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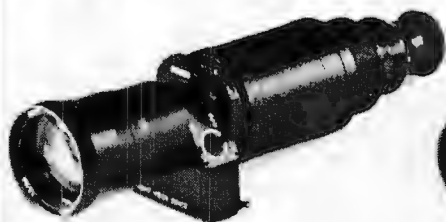
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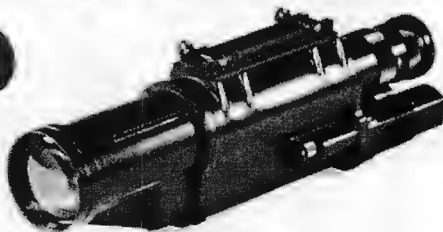
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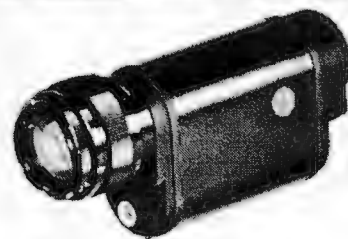
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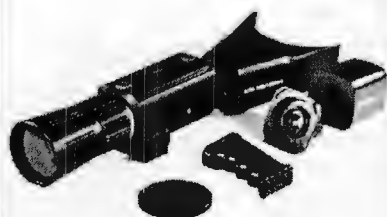
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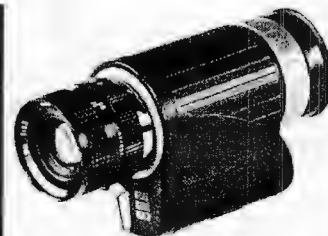


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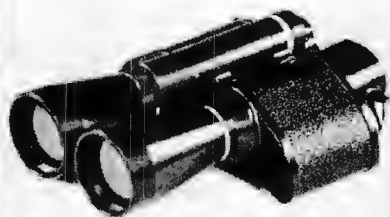


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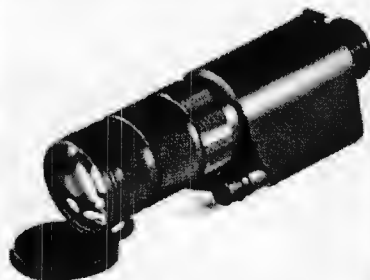


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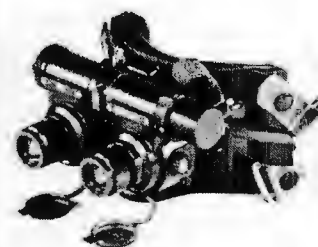
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Best Defense is a Good Defense

by Robert K. Brown

From time to time there are suggestions that the NRA and other gun-rights groups are too much on the defensive, trying to prevent the passage of anti-gun laws, and not enough on the offensive, pushing proposals that will shift the balance away from the criminal and in favor of the law-abiding citizen.

An incident in early December 1994 in Denver illustrates just how far things have gotten out of hand.

State Sen.-elect Pat Pascoe, a shrill anti-gunner, saw two young men attempting to break into her house. She sought help from her next-door neighbor, Robert

Coleman, a Vietnam vet and former San Diego cop. He retrieved his gun and foiled the break-in. As the two thugs took to their heels, they shouted at Coleman that they'd be back to get him. Coleman fired on the fleeing pair and hit one in the spine at 100 yards.

Now he is facing felony charges for first-degree assault, which carries a maximum sentence of 32 years in prison. This is justice?

The gun-rights constituency in Colorado, mainly the Firearms Coalition of Colorado (FCC), with SOF's enthusiastic support, is doing two things about this: first, collecting money to help pay for the defense of this outrageous persecution of a brave, law-abiding citizen.

Second, the FCC and pro-gun legislators are supporting proposals in the Colorado Legislature that expand the rights of ordinary citizens to use deadly force against a per-

son who is using, or appears to be about to use, physical force against an occupant of a dwelling, business establishment or motor vehicle; while committing or attempting to commit burglary, criminal mischief or criminal trespass; and/or against a person who reasonably appears to be committing or trying to commit various violent felonies. Another proposal would bar any civil action for damages sustained by the culprit during the commission of a felony or in flight from the scene.

When, and if, enacted, these two laws, along with a general concealed carry

law, which is also in the mill here, should go a long way toward making the streets safer for the law-abiding without greatly increasing the number of felons being supported in state prisons.

This is not just local news. The real reason for putting this in SOF is to get the word out to gun-rights groups across the country, so they can take similar action in their state legislatures. We are happy to send copies of the actual texts of these proposals to recognized gun-rights groups; write us on your group letterhead and enclose an SASE.

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RULES BROKEN, CONSTITUTION VIOLATED, RESPONSIBLE PARTIES PROMOTED...

A confidential 542-page Justice Department study of the debacle at the Randy Weaver standoff in Idaho three years ago has come down hard on its own — on paper, at least. Prepared by a 24-member investigative team reporting to the Office of Professional Responsibility (DOJ's internal disciplinary unit), the report characterized the whole chain of events leading to the 10-day standoff as a chaotic sequence of events that nearly spun out of control as the honchos in Washington stumbled through a series of mistakes and misjudgments, at one point changing the rules of engagement and ordering agents to shoot at any armed adults if they had a clear shot. Those shot, however, included a 14-year old boy and his unarmed mother.

The report stated, "Certain portions of the rules of engagement not only departed from the FBI's standard deadly force policy but also contravened the Constitution of the United States." The investigating agents also "found these rules to be imprecise and believe that they may have created an atmosphere that encouraged the use of deadly force, thereby having the effect of contributing to an



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unintentional death."

But the highly critical nature of the official report is at odds with actions at the FBI. Although senior officials are criticized for violating their own policy and the U.S. Constitution in a manner that cost innocent lives,

Larry A. Potts, who had overall responsibility for the operation, was recently promoted by Director Louis Freeh to be his chief deputy. It has also been announced that the FBI will not punish sniper Lon Horiuchi for killing Vicki Weaver.

Guthrie may have overheard conversations regarding drug and weapons deals. Guthrie lived and worked at an auto detailing shop owned by Vena. Authorities determined Guthrie was killed by two shotgun blasts in Cheyenne; then his body was taken to Weld County, Colorado, and dumped.

The BATF office in Seattle stated in a release that the two suspects were BATF informants, but that no criminal cases had been developed using the information they provided.

A JAPANESE GERM WARFARE STAMP?

The *China Daily* reports that Sha Dongxun, a researcher with the Guangdong Academy of Social Sciences, has found and identified an-

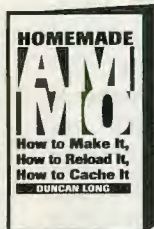
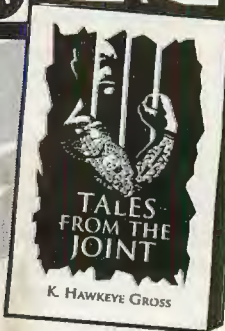


The media gets it ackbassward again: Here's a background graphic CNN uses when discussing news relating to terrorism — an M16-type weapon, with its 30-round magazine stuck in *upside-down and backward!* Photo: Ken Carter

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by K. Hawkeye Gross

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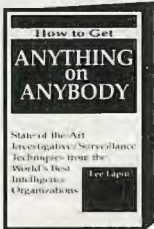


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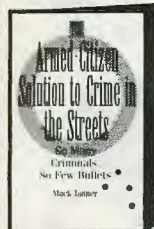
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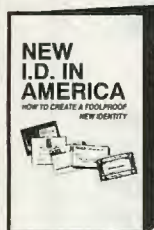
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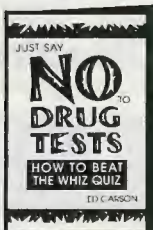
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other Japanese army laboratory where thousands of Chinese were killed in bacteriological experiments during World War II. Sha identified the laboratory in southern Guangdong Province, which she said was founded in 1939 by Japan's "fourth war-fare army" in 1939, designated as 4164, at the former medical college of Zhongshan University in the provincial capital, Guangzhou.

The program by Bo8609 included planting various potentially fatal, infectious diseases in refugees from Hong Kong and surrounding Guangdong Province to study the effects and weigh their potential for use in germ warfare. Sha reports between 3,000 and possibly as many as 20,000 people were killed in the experiments. "The finding will help unmask the inten-

tionally covered facts of that period of history," Sha noted.

NAFTA CARBINES

Although throughout her history Mexico has made it a point to not accept military aid per se from north of the border, it appears she may have succumbed to a mutuality of interest and accepted some 48,000 .30 M1 carbines from Uncle Sam. It is believed they will be issued to rural or reserve militia/police forces to aid in fighting Zapatista or other potential insurgents. Since the DCM will never get any more, we suppose this is at least better than cutting them up.

WACO-RELATED

An interesting tidbit from the September 1994 issue of *The Agent*, official publication of the National Association of

Treasury Agents: *TEXAS — The first Waco-related suspension has been given to an ATF management official.*

No, that's not a reference to Phillip J. Chojnacki and Charles D. Sarabyn, the two BATF scoundrels who headed up the biggest disaster in federal law enforcement history.

It refers to Special Agent Chris Heart, a group supervisor with 25 years' experience, who was suspended for two days without pay for visiting the Mount Carmel ruins, site of the Waco massacre, on the same day in May 1993 that raid participants revisited the scene "for therapeutic purposes." *The Agent* noted, "The sanctioned supervisor had not been a participant," and "visits were supposed to be restricted to raid participants."

Heart was punished

despite his claim that he got special permission for the visit — and the fact that "numerous other unauthorized ATF personnel were on the site that same day [and] none were punished." So why was Heart singled out? Probably because he had testified at a grievance hearing on behalf of a young agent who had been fired in an unrelated (and no doubt far less serious) matter.

And what of Chojnacki and Sarabyn? *SOF* reported their being fired on 26 October for gross negligence, incompetence and falsifying official documents related to the Waco disaster. It must have been a Halloween trick, because on Christmas Eve, they got a gift that made us want to puke in our stockings. These crumbs got their jobs back, along with full back

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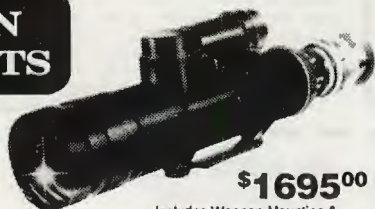
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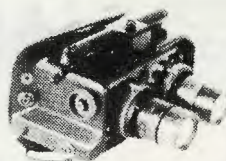
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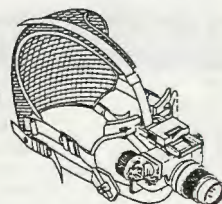


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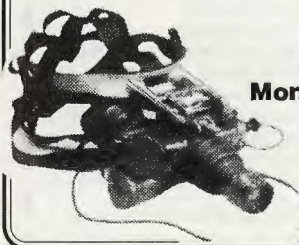
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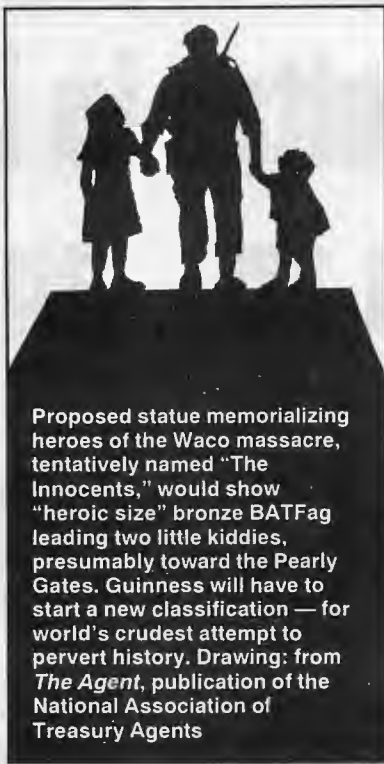
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pay and benefits — this after eight months of administrative leave that amounted to a paid vacation. According to federal sources, Chojnacki and Sarabyn threatened to name names about what “really” happened. Although technically demoted, each will be receiving similar pay as when they were fired, and the Treasury Department will foot the bill for their lawyers. Chojnacki, a 24-year ATF veteran, is now the ATF liaison to the U.S. Customs Service in Houston. Sarabyn, with ATF for 18 years, will be chief of the visual information branch at ATF headquarters in Washington. We can only hope that when they go home to their kennels each night, their mothers bite them.

— James L. Pate

MONUMENTAL HYPOCRISY

This item is reminiscent of the guy down in Phoenix a few years back



Proposed statue memorializing heroes of the Waco massacre, tentatively named “The Innocents,” would show “heroic size” bronze BATFag leading two little kiddies, presumably toward the Pearly Gates. Guinness will have to start a new classification — for world’s crudest attempt to pervert history. Drawing: from *The Agent*, publication of the National Association of Treasury Agents

who tried to raise funds for a memorial to Hanoi Jane Fonda and other Vietnam War protesters. But no doubt readers will get that special, warm, fuzzy feeling when they learn that the National Association of Treasury Agents (NATA) has formed a committee to dedicate a large bronze statue memorializing the four ATF agents and scores of children killed as a result of the Waco massacre. Its working title? “The Innocents.” One proposal would have “a heroic-size” ATF agent in SWAT gear, his machine gun slung over his shoulder, holding the hands of a little girl and a little boy. Apparently, there is dissension in the ranks. One letter to the editor of NATA’s newsletter decr

ing to erect a monument in Waco to the BATF officers who died there along with the children they terrorize and murder ... You should name your monument ‘The Baby Butchers.’”

The statue “is not intended. ... date the decisions’ feasibility of any ATF supervisory official,” the NATA newsletter notes. “... committee is seeking national concepts as well.” Ideas should be directed to the committee chairperson, Ms. Donna Miller, a special agent with the U.S. Secret Service, at (202) 828-1960.

— James L. Pate

DEA AGENT CONVICTED

A Douglas County, Colorado, jury has convicted DEA Special Agent Mark Dietze of menacing

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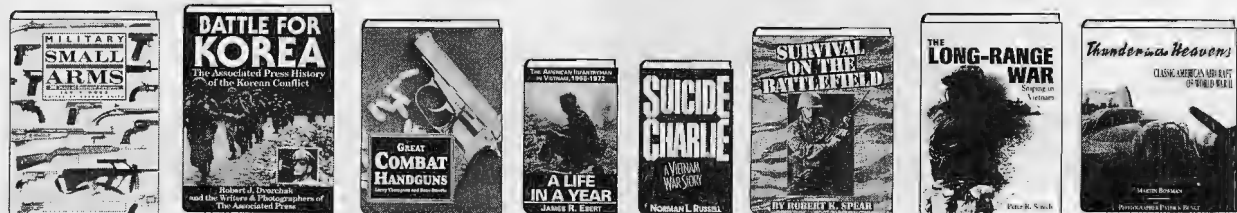
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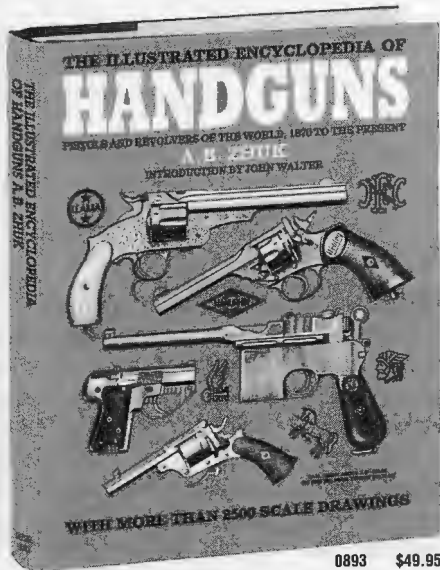
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WE NEVER LEARN

As a platoon leader in the only mechanized infantry company in Haiti, I have been shocked at the total lack of understanding of how to employ mech infantry by the leaders of the 10th Mountain Division.

We are supposedly here to prevent another Somalia-type incident. Unfortunately, we (and our Bradleys) have been used for everything but, including tow trucks, taxis, grass flatteners, mobile bunkers, etc. ... Last week we were sent on two training missions that were more than 100 km away. The commanders gave no consideration to the possibility that heavy forces might be required to pull the light guys' butts out of the fire should an emergency arise.

I just think it's a shame that leaders of the 10th have already failed to learn the lessons we paid so dearly for in Somalia.

2nd Lt. "Can Do"
Haiti

MISTAKEN MINIMI

I'm sure if you had let my friend Peter Kokalis examine the photo on page 45 of the February

'95 issue he would have identified it as an M-249 Minimi with 30-round magazine and short barrel. I have the identical weapon and will be writing about it in a forthcoming issue of *Machine Gun News*.

James L. Ballou
Salisbury, Maryland

After duly examining said photo, SOF Technical Editor Peter G. Kokalis offers this ID:

Weapon: FN Minimi SAW, caliber 5.56x45mm NATO. Can use either U.S. M27 disintegrating links or M16-type magazine as shown in photo. Scope: I am not totally certain, but it appears to be some variant of the Canadian-made ELCAN 3.4 power optical sight with 28mm objective, made by Hughes Leitz Optical Technologies Limited. I do not recognize the scope-to-gun interface, ocular eye cup or what appears to be a front lens cap on top of the scope at the objective end — all of which makes me somewhat hesitant of this aspect of the photo.

TRUE BELIEVER

I am 24 years old and was shot four times while driving my Mazda Miata home from a convenience store in a good neighborhood. I wasn't able to identify the gunman or the car due to the circumstances. Needless to say I almost died; but this hasn't made me anti-gun.

My point is, guns didn't do this to me, people did. But if our politicians would put half the time into keeping scumbags where they belong as they do trying to destroy our gun rights, things would be much better in our country. If they take away assault-style semiautos, what's to stop drug cartels and other organized criminals who have always had these, and full-auto, weapons from doing whatever they want?

T. W. Allen
Jacksonville, Florida

LET VOTERS SHOOT-DOWN CLINTON

Regarding your recent admonition against attempts to remove President Clinton from office by extra-legal means, I wish to offer an even more compelling reason to keep the president alive and (physically) well. For the past 31+ years of my life I have had to endure attempts by the mainstream press to make a folk hero/martyr out of a man I considered to be flawed both as a leader and as a human being — John F. Kennedy. The mere

thought of having to endure another 30 years of media attempts to make a martyr out of the likes of Clinton turns my stomach.

Since an eternal flame to Slick Willie is more than any reasonable person could be expected to endure, I would like to make a heartfelt plea to any nuts who might happen upon this letter. Please, please, please, I beg of you, please restrain yourselves and strive to maintain your tenuous grip on reality for at least another two years. Please give the voters a chance to retire Slick into well-deserved political obscurity in November of '96. Give us all a break!

Jim Stasko
Mechanicsburg,
Pennsylvania

SOME RATS GET TRAPPED

I am writing in reference to the Mickey Downie story. I have no personal knowledge of him, but from the story, it is very clear he has been a rat all his life and whatever happens to him is exactly what a rat deserves.

Robert Fortenbach
West Palm Beach, Florida

MISGUIDED GOOD GUYS

I want to comment on Richard Sherrow's piece "U.N. Troops 'Invade' Arizona" (*SOF* Feb. '95). Hopefully, it was obvious that Mr. Sherrow's tongue was planted firmly in cheek and his sarcasm

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Later, two top brass at NSWC saw the officer demonstrating moves he'd learned. But intrigue turned to doubt when they learned the originator was an ex-Army enlisted man.

Still they met with Jerry, as much out of admiration for his Vietnam record as anything (he spent 15 months as lead point for Charlie Company, the 173rd Airborne — one of the most decorated units of the war). The Seal officers, Vietnam vets themselves, figured Jerry at least ought to understand their needs.

But they were totally unprepared for what happened next. To prove his system, Jerry Peterson and a highly-decorated Seal Commander (and at 240, 100 pounds heavier than Jerry) went toe-to-toe — but at half speed. To the Commander's amazement he was instantly disabled and dropped to his knees.

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lieving Seals, many with extensive martial arts backgrounds, constantly tested Jerry in situations like these:

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❑ Once, Jerry challenged an entire platoon to pin him against a wall. All thought it a joke. Yet he escaped — from the grasp of 14 of the most proficient fighting men in the world (then demonstrated it was no trick — simply physics, and easily learned).

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One more thing. Cheap imitators may try to claim they've trained Navy Seals, but let me explain what they've actually done.

Seal platoons have discretionary funds which they use to bring in all sorts of instructors. For example, they've hired the Evelyn Wood™ company to teach speed reading.

And that's the level these cheap imitators are working at. They've gone in at an 'Evelyn Wood' level and given their program to a platoon — maybe to just 1 or 2 men. But they're not the genuine thing.

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Want to call these imitator's bluff? Jerry's official Naval Special Warfare course number is K-431-0096. Under the Freedom of Information Act call the Government Information Office and verify for yourself that this course, *Special Combat Aggressive Reactionary System (SCARS)* truly exists. You won't get details about it because it's restricted.

But ask these Navy Seal 'wanna-be' trainers what their official government course number is. You'll find they haven't got one!

In fact, if you're in a violent confrontation and all you have is these 'wanna-be' techniques, you might just be safer pulling out a book and trying to impress the assailant with your speed reading skills!

So now you decide. Do you want to learn 'disguised' martial arts from cheap imitators coming in at the level of Evelyn Wood instructors?

Or will you make the decision the Navy Seals made — and go with Jerry Peterson, the genuine developer of the official U.S. Navy Seal combat fighting system?

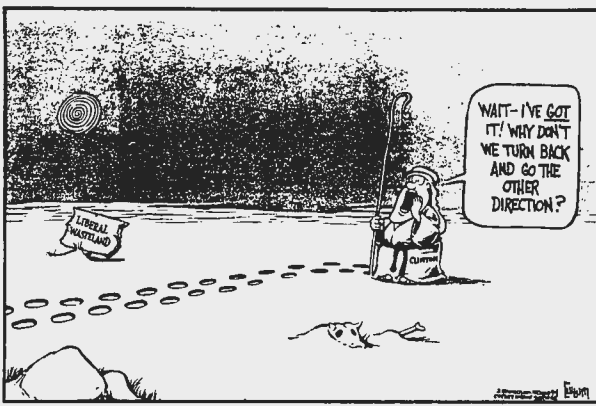
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should not blind us to the good intentions of his article.

His points regarding the immediate and possibly long term negative effects of this affair should be well taken. This is just the kind of thing that plays into our enemies' hands, as surely as that idiot firing on the White House.

On the other hand, I wanted to commend you folks out there in Wickenburg for your quick, though ultimately

misguided, response to the perceived threat. It was clear by the article and my own reported version of the story that cooler heads prevailed in the end and you should be applauded for the fact that nobody was hurt.

To the *SOF* staff: This incident illustrates the fact that many of us readers are becoming increasingly concerned by the directions we see our nation, and the world, heading. *SOF* stands as one of our

excellent sources for hard facts, good information and guidance. We need more of the above and less sarcasm toward people whose hearts, at least, were in the right place.

Magnum
Ridgecrest, California

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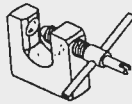
Colonel Rex Applegate's article ("Time Bomb On U.S. Border, *SOF* Feb. '95) was both timely and most informative. We who live in Southern California are acutely aware of the continuing silent invasion of Mexicans fleeing their country to improve their financial opportunities, rather than take action to change and correct the problems with their oppressive, elitist, on-the-take political leaders. In stark contrast, the rebel Zapatistas based in Chiapas state have cho-

sen to fight for change. Mexico, whose main export to America is illegal immigrants, is experiencing a stillborn NAFTA, a rapidly vaporizing peso, yet still managed to con Clinton into raising its credit line to \$9 billion. Quite a feat from a country with an internationally known lousy credit rating. The American middle class taxpayer (a non-existent class in Mexico) will largely pay for this megabuck handout, just as we already pay for the millions of illegals willingly fleeing their native country to pitch their tents here. Bubba Bill the Waffle King cares more about the border security of Kuwait than of the United States.

The only genuine and long-term solution for Mexico's problems is offered by Marcos and his Zapatistas. They are committed to stay and fix their

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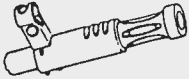
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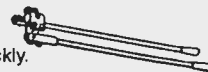
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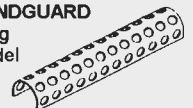
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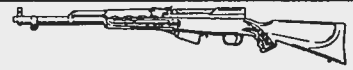
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native country's ills, much like our own Minutemen generations ago. A sick country is like a sick person, in that the diseased tumors need to be cut out and removed for a sure cure. If I could aid Marcos, I sure as hell would.

W. M. Lawson
Costa Mesa, California

THE LAW CAN LEAD TO TYRANNY

I beg to differ with one facet of Alex McColl's excellent February "Command Guidance" column. Mr. McColl asserts that there is no need and no justification for armed resistance to legally elected authority.

Tyrannical governments can and have resulted from lawful democratic sanctions. Suppression of speech, interference with the electoral process and genocide on massive scales have been the results. Obviously, armed resistance to these elected authorities would be justifiable.

Recently, here in our own country our government has, among other things, murdered fellow citizens, violated our privacies and suppressed free speech. And they remain unaccountable, aloof and arrogant. We need to remember that we are not a democracy, which is merely an organized form of mob rule where individual rights are easily lost. We are a constitutional republic, where each individual citizen's constitutional rights are paramount and are supposed to be protected by, not from, the government. Per Jefferson, Blackstone, et al, even when a legally elected government ignores its oath of office and oppresses the rights of its citizens, the citizens have every right to remove that government, by violence if necessary. Obviously, the preferred method is the ballot box, but such means are not always possible.

Larry Hokenson
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


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UNITED STATES

Both U.S. Army combat divisions in Europe report Cat-2 status — not fully ready for combat — for first time since World War II.

Downsizing has left military with huge stockpiles of ammunition (far more than can be used in training), meaning new orders are not materializing. Contractors are shutting down production lines, decreasing ability to produce ammo at wartime rates. Current stockpiles, although large, are not adequate in some categories for another Desert Storm.

Air Force will try Capt. Jim Wang, chief controller on AWACS plane that sent two U.S. fighters to shoot down two U.S. helicopters by mistake, on three counts of dereliction of duty. Charges against both fighter pilots and other controllers dropped.

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CHINA

Chinese nuclear submarine approaches USS carrier *Kitty Hawk* in Yellow Sea, touching off a 48-hour duel of wits as sub tries to get close. When U.S. helicopters dropped sonobuoys on sub, Chinese fighters threatened to shoot them down. Submarine eventually withdrew but China vows its forces will be authorized to “shoot to kill” U.S. units that harass them in future.

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HAITI

U.S. officials announce they have broken the back of paramilitary groups and are beginning process of transferring peacekeeping operations to United Nations. White House abandons plans to have Lt. Gen. Daniel Schroeder command U.N. force because such an appointment would require Senate confirmation, opening door to examine administration's entire Haitian policy.

One U.S. soldier and one Haitian killed mid-January at checkpoint shoot-out.

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SOMALIA

Bangladeshi troops abandon base at Afgoye and have to fight their way out under cover of U.N. armor and Cobra helicopters. Somali gun-trucks try to stop withdrawing peacekeepers and demand two years' rent on base.

U.S. 13th amphibious group with 3,000 Marines stationed in Kuwait available to help evacuate U.N. forces. Last Indian troops leave Somalia and Zimbabwe begins its withdrawal.

