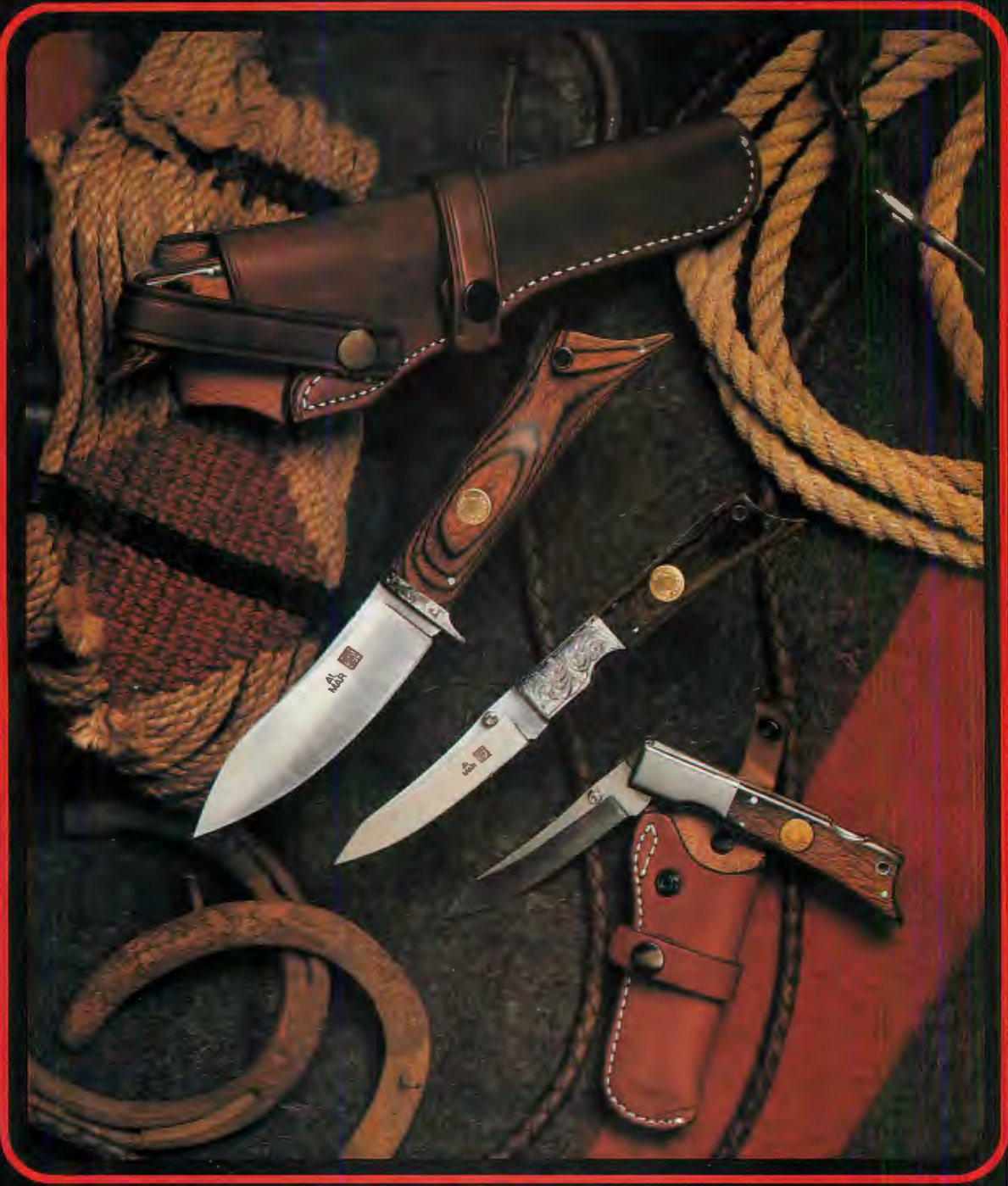
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Afghanistan

Afghan President Slobhatullah Mujaddi hands over office as scheduled to Burhanuddin Rabbani. Rabbani has pledged to turn Afghanistan into an Islamic republic, but is still at loggerheads with Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's more militant *Hisb-i-Islami* Islamic fundamentalists. Power transfer occurred about same time that fighting in Kabul between Hekmatyar's faction and other groups for control of Interior Ministry claimed 20 lives ...

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Russia

Kininingrad's naval ammunition depot sustains major damage following explosion apparently triggered by sailors smoking while engaged in unauthorized disassembly of artillery shells, with intention of selling the casings on the black market ...

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Bosnia-Herzegovina

While U.N. reopening of Sarajevo airport attracts world's attention, Croatian elite units drive Serbian irregulars out of Bugonjno in Herzegovina and recapture Slano near Dubrovnic in southern Croatia. Bugonjno victors were Croatian *Obuka* Commando group, while Slano fell to Croatian Tiger Brigade; both units are built around cadres of former Spanish Foreign Legionnaires ...

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Switzerland

Off-again, on-again Swiss purchase of 34 McDonnell Douglas F/A-18 C/D fighters is on hold, after Swiss pacifists collected enough petition signatures to force a national referendum on the buy. Vote is expected next year ...

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Pakistan

Afghan refugees attack Pakistani village of Ghar, killing five and wounding three. Mortars and rockets are used in attack ...

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Bangladesh

According to Bangladesh Forest and Environment ministry, at least 283 people have been eaten by Bengal tigers in past decade. Tigers are a protected species in the country ...

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Trinidad

Trinidad Supreme Court frees 113 members of a black Muslim group that tried to seize government two years ago, ruling that blanket pardon granted at that time by acting President Emmanuel Carter in exchange for surrender was valid. Trinidad government had argued pardon was invalid as it was granted under duress ...

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Cambodia

250 Khmer Rouge guerrillas seize two government-held villages near town of Phum Kulen, in major violation of peace accords ... Guerrillas loyal to Prince Sihanouk announce they will ban all logging in areas they control. Rival Khmer Rouge earn millions from logging operations in areas under communist control ...

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Israel

Team of Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) and TRW Corp's Avionics Surveillance Group wins U.S. Department of Defense's Short-Range Unmanned Aerial Vehicle competition. Winners will supply DoD with an IAI-developed surveillance drone called Hunter and associated ground-control equipment. IAI and TRW team won after rival team consisting of McDonnell Douglas Missile Systems Co. and Developmental Sciences Corp. proved unable to teach U.S. Army personnel how to use their system ...

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Greece

Greek Mirage F-1 crashes into Aegean Sea, killing its pilot after intercepting two Turkish F-16s. Mirage was operating from Hellenic air force base on island of Skiros ...

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Panama

One U.S. soldier killed, another wounded in ambush of their vehicle north of Panama City. Attack thought to be protest of President Bush's then-pending visit to Panama ...

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Sweden

Swedish Defense Minister Anders Bjorck says two foreign submarines entered Swedish waters last May. Bjorck claims former Soviet naval officers are "acting contrary to orders" ...

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Mexico

On same day U.S. Supreme Court rules DEA agents acted legally by crossing into Mexico to arrest and bring to U.S. a Mexican national accused of participating in U.S. drug agent's murder in Mexico, Mexican police cross into Douglas, Arizona, and arrest two men ...

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Sri Lanka

Government offensive against Tamil Tiger guerrilla redoubt on Jaffna Peninsula appears to be bogging down, as it did last year. Government claims of its troops killing 300 rebels seem exaggerated; Tiger claim of losing only 17 men seems equally questionable ...

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Iran

U.S., said to be circulating counterfeit money in Iraq to help destabilize Saddam Hussein's regime, may be target of Iranian-Syrian counterfeiting scheme. The two anti-U.S. countries are reportedly printing their own \$100 bills. Iranians and Syrian are supposedly using these bills to make purchases requiring hard currency — although number of bills detected so far is said to be small — with a secondary goal of destabilizing U.S. government. How passing a few million in phony C-notes will destabilize a government routinely running an annual \$400 billion deficit is not known ...

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Canada

34 Indians charged with assault, rioting, weapons possession and other offenses, stemming from battles with police on two reservations outside Montreal in September 1990, are acquitted. Indians were arrested during 78-day conflict with police and army, sparked by an attempt to expand a golf course onto land Indians claim as tribal ...

Sudan

Government forces overrun town of Torit in southern Sudan, headquarters for rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army, dealing a conceivably fatal blow to nine-year insurrection by Christian and animist tribes opposed to Islamic government in Khartoum. In an attempt to mollify rebels, Iranian-backed regime of Lt. Gen. Omar Hass Ahmed al-Bashir has proposed exempting southern regions of country from Islamic law ...

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Lebanon

Assassins believed to be from arch-terrorist Abu Nidal's Fatah Revolutionary Council kill Col. Anwar Madi, commander of Yasir Arafat's forces in southern Lebanon. Assassination came three weeks after killing of Atef Bselso, PLO security and intelligence chief, by gunmen French authorities think were connected to Nidal organization ...

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Germany

German government ends participation in European Fighter Consortium, which was developing next-generation fighter for Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain. Saudi Arabian government is said to be interested in joining project if U.S. Congress rejects sale of additional F-15s and other advanced systems to the kingdom ...

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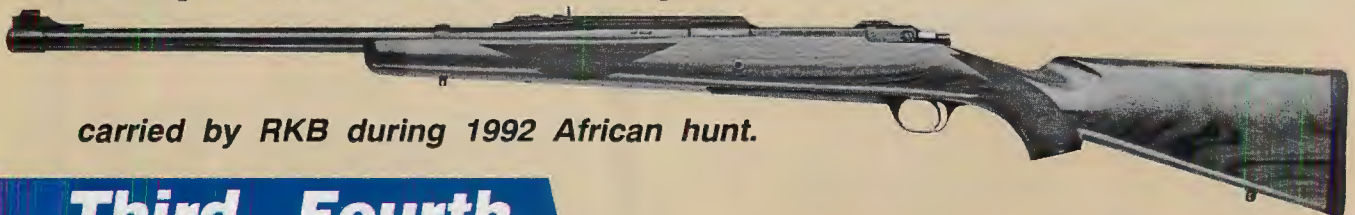
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The guerrilla camp was small — little more than two ramshackle buildings and a chicken coop — the type of place that would give poverty a bad name. As the airplane approached, a couple of its inhabitants pointed their weapons skyward, fired a few shots, then scattered.

Sliding the simple gunsight over his target, the pilot leveled his 22-foot wingspan, pressing home the attack — a moment later he tickled the trigger button on the control stick — sheets of flame erupted from beneath both wings.

Like bolts of lightning, the Hydra-70 rockets ripped into their target. At least one of the 10-pound warheads slammed directly into a shack. Tumbling like a drunken seaman, its tin roof sailed through the air. And although he wasn't sure, the A-22 pilot thought he saw at least two guerrillas engulfed in a rocket salvo.

Wait a minute, you've never heard of an A-22 attack plane? And what's this about a Chevy V-6 engine? Well, if the Sadler Aircraft Co. has anything to say about it, this cheap, simple, low-performance aircraft will thrive in counterinsurgency scenarios like the one just described.

Bill Sadler, president of the Scottsdale, Arizona, aircraft firm has recognized a need — a marketing niche, if you will — for affordable and effective air power in many developing nations. The premise is simple and right on target: Many countries just don't require, and can't afford, today's high-performance military aircraft. They are, however, still faced with insurgency, terrorism, drug running, poorly secured borders and other internal security concerns.

Aircraft can help meet these threats, but this doesn't usually come cheap. Even antiquated airplanes like T-33 jet trainers converted for attack duties can seriously deplete a small nation's treasury. Take for example Ecuador and its purchase of such aircraft for a hefty \$1 million each. Likewise, look at the Philippines' recent order of 18 Israeli-built *Kfir* fighters for some \$144 million. These acquisitions, and many others, are not only economically ludicrous, but also are tactically questionable for states facing both security threats and bankruptcy.

Enter the Sadler A-22: It costs about \$200,000 per copy, fully equipped. "A country can buy an entire air force for the price of a single F-16," Sadler noted while showing me around his company's hangar. He is justifiably proud when showing off his prototype. "It weighs just 950 pounds," the engineer continued. "The A-22 can carry up to 1,000 pounds of weapons, including rockets, guns and light bombs."

Simplicity is the name of the game

with the diminutive A-22. Standard aircraft aluminum is used for all its main structures and skin. Sadler, an engineering graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has an extensive background in aircraft design, manufacturing and business. It's a background reflecting in every rivet of his machine.

"I've designed the A-22 for the rugged environment of the Third World. It can be maintained with simple shop tools and can survive mishandling by inexperienced

people. I like to think of it as a jeep of the air," Sadler said. In short, there's nothing high-tech about the aircraft, so if you insist on fancy composites and computers, you'd better get a \$20-million F-16.

Low Bucks, No Bull

Sadler Aircraft's commonsense approach also explains the somewhat unconventional choice of a power plant: an aluminum-block version of the Chevrolet V-6, a 4.6-liter water-cooled automobile

Small But Lethal

Sadler recognizes that one of the brutal realities of aerial COIN operations is when insurgents mix with the local population and encourage the government to launch an air attack. Just one poorly placed 100-pound bomb can inflame anti-government sentiment faster than any 100 guerrillas. But flying at low altitude and at low speed, the A-22 is ideal for the exacting business of identifying targets and applying surgical firepower.

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Machine Guns: An M-60 7.62mm gun may be installed just inboard of each wing fold-point. Spent casings are retained to avoid damage to the airplane's pusher propeller. A total of 1,000 rounds can be carried. Since the A-22 is designed for short-duration missions, this ammo load is sufficient. There is also the option of mounting an SUU-11A 7.62mm minigun on the hardpoints.

Cannon: In conjunction with McDonnell Douglas, Sadler is investigating the feasibility of mounting the ASP-30 30mm automatic cannon on the A-22. Both companies believe this ambitious "flying gun" concept has real potential. Up to 200 rounds of extremely lethal HEDP or HEI can be carried. With a standoff range of 4,000 meters, an A-22 armed with this 115-pound weapon could, at least theoretically, achieve excellent combat results.

Bombs: The Mk-81 general-purpose bomb, with a nominal weight of 250 pounds, is a logical choice for the A-22. It provides tactical flexibility, since fuse settings and fins can be tailored for specific targets. Another possibility is Cardoen's neat hand-launched PJ-1 antipersonnel bomb. And not to be discounted are frangible plastic tanks filled with napalm, as were used with considerable success in Rhodesia.

Anyway you look at it, a fully armed A-22 droning over contested territory could be a guerrilla's worst nightmare.

— C. M.

engine. "You can get parts for it anywhere in the world," Sadler noted. "It can burn regular automobile gas, and frankly, any motor-pool mechanic in the world can work on the thing."

The A-22's engine produces 300 horsepower at 5,000 rpm. Maximum speed, without weapons, is 225 mph. Carrying 1,000 pounds of ordnance, you can expect a top speed of around 190 mph — and it's agile as a monkey. The more you study the A-22, the more you're convinced that Bill Sadler is the kind of guy who could build a successful space shuttle for the price of an average family sedan.

The A-22 is particularly impressive when you consider its intended mission. We're not talking about an air-superiority fighter here. And it sure ain't a military status symbol to be flown over the Capitol on Independence Day. Instead, the A-22 is an unconventional airplane tailored specifically for unconventional warfare. I'm inclined to describe it as a "grunt's air-



Cheap, simple, rugged Sadler A-22 weighs just 950 pounds, yet delivers 1,000 pounds of ordnance. Wings fold for transport, storage.

Ultralight Aircraft For Counterinsurgency

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plane" because its job is to provide firepower, observation and intelligence, *when and where* it's needed.

Designed to deploy into the field, the A-22's wings fold neatly to allow transport by truck or trailer. Since no control cables need be disconnected for this operation, the airplane can be prepared for

flight in just five minutes. Its simple, rugged, retractable landing gear is designed for the punishing rigors of unimproved strips. Takeoff roll is about 250 feet with pilot and fuel, 350 feet when carrying 500 pounds of ordnance, or 600 feet with 1,000 pounds of munitions.

Okay, eventually you've got to ask

whether a machine like the A-22 can hack the program in combat. Anyone familiar with military aviation might think the A-22 is an updated '90s version of a Japanese kamikaze plane. Sadler has spent more than a little time thinking about this, and has some answers: "The A-22's small size, relatively low IR [infrared] signature, and agility combined with nap-of-the-earth tactics will help the pilot out."

Then, with a gleam in his eye, the engineer points out the Kevlar pod that houses the pilot. Furthermore, the cockpit is made of tough, bullet-resistant Lexan. And if all this isn't enough to give you a warm fuzzy, Sadler points out an optional ballistic parachute that can be mounted on the wing. If you get into serious trouble, you fire this device — even at low level. And get this: The 'chute lets down the *entire airplane*.

A-22 And Trainers, Too

The A-22 is soon to be joined in the Sadler stable by a two-seat trainer version called the T-22. The only major difference will be a wider pod to accommodate side-by-side seating: All other components will be interchangeable between the A- and T-models.

For now, however, most of the company's efforts are being spent on raising funds required to exploit recent interest in the A-22. The airplane's appearance

Sadler A-22 is powered by Chevy V-6, modified for aircraft use. Powerful, with plenty of parts available, it can be maintained with common tools and talent; runs on standard auto gas.



ORPHAN GUERRILLAS

Lonely Struggle of Kurdish Freedom Fighters

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If the massive, black basalt ramparts encircling the city made me wonder if I had been transported back to the Middle Ages, then the activity at Diyarbakir airport brought me quickly back to the present.

A two-hour flight east from Istanbul, the airport at Diyarbakir, Turkey, was a major military base for Coalition forces skirmishing with Saddam Hussein of Iraq. As our DC-9 Turkish Airlines jet arrived at the terminal, I was startled to see an F-104 taxi past still dragging its parachute — also, a row of Apache helicopter gunships parked up on the tarmac next to a U.S. C-141 Starlifter.

As we disembarked under close scrutiny from Turkish soldiers packing MP5s, a pair of F-16s thundered overhead, probably on their way to Iraq. These jets were providing a security umbrella for Iraqi Kurds in the so-called safe haven zones liberated from the clutches of Saddam's arm of oppression; this was after the Iraqi Kurds' failed uprising





Twelve-year-old Soz Dar, the youngest member of the Kurdish Workers Party, stands with her Kalashnikov in front of National Liberation Front of Kurdistan flag.



Kurdish women freedom fighters, loaded up with supplies, prepare to move off on operation inside Turkey.

predominantly in the southeast where Kurds form the population majority. Whereas the political cadre are trained at their self-styled "academy" hidden in the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon, the military wing of the PKK, the front-line grunts of the so-called People's Liberation Army of Kurdistan, train at secret camps in the mountains of Iraq along the 320km border with Turkey.

Those camps were my destination. London representatives of the PKK had cleared me for my visit and issued the required "visa," a piece of paper I had to keep well hidden from the Turks.

The heavy presence of soldiers in Diyarbakir, the "capital" of Turkish Kurdistan, was a none-too-subtle reminder of the state of emergency existing in the

the ban on the Kurdish language does not yet apply to public schools and political gatherings.

Other Turkish Kurds are taking the offensive against government discrimination — they have taken to the

mountains as guerrilla fighters in a bloody rebellion, an uprising largely hidden from the outside world.

Unlike the *Peshmerga* leaders of Iraq's Kurdish minority who seek an autonomous homeland within Iraq, Abdullah Ocalan, general secretary of the Kurdish Workers Party (or PKK, a Marxist-Leninist group founded in Turkey in 1978) is pressing claims for an independent Kurdistan to unite all Kurds of the Middle East.

The PKK's armed struggle commenced in 1984 and is still confined to Turkey,



Kurdish guerrilla in mountaintop lookout post mans 12.7mm DShK HMG for anti-aircraft defense of Kurdish Workers Party camp.

in the wake of the Gulf War.

The bitter irony is that such military activity overshadows Turkey's own Kurdish problem. Nearly 11 million Kurds live in Turkey, just about equal to the combined number of Kurds living as minorities in Iraq, Syria, Iran and the former Soviet Armenia. Official Turkish government policy has been to deny the Kurds any recognition (Note: population estimates vary for the Kurds — these figures are taken from the Minority Rights Group, London.)

"Mountain Turks" are what the Kurds used to be called, and any expression of Kurdish nationalism or cultural identity was rigorously suppressed. At a recent opening session of parliament in Ankara, a Diyarbakir opposition member, Leyla Zana (wife of a former Diyarbakir mayor who was jailed 11 years for daring to declare he was a Kurd and not a Turk), caused an uproar simply by addressing the assembly in Kurdish. The 1991 lifting of

On the 14th anniversary of the founding of PKK, guerrillas celebrated by dancing, waving flags and firing shots in the air.



region; as far as the government is concerned, the PKK are not freedom fighters, but terrorists and outlaws. It wouldn't do to be caught with incriminating documents.

Cizre was built with that peculiar devotion to dereliction and neglect common to many frontier towns where the locals devote their time and energy to smuggling and revolution. At night you could hear shooting; by day, the army and police patrolled in armored fighting vehicles and jeeps mounted with .30-caliber Browning machine guns.

I covered the 50-odd clicks from Cizre to the Iraqi border by taxi, got my passport stamped without fuss and walked across the bridge spanning a tributary of the River Tigris. Peshmerga guards hung about but they didn't insist on immigration formalities. They just smiled their welcome. By prearrangement, I was met near the black-market stalls where one could buy American cigarettes or change foreign currency. My guide took me to a PKK safe house in Zakho, the border town.

Zakho was in the hands of the Peshmerga Front, and the PKK had been forced underground because rival groups like Massoud Barzani's Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) were hostile. "The KDP doesn't want us in Zakho, or anywhere in Iraq," my PKK host told me. "In 1985-86 we fought each other, and the KDP even betrayed many of our 'friends' to the Turks."

Friends, Not Comrades

Friends is how the PKK often refer to each other. It is a sanitized version of the more familiar but now-defunct "comrade." A friend ferrying supplies to a PKK camp drove me into the mountains. For the short climb on foot I had an armed escort, a PKK squad returning from a successful raid across the border.

I was intrigued to notice that two of these guerrillas were girls, aged 15 and 16 years. Not that it was easy to distinguish the sexes. They all dressed alike. No heavy boots, but light sneakers and baggy pants with shirts tucked into Kurdish cummerbunds around their waists, over which some sported Iraqi army belts.

Under the guerrillas' waistcoats I could see homemade webbing gear; each one carried four to six spare magazines for their assault rifles. They were also carrying booty: a takedown rocket launcher, an H&K G3, a hand radio, an MG-3 and two NATO-marked canisters of linked 7.62x51mm LMG ammo.

They were a disciplined and polite group, with none of the Afghan tendencies to mad exuberance or wild jabbering, and they even carried my kit into camp. There are 20 PKK training camps along the frontier. Mervin, the camp commander, was in charge of three. This, his largest, held 180-200 guerrillas, mostly Turkish Kurds, with a splash of Iraqi and Syrian Kurds. None were from Iran.

Because of the ban on teaching Kurdish

in Turkey, many PKK recruits are illiterate in their native tongue, so two camps were set up for Turkish speakers and one for the Kurdish-speaking. This camp was for Kurdish speakers, even though the commander himself couldn't speak it.

Mervin, aged 29, had been sentenced to death by a Turkish court for political activities, but because he was only 17 at that time the court had shown leniency and commuted his sentence to 25 years' prison. After serving 10 years Mervin was set free, but when another judge arbitrarily ordered 12 more years, Mervin had to escape from Turkey. He spent two years at the Bekaa academy, then came here.

Living conditions in camp were austere, but not grim. All tents had plastic sheeting to keep dry and woodburning stoves for warmth. Kerosene lanterns provided light. Recruits existed on a basic diet of rice, bread and tea. They washed in mountain streams and crapped under bushes. I lived the same — except for the food. Mervin and some of his senior commanders, in a lapse of Marxist egalitarian principle that I was quite content to overlook (as I shared their tent), ate a regular diet of French fries, cheeses and vegetables like baked eggplant and fried onions with tomato.

Apart from this, everyone was treated as equal. There is no rank apart from "com-

Camp cooks also baked bread using George Bush flour. This form of U.S. aid — marked "not for exchange or sale" — was purchased in the Zakho bazaar. Garzan and Mervin, who had been at the academy together, were not so dogmatic that they wouldn't laugh at the irony of "imperialistic" food contributing to their revolution, for they were both "militants" — hard-core political cadre — dedicated Marxists.

Perhaps 10% of the PKK recruits in camp are militants; the rest are best described as Kurdish nationalists. They simply hate the Turks and want to liberate their own land. The militants' zeal for a Greater Kurdistan, or for inciting global revolution, is far beyond the average Kurd's more parochial vision.

The exposed site of the camp surprised me, even though individual tents were well-spaced and camouflaged with brush. I wondered how the Turks hadn't located and bombed it. Mervin said they moved their camp regularly, but this place had a semi-permanent look. For the 15 days I stayed, there were daily overflights of jets. Garzan maintained that some of these were Turkish prowlers.

The danger was real enough. Ten days before my arrival Turkish jets had dropped George Bush bombs — both napalm and cluster units — on an Iraqi Kurdish vil-

"THERE IS NO OTHER TYPE OF LIFE BETTER THAN THE LIFE OF A REVOLUTIONARY."

lender" and no insignia to decorate uniforms — neither is there any pay. "We have no need of money," Mervin informed me. All recruits are volunteers and everything they need, from soap to cigarettes, is issued free by the Party.

George Bush Goodies

A special treat was American cocoa and coffee taken from the MREs which were dropped 600 per parachute to feed Iraqi Kurdish refugees during their exodus to the Turkish border. Garzan, a 26-year-old PKK commander on R&R from Turkey, had collected a sackful of these goodies (which, like all American aid that came this way, were jokingly referred to as "George Bush") from MREs left on the ground to rot.

lage about a three-hour march away. I went to visit it with a PKK patrol. Only scorched rubble was left of once-sound concrete structures, and several civilians had been killed and wounded as well.