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BURMA

Government troops round up 300 “volunteers” to serve as porters in new offensive against Karen rebels. Several hundred Karens mutiny against their commanders threatening survival of 45-year-old insurgency. Karen National Union believes government spies caused incident.

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JAPAN

Charity fund seeking voluntary contributions from Japanese corporations for compensation to Western military personnel held in Japanese POW camps during World War II has been abandoned. POW groups plan to file suit in Japanese courts demanding \$22,000 for every prisoner or his estate.

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BOSNIA

Former U.S. President Carter reaches cease-fire agreement with Bosnian Serbs. Fighting continues at Bihac, not covered by cease-fire because rebel Muslims and Krajina Serbs fighting there were not party to agreement. Siege of Sarajevo reaches day 1,000 on 31 Dec 1994 with more than 10,000 killed and 50,000 wounded.

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RUSSIA

Scientists claim to have solved known problems with hypervelocity (670 mph) underwater missiles and are seeking international partners to develop them. Such missiles use kinetic energy to destroy targets.

New TKB-722K grenade launcher has been developed to replace AGS-17. It fires same 30mm ammunition but is lighter, more compact and has only 40% as many parts.

Defense Minister Grachev admits Russian planes bombed airfields at Grozny but only to prevent Dudayev from flying in more mercs. Cox News Service reports Chechens might have parts of a nuclear weapon — Dudayev was commander of a Soviet nuclear bomber wing. U.S. officials investigate reports of Chechen rebels shooting down Russian aircraft with U.S.-built stinger missiles supplied by former Afghan rebels.

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CAMBODIA

Government forces capture key Khmer Rouge base on Koulen Mountain. KR begins scorched earth policy in northern Cambodia and accuses government of chemical warfare in Preah Vihear province.

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NORTH KOREA

Kim Jong-Il fails to appear at rally celebrating third anniversary of his promotion to commander of armed forces, fueling more rumors he is seriously ill or losing power.

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SOUTH AFRICA

State-owned arms company, Armscor, admits producing small amounts of poison gas for testing chemical defense equipment. Crime wave forces government to deploy soldiers in Johannesburg to back up police.

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RWANDA

U.N. officials report that witnesses to massacres of Tutsis by Hutus are being singled out and executed by Hutu militia who control refugee camps in southwest Rwanda. Officials also report two or three people killed each night in gruesome voodoo rituals in Tanzanian camps.

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TURKEY

President Demirel vows to continue war against Kurdish PKK separatists despite 14,000 lives lost. More than 10,000 Turkish troops move into Tunceli province to rout an estimated 1,000 PKK rebels.

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NICARAGUA

Parliament bans sitting presidents or their relatives from running for reelection, although they can run again after missing one term. This allows Daniel Ortega to run in 1996, but excludes current President Chamorro.

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SUDAN

Eritrea breaks diplomatic relations with Sudan because fundamentalist groups trying to overthrow government are based inside Sudan. SPLA rebels attack Kapoeta and capture an ammunition dump. Five thousand refugees flee into Uganda to escape fighting.

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CANADA

Separatist government of Quebec introduces measure in provincial parliament that would make province an independent country one year after a referendum in favor of the move.

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HOMELESS VETS TAKE NOTE:

While the Clinton administration whacks and whittles away at the national defense budget, included in the federal budget is a housing allowance for the folks who once operated the nuclear weapons aimed at the United States. The Pentagon has announced a joint U.S.-Ukraine venture to build a \$16 million apartment complex in Khmel'nitskiy, Ukraine, for former Strategic Rocket Forces officers and their families. The money is part of a broader, more costly, Pentagon effort to

assist Russia and other former Soviet republics in dismantling their nuclear arsenals.

BRADY BASHING

So far, 10% of the states have had the Brady bill — Slick Willie's flagship legislative "accomplishment" — knocked down in federal court. A federal judge in Louisiana ruled the background check provision of the bill unconstitutional because it shanghais state officials to implement federal law. Similar decisions have been handed down in Arizona, Mississippi, Montana and Vermont, and a

kindred lawsuit is pending in New Mexico. A federal judge in Texas upheld the law as constitutional because, as he read it, a sheriff would not be overly burdened by having to make background checks.

CLINTON CAMPAIGN SHOWS MORE THAN \$4 MILLION IN "IRREGULARITIES"

Auditors from the Federal Election Commission have recommended that President Clinton's 1992 campaign be ordered to pay the United States more than \$4 million for "irregularities" — a record for presidential elections.

Some \$3.8 million was assessed Clinton's primary campaign, and \$254,546 was assigned to the general campaign. The bulk of the primary total, \$3.44 million, is for federal matching funds the campaign received, but for which the auditors say it was not entitled.

Auditors also uncovered nearly a quarter of a million in what they say were impermissible contributions such as extensions of credit and the use of corporate facilities by the Clinton primary campaign — including monies paid to a video production company

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FOSTER DEATH

A federal grand jury investigating the death of former deputy White House counsel Vincent Foster has questioned a number of subpoenaed witnesses, including a number of rescue workers and police officers. The witnesses were subpoenaed as part of the ongoing investigation by Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth Starr into the circumstances surrounding the death of Foster in July, 1993. Foster's body was found in a Virginia park with an antique revolver in his hand.

A controversial probe made earlier by Robert B. Fiske Jr., based on interviews conducted by his staff, concluded that Foster shot himself in a fit of

depression over adverse press. Starr said he will make his own "independent judgment" regarding the cause and manner of Foster's death.

At the time of his death, Foster was working on financial matters for the president and Hillary Clinton, a former partner in Foster's old law firm in Arkansas.

Two of the testifying witnesses had earlier told the FBI that they saw a briefcase in Foster's parked car at the park where he died. In addition to questions surrounding the suicide, Starr has been investigating presidential aides' handling of documents in Foster's office after the death. Some of the documents in question involved president and Hillary Clinton's Whitewater real estate ventures. Questions surrounding the briefcase are

significant because it was there, six days after Foster's death, that White House officials found a torn suicide letter.

Meanwhile, Senate Banking Chairman Alfonse D'Amato has vowed that the next round of Senate Whitewater hearings will "fully" explore contradictions in prior testimony by White House officials. D'Amato's promise came as Senate Democrats were completing *their* report, which documents contradictions in sworn testimony by White House officials last summer, relating to the question whether the Clintons' land deal or their gubernatorial campaign received money improperly siphoned from a failed savings-and-loan company owned by their Whitewater partner.

D'Amato's banking panel will conduct Whitewater hearings, but he has

indicated he would delay the next round to avoid interfering with the heating-up probe by Starr. D'Amato has urged Starr to consider prosecuting some Clinton aides for perjury to Congress.

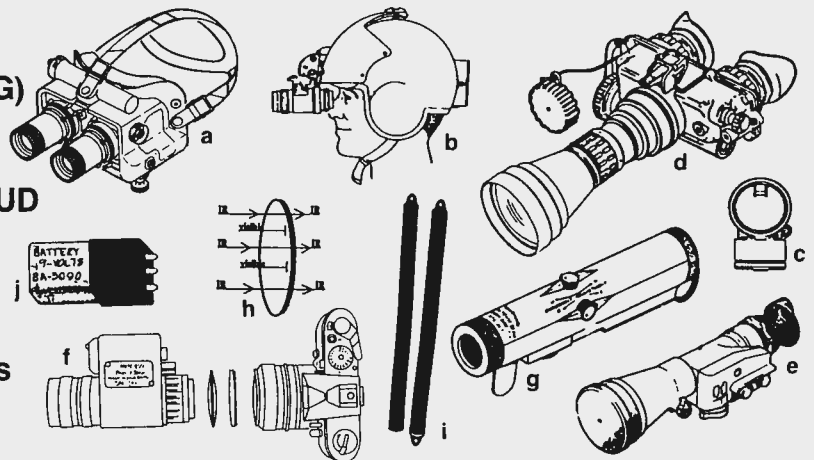
SEXUAL HARASSMENT SUIT DELAYED, BUT NOT DENIED

Judge Susan Webber Wright of Little Rock, Arkansas, has ruled that President Clinton has no immunity from civil suits in the sexual harassment suit by Paula Corbin Jones, but that the suit can be delayed until Clinton leaves office. She also ruled that the parties could proceed with pre-trial fact-finding to ensure that the case would not be compromised by fading memories; dated evidence or disappearing witnesses. Clinton's lawyers plan to appeal. ✕

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— by Dr. R. L. Horine —

Dear Friend,

A year ago I would have *never* written you this letter. You see, I’ve gotten on the “inside” with some of the most dangerous soldiers and law enforcement people on the planet (including members of the Navy SEALs and combat instructors for the DEA, Army Rangers, major police department SWAT teams and others.)...

We all shared the same arrogant attitude: This new “simplified” hand-to-hand fighting system created for combat and intense criminal warfare should *not* be released to the general public. Because...

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I initially felt the same. But I’ve recently changed my mind in a big way... all because of a beautiful woman named Julie. I’m ashamed that I withheld these important street-fighting skills from people like her — good people (like you, too), who are *unnecessarily* walking the streets as living targets for the criminal scum who prey on innocent victims and just love to humiliate and ruin people’s lives.

Here’s what happened: Julie was assaulted and badly beaten, by a man she could have easily knocked unconscious and escaped from — if only I had taken **15 minutes** to teach her what to do! It doesn’t matter that she’s a petite and gentle woman. The few simple skills of this new fighting system can be taught to *anyone* in an almost unbelievable short time, because it requires no strength, no agility, no special talents, no speed, *no nothing!* Forget what you see on T.V. — the most effective fighters in the world never use spinning head kicks or elaborate punches... in fact, they never “punch” at all. It’s all so much more **simple** than that — I’ve seen 60-year-old grandfathers and 13-year-old teenagers *master* this stuff almost overnight. For people like *you*, well, it’s even easier.

Julie knows how to defeat 99% of all street thugs **now**... but she was taught just a little too late to avoid those emotional scars she’ll have to live with for the rest of her life. And now, in all honesty, I’m doing my damned best to make sure every “good guy” I can

reach *never* has to go through what this lovely lady did...

And I Don’t Care What The Military, Or Anyone Else, Says!

Here’s the bottom line: How safe do you feel in today’s jungle-world? Are you even remotely interested in learning how (in a matter of mere hours) to turn any attacker or bully into a pile of bleeding beef at your feet — and so *automatically* — that you (or your loved ones) can always *terminate a dangerous physical assault situation before it even begins?* Would you like to have the confidence to walk nearly any street in the world, any time of day or night... knowing without question you can “neutralize” the threat of physical assault by criminal scum as easily and thoughtlessly as you would shoo away an alley cat?

I guarantee that if you are like every other man I’ve talked with in the last year, just *reading* this short message you have in your hands will start amazing changes to happen in your life! Changes that will turn you into a true modern-day warrior...

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I don’t care if you’re in the worst physical shape of your life, or even if you’ve never hit another person before, or don’t have the coordination to walk and chew gum.

Julie learned it... *and* a thousand guys smaller and weaker than you have learned it, too. Almost *overnight*. A Navy SEAL combat instructor told us that this fighting system can turn *anyone* into a potent hand-to-hand fighter. He said it’s amazingly easy to learn, easy to remember, and best of all, easy to *use* when needed!

Are you skeptical? Good. That means you’re not gullible, not easily fooled. But then almost everyone I’ve met in the last year has been just as skeptical as you. And listen to what happened:

— A pint-sized writer I know from Los Angeles was nursing a broken rib when he was bear-hugged from behind by a construction worker bully who outweighed

him by at least thirty pounds. Now, this writer had never been in a real fight before in his life... in fact, his only training came from just *watching* the 8 basic moves of this fighting system on video tape... one time! Yet he automatically used one of those “moves” the second he felt his rib begin to give...

And Was Astonished To Turn Around And See His Attacker Down And Whimpering On The Sidewalk!

—A fairly well-known West Coast body-builder and ex-college middle linebacker named **Bob Pierce** (6 foot 4, 240 pounds of raw muscle), who also had studied Judo for 4 years, absolutely did *not* believe that a little guy like me (5’ 6”, *maybe* 170 lbs. soaking wet) could “put him down” *if he surprised me from behind!* Well, I did... and he’s still tender where I “controlled” him with the simplest little move — and damn lucky I decided not to teach him a *real* lesson about going after smaller guys!

—A working mother named **Cindy Bowes** from Ohio... after *glancing* at this stuff (on a video), could only remember **one move** when she was assaulted by a man on her front lawn — but that one move put her assailant into such a boggled state that she was able to leisurely call the police and have him hauled off.

Here’s how this amazing fighting system “leaked” from the most elite military circles into your hands: You’ve never heard about **Paul Vunak**, but the SEALs, FBI, CIA and a dozen police department SWAT teams have. He is without question one of the most respected — and *dangerous* — men in the world at hand-to-hand combat — teaching it, and using it. For over 20 years he’s been mixing it up with every sort of fighting “expert” you can imagine... on the street, “in the clutch”, and in thousands of situations where his life was absolutely on the line.

The U.S. Navy SEALs brought Paul in to teach them his unique system after an exhaustive worldwide search for the *best* hand-to-hand combat system in existence. Paul didn’t ask them, mind you... **they** asked **him**. That’s how serious Paul’s reputation is in the world of real-life warfare. The

SEALS, you probably know, are flat-out the most deadly-efficient soldiers on the planet. They won't even *consider* a fighting system — especially a hand-to-hand one — unless it can be taught quickly and used with **100% effectiveness, 100% of the time.**

These Professional Soldiers Know If Their Training Fails, They Will Die In Combat!

That's why the SEALS *love* Paul's system. It incorporates real-life fighting tools no other system has; yet it can be mastered in an astonishingly short time. These soldiers have to spend most of their training time getting in shape, learning complex weapons, and studying top secret military operations. They simply do not have the time to bang around in dojos learning complicated martial arts like karate or Tae Kwan do.

In fact, if you talk to a SEAL about martial arts, he'll *laugh* at you. They know it can take *10 years* to become a black belt in any given discipline... and even then, your average YMCA-trained boxer will still dismantle your ass in about 10 seconds!

Most of these super-elite soldiers have black belts in a martial art (sometimes three or four)... but they don't even *consider* using any of it. All that fancy kicking and hacking may look scary, but it doesn't work on the battle field... or in the street.

It simply doesn't work.

Imagine this: You're a SEAL out in the action; you've just crawled through miles of dense jungle, you haven't eaten for three days, you're dehydrated, sick from dysentery, wounded in two places, out of ammo, and carrying a sixty-pound pack.

You *ain't* gonna rely on a Hollywood spinning round-house kick when the enemy ambushes you. That's not the way real fighting happens. And that's why Paul Vunak's "simplified" hand-to-hand system is so treasured by the soldiers and police and federal agents who need to *rely* on it.

*** There are no complicated moves!** In fact, in Paul's "basic" system, there are *only 8 moves total!* And all of them are unbelievably effective, and all can be learned and *mastered* in only a matter of hours.

*** You don't have to be quick, or coordinated, or even in decent physical shape!** All the deadly power comes from extensions of the way your body *naturally* moves. This is called your "gross motor skills" — the same simple movements you use to walk across the room, to scratch your ear, or to step into a car. (I've seen 5-year-old kids who still run funny take down bullies twice their size and age... and little old ladies with limps cancel out young violent men!)

*** You don't need to train constantly to become a master of this system!** The SEALS, the cops, the agents... *none* of them have time to waste in training. Yet they feel confident using Paul's system even after a *single lesson!* (As you will, too!)

*** Plus, just as importantly, there is no formality, no religious nonsense or bowing or wearing odd uniforms in this system!** It is *not* martial arts — it is a simplified

fighting system that goes *beyond* the street-smarts any martial art could ever offer you!

So how did Paul come up with this amazing fighting system? First of all, he's very well-known in the martial art field. He studied with the legendary Dan Ionsanto — original partner of martial art film star Bruce Lee ("Enter The Dragon") in the art of Jeet Kune Do. You probably haven't heard of this strange fighting art, but nearly every karate magazine devotes dozens of pages to it. It isn't really an ancient art in itself, like Kenpo or Kung Fu — instead, this Jeet Kune Do is sort of a "greatest hits" method of all the best parts of *all* the martial arts. Bruce and Dan and Paul have been copied (mostly unsuccessfully) by thousands of "wannabe" martial art experts. Yet only Paul "walks the walk" of a true seasoned street-fighter, and is absolutely *idolized* by the "karate crowd" for his warrior life-style.

Paul — who is the internationally-acknowledged master of Jeet Kune Do, and considered the man who went on where the more famous Bruce Lee left off — had *only one rule* when choosing the moves he would incorporate into his "simplified" hand- to-hand system:

It Had To Work 100% Of The Time In Actual Street Fights... Where There Are No Rules!

Paul has proved, over and over again with his own blood (and life) on the line, that his basic system can help anyone defeat even the most brutal, huge and insane street fighter in hand-to-hand combat.

It's not a game to Paul. It's not a game for the soldiers and cops who have to use his system to save their lives. And it won't be a game for you, once you've seen for yourself how easily you can incorporate this amazing system into your own life.

Listen: In spite of his efficiency at fighting, Paul Vunak is one of the most compassionate men I've ever met. And he absolutely agrees with me that it's a crime so many good people are walking around afraid in their own neighborhoods — afraid of being attacked, afraid that their girlfriends or wives and kids will be assaulted, or kidnapped, or worse. Paul has a lot of people close to him; he knows what it's like to fear for the safety of loved ones.

That's why he has volunteered to bring his basic fighting system to the public. You should know that he is taking an *enormous risk* in doing this — his job with the Navy SEALS is important to him...

But Paul doesn't care. He knows his simplified system will absolutely mean the difference between life and death for a lot of people who need it — people, like you...

Who Still Remember When A Civilized Man Was Responsible For His Own Safety!

Paul has just one serious request. He wants every precaution taken to keep this important fighting system out of the hands of felons and "suspicious" types. And that's my job — that's why I'm being almost overly-paranoid about who I let see this stuff. As much as is humanly possible, I intend to keep this away

from the criminals out there... while at the same time giving the advantages this system offers to as many of the "good" people as I can reach. But, honestly, I don't know how long I will be allowed to offer Paul's system.

I Don't Want Any More "Good Guys" Hurt Because They Didn't Have Any Of These Simple Street Fighting Skills!

At first we were planning to go from city to city doing seminars, spreading a slow wake of confidence among people as we traveled. But that would take too long, and in the end we still wouldn't reach everyone who needs this crucial survival information. No — we had to find a way to get this stuff into the hands of every deserving person *as quickly as we could.*

What we did was, I think, brilliant. We decided to *video-tape* an entire "teaching course" with Paul, and get it to a pre-selected number of people through the mail, all at once. Believe me, this is no ordinary video — instead, it's a genuine **breakthrough** in training technique... even better than what many of the cops and soldiers got during their own initial training!

Here's what you get: Paul Vunak went into a San Diego film studio for a week and allowed us to produce the most incredible video package you've ever seen. We were able to take that week's worth of shooting and "distill" it down to just *one* video — that's how simple Paul's system is. This single video is all you'll need to be able to learn (and master) his entire basic "simplified" hand-to-hand street fighting system!

This is the most intense and enlightening hour you'll spend in front of a T.V.! We spent months of preparation for the shoot, and spent about ten times more money in production than we'd planned on — but we're not complaining. This video surpasses all of our wildest dreams. You see, we've all seen about a thousand of the *other* videos out there — you can pick up any martial art magazine and see twenty ads a month for the latest fad among karate "experts". But they're all a huge waste of time, shot with "Uncle Ernie's" hand-held camcorder and without a second thought given to **teaching** you anything. All you get is a long, boring home video of a guy showing off his air punches and spinning kicks, or of some weird seminar where you had to *be there* to get anything of value.

We went the *other* way — using **3 cameras** on Paul and the action at all times. So you get the *best* shot to see what's happening, then get it again from a different angle... and then get it *again* in slow motion, with everything described and broken down into its simplest and most easily-learned form.

The way we shot this video...

You Might As Well Be In The Same Room With Paul, Getting "Inside" Advice And A Dissection Of Moves Most Soldiers Never See During Training!

Paul has absolutely dedicated himself to teaching you *everything* you need to know... and to do it so you can come away from your **first viewing** with enough powerful know-how and new skills to increase your naturally fighting ability by 200%...

instantly! This is the equivalent of having 8 personal, super-intense lessons all recorded just for you... by the most *respected* hand-to-hand fighter on the planet!

Even better, Paul took the time to show you clear (and exciting) **real-life examples** of how to handle situations in a crowded bar, in a recreation room, and in the street. These "extra" situational learning tools remove any doubt you may have as to how to use your new skill in the real world.

→ **You'll learn** how to handle two attackers at once — with a one-two natural him-to-him-back-to-him-and-out of danger move

"...the SEALS love Paul's system. It incorporates real-life fighting tools no other system has; yet it can be mastered in an astonishingly short time."

that allows your body to act the way it *naturally* wants to.

→ **You'll learn** the difference between easily-applied "shock" moves, which set up an attacker for you to finish off when you choose to, and even-simpler "clincher" moves — the ones that will *instantly* end any fight the second you deliver them.

→ **You'll learn** exactly why the "joint manipulation" and difficult kicks of most martial arts don't work in real life situations — and why, once you know the simple moves of instantly ending a fight anyway, you don't even *need* to know anything else! (A veteran cop once told me how sad it always is to see the rookies fresh out of the academy try to use their fancy karate moves on a drug-crazed maniac or a drunk bully — only to get their heads cracked open while the criminal gets away, laughing. That's why the veteran is so happy he learned the **real** way to end any fight from Paul.)

And, of course, you'll also learn the main secret of this system's popularity with professional soldiers: it's easily learned, easily remembered, and most importantly, easily *used*.

Here's what else you'll discover in this amazing video:

* The single most important move you can make in any altercation — it's what your body *wants* to do, but what *most* people panic about and refuse to allow themselves to do! (Yet it will save your life!)

* **How to use a simple "cat-like" move to instantly position yourself to deliver the easiest knock-out blow imaginable — a strike so natural your grandmother could pull it off against Mike Tyson!**

* How to instantly "shut down" an attacker's testosterone levels, using your body's own built-in "brick". (Even a 90 lb. woman possesses this amazing rock-hard weapon!)

* **Why hitting anyone with your fist is silly (even trained boxers bust knuckles that way)... and how to use the 8 "natural weapons" of your body to deliver 5 times the power of a fist with *half* the risk of injuring yourself!**

* When to use the most *simple* strike you'll ever learn... an unstoppable natural move so effective in ending fights that it's not allowed in full-contact karate tournaments! (Instant disqualification — it's also a move that 99% of the most brutal street fighters you'll ever encounter have **never seen before...** and *don't know how to defend against!*)

* **How to use the "hip-swinging secret" soldiers use to drop opponents instantly — no speed or strength required, yet it's like driving a 160 lb. bar of lead into the bad guy's belly! (It's so effective, you don't even have to come close to hitting your**

"target" area... even the sloppiest attempt by you will bring him to his knees!)

* How to effortlessly "parlay" the same natural force that has ended more professional football players careers than any other... it's a human's weakest point during a fight (or before a fight begins), and once you know about it you've just increased your ability to defeat a larger man by **200%**!

* **How to use a super-effective, completely unexpected technique straight out of the "Three Stooges" to cause any attacker to automatically (1) back up, (2) raise his hands in defense, and (3) blink rapidly... all of which instantaneously reverses the tables and makes your attacker suddenly vulnerable to a fight-ending blow you can deliver in your own sweet time.**

* Why all elite soldiers are given "permission" to use the one street fighter's Secret Weapon we are all taught from kindergarten *not* to use... and how you **can** use it to quickly remove yourself from any situation where you have been surprised from behind!

* **How to use the *other* "dirty" street-fighting tool not allowed in any civilized boxing or karate match... because of it's immediate ability to disorientate and topple your opponent! (It *also* works when you do it incorrectly!)**

And more! Don't let the idea that a system with "only" 8 basic moves must be too simple to work, either — this isn't theory, this is the result of a lifetime of experimentation in blood! Everything Paul teaches you was perfected either in the street, or on the battlefield... where it had to work, or good men would die.

Listen to what these experts have to say:

"There's no flare, no garbage, no ceremonial nonsense, no magic. Paul can spend 15 minutes with anyone and make you twice the fighter you were before!" — **Shane Brott**, Black Belt Martial Arts Instructor

"Finally, after 23 years of karate and other martial art styles (including military training), I found a system that works in the real world! Paul, where were you 20 years ago?" — **Paul Iwamoto**, Chicago

"Thanks for a video that the ordinary person who works for a living can actually learn from! I am passing these simple and effective tools along to my wife and children." — **Rick Manente**, Los Angeles

"Street Safe is the most effective self defense system I have ever come across." — **CA Narcotics Task Force Commander**, (Name withheld due to security regulations.)

"This (Street Safe) will probably turn the Martial Arts community on its ear... BRAVO Paul." — **Jim Hinesly**, SWAT Team Member, Hostage Negotiator, and member of Sheriff's Tactical Team.

Actual SEAL team members are not allowed (by strict Navy regulations) to comment, but in private conversations with me they have said that Paul Vunak's training system has provided them with the most realistic training they've ever had, going back 20 years!

"Paul has one advantage nobody else has — actual experience in street fighting. Having been in it, he can teach you how to not only survive, but win, even if you aren't experienced in the street." — **Rich Chen**, Hawaiian ex-street-fighter

"Listen: Any citizen who leaves the safety of themselves or their family in the hands of any organization, including your local police department, is in for trouble! We all need to take responsibility for our own well being. I feel this video tape will give anybody who watches it immediate tools in self-defense principles that will make you confident. And anyone from the age of 13 to 80 can use these tools!"

— **Sgt. Carlos Hernandez**, South Florida Police Tactics Instructor

That last quote sure puts things in perspective, doesn't it? That's a *police officer* talking — telling you the days of relying on your local cops for protection are long gone!

Let me tell you something you already know in your heart...

As A Man, It's More Important Than Ever Before To Know How To Defend Yourself!

And, when your family and loved ones are at risk, you need to know how to take out aggressors with **absolute certainty**. Watching Sly Stallone and John Wayne deliver movie-magic roundhouse punches doesn't cut it.

You have a **duty**, as a man, to protect yourself and loved ones *like* a man. And no amount of philosophical nonsense is ever going to change that fact.

You've seen the headlines — rape is up, assault and murder doesn't even make the front page anymore, and robbers are shooting people even **after** they give up their watches and money (it's a trend the police call "Thrill Killing"). Heck, there are jerks hurting people without *any reason at all!* The rules are gone. You could be attacked inside your home, in the back aisles of a supermarket or theater, waiting in your car at a light, anywhere, anytime, by a growing mob of remorseless scum who *enjoy* demolishing innocent people's health and lives.

But they aren't going to enjoy coming up on you, friend. Not anymore.

It's Time To Stop Being A Victim, And Learn To Walk Your Streets With Confidence!

Look, I know you don't want to turn into some hardened, mean-eyed killer. That's not what Paul's video is about. But do not doubt that the newfound confidence this information gives you will "leak" into every area of your life. I've seen it happen a thousand times...

- ◆ You'll "carry" yourself in a new way that just says "Don't mess with this guy."
- ◆ People will be extremely pleased to see you smile and be nice to them... and will go far out of their way to be extra nice to you, automatically.
- ◆ Have you ever seen how people treat a man like Sean Connery or Joe Montana when they enter a room? It's not just that they're good-looking... more, it's that these men *reek* of confidence and the lack of fear. You can have that, too.
- ◆ Plus, it has to be mentioned: There's an undeniable *sexual attractiveness* to any man who knows how to look the world in the eye and not flinch. You can't fake it — it's a primal, animal part of us, and when it's there it shines like a searchlight in your eyes.

Now, let's be straight about something here: This is not a magic potion you take to become invulnerable. Use this system only at your own risk, and take responsibility all the way down the line for your actions. You can understand why I have to tell you this — we've gone to an enormous amount of trouble and risk to bring this material to you. We're not talking about playing games here; this is real life. Used correctly, Paul's basic system is without doubt your best first-line defense in a tight spot. You'll be able to "parlay" your learning into a few simple moves that will take down a man twice your size, even as he's assaulting you — and even if he has 10 years of martial arts experience, or a lifetime of street-fighting under his belt! This stuff is that effective.

But it's not fool-proof. Don't be a fool, and for God's sake don't go looking for trouble. That's not what this video is about.

That said, you should know that you will take **absolutely no financial risk** in ordering this video! It could not be simpler for you to get this video, watch it at your leisure, and decide in your own sweet time whether it's everything we have told you it is. In fact, you get an almost ridiculously-generous...

100% No-Questions-Asked Money-Back Guarantee!

If you aren't convinced, after owning this video for **3 entire months**, that it's the real thing, just send it back to us for a complete refund of your purchase price. You'll get no hassle from me or anyone else... in fact, I will *personally* make sure you are sent your refund by return mail. Heck, you don't even need a reason to send it back — I trust your judgement. Like I said, I'm just trying to get this info into the hands of as many "good guys" as I can... *while I can*.

Here's how to order: We've set up a special phone line for you — all you need to do is call **1-800-899-8153** and tell the person who answers you want the "Street Safe Code 74-D" video package, and use your credit card. That's a toll-free call, and won't cost you a cent. Or, you can fill out the special Order Form below and mail it with your check to:

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That's all there is to it — and when you use your special "code", your video will be *shipped out by return mail!* The price for this video is dirt-cheap, too — in fact, at just \$67 plus \$2 shipping and handling (total: \$69), it's less than you'd pay for *one* lousy personal lesson in most karate schools... where at *most* you'd learn how to bow and assume some silly stance that will fool no one!

This really *is* a great offer — because it's the real thing, because your life will change immediately for the better... and because you risk *nothing* by giving the video a "test run" on your own T.V. set.

Don't put this off — remember, there's a very real and very serious chance this information won't be allowed out to the public for very long! And if you don't order right away, you may never see this offer again, ever. Don't let that happen — you stand to lose *nothing*, and yet what you can **gain** is more important to living well in this world than any other skill you'll ever learn!

Sincerely,



R. L. Horine
President, T.R.S.

P.S. One thing — It's *very* important. I have a few copies here of a hot new special report, and I want to send it to you, absolutely **FREE**. It's called *Close Quarters Gun Disarmament*, and it's written by Randy Wanner, chief instructor at a national institute that *exclusively* teaches FBI, DEA, SWAT and other specialized units... but never civilians! In fact, **this report was never intended for civilian eyes** — Randy has only agreed to let me give this to carefully selected people who have been cleared to receive our *Street Safe* video.

The information in this hot report has **already saved the lives of officers on duty** — it's a revolutionary technique that allows you a 91% chance of disarming an assailant without getting shot... and with the increase in armed robbery in the U.S., *where people are shot even when they cooperate*, this report could absolutely save your life.

It's yours **FREE** when you get the video... and you can **KEEP** it even if you decide later to return the video package!

P.P.S. Hold on — *we're not through yet!* I've just been informed that Paul Yunak finally agreed to let us film several sessions of his special **Invitation-Only Advanced Class...** and offer the video tape of this "insider's look" **FREE** when you order **STREET SAFE** within the next 11 days. (This is incredible stuff!) Paul gives these "closed door" classes to select students, always late at night, and they are always filled with SEALS, Marines, SWAT team leaders and other agents who insist on remaining anonymous — the room is almost a "Who's Who" of dangerous soldiers and famous fighters. This video tape is over an hour long, and will take you above and beyond the knowledge you get from **STREET SAFE**... it's a "**master's graduate course**" for experienced fighters! The tape is live, *raw* (a little bloody, too), but absolutely "must-see" material for anyone who wants to learn how the "big boys" hone their skills to perfection. It will **never** be offered to the public for *any* price... but this exciting video-taped look into the **real world of training soldiers** is yours **FREE** when you order **STREET SAFE** now. (And make sure you watch this new tape *closely* — you won't believe some of the "tricks" you'll pick up as these guys tear into each other!) This **extra bonus** is *also* yours to *keep*, as our gift, even if you decide to return the main package!

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SECOND AMENDMENT O.P.

Doctors, Lawyers, Guns & Money

by Dr. Edgar A. Suter

To unravel entanglements it is most often fruitful to "follow the money." The small minority of professionals who are members of the American Bar Association and the American Medical Association have not yet joined hands in their separate efforts to disarm Americans. Perhaps well-intentioned and misguided, both of these political groups have conflicting interests when dollar signs appear.

For lawyers, the prospect of opening an entirely new front in litigation, suing manufacturers when their products are *misused* by criminals, is expectedly enticing. Can you imagine such a precedent applied to automobiles? Or other consumer products? There would be enormous amounts of money made in filing and defending such actions — and the consumers would pay.

For prohibitionist physicians, financial incentives may be less obvious, although inner city hospitals have experienced budget shortfalls and the prospect of a new source of tax revenues is appealing. Many physicians who advocate gun prohibition have promoted confiscatory taxation and fees on guns, ammunition — and gun owners — proposing, without any embarrassment whatsoever, that those taxes be funneled their way, into their research and their emer-

gency rooms.

To make their case seem stronger than it is, they have completely ignored the 2.5 million American lives protected annually by guns and have exaggerated the medical costs, claiming \$20 billion per year or more in costs from "gun violence."

The *actual* economic cost of medical care for gun violence is approximately \$1.5 billion per year — less than 0.2% of America's \$800 billion annual health care costs. But to exaggerate the costs of gun violence, the new prohibitionists routinely include estimates of "lost productivity" or "years of productive life lost" — assuming that gangsters, drug dealers, and rapists would be as socially productive as teachers, factory workers, and other good Americans — to generate their inflated claims of \$20 billion or more in "costs." One recent study went so far as to claim the "costs" of work lost be-

cause workers might spend time gossiping about gun violence.

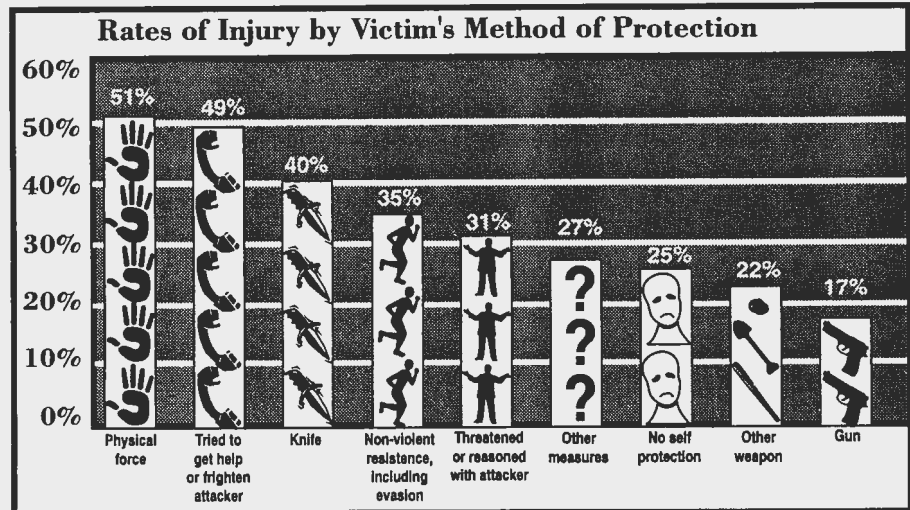
Far from being pillars of society, it has been noted that more than two-thirds of gun homicide "victims" are involved with drug trafficking or have evidence of ante-mortem (before death) illicit drug use. In one study, 67% of 1990 homicide "victims" had a criminal record, averaging four arrests for 11 offenses. These active criminals cost society not only untold human suffering, but also an average economic toll of \$400,000 *per criminal per year* before apprehension and \$25,000 *per criminal per year* while in prison.

The advocates of gun prohibition routinely force us to address the question of the "costs" of gun violence, so we are forced to note that the gun deaths of those predators and criminals may actually represent an *economic savings* to society on the order of \$5.4 billion annually —

more than three times the estimated "cost" of guns. Why? Six feet under, with their criminal careers cut short, *those criminals now hurt no one and they cost us nothing further.* And this figure doesn't even take into account that crime victims armed with guns have a lower injury rate than those that are unarmed or armed with other weapons (see chart).

The facts are clear — vicious predators who ignore laws against murder, rape, and drug trafficking routinely overlook gun control laws. There is no magic that will make these predators obey the next gun control law. It is only honest citizens who obey gun laws, so gun control only disarms us victims. Victim disarmament is *not* a policy that saves lives.

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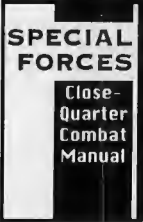
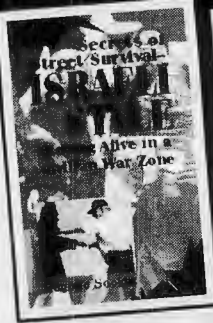
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SECRETS OF STREET SURVIVAL - ISRAELI STYLE

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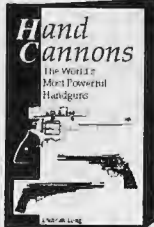
by Eugene Sockut

In many parts of the so-called civilized world, the streets have become a war zone, and no one is ever truly safe. Surrounded by enemies on all sides, the Israelis are keenly aware of this. They have made survival a way of life (or death). In this book, Israeli self-defense and small arms specialist Eugene Sockut shares the secrets his people have gleaned from years of prevailing in hostile territory, including such often overlooked areas as the required survival mind-set, the psychology of a mob and how it can be used to survive a riot, the use of dogs for street survival, the viability of the sword as a modern self-defense weapon, a practical, low-cost solution to concealing a gun in your hand while on the street and many other novel tips and "street survival lessons" one could only expect to learn from those who have "seen the wolf and conquered him." *For academic study only.* 5 1/2 x 8 1/2, softcover, photos, illus., 400 pp.



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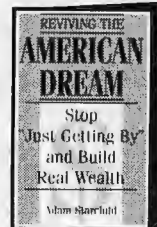
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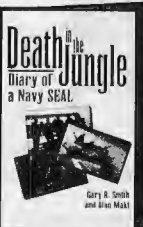
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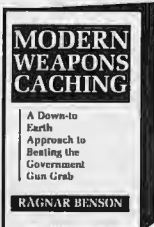
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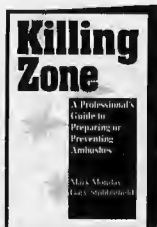
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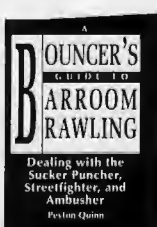
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Fatal Subtraction

by Peter G. Kokalis

The "cyclic rate" of a machine gun is defined as the theoretical maximum rate of fire of the weapon operated continuously with an infinite supply of ammunition, disregarding the requirement to change magazines or belts. It is always expressed in rounds per minute (rpm).

A wide range of factors affect a machine gun's cyclic rate. Some of the most important are the method of operation (gas, long or short recoil, retarded or unlocked blowback), the mass of the reciprocating parts, the length of the hammer's arc of travel (or stroke), port pressure (in gas-operated weapons), ammunition, fouling, buffers, recoil springs, magazine stripping pressure, belt load, atmospheric conditions and lubrication.

Cyclic rates on blowback-operated submachine guns can be adjusted somewhat by increasing or decreasing the mass of the bolt group. Few know that the Heckler & Koch MP5 bolt carrier contains 32.5 grams of tungsten granules. While primarily installed as an "anti-bounce" device to prevent firing out of battery, this does serve to moderately lower the MP5's cyclic rate as well.

What is the proper rate of fire for a machine gun? That depends on a wide range of factors. Aircraft machine guns generally feature cyclic rates that are much higher than

those employed by the infantry, simply because their firing platforms and targets move faster. Shoulder-mounted weapons usually require different cyclic rates than machine guns fired from bipods or sandbagged tripods. Even culture and tradition play roles in this decision. American and British light and medium machine guns of the World War II era all operated at about 550 rpm. The German MG34 and MG42 GPMGs of this same era fired at much higher rates, 800 to 900 and 1,200 to 1,350 rpm, respectively. German gunners were trained to let off of the trigger quickly and it was believed these higher rates of fire were more effective for the anti-aircraft role.

Many believe that a cyclic rate of 550 to 650 is ideal for shoulder-mounted, pistol-caliber submachine guns because it permits operators to fire two- or three-shot bursts with a minimum of training and with good hit probability. In my personal experience, the upper limit of controllability with weapons of this type is about 875 rpm. That happens to be the rate of fire of the MP5 with fairly "hot" ammunition. At that rate of fire, experienced operators can still consistently fire two-shot bursts with the standard "SEF" trigger pack, which has no

burst control mechanism.

When you start to go above 900 rpm, the operator's ability to fire consistent two-shot bursts goes down, as does the hit probability. However, when you combine a hyper-cyclic rate of 2,200 rpm, or greater, with a burst control mechanism, the hit probability goes up dramatically because the third shot in the group has already left the barrel before the muzzle begins to

"sear conversions" always result in a cyclic rate of 1,200 to 1,300 rpm — much too high.

Worse yet, all too frequently these drop-in auto-sear conversions also exhibit a potentially dangerous phenomenon referred to as "sear bump." The auto sear is located at the forward end of a standard MP5 SEF trigger pack. Registered drop-in auto sears are installed to the rear of the HK94/



This MP5K-PDW drop-in auto-sear conversion had an undesirably high cyclic rate of 1,200 to 1,300 rpm until installation of an Action Hobbies hammer dropped it to a more controllable average of 868 rpm. Photo: P. Kokalis

rise. Examples are the H&K VP70 machine pistol and their caseless ammunition G11 rifle.

Bullet hose cyclic rates plague many of the H&K HK94s and SP89s converted to MP5 or MP5K-PDW configurations by means of so-called drop-in auto sears. The use of the term "drop-in" is an unfortunate misnomer as these NFA-registered components do not simply drop into the receiver. They must be installed by a competent gunsmith. Even then, these

SP89 trigger pack in the semiautomatic hole. This shortens the hammer's stroke (the arc it describes as it travels from the cocked position to impact on the firing pin), with a resultant increase in the cyclic rate, and will often cause the sear to be "bumped" forward so that it does not engage its notch on the hammer. When this happens the gun will stop firing, but since nothing is holding the hammer rearward the slightest jarring movement will cause an acci-

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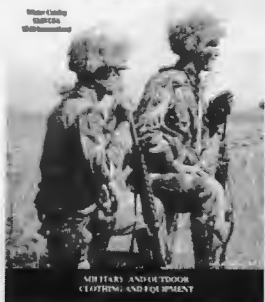
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Starting with an H&K G3 rifle hammer, Action Hobbies welds and then reshapes the top of the hammer and cuts the sear notch in a different position. When installed, this will dramatically lower the cyclic rate, prevent "sear bump," provide the locking rollers with more time in the locked position and provide greater firing pin impact on the primer in the semiautomatic mode for more positive ignition (especially important when surplus European ammunition with hard military primer cups is used). These sears are heat-treated for wear resistance. The hammers are drilled for the shank pin and a new pin is installed. The price is only \$79.95, plus COD and shipping charges. These hammers carry a lifetime warranty.

We installed one of these hammers on an MP5K-PDW drop-in auto-sear conversion that had cyclic rates of 1,300 rpm with the MP5K locking piece (No. 16) and 1,200 rpm with an MP5 locking piece. After installation of the Action Hobbies hammer, the cyclic rate (with an MP5 locking piece) dropped to an average of 868 rpm. After 5,000 rounds the Action Hobbies hammer is still performing flawlessly and I can recommend it without qualifications of any kind.

All cyclic rate data were obtained by means of the superb PACT MKIV Championship Timer with its built-in rate of fire feature. Manufactured by Practical Applied Computer Technology Inc. (Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 531525, Grand Prairie, TX 75053, phone: 800-722-8462), the PACT MKIV costs only \$299.95, complete with Mk5 Professional Skyscreens, and will provide accurate data for machine guns with cyclic rates up to 2,000 rpm. The MKIV also serves as an action shooting timer and a highly accurate chronograph. ✕

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PC Assault Rifle

by Gabriel Suarez

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But there remains a need for a light, compact, hard-hitting — and innocent-looking — defensive rifle. Such a rifle will likely be stored in semi-readiness, to be grabbed when one expects trouble. It must be light and compact for use in and around urban settings. It must have the capability of handling sudden, close-range (within 150 yards) engagements and use a cartridge that can penetrate the majority of commonly found cover. It must also be able to put a man down with a minimum number of rounds fired.

We've had such weapons for more than 100 years: the Winchester/Marlin/Savage/Browning lever-action rifles.

Carefully consider just what a lone citizen/rifleman requires of his fighting rifle. It must be compact for stowage. It

must be immediately deployable, since engagements usually last only seconds. The citizen/rifleman will probably deal with his problem then withdraw to safety — he will not need to repel human wave attacks. Range is usually less than 150 yards (average engagement distance for police snipers is 75 yards).

The .30-30 Winchester

need, and most can be continually topped off without opening the action. If the shooter follows the "shoot one, load one" concept he is unlikely to run dry. And when the jury weighs your actions they are unlikely to be distracted from the facts by 30-round magazines, black plastic or bayonet lugs. You could say that the lever-action carbine is

matte blued, then added a leather cheekpiece holding six extra rounds for grab-and-go situations. The rifle has Uncle Mike's QD swivel studs, but I generally don't use the sling.

I spent less than \$400, or about one-sixth the cost of a new AR-15. I got 250 rounds of Remington .30-30 170 grain JSP with similar ballistics to the



The Winchester Model 94 rifle design is more than 100 years old, but it can be yesterday's answer to today's problems in situations where modern military-style arms such as this HK-93A2 are too expensive, politically incorrect or otherwise unsuitable. Photos: SOF files

cartridge is suitable for urban penetration and range requirements. Stopping power is adequate. With a 16-inch barrel it is more compact than most military rifles (even with folded stocks). It can be carried "cruiser ready" (empty chamber, full magazine) and be brought into action instantly. It holds as many rounds as one is likely to

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I obtained a used .30-30 Marlin 336 rifle for about \$200, cut the barrel and magazine tube to 16-1/4 inches and added ghost-ring sights. I kept the original hard rubber buttplate since it was snag- and slip-free. I had the rifle dehorned and

7.62x39mm and tested it vis-a-vis my CAR-15.

I went through the standard rifle drills learned in Jeff Cooper's old rifle school, using a shooting timer and a facsimile of the API camouflage silhouette target. Not surprisingly the lever action kept up with, and some-

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Russian Spetsnaz soldier moves to engage Chechen T-72 at rail junction outside of Grozny. Contrary to mainstream media reports, these Omon troops were neither ill-equipped nor suffering from morale problems.



At a checkpoint outside of Grozny, Russian security team shows off their AGS-17 grenade launcher and Russian version of *Soldier Of Fortune*.

The road to Grozny wasn't exactly paved head-to-toe with rotting corpses.

Actually — after the first offensive on Chechnya's capital by Russian forces shortly after New Year's



Is Russian Bear Really Getting Bloodied By Civilians?

Text & Photos by Mark H. Milstein

— the road was conveniently lined with budget-rate hookers, thousands of empty bottles of vodka and hundreds of pieces of armor.

I saw them firsthand while rolling out the front gate of the sprawling Russian air force base just outside of

Russians have complete air and ground superiority along supply line from Mozdok to Grozny. Chechens have no operational air units capable of challenging Russian MiGs. And though Chechens have armor, they are hugely outnumbered. Large columns like this one of BMP-2s passed by our position almost nonstop.

Mozdok — a muddy 15 klicks north of the Chechen border — on one of the dozens of mud-caked Russian deuce-and-a-halves that droned their way to the fuel and supply dumps along the 120 kilometers of road to the outskirts of Grozny. This was the Russian army's version of the Red Ball Express and I was glad to be hitching a ride on it.

Before I left, my marching orders from *SOF* were simple. Get as close to the action as possible and get the real story on the fighting in Chechnya. No ifs, ands or buts. So, with a little bit of luck and a handful of Russian-language *SOFs*, my ticket to Grozny should have been written in gold. *Not*.

Just getting from my home in Budapest, Hungary, to Mozdok turned out to be a story in itself. First, I had to deal with closer-than-usual scrutiny of my passport and baggage at the Hungarian-Ukrainian border. "So, comrade, your visa says you're a tourist," the border guard quizzed me. "Why, then, do you need a bulletproof vest with high impact ceramic plates and all that camera equipment?"

Fast talking and a \$50 donation to the local widows and orphans fund got my visa validated, but the real joy, I was about to learn, wouldn't begin until I reached Rostov-on-Don, Russia.

It was there that all my fast talking and smiles — coupled with my inability to convince the Russian border guards that I didn't know how a 26-pound bulletproof vest, two cameras, wads of cash and a map of Chechnya got into my bag — got me arrested and questioned for 12 hours by the local version of Inspector Harry Callahan. The next morning I found myself stuffed on a train bound for Kiev, told never to come back.

My only hope of getting to the Chechnya AO rested on the shoulders of Aeroflot, although that, quite honestly, had me dry heaving all the way to the airport. With my confirmation number and a fax proving I had a pre-paid ticket, I approached the Aeroflot counter at Kiev's Borispol airport and waited for my ticket to appear. Wrong answer.

The ticketing agent, a man who apparently aspired to running an extortion racket in Chicago, proceeded to tell me that it was great that Aeroflot got its money, but in order

for me to board that flight I was going to have to fork over \$150 for his vacation fund or I wasn't flying. Final.

I didn't fly that night.

Two days later, however, after some brainstorming and a little help from friends in Kiev in acquiring a train ticket, I found myself standing on a one-lane road just outside of Mozdok. It only took 10 minutes of being splattered by dirt from the back tires of dozens of BTRs, before Russian army Major Marto Kostya and his truck became my ticket to Chechnya. I don't know why he stopped to pick up anyone loony enough to hitchhike into a war zone, but introducing myself as an *SOF* correspondent went over big. Almost every Russian I ran into had heard of the magazine.

My transportation worries were over. Grozny, full speed ahead.

I knew why I wanted to be in Chechnya, but the question of the hour was, why, after the debacle of Afghanistan, were the Russians charging full-bore into another Islamic republic and invoking the ire of the world?

Russian President Boris Yeltsin's argument is straightforward. The Russian army was sent in to preserve the soft underbelly of the Russian Federation, and make it clear that moves toward independence by other "front-line" states will meet a similar fate.

The Chechen crisis began taking root early last summer after Chechnya and a number of other pseudo-autonomous states brokered an agreement with Moscow to cool down their moves toward independence in return for economic considerations. Every other republic involved in the talks, including Tatarstan, Yakut and Bashkortostan, kept their part of the bargain.

Only Bahamas-sized Chechnya, with its 1.2 million people led by

Dzhokar Dudayev, a former Russian air force general turned Islamic fundamentalist, chose to push the envelope and risk war with Russia. Dudayev's continued call to arms infuriated Yeltsin, who shortly before Christmas called out the dogs and sent in the tanks.

The Russian invasion of Chechnya was supposed to be over in a matter of days. The Russian army, with hundreds of tanks backed by sophisticated air power, should have pushed to Grozny quicker than the average drive to the local Seven-Eleven, had Dudayev cuffed and stuffed and on his way to a Siberian resort and been



Local militiaman fights with Omon Spetsnaz unit in Ishcherskaya. Not all Chechens support Dudayev and his drive to break away from Mother Russia.

out of there before anyone noticed.

Instead, the Russian army has gotten a bloody nose and may well be looking at another prolonged guerrilla war, with Dudayev playing a modern-day Tito and Yeltsin taking a lot of heat and looking at a potential military coup if he doesn't produce a victory.

A series of early invasion blunders by Russian commanders, a few of whom defied orders, coupled with muddled objectives and widespread usage of green troops, have cost Moscow its one shot at snuffing out Dudayev and his few thousand followers quickly.

Chechnya has a centuries-long tradition of organized crime and tribal/clan-like loyalties. And it's those tribal loyalties that have given it the

reputation of being ground zero for producing some of the most powerful and ruthless criminals in the former Soviet Union. These criminal activities have earned Chechnya's fighters a reputation of not giving up without a bloody fight.

Hard Road To Ishcherskaya

As Chechen ack-ack sprayed a nearby, low-flying Russian Mi-8 helicopter, the first trucks of our supply convoy coasted through the machine-gun-shredded remains of two shacks that until a few weeks ago marked the border of the breakaway republic.

Concrete anti-tank barriers lay knocked over and, in one instance, pulverized alongside the two-lane road. We pressed on toward Grozny as Kostya and the driver of his truck, Andre, each brought their AKs up on the seats and pushed open the front windows.

At one checkpoint, guarded by a lone T-72 and eight local policemen, we pulled the trucks over and got briefed on road conditions over the next 50 kilometers to Stanica Chervlenaya, site of the forward-most helicopter base for Russian forces surrounding Grozny.

While Kostya busied himself with logistics, the policemen were acquainting me with Russian hospitality by forcing vodka and cognac into me at a furious rate. "I am a soldier of fortune," one policeman told me in English. "Here, drink some of this," he went on. "It's Russian Pepsi. Actually, it's an old wine. It's Chechen. Drink up."

I did, but a small commotion outside sent everyone grabbing for their weapons and out the door quicker than you can say Joe Stalin. One of the drivers had spotted a small band of "bandits," as the Russian army calls the Chechen rebels, walking

diesel tankers in our convoy received orders to catch up to an armor column, and went their own way. We picked up a commo van near a farmhouse and continued to plod forward.

With total air and ground superiority in the countryside surrounding Grozny, Russian troops were well-supplied and, contrary to mainstream media reports, didn't seem to be suffering from any army-wide strain of bad morale or disciplinary problems.

After six hours on the road, we finally began our way back north and made our final stop in Ishcherskaya, Chechnya, home to a gutted telephone central office and a minor rail junction. We pulled the trucks off the road and were met by Russian Interior Ministry Omon Spetsnaz soldiers who recently secured the area.

Kostya had his men unload a number of sealed crates and two of the other trucks took on cordwood for soldiers in the field to use as fuel for cooking and heating. Another truck unloaded mattresses for the Spetsnaz soldiers.