On the day before I left camp and returned to Zakho, the Turks struck another Iraqi village, this time dropping leaflets with their bombs. The leaflets claimed the bombing was punishment for supporting the PKK, yet the villagers were innocent of this. Their only crime was being Kurdish.

But it will take more than a few bombs to throttle this Marxist movement. It has a very popular following. According to the PKK, there are more than 10,000 guerrilla fighters inside Turkey, and they report an average of one military action against the



Documents captured from dead Turkish conscripts. Note map of Turkey on which soldier drew the boundary of Kurdistan.

Turks every day. PKK field commanders are supposed to follow a central plan, but this is difficult to monitor in areas with which there is no radio contact. Most PKK influence is felt in Botan — the heart of Turkish Kurdistan — bounded by the Tigris River, Lake Van, and by Iran.

Botan — once a powerful and independent Kurdish emirate made up of a large confederation of tribes — fell to the Ottomans in 1847. Eruh, Catak and Semdinli, three towns marking the geographical limits of Botan, were chosen as the first targets by the PKK when they initiated their military campaign on 15 August 1984. Although the attack at Catak failed to get off the ground, seven Turkish prisoners were taken at Semdinli. They were later released unharmed into United Nations' custody and returned to Turkey via Zakho.

While I was waiting in Zakho for my ride to the PKK camp, a Syrian agent for the PKK gave me a Party political primer. "Ideology is the root of power and the guarantee to revolution," he said. "But the Party does not depend on preaching only Marxism-Leninism. Ordinary education is important too."

"The first and most important classes we have are Kurdish history and culture," a camp instructor later told me. "The reason is, because of the Turkish program of forced assimilation some of our people don't know if they are Kurds or Turks!"

Even so, political indoctrination seems to be paramount. The minimum training period for new recruits varies from one month to three, longer in winter. It is not a lack of weapons proficiency that holds them back (PKK recruits, like Afghans, are natural-born mountain warriors, with an ancient heritage of warmongering and brigandry), but the cadres hope they can inculcate a more militant Marxist outlook in the rank and file.

All recruits attend compulsory four-hour political lessons each morning, but care is taken not to challenge their traditional Moslem religious beliefs. "We don't

force our ideology on anyone," Garzan, a self-described materialist, explains. "We are not fanatics."

Yet the PKK is hard-core. The collapse of communism in the former USSR and Eastern Europe has not fazed them. "They weren't true communists," Garzan contends. "We are."

The basic fighting unit of the PKK is the *manga*, a squad of about 15. Three *manga* make a *takim* and three *takim* make a *buluk*. Every three days, each *manga* has a discussion session on what they have learned, and each week the *manga* must write a report that is sent to the camp commander for evaluation. At the end of a 15-day cycle all PKK recruits gather with the political cadre for an open discussion session, where recruits are free to criticize lessons and their instructors, and where instructors are encouraged to practice self-criticism.

The character of PKK lectures can be gauged from the questions aired: "What is socialism?" — "What is economy?" — "What is a dictator?" — "What is the difference between our revolution and Lenin's?" When this is over, there is time-out for the fortnightly bath and clothes washing.

"We have no shortage of weapons or ammunition," Mervin assured me. Recruits I saw were tooled up with a prolific variety of hardware, although the commander noted, "The best weapon for guerrillas is the AK. You can drop it in the mud, get it dirty or full of dust, and it will still fire."

The PKK had models of 7.62x39mm Kalashnikovs from the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, Romania, Hungary, East Germany, China and Iraq, plus two that I couldn't identify. None had the latest 5.45x39mm AK-74, but 7.62x54R PKM and 7.62x39mm RPK and RPD machine guns were common.

I also saw one Vietnam-vintage M79

grenade launcher mounted on an M16, while the commander possessed an M-203 and a Beretta PM12 submachine gun. M16s, favored by the PKK for lightness, are not as abundant as H&K G3s of Turkish, West German and Iranian origins.

There are four sources for weapons. Sympathizers of the PKK, such as members of the National Liberation Front of Kurdistan (an organization of non-combatant Kurds) give weapons to the PKK; also, many weapons were collected from fleeing Iraqi troops after the Gulf War uprising; some are captured from the Turks — others bought on the black market.

Cheap Guns

Most guns are cheap. AKs are priced from as little as \$50 up to \$150, depending on condition and country of origin. Thirty rounds of AK ammo costs only \$1, and Soviet RGD-5 hand grenades sell for 50 cents each. Yet pistols (valued for ease of concealment) can be expensive, perhaps three times the price of an AK, and an MP5 would go for about \$420.

The first weapons training session I witnessed was for grenades. After lunch the recruits paraded as usual, and those that weren't sick, or on cookhouse duty, or on a work detail marched in orderly fashion to a meadow safely outside the camp perimeter, passing the sentries in cleverly camouflaged foxholes on the way. PKK sentries are changed every two hours; their password, daily.

Sitting on the grass in a circle around the instructor, recruits listened attentively to an intensive 60-minute lecture (with cigarette breaks every 15 minutes) after which it was question time, when recruits must stand at attention with their weapons. Recruits were then called up in front of the class to repeat the lesson.

The only criticism I had of this drill was that during the demonstration of charging an enemy position, the recruits were told that in order to keep one hand free for their rifle, they should pull the grenade pin with their teeth! The futility of this Hollywood stunt became clear when the group practiced charging a tree line as shots were fired over their heads. This dramatic little maneuver was preceded by the instructor actually exploding Russian F1 fragmentation grenades forward of the group as they waited prone. To his credit, the instructor did not remove his teeth along with the pins because, to his embarrassment, he could barely remove them using both hands.

Natural competence in marksmanship shown by so many PKK recruits has to be matched with a mastery of weapon-stripping and assembly of the M16, H&K G3 and the Kalashnikov.

Sitting by an obstacle course, I observed some new arrivals going through the steps. Most were here for political education; they had seen some action in-

Equal Opportunity Guerrillas

When Soz Dar turned 12 years old, she ran away from home to become a guerrilla fighter.

Born in the Turkish border town of Cizre (in ancient times capital of an independent Kurdish emirate), this girl now lives in a Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) camp in the mountains of Iraq. And instead of carrying a doll, she cradles a Kalashnikov.

I reached this aerie after taking a four-hour march from a sister camp where I had been staying with Commander Mervin. There was no way I could match the agility or pace of my PKK escort, who clambered over the tangle of tree roots, rocks and ruts that passed as a trail with the ease of a mountain goat. I was drenched in sweat by the time the muted lights of camp guided us to rest.

Unlike Mervin's camp, which was laid out over a generous spread of mountain valley, this PKK camp was tucked up hard against a sheer rock face that rose 100 meters to the ridgeline. Many of the PKK guerrillas here were living in small caves.

Hussein, the 24-year-old camp commander, was born in Germany. His mother was Turkish, his father Kurdish, but it was his grandfather who awakened Hussein's interest in his Kurdish roots. He found the PKK after looking for political groups active in the Kurdish cause. Hussein spent two years in a German prison on suspicion of terrorism; when freed, he went to the PKK academy in the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon, then finally came here.

Among his 150 charges were three of the youngest PKK recruits; two 14-year-old boys, Gabar and Yaser, and the girl, Soz Dar.

Gabar had only been in camp one week, but he had already seen three months of action inside Turkey and was an astonishingly militant Marxist. Yaser, a chain smoker from Cizre, had tried to join up when he was 10 years old, but had been told he was too young. Both lads had been issued AKs and couldn't understand why Hussein would not let them rush off to fight. Officially, the PKK does not field guerrillas under the age of 16, but they don't turn away the many youngsters of both sexes who show up ready to fight for their dream of a free Kurdistan.

Soz Dar had been in camp two months and was also a gung-ho wannabee guerrilla. Physically she appeared younger than 12, but she had managed to leave her family, slip across the border undetected and locate this camp. Her father was dead, her older brother was already in the PKK but had been hospitalized, and her younger brother had become man of the house. Soz Dar believed it was her duty to take up the fight because there were no more men available from her family.

When I asked Gabar and Yaser what they were fighting for, they both parroted Party propaganda about the "fight for equality of all people of the world." In fact Gabar gave a speech that would have done Lenin proud. But Soz Dar had a simpler answer: "We are fighting for our independence, for our land — to be free."

Didn't she miss anything from the city, like a hot bath, or the cinema or playing games with her school friends? "I would like these things, but since the enemy is on our land, we have made the choice of the mountains," she explained with a maturity unnatural to her youth.

In her hometown, the Turkish government was responsible for the indiscriminate killing of many Kurds. "The government says they only shoot when the guerrillas attack and that the bodies of

dead Kurds are dead guerrillas, but it is just a game for them. They shoot our people whenever they like," the girl said.

Though Soz Dar carried Kalashnikov nearly as tall as she was (along with the weight of four full reserve ammo magazines), it was easy to break through her exterior military facade and find the little girl inside. Admittedly, some Snickers chocolate bars I had brought from London helped. Soz Dar quickly adopted me as an elder brother and proudly showed me around camp and took me to the training ground where the class was earnestly practicing weapon-stripping.

The sexual revolution that has loosened up moral values in the West is light-years away from Kurdistan. In Kurdish society a girl remains a virgin until she marries; indiscretions are dealt with harshly.

One day when I was in Mervin's camp, we heard the sound of shooting, so a PKK patrol was sent out to investigate. What they reported was a tragic double killing. Fellow villagers had accused a man's daughter of screwing around; to satisfy his honor, the father had gunned down his daughter with an AK. Apparently there were no recriminations for the boy(s) involved, but in his grief the father next turned his gun on himself.

In the PKK camp, girls slept in tents separate from the boys, not in a strictly segregated area, yet in a distinct quarter of their own that offered some privacy. I questioned them about boyfriends and romance, getting married and having children.

Dersim, a college-educated 21-year-old, was unequivocal: "Now we are at war. Our main purpose is to fight. We are revolutionaries. After we get independence for Kurdistan, we can think of such things — not before."

All the PKK girls I spoke to expressed similar sentiments. The consensus was that any girl contemplating marriage would not consider joining the PKK in the first place. There is no rule against marriage in the PKK; it is just not regarded as a priority.

Boys and girls are treated as equals by the Party. Female guerrillas form an integral part of all attack groups. On my very first day with the PKK, I had arrived in camp with a mixed group returning with captured weapons after an attack against Uludere. Females have recently taken part in successful strikes against the Botan towns of Pervari and Sirnak, and in the PKK's biggest military operation to date, at Cukurca.

Many female guerrillas have not been to school and they are grateful to the Party for the education that was previously denied them because of poverty or tradition. But the Party hasn't liberated them from their traditional Moslem religious beliefs. All the girls I spoke to still believed in God, although they confessed they had little time to recite their prayers.

Dilan, a very sweet 16-year-old, also claimed to be a Marxist. Yes, she understood the philosophical contradiction, but explained: "I am not a militant Marxist — I am just a fighter in our army — but I believe no other ideology can be successful in getting a free Kurdistan."

The uncompromising dedication I saw among the female guerrillas was summed up best by a 15-year-old girl who told me fervently, "There is no other type of life better than the life of a revolutionary."

— J. B.



Commander Mervin, 29, fires M16 during routine training exercise. Mervin is in charge of three of 20 PKK camps in the Iraqi mountains along the border with Turkey.

side Turkey already and cockily thought they knew it all — until the canny instructor stumped them all by placing a blindfold around their eyes. Patiently, they started all over again.

On one of the ridgelines above the camp commanding a view clear into Turkey as well as the plains of Iraq, I visited a post where a manga is kept permanently stationed on lookout duty. There was an anti-

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ASSAULT ON AN EMBASSY

SOCCENT Dollar Short, Day Late in Kuwait

by Greg Walker

For months after Iraq's successful invasion of Kuwait on 2 August 1990, the barebones staff at the U.S. Embassy defied the Iraqi army by continuing to fly the American flag, despite orders from Saddam Hussein that it should be lowered and the embassy closed. Living on meager rations, drinking water from the outdoor pool, the staff took comfort in knowing both the British and French embassies were likewise engaged in psychological combat with the invaders.

After the United Nations authorized the use of force against Iraq, and when Hussein released more than 565 foreign hostages including those holed up in the U.S. Embassy, Ambassador Nathaniel Howell did what any American ambassador would be expected to do under the circumstances. On 14 December he closed up shop, destroyed classified documents and sensitive equipment, then ushered his staff out the gate, locking it behind him. He also lowered the flag, which had been flying since the invasion.

Howell, whose courage and leadership were demonstrated throughout the siege, then raised a second flag that was left flying once the embassy was evacuated. He presented the original embassy flag to President Bush, who used it to swear in Howell's successor, Edward Gnehm, in early January 1991. Ambassador Gnehm would return this flag to Kuwait when the embassy in Kuwait City was reopened.

American embassies have long been

targets of political terrorists and revolutionary factions. In 1979, Special Forces operators entered Nicaragua under false passports to prepare a classified report on the American Embassy in Managua. In the event Nicaragua fell to the Sandinistas and the embassy subsequently taken, the military wanted the most up-to-date information possible as to how a rescue attempt might be made. Fortunately, no such operation became necessary.

On 4 November 1979, the U.S. Embassy staff in Tehran, Iran, was going about its business despite increasing political tension in the streets. By noon that day, a large crowd had gathered outside the embassy gates. As Iranian police stood aside and watched, militants clambered over the gates and rushed the compound. Ordered not to fire upon the angry crowd, Marine Corps guards watched as the embassy was ransacked and its occupants taken hostage. One of the most dramatic political actions in America history had begun, and it would trigger events and reactions around the world for years to come.

On 18 April 1983, the American Embassy staff in Beirut were preparing for the lunch hour when a van loaded with explosives was driven directly into the building. Among the dead were 17 Americans, including the first Delta operator killed during an enemy attack. Again, an American Embassy had been selected as a specific target with which to make a political statement.

The reasoning behind such violent acts has to do with the role an embassy plays.

It is the formal residence and place of business for whichever country it represents. Embassy personnel are protected under international law; its grounds are considered to be territorial extensions of the guest nation. To attack an embassy is to attack the country in question and, in the past, gunboats have been sent to put matters in order.

Remarkably few Soviet embassies have seen the degree of violence witnessed by British, French or American diplomatic missions. This probably has to do with the historic Soviet response to such situations: Gun-barrel diplomacy was their first and final option.

There is a more subtle reason for assaulting a foreign embassy. If successful, the operation illuminates any lack of ability a country possesses to defend its citizens and interests in the region. Long and complicated negotiations may then take place, with political concessions often sought in exchange for hostages. Embassy bashing has proved a viable tactic in the past, especially if the embassy is one of ours.

The signal sent by keeping the flag flying in Kuwait was simple, yet direct. The United States did not recognize Iraq's claim over Kuwait and therefore would not bow to demands made by Hussein. As a result, Hussein was forced to seek an alternative to storming the embassy, a move which would have certainly brought about an immediate military response from the United States.

Unlike the situations in Iran and Leba-



Around the embassy, a massive block party took place with thousands of city residents welcoming Kuwaiti and Coalition liberators. Photo: DoD



After being officially escorted into embassy by SOF operators, Ambassador Gnehm speaks with American troops involved in liberating Kuwait City. Photo: DoD

it wasn't permitted, and it wasn't one of our objectives. The resistance then asked if our guys would like to 'just go look at it,' because there weren't any Iraqis left in the city," recalled Lieutenant Colonel Brownlee, the 5th's senior S-3 (Operations). Accordingly, Brownlee's military intelligence detachment joined the Kuwaitis and headed for the capital, more than 100 miles away.

Upon their arrival the afternoon of the 26th, the SOF operators found the embassy locked up as reported earlier. There were no Iraqis on the deserted streets. Curious, the men entered the compound and made a preliminary search. They found no evidence of mines nor booby traps and radioed this information back to Special Operations Command — Central (SOCCENT). Their message received, the team was sternly ordered to re-secure the embassy and to stay away from it.

"One thing you might want to know," the operators radioed, "is that the American flag is flying over the embassy."

Back at SOCCENT, Brownlee shuddered inwardly. "Tell me," he replied, "that you guys didn't put the flag up."

To his relief, the team responded they hadn't. By now, more of the 5th's adviser teams were arriving as Kuwaiti brigades began entering the city. Locking the embassy's gates one more time, the SOF detachment pulled back from the embassy until its official "retaking" could be acted out.

Clear Kuwait City

According to the war plan, no embassy would be either secured or reoccupied until Kuwait City was cleared. In December, Colonel Jesse Johnson, commander of SOCCENT, approached Col. James R. Kraus with a request. Johnson wanted one of the 5th Group's battalions in order to retake and secure the embassy once the city was in friendly hands. Kraus, then the 5th's commander, refused. The embassy was not a tactical objective and Kraus's teams were heavily committed to Coalition warfare tasks.

Although SOCCENT had operational control over SOF units, it did not possess command control. That critical area belonged to CENTCOM. Johnson's command was responsible for organizing, tasking, directing and planning SOF actions, but he could not order Kraus to give him troops for the embassy "mission."

"SOCCENT had no tactical mission," one insider confirmed. "They assumed one by stating they would be responsible for retaking the embassy. No one else was interested, as it wasn't a military objective — it was a political one."

Johnson was forced to ask for additional SOF forces to secure the manpower he felt necessary. In short order, the 3rd Special Forces Group got its marching orders, deploying the group's single battalion from Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

non, this time U.S. forces were well prepared to mount both overt and covert actions. In addition, Hussein was still attempting to convince the world his invasion of Kuwait should be viewed as solely an Arab matter. In a diplomatic feint, Iraq released its hostages in Kuwait and allowed that embassy grounds were off limits for Iraqi soldiers, at least for the time being.

Iraqi Restraint

There were sound economic reasons for assuming this posture. Iraq needed to pacify the West in order to resume increased petroleum sales once Kuwait was successfully annexed. This meant showing some fashion of restraint where diplomatic concerns lay. Such concerns would include formal complaints regarding wanton destruction of embassy grounds and property by Iraqi troops, should these incidents occur. By ordering the embassies safeguarded rather than looted, Hussein felt he might be in a better bargaining position with those powers he was ultimately dependent upon in terms of both economic and military support.

Kuwaiti resistance cells operating inside the city reported that Iraqis entered the shuttered embassy shortly after Howell's departure, but only "to look around." They never occupied the grounds, nor did they trash any of the buildings or offices. It appears they did lower Howell's second flag, contrary to widespread reports to the contrary.

Special Forces operators involved in the "clearing" of the U.S. Embassy on 28 February 1991 told of blowing open locked doors. If the Iraqis had ravished the compound as they had the rest of the city, there would not have been a door left hanging on its hinges.

Kuwaiti resistance fighters observed the Iraqi forces complete their cursory search, lock the embassy gates and leave the compound abandoned. It would remain so until the wee hours of 26 February.

At 0400 hours on 24 February, the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force was to begin its two-division breaching operation. The purpose of this operation was to draw Iraqi attention to the southern portions of Kuwait. Actually the Marines had jumped off early and were well inside Kuwait, due to limited opposition.

"The Marines were ahead of schedule regarding their assigned objectives," a se-

nior Army officer recalled. "In fact, they'd breached the lines several hours prior to the designated time and were heading toward Kuwait City faster than anyone expected or knew."

Reports of faint resistance were passed to Central Command (CENTCOM), which then ordered the general offensive to proceed so as to catch up with the Marines. The Kuwaiti 35th "Al-Shahid" Armored Brigade was the first unit to pierce the sand berm to the north. Riding with the Kuwaitis were Coalition military advisers from the 5th Special Forces Group.

By the evening of the 25th, elements of the 5th Group's 1st Battalion made contact with the Kuwaiti resistance. Trained and directed by U.S. intelligence agencies, the resistance had been active early on during Desert Shield.

Contrary to popular belief, many Kuwaitis traveled from Saudi Arabia back into Kuwait to visit their families during the buildup. By using seldom-traveled roads, they freely moved along the coast reporting on Iraqi-held positions via their cellular phones.

Specific resistance figures were infiltrated back into Kuwait City upon completion of their training by units like the U.S. Navy SEALs. By the start of the Gulf War ground offensive, the resistance was active and following its orders to link up with Coalition units as soon as possible. Their job was to provide up-to-date intelligence and to act as ground guides when the Kuwaiti army began driving toward its final objective.

"Our guys made contact with the resistance and were asked if they'd like to go to our [the U.S.] embassy. They were told

SOF operators charged with assaulting American Embassy in Kuwait trained extensively before fast-roping into the compound — there just weren't any bad guys when they got there.
Photo: USASOCOM PAO





5th SF Group teams taught extensive classes in urban fighting to Kuwaiti troops, who were expected to help clear and secure the capital. Photo: USASOCOM PAO

Arriving in Saudi Arabia, the battalion was dismayed to learn that there existed no real mission for them, although they would take part in Coalition training and special reconnaissance operations already being conducted by the 5th's operators. One suggestion made by the 5th was "they could help us outload to go home." The 3rd's operators didn't find this suggestion humorous.

Johnson's credentials in special operations were highly regarded. His interest in the embassy may have been a result of his having been deputy director for Delta during the early 1980s. *Editor's Note: Johnson declined three separate requests by the author for an interview regarding the embassy operations.* One of that newly formed unit's priority missions was retaking American embassies.

In 1981, Johnson was ordered to deploy a Delta team into Italy on the heels of General James Lee Dozier's kidnapping by the Red Brigades. In the process, the colonel's "I report only to JSOC" attitude managed to cause problems between General W.V. Smith of European Command, Italy's Ambassador Rabb and JSOC. In the end, Italian antiterrorists rescued Dozier. Their success was largely due to American technical counterintelligence agents as well as to an Army CID agent with Mafia connections.

Because the Gulf War's ground assault

moved so quickly, the plan for securing the British, French and American diplomatic compounds was revised to take place at 1200 hours on 28 February. Each country's armed forces would be responsible for their respective embassies. SOCCENT was busy pulling an impressive array of special operations capabilities together, including rotary aircraft from the 160th SOAR, SEAL fast-attack vehicles (FAVs), selected Marine personnel and the assault team from the 3rd SFG.

News that the embassy was in the hands of 5th Group operators on the 26th was less than well-received by Col. Johnson. By 27 February, the liberation of Kuwait was in full swing, with Marines having captured all objectives including the international airport outside of Kuwait City.

In fact, the Marines could easily have moved into the city, but were held in place by CENTCOM's orders that only SOF troops would assist their Kuwaiti counterparts in clearing and securing the capital. A highly political consideration, the Kuwaitis owed their newfound battlefield capability to Kraus' 5th Group teams. Due to the lack of resistance from the Iraqi army inside the city, it was felt the Kuwaitis could accomplish the mission with additional support provided by their SOF advisers.

Around the embassy, a massive block party was taking place. Thousands of city

residents were in the streets welcoming their liberators with tears, gunshots and makeshift American flags. The embassy was surrounded by the happy throng, making vehicle traffic nearly impossible.

By this time a number of 5th Group advisers were in the neighborhood where the embassy was located. At one point a Kuwaiti national approached a Green Beret trooper to inform him of 35 Iraqi soldiers caught in civilian clothes. The Iraqis had been preparing to exfiltrate the city, but were cornered by those people they'd just spent the last few months raping and murdering. Unless the SOF soldiers could rescue the Iraqis, they would soon be hung by their angry captors.

Following the Kuwaiti citizen, the soldiers soon hustled the terrified prisoners out of immediate danger. A crowd followed, becoming more hostile. With nowhere else to go, the Special Forces troops herded their POWs into the U.S. Embassy compound. It would be six hours until trucks could be sent to collect the Iraqis.

By this time, Kraus had visited the compound personally with Brownlee. Heading for the airport — now the launch site for Johnson's operation — both men advised SOCCENT the embassy was secure and in the hands of the 5th.

Preparations for an all-out assault continued, despite firsthand intelligence coming from senior SOF officers. Kraus was told to get his people out of the embassy so they wouldn't "be in the way" when the helicopters (meaning the media) arrived on the 28th.

At 1200 hours on 28 February, the American Embassy was "retaken" and "secured" by combined SOF elements. As a Blackhawk from the 160th SOAR hovered above the embassy's roof, 3rd Group operators fast-roped into the compound armed with light weapons, explosives and claymore mines. A few tense seconds passed when a second chopper sucked a patio umbrella into its rotor blades, but the aircraft suffered no damage.

Once on the ground, the SF operators moved rapidly to their objectives, followed closely by a Marine security element landed by a second chopper. The compound's interior resonated with the sound of grenades exploding as locked rooms were blown open and cleared. Rifle fire punctuated the smoke-filled air as soldiers dashed from building to building.

Many SEAL FAVs patrolled the streets, keeping the curious crowd and media at bay. The scene being played out brought back images from 1980 of British SAS troops retaking the Iranian Embassy in London, a widely televised antiterrorist drama testifying to the world that the Brits had their act all in one black bag. SOCCENT's version was just as visually impressive. The difference was the Iranian Embassy had had bad guys present

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Twenty-three SWAT teams from 13 states converge on Gainesville, Georgia! No, there was no terrorist attack, no hostage situation, no plot to poison the water in Lake Lanier. These specially trained law-enforcement personnel from police departments, sheriff's offices, correctional facilities and private security firms were vying for the 4th Annual National SWAT Team Championship title.

Co-hosted by the Institute of Public Service (IPS) and the Police Marksman Association (PMA), this event was conceived to allow special response teams the opportunity to test their skills in a competitive field. The PMA has been in the business of training law officers since 1976 with its publication *The Police Marksman Magazine*; IPS is a privately owned training organization which offers hands-on training to public and private law-enforcement officers across the nation.

The "marriage" of IPS and PMA for the purpose of providing a forum for actual training and competition was met with open arms by SWAT teams in the United States. Previously these officers had special training and little chance to "practice" it against formidable competitors. Past winners of this event include: 1989 – Hillsborough County S.O., Florida; 1990 – Rock Hill PD, South Carolina and 1991 – DOE (Department Of Energy) of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

The week of 7-11 June 1992 saw more than 100 special response team members meet to battle it out in six separate events. The contest proved to be a highly competitive and extremely intense challenge.