Spetsnaz Team Special

"Team Special," as their newly sewn-on tabs proclaimed (in English, no less), was all business when I arrived that foggy Monday. At first glance, it seemed I'd walked into a casting call for the bad guy in a James Bond movie. Everyone in a uniform either needed a shave, shower, new teeth or an attitude adjustment. It had been more than a month since their deployment to Chechnya, and the sight of a journalist sniffing around their camp didn't exactly set their hearts aflutter.

After looking each other over for a while, however, the Omon squad at Ishcherskaya came across as being nothing short of well-trained, disciplined professionals ... capable of anything. One of the group opened up by telling me that shortly after securing the first two floors of their barracks — a recently liberated railroad worker's dorm — Chechen "bandits" fired two large-bore mortar rounds into the top floor, collapsed the roof and sent a clear message that a quick victory for the Russians was not in the cards.

"I was in Moscow during the October coup d'etat," said Aleks, the Spetsnaz squad leader. "I was one of



Chechnya is a Bahamas-sized region of 1.2 million people located in the northern Caucasus. It was incorporated into greater Russia in the mid-19th century and possesses substantial oil and mineral wealth.

"I don't like shooting through glass," Kostya said with a smile. "And besides, I can't hear anything with the windows down. This way it's safer."

Although all convoys running the road from Mozdok to Grozny have BTRs riding shotgun, Kostya said he still worries about being ambushed. Indeed, each civilian we passed — man and woman alike — was viewed with cautious eyes. "I'm not coming back dead because I didn't protect myself well enough," Kostya said.

about 500 meters off the side of the road through a field.

Then, in a Russian army version of a "mad minute," three of the policemen opened up with their AKs. They handed me a Kalashnikov to bolster their chances, but I told them I was too sloshed and couldn't hit the side of a barn. The gun was jerked from my vodka-soaked hands and given to someone else.

The bandits scattered and Kostya ordered the trucks to move out. The



Russian tankers took their mission seriously and author's ride on supply truck to outskirts of Grozny went off without problem. Convoy was escorted by several BTRs, and checkpoints along the way had heavier armor.



PK machine gunner and members of tank hunter team stand down after Chechen armor is driven away from their base in Ishcherskaya.

the first Ministry of Interior soldiers into the White House. But our job here is much different. Here we're in charge of maintaining security around this railroad junction and a 10-kilometer stretch of road going in and

out of town."

With Russian armor pouring into an ever-tightening ring around Grozny, control of the rail lines in and out of the republic has become paramount. Days before, Yuri, the



Interior Ministry "Team Special" RPG gunner waits for word from recon party as to whereabouts of Chechen T-72 spotted some 10 minutes earlier.

squad's second officer, said Chechen bandits had taken out a section of track a few kilometers up the road toward Mozdok.

"It's small things like securing rail

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PROFESSIONAL HOLY WARRIORS

Muj Fanatics Bring Jihad To India

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The three-man Indian recoilless gun team moved up behind the wall and loaded. One trooper in helmet and flak jacket climbed the pile of sandbags and gingerly leveled the business end of his Carl Gustav 84mm at an apartment block occupied by suspected guerrillas.

Effective to 1,000 meters with an HE round, hitting an apartment block at 50 meters with this weapon was no challenge. Soon the deafening *crack-boom* sounded, followed by an empty silence as smoke and dust hung in the afternoon air. Then, from within the burning block of apartments, came the defiant rattle of automatic rifle fire — the unmistakable equivalent of a raised finger.

From dead ground across the street, I watched the performance with a clutch of senior Indian brass, including sector Commander Samares Pakrasi of the paramilitary Border Security Force (BSF), the outfit responsible for holding the lid on Srinagar city, capital of Jammu and Kashmir state.

Pakrasi was not having a good day. His response to a tip that he'd hoped would bag a couple of local militants and a weapon or two in a quiet Srinagar suburb was turning into a battalion-sized operation and another public relations foul-up: Nothing like flattening an apartment block in full view of the press for losing hearts and minds.

So far, Pakrasi had one dead and four wounded trying to move beyond the wall toward the block where the separatist guerrillas were holed up. A lightly armed paramilitary force, the BSF is not trained for MOUT (Military



Operations in Urban Terrain). The Carl Gustav team and the other troops moving into position were regular army.

And he was not dealing with locally trained Kashmiri militants, seldom given to enthusiastic acts of martyrdom. *This* was another species, which of late has been making a name for itself in Kashmir: the Afghan vet.

Just how many were actually holed up in the burning building wasn't clear, but they were not about to come out quietly. When the Indians later pulled out the bodies, they found a grand total of two. Neither Pakrasi nor the army commander discussed taking prisoners. With "Afghans"



Kashmiri Hezb-ul-Mujahideen, quintessential rebels with assorted AKs and a Type 69 Chinese copy of the RPG-7, prepare for a night raid.

involved it could only end one way.

The surrounding streets had been evacuated and cordoned the day before, but on the fringes of the cordon it was typical Kashmir: The dividing line between militants and civilians was dangerously uncertain. Watched

Kashmir: Switzerland of the Orient, Lebanon of the Sub-Continent. At 1947 partition, Pak tribesmen invaded Kashmir in support of Muslim uprising, causing Maharaja Hari Singh to accede to India, who flew in troops for first Indo-Pak war. A 1948 cease-fire split Kashmir between India, Pakistan. In 1965 Pak army infiltrators attempted to trigger popular Muslim uprising, causing second Indo-Pak war. In 1971 India intervened in East-West Pak civil war, resulting in formation of Bangladesh. A LOC was established between Indo-Pak-controlled sections of Kashmir, and agreement reached (never implemented) regarding negotiation to settle dispute. Clumsy vote rigging in 1987 fueled popular discontent with New Delhi, and in 1988 Kashmiris went to Pakistan for training in bombing and assassination. Harsh repression in 1990 triggered full-scale revolt, supported by outside sympathizers.



Srinagar rebel poses with new Dragunov sniper rifle. Pakistan's ISI, Afghan and other Muslim sympathizers now supply rebels with training, experienced volunteers, and top-quality arms.

by wary BSF men with SLRs at the ready, bands of youths were congregating, shaking their fists and chanting "Allah Akbar!" (God is great) and "Azaadi! Azaadi!" (Freedom! Freedom!)

Holding Ground, Losing War

That morning had already seen one sniper attack on the BSF cordon. At street level, the BSF and army men know what the politicians and bureaucrats won't — or can't — admit: that in Jammu and Kashmir the battle for hearts and minds was lost four years ago. Most Kashmiris want independence. Some want to join Pakistan. Very few want to stay in India.

Although the Indian military risks lives to only hold ground, in Srinagar



Regular army troops such as these preparing for assault on apartment block are more heavily armed than paramilitary forces, and are being called in more and more frequently.

they're doing it with growing efficiency. In 1990 when the Kashmiri revolt first exploded, most guerrilla factions were urban, and moving with weapons was no problem. Today, thanks to a tight mesh of bunkers, foot patrols and unrelenting cordon and search operations, security forces have managed to reassert control over the city of 800,000. Guerrillas can no longer move freely; caching weapons in quantity risks losing them. All leading separatist factions are now based in rural areas or the mountains surrounding the Vale of Kashmir.

Although three years has brought improvements in the control of Jammu and Kashmir, India has committed nearly 400,000 army and paramilitary forces: two corps commands comprising eight regular army divisions and several independent brigades. Most formations are deployed against Pakistani concentrations across the Line of Control (LOC) dividing the state — disputed between India and Pakistan since the partition of 1947. Some guard the border in Ladakh against Chinese forces in Tibet. But to the irritation of senior army commanders, a growing number are being sucked into the counterinsurgency campaign against a minimum of 10,000 separatist guerrillas backed from beyond the LOC.

The brunt of the world's most intensive counterinsurgency campaign is borne by paramilitary forces, mainly the BSF. Originally formed in 1965 for border control, the BSF now has 56 of its 148 battalions (each about 1,000 strong) tied down in Kashmir, almost all in an internal security role. It's backed by half that number of (federal) Central Reserve Police Force battalions, and a local police force of 30,000. Shot through with sympathy for the militants, the local Kashmiri police are probably more liability than asset.

The conflict has caused the formation of a new unit, under the Defense Ministry, called the Rashtriya

Rifles. Well trained, equipped and counterinsurgency dedicated, five RR battalions have been raised to perform the internal counterinsurgency role that the army is anxious not to play. The Rashtriya Rifles have a good future: Recruitment is underway for 36 more battalions.

One Western diplomat in New Delhi told me, "Things have gotten worse this year. The Indians aren't breaking the back of the militancy and they aren't in a position immediately to end it. It's spreading and both sides are taking heavier casualties."

Phantom Killers

In a taxi my first morning in town, a dull crack rose above the hum of the traffic. "Grenade," muttered the driver as he accelerated past troops scrambling for cover and pulled over.

As I ran back down the streets, shop shutters were rattling down. Nervous BSF men crouched in door-



Armed with Indian copies of the British SLR and Sterling SMGs they obviously don't want to lose, BSF paramilitary troops patrol Srinagar city. Patrols, bunkers and cordon-and-search operations have forced rebels to bases in countryside.

ways, eyes and rifles seeking an invisible enemy. A squad stormed past me, headed the other way — the officer, eyes wild, brandished his pistol. When I reached the scene the bodies had been carried away. A jeep was skewed across the road with a trail of blood, oil and broken glass in its wake. The jeep had stopped briefly outside a shop and as it pulled away, a single grenade was thrown: One soldier was dead, three wounded.

The attacker — man, woman or child — was never even seen. Welcome to Kashmir, Switzerland of the Orient.

Behind the growing conflict, two dynamics are at work. First, the military now has the numbers on the



Indian army regular armed with 84mm Carl Gustav recoilless rifle prepares to blow hole in apartment building where two insurgents are hiding, after lightly armed paramilitary forces couldn't get job done. Although a military success, the op was a public-relations blunder.

ground to go out and crack heads, and it has an intelligence network allowing it to do so. If they haven't broken the back of the insurgency, it's not for want of trying. The gloves are off and young Kashmiris are dying in numbers. By official tally, the security forces have killed more than 4,000 militants. Expect that number to rise sharply over 1995.

But while the Indians have increased pressure, insurgent capability has improved. The reason can be summed in one word guaranteed to make Indian officials wince: Afghanistan. Across much of the Islamic world, Kashmir is emerging as the new jihad, a sword pointed directly at the heart of India — a sword honed in the rugged mountains of Afghanistan.

In 1988, New Delhi still enjoyed its "special relationship" with Moscow, which involved buying quantities

of Soviet arms at "friendship" prices and not criticizing Moscow's misadventures, such as the invasion of Afghanistan. It also meant unstinting diplomatic support for Moscow's placeman in Kabul, President Najibullah.

In summer 1988 as Soviet troops withdrew from Afghanistan, India's then-Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi expressed concern that a muj victory in Afghanistan would send waves of fundamentalist turbulence across the region. His reading wasn't far off. But what Gandhi didn't know was that it would be New Delhi's own political blunders in Kashmir — the blatant and bitterly resented manipulation of local politics — that were sowing the seeds for this new jihad.

The first blast in the Kashmir struggle came as a bomb exploded in Srinagar in August 1988. By early 1990 New Delhi was looking down the



Smuggled weapons captured from insurgents included this one-man assault team based on an East-German MPIKM that features sound suppressor, BG-15 type 40mm grenade launcher, high capacity RPK-style drum magazine.

barrel of a full-scale revolt in the Vale of Kashmir, armed and supported by its arch-enemy, Pakistan.

The Afghanistan syndrome came to Kashmir in three distinct but overlapping phases, beginning in 1989 and 1990 when the first large numbers of Kashmiri militants began crossing into Pakistan for training. Most courses were provided in camps in both Pakistani-administered "Azad" (Free) Kashmir and in Pakistan proper under the guiding hand of the Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate (ISI), but even then some training was farmed out to Afghan mujahideen chiefs

who had established close logistic and political ties to ISI.

Training for Kashmiris inside Afghanistan — phase one — offered two big bonuses. First and most importantly, muj bases offered both weapons instruction and practical experience on the battlefield. One thing that focuses the mind of a young recruit even more effectively than live-ammunition exercises is the prospect of really getting blown away.

Additionally, Afghanistan offered the Pakistanis a useful degree of deniability. If Kashmiri youths insisted on trekking over the LOC for adventure vacations in Afghanistan, well, that was no business of Pakistan's. This factor was to become increasingly important as Indian diplomatic pressure to have Pakistan declared a "terrorist state" grew. By 1993 the message reaching Islamabad from Western powers was insistent and unambiguous: Back off. Consequently, camps in Pakistan closed down, but across the border in the wilds of muj-controlled Afghanistan it was business as usual — and then some — as training continued unabated.

The second phase in the new jihad was the induction of Afghan muj into

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There are many factors in the equation that lead to a gunfight's successful conclusion (for you). Needless to say, selecting the correct handgun, holster, a flashlight designed for combat (i.e., a Sure-Fire) and ammunition that will make the largest hole and still penetrate deeply are all important elements. However, no factor is more important than the ability to place your shots, under stress, into the vital areas of your opponent, and that requires extensive periodic training.

Armed professionals, like golf and tennis pros, must continue to receive training from other professionals whenever possible if they are to remain within the constantly changing mainstream of small arms employment techniques. Where can you go, whether you're a member of a military special operations unit, a police officer or just a concerned citizen who wants to improve his skills in managing the type of violent crises that have become ever more prevalent in our society? You go to Gunsite.

Those who have successfully completed the Gunsite 250, 350 and 499 pistol courses can move up to the more challenging Advanced Tactical Problems (ATP) 1 and 2. Structured into an incredibly intense three-day format, when I took this course there was only one level.

Now ATP1 requires Gunsite 250 as a prerequisite, while ATP2 is for graduates of Gunsite 350, 499 or ATP1 only. These courses provide an excellent training format to update tactical skills with a handgun and to exercise problem-solving abilities.

Gunsite's tactical facilities are emphasized and very little time is spent on the square range.

All outdoor firing is on either paper or steel reactive targets. Gunsite's proprietary "option" paper target is

excellent for both handgun and rifle applications. Both green and brown camouflage background patterns are available.

The reactive steel targets used in the pistol drills, called "Pepper Poppers" after their original designer,

Howard Hall, who has spent 12 years with the Department of Energy and is currently a Special Response Team commander at DOE's Los Alamos, New Mexico, facility. Assisting him as a coach was Ed Head, who has spent 17 years with the U.S. Border Patrol and is now a supervisory agent and firearms instructor. These men have all made

their bones and represent a typical cross-section of the Gunsite staff in general.

Two Shots, Twice The Fun

The morning of the first day was spent on the square range bringing all the students back up to speed with Gunsite drills and procedures. We fired head shots at 3 yards and "controlled pairs" at 7 and 10 yards. Whenever possible, you should shoot your opponent twice (except for a shot into the brain cavity). There are several very good reasons for this. First of all, no handgun cartridge provides a guarantee of instant incapacitation, and there is conceivably a synergistic effect from two projectiles striking close together within a very short time frame. (Although, this as yet has

not been demonstrated and would, presumably only serve to increase temporary cavitation.) Secondly, and far more importantly, a bobbing, weaving and twisting human target is a great deal more difficult to hit than a static piece of paper between two posts. Two shots increase our chances of striking the opponent's vital structures.

As the distance to the target increases, a controlled pair of shots, in which two hits are delivered to the targets with deliberate use of the sights before each shot, becomes essential to achieve the level of hit probability required in a gun-

Gunsite's Professional Training

Answers FOR Advanced Tactical Problems

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Gunsite ATP student fires from kneeling position behind barricade as instructor times her run through the "Urban Scrambler."

John Pepper, are not self-resetting, as are those used in the Gunsite rifle courses. They come in several sizes, but the ones we fired on were 42 inches high and only 12 inches wide.

Rangemaster for our course was



The "Urban Scrambler" challenges Gunsite ATP students with a timed exercise that involves barricade shooting at 25 yards from seven stations and firing from standing, kneeling and prone positions at an 8-inch steel plate.

fight. The span of time between each shot is short, no longer than necessary for a "front sight, press" sequence.

However, you should never program yourself to instinctively fire two shots every time you bring the front sight onto the target. If you are facing multiple adversaries, taking the time to fire two shots into each one in turn will get you nailed by the last opponent. The drawstroke, Weaver stance and flash front sight picture should all be programmed reflexes. Who you shoot, the number of shots you place on each target and the order in which you engage multiple targets must be a part of the conscious thought processes that result in adaptation and response to different scenarios.

"Failure" drills, formerly known as "Mozambique" drills, are a logical extension of the above techniques. They consist of two shots to the torso, followed by a more deliberate shot to the head. This latter shot is presumably a consequence of the fact that your opponent was wearing body armor. While I think this is a useful exercise, I know of no documented instance in which this technique was actually applied.

These drills were followed by a review of braced kneeling and so-called "California kneeling," in which the shooter faces the target(s) with both knees on the ground. While this latter position can be engaged quickly, it is a tactical technique (as the

shooter can raise or lower his body to take advantage of prevailing cover), not an accuracy enhancer. We then reviewed roll-over prone and the "quick prone" position, which, although less stable than the roll-over prone position, can be employed when only marginal cover is available. Left- and right-side prone positions were also practiced, but at close-range only. This was followed by a marksmanship drill in which the students fired six head shots from 3 yards within five minutes. The winning group was 1 1/16 inches.

After that the students practiced right- and left-hand 90-degree pivots, 180-degree turns, firing while advancing and during tactical withdrawals, shooting on the move and both strong- and weak-hand single-hand shooting. We also practiced the "weapon retention" firing position, a technique used only at extremely close distances. From close-range, we also fired over our heads while lying on our backs. While this may seem far-fetched, you never know when even the most outlandish technique might prove useful.

The morning exercises ended with

tactical and speed reloading drills. A tactical reload, generally performed during a lull (?) in the gunfight, merely brings the handgun back to full capacity, in the unlikely event (in my experience) that your opponent(s) will start firing again. In this maneuver, the replaced magazine is retained by the shooter. Speed reloading, in my opinion designed almost exclusively for IPSC-type competition, provides the shortest possible time interval between the magazine exchange and the resumption of firing. As the presumably empty, or almost empty, magazine is simply dumped on the ground, this type of reload can be accomplished by a trained operator in less than two seconds. A well-executed tactical reload usually takes about six seconds.

Force-On-Force

In the afternoon, we entered the "Funhouse," one at a time, equipped with body armor and face protection as we went up against Rangemaster Howard Hall for force-on-force training using the Canadian-developed Simunitions product. Designed for law enforcement and military training under supervision, Simunitions is a simulated pistol cartridge available in either 9mm Parabellum or .38 Special. To insure safety, the 9mm round can only be used in specially made composite barrels available for a wide



Students moving through the "North Draw" fired at Pepper Poppers dispersed throughout the run and at the end were required to make use of a "battlefield pickup."

range of popular 9mm pistols and the H&K MP5 submachine gun.

The Simunitions round consists of a standard cartridge case, reduced propellant charge and a 27-grain plastic projectile which exits the composite barrel's muzzle at about 400 fps. The projectile is a scored capsule made of a polyethylene-type synthetic and

filled with a pink-colored, non-staining soapy cream that cleans up with soap and water. At 10 yards accuracy is about 1.5 inches of dispersion for a five-shot group. That is more than sufficient for most indoor training scenarios.

There were 10 students in my ATP class, men and women, and they represented an interesting spectrum of occupations and handguns. There was

pistol on the street. From the kneeling position at 15 yards, roll-over prone at 25 yards and in both the outdoor and indoor simulators, I ended up thumb-cocking this handgun during the presentation and before engaging the target. After this experience, I remain more convinced than ever that single-action pistols, such as the M1911 series or the Browning High Power, when carried

bler," which involved barricade shooting at 25 yards from seven stations and firing from standing, kneeling and prone positions at an 8-inch steel plate. The fastest time was 70 seconds.

Moving off the square range, we practiced strong hand and weak hand "Dozier drills." This is a timed exercise. Starting with his back to the target and the weak foot in an automobile tire, on command the shooter pivots 180 degrees and engages five Pepper Poppers. During this time frame, all of the students were also cycled through the "West Wash," an outdoor simulator with Pepper Poppers. All shooting and magazine-changing was single-handed with a disabling device on the weak hand.

Shoot, No-Shoot

After lunch we participated in a discussion on mind-set. This was a prelude to the Funhouse where the students were forced to make decisions and consider the consequences of indiscriminate shooting as we were presented with no



You can expect to find hostile targets at any turn in Gunsite's "Funhouse," including closets.

a physician, a psychologist, a marriage counselor and his wife, two police officers — one from LAPD and the other from the Millcreek PD in Erie, Pennsylvania — the chief financial officer for a group of hospitals, the training and control officer for the New Mexico Military Institute, the worker safety director for a large corporation and myself. This is rather typical of the interesting cross-section you are likely to encounter in any Gunsite course.

The pistols they brought to the course were equally diverse. The LAPD officer used his service Beretta Model 92F. There were two Glock compact Model 19s, an S&W M659, and five .45 ACP Colt-type pistols: a Colt Officers ACP, a Colt Combat Commander, a Novak-tuned Colt M1991A1 and two Gunsite Service Pistols. I decided to use my highly customized caliber .40 S&W SIG P229 along with an experimental crossdraw holster I was testing for Galco. If I have an alternative, I would never carry a double-action

in the "cocked and locked" mode (a round in the chamber, the hammer cocked and the manual safety engaged) by those properly trained to do so, are tactically superior to double-action types.

You will need a minimum of 700 rounds of ammunition for any of the three-day Gunsite ATP courses. I used .40 S&W ammunition provided by Black Hills Ammunition (Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 3090, Rapid City, SD 57709; phone: 605-348-5150, fax: 605-348-9827) loaded with the excellent Hornady XTP 180-grain JHP bullet.

The second day began with the usual square-range warm-up drills at 3, 7 and 10 yards, followed by shooting on the move and an exercise involving the use of pivots called "A Walk in the Park." The pace heated up as we practiced single-hand manipulation, including magazine changes and single-hand shooting at 7 yards.

After that we were all run through a timed exercise, the "Urban Scram-

less than six "no-shoot" targets. When not running through the Funhouse, we were on the square range firing the "gear shift shuffle," which involved two shots at a steel silhouette placed 16 yards away and a single shot at a 10-inch steel plate 60 yards from the shooter. To be successful at this exercise you must shift down from the rapid target acquisition employed on the 16-yard target and take the time required for an absolutely perfect sight picture at the 60-yard plate.

We were also introduced to the Elite 5000 reactive target system at this time. This system's pneumatic target controller can handle up to 15 targets in banks of three. When the exposure time of the first target(s) runs out, the target will disengage and the next target(s) will automatically engage the shooter, creating a domino effect, or chain reaction, with all the targets. No other target system I have ever fired at provided as intense a challenge of the shooter's skill or as much mind-

screaming frustration.

The evening of the second day we reviewed the Harries flashlight tech-

discussion of concealed carry options followed by firing from concealed carry positions. Everyone was also

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moved at a fast pace through the "North Draw" where we were required to make use of a "battlefield



Gunsite ATP student traverses the "West Wash" outdoor simulator, firing and reloading with his strong hand only, while his weak hand holds a disabling device.

demonstration. The evening ended with night runs through the "Donga" and the "Playhouse."

The final day commenced with a

pickup." Using one of the training center's trucks, we all fired a very useful carjacking exercise, first on stationary targets and then moving

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By spring of 1992, Tom Posey thought the years of being hounded by his government were over, that his legal battles had ended when the court exonerated him on charges that he violated the Neutrality Act during his efforts aiding the Nicaraguan contras.

Posey headed Civilian Material Assistance (CMA) from 1983 until 1992, shipping civilian supplies to the contra rebels fighting communist troops in Nicaragua. When the

Feds Framed CMA's Tom Posey?

POLITICS OVER PRINCIPLE

by David McElroy

Photos courtesy Tom Posey



Tom Posey, center, with contra leaders Adolfo Calero, left, and his brother, the late Mario Calero, right, at the CMA convention in 1989. Right: Posey caught in red-handed violation of Neutrality Act with a wee Nicaraguan friend who just got a pair of CMA overalls.

Iran-Contra investigations began, Posey's organization came under scrutiny and government prosecutors claimed he had in fact been supplying contra rebels with arms, in addition to clothing and medical supplies.

Posey's wife was actively involved in the organization and has vivid memories of the large loads of clothing that were shipped to Central America. "When Tom was in Vietnam, the kids were what tore him up," Patsy Posey said. "Whenever a child or woman would get hurt, that was the worst for him. Soldiers are expected to get hurt or killed in war, but women and children ended up suffering, too. This was a way he thought he could help out the people down there. We collected lots of clothing for them. I helped sort, wash and dye a lot of clothes."

Because of this Posey was indicted on charges of conspiracy and violating the Neutrality Act in 1987. After

extensive investigation by the FBI and an expensive trial in federal court, a judge ruled there was no reason to think Posey had violated federal law when he and CMA shipped food, clothing and medicine to the contras. Posey regarded the judgment as vindication for doing what he believed was right.

Selling History, Doing Time

Posey, grateful that the ordeal was over, returned to life with his wife and two sons. He began selling World War II and Korean War surplus items at gun shows in the Southeast, mainly as a source of income for his family. Posey sold the surplus items at gun shows in Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi about five years ago. To him, the items — which were mainly from World War II, Korea and the early Vietnam era — were more than just pieces of moldy LBE. "It was history to me," Posey said. "I felt

like I was trying to help preserve it."

But FBI Special Agent David Heaven let him know that his troubles were just beginning. "He told me in about March or April — sometime in the spring of '92 — that I'd need to watch out because the FBI wanted my ass," Posey said. "I told him to go ahead and try, because I knew I didn't have anything to hide. At the time, I thought he was just being childish. I really thought he was just trying to scare me."

But about 0900 on 16 September 1993 when Posey walked into the post office to check his mail he was surrounded by nine federal agents. "Tom Posey," one of the men said, "you're under arrest."

Less than a year later, Posey entered a federal prison to serve a 24-month sentence on a conviction of

buying and selling stolen military property. Today, Posey still sits in that federal prison in Talladega, Alabama, but he'll tell you that his only crime was disagreeing with the U.S. government. He and his attorney say court documents and testimony clearly show that Posey was a victim of FBI frustration over being unable to convict him for his efforts to help the contras.

It never occurred to Posey that things would turn out this way. A Vietnam veteran, he and his wife, Patsy, have raised two sons during their 27 years of marriage. He coached Little League baseball, has been mayor of the small town where his family lived, worked to help raise money for cerebral palsy and is not bashful about his love of his country.

Posey was charged with conspiracy to steal night-vision goggles. Posey said he had sold some night-vision goggles, primarily at gun shows, but said he had every reason to believe they were legitimate military.



Pallets of CMA-collected clothes, food and medical supplies ready for loading on plane to go south. Feds claimed CMA also shipped weapons but were unable to offer any proof.

Hot NVGs

The goggles proved to be a costly purchase for Posey. In September 1992, a man named Ray Black approached Posey and offered to sell him night-vision goggles. Posey was suspicious about the goggles being available, so he asked a friend who was a National Guard supply officer to check if any goggles had been stolen from the military. The officer had connections with the FBI as well, and he used those connections to check for any reports of stolen goggles. There were no reports on national

crime computers, military or civilian. Posey decided the goggles were legitimate and bought five pairs.