SWAT Olympians Invade Gainesville

by Connie Dees
Photos by Jennifer Maier



Sturm Ruger's Falling Plate Event

A test of speed, accuracy and dexterity, this event required that each of five team members fire from behind designated barricades with either the left or right hand (as specified by the particular position). Revolvers or autos were allowed. Scoring was a combination of hits and time. Winners and placement are listed below:

Place	Team	Score
1	DOE Idaho Falls, ID	2.4561
2	V.C. Summer, SC	2.5177
3	DOE SPR, LA	3.1122
4	DOE Pantex, TX	3.3969
5	DOE Rocky Flats, CO	3.4930

OVERALL TEAM RATINGS

Place	Team	Points
1	DOE Idaho Falls, ID	87
2	DOE Rocky Flats, CO	75
3	DOE Pantex, TX	69
4	DOE Savannah River, SC	65
5	V.C. Summer, SC	63
6	DOE SPR, LA	55
7	Gwinnett Co. PD (Red), GA	47
8	Rock Hill PD, SC	45
9	IN Law Enforcement	41
9	Hall Co. S.O., GA	41
10	Gwinnett Co. PD (Blue), GA	40
11	Panama City PD, FL	35
12	Beaufort Co S.O., SC	31
13	Nuclear Fuel Services, TN	29
14	Fort Campbell, KY	27
15	IN Dept. of Corrections #2	25
15	Roswell PD, GA	25
16	Auburn PD, AL	23
17	Spartanburg Det. Facility, SC	19
17	IN Dept. of Corrections #1	19
17	Knoxville PD, TN	19
18	DOE E.G.&G. Mound, OH	16
19	Pine Bluff Arsenal, AR	11



First Place team: DOE, Idaho Falls, Idaho

Federal Cartridge's Counter-Sniper Event

This event required three members of the team to assist the counter-sniper and observer into a window located on the rappel tower. After gaining entrance with their weapons, the counter-sniper and observer climbed to the top of the rappel tower overlooking a target area. The actual hostage target was shown only for a short period of time, within a three-minute "green light" window. The counter-sniper's job was to hit the hostage-taker and a moving target. Time was stopped when the observer hit a steel stop-plate.

Place	Team	Score
1	DOE Pantex, TX	115
2	Panama City PD, FL	95
3	DOE Rocky Flats, CO	90
4	DOE SPR, LA	85
5	V.C. Summer, SC	85



Safariland's Tactical Deployment Hostage Rescue Event

Special Response — Idaho Style

In winning the IPS/PMA National SWAT Championships two years in a row, the special response team from Idaho Falls DOE (Department of Energy) accomplished a feat that many saw as close to impossible.

DOE Idaho began forming its Special Operations Division (SOD) in 1984 to provide certain facilities with a dedicated counterterrorist unit. Trained to conduct operations in desert or urban environments using small arms tactics, the teams specialize in counterterrorist hostage-rescue operations such as building repossessions, open air assault, and vehicle repossessions in the event of a hostage barricade situation.

This special operations division is not lacking in equipment or technology needed to accomplish its mission. Their inventory includes: H&K MP5s, M16s, McMillan sniper rifles, H&K P7 pistols, M60 machine guns, M79 grenade launchers, and night vision equipment. Mobility is provided by helicopters, 4-wheel-drive and fast-attack vehicles, snow machines and armored vehicles.

In spite of the availability of high-tech equipment, DOE Idaho strongly believes that the key element to a successful operation is the individual operator. Backing this belief up with action, team members are afforded the luxury of considerable training time and facilities. In fact, approximately 50% of a team's operational time is dedicated to training.

The 1992 DOE Idaho Falls Special Response Team is: Ken Baxter* Bennie Cooley* Pete Italiano Kim Jensen Kyle Jorgenson Stan Malm* Ken Thurman

**Members of both 1991 and 1992 winning teams*

Team leader Cooley summed up their philosophy: "We knew that we had the ability to be able to compete against any team. The only thing we knew we had to master was self-control. If you can control yourself, everything else will fall into place."

— C. D.



Limited to a 10-minute time frame, this event required all six team members' involvement. Five members made up the entry team while the sixth member served as a "hostage" awaiting rescue. The use of paint-marking rounds made this realistic event possible, as each team tactically entered the hostile, darkened rooms to meet the adversary. Each room had to be cleared and a "bad guy" neutralized prior to rescuing the hostage. Again, a combination of accuracy, tactics and time was used to score.

Place	Team	Score
1	Gwinnett Co. PD (Red), GA	80.0
2	Hall Co. S.O., GA	79.8
3	DOE Savannah River, SC	78.2
4	Rock Hill PD, SC	75.4
5	DOE Rocky Flats, CO	67.0

AS VIOLENT MOBS ADVANCED

police were ordered to retreat.

TERRIFIED AND ABANDONED, L.A.

citizens raced to gun stores to buy
firearms to protect themselves.

But their **GOVERNMENT HAD**

ABANDONED them years ago.

Those who didn't own a firearm were denied by California's
15-day waiting period. Those who had already endured the
15-day waiting period were denied delivery of their firearms. And
those who already owned firearms were denied ammunition.

the criminals were denied nothing, waited for
nothing, filled out forms for nothing. They killed who they
wanted, stole what they wanted, vandalized what wasn't stolen,
and burned to the ground what was left.

The fantasy of gun control smoldered in the reality of the
streets. And **TOO MANY AMERICAN GUN OWNERS**

STILL SIT IDLY BY.



WHAT WILL IT TAKE?

What will it take for you to join the NRA fight for your rights?

Must your glass be shattered?

Must your flesh and blood be maimed? Must your livelihood be looted? Must all you've built be torn down? Must your once-proud nation surrender to more gun control experimentation while its citizens tremble behind deadbolts and barred windows? **How far must it go?**

How close must it get? How real must it feel? What will it take before you stand up with the one group that will *stand for no more?*

IT IS THE NRA that has had the **COURAGE** to preserve what's left of your firearm freedoms.

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We claimed our Founding Fathers meant what they said, and they did. We explained the real "militia" is everyday American citizens, and it is. We said **they're out to get your guns,** and they are. We warned gun laws would fail, and they have. We said gun control is wrong, and **L.A. PROVES IT.**

It is the NRA that has endured the vicious media treatment, the posturing politicians and the wrath of social puppeteers. It is the NRA that has invested in genuine criminal justice reform. It is the NRA that has defended your freedoms year after year. Usually, we won. But when we didn't, it was because **apathetic gun owners thought gun control didn't threaten them,** it wouldn't affect *them*, it couldn't happen to *them*.

But it does, and it already has. From L.A. to New York to D.C. to your hometown, **you enjoy less freedom than you think.** And less and less every day.



Will It Take Your Own Quiet Riot?

The evil in L.A. was just a concentrated form of the one-on-one evil that stalks America every nightfall, untouched by gun laws and ignored by media. In dark parking lots instead of crowded streets. Smashing through bedroom windows instead of store windows. Demolishing lives instead of whole neighborhoods. One lonely woman at a time, one businessman at a time, one family at a time, one innocent victim at a time.

What if it were *you*, or *yours*? Would you *then* demand an end to senseless attacks on firearm freedoms?



Will It Take More Criminals On Your Streets?

A staggering 10,000 people were arrested during the L.A. riots. Almost half had prior criminal records, were released on parole or were granted probations from felony convictions. Los Angeles Deputy Attorney John Wilson said, "There is no question that a major element of professional criminals were involved." Few are surprised; still fewer do anything about it.

Will It Take Your Own Taste Of Terror?

When panic struck, gun control "supporters" were first in line at gun shops – shocked, then outraged, that the gun control they wanted for others now applied to *them*. So they furiously filed their firearm purchase applications, hoping government would give them permission to exercise their basic civil rights.

In that moment they became ex-gun-control supporters, new Second Amendment converts who joined the American majority that believe law-abiding citizens should never be denied the right to buy firearms.

They'll not be fooled again. California gun purchase applications are up 60%. And each one represents a brutally enlightened Californian who no longer believes in gun control.



The Final Toll For Gun Control:

- 52 dead
- 2,383 injured
- 10,000 arrested
- 4,500 buildings/homes destroyed
- 10,000 businesses destroyed
- \$735 million property damage
- \$600 million in federal aid

How many crimes were prevented by California's gun control laws?

None.



WHAT WILL IT TAKE?

If you think your right to self-defense is a given, you've been taken.

"There is no reason for anyone in this country, anyone except a police officer or a military person, to buy, to own, to have, to use a handgun. ... And the only way to do that is to change the Constitution."

Michael Gartner
President, NBC News
USA Today 1/16/92

"The second article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is repealed."

U.S. House Joint Resolution 438
introduced March 11, 1992 by
U.S. Rep. Major Owens (D-NY)

"A bill requiring all handguns to be given to the government will be introduced Tuesday by Sen. John Chafee (R-RI)."

USA Today 6/1/92

"Whatever right the Second Amendment protects is not as important as it was 200 years ago. ... Gun control advocates should... deconstitutionalize the subject by repealing the embarrassing Amendment."

George Will
Syndicated Columnist 3/21/91

IT TAKES YOU

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American Body Armor's Tactical Rappel Event

Not only were all six team members required to demonstrate their rappelling skills, they also had to fast-rope, discriminate and engage hostile targets, treat an injured team member (chosen at random) and evacuate him/her from the tower via a Stokes litter. Plastic bullets were used to engage shoot/no-shoot targets (located inside the tower). Time along with accuracy determined the score.

Place	Team	Score
1	DOE Idaho Falls, ID	2.1171
2	V.C. Summer, SC	2.1637
3	Rock Hill PD, SC	2.1831
4	Gwinnett Co. PD (Blue), GA	2.2739
5	DOE Rocky Flats, CO	2.4793

Institute Of Public Service/Police Marksman Association's Team Vs. Team Event

Utilizing paint-marking cartridges and forcing each team to draw on its training, this event placed team against team in a building clearing scenario. Each five-man assault team had to move as quickly as possible into the designated hostile areas and rescue their assigned hostage while engaging opposing team members until only one team remained "alive," or until time ran out. The sixth team member acted as the hostage-taker against the opposing team. A successful hostage rescue and a fast time were the elements by which the score was achieved. This event was a single elimination event.

Place	Team	Points
1	DOE Rocky Flats, CO	20
2	DOE Savannah River, SC	16
3	IN Law Enforcement	12
4	DOE Idaho Falls	8
4	Gwinnett Co. PD (Red), GA	8
4	Fort Campbell, KY	8
5	DOE, E G&G Mound, OH	4
5	DOE Pantex, TX	4
5	Nuclear Fuel Services, TN	4
5	Gwinnett Co. PD (Blue), GA	4
5	Auburn PD, AL	4
5	V.C. Summer, SC	4



Concealment Room Entry Event

One of the most physically exhaustive events in the competition, this was actually a combination of two events. Five team members used handguns while a sixth member was the shotgunner. Moving from an urban obstacle course to cover-and-concealment positions on the range (requiring barricade shooting from behind cover), the team members had to clear each station prior to moving to a new one. After completion of the cover portion of the event, the entire team donned gas masks and moved to the door entry station. Their task was to clear each room and engage hostile targets. A "thumbs up" sign was given after each room had been cleared. A time-vs.-hits ratio determined the overall score.

Place	Team	Score
1	DOE Idaho Falls, ID	4.6229
2	DOE Savannah River, SC	6.0668
3	Beaufort Co. S.O., SC	6.1196
4	DOE Pantex, TX	6.1206
5	DOE SPR, LA	6.2319

Many additional activities added to the flavor of the competition and gave the competitors a chance to meet each other off the "playing field." Glock Inc. sponsored the Hospitality Barbecue; a tactical forum was held with several of the team leaders discussing various experiences, and an exhibit hall displayed the latest in law-enforcement technology and products. The Leupold & Stevens' Awards Banquet served as the closing ceremony to a very challenging and rewarding competition.

The top three teams in each event won silver, bronze or gold medals, and overall winners won the prestigious IPS/PMA National Championship Cup to keep for one year. For the second year in a row, first-place overall honors were won by the DOE of Idaho Falls.

Although some went away without a medal, each and every professional who participated in this competition left richer for the experience and knowledge gained by meeting and competing with counterparts from around the nation.

For information about next year's event, contact: Institute of Public Service, 961 Chestnut St., Gainesville, GA 30501, or Police Marksman Association, 6000-A East Shirley Lane, Montgomery, AL 36117.

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NORTH KOREA'S REVAMPED TOKAREV

SOF T&Es Type 66 ComBloc Clone

Although their adoption by the U.S. armed forces always elicits intense controversy from armchair experts, pistols play an almost insignificant role in modern combat. However, since they are easier to conceal than shoulder-mounted firearms, they are more likely to be encountered in the urban zones of terrorist insurgencies such as the decade-long ordeal of El Salvador.

During the 10 years I have been going to El Salvador to work with their military and police organizations, I have examined an incredible array of handguns captured from FMLN (Faribundo Marti Liberation Front) terrorists. Early on, they were mostly of U.S. manufacture and primarily included Colt M1911A1 .45 ACP pistols, Colt .38-Special and .357 Magnum revolvers, Smith & Wesson (S&W) Model 39 9mm pistols, S&W .38 Special revolvers and a handful of other types. In the late 1980s, steel-framed Spanish Star 9mm pistols began to turn up in substantial quantities.

Prior to the November 1989 offensive, the FMLN had masqueraded their revolution as indigenous through employment of U.S. weapons — of the type supplied to the Salvadoran military — that had been left in Vietnam.

Napoleon Romero, a onetime leader of the FMLN, stated that a 1979 agreement between Cuba, Nicaragua and the various Salvadoran rebel factions stipulated that no combloc armaments would be provided to FMLN forces, in order to disguise the Managua-Havana-Moscow connection and give the false impression to the gullible, left-of-center U.S. media that the rebel movement was entirely indigenous in origin. In addition, commonality with Salvadoran army weapons, such as the M16 rifle and M60 GPMG, permitted the terrorists to use captured stores of ammunition. The few Kalashnikovs I encountered in El Salvador during the mid-1980s were little more than badges of authority for high-ranking FMLN guerrilla leaders.

The intended three phases of the November 1989 offensive required massive stockpiles of food, medical supplies, weapons, ammunition and propaganda. Confident of victory, the FMLN decided logistical support weighed more heavily than masking the international Marxist origins of their revolution against the democratically elected government of El Salvador — combloc weapons were introduced on a massive scale.

East Comes West

Combloc small arms and ammunition I have personally examined in El Salvador subsequent to the November 1989 offensive originated from a number of countries, including: Cuba, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Romania and North Korea.

It originally appeared to me that North Korea was no more than a marginal player in El Salvador. While interesting, as they included grenade launching types, the North Korean AK-47s I came across were few and far between. Furthermore, only a small amount of the thousands of rounds of small-arms ammunition I individually studied carried North Korean headstamps.

During my last trip, however, Chris Mayer, my assistant instructor, argued vigorously that AKM rifles I had identified as Hungarian — because of the selector markings: "I" for semiautomatic fire, and the infinity symbol (a figure eight turned on its side) for full auto — which were present throughout El Salvador in substantial quantity, were in fact of North Korean origin.

Mayer's reasons were as follows: The front-sight assembly was mill-finished in a configuration previously noted on North Korean Kalashnikovs only. Both the shape and finish of the wood furniture were typical of North Korean AKs. The lower handguard had finger grooves instead of swells. The tang at the rear of the receiver, although made of sheet metal, was of the AK-47 type. There was a peculiar sheet-metal roller on the rear sling swivel. The weapon's serial number was stamped into the lower handguard in the North Korean manner.

Subsequently, the Institute for Research on Small Arms in International Security (IRSAIS) published a data-base overview of weapons of the FMLN in their bulletin. The author, Lawrence J. Whelan, also suggested that these rifles were of North Korean origin. Whelan stated these "export" versions of the North

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Korean AKM represented more than 70% of the total number of AKMs listed in the IRS AIS database. He concluded that North Korea was a significant supplier of munitions to the FMLN, especially so since the decline of the Evil Empire in Eastern Europe.

Membership dues to the IRS AIS (Dept. SOF, 1847 Vernon St., N.W., Washington, DC 20009; phone: 202-483-6758) are \$50 per year and include receiving their bulletin. All those interested in military small arms are encouraged to join this important organization.

The IRS AIS data-base does not include specific information about handguns captured from the FMLN. Small wonder, as most pistols confiscated in raids on terrorist safe houses throughout the country were taken as personal booty by Salvadoran army officers. Since I have developed no small amount of *cuello* (literally, "collar," but a local idiomatic term for "pull") after more than 20 trips to El Salvador, I have been able to examine, and in many cases fire, hundreds of these captured handguns.

The North Korean Type 66 pistol is an excellent, well-designed upgrade of an exceptionally reliable, battle-proven military service pistol.

As a consequence of the November 1989 FMLN offensive, combloc pistols entered the country in substantial numbers, although they were mostly of two types. I have seen only one Russian-made Makarov "PM" pistol in El Salvador. It was in about-new condition, except for some holster wear on the slide. Ammunition accompanying this pistol were all headstamped "38 86" (Soviet arsenal 38, manufactured in 1986). The pistol itself was produced in 1988 by Tula Ordnance Factory.

Most common, however, of the "pocket"-sized pistols of combloc origin encountered in El Salvador were the Hungarian PA-63s, ranging in condition from about new to little more than rusted hulks. Chambered for the 9x18mm Makarov cartridge and based upon the Walther PP, this double-action, blowback-operated pistol has a lightweight alloy frame, which was

black-anodized on the specimens delivered to the FMLN. Most commonly, the ammunition found in association with these pistols was either Bulgarian (factory code "10") or East German (factory code "04").

Tokarev pistols of two types have appeared in El Salvador, the dominant variant being almost unknown to U.S. collectors. I have noted only two Russian TT-33 (Tula-Tokarev Model 1933) pistols since the November 1989 FMLN offensive. Both were manufactured in the 1950s and were in poor condition.

Far more prevalent and intriguing was the North Korean Type 66 pistol, a highly modified, product-improved TT-33 of which there are probably no more than a handful of specimens in the United States.

The method of operation — locked breech, short recoil and single action — has been retained, as well as the caliber: 7.62x25mm. Although the envelope has been compressed, it appears bulkier. Yet, at its widest point, in the area of the grip panels, the North Korean Type 66 is actually slightly thinner than the TT-33. The Type 66's overall length has been short-

7.62x25mm Ammo

The Russians, as well as the Chinese, were very much enamored with the Mauser Model 1896 (C96) "Broomhandle" pistol. In fact, most authorities believe the small-framed version of the Broomhandle is referred to as a "Bolo" because of its popularity with the Bolsheviks.

Although some Broomhandles were chambered for the 9mm Parabellum cartridge, the majority will be encountered in caliber 7.63mm Mauser (.30 Mauser), a more powerful adaptation of the 7.65mm Borchardt round for which original Model 1896 prototypes were chambered.

Until the advent of the .357 Magnum, the 7.63mm Mauser cartridge was the world's highest-velocity pistol round, stepping out of the barrel at 1,410 feet per second (fps). When the Soviets adopted the Tokarev pistol, they chambered it for the 7.62x25mm cartridge, dimensionally similar to the 7.63mm Mauser round and, in some weapons, interchangeable.

Combloc production of this rimless, bottlenecked cartridge usually features either a brass or copper-washed steel case, filled with approximately 8.5 grains of an IMR-type, extruded tubular-kernel powder. Weighing 86 grains, the Round Nose (RN), Full Metal Jacket (FMJ) bullet most often has a copper-alloy jacket with a lead core. The Berdan primers are almost always highly corrosive.

In addition to standard ball ammunition in this caliber, AP/incendiary Type P-41 and tracer Type PT were manufactured by the Soviets for employment in the PPS41 and PPS43 submachine guns (SMGs). I have never seen ammunition in this caliber with North Korean headstamps, although it undoubtedly has been manufactured in substantial quantity.

Czech M48 7.62x25mm ammunition should be avoided in Tokarev-type pistols, as it was designed for submachine guns and the strong, roller-locked vz52 pistol. Powder charge weights were increased by more than 20%, with a corresponding increase in chamber pressures and velocity (more than 1,950 fps through the longer barrel of an SMG).

The wound ballistics potential of the 7.62x25mm round is no more than mediocre, as the FMJ projectile does not expand or fragment and will usually overpenetrate (more than 50 inches through soft tissue). However, don't sell it short. Fired out of Russian burp guns, it killed hundreds of thousands of German soldiers on the *Ost* front during World War II.

ened from 7.84 inches (196mm) to 7.4 inches (185mm), and the barrel length has been reduced from 4.64 inches (116mm) to 4.32 inches (108mm).

The capacity of the Type 66's single-column, detachable box-type magazine remains at eight rounds, but the weight of the pistol (empty) has been reduced from 30

down to 28 ounces. Cosmetic changes include the addition of a serrated heat rib on top of the slide, and a slightly arched backstrap on the frame. The hammer is more exposed above the slide, while the slide's 21 closely spaced cocking serrations on each side resemble those of the PRC Type 51/54-series, and those of post-war Russian Tokarev pistols.

There are more important mechanical modifications. The TT-33's swinging link (patterned after that of the Colt M1911A1) has been replaced by a cam-cut lug on the underside of the barrel, in the manner of the Browning High Power.

The Type 66's magazine catch/release has been relocated to the heel of the frame. While this may seem retrograde to admirers of the M1911A1, it is more than just a reversion to European convention. World War II experiences with the TT-33 indicated that accidental pressure on the magazine catch/release button located on the left side of the frame, to the rear of the trigger, all too often resulted in dumping a loaded magazine onto the ground at the wrong time. Furthermore, tactical handgun reloads are rarely employed in a military environment.

You can use TT-33 magazines in a North Korean Type 66 pistol. However, as they have no cut-out for a magazine catch/release mounted to the side of the frame, Type 66 magazines cannot be used in any of the other Tokarev series pistols.

The hammer mechanisms, while similar, are also not interchangeable, nor are any other operating parts. Additional changes include deletion of the clip on the right side of the TT-33's frame, used to retain the slide stop (the lever portion of which is noticeably longer than that of the TT-33). The TT-33's removable barrel bushing has been replaced by a fixed bushing, press-fit into the front of the slide.

There appear to be three variants of the Type 66 pistol, distinguishable only by

slide and grip-panel markings. Most prevalent is the one marked on the left side of the slide with "1966," two Korean characters which translate as *nyen* (year) and *sik* (style or type), and a five-pointed star in a double circle, and the serial number. This is then, quite clearly, the Model 1966 or Type 66 pistol. Yet *Jane's Infantry Weapons* reference and the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency's guidebook of small arms refer to it as the Type "68."

This is not the first time *Jane's* referred to a weapon by an incorrect model designation. They refer to the PRC Type 63 rifle as the Type "68," and there are other examples too numerous to mention.

Significant numbers of North Korean Type 66 pistols were distributed to Salvadoran terrorists prior to the November 1989 FMLN offensive.



North Korean Type 66 slide markings. Top: Only the serial number appears on this specimen in ridiculous attempt to disguise its origin. Bottom: Korean characters identify this as the Type 66 pistol, followed by a five-pointed star in a double circle and the serial number.

The second variation of the Type 66 pistol I have observed in El Salvador is devoid of all slide markings, except for an eight-digit serial number on the left side. The first two digits probably indicate the year of manufacture, i.e., "82031236" is more likely to indicate the specimen was produced in 1982, rather than meaning it is one of more than 82 million manufac-

NORTH KOREAN TYPE 66 PISTOL SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber:	7.62x25mm
Operation:	Locked breech, short recoil, single action. No manual safety.
Feed:	8-round, detachable single-column, box-type magazine.
Weight, empty:	28 ounces.
Length, overall:	7.4 inches (185mm).
Height:	5.2 inches.
Thickness:	1.13 inches.
Barrel:	four-groove with a right-hand twist of one turn in 12.2 inches (305mm); chrome-plated chamber and bore.
Barrel length:	4.32 inches (108mm).
Sights:	Fixed and high-profile, front and rear; blade-type front; open U-notch rear.
Finish:	Blued.
Furniture:	Ribbed, black-plastic grip panels.
Manufacturer:	Unknown North Korean arsenal.
Status:	In service with numerous terrorist organizations throughout the world and presumably still in service with the North Korean armed forces.
T&E Summary:	Robust and reliable; improved re-design of a battle-proven and cost-effective copy of John Browning design; excellent high-profile sights; lack of manual safety prevents safe carry with a loaded chamber.



North Korean Type 66 pistol, fieldstripped. Note serial number on left side of frame under the grip panel.

tured. The only other markings present are small external and internal inspection or subassembly numbers, and the serial number found also on the frame (hidden under the left grip panel), barrel, hammer and a few other small components.

Finally, I have examined photographs of a specimen without slide markings or serial numbers of any kind, and with ribbed, black-plastic grip panels from which the five-pointed star has been removed.

Both of these latter two variants appear to be clandestine models. How clever. Here we have a Tokarev-type pistol that is so unique and distinctive it can be instantly identified visually from 20 feet

away, yet North Korean intelligence wizards think they can disguise its origin by removing the slide and grip-panel markings. Is it any wonder that communism is crumbling with rocket scientists of this caliber (no pun intended) behind the wheel?

All Tokarev-type pistols, including the North Korean Type 66, are much modified Colt-Browning designs. With the exception of the magazine, springs, and grip panels, all components are milled forgings. All the steel components have been salt-blued (an oxide process) except for the barrel, which is left "in-the-white." All modifications to John Browning's design were intended to simplify manufacture while enhancing reliability.

The four-groove barrels have a right-hand twist of one turn in 12.2 inches (305mm). Chambers and bores are hard-chrome-plated. In addition, the barrel's two locking ribs are machined around the entire circumference of the barrel, which permits turning these ribs on a lathe and much simplifies this operation.

The fixed, high-profile front and rear sights attached to the slide are surprisingly excellent for a military sidearm. The large, open U-notch-type rear sight can be aligned quickly with the front blade. The sight radius is 6.4 inches.

Most innovative of all is the hammer-and-sear subassembly, which drops into the frame. Machined and drilled to accommodate the hammer, sear and disconnecter, this single block of steel has two arms of unequal length that rest on top of the frame's guide rails. The lower surfaces of these arms serve as cartridge guides to facilitate feeding into the chamber.

Machining feed guides into a substantial steel surface instead of depending upon the lips of an easily deformed sheet-metal magazine eliminates the majority of the stoppages associated with semiautomatic pistols. The longer, left arm of the subassembly acts also as the ejector. A hole in the hammer's body holds the coil hammer spring. Because of its high position above the slide, the Type 66's "burr"-type hammer is easier to manually cock than those of other Tokarevs.

Type 66 magazines, and Tokarev magazines in general, are excellent. They have a removable floorplate and no feed lips. Commonly, there is a lanyard ring on the floorplate. The sides of the magazine are rolled slightly inward at the top to retain the cartridges and follower. The lower arm of the follower pushes up the slide-stop after the last cartridge has been fired to hold the slide rearward.

Type 66 trigger mechanisms are also of the Colt-Browning type, although simpler. Trigger pull weights are heavy; all that I have measured ranged from 7 to 9 pounds. A stirrup-shaped trigger controls the sear, to which is attached the disconnecter. When the slide recoils rearward, it rides over the hammer and rolls it back, so the tip of the sear can catch the hammer's full-cock notch and hold it as the slide goes forward. The slide also forces the lower end of the disconnecter below the lever end of the trigger's stirrup and thus another shot cannot be fired until pressure on the trigger is released.

There is no manual safety or inertia-type firing pin. Although the hammer has a half-cock position, I would not carry this pistol with a chambered round unless contact with an opponent can be anticipated and is imminent.

Disassembly procedures remain essentially the same as those of the Tokarev series: Remove the magazine and clear

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DOGTAGS



by Tom Hargrove

Dixon, Harold...

I wish I'd known you, because we'll soon reach the farm where Vietnamese claim to have dug up your skeleton and dogtag with bones of some fellow American MIAs.

As our sampan cuts through the café au lait-colored waters of the Xa No Canal, I think about my journey. I'm not the first U.S. veteran to return to Vietnam, but few have gone back to areas so remote. This is my second trip back; my 1988 return led to this bizarre MIA story.

It's 22 May 1990, and we're 10 clicks from Vi Thanh in Hau Giang province, 200km south of Ho Chi Minh City — I still call it Saigon. My mind drifts back to 1969, when this was still Chuong Thien province, one of the most backwater and dangerous parts of the Mekong Delta.

We've just passed Duc Long. I remember friends being killed in a sampan ambush north of this village. I know I'm safe now, but I've never traveled this part of the Xa No without an M16. I don't like it.

Palm trees arch over the canal, and an emerald carpet of rice fields shimmers endlessly to both horizons. Women row sampans along the muddy waters, wearing red, yellow or blue blouses over black pants. That's the difference, I realize, the colors. The lower Mekong Delta is beautiful and peaceful — but I remember it as an ugly grayish-green; tragic and treacherous.

We dock near the thatch house of Ha Thien, and I step ashore first. A man in his 40s, not the old farmer who befriended me two decades ago, welcomes me. This guy is scared and wears a long-sleeved, blue and black-striped shirt, with white shorts and sandals. That's a strange outfit this deep in the Delta.

Even stranger, he greets me in poor English. I don't catch his name, but he's obviously in the Ha Thien family. This must be the man who claims to have found Dixon's skeleton.

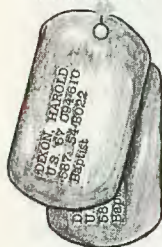
Swirly waves of heat dance off papaya and banana trees as dozens of children spot Susan and rush at her, laughing, shouting, choking off her air supply. She's the first Caucasian woman they've ever seen. My wife hates, but must accept, this kind of attention.

In the confusion, our dogtag-and-skeleton man tries to talk, but the "cowboys" move me forward — Susan calls all People's Committee officials cowboys. They were Viet Cong political officers before, and their job is still to make sure people think, and act, properly. The cowboys wear brown felt hats with three corners and a feather in each, like stereotypical gangsters. Their eyes are hard and beady, and will never meet yours — not honestly.

The dogtag man approaches Susan, but the cowboys cut him off. "They won't let us talk," he says.

"Why not?" Susan asks, her back turned.

"They won't let us ..." Two cowboys take him away, so I never hear the story, firsthand, of how he found the body of an MIA named Dixon here in the southernmost tip of Vietnam.



Vietnam News

Vietnam Recognises Countries in Former Soviet Union

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ed Rise in Foreign Investment

Oil Contracts May Be Held Open For U.S. Companies - Report

A heavy industry ministry official in Hanoi has been quoted as saying that Vietnam is prepared to keep open off concessions for U.S. firms if new legislations, allows them to sign contracts. But they have missed out on a partnership to exploit the country's biggest field because of a trade embargo, the official added. Nguyen Xuan Chuan, director of the ministry's international cooperation department, told Reuters that because of the embargo, U.S. companies had missed the opportunity to join Vietsovpetro -- a Vietnamese-Soviet joint venture in exploiting Dai Hung, Vietnam's largest oilfield off the southern coast.

embargo. So I ... is a lost case ... said. He said it ... Commerce d ... a clause ... production-s ... llung guarant ... company woul ... partnership in ... "But we relat ... use it was inappropriate ... legal point of view. It is up to the company to accept the U.S. company or not," he said. American companies would however be able to bid for low oil blocks which had been

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SKELLETONS

Illustration: Krisie Anderson

*Los Banos, Philippines
21 August 1989.*

A handwritten letter, in Vietnamese, had caught my eye as I sorted through a foot-high stack of mail, memos and problems on my desk. It was my first working day back at the International Rice Research Institute, or IRRI, after a month of home leave in Texas. A page of English text translated by a Vietnamese scholar at IRRI was stapled to the letter. The return address, I saw, was "Vi Thanh."

I spent the most miserable, and memorable, year of my life in that sad village. I left the Army, and Chuong Thien province, 20 years ago — but Vi Thanh returns every night. I read the letter first:

"I send my regard to Dr. Thomas R. Hargrove and Mrs. Hargrove. God bless you and family."

The next words froze my heart:

"Please send these news to family of the died person. Information in dogtag like this:

**DIXON, HAROLD
U.S. 67 094-610
587: 54-B022
Baptist"**

Good God! A dogtag?

"Please contact with this address to receive skeleton.

**From: Mr. Ngo Huynh Duong
Common name: Mr. Ha Thien
Vi Xuan Village
Vi Thanh District
Hau Giang Province"**

Ha Thien is asking me to go back to Chuong Thien to pick up a skeleton? Could this mean ... an MIA? I read more:

"My name: Phung Van Tra. I am son of Mr. Ha Thien.

Please write with me at: Post Office Box 109, Vi Thanh."

Is this a trick — a hoax? I knew that thousands of Vietnamese wanted, desperately, to escape ... No, the letter *must* be



Photo: Peter Noble

authentic. Ha Thien had his son write it. He doesn't ask for money or favors. He wouldn't. Ha Thien is one of those proud Asian peasants who is content to be buried by his ancestors along the Xa No Canal, in rich soil he's farmed for 80 years.

I never heard of MIAs in Chuong Thien province. But the Viet Cong (VC) held a few U.S. POWs in the U Minh Forest, about 30km from Ha Thien's farm. That's where Nick Rowe killed his guard and escaped from a swampy VC prison camp in 1968. Rowe had been captured while a Special Forces lieutenant and adviser in Camau, south of Chuong Thien.

I had met Rowe in 1971, when he was promoting his book *Five Years to Freedom*. In 1989, he was a full colonel assigned to the Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group (JUSMAG), Philippines. JUSMAG is somewhat like my old outfit in Chuong Thien, MAC-V, the Military Assistance Command-Vietnam — advisers.

Rowe might have known a Harold Dixon in those terrible U Minh camps, I thought. But I couldn't ask, because Rowe has been assassinated in Manila four months earlier by the communist New

People's Army ... maybe. Some thought it was a "black" operation by right-wing elements of the Philippine armed forces.

But didn't the VC capture an American adviser ... I believe he was black ... in Chuong Thien during the Tet Offensive of '68? Maybe he was Harold Dixon. Still, how could a body have been found, 14 years after the war ended, on Ha Thien's 7 acres of intensely farmed rice land.

My thoughts turned cynical. Could the Vietnamese government be using Ha Thien — and his relationship with me — to save face while turning over MIA remains they deny holding? My 1988 visit to Ha Thien's farm certainly drew attention. It was publicized and politicized — in one of Vietnam's most popular newspapers.

And my host, Tran Van Huong, is hardcore. He was the local VC political officer during the war, and is now vice chairman of the Vi Thanh People's Committee. Huong, I learned in 1988, is a nephew of Ha Thien's wife. He said that my old friend was never a VC, but supported the revolutionary forces. Maybe the communists *were* behind this.

"...two of the servicemen, whose remains and dogtags who returned alive and whose dogtags

But what if Ha Thien was taking a terrible risk to send me this information? If I'd opened his letter, instead of my secretary, I'd have recognized that the English text was copied from a dogtag, and then would have asked a trusted friend to translate it, not just any Vietnamese scholar. Had Ha Thien's message reached the Vietnamese police?

Then I read the last line of Vi Thanh's letter:

"P.S. There are many more skeletons."

More skeletons! I went to see Tim Bertotti, IRRI's new director of administration. Tim and I shared a special bond; he had spent four years as a pacification adviser in the Mekong Delta.

The letter shook Tim, too — especially when Mai, his Vietnamese wife, confirmed the translation was in bad English, but accurate. "The U.S. Embassy in Bangkok monitors MIA reports," Tim said.

I placed an international call. My story was hard to explain to Lieutenant Colonel James A. Spurgeon of the Liaison Office, Joint Casualty Resolution Center. Where should I start? With Ha Thien? With my return the year before? I finally blurted the essentials.

"There's a lot of fraud in the MIA business," Spurgeon responded. "Including fake dogtags."

"But I know Ha Thien. He wouldn't lie to me. Besides, what could he gain?" I asked.

"I ran a computer search while you were talking," the colonel said. "No Harold Dixon, or any serviceman with a similar name, is listed among the Indochina MIAs, KIAs or POWs. A Harold Dixon probably fought in Vietnam — but he made it home."

I mailed a copy of the Ha Thien letter to Susan, who was still in Texas. Something strange was going on, and my wife was persistent. She phoned a half-dozen

veterans' groups, then the Pentagon. She soon had the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) on the line, then finally MIA Intelligence, the Special Office for Prisoners of War and Missing In Action.

Their analyses were the same as Spurgeon's.

In October, an Army colonel in the DIA's POW-MIA office wrote that no Harold Dixon was killed, captured or miss-

ing in Indochina. He enclosed a DIA report, dated 1 September 1989. It was titled, appropriately, "Dogtag Reports":

"... the first two were received in 1979. Since then over 4,000 such reports have been received and they continue to arrive at a similar rate monthly.

"In each dogtag report, a person or persons — many of them still residents

of Southeast Asia — claim to possess the remains of one or more Americans. As proof they offer information copied from U.S. military identification tags, tracings of dogtags, photographs of dogtags, actual dogtags, or other identification documents.

"More than 2,900 U.S. military personnel have been named in these reports ... 89% served in Southeast Asia and returned to the U.S. alive. An additional 7% were killed ... but their remains were recovered, identified, and returned to the U.S. for burial ... about 4% name a serviceman who is unaccounted for, suggesting that someone has recovered his remains or personal effects from a battlefield or crash sites.

"However, several factors make it unlikely that private citizens recovered these items.

"One ... is the duplication of claims

involving a single missing service member. In most cases, several different people claim to have the remains and/or personal effects of each of the named servicemen. Frequently, each source claims to have recovered the same items on a different date or a different location. These inconsistencies indicate that the people do not obtain their information by recovering items from battlefield or crash sites.

"... two of the servicemen, whose remains and dogtags several persons claim to have found, are former POWs who returned alive and whose dogtags were taken from them by their captors.

"Another factor is the practice of identification of remains advocated by communist forces. Throughout the war they enforced a policy to find and bury Americans killed in action, and to send to central authorities a report of the burial location and the personal effects and identification taken from the body. Captured documents continually stressed that this effort was important to the 'political struggle.' In instances where this was done, the governments of Vietnam and Laos should have knowledge of many of the missing men whose names have appeared in the dogtag reports.

"There are several tragic aspects to many of these dogtag reports. Most of the persons reporting this information ask for assistance in resettling in the United States because they have been led to believe that if they possess the remains of American servicemen, they and their families will be resettled. In some cases, sources indicated that they have paid for this information.

"To discourage this type of ... exploitation, the U.S. government provides no rewards or assistance for information on unaccounted Americans.

"In conclusion, the known policy and practices of the Indochinese governments to collect information concerning U.S. war dead, coupled with the patterns in the dogtag reporting, lead to the belief that the majority of reports reflect information and personal effects recovered by Vietnamese forces, not private citizens.

"Further, it would appear that these dogtag reports are managed by elements within the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in an effort to influence or exploit the POW-MIA issue. [Author's emphasis.]

"Nevertheless, each report is carefully analyzed as to its validity."



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So the Harold Dixon dogtag is almost certainly fake, I thought. But the DIA report implied something larger, orchestrated by the Vietnamese government.

The United States obviously left files behind in 1975. I could imagine Vietnamese workers, who don't know a word of English, punching out dogtags from those records in a grimy machine shop in Cholon, the Chinese section of Saigon. That made me laugh a little. But it really wasn't funny.

But if 4,000 dogtag reports have reached the DIA, why haven't *Time* or *Newsweek* reported it, or NBC or CBS?

Maybe the media simply hasn't heard. The "Dogtag Reports" indicated that Vietnamese send most claims to relatives who are now refugees or immigrants abroad. I doubt that many have written to U.S. veterans. How many vets still have personal ties in Vietnam? Working across Asia with the new high-yielding rice varieties has made me an exception.

But I *had* to consider another possibility. Spooks and soldiers on covert missions sometimes carried fake identities. Could Ha Thien have found a skeleton with a dogtag that backed an assumed name? If so, Harold Dixon would never appear on a DIA list.

I studied the Ha Thien letter carefully. Its return address bothered me — P.O. Box 109. How much mail could the old farmer get? Would he rent a post office box in Vi Thanh?

I had received an earlier letter from Ha Thien's granddaughter, Huyen Xuan Phuong. Her address was simply Vi Xuan Village, along the Xa No Canal in Vi Thanh District. Was someone using Ha Thien's name?

I trusted Ms. Phuong. I'd carried her, as a little girl, around the Ha Thien farm on my shoulders. I decided to contact her first.

"Was the enclosed letter from Vi Thanh," I wrote, "indeed written on behalf of your grandfather?"

My second letter was "straight" — like I suspected nothing — and addressed to Phung Van Tra, the "son of Ha Thien."

"I can't return to Vietnam right now," I wrote him, "but could you send me more information? A rubbing of Harold Dixon's dogtag, perhaps, or a photo of the 'many more skeletons.' Exactly where did you find them?"

Responses to both letters came two months later. First, Ms. Phuong wrote,

"The story that my grandfather found skeletons and dogtags is an outrageous lie, made up by my worthless uncle to take advantage of your friendship with our family ..." Next, Phung Van Tra wrote back: "I hope that God is blessing you always. My father, Ha Thien, and my mother are happy that you think of them.

"**H**ave you written to U.S. government to check the list of Americans who fought and helped Vietnam, and left their bodies like Dixon, Harold? Because of our affection, we would like to help the relative find their loved one.

"Also, I want to use this occasion to ask if you can help my nephew. He used to work for the Americans in Can Tho and Vi Thanh up to the day the Americans got out. But your employee is still here. His name is below:

Employee name : Nguyen An Dai
Position title : Community Development Assistant

Agency : CORDS [Civil Operations/Revolutionary Development Support]

Length of employment : August 1971 to 30 April 1975

Name of American supervisor : Richard T. Burke; Terry J. Barker

Reason for separation : 30 April 1975

"I hope you can help my nephew immigrate to America to find his freedom."

Phung Van Tra enclosed photocopies of Nguyen An Dai's CORDS ID card and U.S. government health insurance cards. He also sent a rubbing of the Harold Dixon dogtag.

So it was a macabre plot to exploit an emotional and traumatic issue. Isn't that what Vietnam was about? Lies and tricks and reality? That's what a novelist, Bruce McAllister, once wrote. Chuong Thien province was that, yeah ... and the years haven't changed her.

Two decades ago I had reported to CORDS, also known as the "pacification command." I knew Dick Burke and friends of Terry Barker. I would write to Nguyen An Dai's former American supervisors. But later, I thought. Now, I'm burned out on dogtags and skeletons.

I added the letters to my own "Dogtags and Skeletons" file and shut the drawer. I had to spend more late nights finishing my book on the Chuong Thien of 1969-70, not her lingering ghosts of 1989.

When we arrived at the village, I envi-

sioned Ha Thien as he was 23 years ago working in the rice fields, bare-chested with sinewy muscles, wearing shorts and a white pith helmet. He's so much older now, far older than when I visited in 1988. The Ho Chi Minh beard is gone and he leans on a cane with its handle carved into a water buffalo head.

"Ha Thien."

Children cheer as we embrace. This must be the biggest excitement since the day the communists took — Huong would say liberated — Chuong Thien province in April 1975.

We move to the teak table in that familiar thatch house and sip green tea. Then Susan walks in like an unwilling circus act. Her circle of jumping, laughing children grows as more kids join the fun.

"If the commies can control people's minds," she complains, "why can't they control these damn kids? They're wrecking Ha Thien's home."

"Where's our dogtag man?" I ask.

"The cowboys," she answers, "they took him away." The kids, the noise, the heat and emotion are getting to Susan.

What difference does it make? There was never a Harold Dixon here, only an anguish and desperation so deep it drove a peasant farmer to fabricate ghastly dogtags and skeletons.

Later on that trip, Susan and I saw more dogtags for sale in antique shops along the old Tu Doo Street in Saigon. Some were crusted and seemed to have been buried for years. One was dented like a bullet had struck it. But we knew those dogtags were fakes.

Back on the Xa No Canal, I thought about Harold Dixon. *Who were you, and where did you fight in Vietnam? Were you an adviser, an infantryman, a sailor, an airman? Where are you now? I wish I could explain how your forged dogtag and non-existent skeleton were the key to a desperate and hopeless scheme to escape the Vietnam that we both helped shape.*

Maybe I will. Maybe "Dixon, Harold" will read this article.

Tom Hargrove has returned twice to the Mekong Delta village where he served as a U.S. Army lieutenant in 1969-70. This article is from his book, A Dragon Lives Forever, published in 1991 by Ivy, a division of Random House, New York. ✕

RACIST RANKS OF THE BATF

Backstabbing & Bigotry for "Intelligence Reasons"

by James L. Pate

Uncle Sam's Gun Gestapo — aka the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (BATF) — should be getting accustomed to bad press, even from the liberal news media. Much of it concerns the BATF's ongoing abuse of the Constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens, in its blatant effort to impose a gun control policy through the bureaucracy, because gun-control zealots can't get what they want legislatively from Congress.

The most recently reported BATF horror story was that of John Lawmaster of Tulsa, Oklahoma, whose home was ransacked by BATF agents who destroyed his property and shredded his Constitutional rights — refusing to say why and refusing to identify his accuser(s), even though Lawmaster had broken no law.

Now it comes to light that not only do the BATF in Oklahoma not mind trampling the rights and property of the good citizens it "serves," but it's fairly callous even regarding its own employees.

Because of a pending class action lawsuit filed by several black agents alleging discrimination in BATF job promotions, you would think the BATF brass hats would be vigilant for anything that might be remotely construed as being even slightly racially insensitive, much less overtly offensive.

Something, say, like a bumper sticker tacked to an office bulletin board advocating a political campaign by David Duke, the former Ku Klux Klan grand dragon. Or possibly something less innocuous, like a "State of Oklahoma Nigger Hunting License."

Posted on a wall with the above items in one BATF Oklahoma City office were a "White Power" poster adorned with a swastika, Ku Klux Klan business cards and other racist paraphernalia.

Not long before BATF agents in nearby Tulsa raided and trashed Lawmaster's home, FBI Special Agent Jeff Jenkins first raised questions about the above described racist postings during a visit to the BATF's Oklahoma City field office. "I was of-

fended by it, being a black person," Jenkins noted. "It was perceived as being racially offensive."

Making matters worse, the white power poster had been put up by Luke Franey, a BATF agent who shared an office with Constance Barron, a black BATF agent. Jenkins told Barron that the poster would not be so bad if it had been seized as evidence, but even then, it would have

been placed in an appropriate file, not displayed on an office wall, Jenkins said.

Franey later said he got the poster from a white supremacist group at an Oklahoma gun show. In defense, he said it was not posted where the public walking into the BATF's Oklahoma City office would see it.

BATF agent Darrell Edwards

said he had collected the KKK and "hunting license" cards "for intelligence reasons," noting that he carried them during undercover investigations of motorcycle gangs.

After the FBI agent departed, Barron recounted Jenkins' reaction to her boss, Delbert Knopp, the BATF agent-in-charge in Oklahoma City. To tell the truth, she told Knopp, the cards and poster offended her, too.

Unfazed, Knopp went on about his business — until Barron filed a complaint stating that the material was racially offensive, that Knopp should never have allowed his agents to post it and that he was insensitive by not ordering it removed immediately.

After an investigation by BATF's internal affairs division, Knopp was reprimanded and transferred to a job with less responsibility — but equal pay — in Kentucky. Knopp countered by suing the BATF, charging that the reassignment was punishment for "vague claims of racial misconduct" and thus constituted reverse discrimination. He further claimed Barron had never mentioned the racist materials

until it was brought up by the FBI agent, adding that she only did so then to deflect attention from the poor job performance appraisals she had received.

In subsequent statements to *The Daily Oklahoman*, Knopp indicated he "believes the bureau is making him an example to show that it reacts to racial discrimination, because of a class action lawsuit filed by several black agents," the newspaper reported.

Knopp also filed a complaint of reverse discrimination with the BATF's Equal Employment Opportunity Office and sought a U.S. District Court injunction barring his transfer until his hearing.

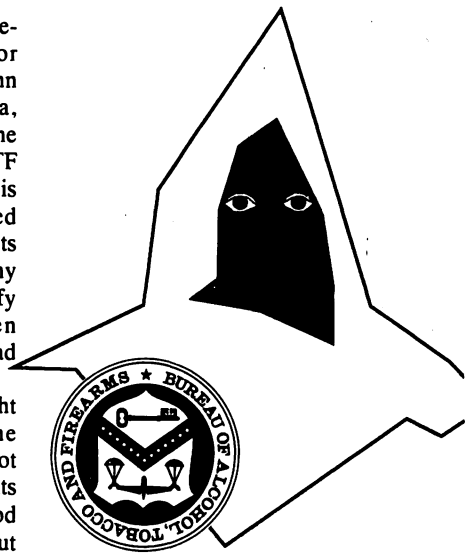
In its reprimand of Knopp, the BATF summarized that displaying the items was "extremely embarrassing" and caused "racial disharmony" in that office. Additionally, the reprimand noted Knopp erred by not informing his superiors once Barron had made a complaint.

Knopp countered that he had thought his actions proper, but noted that he accepted full responsibility and regretted he had not recognized the material as being "potentially offensive." Knopp claimed the BATF's internal investigation was biased against him because it was handled by a black agent, Curtis Cooper, who is also assisting the black BATF agents in their internal class action suit against their Gun Gestapo employer. A similar suit filed by Hispanic FBI agents was settled in favor of the plaintiffs.

Meanwhile, Knopp's effort to delay his transfer failed. U.S. District Court Judge David Russell noted that display (and removal of) the material would have been a molehill had not the BATF's over-reaction turned it into a mountain. The judge added there was no evidence Knopp was racist or tolerated racism.

But in declining Knopp's request to delay his transfer to Kentucky, the judge displayed some mystifying logic, declaring "the court is convinced that transferring the plaintiff was a poor management decision by [B]ATF officials, which will serve neither the public interest nor those of ATF. The evidence suggests that by transferring the plaintiff, the ATF has increased the potential for an atmosphere of racial tension."

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LUCK OF THE HUNT

Text & Photos by Galen Geer



"Never hunted anything bigger than a squirrel, never been outside the U.S., much less to Africa, and who gets the lion? Roberts! Damn!"
— John Donovan, South Africa, May 1992

The needle-like thorns of a wait-a-minute bush snapped back to fill the space where John Donovan had been standing. He quickly straightened and again scanned the bush on either side. Twice, Donovan had spotted kudu bulls, only to have them melt into the bush be-

fore he could settle a crosshair on their gray forms. Donovan's hunt for the elusive kudu was being frustrated by their ghostly ability to dissolve like a hologram on smoke.

"I hunted kudu hard," Donovan said. His eyes, although tired from trying to penetrate the bush that hid the kudu, re-

flected his determination. The fatigue in John's eyes reflected in his voice each night when he joined *Soldier Of Fortune* Publisher/Editor Robert K. Brown for dinner, served under the thatch roof of Rocco "Roc" Gioia's South African hunting lodge.

John's kudu was taunting him, just as Hemingway's had on frustrating stalks 60



years before. That hunt provided the fodder for Hemingway's hunting classic *Green Hills of Africa*, the book that drew thousands of readers to the dark continent to experience what the author had written about. Today's Africa is different from Hemingway's, however, with modern game-ranching replacing to a significant degree the open hunting of the past.