During September and October, Posey bought about 25 of the night-vision goggles, selling them at gun shows and offering them to various police departments. According to Posey, the Florence, Alabama, PD tried out a pair, using them for a stakeout.

In October, there was a report entered on crime computers nationwide — unbeknownst to Posey — about night-vision goggles stolen from the Army in Texas the previous July.

In late fall 1992, Black told Posey he had 200 more pairs of the goggles available. In addition, Black started talking about other weapons that might be available. "I asked to see the end user certificate [from the U.S. Customs Service] for the goggles since he said they were coming from overseas," Posey said. "He never did come up with the certificate, and when he started talking about things

I knew couldn't be legal, I suspected something was wrong. I didn't know whether this man was a thief or if the government was trying to set me up. Either way, I didn't want anything to do with it, so I called Army CID."

CID agent Bob Gravier told him the government was interested in setting up a purchase to learn if the goggles were stolen, so he arranged a purchase. Posey never was told if the goggles had been stolen.

"Bob Gravier testified in court that he was told by the FBI not to tell me whether the goggles were stolen,"



Tom's son, Marty Posey, passes out jewelry, candy, dolls and other morale items to kids in contra refugee camp, 1990. Before his father's bout with the FBI soured him on the idea, Marty was in college studying for a career in law enforcement.

Posey said. "He couldn't tell me anything about it, so since they didn't tell me anything else, I didn't know what to think."

In February of 1993, Black called Posey again with more goggles available. Posey called Gravier again to see if the government had any interest in the new information. "Gravier said they're not interested," Posey said, "so I thought they were OK."

Posey heard nothing else about the goggles or from the government until arrested in the post office: "...all of a sudden eight or nine FBI agents surrounded me and told me I was under arrest," Posey said. "Bob Gravier was with them and I looked at him and said, 'What's going on?' He just kind of shrugged his shoulders, and I could tell from his body language that he just didn't want to be there."

Nabbed, Nailed & Jailed

Posey was charged with conspiracy to buy, sell and transport stolen military property. He went to trial in January 1994. "When I came to trial, the attorney I had at the time did a poor job representing me and the judge did a bad job of letting evidence be presented that had nothing to do with me," Posey notes. "The judge [federal district Judge Truman Hobbs of Montgomery, Alabama] allowed testimony about the man who stole the goggles in the first place to be introduced in my trial. I didn't even know the man — his name was Tim Bolen. Things like that made me look guilty even though I wasn't." Posey said he believes the judge was predisposed

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Inside Hanoi's Secret Archives

Clandestine Researcher Finds Truth Behind Communist Lies

by F.C. Brown



The Vietnamese previously denied any knowledge of the fate of USAF Capt. John W. Seuell, MIA F-4 pilot shot down in 1972, or his crew mate Maj. James A. Fowler — yet authors uncovered this PAVN photo of Seuell's remains.

As is often the case with subjects of intense national and individual interest, writings on the topic abound, but it can take decades for the definitive book to be written. *Inside Hanoi's Secret Archives* (Simon & Schuster, \$25) is already being hailed by critics as such a "definitive account," one that answers the war's greatest mystery: the fate of our missing men.

Written by veteran journalist Malcolm McConnell, *IHSA* is a masterfully conceived and executed study of the POW/MIA issue, a topic which, despite the passage of more than two decades, remains America's most enduring legacy

of the Vietnam conflict. Encyclopedic in scope, and drawing on exclusive access to classified Vietnamese archives as well as covert American sources, the book reveals in excruciating detail a long pattern of deception and disinformation by the Vietnamese communists to avoid accounting for missing American servicemen.

This epic work deals deftly with an immensely complicated subject. McConnell succeeds in clarifying more than 35 years of complex maneuvers and machinations — in many cases, move by counter-move — on both the American and Vietnamese sides.

IHSA draws on unique sources — including the long-sequestered archives of the People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) — to investigate every aspect of the emotional MIA mystery. The author spent three years on interviews and research in both America and Vietnam. He is the only writer given complete access to the classified material, both photographs and documents, obtained during Operation Swamp Ranger, the Defense Intelligence Agency's covert mission to penetrate the secret PAVN archives in Hanoi. Operation Swamp Ranger was led by American researcher Ted Schweitzer.

The book contains extensive PAVN combat photographs of American POWs and KIAs never before released to the public, as well as a detailed photographic record of the Hanoi Army Museum collection and archives. These and other exclusive Vietnamese sources elevate the book from a purely American account to one which for the first time includes the Vietnamese perspective of this aspect of the war and its bitter aftermath.

Contrary to conventional wisdom, the author concludes that the Vietnamese communists probably did not hold



Gonzo researcher and master sleuth Ted Schweitzer, here with PAVN Maj. Lai Vinh Mui in the winter of 1993, managed to unlock the archives — and secrets — of the Vietnamese communists.

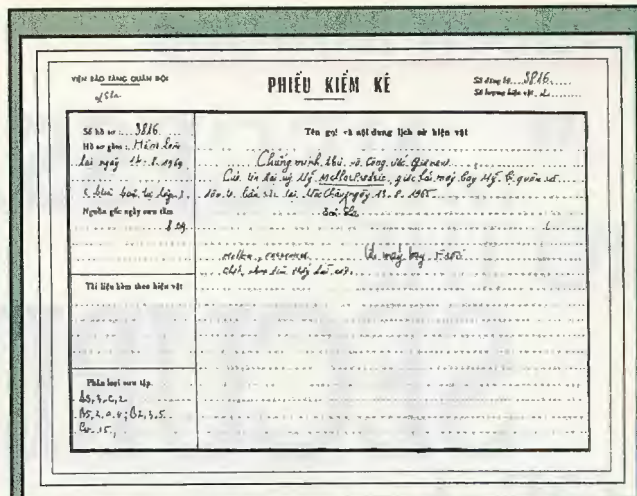
American prisoners at ransom for the promised \$3.25 billion war reparations from the United States: If they had wanted to use Americans as hostages, as Iran would later do, they would not have released the 110 American civilian contractors, missionaries, aid workers, and intelligence operatives they captured during the final collapse of South Vietnam in 1975.

While the Clinton administration favors restoring diplomatic relations with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV) because it says Hanoi has given "full cooperation" on resolving the MIA issue, the author documents that Hanoi has not: *Inside Hanoi's Secret Archives* provides proof that the Vietnamese systematically withheld key POW documents from the thousands of records Schweitzer electronically scanned in Hanoi. The SRV has also withheld the secret "Blue Files," the detailed records of all POWs they held. These files are especially sensitive because they contained reports of death under torture, and executions and murder of POWs by ill-disciplined militia and villagers — and the total number of these files is a true indicator of how many live POWs Vietnam actually held.

McConnell's book shows how the SRV inadvertently gave Schweitzer material about MIA cases of which they had previously denied any knowledge. For example, Vietnam has denied for 20 years any knowledge of the fate of Lieutenant Colonel Dean Pogreba, an Air Force pilot shot down near Hanoi in 1965 — but Schweitzer obtained PAVN records of Pogreba's capture as well as his ID card and Geneva Convention card. There are scores of similar cases in the material Schweitzer obtained. A PAVN officer, Colonel Nguyen Van Thi, told Schweitzer that hundreds of American POWs were tortured to death "right here in Hanoi," or near their capture sites.

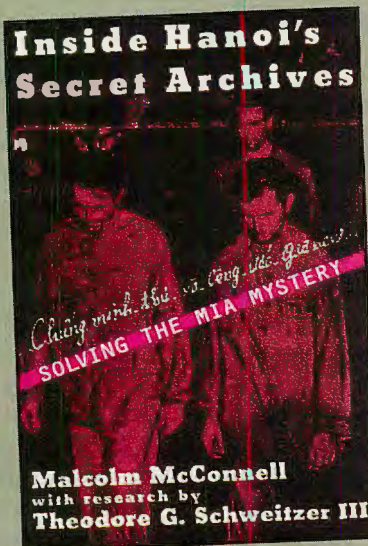
Although the Vietnamese have consistently refused to admit that any American POWs were transported from Indochina to the former Soviet Union or to other coun-

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USAF Capt. Frederic M. Mellor, shot down and missing since 1965, is known to have survived the shutdown. He was on the "Last Known Alive Discrepancy List," and the authors discovered his ID card along with its Vietnamese museum acquisition card — proof that the Vietnamese know his fate. His remains have never been returned. Despite such cases, the Clinton administration wants to normalize relations with Vietnam as reward for their "full cooperation" in resolving POW/MIA issues.

Counting the Research Coups



Inside Hanoi's Secret Archives is a mesmerizing work, enlightening on many little-known aspects of the issue, and loaded with fascinating information guaranteed to whet even the most jaded reader's appetite. Among the book's revelations:

- The penetration of sensitive People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) archives over a three-year period by DIA operative Ted Schweitzer, an expert academic and old Asia hand who operated under the code name "Swamp Ranger."

- The confirmation by a key PAVN source, Col. Thi, that hundreds of American prisoners were, indeed, tortured to death by the communists — as many in the intelligence community suspected all along.

- Confirmation of Hanoi's systematic withholding of sensitive POW files and other material, many dealing with individuals of whom the Vietnamese have consistently denied any knowledge.

- Corroboration of the very real possibility that some Americans were sent to the Soviet Union.

- Unearthing of the existence of the "Blue Files," a set of meticulously detailed personnel records of American POWs, maintained by the Vietnamese.

- Acquisition of dozens of previously unknown photographs from PAVN archives, showing both live and dead American POWs in North Vietnamese hands.

— F. C. B.

Citizen Militias

"...NECESSARY TO THE SECURITY OF A FREE STATE.."

Today there are citizens militia groups active in every state in the union except Hawaii and Delaware. And their numbers are growing daily.

There is no single issue that has triggered this nationwide movement of law-abiding citizens joining militias. Instead, an increasing series of events has convinced even many skeptics that this country is rapidly turning into a police state. A preventative measure against such tyranny lies in citizens militias.

Based on the independent militia companies of 1774, these groups of armed citizens view themselves as a final line of defense against a federal government that, by its actions, has become their enemy. The Second Amendment is at the core of their existence. It is viewed as the last constitutional defense against a government bent on oppression. And with an estimated 200 mil-

lion guns in the United States — the vast majority in civilian hands — there are millions of potential militia members.

Though no exact figure of nationwide membership exists, Larry Pratt, president of Gun Owners of America, wrote over a year ago that he knew of more than 100 *organized* citizen militias. These ranged from the superbly structured Michigan Militia, which alone has 12,000 members, to small networks made up of a dozen like-minded friends.

A major catalyst fueling recruitment is the present administration's swift and successful gun control measures. First, aided by a massive propaganda campaign from Handgun Control Inc., was enactment of

Modern Minutemen Tell Feds: "Don't Tread On Us!"

by Mike Williams

the Brady bill that required law-abiding citizens to undergo background checks and waiting periods to purchase handguns. Close on the heels of the Brady bill was the banning of "19" different types of semiautomatic firearms under the Crime bill's assault weapons provision. After the Crime bill passed, it was revealed that instead of 19 banned weapons, the prohibition actually applied to more than 185 different types of semiauto firearms.

Rumors continue of further measures: a drive to effect a national registration of *all* firearms, and ultimately total disarmament of all citizens. In 1991, at a B'nai B'rith meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the attorney general of the United States, Janet Reno, stated, "The most effective means of fighting crime in the United States is to outlaw the



Brig. Gen. Carl D. Haggard (shown here wearing colonel's insignia), is local USSF/NM commander in Houston, Texas. USSF/NM is not affiliated with any state citizens militia and does not promote carrying or use of weapons. Photo: courtesy Mike Williams



possession of any type of firearm by the civilian populace.”

Reno’s view of the Second Amendment is echoed by former Eagle Scout and new FBI director, Louis Freeh, who just before passage of the Brady bill trumpeted, “I will vigorously enforce any gun control law passed by the United States Congress.” This statement would indicate that, in Freeh’s view, the FBI had taken over the ATF’s responsibility.

A Government Against Its People

Militiamen often cite the words of John Salter, who was instrumental in filing charges against the federal government during the Randy Weaver siege: “A government which will turn its tanks upon its people, for any reason, is a government with a taste for blood and a thirst for power and must either be smartly rebuked or blindly obeyed in deadly fear.” Militia members’ suspicions were confirmed on 22 August 1992. Special Agent Lon

Michigan militia membership has skyrocketed in light of a parade of gun control legislation passed by the Clinton administration. Wolverines view the Second Amendment as fundamental to a free citizenry. Photo: James McQuaid

Horiuchi, a sniper with the FBI’s Hostage Rescue Team (HRT) fired two aimed rounds from a scoped rifle in the remote woods of Ruby Ridge, Idaho. The first was fired at Randy Weaver and hit him in the right armpit. The second was “allegedly” aimed at 25-year-old Kevin Lee Harris, but instead hit Weaver’s wife Vicki in the head, killing her, before striking and seriously injuring Harris. (See “Standoff In Idaho: The Randy Weaver Incident,” *SOF* March ’93.)

No legal action was taken against Horiuchi and an internal FBI investigation concluded that the murder was a “tragic accident,” the FBI used “improper judgment,” and agents showed “neglect of duty.” Furthermore, the Department of Justice is not pursuing

any criminal actions against Arthur T. Roderick Jr. or Larry Cooper, the U.S. marshals responsible for killing Weaver’s 14-year-old son Sammy and the family dog.

The Weaver case was followed by the ATF combined-arms attack against the Branch Davidians at Mount Carmel, Texas. In April 1993, 85 Davidians were massacred and incinerated by agents of the ATF and FBI. Among those murdered were a large number of children.

There are scores of other documented cases involving outrageous, illegal and murderous actions by federal agents from the FBI, ATF, DEA, INS and U.S. Customs Service against innocent citizens. And *not one* agent from *any* federal agency has been indicted, tried or sentenced for murder. The ACLU and National Rifle Association have appealed to President Clinton to appoint a committee to investigate “lawlessness in law enforcement.” Nothing has been done as of this writing, though hearings on

abuses by federal law enforcement are being considered by a House subcommittee.

Apparently, the FBI and ATF military "wannabes" — witness their jump boots, camo face cream, camouflage uniforms and black ninja suits — are not subject to the same laws that apply to all U.S. citizens. The U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights appear to be meaningless to these out-of-control stormtroopers.

The foregoing actions have re-

dent signed Presidential Directive 25 in May 1994, which, although secret, is feared to allow subordination of U.S. military forces to a U.N. command. Although nothing new, U.N. troops are trained and quartered on American soil at various military bases across the country. While not necessarily sinister, it makes many patriots nervous.

The government's perceived contempt of its citizens was demonstrated by the immediate passage of the

quired by the U.S. and state constitutions. On the other hand, Oregon has a law prohibiting the formation of militias and Idaho and California have statutes against any paramilitary training by civilians.

Citizens militias feel compelled to distance themselves from state-sponsored organizations. Nationwide, citizens militia members are all volunteers who furnish their own uniforms, weapons, ammunition and equipment. Their ranks include men, women, girls and boys, 16 years and older. With few exceptions, there are no restrictions as to race or religion.

Since citizens militias operate in a legal gray area, many groups are very security conscious — the result of government attempts to infiltrate agents and informants into their ranks — and understandably reluctant to furnish information concerning their unit's Table of Organization and Equipment.

With rare exception, these groups have formed under the broad provisions of the Second Amendment, and in some states, under respective clauses in the state constitutions. In all groups, the volunteers swear an oath to the U.S. Constitution, to protect and defend it against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and to the constitution of their respective states. They all agree to abide by all legal laws: federal, state and local.

A National Militia

On the national level there is the United States Special Field Forces/National Militia (USSF/NM), which operates under the National Defense Act of 1916, recognizing a class of non-enlisted citizens described as "the unorganized militia." A government chartered, non-profit organization created in 1974, it does not depend on



There has been a steadily increasing series of events that have convinced many this country is rapidly turning into a police state. These Wolverines, armed with a variety of assault rifles and hunting weapons, organize to ensure that never happens. Photo: James McQuaid

sulted in a shared belief among militia groups countrywide that the federal government is not their friend, and that its various agencies are ignoring the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. There is reason to fear that federal agents of the FBI and ATF have repeatedly lied, concealed, and in some cases, destroyed evidence in attempts to secure convictions in federal court. And there remains a sinking feeling that some federal judges are answerable to no one, and are a power unto themselves. For these reasons, members are attracted to militias as a safeguard against such actions.

The militias can also cite further violation of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. There is the growing assumption of power by the United Nations over many aspects of U.S. foreign policy. For example, the presi-

GATT and NAFTA treaties in spite of public opposition. Some militias view these agreements as evidence of an impending New World Order. Add in persistent sightings of "black helicopters" and rumors of nationwide detention centers and you have a certain explainable paranoia among Constitution-loving Americans. These fears manifested themselves in a militia attack on a U.N. "garrison" in Wickenburg, Arizona, (see "U.N. Troops 'Invade' Arizona," *SOF* Feb. 1995) and in no small degree in the 1994 elections.

Citizens militias should not be confused with state defense forces or state militias. These types of "militias" have specified duties to perform in the event the state's National Guard is federalized. Citizens militias have no state-defined duty, though 47 states have some type of militia law as re-



The Texas Light Infantry practices Ranger tactics. Other training includes live fire exercises and MOUT drills. All TLI units train a minimum of once a month. Photo: courtesy TLI

the Second Amendment but relies on common law — the right of every individual citizen to come together with other citizens for the common defense.

USSF/NM has a standard chain of command, is not affiliated with any state citizens militia, and does not promote carrying or use of weapons in any mission. It has members nationwide and overseas. In addition to active duty military personnel, there are also a large number of retired former military officers and NCOs on the membership rolls.

I spoke with the local commander in Houston, Brigadier General Carl D. Haggard, Fort Bend County, Texas. Haggard is a former assistant district attorney and chief prosecutor for the Harris County district attorney's office in Houston, Texas. He was a keynote speaker at the 2 July 1994 War Memorial and Tennessee Bill of Rights rally in Nashville, Tennessee; and lead speaker at the Committee of 1776 National Gun Rally, 14 August 1994, held at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C. Haggard said, "The USSF/NM is a charitable organization chartered in Florida. We provide rescue, first aid, evacuation services and coordinate with local law enforcement. We are patriots with a love of God, family and country."

My home state of Texas serves as a good microcosm of the citizens militia movement, with several active in the state. As do all militias in Texas, the Texas Constitutional Militia (TCM) operates under the provisions of the 1876 Texas Constitution. That document gave the Texas Legislature the authority to organize and discipline any and all types of militias. In 1969 this power was taken back by the people of Texas when Article 16, Section 46, was repealed. The people of Texas now hold the power to organize, equip and train their own militias without any interference from the state legis-

lature. In addition, the TCM also operates under those common law rights protected by the First and Second Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and by Article 1, Sections 23 and 27 of the Texas Constitution.

lies, they gathered in front of the "Shrine of Texas" to pledge their allegiance to the Constitution. Local newspapers and network television affiliates had reporters present and coverage of the event was on the evening news.

Another Texas militia group, the 1st Battalion, Texas Light Infantry (TLI), was formed in the Dallas, Texas, area in 1984 by Bob Holloway, a Vietnam veteran. The 2nd Battalion, TLI was activated in the Austin area in 1986. The 3rd Battalion, TLI is headquartered at Bryan College Station with Major Gert Ording (ex-Navy medic), CO, and Captain Larry Wiese (Marine Vietnam vet), XO. The 4th Battalion, TLI, was formed in El Paso by an ex-Ranger.

Training activities for the various TLI units include field operations, map and compass instruction, night tactical problems and live-fire exercises. An urban assault training house is also used during MOUT (Military Operations in Urban Terrain) tests. All units train a minimum of once a month and try to increase membership by scheduling additional recruitment meetings whenever possible.

Federal agents — FBI and ATF — have been active in monitoring some Texas units. At one point, the Austin FBI office sent agents up and down residential roads asking neighbors a series of questions about militia members living in the area: who are they, where do they live, do they have weapons, and where are they employed? The agents wanted to compile a mailing list of the members and stated to one member that they wanted "to work out a plan where each member will come in 'voluntarily and chat'" with the agents.

Later, agents from the same office told one group they would "like to come out and watch the training." When the battalion CO asked the agents why, the "Fibbies" said that they'd been Marines. When told to bring a "ruck," the FBI "former Ma-

Michigan Militia Wolverines

The Michigan Militia, members of which are featured on this month's cover, is one of the largest and best organized militias in the United States. By late 1994, it claimed more than 12,000 "Wolverines," male and female.

The Michigan Militia consists of four divisions, each corresponding to a region of the state. The 1st, or "Superior" Division operates in the deep forests of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, while 4th Division covers the state's southernmost counties. Each county has a corresponding brigade. In the Michigan Militia, the brigade is the primary operational unit — consisting of one or more rifle platoons. Engineer and specialized units are attached to divisional commands. The member-elected brigade commanders are county residents. Brigades regularly engage in local field exercises during wet and cold weather. Those training at Fort George William, a private facility, participate in live fire exercises.

Militia custom provides for an olive drab U.S. flag to be shoulder-worn with the heading rearward. General Olson, state commander, has said this symbolizes that the "wind of God" is behind the militia. Other shoulder patches denoting "Civilian Militia," as well as brigade numbers or logos are worn. Divisional insignia and name tapes appear on the chest.

Although militias have existed previously, the Michigan Militia was formed in April 1994. Membership skyrocketed after the now-defeated, leftist Congress assailed the U.S. Constitution with the so-called Crime bill.

Members are largely libertarians, populists and republicans. They include most faiths and many are veterans. The militia leadership is populist, Christian and stridently anti-U.N. Despite the law abiding non-violence of its demonstrations, the Michigan Militia is preparing to face the ruthless violence of the ATF, HRT and their comrade organizations.

— James McQuaid



On 12 November 1994, the TCM held what was to be the first meeting of the Texas militia at the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas. A crowd of nearly 500 attended, including members of various militias from around the state. Together with their fami-

Join A Militia — Break Th

Legal research on the subject of militias raises the question of their authority to organize. Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States provides that: "The Congress shall have the power ... To provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections and repel invasions ... To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the militia, and for governing such part of them as may be employed in the service of the United States, reserving to the states respectively, the appointment of officers, and the authority of training the militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress."

The Second Amendment reads: "A well regulated militia being necessary [for] a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

The Constitution, therefore, demonstrates that militias are a creature of the state, subject to being called forth by the U.S. government "to execute the laws of the Union ..." This is bolstered by the wording of the Second Amendment which holds, "A well regulated militia being necessary [for] a free State ..." and by Article 1, Section 8, Subsection (16), which reserves to the states "the appointment of officers and the authority of training the militia ..."

Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 311 further stipulates that the militia consists of *all* able-bodied males aged 17 to 45, both citizens and those who have declared their intent to become citizens, and of female citizens who are officers of the National Guard. It also specifies that the militia consists of two classes: the organized militia and the unorganized or reserve militia. Many states have similar statutes. Those citizens who apply, or are called up for service and are accepted by a state militia, are part of an organized militia. All others eligible under the law are members of the unorganized

militia, and are subject to call up by the state.

Thus, while most citizens are members of the militia, and therefore have the right to keep and bear arms to respond to a call to assemble by lawful authority, the appointment of officers, and the training of militia members are the responsibility of the state. These militias that purport to support the Constitution, yet have appointed their own officers and conduct their own training without authority from the state, are therefore in apparent violation of Article 1, Section 8, Subsection 16 of the U.S. Constitution.

The Michigan Constitution provides in Article III, Section 4, that "The militia shall be organized, equipped and disciplined as provided by law." This "rump" organization has not been "organized, equipped and disciplined as provided by law."

Instead, private citizens, well-meaning though they may be, have organized, equipped and presumably disciplined themselves without any legal authority whatsoever.

Interesting enough, the state of Michigan, and a number of other states, already have organized militias other than the National Guard. In Michigan, this militia is known as the Michigan Emergency Volunteers.

Other states call their organizations State Guards, State Military Reserves, State Militias or State Defense Forces. One wonders why this Michigan group doesn't simply join the authorized and organized Militia of Michigan.

Further evidence that states retain the power to govern and regulate militias can be found in *American Jurisprudence*: "... the state governments have the power to regulate or prohibit associations and meetings of the people ... and they also have the power to control and regulate the organization, drilling, and parading of military bodies and associations, except when such bodies or associations are authorized by the militia laws of the United States. The exercise of this power by the states is necessary to the

"State governments have the power to regulate or prohibit associations and meetings of the people."

rines" asked, "What's that?"

Shortly after the FBI failures, an ATF agent visited one of the field camps. When asked to produce some form of identification he refused and left. Additionally, the Austin chapter of the Anti-Defamation League has launched an "investigation" of the TLI for reasons best known to themselves.

Citizen militias enjoy strong support in the West where individuality and personal freedoms are still highly valued. For these reasons and others, the Militia of Montana (MOM) was founded 20 years ago and is a family enterprise headed by John and Dave Trochmann and Dave's son Randy.

MOM is extremely well organized.

They publish a well-prepared information booklet that contains the history of the militia movement beginning in 54 B.C. with Caesar's invasion of Britain, research of U.S. militias, and a section on "Interpreting the Meaning and Purpose of the Second Amendment," along with quotes from the *Federalist Papers*

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public peace, safety, and good order. To deny the power would be to deny the right of the state to disperse assemblages organized for sedition and treason, and the right to suppress armed mobs bent on riot and looting.

"Prohibiting any body of men, other than the regular organized militia and the regular troops of the United States, to associate themselves together as a military company or organization, or to drill or parade with arms without a proper license, is not violative of the federal Constitution."

In light of this guidance, states have enacted legislation regarding militia-type training. The California Penal Code Section 11460 states:

"(a) Any two or more persons who assemble as a paramilitary organization for the purpose of practicing with weapons shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both.

"As used in this subdivision, 'paramilitary organization' means an organization which is not an agency of the United States government or of the State of California, or which is not a private school meeting the requirements set forth in Section 12154 of the Education Code ...

"(b)(1) Any person who teaches or demonstrates to any other person the use, application, or making of any firearms, explosive, or destructive device ... or any person who assembles with one or more persons for the purpose of training with ... the use of any firearm ... with the intent to cause or further a civil disorder, shall be punished ..."

The Second Amendment should not be confused with the legality of citizens militias. The NRA, while supporting and defending the amendment, does not believe that the right to keep and bear arms is dependent upon membership in a militia, and has drafted this response:

"It is the NRA's view, based on law (Article 1, Section



The TLI operates under provision of the Texas Constitution. In 1969 Article 16, Section 46 was repealed, returning to the people of Texas the power to organize, equip and train their own militias without any interference from the state legislature. Photo: courtesy TLI

8 of the U.S. Constitution; Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 311(a), court precedents, and legal and historical interpretation, that all able-bodied persons, explicitly those between the ages of 17 and 45, are members of the federal unorganized militia, except members of the organized state guards ... the National Guards of the various states (which also serve as a part of the National Guard of the United States, a military reserve subject to nationalization by the president of the United States), and certain government officials. An "organized citizen militia" must be created under the Constitution itself and/or the laws of a state.

"Title 10, U.S.C., clearly affirms the existence of the citizen militia; it is little changed since the original Militia Act of 1792 (except for the addition in this century of recognition of the third type of militia, the federally supported National Guard, in addition to the enrolled and unenrolled militia).

"Further, the individual right to own firearms is guaranteed by the Constitution, but the right to own firearms is not at all dependent upon the militia clause. The militia clause of the Second Amendment merely adds to the reason for the right, which is a common law right rooted in the right of protection of self, family and community.

"The Second Amendment guarantees an individual's right to arms; participation in a citizen militia organization does not make that right more valid nor any stronger."

—Wayne Anthony Ross

regarding the right to bear arms. A section of the pamphlet covers the rules and regulations governing MOM, and instructions on the formation of similar militias in other states. MOM does a thriving business at various gun shows, networking, producing and selling videotapes that cover current Second Amendment

cases and violations of citizens' constitutional rights by agents of the federal government.

When asked about training schedules and venues, John Trochmann smiled and replied, "If there's any training carried out it will be as private as family devotion." MOM maintains close ties with the U.S. Congress

through their liaison officer, Bob Fletcher, formerly a congressional investigator.

Some militias have grown out of a specific need or fear. On 2 August 1994, a group of ranchers and other citizens met at a Catron County cham-

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Somalia Firefights

The **FAST** And The Dead

Elite Marines First In, Last Out Of The Heart Of Darkness

by Dale B. Cooper
Photos courtesy author

U.S. interest and direct involvement in Somalia went downhill after 18 U.S. Army personnel including Green Berets, Rangers and Blackhawk crewmen were gunned down during fierce fighting in the streets and alleys of Mogadishu on 3-4 October 1993. Bowing to congressional pressure, President Clinton ordered all U.S. forces to leave Somalia no later than 31 March 1994. Their departure was in stark contrast to prime-time coverage the first Marines received in 1992 when they came ashore in Somalia to “Restore Hope” to that East African nation.

By the time the last Marines left, no one cared about restoring hope. But the United States did maintain a presence in Somalia — the U.S. Liaison Office (USLO). The

FAST convoy ready to move out into “Indian Country.” Lead vehicle displays business end of Mk19 automatic grenade launcher — one of the best anti-Somali weapons in Marine arsenal.

task of protecting the diplomats attached to the USLO fell to the elite Marines of FAST, the Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team.

FAST is just what its acronym indicates: a rapidly deployable, internal security unit which is lightly armed with M16A2 rifles, M203 grenade launchers, MP5 submachine guns, M16A2 M4 carbines, M249 SAWs, 12-gauge shotguns and M9 pistols. With convoy security added to its mission in Somalia, FAST added heavier ordnance — like 40mm Mark 19 Mod 3 automatic gre-



nade launchers, M2 HB .50 caliber Browning machine guns, M60 GPMGs, AT4 anti-tank weapons, LAWs, claymores, bangalore torpedoes, cases and cases of hand grenades and enough C4 to level Mogadishu.

The heavy stuff, Mk19s and M2s mounted on HMMWVs (Hummers), gave FAST an awesome mobile capability. Each armored HMMWV carried a five-man crew. In addition to the driver, who carried an MP5 submachine gun, the vehicle commander and left and right rear-gunners carried M16A2 M4 carbines with a couple of AT4s tucked between their legs. The top gunner was behind either a Mk19 grenade launcher or M2 machine gun. He also carried a 12-gauge shotgun for up-

close, in-your-face work. Each Marine carried a sidearm and max load of rifle ammo on his LBE. Thirty additional preloaded magazines and dozens of hand grenades were carried in ammo cans inside the vehicle. Since the Somalis didn't have protective masks, each HMMWV also carried a couple of cases of CS grenades.

The typical FAST convoy consisted of four HMMWVs mounting two Mk19s, one in the lead position, and another at the rear. A turret-mounted M60 machine gun was in another HMMWV behind the lead, and an M2 was just ahead of tail-end-charlie. The rear HMMWV's clamshell (rear-sloping hood) was removed and rigged with a chair so a Marine with an M16A2 and M203 could cover "six," as the convoy sped down the streets of Mogadishu at 45 mph.

FAST Firefight

Staff Sergeant Milton Hardin missed the Gulf War, but saw his share of combat in Somalia. Hardin was escorting U.S. diplomats to a meeting with Somali warlord Mohamed Aidid's people when he unknowingly led his FAST convoy of three Hummers and two Chevy Suburban limousines into an ambush at the K-4 Circle, a major intersection in Mogadishu. The action began when two Somali gunmen took up firing positions behind a tree on the left side of the road. Without warning, someone opened fire from an upper floor window of a building at the rear of the convoy.

"The rear man in the tail vehicle, Lance Corporal C.R. Hamilton, dropped the individual as my .50-cal gunner, Lance Corporal M.D. Snelson, swung around and got rid of the two threats on the left side of us," Hardin said as he recounted in detail the lightning-swift attack and his instinctive moves to counter it. "We began to take incoming fire from the right side of the convoy as we entered the circle."

As the fight developed, Somalia National Alliance (SNA) militia came out of the woodwork and attempted to block the convoy's escape route.

"It was kind of a chain-reaction type thing," Hardin said, "because once the shooting started, every Somali with a weapon decided he'd get him some Americans."

Two Isuzu gun trucks on the Via Moscow and Via Lenin avenues leading off the circle opened up on the convoy. But the M2 chopped them up like hamburger. As a group of gunmen ran into the circle from

the right side firing their AKMs wildly from the hip, Lance Cpl. D. Krahlung on the Mk19 cut them down. One trigger pull sent a spread of 22 rounds of high-explosive grenades into their midst.

All of this violence exploded as the circle was full of people. It was the month of Ramadan, a holy time in the



Islamic world and Saudi peacekeepers were handing out dates to men, women and children. There were hundreds of them in the circle when the shooting broke out. Hardin hung out the window of the lead Hummer and fired three shots in the air in an attempt to scatter the crowd so he could get his convoy out of the killing zone.

At about that time, there was a big explosion at the circle. To this day no one knows what blew up. Maybe it was an RPG fired from a rooftop that missed its mark. Afterward, at a debriefing, the Joint Task Force (JTF) confirmed that RPGs had been spotted on rooftops in the vicinity.

Twenty-three Marines and a Navy hospital corpsman traveling with Hardin conducted a "break contact battle drill" by pushing through the kill zone. For more than 300 meters, the convoy fought their way out at a controlled and steady rate. Once out of danger, but still laying down suppressive fire to the rear, the convoy picked up speed and reentered



Although his primary weapon is Mk19 grenade launcher, Cpl. Isaacs stands ready with 12-gauge shotgun. FAST HMMWVs were heavily armed and heavily armored for good reason.

friendly lines at the U.S./U.N.-controlled Mogadishu airport.

There were three versions of the shooting incident at the K-4 Circle. Steve McIlvanine, deputy chief of USLO, said, "Snipers provoked the Marines. I wouldn't use the word ambush ... but it certainly was an attack." Major K.G. Haider, leader of a nearby unit of blue-helmeted Bangladesh U.N. troops said, "The Marines fired indiscriminately toward



FAST convoy moving through the mean streets of Mogadishu. Traffic, pedestrians and bad guys reinforced fighter pilot mentality — speed is life.

the crowd." And Mumi Greek, a Somali, told the *Los Angeles Times*, "Before they [Marines] got to the crowd they opened fire ... No shots were fired at the U.S. troops." But journalists in the K-4 hotel where I stayed said they heard what sounded like one or two single shots before the Marines returned fire.

Unlike a normal infantry unit that would have hosed down the K-4 Circle as it tried to break free of the strangle hold, Hardin's Marines used extreme discipline when engaging targets. Only 138 rounds were fired that day — not much considering the amount of incoming. But Marine counterfire was extremely accurate. Hardin believes his convoy came under fire from at least 11 Somali gunmen, "but they were eliminated." Intel reports at least nine Somalis were killed and another 30 or 40 wounded. Somalis interviewed later by the JTF said it was the most awesome display of disciplined fire they had ever seen.

Hardin's vehicle was not hit. However, an armored Hummer in his convoy was hit three times by small-arms fire after it pulled up along the left side of a Suburban containing two U.S. VIPs to protect them from the most dangerous side of the kill zone. None of the rounds penetrated the armor plating. "Thank God for 7.62x39mm [AK round], 'cause it doesn't have the penetration capability our 5.56 has," Hardin said, and explained his rear gunners were able

to make Swiss cheese out of Somali vehicles with their M16A2 M4 carbines loaded with steel-penetrating rounds. The standard-issue NATO ammunition will penetrate a quarter-inch of armor at 100 yards. AK rounds won't.

Bad Attitude Or Dead Meat

"We survived certain death because we didn't get rattled," Hardin said, "even though we were outnumbered and outgunned." In fact, FAST Company did not suffer a single casualty or any casualties among the diplomats they protected during their



U.S. Marine scout sniper at the "Alamo." Marines displayed impressive fire discipline. During single target engagements virtually all rounds hit home, just like a rifle range.

entire 18-month deployment in Somalia — no small accomplishment considering the hostile company they kept.

“I think being very aggressive is the reason,” said Captain Dutch Bertholf, commander of 2nd Platoon — the last Marines to leave Mogadishu. Like other platoon leaders, Bertholf was determined to bring his men home unscathed. “They [Somalis] knew we meant business,” Bertholf said, “and whenever they saw the ‘Big Gun,’ as they called the Mk19, they knew that we were very good with it, and could kill large numbers of them with it if they gave us reason to fire.”

Before 2nd Platoon arrived in Somalia, a Mk19 gunner shot a Somali three times in the chest. The rounds, which have to travel around 80 feet to arm, didn’t explode. The man was



FAST HMMWV crew armed with MP5, M16A2 M4 carbine, M16A2s and shotguns provided unmatched convoy protection: No Marines or protectees killed or injured — the Somalis cannot make the same claim.

too close, but the result was the same — three gaping holes were blown in his body.

Somalis respect force and when they realize force will be used against them, they tend to leave you alone. That’s why the Egyptian and Pakistani peacekeepers had problems. They were too passive and became easy prey for Somali gunmen.

FAST Company learned this lesson soon after 6th Platoon was relieved by 5th Platoon. Two of Capt. Scott Campbell’s vehicles were ambushed by SNA militia along the infamous 21 October Road when Somali gunners opened fire with AKMs on two Toyota Landcruisers,

successfully riddling the second vehicle and blowing out its front tires.

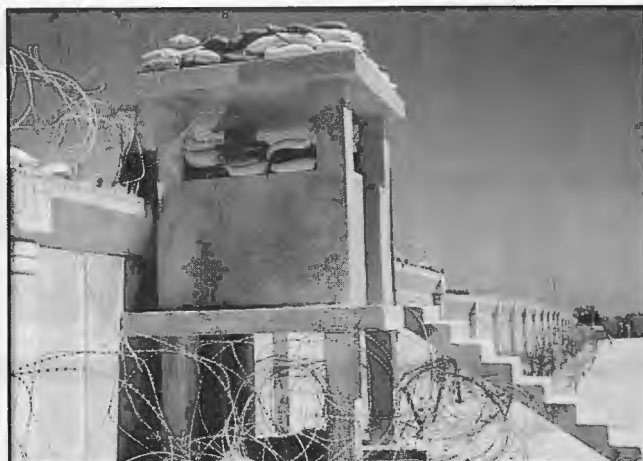
The driver, Cpl. Christopher E. Davis, didn’t hesitate. He put the pedal to the metal and sped through the kill zone on the rims at 80 miles per hour. “Had he frozen, he’d have been dead meat, and so would his passengers ... a couple of State Department officials,” said Maj. Paulovich, who recalled a similar incident involving U.N. peacekeepers in which the driver hit the brakes, causing the second vehicle to come to a screeching halt in the kill zone. The Somalis pounced on them like a lion pounces on a wounded animal; killing four Malaysians and wounding a couple of New Zealanders.

The next day, another two-vehicle FAST convoy was ambushed in the crowded Medina marketplace along Jalle Siaad Road.

This time, the RPG and small-arms fire missed the vehicles completely as they sped to safety.

Paulovich thinks the Somalis exploited the changing of the guard to test his men’s mettle. “The Somalis picked up on that,” Paulovich said, “and they realized these guys [5th Platoon] were the new guys in town, and took pot shots at them.”

The only safe haven in Somalia was the international airport, where a division of Egyptian soldiers was stationed. “But once you drove into the city, it was like going into the heart of darkness,” Bertholf said. “It was just them and us, and we knew there was no one to come to get us if we



One of several Marine posts at U.N. compound. Lessons learned in Beirut dictated stronger fortifications. So strong that when pinned against the outside wall, 10th Mountain Division was unable to blow its way in.

got into trouble.” But the Marines didn’t mind being left all alone in Mogadishu. If anything, it tightened the bonds of friendship in each of the FAST platoons.

After U.S. forces pulled out at the end of March 1993, it became apparent to Bertholf the U.N. QRF (Quick Reaction Force) was “not quick, not able to react and totally unforceful. Our only hope was to form our own ‘quick reaction force,’ which we did.”

Make Every Round Count, Count Every Round

At times, Sgt. Mike Tracey, 2nd squad leader in 2nd Platoon felt like a duck in a shooting gallery as he drove down 21 October Road. Tracey’s squad of four heavily armed HMMWVs was escorting Ambassador Daniel H. Simpson, the U.S. Special Envoy to Somalia, to a meeting in Mogadishu when the convoy came under fire a few weeks before the last Marines pulled out of Somalia.

“I didn’t know where the fire was coming from the day a 12.7mm opened up on my vehicle. The shockwaves sounded like somebody rapping their knuckles on the side of the vehicle,” Tracey said. Startled, he turned around and looked over at Lance Cpl. Ricky Sanders and asked if it was him shooting or if someone was throwing rocks at their HMMWV.

That’s when Lance Cpl. Andy Isaacs, the Mk19 gunner yelled, “There’s somebody shooting at us from the buildings.” Isaacs heard rounds over his head, but was unable to locate the source of the hostile

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Chalk Up One For The Good Guys

KATONA GETS HIS GUNS

by James L. Pate

The call from a friend at the NRA lit a short fuse. With national elections a month away, he told me that Jack Brooks, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, planned a press conference to announce spring-time hearings on the persistently abusive conduct of the BATF. The committee staff asked the NRA to suggest an example or two of the outrageous conduct commonly condoned by ATF, people the chairman could trot out for the press. Knowing I regularly chronicle such cases for *Soldier Of Fortune*, the NRA called me for leads.

After the meaningless dog-and-pony show put on by the same committee in the smoldering aftermath of the Waco massacre, I was skeptical. Jack Brooks, the cantankerous Texas Democrat heading the committee, later sold out the Second Amendment by voting to ban many types of semi-automatic, military-style rifles. Why should Brooks be so eager now to tackle the tawdry tendencies of the ATF?

"Because he's in big trouble with the gun owners in his district and he wants to get back in our good graces," my friend told me, the glee in his voice undisguised. Ah, yes. A bumper sticker came to mind: "I'm the NRA and I vote."

One case that would serve was that of Louis Katona III, the Ohio businessman and part-time police officer who was targeted by the ATF just because he was an avid machine gun collector. During the subsequent raid, Katona's wife, Kimberly, miscarried what would have been their second child, after being slammed into a wall by ATF Agent Steven St. Pierre. The agent was a newly named group supervisor in the ATF's Cleveland office.

The facts of the case were this: The 8 May 1992 raid resulted in the seizure of 32 legal automatic and other Title II weapons with an appraised value of \$107,000.

After waiting almost a year with no word from ATF, except on their intent to keep his property, the Katonas sued St. Pierre and ATF agents Lance Lee Kimmell and Stephen C. Wells. Also named as defendants were the city of Bucyrus, Ohio, where the Katona family has lived for generations, and the local police chief, Joe Beran, a beer-bellied biker bully who later was ATF's chief witness.

Only after being sued did Kimmell, the case agent, urge Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Bulford to seek Louie Katona's indictment (see "Miscarriage of Justice," *SOF* April '94). On 25 April 1994, U.S. District Judge George White dismissed charges against Katona because "There is no evidence a crime has been committed." (See "BAT-'F' Troop Rides Again," *SOF* August '94.) Beran has put in for retirement. Bulford was exiled by U.S. Attorney Emily M. Sweeney's office in Cleveland to scut work in Akron.

"It's kind of short notice, but you're going to be in Washington anyway, so why don't I take a long shot and try to get you on G. Gordon Liddy's radio show?" I asked Katona. "Super," he said. I phoned up Liddy's producer, John Popp. After some quick juggling of the production schedule, Popp called back. "You're on," he said.

We managed to delay the press conference for 24 more hours and Katona, accompanied by his mom, Sharon, arrived in Washington 5 October. I met them the next day at their hotel with one of their lawyers, Robert E. Sanders, now a regular *SOF* columnist. We all piled into two cabs and, as we headed for Capitol Hill, Louie updated me on his case.

"I finally got my guns back," he said, smiling at the thought. Not only did U.S. District Judge David Dowd Jr. order the ATF to return Katona's property, he specified the date (19 September 1994) and the time (1300 hours) that it would be delivered to the Katona residence. He ordered that no agents involved in the raid be there. Dowd dismissed "with prejudice" the ATF's claim on Katona's guns, meaning the bureau could not refile.



Former U.S. Rep. Jack Brooks, D-Tex., then-chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, talks to the press about ATF outrages as the Katona family waits to talk with reporters. From left, Louie's mom, Sharon Katona; his wife, Kimberly; baby Cassidy; his son, Louis Katona IV and the proud father and patriot gun owner, Louis Katona III. Despite Brooks' blustering about grabbing ATF by the scruff of the neck, voters in his district remembered that Brooks sold them out on the assault rifle ban. The cantankerous Texan got dumped in November like a greenhorn cowboy at his first rodeo. Photo: James L. Pate



From left, the author, G. Gordon Liddy and Louis Katona III strike a pose after appearing on Liddy's nationally syndicated radio talk show. While the mainstream media, notably Cleveland's *Plain Dealer*, ignored the Katona tragedy, *Soldier Of Fortune* broke the story and has kept it alive, with the help of patriots like Liddy. Photo: Sharon Katona

The Justice Department assigned staff attorneys out of Washington to defend the ATF agents against Katona's suit. Kimberly Katona is not a Tammy Faye Bakker-style grandstander with leaky water works. To the contrary, she avoids the spotlight. But when government attorneys taking her deposition for the civil suit badgered her repeatedly for the most minute details of the incident resulting in her miscarriage, she couldn't help it. As they made her explain, nanosecond by nanosecond, what she was thinking and feeling as she was put against the wall by a supposed public servant — when her vital link to her baby-to-be snapped in a brutal instant — she began to cry.

It must have struck some primordial chord with a female attorney sitting at the government's table, who had to pause to wipe her own eyes, Louie recounted. The man questioning Kimberly Katona continued, pressing her to dredge up more pain. Another pause, this one more protracted, came when the court recorder, a woman whose job it was to record with complete accuracy what was said, got teary-eyed, delaying the proceedings while she composed herself. It finally dawned on the federal attorney that his line of questioning might not incline a listening jury toward the best interests of the government's defense. The attorney suddenly changed the subject.

Defying all logic, Joe Beran still holds his job as police chief. The city finds itself in the untenable position of admitting, at the risk of potential civil damages, that Chief Beran willingly lied for the ATF in its effort to convict Katona, and firing Beran. Or they could defend a man whose main reputation in the community is that of a besotted philanderer. They have chosen the latter course, and speculation is that Beran must hold some high markers on the city fathers — and maybe some of the mothers,

too. But Beran is cashing in his chips and getting out of the game, making plans to head on down the highway on his Harley. No doubt well-wishers will buy him gifts — perhaps a year's subscription to *SOF* — and lovers of law and order will line the bucolic Bucyrus sidewalks to wave farewell to this dashing, hawg-straddling bon vivant.

Unfortunately, two honest officers on the Bucyrus department, patrolmen Jerry Agee and Ralph Grubel, did not keep their jobs. Both were fired by Beran, ostensibly for providing documents to Katona's attorneys. Their real offense, however, appears to be their unwillingness to lie.

"If these two officers are guilty of anything," said Ronald M. Studer, president of the Bucyrus chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police, "it is supplying factual evidence to the court in pursuit of the truth. Had Mr. Katona been guilty, their evidence would have buried him. As it turned out, that evidence played a role in exonerating him. Had these two officers not taken the action they did, an innocent man could be sitting in jail."

In a personal letter to U.S. Attorney Sweeney, Katona's co-counsel, James H. Jeffries III of Greensboro, N.C., complained about the actions against Grubel and Agee, urging her "to take appropriate action ..." Jeffries noted that the two policemen "are witnesses in two federal cases and a related federal integrity investigation ..."

and that both are subpoenaed witnesses in Katona's lawsuit against the ATF agent, Chief Beran and the town of Bucyrus.

"Please note that Patrolman Agee is also a witness against BATF Special Agent Lance Lee Kimmell in a perjury/misconduct investigation by the Office of Internal Affairs of BATF, arising out of [Katona's] criminal prosecution. The BATF inspector conducting the integrity investigation of Special Agent Kimmell made sure that Chief Beran learned of Patrolman Agee's status as a witness against Special Agent Kimmell. One of Beran's underlings was even permitted to sit in on the witness interview."

Jeffries' letter also advised the U.S. attorney that Beran was the main federal witness and, as such, "During the trial of the criminal case, a subpoenaed defense witness reported a death threat by Chief Beran made in front of numerous witnesses, a matter which was disclosed to Judge White and reported to the FBI ... It seems clear

from [Agee and Gruber's] suspensions [and ultimate dismissals] that Beran, possibly aided and abetted by Kimmell, is still engaged in a campaign of harassment and intimidation of federal witnesses ... This would seem to constitute a criminal contempt of court ... as well as criminal obstruction and tampering ..."

At any rate, the House Judiciary Committee press conference was a mixed success. The public exposure of Katona's case served a good purpose, even if Brooks' personal insincerity and political expedience were obvi-

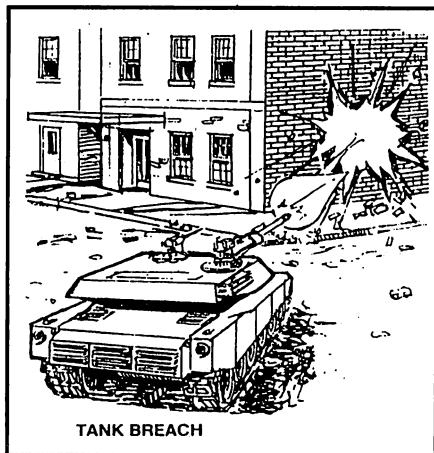


Louis Katona III, squatting, inspects one of the 32 NFA weapons seized by the ATF from his home and returned under federal court order, while Katona's friend, Larry Palmer, a former Navy SEAL, removes more guns from canvas bag. A federal judge ordered the feds to wear no weapons, and he specified the day and precise time that they were to show up. ATF agents Kimmell, Wells and St. Pierre were ordered to stay away. ATF agent Larry Brouk of Cleveland, arms akimbo, rear, doesn't look too happy about his assignment. Photo: courtesy Louis Katona III

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National Police Force Training Manual?

by SOF Staff



FM contends, "Ideally, when entering [buildings] at lower levels, demolitions, artillery, tank fire, anti-armor weapons fire, or similar means are used to create a new entrance to avoid booby traps." Could this explain Waco tragedy?

tional areas such as Haiti, Panama and Somalia were noteworthy for the extensive Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT). And leaders purposefully avoided such costly actions in the Gulf War.

Other military conflicts in Bosnia and Chechnya demonstrate a changing

ment and effects of weapons systems, it leaves little uncovered.

Space is also devoted to the ramifications of a uniformed enemy among a civilian population. The lenient Rules Of Engagement for the battle of Aachen during World War II are contrasted with the restrictive ROE issued during Operation Just Cause. The impact such rules have on military operating systems is a vital consideration during planning and training.

When summarizing offensive MOUT operations, the events of October 1993 in Mogadishu spring to mind. "Good cover and concealment in a built-up area gives the defender an advantage. Attackers must fight from the outside into a well-defended position ... more troops are normally needed than in other combat situations ... [and] normally results in a greater number of casualties."

FM 90-10-1 contains specific guidelines for a reserve force — a force that was tragically missing in Somalia: "The reserve should be mo-

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Would the government write a manual on urban warfare and then not let anyone read it? That's what seemingly has happened with FM 90-10-1, *An Infantryman's Guide to Combat in Built-Up Areas*.

We contacted several Army sources to obtain this manual through normal channels but were unsuccessful. Their excuses varied: The manual was printed as a limited edition; it was not yet available for general use; economic cutbacks forced limited distribution.

Are military leaders squeamish over their strategies to capture metropolitan areas such as Panama City or Port-au-Prince? Is it a secret manual describing the training of a national police force, or have defense cuts deprived our armed forces of timely information?

This is a particularly befitting topic as urban populations and areas have been steadily growing. Increasingly the centers of political and industrial power, cities are often the hub of crime and conflict. America's traditional martial maneuver areas, Europe and Asia, have experienced unprecedented growth. Non-tradi-

tion battlefield. The distinction between armed forces and police forces is disappearing. Police departments are militarizing their weapons and tactics, while armies are increasingly taking on traditional law enforcement roles. Such trends guarantee MOUT will be the future battlefield.

This is one of the more well-written and thought-out Army FMs to come along. With chapters describing special considerations for urban operations, analysis of built-up areas, offensive and defensive operations, necessary combat skills, and employ-

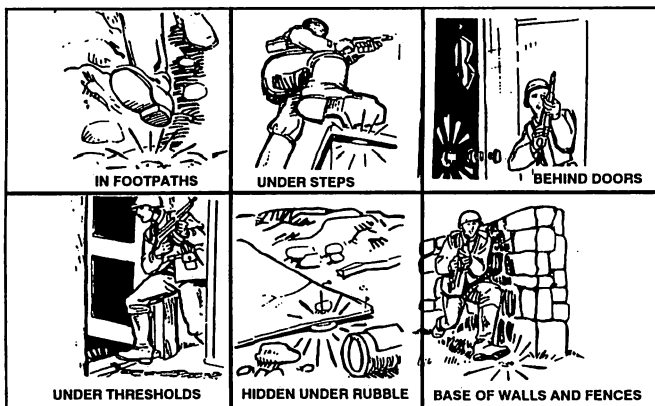


Figure C-5. Emplacing the M14 antipersonnel mine.

Bad guys and booby traps give MOUT a bad reputation. FM covers where to look and where to put anti-personnel mines, and the labor-intensive tasks necessary to reduce casualties in such an environment.

SPIKING A LOOSE CANNON

FBI Uses KGB Tactics To Jail SF Operator

by Jim Morris

Photos courtesy Keith Idema

Keith Idema has served his country as a Special Forces NCO, an intelligence operative and successful businessman. While training the Lithuanian special forces (as a civilian) he uncovered an international nuclear smuggling ring. When he brought this and other intel to the FBI's attention, the bureau took offense and set out to destroy him. This is the final part of the Keith Idema saga started last issue.