"When you first see the abundance of game, you get the feeling South African game-ranch hunting has lost the challenge and mystery of the hunt," Donovan noted. "You think you'll drive into the bush of the ranch, see the animal you want, stop the Land-Rover and shoot it. After pictures, drive back to the lodge and sit around drinking cold South African wine while telling great hunting stories — it isn't that way. This is tough hunting, as tough as I've seen, and it's made tougher because these animals are wily and know every branch on every bush, and use the thickets, kopjes and trails to sneak away and hide. The hunting is hard, like it should be."

Hunting hard was what Donovan, Brown and Bob Roberts, Donovan's long-time friend, came to do on South Africa's sprawling Caskett's Ranch, owned by Roc Gioia. Although there were fences, this was not a feedlot. The ranch covers more than 6,000 hectares — equivalent to 15,000 U.S. acres. During this *SOF* trial safari, each hunting day began before dawn and didn't end until after dark. When the 10-day safari had ended, a variety of game, from warthog to lion, had fallen to the *SOF* hunters.

Donovan's frustrating pursuit of Africa's magnificent kudu did lead him into opportunities for other game. Donovan

dropped trophy gemsbok, impala, warthog and wildebeest.

During the cool evenings Brown, Donovan, Roberts and Roc reviewed the day's hunting success and failures while impala steaks were slowly roasted over bushwood coals. Frequently, Brown and Donovan compared South Africa today to their previous African trips. They reminisced over successes and failures of the past as easily as the new adventures were relived during dinner.

They also compared animal numbers. On the *SOF* safari's first day, both Brown and Donovan were amazed at the numbers and variety of game they saw, counting nine different species of African game in less than two hours.

The abundance of game on South African ranch operations, such as the Caskett's Ranch, is not an accident of nature but is part of careful game-management programs proven quite successful. The game numbers also allow hunters to try something new: Roberts, on his first African hunt, took the opportunity of plentiful game and expert instruction to bow-hunt for part of the safari.

Although many hunters experiencing African ranch hunting for the first time might dismiss the game as being easy, Roberts and the others on the hunt quickly learned how the ranch animals have retained their survival instincts. While ranch hunting appears easier than "tradi-

Donovan took record-book gemsbok with his .375 Magnum. Brown carried a Ruger Mark 77 .375. Center is Col. Bob Denard of mercenary fame. Denard is now "retired" in South Africa; he owns and publishes French gun/adventure magazine *Fire*.

tional" hunting, it is, in fact, incredibly difficult to approach the animals. Their suspicious natures are not diminished, but actually heightened, by the presence of occasional fences and men.

But every rule has an exception, and Roberts found his when a small pride of lions took up residence on Rocco's ranch. The pride's determination to sun themselves within rifle range was something of a surprise to all. With a trophy lion in

Rocco Gioia's game ranch will host, with *SOF*, a hunt for the winner of *SOF*'s sweepstakes. Roc runs a first-class operation, as shown by the ranch's outdoor eating facility. Photo: R. K. Brown





Donovan quickly picked up basic bow-hunting skills with guidance of Tink Nathan, one of the world's most famous bow hunters. Photo: R. K. Brown

their sights, most men would have only one thought, but in a scenario that will probably never be repeated in Africa, Roberts, the neophyte of the group, turned to John (Jano) Robertson, Rocco's professional hunter and queried, "How much for the lion?" With the lion patiently waiting, Roberts haggled Jano down to \$750 before he squeezed off a round to bag his trophy. Back at camp, Jano haggled Roberts back up to one grand — after all, the usual rate for a trophy lion is \$6,000.

Rocco manages Caskett's Ranch for hunting, and his invitation to Brown, Donovan and myself to a trial hunt without a cash outlay (with Roberts as a paying client) was an opportunity for Brown and myself to evaluate Rocco's operation for future *SOF*-sponsored safaris. After a few years being bled dry by vampire-like ambulance chasers, Brown was in a mood to hunt lion with a swagger stick, so a promotional trade-out safari was too good to pass up. Checking out Roc's operation was a dirty, rotten job — but somebody had to do it. Being the selfless leader he is, Brown volunteered.

Unlike many South African game-ranch operators who combine a working cattle ranch with a hunting operation, Rocco's ranch is dedicated to game ranching, allowing him to provide excellent hunting opportunities for a variety of game. "Since my decision seven years ago to get out of cattle ranching, I've been building this hunting operation into a top-quality game ranch and lodge," he said.

Rocco's game ranching is also unique because he limits a large percentage of his operation to archery and handguns. "Archery and handgun hunting are both relatively new to Africa," he explained. "They are challenging sports that provide the hunter with an opportunity to test his skills

against African game — and he can take record-book trophies."

To improve the odds of success for the archery hunter, Rocco has divided his ranch into gun and bow sections. "Game animals are not stupid," he explained. "A few rifle shots fired on the archery ranch, and the average bow hunter is out of luck."

The separation does improve odds for the bow hunter, but the difficulty of bow hunting is not diminished. Brown practiced for months with his Alpine Archery bow before the hunt, but he still needed two days' hunting before he finally arrowed his first African game animal, a trophy-class impala.

"I practiced in the *SOF* warehouse," Brown told Rocco's professional hunter, John Robertson, "and I felt I had reached a level of proficiency with my bow when I could hit my target consistently after setting the Alpine bow at 60 pounds."

Although Brown was comfortable with the bow when he reached the ranch, the expert advice of Robertson and the fine-tuning of Brown's shooting technique by Tink Nathan (an American relocated to



South Africa, now working as an archery instructor) substantially improved Brown's effectiveness. Still, the first two days of hunting with a bow were eye-openers about the difficulty of bow hunting when compared to rifle hunting.

"In bow hunting, you realize that every nuance of the hunt is magnified in its importance to the success or failure of the hunt," Brown said. Each day he learned more about the challenges of bow hunting in Africa — on the third day, when he took his first impala with a bow, he discovered what veteran bow hunters have long known — that all the hunter's skills are tuned and honed by bow hunting; stalking game to within bow range makes a hunter much more aware of the animal's superior senses of sight, smell and hearing. That night Brown said that even with the large number of animals on the ranch, taking *any* African animal with a bow is an achievement. "A hunter who successfully bow hunts in Africa has accomplished something he can take pride in," Brown noted.

Throughout the safari, each hunter on the ranch was given the opportunity to hunt a wide variety of game. African hunting, when compared dollar-to-dollar with North American hunting, is still one of the best bargains in the world. To hunt a single Kodiak bear will cost a hunter \$15,000 or more, while an African safari for plains game such as impala, gemsbok and similar animals would cost thousands of dollars less. Even the cost of a Rocky Mountain elk hunt can now be \$6,000 or more — enough to finance an African plains game safari!

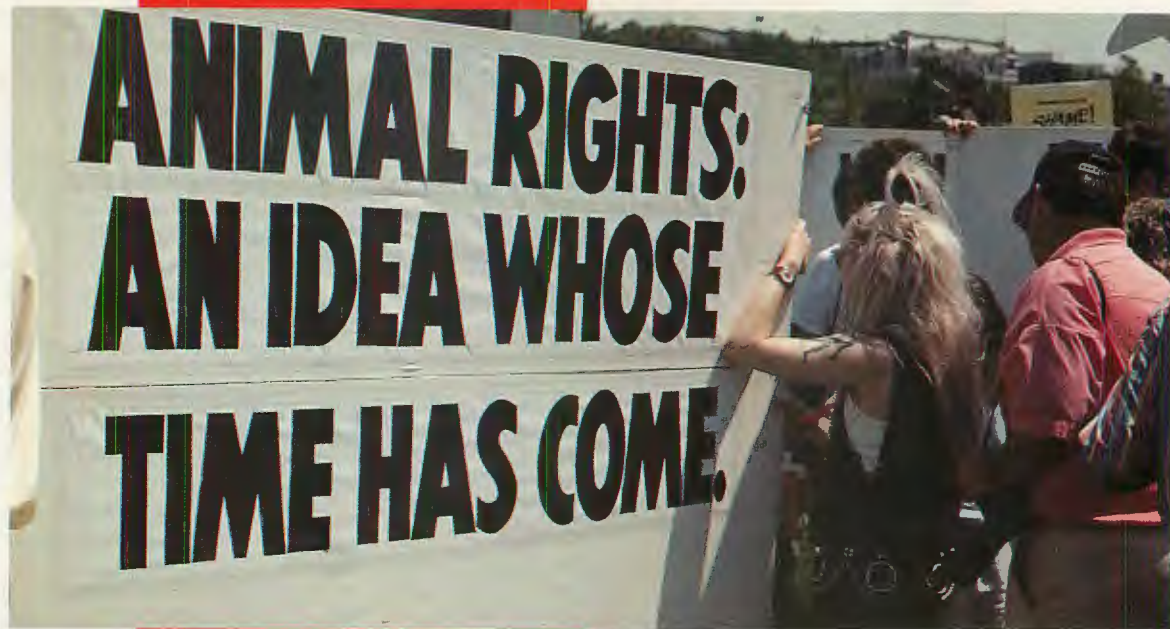
One of the most unusual, popular and inexpensive trophies a hunter can take in Africa is the lowly warthog. A trophy, with tusks that often reach 11 inches or more, is so ugly that hunters often try to better their trophy on succeeding days. Donovan shot a warthog with over 11-inch tusks — one of the hunts' better trophies.

The changes that are sweeping Africa, from the political death of communism to the end of apartheid, are renewing awareness of the dark continent among Ameri-

Brown, with .308 Ruger Ultralight with Steiner scope, and Donovan with record-book impalas. Brown had been bow hunting earlier, thus the black face.

can and European hunters. Game ranches like Rocco's are flourishing and fulfilling vital conservation roles in modern Africa. They provide rich habitat for wildlife, ensuring their future survival against poaching. The hunting produces an income of foreign exchange vital to each nation's economy, which in turn ensures African hunting will not be lost. *SOF* has been reporting on Africa since its first issue, and such reporting will continue. The intrigue of African hunting is still drawing adventurers. Game ranches such as Rocco's Caskett's Ranch guarantee there will always be an Africa to hunt, regardless of what happens in politics or bush wars.

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ANIMAL CRACKERS

Radical Activists Stop Military Medical Research Programs

Text & Photos by Galen Geer

Animal rights fanatics are endangering the lives and welfare of every man and woman in uniform. Closely coordinated activist assaults on military medical research and training programs have adversely impacted many of the nation's most important programs, including the Combat Casualty Care Course (C4) at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Activists have also forced cancellation of vital research programs in California and Louisiana, while maintaining pressure on research programs in Maryland and Texas with the intent of shutting down these programs as well.

Researchers and medical experts around the country agree that the ultimate result of the animal rights movement's attacks on military medical research and training will be needless deaths and suffering of America's servicemen on future battlefields. Animal rights groups don't care: In public statements published in newspapers and magazines nationwide, these group's leaders have said they do not believe any animal should be used for any type of research or for training medical personnel.

Organizations such as the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command have identified more than 50 animal rights

groups with offices in Washington, D.C., alone. These groups believe animals have the same feelings, motivations and inalienable rights as humans do, and they assert considerable political influence by cultivating a public image as saviors of doe-eyed innocent animals being tortured by mad scientists. Add the image of the U.S. military conducting experiments on helpless animals, and the animal rights movement has a ready-made, front-page story for any newspaper in the country.

Military Medicine Targeted

The military is an ideal target for the animal rights movement because of media-created civilian mistrust of military experiments. By targeting high-visibility research and training programs, the movement's leaders maintain their public profiles as animal rescuers.

Military research and training programs targeted are often vital research efforts that could save the lives of servicemen and women wounded in combat. Yet the nation's press has continued to ignore the benefits of such programs, repeatedly siding with animal rights groups.

At the center of the movement are the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animal (PETA), headed by two of the nation's most fanatical animal rights activists: Ingrid Newkirk and Alex Pacheco. A new group headed by Susan Rich, In Defense of Animals (IDA), has been making waves recently with activism in San Francisco, Maryland and Texas. Although Rich claims IDA is not part of PETA, she is an apparent protégé of Newkirk, having once been director of PETA's "compassion campaign."

In California during the Gulf War, IDA launched a campaign to discredit and stop a bone-mending research project that involved greyhound dogs. The research was being conducted by the Letterman Army Institute of Research (LAIR) at the Presidio in San Francisco, and was designed to study and improve bone-mending procedures.

In Defense of Animals orchestrated a confrontation program that included a coordinated campaign of letter writing, public protest and political activism and lobbying. Barbara Boxer, a California congresswoman and Democrat, took the opportunity to get some media exposure by becoming an activist in stopping the LAIR research.

In a letter to LAIR officials, Boxer reportedly opposed the project because it would cause needless suffering to dogs, adding methods could be changed to achieve the research results in a humane way. She also claimed the Army did not provide her with information about the program that she had requested.

The National Association of Bio-Medi-

cal Research refuted her claim, stating the Army did provide Boxer with what she requested, but she had ignored the Army's response and joined forces with "Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine" (PCRM) to oppose the planned research. It turns out that PCRM is a PETA splinter group headed by Neal Barnard, who (according to Putting People First) is a fanatical opponent of animals in research.

Barnard makes unsubstantiated claims about nutrition, surgery and medical research to support his opposition to animal use. For example, he claims non-meat diets prevent cancer and that surgical techniques can be learned by using computers exclusively. However, most of his theories are not accepted by the American Medical Association, the American Dietetic Association or the American Cancer Society.

The proposed LAIR program was a study of two types of bone grafts, using mature greyhound dogs as test animals. One type of bone graft was an autologous graft that used healthy bone taken from a greyhound; the other graft was to use a synthetic material developed by 3M Co.

Dogs were chosen for the study because they have a long, weight-bearing femur that

closely duplicates the weight-bearing characteristics of the human femur. Also, the dogs were of a uniform size and age, and they were "retired" racing dogs about to be euthanized.

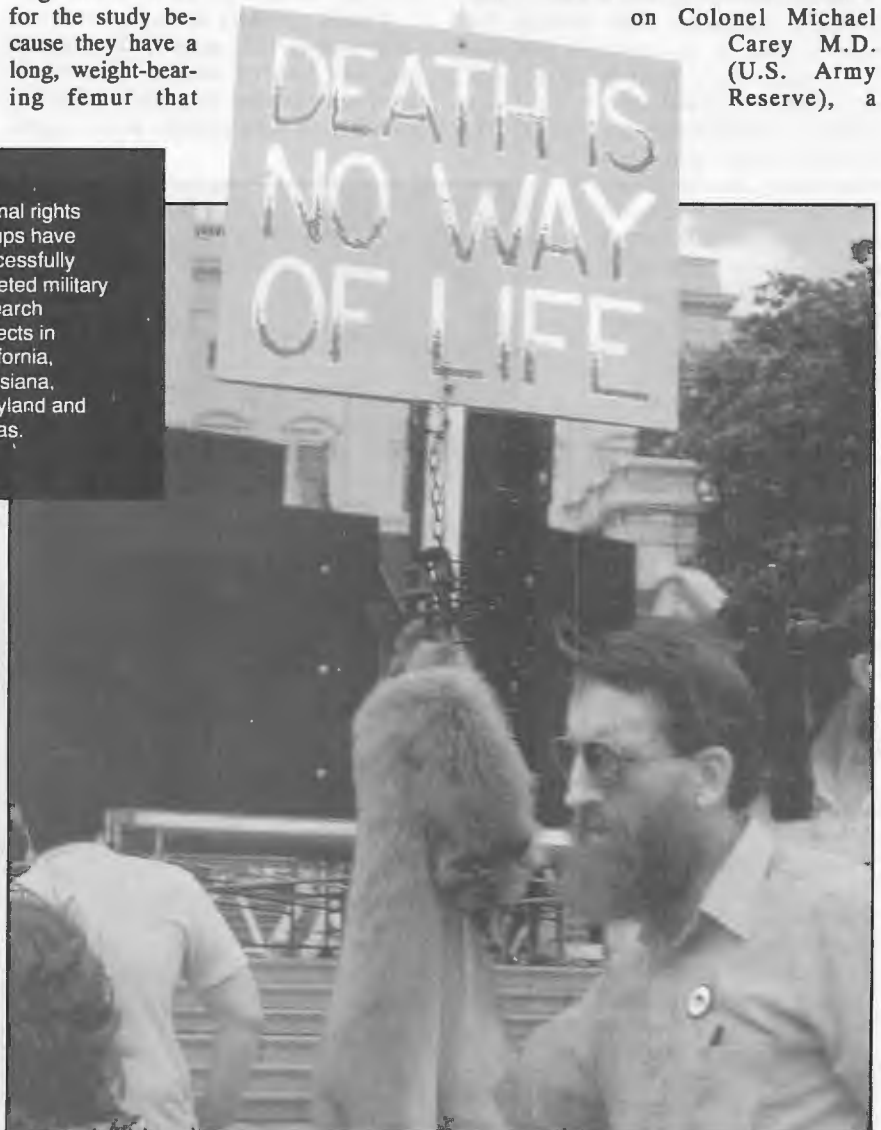
Even while our nation prepared for a Persian Gulf War where thousands of casualties were expected, Boxer and IDA's campaign to stop the LAIR bone research funding was in high gear.

They beat the Army: Research was canceled when wording in the appropriations bill forbade the Army from spending money on the program.

Animal rights groups have developed considerable political influence. They are actively shutting down programs by using a three-pronged offensive. First, political activists and lobbyists cajole and harangue elected officials about the targeted project. Second, a local campaign is designed to win media sympathy and generate local support by presenting their versions of targeted research; this is then taken to the streets in public protests and letter writing campaigns. Third, harassment by "unknown" activists makes life hell for the researcher. A recent example of how effective these tactics can be was the attack

on Colonel Michael
Carey M.D.
(U.S. Army
Reserve), a

Animal rights groups have successfully targeted military research projects in California, Louisiana, Maryland and Texas.



neurosurgeon at Louisiana State University who served in both the Vietnam and Gulf wars.

Dr. Carey's research involved ballistic head wounds. He was studying cats

that had been anesthetized and then shot with pellets to duplicate the types of head wounds suffered by soldiers in combat. As protest over Carey's work mounted, Army spokesmen responded that Carey's research was vital and valuable. Animal rights activists argued that Carey's research was redundant, antiquated and cruel.

In 1988 Carey began receiving hate mail and threatening phone calls, while being subjected to protest demonstrations at LSU organized by animal rights activists. Protesters enlisted the aid of Louisiana Rep. Bob Livingston, a Democrat, who prompted the General Accounting Office (GAO) to conduct an investigation into Carey's research.

While this investigation was going on, Congress suspended Army funding for Carey's research. In December 1990 the GAO released their report. Scientific community critics pointed out how the GAO ignored favorable comments from a GAO-appointed expert panel recommending that continued funding of Carey's research be based upon the Army's research needs. The Army said it needed the research, but the GAO-backed animal rights activists and Congress cut off funding.

Carey's head wound research ended with a few final reports and little hope of revival because animal rights fanatics said Cary's work was cruel. Dr. M. Roy Schwarz, senior vice president of the American Medical Association, said the decision ignored the fact that a soldier's chances of surviving a combat head wound have not been significantly improved since World War II. Schwarz added that Carey's research was the only work being conducted on ballistic head wounds. Now there is none.

Now radical animal-rights activists have found a new target to replace Dr. Carey. Sharon Juliano, a medical researcher at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland, is trying to learn more about how the brain adapts and recovers from a

traumatic peripheral injury. Her research involves surgically removing a digit on the forepaw of an anesthetized cat or kitten. An incision is made in the animal's skull to identify the changes and reorganizations that occur as a result of the injury. Juliano's work will help Alzheimer's patients as well as people who suffer serious injuries or strokes. Also, soldiers who lose a limb in combat will benefit from her research.

Spearheading the attacks on Juliano is IDA. Susan Rich was quoted in local papers saying her group intended to make an example of Juliano: They've kept their word. Juliano has faced pickets at work, and at her home demonstrators accuse her of being cruel and sadistic. Public intimidation and protests have included harassment techniques such as activists ordering magazine subscriptions in her name while canceling her genuine subscriptions.

The harassment has continued and Juliano, who is herself the victim of an accident and walks with the aid of cane, has obtained a court order banning the activists from protesting at her home, yet she is still being subjected to demonstrations and intimidation.

Leland C. Clark Jr. reported in the 3 September 1990 issue of *The Scientist* magazine how the animal rights movement is devastating potentially lifesaving research. He also claimed animal rights

propaganda is being taught in the nation's school systems. Clark wrote that children are being taught that scientists and medical researchers steal pets from homes for experiments.

Combat Casualty Training Altered

One of the most important training programs for military health care professionals is the C4 course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in the Academy of Health Sciences. This vital training program teaches combat surgeons how to remove devitalized tissues from soldiers wounded in combat. To teach this program in the past, a goat was anesthetized, then shot using an electronic firing device with the barrel of a military weapon; the device fired high-velocity bullets to duplicate wound effects surgeons would encounter in combat.

"Today's military weapons," Ron Fellows, public affairs officer at the academy commented, "are a lot different from civilian revolvers, so we tried to train for these different weapons. The program was very controlled."

It has been canceled, although teaching wound debridement had been recognized as vital knowledge for the serviceman's health and safety. A letter dated 17 February 1990 from Harold Heilnis, director for public communications for the Assistant Secretary of De-

fense, to Edward J. Blotzer, chief humane agent, Animal Care and Welfare, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, outlined the importance of the program.

"Because of the nature of our agency's mission — providing for the common defense — our service members' health and safety may be risked as a result of combat, environmental extremes, and exposure inherent to weapons systems. If we did not provide the best possible care for the soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen who have voluntarily pledged to defend their country, we would, in our opinion, be



By portraying researchers as mad scientists torturing innocent creatures, animal rights activists have forced cancellation of research programs throughout the United States.

shirking our responsibility.

"Field combat surgeons must be competent in wound debridement to adequately care for soldiers suffering ballistic wounds. General surgeons develop this skill in the course of their training. To teach debridement to other health professionals, the C4 included, in addition to advanced trauma life support, a wound exercise that used goats. The Joint Medical Readiness Education Committee carefully considered this portion of the C4 and determined that it is appropriate and should be continued for selected individuals receiving skill-enhancement training. This training has been discontinued for other participants in the C4."

Eight months after Heilsnis wrote his letter defending the C4 program's use of goats, the goat program was canceled by order of the Department of Defense, under pressure from Washington-based animal rights groups. Ron Fellows wasn't sure how much impact the change in training has had on the skills of the surgeons who received it, but he did say that animal rights people must expect combat surgeons to use a "Do-it-yourself combat casualty treatment book."

Although surgeons are not quite reduced to using a "Do-it-yourself" book, their training is now limited to slides on a screen and lectures. The few "hands on" procedures still using goats are cut-down procedures to learn surgical chest-cavity treatments. "We train about 2,500 men and women from all the services here each year," Fellows noted, "and there are another 1,000 or so in reserve and guard units who receive the training."

How effective today's training using slides and lectures will be to a combat surgeon and his team coping with a wounded soldier is open for debate. So far the new training hasn't been tested in combat. Even the Persian Gulf War did not seriously task medical teams.

All Medical Research At Risk

Every medical research program that relies on animals for research, testing, or training is at risk. Chuck Dasey, public affairs officer for the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command at Fort Detrick, Maryland, is worried about the future of medical research.

"Here in the Army, we're just one small part of the medical research community. There are other groups at risk as well, including cancer, Alzheimer's, drug and alcohol abuse programs. If a program is using animals in testing and research, the animal rights group wants to stop it. It's just that we're more visible in the military," he said.

Dasey explained that animal rights groups seem to generate a lot of popular support with a sympathetic public concerned about animal welfare, primarily animals that are also companion pets such as dogs and cats. Dasey said that a little

examination of the movement turns up some interesting points.

First, they aren't presenting the facts to the public. A generation of Americans are being taught that you can have valid science without using animals.

"You can find a lot of holes in their logic, and fundamental inconsistencies when you analyze the logic of their position or the philosophy behind their movement," Dasey said. Animal rights activists and their supporters claim that research programs using animals are antiquated and unnecessary, because other methods can be used to achieve the same results.

Their most common claim is that computer models or cell structures can be used in research. In training such as the C4 program, photographic visuals, mannequins and similar non-living substitutes can be used instead of animals. That might be possible someday, but today it isn't. Most researchers say the animal rights people are overestimating computers.

"You can put a lot of data into a com-

Some activist groups have turned their attention toward military research rather than anti-hunting demonstrations, because research programs are more vulnerable to being painted as cruel.

puter," Dasey said. "You can list the characteristics of any number of chemical compounds, but having that toxicity data base can't tell a researcher what happens when a cell or a living system of a previously untested substance is exposed to the compounds.

"You can't determine something from a data base unless the system has already been exposed to that toxic substance and entered into that data base."

Dasey explained that researchers save all of their data to a computer to do mathematical modeling, but the computer still can't duplicate or be a substitute for a living organism. "Computer modeling isn't sophisticated enough to mimic living systems," he added.

Computer modeling and cell-culture systems do allow researchers to do a lot of screening, so fewer animal studies are needed and those that are needed can be better targeted. Models help researchers design better and more efficient experi-

ments requiring animals.

Dasey pointed out that military medical researchers are required to look for alternatives to animal research on a continuing basis, and to look at increasing the number of alternative methodologies that can be applied to their work. Military researchers are also under more restrictive regulations about the use of animals than any other group.

Most researchers who use animals believe they will never completely replace animal studies in research, because getting approval from the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) for use by humans requires more than research and testing on computer models and cell cultures. To prove the safety of a product or procedure to the FDA, researchers must use it in



animals. After they have shown its safety, then human subjects are used to show whether it works as claimed.

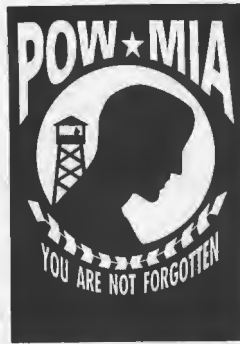
All that effort to make products and procedures safe for the general population creates a stumbling block for animal rights activists. They can't get support from parents when they openly attack a program aimed at saving the lives of children. To maintain public support and keep Congress off balance, the movement targets military medicine instead of civilian programs, as they can use anti-military propaganda for their own ends. Thus, they stay in the public eye while the media portrays them as animal saviors.

What is being overlooked is the future cost. Battlefield survival is tough enough without having to wonder if the surgeons who may have to operate on you received adequate training. "If the animal rights movement is not stopped and exposed for what it really is," Carey warned, "there are serious problems in our future medical research and care."

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REPORT

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Irrefutable Evidence of POW/MIA Cover-up?

by Robert K. Brown



Photo: DoD

For years, critics of the government handling of the POW/MIA issue have claimed that officials have implemented a massive conspiracy to cover-up the existence of live U.S. POWs in Southeast Asia. They add that this conspiracy has been largely implemented by the refusal of the government to declassify thousands of documents germane to the issue.

I am still not convinced there is such a cover-up in the context of uniformed minions working 26 hours a day, 8 days a week, in a fetid secure room deep in the bowels of the Pentagon to thwart the return of live POWs.

I am convinced, however, with the leak of the Commodore Brooks memo and the Kimball Gaines Task Force Report, that the powers that be have, in fact, used national security considerations to cover up a multitude of sins, e.g., lack of management and leadership, mindset to debunk, ineptness and failure to provide sufficient assets to accomplish the mission. The government weasels have repeatedly denied such problems over the years. But these documents, printed here for the first time in their entirety, have lit the fuse which may well blow the issue apart.

And speaking of "...Sufficient assets to accomplish the mission," in 1980, President Reagan stated that the POW/MIA issue would receive the "highest national priority" during his administration. It didn't. For instance, toward the end of SOFs two-year, \$250,000 unsuccessful effort to locate POWs in 1981-82, I had a conversation with a U.S. Embassy official in Bangkok who stated things were not well at the Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCRC). He said they were short, and investigators had to take trains when visiting refugee camps and did not have secretaries, which resulted in their source reports getting to DIA weeks late.

Upon my return to the States, I so informed Major General Jack Singlaub, who passed the word to then Chief of Staff General Vessey. Vessey, in turn, during his next visit to Bangkok, kicked Ambassador Gunter Dean in the ass and JCRC got what they needed. Obviously the pooh-bahs at DIA had a somewhat warped concept of what Reagan wanted. And now we see that this particular incident was but the tip of a colossal iceberg. Let's hope that exposing the following documents will cut through the logjam of government cover-up. Our POW/MIAs deserve no less.

DIRECTOR'S POW/MIA TASK FORCE REPORT

FEBRUARY 1986

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1. (U) INTRODUCTION:

a. (U) Pursuant to verbal instructions from the Director on 20 February 1986, the subject Task Force was formed and began active session as a group on 24 February 1986. Members of the Team were as follows: Kimball M. Gaines, Colonel USAF, JSO; Franklin D. Mastro, Colonel USA, ATSA; Joseph A. Schlatter, Lt. Col, USA, DB-2; William T. Mayall, Major, USAF, OCJCS; and Ms. Clara Harris, RSI-3A.

b. (U) Task Force Charter was to conduct a hardnosed objective examination of PW/MIA substantive issues and procedures and to report findings and recommendations to the Director within thirty days. In addition to discussions with supervisory and working level personnel within the PW Division, the Task Force held discussions at CIA (Annex D), the Intelligence Community Staff (Annex E), and with the National Security Agency Representative to DoD. Additionally, all active first hand live-sighting case files were reviewed by the Task Force as well as a representative number of previously closed cases. The results of prior IG reports, Congressional Investigations and in-house reviews concerning the PW Division were also studied. Additional perspective on how the PW Division conducted its business was gained by discussions with RADM Thomas A. Brooks, USN, previous Assistant Deputy Director for Collection Management, and for a short time responsible for the PW Division until it moved to VO.

2. (S/NF) FINDINGS:

a. (U) The Task Force review revealed serious shortcomings in every important

area: attitudes, management procedure, organization, and leadership. Paragraph 3 of this report is devoted to a detailed discussion of the 17 major issues which derived from these findings and which contain the recommended solutions which will turn the PW Division into an effective, disciplined and productive organization.

b. (U) Findings are as follows: (1) Unhealthy attitudes. (2) Almost total lack of management — working hard but not working smart. (3) Haphazard approach to problems and functions. (4) Too much direct exposure of the working level analysts. (5) Inadequate planning, internal communication and written guidance. (6) Data base is a waste. (7) Working files unprofessional, sloppy, incomplete, no standard procedures. (8) No disciplined, coherent, collection management effort. (9) Too much detective work, not enough analysis. (10) Not nearly enough admin and intelligence technician support. (11) Significant ADP deficiencies.

c. (S/NF) Amplification of the findings:

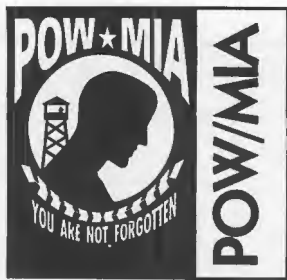
(1) (U) Unhealthy attitudes are evident in the deeply defensive mind-set which promotes a rigid inflexibility toward criticism and an adversarial approach to those with strong dissenting views. There also tends to be a strong moralistic bias at work which manifests as a preoccupation with everybody's motives and unrealistic expectations with regard to source accuracy. This could also be termed the "mind-set to debunk." Additionally, an attitude of resignation toward outside events seems prevalent at all levels and contributes to a noticeable lack of persistence in problem-solving and initiative generation. Management, by and large, is preoccupied with minutia and preservation of the status quo and forward-thinking is a rarity.

(2) (U) The almost total lack of management has resulted in a condition where all functions are carried out in a haphazard fashion. Generally, most of the major ills of the PW Division can be traced to this source. In fact, managers themselves freely acknowledge that they haven't managed, but quickly rationalize it away by invoking uncontrollable circumstance or other arguments of inconvenience. It is clear to the Task Force, however, that the effects of this abdication of responsibility have been devastating to the organization and special treatment is given this subject in paragraph 3.

(3) (C) Lack of written guidance in all functional areas has contributed to individualistic work standards and procedures as well as general confusion and unprofessionalism. It should be noted that

ACRONYMS FOR THE UNINITIATED

- ADM — Admiral
- ADP — Automatic Data Processing
- ATASA — Advance Targeting Acquisition
- Sensors Agency
- (C) — Confidential
- CIA — Central Intelligence Agency
- CIR — Continuing Intelligence Requirement
- COMIREX — Communications Intelligence Resource Exploitation
- (CONF) — Confidential
- CPS — Collection Problem Set
- DAO — Defense Attache Office
- DB — Assistant Director of Research
- DB-2 — Assistant Deputy for Research
- DC — Director of Collection Management
- DC-4, DC-7 — Responsible to DC
- DCID-1/2 — Director Central Intelligence Directorate
- DI — Deputy Director for External Relations
- DIA — Defense Intelligence Agency
- DoD — Department of Defense
- DOMEX — Domestic Exploitation
- DR — Office of the Director of DIA
- EEL — Essential Elements of Information
- GS-12, GS-14, etc. — General Schedule; pay/rank scale for civilian employees
- HUMINT — Human Intelligence
- IC — Intelligence Contact
- ICR — Intelligence Contact Report
- IG — Inspector General (of Defense Department)
- IIR — Initial Intelligence Report
- IP — Intelligence Problem
- IMINT — Imagery Intelligence
- IMINT IP/CPS/EPS — Office symbols peculiar to Imagery Intelligence
- ISA — International Security Assistance, International Security Affairs, International Security Agency, Interservice Support Agreement, Intelligence Support Activity
- JCRC — Joint Casualty Resolution Center
- JS — Joint Staff
- JSO — Joint Staff Officer
- KB — Knowledgeability Brief, an interview with a prospective informant used to determine his viability/credibility
- NCO — Non-Commissioned Officer
- NITS — National Intelligence Topics
- NSA — National Security Agency
- NSC — National Security Council
- NSRL — National SIGINT Requirements
- List
- OCJCS — Office of Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff
- OSD — Office of Secretary of Defense
- PW, POW — Prisoner of War
- RADM — Rear Admiral
- (S/NF) Secret, No Foreign Distribution
- SAFE — Selected Area For Evaluation
- SEA — South East Asia
- SIGINT — Signals Intelligence, as gathered by monitoring radio, telecommunications
- SOP — Standard Operating Procedure
- SRV — Socialist Republic of Vietnam
- (U) — Unclassified
- VO — Deputy Director for Operations, Plans and Training
- VO-1 — INCA project, under Deputy Director for Operations, Plans and Training
- VO-PWE — Deputy Director for Operations, Plans and Training — Prisoner of War Exploitation



the IG report of 26 February 1985 also recommended that SOPs be written, and that all procedures in the Division be formalized; however, this obviously was never done. Two good examples of how this laxity comes home to roost are (1) the present sloppy and incomplete condition of the so-called case files, and (2) the situation wherein for lack of written procedures, the five Mail/Text profiles created in the SAFE system for PW Division were not accessible to the PW Div SAFE operator. Incredibly, division management hadn't even noticed and the problem would still exist were it not for the ADP member of the Task Force.

(4) (C) No disciplined, coherent, collection management was being performed and, in fact, the PW Division does not appear to function in the mainstream of the DIA collection system. This ad hoc approach, so characteristic of Division operations in general, is seriously detrimental to analytical efforts upon which the entire PW/MIA edifice rests.

(5) (C) The data base is a wasteland, neither structured nor maintained to support analysts adequately in all areas. Automated file structure is solely out-of-date and no management action has been taken to obtain assistance with this problem. One intelligence technician is responsible for data base maintenance but she is encumbered with an outmoded file system overwhelmed by the volume of material, and has not been provided assistance from readily available DIA customer service elements. The data base structure, maintenance, design, and upgrade have received little management attention. The data base, of course, is the central foundation for the entire DIA PW effort and why a recognized problem of such importance (and management admits to the "recognition") has gone unsolved simply boggles the mind. The Task Force solution to enforce attention to the problem is raised to the level of a Branch. The overall condition of the data base is one of the main reasons the Task Force does not have complete confidence in the conclusions resulting from the PW Division analytic process.

(6) (U) The existence of shoddy case-files is not new and others have pointed this out, the latest official mention being a flag-rank memo to VO as late as September 1985. There has been a sporadic effort to throw people at the problem, such as Reservists and as late as the first part of March, two O-6s and two GS-15s, from elsewhere in VO; however, the solution does not lend itself to the ad hoc method of doing business which is so characteris-

tic of PW Division. Detailed treatment of the case file problem is contained in paragraph 3.

(7) (S/NF) Outside the mainstream is the only way to describe the collection effort and one telling proof of the pudding is the fact that it took outsiders, IC Staff members and Col. Childress of the NSC staff, to include PW/MIA EEI in the national HUMINT Collection Plan, Indochina, and to raise the priority of collection from five to three in the National Intelligence Topics (NITS). None of this initiative originated from the PW/MIA Division.

(8) (U) By their own admission, there is not enough "analysis" being done by the PW analysts. There is somehow never enough time for it because of "other priorities," although they think it would be a really good thing to do if they could. In fact, the Chief of the Analysis Branch feels that there is probably enough information on hand already to allow a definitive judgment on the live-POW issue in North Vietnam, but they just can't get around to doing it. When a case is being worked, however, it is plainly evident that the focus rests on debunking the source more than it does on analysis of the information itself. It should be noted with trepidation that there are some 600 hearsay reports of live sightings backlogged in the Division which have not had any evaluation. And there is no actual proof that this class of report has any less potential for yielding some usable information than do the first-hand sighting reports. The implications of this are obvious to the casual observer, but do not seem to be appreciated by the experts.

(9) (U) The Task Force also felt strongly about the personnel shortages, organizational deficiencies and ADP deficiencies and has devoted considerable attention in paragraph 3 to the solution of those problems.

(10) (U) The ultimate bottom line to this entire review is the absence of leadership. Every condition uncovered and detailed in this report attests to that fact. This Division is not an organized effort and it is certainly not a model that deserves emulation, the reports by the House Task Force and the DB March 1985 Examination notwithstanding. It is the judgment of the Task Force that in its present condition, the PW/MIA Division cannot provide the Director, DIA, with the proper level and quality of support. Furthermore, given the existing discrepancies in the functional areas, the Task Force has no confidence that the current

analytical process has adequately addressed all relevant factors and has drawn totally reliable conclusions.

3. (U) Related Issues and Recommendations:

a. (U) From the major handicaps identified in the previous section, the Task Force distilled a family of related major issues and recommendations. What follows represents both an aggregation of problems into solvable entities and a formulation of new initiatives which will improve the way DIA deals with the POW problem. These issues are indexed below, followed by the respective detailed discussions on succeeding pages: (1) The DIA Strategy. (2) Mind-set to Debunk. (3) Lack of Management. (4) Condition of Case Files. (5) Direct Exposure of PW Division Analysts to Outside Agencies and Individuals. (6) Blurring of Analysis, Collection and Investigation. (7) Collection Management. (8) Internal Organization of PW Division. (9) Realignment of PW Division in DIA. (10) Resolution of Case Files. (11) Reorientation of the JCRC. (12) International Assistance. (13) Garwood.

ISSUE #1 — THE DIA STRATEGY DISCUSSION:

(U) The present Administration has made the PW/MIA issue a top national priority, has taken a strong public stand, and has developed a ten-point strategy to guide the U.S. approach to resolution of the question. Since the Defense Intelligence Agency is a major, and now visible, actor in this effort, it is only proper that DIA adopt a strategy of its own with respect to the contribution it makes. With the overall objective of taking the DIA out of the reactive mode and putting it on the offensive, the following three-point strategy is proposed:

A. Present Facts Fairly and Objectively to Public, Media, Congress. — White Paper — Regular Press Summaries — Cultivation of "friendly" journalists — Work with League of Families — Respond, on a selective basis, to misinformation disseminated in the public fora.

B. Actively Involve the Entire National Intelligence Apparatus: — Make Interagency Intelligence Action Group work. — Increase DCID 1/2 priority from three to two. — Involve other U.S. agencies in the investigative effort.

C. Improve the DIA PW/MIA effort by implementing the Recommendations of this Task Force, the most critical of which are: — Revamp the PW/MIA Division: Leadership, Management, Organization. — Make the PW/MIA Division a Special Staff Section under the Director, DIA.

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ISSUE #2 – MINDSET TO DEBUNK DISCUSSION:

There exists a mind-set to debunk. The perception is one held by external elements, and has worked against DIA's interests. Within PW/MIA Division, it has evolved over time as an investigative technique, whereby intense effort is initially focused on veracity of sources with a view toward discrediting them. This penchant has overridden the seeking to the corroborative data necessary to support the "sighting." Reinforcing the mindset is the investigative audit trail which as confirmed an inordinate number of originally promising sources to be fabricators. Thus time and money have been saved in those investigations skewed toward debunking. Unfortunately, the mind-set now permeates the Division in other than investigative matters, and it appeared during the review period that just about any new idea on the PW/MIA issue is met with a negative response. Even more unfortunate is the fact that the analysts involved are not even consciously aware of their negative approach. This is not a newly developed attitude, as review established that ADM Tuttle, a former supervisor, had noted it during his tenure through 1981 but was not able to reverse it before reassignment. It appears to be a matter better handled by positive leadership within the Division, rather than external sources. In the main, sources who volunteer information have no ulterior motive, especially those already relocated to the U.S. Sources were very young when they observed the event; others were in dire straits as a result of the war; and, in many cases, the "sighting" was a fleeting one. Therefore, sources should not be badgered when they come forward to volunteer information they do not recall well, in view of the long time interval involved; otherwise word gets around the refugee community and information dries up. The Task Force review was not able to confirm that the outcome of any particular case has so far been effected by negative mind-set. However, it should be noted that the existence of this sort of bias not only detracts from the DIA image, it also can insidiously reduce the objectivity of analysis.

RECOMMENDATION:

Can best be controlled, neutralized and eliminated by recognition and close attention by the Division Chief.

ISSUE #3 – LACK OF MANAGEMENT

DISCUSSION:

(C) The Task Force addressed this issue from the standpoint of five traditional pillars of management – namely plan, organize, direct, control and coordinate. Each element is flawed with one of the

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contributing factors being that the managers of the organization, by their own admission and confirmed by the Task Force review, do not manage. They function instead as ad hoc action officers. Not surprisingly, planning is almost non-existent. Missing is the realization that everything

pertaining to POW/MIAs must originate within the Division. Some Division personnel know that the Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan, Intelligence Priorities for Strategic Planning, National Intelligence Collection Plans, Defense Wide Intelligence Plan, etc. exist but they do not see them as tools to be employed in resolving the problem. There is no appreciation for a two-year time frame of resolution, as specified by the SRV.

(C) The POW Division is short of personnel and needs to be augmented as described elsewhere in this report. All aspects of ADP are deficient, to include training of technicians. Similarly, analysts have not been given the requisite six week DIA Training Program, hence, were handicapped.

(C) Direction is by exception. Everyone does his individual effort, according to self-imposed priorities and procedures. (One GS-12, judged to be ineffective by fellow workers, simply kept his own schedule and was available only intermittently.) There are no enumerated goals or objectives (SOPs, mission statements) upon which any direction is based. Functions are carried out on an ad hoc basis.

(C) Control emanates from VO to the staff section and then blurs. Within the element there is little formal control – from receipt of tasking through the execution phase. Operations are totally decentralized to include formal presentations to members of Congress. During this review, one GS-14 was humiliated by a Congressman, who terminated the session by throwing the former's papers on the floor and verbally admonishing him. There was no one present to back up the staff officer. Supervisors, acting as analysts, are not controlling actions.

(C) Coordination is informal and ad hoc like the rest of the effort. Memorandums for Record are not kept on significant actions being handled via telephone.

Even collection coordination is informal, with the exception of messages to the Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCRC). Emphasis on humanitarian considerations, at the expense of intelligence collection remains a deficiency as cited by the DIA IG in 1983. There is insufficient coordination with OSD/ISA.

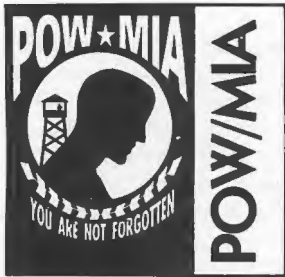
(C) As a general comment, most of the discrepancies in the POW Division can be traced to this lack-of-management as well as a strongly entrenched attitude that they can do no wrong, even in the face of evidence to the contrary. This attitude has also been abetted by the Congressional review of May 1983 through June 1984 and the DB review of March 1985, both of which essentially whitewashed the whole operation. Good initiatives originating...

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ISSUE #4 – CONDITION OF VO-PW CASE FILES

DISCUSSION:

(U) Members of the Task Force reviewed 63 VO-PW case files. It is the finding of the Task Force that case files, in general, are not complete and, in some cases, not well-maintained. Specifically: There is no centralized log of incoming reports. – A report containing information on several different cases is not necessarily reproduced and placed in the various relevant case files. – Some cases have been resolved based on analytical judgments of information not contained in the case file. When queried about resolution on some of these files, the analysts could provide sound reasoning for closing the file but there was no documentation in the file to support that reasoning. – Polygraph records are not in case files. While files on polygraphed sources do state whether or not deception was indicated, details of the polygraph exam are not filed. – There is not in every file an air-tight audit trail of analysis on the case and information on the sources. – There is not in every case file a resume of the case to date which states the present status of the case and supports this outcome with a clear and lucid exposition of the train of logic and evidence involved in reaching that conclusion. – There are numerous cases of loose papers, and undated scribbled analyst notes present. – Generally, the same case file discrepancies exist today as were pointed out in the Brooks Memo to VO, dated 25 September 1985 (Annex B). – There is no centralized suspense system to insure tracking of requests for reinterview, polygraph requests, attempts to locate refugees, and attempts to locate related information. (For example: there are numerous cases in which follow-up action was not completed for several months or a few years. Some of this delay is attributable to lack of a centralized system whereby managers and analysts can track follow-up actions.)



RECOMMENDATION:

(1) VO-PW should produce immediately a file SOP that establishes explicit instructions for the content and maintenance of case files. (2) Files must contain complete, detailed, and *formally recorded* data on every aspect of the respective case. Data must include both substantive and procedural information to establish a complete and unbroken audit...

[Issue #5 Missing]

ISSUE #6 – BLURRING OF ANALYSIS, COLLECTION INVESTIGATION

(U) DISCUSSION:

The Task Force appreciates the need for overlap in various portions of the intelligence cycle. However, review revealed a blurring of analysis, collection and investigation at the expense of analysis.

Operating predominantly on an ad hoc basis, the Division opens, investigates, analyzes, and closes cases, thus validating its own efforts. Organization structure cannot, nor was ever, intended to support all these functions, so each is denigrated. Analysis, the most critically needed function, had the greatest shortfall. Despite investigative effort, cases remain backlogged just as they were when the DIA IG conducted his 1983 inspection of VO-PW. The push is on "first-hand live sightings" but a backlog of approximately 600 hearsay live-sighting reports has accumulated, which is not justifiable in view of the high priority assigned to this effort. Over 784 man-hours overtime in 1985 failed to reduce this backlog.

In his March 1986 testimony to Congress, the Director stated: "No budgetary constraints are imposed on research, interviews and investigative follow-up associated with DIA's pursuit of PW/MIA information." The intent of this statement was to emphasize DIA's dedication to U.S. government efforts to resolve the PW/MIA issue. However, the perception by the PW/MIA Division that there are no limitations on travel and contact funds encourages investigative efforts that could be carried out by investigative agencies more efficiently and without taking DIA analysts away from their analytical tasks. VO-PW analysts carry no credentials nor are they trained investigators. Case files are not investigative files and are not complete analytic files. Instead, they are working files.

The Division characterizes its investigative activities as collection, but the Division operator, in general, is outside the

mainstream of DIA and Intelligence Community collection effort. While the Division believes it is conducting a vigorous collection effort, that effort is largely focused on investigating the whereabouts and the veracity of sources. Thus, the Division's management believes that it is collecting extensively when, in fact, the collection effort is not well-planned, executed or managed and is not taking full advantage of all collection assets.

The PW/MIA Division requires a well-defined mission statement as well as numerous SOPs. Division personnel are operating under a myriad of mission statements — all outdated. The 1983 IG report had a statement of mission enclosed, as did several outdated DIA functions and mission publications. Unfortunately, the current DIA mission and functions publication left the PW division (VO-PW) out altogether. Similarly, repeated inspections, including the IG, have cited the failure to have an SOP. This deficiency still exists.

ISSUE #7 – COLLECTION MANAGEMENT BY VO-PW (S/NF) DISCUSSION:

VO-PW collection management is uneven and, as a result, the ad hoc nature of the collection management effort is detrimental to analytical efforts. VO-PW does not appear to function in the mainstream of the DIA collection system.

In the area of HUMINT collection, a comprehensive Continuing Intelligence Requirement (CIR) was issued in October 1985. However, there is no record of tailored tasking guidance, collection emphasis messages, or other actions taken to follow up the October 1985 CIR.

In the area of SIGINT collection, the current requirements in support of PW/MIA collection are integrated into the National SIGINT Requirements List (NSRL) for Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Laotian political collection. While VO-PW IMINT requirements are now current, the requirements have not been reviewed as part of the recent COMIREX-directed Intelligence Problem (IP) review. In fact, VO-PW personnel had never been tasked to complete an IP review. Furthermore, VO-PW personnel had never developed tasking for KH-9 missions. Within the past few weeks, Mr. Robert Destatte, VO-PW, has received assistance from PC-4 and PC-7 collection managers in putting together and issuing coordinated collection requirements. Mr. Destatte has made initial steps toward a fairly complete overhaul of the VO-PW collection posture. However, as with many other projects in the office, higher priority

ad-hoc requirements have pushed his efforts in the collection area to a lower priority.

The primary source of VO-PW's information are refugee interviews by personnel from the Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCRC). When reports are received, there is frequently need for follow-up questions. There is normally a time delay of several days or weeks before follow-up questions are transmitted to JCRC. If JCRC interviewers had better collection guidance, much follow-up would be done on the spot. (e.g., if a refugee claims to have been in a certain relocation camp, the interviewer should have analyst questions relative to that camp.) *[This problem existed back in the 70s; it was never corrected. See Petrie interview, p. 73. — Eds.]*

Currently, DAOs are required to report PW/MIA information by message, not by IIR. As a result, DAOs do not get IIR credit for PW/MIA reporting. By being out of the mainstream of the DIA collection system, there are several sources (primarily HUMINT) that are not being exploited fully by the Division. Collection requirements are not normally levied on DOMEX assets, 500th MI Group, and DIA Liaison Officers, thus another available group of assets are going unutilized.

RECOMMENDATION:

(1) VO-PW must get into the mainstream of the collection system, and should be augmented for 90 days by an individual experienced in all-source collection. This augmentee should be assigned the following tasks: Completely review and formalize the VO-PW collection posture. — Prepare an all-source collection plan. — Prepare, have validated, and maintain current specific collection requirement documents (CIR, ICR, KB, NSRL, IMINT IP/CPS/EPS). — Prepare and have validated a separate PW/MIA NSRL. — Review with all relevant VO-PW analysts, collectors, and supervisors the purpose and functioning of the collection plan and requirements to insure the VO-PW collection effort is managed dynamically and aggressively. (2) As outlined in the issue on Internal Organization of VO-PW, the Collection and Analysis functions should be divided between separate identity to this crucial function. (3) Collection requirements should be levied on USDAOs worldwide. DAOs in Asia, Soviet Union and Europe should be action collectors with all other DAOs being information collectors. Reporting should be by electrical IIR. The DR should issue a message to all DAOs emphasizing this requirement.

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The organization of VO-PW cripples mission accomplishment. Specific problem areas that are part of the overall issue of organization are discussed below.