Idema was told he could cooperate with the FBI the easy way or the hard way. He found out what "the hard way" meant. With little prompting, his business "partners" all pointed the finger at Keith. Andrea Graves, a partner in Charlene Hambrick's International Special Operations Convention company; Don Valenzuela, her show manager; Craig Toth and Ray Winslow who worked with Hambrick and her

Keith Idema in Desert Assault Vehicle at his 1991 Special Operations Expo at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Even armed with a Browning M2 HMG, AT4 anti-tank missiles, machine guns and assault rifles, he was out-gunned when the long arm of injustice threw its punch.





Idema lived and breathed special operations, from his time in Special Forces to his civilian ventures as a specops trainer and convention organizer.

husband, were the four main witnesses against Keith. All were highly questionable. All were working with or for Hambrick. All were guilty of wire fraud, according to Keith, though only one has ever been charged with a crime: Craig Toth was charged with one count of aiding and abetting wire fraud, but he's never been sentenced.

That the government was willing to give up four to get one confirms Keith's assertion that he was the target. Keith's apparent motive was to save his faltering Idema Combat Systems. But his father insists that the Special Operations Expo alone was profitable enough to carry ICS.

The government needed another witness. Agent John Strong interrogated Keith's girlfriend, Dawn Glosson, at some length. According to her, Strong insisted she implicate Keith. She refused, replying there was no truth to the allegations against him.

Hambrick's cronies had accused Keith of slapping Dawn around a lot. Agent Strong, acting on those allegations, offered Dawn a witness protection arrangement if she would testify against Keith — and threatened to take away her 12-year-old son and put her in prison if she would not.

I've since learned this is a fairly standard police ploy. They figure that 90% of the time if you go for the guy's old lady and threaten her with time as an accessory, she'll sell him out. Dawn, however, afforded agent Strong the opportunity to become familiar with the colloquialism, "Go shit in your hat."

Actually Dawn and Keith are about the most lovey-dovey couple I know when they aren't screaming at each other. She takes a certain amount of crap from Keith, who, as noted, rants and raves a lot. Then she rips him a new one in a manner that puts any ass-eating I've ever seen administered on four continents, by any officer or NCO of numerous armies, in a

very deep shade. Whatever their game is, it's nobody's business until one of them asks for help. Dawn and Keith aren't asking.

Witch Hunts And Kangaroo Courts

But wait, you must say to yourself, the FBI is a professional organization. They have an internal affairs office called the Office of Professional Responsibility. Keith has several old Army buddies who have become FBI agents. He worked closely with the FBI providing intel on terrorism. How was agent Strong able to mount a witch hunt like this?

Keith contacted one of his FBI friends. When that person began nosing around, he was dragged into an elevator by, according to Keith, none other than Assistant Deputy Director Ronnie R. Coulson, the agent who originally formed the FBI Hostage Rescue Unit. Keith also insists that he officiated at the Randy Weaver fiasco and was the man who screwed up Waco. He dragged Keith's pal into the aforementioned elevator and told him, "Stay out of it. This is a Bureau matter. It's personal."

So far this is all Keith's word,

which, admittedly, is not objective on this matter. Plus, Keith has a tendency to tell his stories in the most colorful manner possible. So I called his buddy at the FBI. He would not confirm that it was Coulson who told him to back off, but he would confirm that *somebody* did.

Agent Strong was free to rock 'n' roll. Yet, for all that, the first trial on wire-fraud charges ended in a hung jury. The government deposed witnesses on three continents, but really didn't have much of a case. Keith's high-powered lawyer, James Larrosa, made mincemeat out of the government attorney, Dan Boyce. In all likelihood the jurors who voted to convict only did so because Keith was painted as a woman beater. Dawn wasn't allowed to testify otherwise, on the theory that Keith had threatened her life, and therefore her testimony was tainted. Considering that she ran his business for him while he was in jail, continued to live in his house and insisted they both were innocent, this has little credibility.

From arraignment through trial, Keith was confined to his offices and shop, wearing a cuff that would set



Idema trains with AKSU-74 at ultra-secret Omon base in Lithuania. His overseas training missions uncovered backpack-nuke smuggling scams and resulted in valuable intelligence gathering, but did not endear him to the FBI.

off an alarm if he left the premises. Boyce immediately refiled for a second trial, and Keith went right back into the cuff. He is actually the only accused white-collar criminal in the Eastern District of North Carolina to ever be denied bail — because he is a violent, aggressive, ex-Green Beret who is apt to kill all his enemies and skip town. The mockery, of course, is that the cuff prevents nothing; he has



Standing in the Moscow train station in a Russian colonel's Alpha Group uniform, Idema demonstrates his go-anywhere, do-anything attitude. This same behind-the-lines spirit would wear thin in a U.S. civilian courtroom.

yet to be confined to a jail he can't break out of once he really puts his mind to it.

The circumstances of the second trial, on 7 March 1994, were far different from the first. Keith had blown all his money and most of his father's on Larrosa, upward of \$400,000. Notice that they *had* \$400,000, which seems to prove they didn't need \$200,000 allegedly netted through the wire fraud.

So, for a smaller fee they hired Mike Ross, Larrosa's partner. Ross is a nice guy, but not a courtroom powerhouse like Larrosa. Boyce, even though he had resigned from the U.S. Attorney's office, was asked back — or asked to be brought back — for this trial as a "special prosecutor." And somehow the "special" judge who drew the case was 86-year-old Franklin DuPree. In more than semi-retirement, he actually only tries one case a year. DuPree is most famous for having tried the Jeffrey MacDonald case — the Green Beret doctor convicted of killing his wife and daughters after the Army had already cleared him. The case was made famous in Joe McGuinness' book

Fatal Vision, and an entire cult has grown up around proving his innocence.

Keith heard that Judge DuPree had been quoted as saying, "Green Berets, they're all baby-killers." I wasn't able to trace this quote down, but a spectator at the trial said, "No, Judge Dupree pretty much confined his prejudice to body language in the courtroom." It didn't matter. Both Keith and Dawn were convicted in short order. Dawn was released on bail pending sentencing. Keith went to jail.

Meanwhile, Keith investigated the FBI's forensic evidence in preparation for his sentencing hearing and new motions — not the easiest thing to do when in prison, but he managed. There was a file card credit reference used in the scam that presumably had only Keith

and Dawn's fingerprints on it. Keith claimed that agent Strong handed both he and Dawn the card during the investigation and asked if they had ever seen it before. Strong insists he *never* handed them the card.

That Keith and Dawn's prints were on the card was damning at the trial. But later Keith learned that the particular fingerprint test the FBI administered is only good for picking up prints placed on objects within a year. Instead of proving that Keith and Dawn handled the card during the time of the commission of the crime, it proves instead that they handled it later, during the investigation and during the time it was in the FBI's possession.

There was also a credit reference for a dummy corporation signed by one "Patricia Tyree." At the second trial Andrea Graves, Charlene Hambrick's partner, testified that Keith tried to get her to sign this phony name but she had refused. She went on to testify that Dawn had fraudulently signed it in her presence.

During the first trial agent Strong testified that it was impossible to test a photocopy of a handwriting sample,

and for that reason the FBI had not done so. This doesn't seem very logical, and in fact it is not true. Keith hired a forensic lab run by the former chief of forensics at the U.S. Treasury Department. This lab submitted a report that absolutely clears Dawn; it's not her writing at all. It also states that there is an 80% probability that the writing is that of Andrea Graves.

So far, it appears fairly clear that the evidence on which the pair were convicted proves their innocence. But the charade continued through the sentencing process. At Dawn's hearing a court-appointed psychologist told a highly incriminating story: Keith had pistol-whipped her unconscious and locked her in a closet.

After the hearing Dawn explained what that was all about. "He put two stories together. This was before Keith and I started going together. I was gonna go out with this biker who belonged to the same club that Keith's old girlfriend ran with. He'd had trouble with 'em before. Once they shot up the office. He said he'd have to protect himself if I brought them around. He pulled his .357 out of the desk drawer and put it on the desk.

"That was one time. Another time I fainted and woke up by the closet. But Keith wasn't even there then. He never hit me, with a gun or otherwise, and one time I just fainted."

Jailhouse Rock

I've known Keith, at least over the phone and through other people, for about 10 years. On only one occasion have I known him to be afraid: He was thrown into AIDS isolation with 26 prisoners — all black. There's nothing wrong with being black, but it can be presumed that a lot of black guys in jail might blame the white man's "justice" system for putting them there, and might be expected to seek revenge on the only available white guy. Keith has taken on multiple opponents in bar fights, but never 26 of them. He was shaken, and that's no lie.

I talked to him two weeks later, after he had been moved out of AIDS isolation and into a cell block with violent criminals, murderers and rapists. He owned the place. He was writing love letters for them and helping them file legal motions, new trial motions, motions for new lawyers, motions for continuances and bond



Demonstrating hostage rescue tactics was part of Idema's successful business. But he should have been watching his back, as four of his employees were conducting illegal transactions that landed him in jail.

reductions. In all, he filed a total of 12 and they all carried. Hey, he was doing so well that he decided to represent himself at his sentencing.

In jail he acquired two nicknames, "Rambo" and "Psycho." This latter came from his habit of not taking shit from anybody. Keith wants to see the rules. He won't allow medical personnel to administer inoculations without his permission, and he won't give his permission. He writes petitions and starts unions. He is in their faces and on their cases all the time. There is no quit to this guy.

At one point he was transferred to a jail known as a "punishment facility." He was rumored, in fact, to be the only white prisoner ever sent there. They tried to put him into a cell with a stopped-up toilet and 3 inches of water and turds on the floor.

"I'm not going in there," Keith said. There were four guards with him. "You don't have enough guys to put me in there." They got four more guards. "You still don't have enough guys." They got two more and pepper spray. Keith marched proudly into the cell. Hey, nobody said he was stupid.

Up to that point Keith had been through two sentencing hearings, usually five-minute deals. By then Keith was representing himself, although the judge allowed a highly respected

local attorney, Tom McNamara, who is also a former federal prosecutor, to advise him. The judge, Timothy Boyle, has described Keith's courtroom behavior as "outrageous," and his defense as "a fantasy," but at least he's not bored.

At the first hearing he sentenced Dawn to 15 months, with time allowed to make arrangements for her son. The judge also forbade Dawn to have anything to do with Keith.

Keith's plan at the second sentencing hearing was to put agent Strong on the stand and confront him with his new forensic evidence, but the judge didn't allow that. What he did do was agree to hear his new trial motion, giving the government time to get their rebuttal together.

Boyle is an interesting judge. He's slender, looks to be in his mid-40s, in good shape and damn smart. He

seems to alternate between fascination and outrage. He really can't believe that Keith isn't making all this up. "This was supposed to be a run-of-the-mill wire fraud case. What happened?" he said at one point during the second sentencing hearing.

Well, what happened, aside from the nuke angle, is that most defendants roll over. Ninety-seven percent of all felonies are plea bargained or dismissed. Counting the time in the cuff, Keith has already been confined for 19 months on this Mickey Mouse conviction for "aiding and abetting wire fraud." The U.S. Attorney's office is pissed that Keith won't just cop a plea — he would be free now if he had just plead guilty and he and Dawn had sold each other out.

Keith has since had his third sentencing hearing. Thrown together at the last moment, unable to call witnesses, moved from jail to jail impeding his preparation, Keith got 20 years. He has also been threatened with a sanity hearing. Of course, if the government finds him crazy and he passes the years in a mental institution, his conviction is meaningless. Perhaps the FBI picked up this tactic from the KGB. Keith faces more hearings and appeals. Quitting has never entered his mind.



Whether building a business, training foreign security forces, penetrating terrorists groups or defending himself against an FBI-sponsored witch hunt, Keith Idema goes in locked-and-loaded and never quits.

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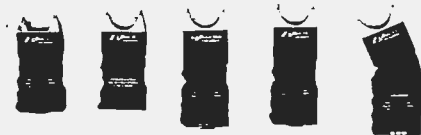
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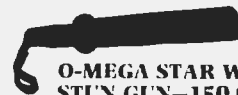
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Kashmir in advisory and leadership roles, starting in the summer of 1991. By that time it was clear that the Kashmir situation had grown from a few random bomb blasts into every Pakistani military intelligence officer's wet dream: a full-scale popular revolt against Indian rule. But there was a catch. In spite of the weaponry that ISI was having humped across the LOC, something in the human factor was lacking.

The colonial stereotype generally regarded Kashmiris as docile and submissive, good for weaving shawls and carpets but not a "martial race." A sweeping judgment perhaps, but certainly nobody ever accused Kashmiris of being natural born fighters in the Afghan, Sikh or Gurkha mold. This has been reflected in the pace of the current conflict.

By the end of August 1994, New Delhi admitted losing 867 men KIA in the conflict. Calculating from Janu-

ary 1990, this works out to less than 20 men per month. Even allowing for Indian underreporting, in the target-rich environment of Kashmir where you can't walk 50 meters without seeing an Indian soldier, this tells you something about the vigor with which 10,000-odd guerrillas are fighting.

The first Afghan advisers are believed to have come from the Hezb-i-Islami faction of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. No surprise, given the Hezb's long and close relations with ISI. Equally unsurprising, Afghan instructors ended up operating with the Hezb-ul-Mujahideen, ISI's favorite Kashmiri outfit and effectively the sister party of the Afghan Hezb.

Phase three, the internationalization of the Kashmiri revolt, began in the summer of 1992 following the fall of the communist Najibullah regime in Kabul. The muj victory in Afghanistan had the effect of freeing large numbers of Afghan and foreign muj unenthusiastic about slaughtering other muj. On the streets of Srinagar, there was a real enemy — the idol-worshipping Hindu.

Over the late summer and fall of

1992 and into 1993 groups of Afghan veterans bussed from Peshawar to the Azad Kashmir capital of Muzaffarabad. Linking with returning Kashmiri militants, they then trekked the rugged LOC into Indian country. As had Afghanistan, the Kashmiri war attracted a geographically mixed bag, including Afghans, Pakistanis, Egyptians, Sudanese, Saudis, Libyans and Iranians. By summer 1993, Kashmir could lay fair claim to being the top international destination for the have-Kalashnikov-will-travel jihad tourist.

As far as Pak intel was concerned, the influx of Afghan vets was doubly useful. Politically and ideologically, it served to internationalize the conflict. No longer would India be in a position to claim the Kashmir problem was a little domestic quarrel. It was now demonstrably an international jihad.

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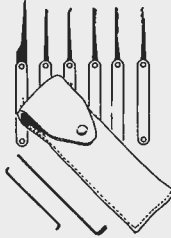
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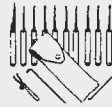
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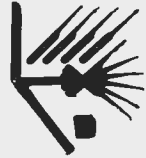
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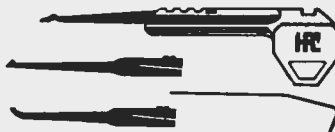


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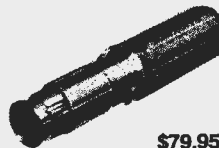


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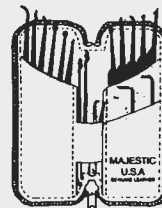
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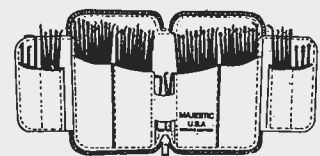
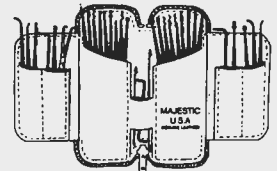


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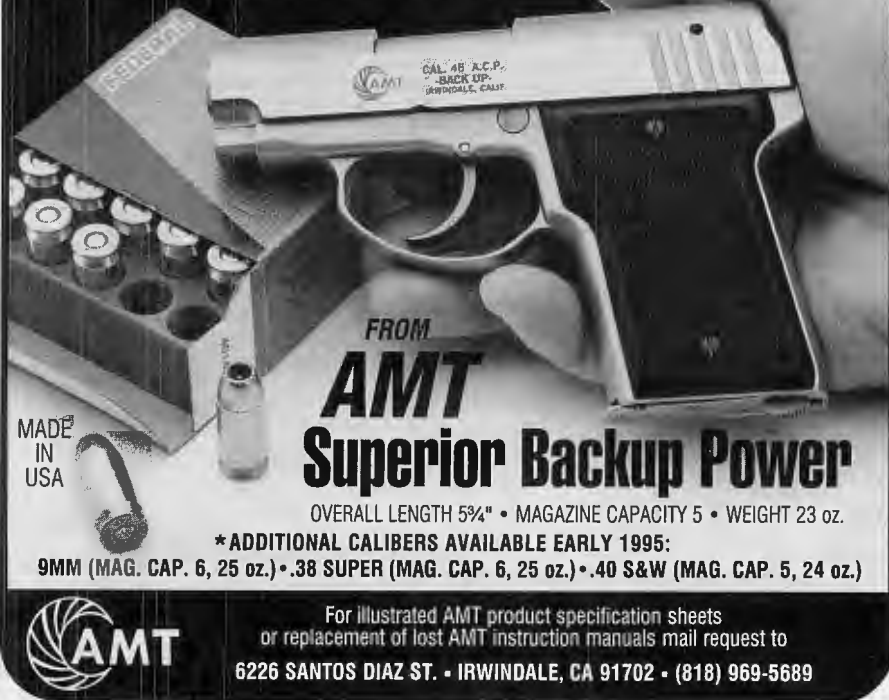
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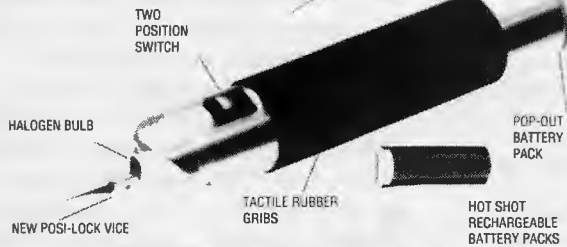
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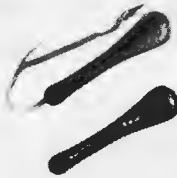
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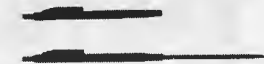
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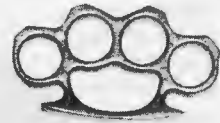
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and RPK machine guns have reached Kashmir, along with the Soviet PK. In addition there has been a lesser but significant flow of SVD Dragunov sniper rifles, 5.54x39mm AK-74 rifles, along with the shorter AKR "Krinkov." The BG-15 rifle-mounted 40mm grenade launcher (parallel to the U.S. M203) is also now seen.

In commo, the militants benefit both from commercial walkie-talkies as well as the more sophisticated frequency-hopping, burst-transmission radio equipment ISI used to give to its special friends in the Afghan muj.

By summer of 1994, Indian intel estimated more than 1,000 foreign muj had infiltrated Kashmir. Many of them were operating in a new organization called *Harakat-ul-Ansar* (Movement of the Companions of the Prophet), formed in late 1993. While it includes Kashmiris in its ranks, *Harakat-ul-Ansar* is mostly a foreign organization, fighting as an international brigade. Along with *Hezb-ul-Mujahideen*, it benefits from close links to religious groups based in Pakistan and by extension with ISI. Today, these two factions represent the sharp end of the Kashmiri jihad: the best armed, most committed, most aggressive.

To date, terrain along the LOC has worked in India's favor. The inability of horse caravans to cross the closely picketed LOC has been a critical factor in preventing a replication of an "Afghan strategy" in Kashmir. The militants have been unable to transport the heavier, stand-off weaponry that cost the Soviets and their allies so dearly in Afghanistan. The 107mm and 122mm rockets, recoilless rifles and 82mm mortars that mauled so many communist bases in Afghanistan have been conspicuous by their absence in Kashmir.

Politically, attempts to revive the electoral process in the state — since 1990 under direct central rule — have met with no success. Militarily, meanwhile, the guerrillas gain experience and sophistication. India is bracing for a further influx of foreign muj and an intensification of the conflict in 1995.

India has all it takes to hold Jammu and Kashmir as long as it wishes, but faces a danger that the virus of religious radicalism will spread into the nation's sprawling urban centers. India is home to 130 million Muslims, many already worried by aggressive Hindu fundamentalism. Radical Is-

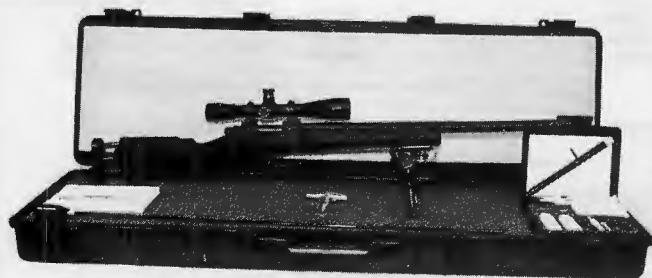
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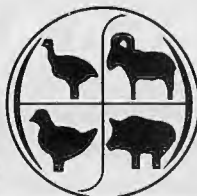
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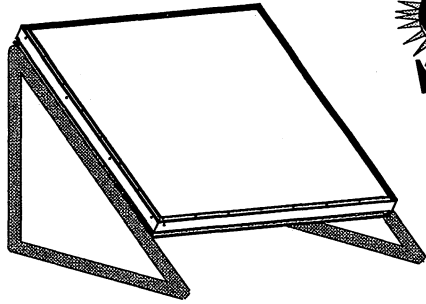


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lamic organizations exploit those fears, recruiting urban Muslim youth. If the new jihad spills beyond Kashmir, India may well attack Pakistan as the external source of her trouble.

The danger for the world community is that, having gotten into previous inconclusive wars over Kashmir, if the Indians and Pakistanis get into another punch-up — this time both sides have nukes.

Bangkok-based photojournalist Mike Winchester has covered most of Asia's combat arenas for SOF. ☒

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tries of the Warsaw Pact — which was the fate of more than 200 American POWs in the Korean War — the author obtained exclusive confirmation from members of the Pentagon's Task Force Russia, that the Russian Ministry of Security (the former KGB) consistently stonewalled the American members of the much-touted Joint Commission to investigate the presence of POWs in the USSR. Moreover, Task Force Russia members confirmed that between three and 10 "very high skill" American POWs were probably transported from Indochina to disappear into the former USSR during the Vietnam War.

Despite SRV denials, "retired" PAVN officers have continued to engage in the lucrative business of hoarding and releasing skeletal remains of U.S. POWs — which they sell for more than \$10,000 a set. Further, the author's pattern analysis shows that the eventual fate of a missing man was a function of his loss location, not the type of aircraft he flew or his technical specialty: The closer to Hanoi a man was lost, the better his chances of returning as a live, repatriated POW, but the farther from Hanoi, the more likely he would become an MIA.

The book provides a unique analysis of the two sensational GRU (former Soviet army intelligence) documents unearthed in Moscow last year, which seemed to indicate the SRV held as many as 600 U.S. POWs more than they ever admitted. Al-

though these documents have been used by POW/MIA activists to prove that hundreds of American prisoners remained in Indochina after the war, the book shows how the documents actually refute each other and concludes that they are probably both erroneous — characterized in intelligence parlance as "flawed agents' reports."

The author's detailed analysis of secret Hanoi archive documents and photographs reveals not only that amazingly extensive PAVN records were kept on all the aircraft shot down in the populated areas of North Vietnam, but that all of these crash sites were "mined" for the gold and platinum to be found in the engines and avionics (one fighter-bomber would yield up to \$5,000 in gold). Therefore, it is obvious that the Vietnamese do in fact have detailed information on the fates of more than 100 U.S. airmen (like Pogreba) who were lost in these areas, but about whom they have denied any knowledge for years.

McConnell also cuts like a laser through bogus MIA activist claims that the U.S. government wittingly abandoned hundreds of American POWs in communist hands. He not only puts the conspiracy myth to rest, but also documents the unsavory background and questionable activities of many "Rambo Faction" activists, showing their true motivations to be publicity and greed.

Additional light is shed on the case of Marine turncoat Bobby Garwood. PAVN officers spoke freely to the author and Ted Schweitzer about him, stating that after Garwood joined the communist side, he was treated well and would have remained in Vietnam permanently, if he had been allowed to join the Vietnamese Communist Party — the route to financial success. But when his party application was finally refused, he decided to return to the United States.

McConnell knows his subject well, as is evident from the very first chapter, and makes a rock-solid contribution toward solving the MIA mystery. This book is must reading for anyone interested in Vietnam, and is highly recommended for layman and scholar alike.

F.C. Brown has followed the MIA issue for 25 years and authored POW/MIA Indochina: An Annotated Bibliography (3rd edition). ☒

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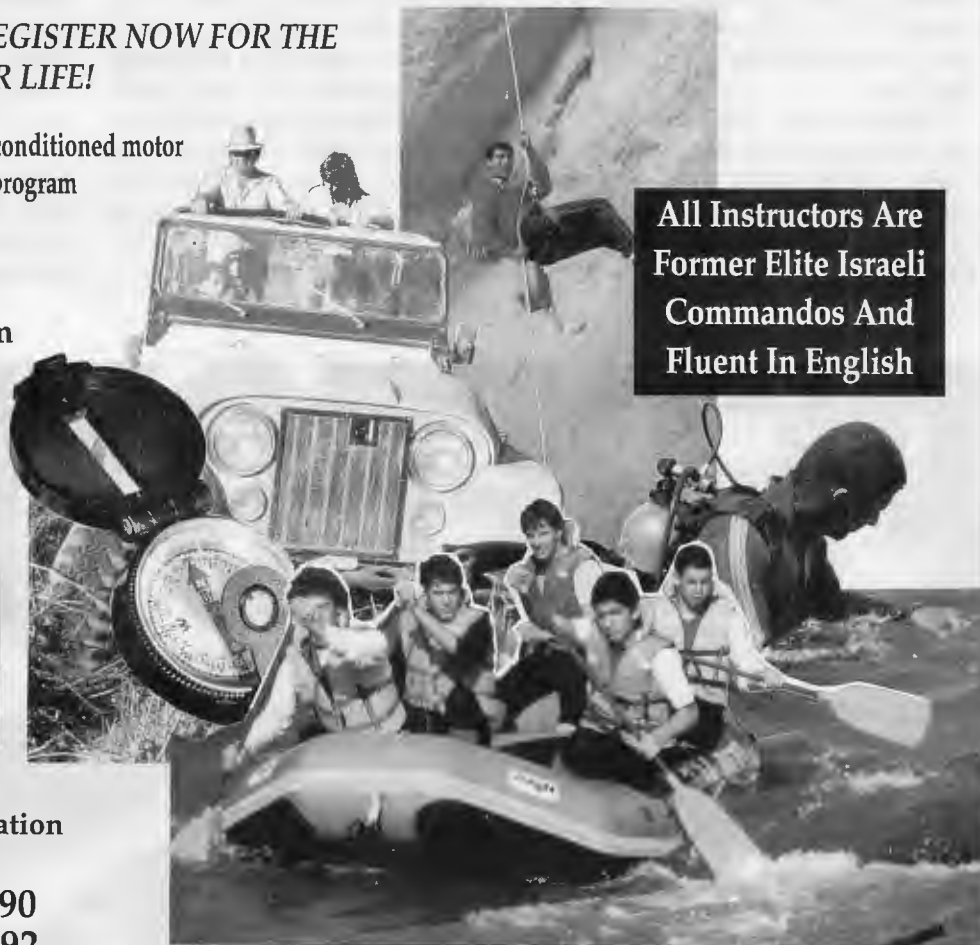
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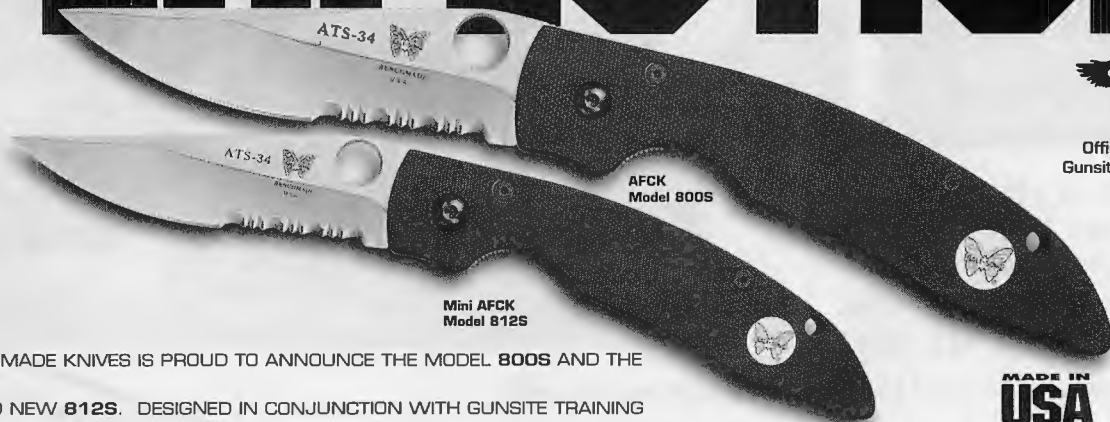
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fire. "We couldn't shoot at sounds," Isaacs said, "We had to see the gunner and the gun before we could open fire."