— *Inadequate supervision and management.* VO-PW has two subordinate branches: VO-PW1, external relations, and VO-PW2, collection and Analysis Branch. Each of these branches is headed by a GS-14 who has considerable analytical and/or operational responsibilities in addition to the supervisory and managerial responsibilities required of a branch chief. This situation is a major contributor to many of the other problems within VO-PW. Supervisors should have no analytical, collection, or operational responsibilities other than *supervising and managing* activities of their branches in those areas. There is little, if any, time available for managers/supervisors to detach themselves from the operations of their branches and analyze how their branches are operating; they are too involved in what their branches are doing, or are doing it themselves.

— *No clear distinction between analysis, collection, and investigation.* Analysts within VO-PW2, Collection and Analysis Branch, perform both collection and analysis. Some analysts, particularly those with language capability, are more deeply involved in collection than others. In the case of the branch chief and two of the analysts with excellent language capabilities, much of their time is spent in telephone interviews with sources. Investigative activities consume an inordinate amount of time that should be spent on analysis and/or collection. In this regard, VO-PW requires its own limited collection and interview capability for selected sources of information (Vietnamese refugees) who must be interviewed by Vietnamese linguists who are also familiar with information in VO-PW files. Thus, the continued use of VO-PW personnel as active collectors and interviewers is important to the operation of the office.

— *Insufficient administrative and clerical support.* The administrative and clerical support to VO-PW is insufficient and this situation is a major shortcoming. A newly hired secretary is quickly becoming proficient in supporting the Division but is completely overloaded by typing demands. At the time of the team's review of VO-PW, there were at least 48 finished reports, 25 collection emphasis messages, and 11 case evaluations along with a two-inch stack of other items awaiting typing. For several days, nothing except material for the Director's upcoming Congressional testimony was typed. A major backlog exists in two areas: final evaluations of sighting reports and filing of data on the Vietnamese prison/re-education camp system. At present, there are 179 resolved firsthand sighting cases for which the analyst has written an evaluation, but the

POW/MIA Bungling in the Early Years

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In 1974 he returned to Vietnam with the JCRC. Initially, he was a field team leader for one of the search control teams. He was later assigned as assistant desk officer and field investigator for III Corps. As Vietnam fell, he was on the last helicopter out of Tan Son Nhut.

Petrie transferred back into JCRC from the 25th Infantry Division in 1977, first as the Operations Officer and then as Executive Officer. He retired in 1980. Presently, Petrie operates Peregrine International Inc., a security consulting firm out of Dallas, Texas.



Petrie in Ban Me Thuot, during Tet, 1968.

mended in that report, which we recommended in the late '70s, was to give us a complete EEI so that we could do the interviews right there and get as much information as possible then.

RKB: Any other comments on the report?

GP: Well, the mind-set to debunk was prevalent not in '86, hell, it was prevalent back in the '70s. It seemed to me that the

DIA didn't really want the information, and when they did get it they were reluctant to really do an in-depth analysis of it. I don't know why the mind-set was there that none of this information was really relevant, that we had most of it, and so on and so forth. Anytime we got grave or crash-site information, or anytime we got any kind of a report from a refugee we would take it to JCRC and analyze

it ourselves and see how it correlated with the other information that we had, in order to match it up with the case. And a lot of it was valuable information. Now, I would admit that during the period of time that I was there I don't recall any real good live-sighting reports that we got.

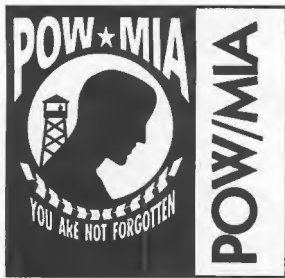
But I understand, in talking to people later, that they did get some fairly good reports.

When we got live-sighting reports from refugees, you could throw some of them out right away. For example, we got one report from a refugee that he had seen General Westmoreland's son in a POW camp. He positively identified him. You know you can throw that out. We had a lot of Bobby Garwood sightings. But we were able to identify those because we knew where Garwood was before he came out. By knowing where he was, we were able to scratch off a lot of those sightings. Other sightings of Caucasian POWs working on a construction gang — there were several that came in about one particular who we were later able to identify as a Swedish contract worker.

RKB: Yeah, I am acquainted with that particular case.

GP: Which is really ridiculous, you know, a report of 40-some POWs being held in the old USAID building in Saigon. Knowing this guy supposedly had some names and different branches of service,

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evaluations are awaiting editing and typing. Some of these date back to 1981. In the other area, refugees have been reinterviewed for specific knowledge on the prison/reeducation camp system and over one hundred reports have been received, some with information on several camps. These reports have been read but have never been filed in the appropriate camp folder. On 17 March, an Army Reserve NCO was assigned to VO-PW and given the task of filing these reports.

The office has a minimal system of keeping track of taskings. There does not seem to be a clear system of logging incoming requirements (suspended or open-ended), assigning them to an individual for action, and tracking their completion. A single Air Force Master Sergeant serves as administrative NCO, but her many other duties and the lack of any other administrative personnel serve to make administration within VO-PW an ad hoc affair.

— *Insufficient intelligence technician support.* VO-PW currently is authorized and has present two intelligence technicians (one newly hired and not trained) who support six analysts and, when all current vacancies are filled, will support twelve analysts. Two intelligence technicians cannot support the six analysts adequately and will fall far short of being able to support a full contingent of analysts. As an example of the impact of insufficient intelligence technician support, one analyst has over 75 reports that need to be entered into the automated data base. The shortage of intelligence technicians — combined with insufficient ADP equipment and training — has led to this situation and will perpetuate it.

— *Inadequate planning.* There is virtually no planning done in VO-PW. The Division should anticipate Congressional testimony, media features, and other events requiring VO-PW action. The Division should also develop initiative studies and products as part of a coherent production plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the PW Division be reorganized along the three key functional areas where management focus is most critical. These are: Data Base and Collection Management, Analysis, and Collation and Planning. The proposed ideal reorganization into three branches is shown below as TAB A and requires an increase of 9 personnel from the current 25 presently authorized. A reorganization with minimal

personnel increases is at TAB B and represents an incremental fix to the malorganization that currently exists, while additional and more extensive manpower authorizations for the ideal organization are established. Comparative manning breakouts are at TAB C.

The proposed TAB A organization, in contrast to that presently in force, will impose order on the numerous functions of the Division and result in an orderly flow of information and products while allowing a disciplined approach to problems that arise.

Even adoption of the minimal augmentation TAB B organization would be a positive step, however, full benefit would not be realized until the military managers, extra typists and intel techs as outlined in the TAB A organization are on hand.

ISSUE #9 — REALIGNMENT OF PW/MIA DIVISION WITHIN DIA

(U) DISCUSSION:

The PW/MIA Division, currently assigned to VO, has been located previously in DC, DI and DB. The issue of *where* the PW/MIA Division is within DIA is vital to the Agency because of three considerations. First, the location of the Division is a visible indicator of the importance DIA places on the PW/MIA issue. Second, many requests requiring PW/MIA Division action are high-priority requiring rapid response and should not be slowed by layers of bureaucracy. Finally, the position of the Division determines the "clout" it will have within and outside the Agency.

In previous years, the PW/MIA Division was reduced to five personnel, and Division personnel stated that a previous Director "planned to close us up." If such a situation developed again, it would suggest strongly that DIA does not place high priority on the PW/MIA issue. The PW/MIA Division has little "clout" within DIA and this fact has had certain specific detrimental impacts on the Division. As an example, the Division is woefully behind the rest of the Agency in analyst training, ADP equipment, and word processors.

Currently, the PW/MIA issue is of high national visibility and priority. However, we must anticipate that some future administration, if not the current one toward the end of its term, will lower either or both the priority and visibility of the issue. At that point, the DIA mission in the PW/MIA area should become less visible.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) The current VO-PW office should be removed from VO and made a special staff section reporting directly to the Director and the Command Group. (2) When a U.S. administration makes a determination that the PW/MIA issue is resolved or lowers the national priority of the issue, the office should then be removed from its position on the special staff and placed in an analytical element (JS or DB).

ISSUE #10 — RESOLUTION OF

CASE FILES

(C) There are currently approximately 60 unresolved live-sighting cases of Americans in a POW-type environment. At least 17 of those cases are viable candidates for closure.

(C) DISCUSSION:

The PW/MIA Division should reduce the live-sighting cases to a legitimate bottom-line number. An inordinate number of unresolved cases leaves the impression that many of the open cases contain credible evidence when, in fact, they do not. In cases where the source's evidence is weak, credibility is doubtful, probability of re-interview is small and/or requests for a follow-up collection effort have proved fruitless, the case should be closed. Case #1270 illustrates this point. All attempts to follow up and verify the source's information have proved fruitless. Efforts to re-interview the source have proved impossible. This case should be closed.

(C) RECOMMENDATION:

The Interagency Intelligence Committee provides a logical vehicle for conducting periodic in-process reviews of case actions of the PW/MIA Division. This group permits a formalized external assessment of the Division's analytical process and the review of decisions concerning the status of individual cases. Final adjudication of case files should not be an internal PW/MIA decision. That authority should rest with an external agency. No one organization should have the ability to open, investigate, evaluate and close a case file. The Interagency Intelligence Committee is the logical oversight body to perform this function and the Chairman should be enjoined to add this duty to the Committee's charter and institute the necessary mechanisms to make it work.

ISSUE #11 — REORIENTATION OF JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC)

(C) DISCUSSION:

Relations between JCRC and the PW/MIA are excellent and, in effect, constitute a joint investigative effort. Coordination with JCRC involves staff visits, message traffic and telephone. JCRC appreciates the high priority on this matter and reacts accordingly. The Task Force did not talk to JCRC representatives directly, hence our comments are predicated on input from PW/MIA Division. As acknowledged by CIA during Task Force coordination, DoD has a wealth of background and expertise on refugee screening and exploitation (e.g., Soviet emigres, Cuban emigres, etc.). Coordination needs to be effected with JCRC to ensure that this expertise is being brought to bear on the problem of exploitation. The matters need to be covered with JCRC. For example, the PW/MIA Division perceives JCRC's charter as limited to background questions to refugees concerning "sightings." Their concern is that more detailed exploitation

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MEMORANDUM FOR BGEN SHUFELT (VD)
SUBJECT: The POW/MIA Issue (U)

1. (C) I was not at all pleased with the situation I found when I took over responsibility for the POW/MIA issue. The deeper I looked, the less professional the operation appeared. It appeared to be particularly sloppy in the late seventies, but it is by no means a squared-away operation today. As a professional intelligence officer with a significant portion of my career spent as an analyst, I found the following to be particular problems:

a. Case files were incomplete, sloppy (all mixed-up, loose papers, undated scribbled analyst notes, misfiled papers, etc.) and generally unprofessional.
b. There were no action logs in the cases or where there were logs, entries had not been made in a long time.

c. Follow-up actions had not been pursued. In some cases, obvious follow-up actions were called for but were never taken and years had passed.

d. There was no tickler system to ensure that we followed up on our own tasking. Thus, we might have tasked imagery or tasked JCRC years ago, never got a response, and never followed up.

e. Efforts to recontact sources in the U.S. were perfunctory at best and normally amounted to merely trying to contact them by telephone rather than looking into local DoD or law enforcement agencies to track them down and then calling on them in person.

f. We had never employed some of the most basic analytic tools such as plotting all sightings on a map to look for patterns, concentrations, etc.

2. (C) Thus, there is a great element of truth in General Tighe's statements that we have done a sloppy job. I come to the same conclusion after having looked into the issue probably in somewhat more detail than General Tighe, but not for as long a period of time.

3. (C) With regard to the allegation of "a mindset to debunk", I must conclude that there is an element of truth to this as well, although probably not as much as has been publicly stated. In fairness to DC-2, a good measure of this is attributable simply to human nature. The analysts have seen so many fabrications for so long that their first subconscious reaction is "this is just more of the same garbage". And most of it is. But some may not be. Frustrating as it all is, they have got to run all the leads to the ground. They have not been doing this as faithfully as they should. Thus, the "mindset to debunk" charge and

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ACTIONS TASKED TO DC-2 (NOT IN PRIORITY ORDER)

Get together with Tom Lalimer of HPSCI and ultimately perhaps Congressman Hamilton to line up their support vis-a-vis Congressman Hendon. Do the same thing with the Asia/Pacific Affairs staff and personally with Congressmen Solari, Solomon, and Gilman.

Get together with Garwood ASAP to debrief him.
Establish a plot showing location of sightings by year. Maintain this current. Look for patterns.

Review the Yen Bai cases after talking to Garwood. There is a lot of information on Yen Bai in the files, much of which tends to substantiate what Garwood says.
Set up a periodic review process to ensure necessary action is being taken on all cases.

Set up a tickler/follow-up system on imagery tasking to ensure that required imagery is collected and doesn't fall to the end of the queue or get cancelled.
Arrange another interview with ~~Source~~ Record it if possible. Bring pictures, etc. for him to look at. Try to settle case. TV tape would be great.

Hire a returned POW as an analyst. (This gives Ann Hills Griffiths some problems and will have to be discussed with her.)
Put a Reservist to work doing a study on the backgrounds/common denominators of the couple of dozen MIAs who were known to have been captured alive but who never showed up in the prison system.

Get an extra Intel clerk aboard (action pending-RS).
Get ADP help (action pending-RS).
Increase the use of polygraphs. All live sightings since '75 should be polygraphed. This will probably require additional polygraph assets. Look into how we can make these available.

Polygraph the source in jail in Denmark re his sighting at Yen Bai.
Seek sources of analytic support outside FBI.
VO travel to GIL, JCRC, and camps at earliest convenience.

Prepare unclassified precis of intelligence provided by Smith and McIntire.

the "sloppy analysis" charge are closely related. The former causes the latter. The leadership of DC-2 (the O-6, Deputy, and senior analyst) must be the conscientious of the organization to preclude this mindset taking hold and to closely monitor the work. This they definitely have not done well over the years.

4. (C) I am not persuaded that enough assets are being dedicated to this problem if it is the top priority problem we claim it is. In particular, I wonder if JCRC is adequately manned, whether we have enough polygraph operators available, etc. I would not be able to make a judgment on this without actually having visited JCRC and the camps, which I have not had an opportunity to do. I would encourage you to do this early in your time here so you can draw conclusions regarding the adequacy of our level of effort in the field. Without-firsthand exposure, my observations in this area fall into the category of gut feelings rather than researched opinions.

5. (C) A key area which requires attention is DIA's image -- how we are perceived to be doing our job rather than (or in addition to) how we really are doing it. We need to portray an image of open-minded, objective professionals who take this business very seriously and are willing to talk to anyone who might be able to provide us information. This includes the Baileys, Garwoods, and the Lunatic fringe.

6. (C) I see the most important thing we must do right now is to be cementing relationships on the Hill. We have not done as well there as we should. It is clear that Congressman Hendon will be using our files to discredit us (and he will have lots of ammunition there). We need to ensure that we have formed the necessary alliances with HPSCI and the Asian-Pacific Affairs committees, their staffers, and their chairmen that we receive support in our efforts to damage-limit Congressman Hendon.

7. (C) I am afraid we are in for some troubled times. We have not done our job as well as we should have in days passed and we will not withstand scrutiny very well. Yet we will receive plenty of scrutiny in days to come. We must make all preparations to minimize the criticism this scrutiny will bring. I have attached a list of action items which I believe are required to accomplish this. I have already tasked DC-2 in these areas, but close monitoring and personal involvement will be called for. I stand by to help in any way I can.

Very respectfully,

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The "Pentagon Papers" of the POW/MIA Issue

by Robert K. Brown

Mike Hedges, reporter for *The Washington Times*, first broke the story on the Commodore Thomas A. Brooks memo on 30 June 1992. Sen. Robert Smith, (R-N.H.) a vice chairman of the Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs, had requested that the Pentagon release the Brooks memo in late May. He was refused. A Pentagon spokesman on 29 June stated that, "It is classified and is going to remain that way."

In October 1990, according to Hedges, the Pentagon denied to the House Armed Services Committee that the Gaines report even existed in written form; the report was still classified as of 1 July. When Hedges contacted Defense Department spokeswoman Captain Susan Stradnansky and asked why, she stated, "The report is classified because it contains information that needs to be safeguarded." You, dear reader, can be the judge of that!

I queried Deborah DeYoung, communications director for the Select Committee, on 7 July about the status of the two documents. She responded that they were still classified; adding that the government insisted on "sanitizing" them before release and that the Committee was continuing to press for their release.

I observed that it would be interesting if the government was so stupid as to actually "sanitize" said documents, because it would allow the world to see what dorks they are; and it would give us an idea as to what they perceive to be of "national security interests," "confidential sources that must be protected," and "methods of intelligence gathering," that must remain classified.

The government's claim that these documents and a multitude of others requested by the committee affect vital national security interests is unjustified.

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to conclude that the government wanted to keep these documents hidden under its moth-eaten cloak because they demonstrate incompetence, bungling, stupidity and gross lack of leadership.

Hopefully, the Committee will determine if these deficiencies were ever corrected, and if not, why not.

Now, the next objective is to pin the tail on some of the asses in Washington — those who were responsible for this 19-year travesty.

HOLLYWOOD COMM

A Guide For Armchair Audie Murphys

by Rob Krott

With the recent increase in “action” films and the promilitary media blitz (courtesy of Cable News Network’s private miniseries, *Desert Storm*), I’ve noticed a growth in the number of self-confessed heroes who swagger down the sidewalks of our metropolitan war zones and hold debriefing sessions in local watering holes.

Regrettably, most of them are dismal amateurs who lack the proper dress, mannerisms and accessories. They just haven’t been watching the right movies. Even in circles where actors get paid to look and act real, there have been of late several notably mediocre film portrayals of warriors past, present and future.

The following self-help/how-to article is designed to rectify this dismal state of affairs. If you’re going to do an act, at least make it a class act. Central casting and Walter Mittys everywhere, take heed. The basic formula is quite simple: Essentially, all you need to be a *Hollywood Commando* are the right “props” (commando slang for “stuff”).

Props

Weapons: The most important prop. It makes you look so “tough.” No clerk in the Army ever posed for a photo with his typewriter. You got to have a weapon. The more, the merrier. Bonus points awarded for exotica, i.e., crossbows, blowguns, Kung Fu throwing stars, circular saw blades, and anything with a folding stock or silencer on it. Aftermarket bells and whistles you can hang on a weapon — no matter how improbable — are always good, too, as are weird, impractical firing stances (If somebody looks askance at your Kung Fu firing stance, mumble something like “... that’s how we trained at the Agency.”).

Firing Technique

Always fire “burp” guns from the hip, not the shoulder — Hollywood Commandos are usually wounded in the shoulder, anyway. Don’t worry if the bad guys have submachine guns and you have a pistol — one well-placed shot from 100 feet with your 3-inch revolver in the middle of a firefight will take out that bad guy with the MAC-10.

Attention should be paid to weapons magazines (No, no, not the *American Rifleman* — these are the ones that hold your bullets.), mistakenly called “clips” by every would-be Hollywood Commando, as in: “Quick, Joe-Bob, load me another clip!”

Always tape magazines together to facilitate quick reloading. Don’t worry that you’re unable to “assume a good prone unsupported firing position.” Don’t worry that the bottom magazine is full of dirt and its lips are bent from being jammed into the ground the last time you fell on your face. Don’t worry, because things like that rarely happen in combat. Besides, as an experienced Hollywood Commando, you’ll stand dramatically erect in the middle of a violent jungle firefight while rounds snap overhead, grenades blow up huts, and claymores rend the air around you. Hooah! Hooah!

Do not carry extra magazines. The one in the weapon will last for your whole mission or two-hour screenplay, whichever ends

first. Besides, if you have magazines in your magazine pouches, where will you carry your sunglasses, lip balm, mousse and tough-guy cigarettes? Belts of machine-gun ammo draped around your body like an armored vest, however, are fine.

Cigarettes

As for cigarettes, smoke only non-filter macho brands. Dangle one from the corner of your mouth with exaggerated *sang froid* (French director’s talk for “cool”). Do not remove it when you speak. For lessons, see any 14-year-old American male. *Hollywood Commando health note: John Wayne didn’t get cancer from smoking all those Camel straights; no, it was the radioactive sound stage for The Conqueror, so light ‘em up!* Roll-er-owns are out, unless you’re a cowboy commando. Always tap the end of the smoke on your Rolex crystal before you light it. To dispose of a butt, you can either throw it over your shoulder half-smoked (like the Duke), or squint into the distance and grind it out on the palm of your hand.

Smokeless tobacco — aka “chew” — is no good for Hollywood Commandos. It screws up your profile and ruins your lines. Yes, we know Colonel Brown and Major Donovan “dipped snuff” in their movie, but the red ID cards in their wallets were definitely not from the Screen Actors Guild. The only acceptable chew is leaf tobacco, and only in a film sequence where you will be shot in the leg, so you can scrape the plug out of your mouth and plaster it on the wound, which you then bind up with a strip from your do-rag.

Knives ‘n’ Nades

Strap a BIG knife to your leg.

Preferably to the outside of the calf where it will not catch on anything (like concertina wire, trip wires or somebody else’s parachute shroud lines). The knife strapped to the leg is mostly used for throwing at sentries 50 feet away. They always get it in the neck.

Eat out of a can with your BAK (Big Ass Knife). Real men don’t eat quiche, and they sure as hell don’t eat it with a little white plastic spoon. When hunched over eating — and cutting your mouth — with your BAK, be prepared to jump into (or out of) the water, using your bare hands to take on several little yellow guys armed with Kalashnikovs — while rock music plays in the background and professional fashion models cavort about.

Grenades (‘nades, to those in the know) are simple. Always carry plenty of ‘nades.

Your web gear should be literally festooned with ‘nades. Hang them by the pins ... it’s not *really* dangerous. Besides, your family already has the studio’s insurance money spent. Grenades always blow the bodies of enemy defenders into the air (usually in back flips or airborne cartwheels) and leave your machine gun, rocket launcher, death ray or whatever in perfect working order for you to use. Oh yeah, don’t worry, they don’t weigh that much.

‘Nades require their own employment technique. Pull the grenade pin with your teeth. You don’t need those front incisors,

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anyway ... so what's a little tooth enamel? Besides, everyone knows Army dentists do good cap work.

If you are any sort of high-tech commando, have one grenade painted bright red — in case anybody is foolish enough to ask, that's your handgrenuke, and it'll blow an enemy tank right off its tracks.

See Bruce in wardrobe, and don't forget makeup. Camouflage is important. The cammo-paint-lightly-smeared-on-cheeks look is a must. Remember: Smear just enough cammo to look like you've got some on, but under no circumstances cover the whole face, and certainly not the ears, lips or neck (front or back). Not under *any* circumstances do you shade the light, shiny parts of your dark face, or lighten the shadowed parts. Tiger stripe or weird patterns making you appear like a Sioux chief or Zulu warrior are acceptable, but only if your shirt sleeves are rolled up, exposing bare, white forearms. This is necessary so everybody can see your tattoo of the skull with a knife through it.

A large flashy chrome, or gold, diver's chronograph with 38 separate functions to include a barometer, altimeter and mess kit is also required for proper camouflage. To show off your cammo job to best effect, ensure you have enough mousse or styling gel on hand to keep your hair out of your face. Wearing a green bandanna when all your troops are wearing their helmets is also acceptable

(but only if you're a sergeant on his third tour who plays a harmonica and dates a female Army doctor).

Sunglasses are too expansive a subject to cover here ... besides, if you don't already know all about the proper wearing of shades, you're hopeless as a budding Hollywood Commando.

You will need a compass, of course, which you tape to the



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buttstock of your weapon. As long as the muzzle points north, so will the compass needle. Better yet, leave the compass at home and navigate by the stars. Never mind that the mission brief specifies only 10% nighttime illumination as well as heavy cloud cover.

Although there are many flexible uniform options, there are some inviolate rules: Always let the ribbon of your beret hang down the back of your neck; it will offset the "butterflies" of your bow-tied boot laces flaring out from beneath your fatigue pants.

Safari suits are permitted only when covering an armed conflict in a Third World nation as a TV "correspondent," or when recently assigned as a State Department boob who doesn't (of course) speak the native tongue. Note: Be careful not to leave the air-conditioned hotel bars in the capital, as your tailor will become agitated if you ruin his latest creation, and besides, there really isn't a good cleaners around here, is there?

Cammies, preferably an obscure tiger stripe, are preferred, but always wear non-subdued rank insignia on your uniforms-how else is everyone going to know you're in charge?

Master these simple guidelines and you're ready to sally forth and join the legions of Hollywood Commandos that include greats such as The Duke (of course), Errol Flynn, Tyrone Power, Alan Ladd, Vic Morrow, Christopher Walken and even Sly Stallone. (Audie

Murphy, Lee Marvin and Aldo Ray are excluded because they were *real* combat veterans.)

So get yourself some sunglasses and remember to carry *lots* of mousse.

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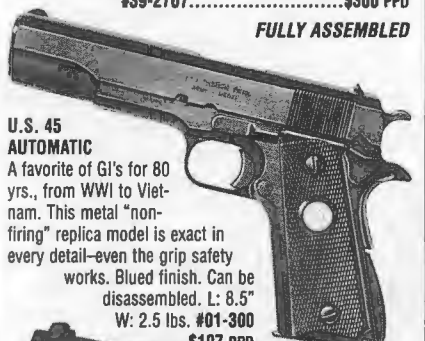


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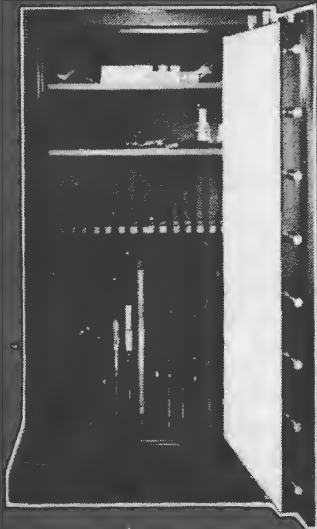
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tactics available to law enforcement special operations units. Before choosing what tactic or tactics best fit the mission, they should be broken down (as described) and thoroughly rehearsed before including them in your repertoire. Tactics cannot be learned by reading them from a book or practicing them once or twice: They must become instinctive. This is accomplished only through constant training

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KURDISTAN

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aircraft DShK heavy machine gun dug in there, backed up by a PKM GMPG and a couple of RPG-7s.

We were talking about the quality of Turkish soldiers when one of the lads admitted he had done the required 18 months' military service in the Turkish army. His training began with an American .30-caliber M1 carbine, then an H&K G3, before he joined a 105mm howitzer crew.

The young man was stationed at Urfa, a city southwest of Diyarbakir on the border of Kurdistan. In an oblique acknowledgment of PKK effectiveness, the Turk-

ish military command has designated Kurdistan a "region of unusual activity" from which Kurdish conscripts are excluded.

Though not denied the chance of promotion, Kurds often come in for more than their fair share of the reported thugery of Turkish army discipline. "They are dictators," the former conscript said. "We encourage comradeship with ideology. They enforce it with the boot."

Although Turkish conscripts in Kurdistan just want to do their time and go back home, many don't make it. From notebooks and diaries taken from those they have killed, the PKK can learn a lot about the morale of their enemy. Papers taken from the dead body of Kemal, a military policeman from Rize on the Black Sea, tell not only his blood type, personal and rifle serial numbers, but also what he was thinking.

"I'm living in fear," Kemal had written. "Help me, God."

Jake Border is an experienced combat photojournalist who has covered numerous wars in the Middle East and Far East.

MUDFIGHTER

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at the 1992 Covert and Special Operations Expo (COPEX) in Miami this past March

was a real hit. In fact, Sadler said his company could receive orders worth as much as \$20 million from Latin American and Caribbean countries. Some of the orders depend on the success of live ordnance tests Sadler is now busy coordinating, which will probably occur someplace in Latin America.

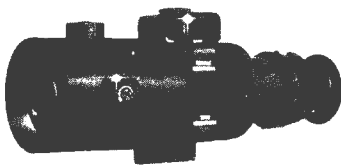
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Some traditionalists may find this dirt-cheap mudfighter a little hard to swallow. After all, weapons systems as practical and promising as the A-22 are not what the Pentagon is all about. Nonetheless, the potential of light, low-performance aircraft in modern low-intensity conflicts should not be rejected.

The exploits of U.S. Army liaison pilots flying Piper Cubs in World War II come to mind. Further, the forward air controllers of Vietnam provide a lesson or two. The Sri Lankan air force continues to fly offensive sorties with armed, Italian-built SF-260 "puddle jumpers." It seems to this writer that the viability of light, fixed-wing aircraft has been proven — and ignored — time and again. Take for instance the experience of the Rhodesian (Zimbabwean) air force.

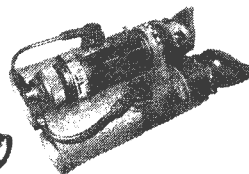
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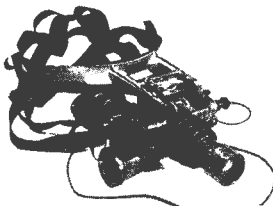
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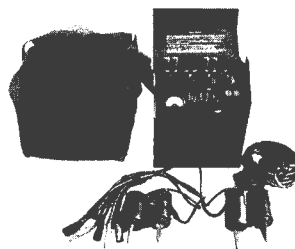
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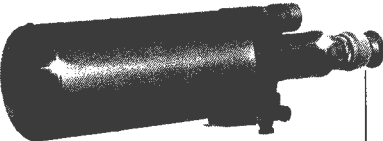
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I WAS THERE

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voy 20 feet in front of me. As the car moved, the trooper closest to it yelled, "Weapon!" This shout was quickly followed by a burst from a Squad Automatic Weapon (SAW) as the trooper approaching the car took out the driver. I fired my pistol into the head of the passenger a split second later. I felt as though I entered slow motion, as I watched the small red hole appear in my victim's temple. A half-second later the men in my vehicle exploded with a volley into the already deceased PDF troops.

As the vehicle continued to roll for-

ward under its own momentum, the soldiers in the trailing vehicles opened fire. Simultaneously, a grenade exploded in the vehicle, further impacting on its passengers' ability to enjoy the remainder of the day. I can only suppose the grenade was intended for my men and I, and that the pin was pulled before its owner's untimely demise.

After two or three seconds, which felt like minutes, I realized we were in a town square. Moments before, several dozen civilians had been standing in streets now filled with automatic weapons fire and an exploding vehicle. I yelled to my men to cease fire and turned toward the trailing vehicles to check their firing. As I spun to my right, I realized I was only feet away from the line of fire. A sudden movement on my part would result in a similar fate as of the deceased PDF heroes.

After some vigorous arm-waving I succeeded in halting all fire. I now faced the possible scene of civilian casualties lining the street. My adrenaline rush turned to anxiety and then relief as I scanned the now empty streets. All had disappeared except the smoking wreck holding the latest martyrs to Noriega's regime.

I radioed the Delta Company commander that all was secure. The convoy moved forward. My men reflected on their first taste of death in combat. I

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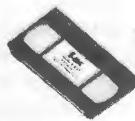


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had just killed a man, but still had the lives of 20 others on my shoulders. Each trooper knew how he had responded, whether he froze, or fired as trained. My impression was that most of the men fired; this comforted me, as it confirmed that our training had paid off.

As I reflect on this experience, I am very thankful: First, that my battalion S-3, an ex-Delta Force officer, had arranged for a pair of Delta pistol experts to drill the battalion's officers in the basics of marksmanship only one month before the operation. This training was far superior to our normal trips to the range. Usually pistol-users fired qualification tables without any practice. Often we had to use personal ammunition, since the Army is usually unable to provide enough pistol ammunition, even for annual qualification.

Second, I'm thankful I responded in the instant that prevented delivery of the grenade into a vehicle full of soldiers; this response either comes or it doesn't. Having read studies of weapons-firing in combat (S.L.A. Marshall conducted several), I was concerned about both my troopers' and my own reaction to our first contact. My fears were unfounded.

Third, I'm pleased that once firing began, my troops maintained control. All rounds struck in a very confined area on the target, and no civilian casualties resulted from our action.

I reflect on this incident almost daily. Taking a life at close quarters alters one's view of combat and admits one to a select fraternity that understands this experience. Far from heroic, it is the unpleasant and inevitable result of men placed into a life-or-death struggle. Only the survivors can relate their tales.

EMBASSY

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and was booby-trapped. Elsewhere in the city, both the British and French were quietly reclaiming their diplomatic residences without fanfare. Down the street, the Americans were blowing the shit out of theirs, much to the delight of the crowd in the street. "We went back a day later for a meeting," Brownlee recalled. "The embassy was a mess — walls shot up, doors kicked in. All the damage was done when they stormed it."

Millions In Damages

A U.S. State Department source at the embassy in Kuwait confirmed that no mines, booby traps or hostile devices of any type were ever found on the premises by Johnson's raiders. Damage estimates to the compound ran into the millions of dollars — dollars needlessly spent, as all

accounts reaffirm the embassy was intact and explosive-free well before being "rescued" by SOCCENT.

By the afternoon of the 28th, the American Embassy in Kuwait City was officially secured. Johnson was photographed escorting the new American ambassador to the compound. On 1 March, Edward Gnehm proudly raised the original flag that former Ambassador Howell had carefully lowered in December.

All troops directly involved in "securing" the compound were awarded at least a Combat Infantryman's Badge, with some receiving Bronze Stars with "V"-devices for their part.

But what of the small American flag reported on the 26th to be flying? If Ambassador Howell indeed lowered the original embassy flag, and the Iraqis took its replacement down, where did the third flag come from? Did the resistance raise it on the eve of the ground war? Did the Iraqis put one up to suck unsuspecting American troops into a heavily mined killing ground?

According to a number of sources, including SOF operators, senior officers and a State Department source at the embassy in Kuwait, the flag was raised sometime during the early hours of 26 February by the Marines.

Encountering little resistance from Iraqi forces, the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force had swept rapidly toward Kuwait City. Ordered by CENTCOM to hold behind the 6th Ring Road, the Corps stopped short of the city. A squad of recon Marines accompanied by their lieutenant pushed forward, ending up outside the embassy.

Despite orders, the lieutenant entered the deserted compound with his men and proceeded to recon the premises. Finding no Iraqi defenders and encountering no booby traps or mines, the Marines prepared to leave. Before doing so, their officer removed a small flag he'd been carrying and ordered it raised. Perhaps recalling the Corps' historical moment atop Iwo Jima, the Marines proudly attached the flag to the pole's lanyard and hauled up the Stars and Stripes. That done, they returned to their lines.

It was their flag found proudly waving by Army SOF operators on the afternoon of the 26th. Unfortunately, this was Kuwait City, not Iwo Jima. For his transgression the Marine officer was, according to high-level Marine Corps contacts, court-martialed for failing to obey orders; his whereabouts and identity are known but to the Corps.

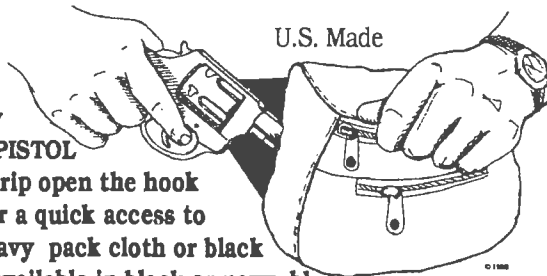
"The Marines were highly embarrassed over the incident," an SOF officer reported. Ambassador Gnehm requested SOF personnel to act as the embassy's guards upon its liberation, an assignment historically belonging to the Marines.

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ISSUES

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will be adversely regarded by the host government, and JCRC could lose its charter. This is naive. Once the host government allows access to the refugee, assuredly it considers that exploitation will be complete. There have been detrimental effects from this conservative policy, namely, indepth questions do not get directed to sources; sources disappear before being reinterviewed as they move on through the refugee stream; and essential information on other that live sightings is not collected. Case files reviewed reflected invariably that reinterviews were the norm rather than the exception. This is wrong. Sufficient data should be elicited in the initial interview to make reinterview the exception. Data is needed concerning re-education camps through SEA; biographics; PW enclosures and other areas. These areas should be exploited in the initial interview rather than focus only on the live-sighting question. Significantly, there are other intelligence initiatives which may be supported as an ancillary effort, provided JCRC is reoriented, or augmented by other DoD personnel. One commonly accepted tool in refugee screening is the knowledgeability Brief (KB). A sample is attached at Annex C. Consideration should be given to making KBs a routine tool in the screening process.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the POW Division meet with JCRC to review collection guidance and planning, adequacy of resources, and policy matters. Specific recommendations will result subsequently. (This kind of meeting was also suggested earlier in the Commodore Brooks' memo of 25 Sept. 1985 (Annex B).)

ISSUE #12 — INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

(C) DISCUSSION:

Since our 10-point national strategy is apparently working and impacting internationally, demarches to other countries on PW/MIA's may be in order. It is a matter that merits discussion in the Interagency Committee. For example, the French (based on the past outstanding record of French intelligence, the *Surete National*) pass information which would clarify or resolve some of our "sightings," or lead to new initiatives. PW/MIA Division case files that are currently "open"

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RECOMMENDATION:

POW Division take the initiative in gaining State Department assistance.

ISSUE #13 - GARWOOD (CONF) DISCUSSION:

Garwood had placement and access in SRV. No other American source meets this qualification. Therefore, his past track record of character defects must be shunted aside and exploitation should proceed on a positive note. Analysts speculate that approximately 130 of their reported "live sightings" involve Garwood. Now is a chance to check this out and not only clear up some live sightings — but also run an audit trail on the Division analytical capability. For example, consider Yen Bai, a case that remains perplexing. Garwood was at Yen Bai from 1975-1979, working as a low-level member of the staff. (Assuredly he knows whether or not there were 1,000 PWs held there as previously reported.) He traveled to various SRV camps repairing generators, so he should be able to retrace his routes on maps and be questioned re: area knowledge. He must know personalities, both SRV and American PWs'. Garwood represents the best source available to date in this imprecise initiative, and fortunately, DIA appears to be embarked on a positive dialogue with him.

RECOMMENDATION:

Supervisors must optimize plans for Garwood's cooperation and availability. Planning should include consideration of hiring him as a consultant.

ISSUE #14 - VIETNAMESE DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN

(CONF) Determine if there is a concerted effort on the part of any foreign government, or outside agency, to run a coordinated disinformation campaign.

(C) DISCUSSION:

Several organizations involved in the PW/MIA issue believe there is a disinformation campaign being conducted by the SRV and other outside agencies to undermine the U.S. Government's PW/MIA effort. This belief often influences the amount of credibility VO-PW places in reports received pertaining to PW information. DIA has been at the forefront in alleging a disinformation campaign. The



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Task Force, however, was not able to confirm or refute its existence, but positive evidence appears to be tenuous and linked primarily to dogtags. Counterintelligence (OS-1) advises that it has attempted to get the military departments involved in the matter, with little success. Perhaps DB analysis could be brought to bear on this issue. DB has the wherewithal and expertise as evidenced by their past track record.

RECOMMENDATION:

(1) That DB conduct a study on this issue. (2) That pending outcome of such a study, DIA refrain from making any more statements supporting the existence of such a campaign.

ISSUE #15 — INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON VIETNAM PW/MIAs

(CONF) DISCUSSION:

DIA retains responsibility for the PW/MIA initiative, a fact totally appreciated among the national intelligence agencies. Implicit for DIA is the need to drive the national system to resolution of this matter within two years. The Task Force review involved coordination with the Intelligence Community Staff, CIA and NSA wherein the need surfaced to formalize our relations on this matter to a greater extent. The Interagency Committee is a firm step in this direction. DIA must not let it languish; as it assuredly will do if not used. A second step is a radical overhaul of the PW/MIA Division to ensure it takes a leadership role within the community. Due to Task Force suggestion, the IC Staff

has agreed to update the National Human Intelligence Collection Plan on Indochina promulgated in November 1982. Update will start within two months and a new plan can be forthcoming in the summer of 1986. The IC staff will consider a separate plan pertaining exclusively to PW/MIAs if priority warrants; and it will be up to the PW/MIA Division to provide the impetus. CIA reiterated that it knows the high priority assigned PW/MIA, but hedged when the review team asked that a CIA analyst be assigned full-time to the Division in DIA. CIA emphasized that DIA must make in-house fixes, after which the feasibility of assigning a CIA analyst can be examined. Continuing coordination in the Interagency Committee would include such matters as the following:

- a. Re-allocation or allocation of assets to appropriate field units, such as the Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCRC) or the military departments.
- b. Final authority on closing out or reopening cases pertaining to live-sightings.
- c. Pushing for international assistance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Energize the Interagency Committee. Make it a player in the effort. Amend charter of Committee responsibilities as required, and especially fix responsibility for adjudication of POW case files.

ISSUE #16 — STANDARDIZED POLYGRAPH PROCEDURES

(U) DISCUSSION:

There are no procedures outlined for the administration of polygraphs either to

sources who claim to have first hand live-sighting information or to those individuals who claim to possess hard evidence of Americans still held in captivity. The failure to have a standardized procedure lends credence to the argument of those who claim that DIA administers polygraphs only when it is in its own interest to do so. The 17 Ly Nam De Street case is an example. The source in question was polygraphed twice because his veracity was in question. Yet the sources who refuted the prime sighting testimony were not polygraphed, thus giving rise to allegations that DIA only uses the polygraph to support its own contentions.

RECOMMENDATION:

Set up a standardized procedure where all individuals claiming to have firsthand live-sighting information and those individuals claiming to possess hard evidence of Americans in captivity will be polygraphed as a matter of course. Although the polygraph is not a panacea, its consistent use in high-priority cases is not only useful as an investigative tool, but also from the standpoint of appearances.

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INTERVIEW

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and all that. It's very easy to get those kinds of lists. And this guy was just a scam artist that was giving us these live-sighting reports. So we were able to throw



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out the great majority of reports as scams. Maybe he actually saw an American and it turned out it would be Garwood or one of the other two or three defectors, or some Russian or Swede or something like that.

RKB: What problems did you have in JCRC?

GP: About a year and a half before I retired, we wanted to start up a refugee information collection program in the refugee camps. At that time there was none, period. We talked to DIA and the State Department about it.

RKB: Who did you talk to there?

GP: Chuck Trowbridge was our main contact in DIA and Frank Seiberts in the State Department. They seemed to be very reluctant, in fact at one time said, "Forget starting up a refugee collection program."

RKB: Who said that?

GP: I don't recall who. When we would request authorization to initiate such a program, we would get word back from DIA, "No, not at this time." Then we went to State and they said, "Don't worry about it right now."

RKB: What was their explanation?

GP: They didn't give any. We kept pressing them, saying, "Look, refugees who had casualty or POW info were beginning to make their way back to the United States." We felt that it would be embarrassing to the government if all of a sudden these people are coming up with information and no one is doing anything about it. We also thought that that would



Petrie, left, and Jim Murphy, Pleiku, II Corps, Mike Force, Tet '68.

embarrass DIA, would embarrass DoD, because the families would lock onto that and start saying, "Hey, why aren't you getting this information?" So, on our own, the lieutenant colonel that was out in Thailand at that time, Paul Mather, and I went to Thailand and down to Malaya and established a program on our own. Then, after the fact, we sent a message to DIA and State saying we had set it up and that we were moving ahead with it.

As the refugee reports came in from Malaya and other refugee camps, they first sent them to me. We processed them and I sent them on to DIA. After the program was moving along, we received a message

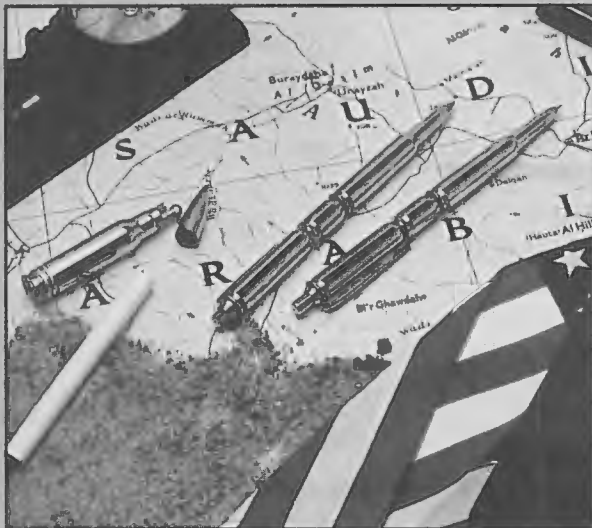
one day from DIA which told us to start classifying the refugee reports. And, you know, that's ridiculous. Why should we classify refugee reports that don't mean anything.

RKB: Who signed that directive?

GP: I don't recall. It could even have been a phone-call message. But, I told them, no way unless we get a message in here that has a sensitive source.

RKB: George, let me interrupt. What kind of source would be sensitive?

GP: Someone who had family still in Vietnam, and had specifically requested that he not be identified publicly, or a former agent that might have been able to



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be linked back with anti-communist underground movements. But only then if they specifically requested it. Most didn't.

RKB: So what was the response of State and the DIA?

GP: Well, they never did come back and raise a whole lot of hell about it. They just kinda said all right, you know. And we just sent the messages on and let them classify them. I understand that right after I left that they began classifying all the messages that were sent. My feeling at the time was that the reason they wanted the reports classified was to keep them out of the hands of the families.

RKB: What do you think their motive was?

GP: It was the same motive that the United States decided to hide information about live POWs. There was always an adversarial mindset between the government, like State and DIA particularly, and the Casualty Affairs people, against the families. And, you know, in some ways, I can understand it because the families were naturally upset and wanted to know more about their sons or husbands, and the government wouldn't tell them about it. I don't know why they wouldn't let them have full access to their sons' records. The families were not communist spies. But because of that, there was a very adversarial relationship. At least until 1980 JCRC was able to maintain, kinda stay one of the good guys, be one of the good guys in this thing. Because we did allow the families to see their survivors' records, or the POW/MIA or whatever records.

RKB: So, as I recollect in an earlier conversation, you stated that it was your policy that if the families came to Hawaii you would show them the file?

GP: Absolutely. Now, in JCRC Thailand, we were pretty liberal. If the families came, they were let, by and large, to see their sons' or husbands' files. In Hawaii, whatever we had on file at JCRC about their loved one, they got to see it, all of it. And I would sit in the office with them and go over it and explain it to them and talk to them.

RKB: Did you ever get any insight why the people back in DIA in Washington refused to do this? What was their justification?

GP: Secret information.

RKB: What was the nature of the, quote, "secret information?"

GP: The government said it must protect sources, intelligence-gathering methods. Anything the government wants to hide, they put it under that cloak. This doesn't hold water now, because shit, their intel gathering methods are 20 years old! Most of the sources are dead.

RKB: I see. You had mentioned that, getting back to this adversarial relationship between the DIA and the families, you had mentioned that you had been in the Philippines having dinner one night at the officers club, I believe in '77.

GP: Yeah, I was at the officers club. We were, I can't recall which trip it was, whether it was the Woodcock Commission or one of the other trips that we took later in '77, but I was over there with an

honor guard and some laboratory people and we were to pick up the remains in Hanoi, do an honor guard-type situation back in the Philippines and from there transship them on to Hawaii where the identification lab was. And as on all of those trips, usually there were DIA people, State people, this, that and the other. I remember having dinner one night with the Air Force colonel, who was head of casualty affairs for the Air Force at that time, and then the Navy Captain that we laughingly called "Fat Jack," head of Navy casualty affairs, and Chuck Trowbridge. He was of course with DIA. I don't recall for sure if Seiberts was there or not at the table.

They were talking about the families, and the last League of Families convention. They made remarks like, "Yeah, we really evaded that one," and "Well, they couldn't catch us on this and we stuck it to them on that." They were talking about the families like they were the enemy. I just said, "Hey, wait a minute, what's going on here. The families are the families, they are not the enemy," and they said, "Oh man, you better believe they are, they try to stick it to us every chance they get," so on and so forth. I really couldn't believe my ears.

At JCRC, even when the families gave us trouble, we bent over backwards for them. I remember a family group came to Saigon when I was there as operations officer and we rolled out the red carpet for them. We gave them as much information as we had.

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RKB: George, you mentioned setting up this system for the refugee camps, what did you actually do on that? I recollect when I was over there at that time, in '81-'82, that the procedure was that the JCRC people would periodically go up on a train to visit the camps, I guess they passed out flyers or something and they tried to arrange interviews.

GP: In all the refugee camps, throughout Southeast Asia, we distributed flyers and put up posters which basically stated, "If you have any information about an American who maybe was killed or lost, or an airplane that crashed, tell us" and who to contact. Our contacts had checklists. When we would get several positive responses, an investigator from Bangkok would go up to conduct interviews.

RKB: Once again, you said you were never able to ascertain why DIA didn't want to show these files to the families.

GP: No. I knew there was an adversarial relationship between the families and DIA but, back then, no one really talked about "cover-up" or "hiding secrets." I mean, Christ, that was unthinkable back then. When I was in there, ain't no way we would ever do anything like that.

RKB: Did you have knowledge of any live POWs during the time you were with JCRC?

GP: Yes. There were reports of sightings which I considered fairly decent intelligence. However, I have no knowledge of any analysts stating they had proof-

positive regarding specific live U.S. POWs. No one ever came out and said that's for sure. [Investigators submit specific reports. An analyst takes all reports regarding a specific subject and comes up with a conclusion. — Eds.]

RKB: To a novice, such as myself, with minimal background on this subject it would appear to me that one could, however, safely suggest that on a number of these live-sighting reports an analyst would say the glass is half-full of water or half-empty.

GP: Absolutely. There never seemed to be any in-depth analysis of the report itself. Seemed like the attitude was always, "Let's destroy the source and we can destroy the information that he sent forward."

RKB: Destroy, or discredit?

GP: Discredit. And it wasn't so much that Trowbridge and I were constantly tooth-and-nail over this thing. We had a lot of disagreements on philosophy. I didn't call him up every day and chew his ass out. But there were many instances where I said, "I still think there are live POWs," and he would come back, "No, no way. It's just so much B.S. There's no possibility that Americans can still be held alive over there." In other words, DIA seemed to be viewing the whole situation from a standpoint of "this information is not any good because the source isn't any good and besides that there is no way any Americans could be left alive." One shining light in this whole effort, before I got out, was

Admiral Tuttle took over as basically head of overseeing the PW section. He was a firm believer that there were POWs left alive. He came out to Hawaii one time and sat down in my office and said, "George, I know there are guys over there."

RKB: Do you feel, George, that he knew in his heart, or that he knew in his brain?

GP: Admiral Tuttle was a character. Very charismatic, he was an old fighter pilot. He was a hard charger, it's hard to tell whether it was emotion or knowledge. I think it was probably 75% emotion and 25% knowledge. But he had to have some indication, because if not he wouldn't come out there and say to us, "I know there are folks out there and we gotta go get 'em." That's quote, unquote. "We gotta go get 'em."

RKB: Did he give any indication as to how he thought we were going to go about this?

GP: No, because shortly after that, I left, then shortly after that, he left.

RKB: George, do you have any other comments or observations?

GP: There's been a lot of folks outside the DoD that have tried to badmouth JCRC, which upsets me. I always thought that JCRC were the good guys. The folks that I knew at JCRC were highly dedicated. The mind-set that was apparent at DIA, and DoD and State was not apparent at JCRC. At least through 1980.

RKB: George, thanks much. ✕

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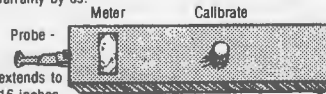
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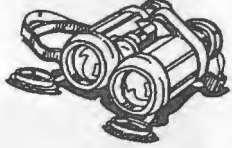
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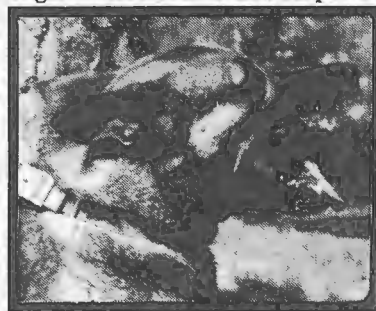
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