Had he fired he would have had to explain his actions to State Department personnel who prepared detailed accounts of every round that was fired in Somalia. "I'll never forget the day when some bullets hit the wall of our compound, and one of our guys returned fire," Isaacs said. He watched other members of his platoon form a convoy and provide an armed escort for a State Department official who searched the grounds outside the compound in "no man's land" for left-over brass the Somalis might have left and for any craters in the dirt the Marines' M16A2s might have made.

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Before each platoon was deployed to Somalia on a four-month tour, it was put through what Paulovich calls: "Urban Operations Under Restrictive Rules of Engagement, the Shoot No-Shoot Scenario." Marines in Somalia operated under normal peacetime Rules Of Engagement (ROE) where you had to see hostile intent or hostile actions. But Marines also looked at what's called Temper and Intent (T&I), something that is not contained in the ROE.

Under T&I, Paulovich gave his Marines the authority to fire if someone pointed a weapon at them. Several Somalis learned that lesson the hard way. Lance Corporal John Barwell was involved in one of the first shooting incidents involving 2nd Platoon. Escorting the ambassador down 21 October Road, someone opened up with a 14.5mm heavy machine gun. Barwell spotted a Somali gunman in the upper window of a

building aiming his weapon at the convoy. Without any hesitation, Barwell fired four rounds as his HMMWV sped down the highway, neutralizing the man in the window.

Fort Apache

Occasionally, Ambassador Simpson would visit warlord Mohamed Aidid at his residence about one kilometer from the U.N. compound where FAST was quartered. But Bartholf and his men never accompanied the ambassador. "At any given time, there might be 300 of Aidid's armed men around his residence, and if we showed up, our mere presence would have started a fight," Bartholf said.

However, Bartholf had a plan in case the ambassador got into trouble: "We lined up all seven of our HMMWVs at the gate nearest Aidid's villa, five Marines in each. In the ambassador's armored limousine we put our explosives." Bartholf's battle plan called for tear-gassing the entire city block where Aidid lived, and then "firing-up" the house before they went in.

"We couldn't pussyfoot in there and hope to survive," Bartholf, a com-

bat veteran of the Gulf War, said. "We were going to do a mechanized urban assault to rescue the ambassador whether he was dead or alive. Simpson knew if he got his ass in a crack, 2nd Platoon would come and get him or we'd die trying."

Bertholf isn't easily stressed, but he really got uptight every time the ambassador went to see Aidid. State Department personnel were supposed to check in via radio every 15 minutes to let Bertholf know everything was well. They were allowed two missed "comm" checks before Armageddon began. They would occasionally run down the shot clock with two minutes to spare before "Key-stone," the regional security officer, would acknowledge to "Fast-Six" (Bertholf) that everything was fine.

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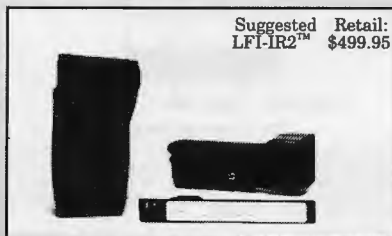
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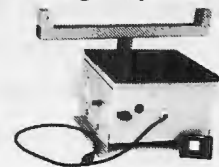
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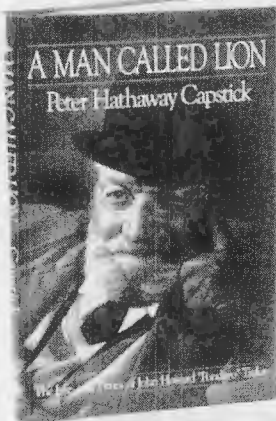
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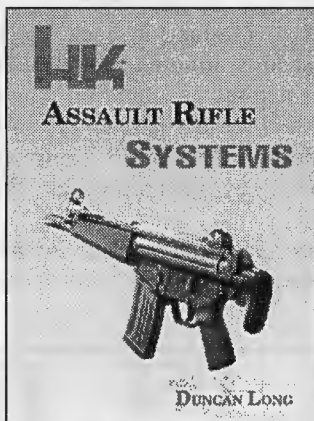
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plus a reinforced bunker complex atop the barracks, provided the compound's primary defensive positions.

After the 1983 Marine barracks bombing in Beirut, walls around U.S. Embassy compounds worldwide were reinforced. Admiral Bobby Inman conducted an anti-terrorist study and found them so porous you could practically punch holes in them with your fist. The new, so-called "Inman Walls" of the compound in Mogadishu were 8 inches of super-strength concrete reinforced with 1-inch rebar. Not Somali concrete, only concrete made in the United States was good enough.

During mid-September 1993, a company of U.S. soldiers from the Army's 10th Mountain Division was conducting a clearing operation about 200 meters in front of the FAST perimeter. All of sudden, the troopers stumbled into a hornet's nest and couldn't disengage. They tried to back out by slapping a satchel charge against the Inman Wall around the U.N. compound and blowing an escape route. Someone forgot to tell them that the wall couldn't be breached with charges, and when troopers lit the fuse it blew back in their faces.

The Marines received permission to bring their heavy weapons to bear on SNA targets. Two bursts of Mk19 fire silenced the enemy positions. A few rounds of .50 caliber convinced other Somalis in the area that the game was over. Individual targets were taken down by Marine snipers crouched behind the wall as if they were on the rifle range.

These walls were strong enough to deflect anything the Somalis had in their inventory: artillery, recoilless rifles or RPGs. That's why the Marines who defended the compound never feared a Somali assault. "I don't think any one clan had enough firepower to do that," Bertholf said. "And the clans were never unified enough to team up on us."

The fact that clans were not unified didn't diminish the danger. Clans fought each other in full view of Marine bunkers along the walls of the compound. RPGs and recoilless rifle rounds would occasionally fly over the Marine barracks.

"We were lucky we didn't get hit in the crossfire," Bertholf said. Militiamen from Hebr Gedir, Aidid's

clan, tried unsuccessfully to torch "Hooterville," a shantytown that had sprung up a few yards from Post Five on the wall of the U.S. Embassy compound. But Marines had no trouble getting a decent night's sleep. The clans fought most of their battles in broad daylight, nine to five, and then buzzed out on khat, a narcotic they imported from Ethiopia, in the evening.

Turn Out The Lights

If you wanted to do something in Somalia, you did it early in the morning while Somali gunmen were sleeping off their khat buzz — and the earlier the better. That's why 2nd Platoon lowered the Marine Corps flag at 0600 hours, 15 September 1994. An hour later, at 0700, Bertholf's platoon stood at attention as the Stars and Stripes were lowered for the last time in Mogadishu. Ambassador Simpson thanked each of the Marines for their service, but said it was time for the United States to relocate its liaison office to Kenya where it would keep track of Somali affairs from a safe distance.

At 0730 hours, two white U.N. helicopters airlifted 2nd Platoon to the international airport for a flight to Mombasa, Kenya, aboard a Southern Air Transport L-100. Due to the political nature of the situation in Somalia, FAST was required to maintain guard over the housing compound right up until the moment it was turned over to Pakistani peacekeepers.

Sergeant Mike Tracey and Lance Cpl. Robert Tisdale were the last Marines to leave the U.N. compound. After constructing 30 major defensive bunkers, stringing over 200 miles of concertina wire, filling more than 100,000 sandbags and escorting 500 convoys, it was indeed over for FAST.

FAST Company fired only 270 rounds during six single target engagements, one major unit engagement, and four convoy ambushes. One hundred of the 270 rounds were fired in relief of the 10th Mountain Division. One hundred thirty-eight other rounds were fired at the infamous K-4 Circle incident. During single target engagements virtually all rounds hit home. In other words, one shot, one kill, though no one stopped to count bodies.

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firmed kill." The Somalis made a claim against the U.S. government for the thug he shot. They wanted \$1,000 in damages, but according to Tisdale's CO, "They're still waiting for the check."

Guess who the U.N. secretary-general wants to bring back to cover the final U.N. withdrawal? The U.S. Marines.

Dale B. Cooper is a foreign correspondent and frequent contributor to SOF. He has covered U.S. involvement in Somalia extensively. ✕

KATONA

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ous. An NBC news correspondent came right out and asked what everyone knew: Wasn't the congressman suddenly taking this pro-gun, anti-ATF stance just before the election to save his miserable hide from angry gun owners back home?

Of course not, Brooks blustered,

strutting up and down and making vows about what he was going to do "about rectifying the situation [with ATF] next Congress. I guess the Bill of Rights is not part of their reading material. But it will be when I get finished looking at their operations ... I am here to announce that time has run out on a runaway agency ..."

Alas, time ran out first for the career of a political dinosaur whose betrayal of his constituency cost him his job. The Republican candidate, Steve Stockman, won handily with 52% of the votes cast.

Mad As Hell

The ATF, meanwhile, is still running as corrupt, brutish and imperious as ever, thank you. The two leaders of the Waco attack got their jobs back on Christmas Eve (see this issue's "Bulletin Board"). A serious effort to slash the ATF's budget was headed off by Undersecretary of the Treasury Ron Noble, one of the main architects of the government's Waco cover-up. Noble violated federal law by lobbying Congress on pending leg-

islation — the ATF budget.

This is not to say that the new, Republican-controlled 104th Congress will not hold hearings on the pervasive police-state tactics of the federal law enforcement bureaucracy. But hearings before summer are unlikely, and hearings on wrongdoing by the ATF, FBI and other federal law enforcement agencies will not occur at any time without the constant and continued complaints of citizens like you.

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POLITICS OVER PRINCIPLE

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to believe he was guilty.

"I know that during the course of the trial, FBI agents met with the judge and the prosecutor in the judge's chamber and the FBI told the judge that I had made threats against federal agents," Posey said. "A friend of mine, who is also a friend of the judge, told me that Hobbs told him that." Posey said he had never made threats against federal agents, but he did talk publicly about his concerns with BATF actions at Waco, Texas.

In April of 1994, Posey was sentenced to 24 months in prison. His attorney, Doug Jones of Birmingham, advised him against pursuing an appeal. "Our attorney kept telling us that if we fought it [in appeals court] that they were going to beat us into the ground and make it worse for us psychologically," said Posey.

On 13 May 1994, Posey entered prison at the Talladega Prison Camp.

At about the same time he hired a new attorney, Mike Seibert of Huntsville, Alabama. "I finally remembered Mike from seeing him at gun shows," Posey said. "I should have had him all along, but I just didn't think of him at the time."

Posey and Seibert both believe the charges and the prison sentence are retaliation for his contra activities. "When the government spends \$1 million investigating one individual and can't get a conviction, it's an embarrassment," Posey said. "This is definitely retaliation for my actions against the Sandinistas and the liberals in Congress during the Iran-Contra era."

The three other people convicted in the case received much shorter sentences, with one receiving only three years of probation. Ray Black, who testified against Posey, received only six months.

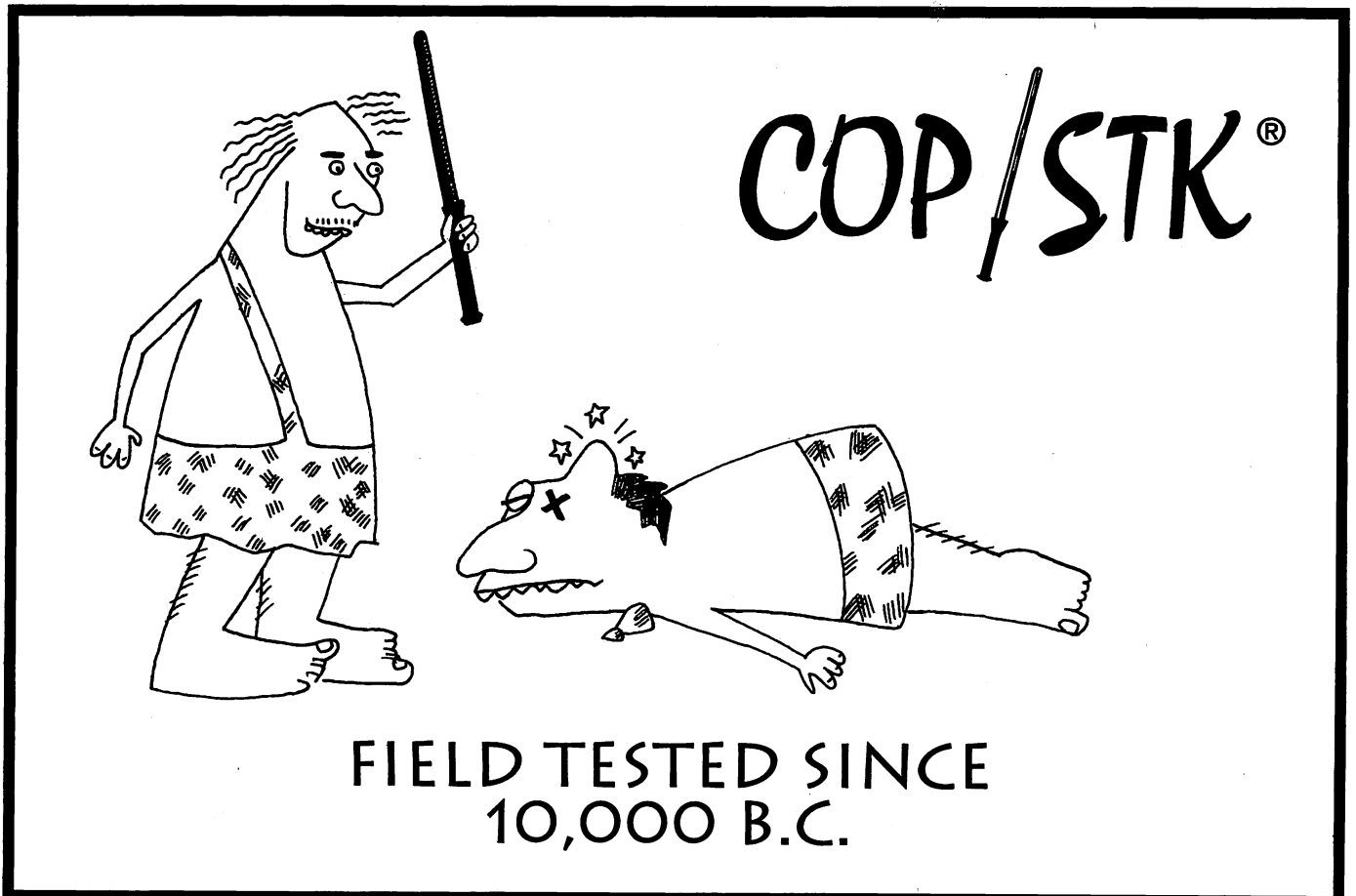
To this day, Posey contends, the government still believes he was using CMA as a money-maker for himself, and that he knows too much about the government's own activities during those years. "I was not doing this as a money-maker for me,"

Posey said. "The feds keep looking for hidden money, but it's not there."

Seibert said the government is concerned that Posey may know details about government involvement in a drug-smuggling operation that was allegedly run out of Arkansas. It was there that planes were loaded with rice to send to the contras. He said Posey was simply caught in the middle of something and didn't realize what was happening. The government, though, doesn't believe that. Seibert filed an appeal in April seeking to overturn Posey's conviction. He hopes to hear something on the appeal by this spring.

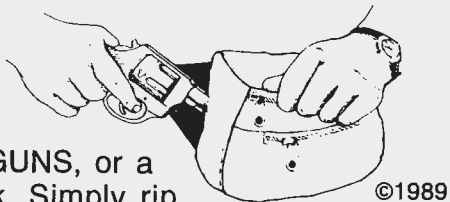
Life, Like At A Transfer Station

"Tom's an honest man who never sought to make money from his efforts," Seibert said. "He's an honest man who was connected with dishonest people. The primary reason the government's after him is that he is outspoken." Posey has a lot of time now to think about the things that have happened to him in the last few years. Time passes slowly behind the walls of a federal prison, but it hasn't



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eroded his conviction that what he did to help others was right.

Posey said he is trying to keep a good mental attitude about his experience in prison. "It's been a real education for me," he said. "I'm trying to live it like life at a military transfer station, like I'm waiting to be assigned somewhere. I'm more concerned about what this is doing to my family than anything else."

Patsy Posey said she never believed this could happen. "From the way they've done him, what all I know about it, it makes me very angry," she said. "I didn't think a government would do this to its own people. Maybe they don't like this man or what he stands for, but that's what's made America great. Just because a few people didn't like Tom or what he was doing didn't give them any reason or cause to harass him."

One of Posey's sons, Marty, was in his sophomore year of college planning to major in criminal justice and become a law enforcement officer when his father's troubles changed his mind. "Marty was interviewed by the FBI and he later saw the transcript of that interview," Posey said. "And he saw how things he said were twisted and changed. He wanted to be in law enforcement, but this has left him very bitter."

While Posey believes he will eventually win his appeal, he knows it won't make any difference in his prison sentence. He will be eligible to go to a halfway house for a couple of months beginning in August. After that, he faces home confinement until December, followed by probation for three years. "Even though we'll win, I'm going to have served a year or more in prison by then," he said. "It's a year of my life that they can't replace, and they won't say they're sorry."

For Posey and other ordinary folks the feds go after, the problems are made worse by lack of funds to fight prosecutors who have virtually limitless resources. "I've had to sell the few things I had to pay for my defense," Posey said.

A former newspaper publisher and editor, David McElroy is now an Alabama-based freelance writer.

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CITIZEN MILITIAS

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ber of commerce meeting in Reserve, New Mexico. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of forming a citizens militia within the county. Concern was voiced by the ranchers over the U.S. Forest Service's possible animal-unit month grazing cuts and a previously passed non-binding county ordinance requiring every household to keep personal firearms and ammunition in the home. The citizens were also questioning why Forest Service rangers, who for years have been unarmed, were now carrying semiautomatic pistols, fully automatic rifles and semiautomatic shotguns.

During the discussion, U.S. Forest Service reserve district ranger, Mike Gardner asked, "What are you guys arming against? A .30-30 won't do any good against U.S. government Bradley Fighting Vehicles and attack helicopters."

Following the remarks by Gardner, two Forest Service agents were caught trespassing on marked land owned by Allan Tackman, a rancher and licensed attorney in Catron. They stated they hadn't seen a 2-by-3-foot "no trespassing" sign at the gate to the Tackman property. When asked by Tackman why they were on his property, the agents laughed and said that they were just scoping it out.

Tackman is filing criminal trespass charges against the agents in magistrate court and possibly a federal civil rights complaint for an unlawful search. According to Tackman, District Attorney Ron Lopez is considering appointing a special prosecutor to try the case against the two agents.

As should be evident by the previous examples, trying to define the current militia movement is impossible. Every week additional militias are forming around the country as citizens respond to needs or perceived threats. While I was working on this article, for example, three northwest Florida counties: Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa designated all citizens living within their respective counties to consider

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themselves members of their county's militia.

With the advent of the fax machine and 24-hour news services, it is easy to disguise a small group as a large movement. Yet all evidence indicates that the militia movement is a real response to threats of oppression. In 1994 America resorted to the ballot box for change. Hopefully the cartridge box will not be necessary.

For information on Texas Constitutional Militia, contact Steve Brown, 7327 Autumn Park, San Antonio, TX 78249; phone: 210-694-4561.

For information on the Texas Light Infantry, contact Neil Watt, regimental commander, at 512-461-9836.

For information on USSF/NM, contact Leon E. Koon, General of the United States Field Forces/National Militia, Field Headquarters, P.O. Box 432, Camp Bradley M.B., FL 32066-0432; phone: 904-294-3015.

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MILITARY OPERATIONS

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bile and prepared for commitment ... [and] can stay close to forward units." The effectiveness and disadvantages of armor are covered. With or without armor, it was the lack of an effective reserve that crippled operations in Somalia.

Defense of urban terrain requires special considerations — all of which are cited and discussed. The motives to defend a built-up area are many: Is it strategically important? Does the area cover an avenue of approach? Can forces be concentrated and well concealed? The motives against defending in an urban area are also explained: Location does not support an overall defensive plan; terrain allows enemy to bypass the area; structures do not support defensive ops; and built-up areas can be dominated by nearby terrain. The significance of these considerations go far in explaining successes and failures in Bosnia and Chechnya.

The military success of any army is

decided at the squad level. MOUT operations require specific, strenuous squad-level tasks: moving and firing, entering and clearing buildings, selecting and employing firing positions. These tasks are more important and exhausting in a MOUT environment. This FM details these individually and collectively, building fire-team tactics up to squad level. Any organization developing a training plan to prepare for MOUT ops will want to consult this manual.

The most useful section covers the effectiveness of weapons. If you are looking for a chart detailing the number of rounds required from an M60 to shoot a 10-inch hole through concrete block with a single brick veneer, look no further. In fact, there is a gold mine of charts depicting penetration capabilities of rifles, machine guns, grenade launchers, crew-served weapons and anything else you are likely to find in a motor pool, arms room or ammo storage point. Hit probabilities, back-blast effects and a weapon's dead space are all covered. This is the kind of no-nonsense factual data often overlooked during peacetime training.

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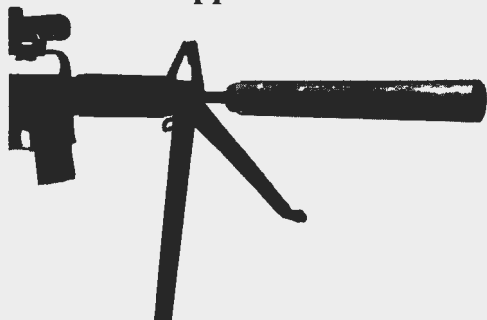
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lines and cutting power that keep us busy," Yuri explained. "We send teams

out on regular patrols, link up with other Spetsnaz groups in the area and maintain security. We also do other things that I can't discuss." Those other things, according to one of the less security minded in the squad, involved keeping a close watch on suspected supporters of Dudayev, monitoring the stone-age telephone exchange that serves the area and making house calls on "people who wish to hurt us."

T-72 Hunt

The next day Aleksy took me into their barracks area to share his lunch, but no sooner did we sit down than traffic on his walkie-talkie picked up. Then a fully sandbagged diesel locomotive pushing four dirt-piled flat cars, one with a BMP-2 mounted on it, came rolling through the rail station. Following closely at about 200 meters up were three Mi-24 attack helicopters and an Mi-8 escort.

No one looked up as the four choppers buzzed over our heads. With near-non-stop sorties of Su-25s, Su-27s and MiG-29s buzzing over Grozny like flies around a bleeding wound, the air activity is so regular it has stopped catching anyone's attention. But some-

times when you don't look for the action, the action finds you — soon one of the helicopters spotted a lone T-72 main battle tank prowling around the edge of a lightly wooded area about 5 kilometers south of Ishcherskaya and reported it to Yuri.

One thing that will sober up even the drunkest soldier or make the most beautiful woman seem suddenly irrelevant, is a report that a T-72 is on the prowl in your neighborhood. Yuri stopped eating and quickly mounted a 90mm grenade launcher below the barrel of a colleague's black electric-taped 5.45x39mm AKS-74, and gave one of the other soldiers his 9x18mm Stechkin machine pistol.

In less than a minute Aleksy and Yuri's squad was out the door and running through the muddy garden separating them from the road. Yuri and two others were first to cross the street and secured an exit for the rest of the squad. I crouched behind Yuri as "Arnold" — the biggest guy in the outfit — set up his PKM machine gun to lay a fire line down the main street.

The distinctive sound of steel tread on asphalt became louder, and the entire team, now split into two groups

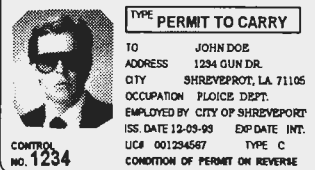
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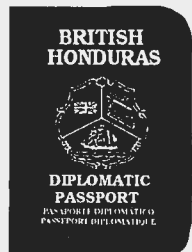
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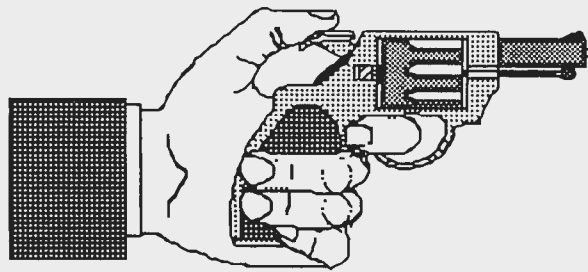


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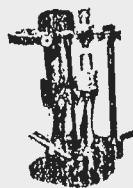


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and holding opposing sides of the road, moved closer to the sound. An old woman, hearing the commotion outside her house, opened her front gate and got the surprise of her life when Aleksi used his forearm to send her sprawling back into her yard screaming and holding her face.

An RPG team came up behind us as the first intersection was secured. A spotting team shot off a lock to the water tower to get a better idea of the tank's whereabouts. Because it was wet, the tank wasn't throwing up a lot of dust. But, because the clouds were low, the sound of the tank carried, making it seem much closer than it actually was.

First faintly, then with a deadly, high-pitched roar, one of the Mi-24s came back to hunt down the tank. Yuri yelled at two of the local militia attached to his squad to fan out to the left along the railroad tracks and not to engage the tank if it came, but instead call for help.

My heart practically ran over my tonsils as it jumped into my mouth when the tank appeared about a kilometer down the end of the road with its main gun pointing straight at my position. Aleksi, Yuri and the others started burying themselves a centimeter at a time into the hardened snow. Out of the corner of my eye I watched the RPG team slowly begin moving to outflank the T-72.

Then, without warning, the tank moved laterally, swinging its turret around and, without firing a shot, retrograded out of Dodge.

Bandits & Moscow Boys

"He won't come into a town without support," Aleksi said. "And right now, he's got no support and probably knows we're here waiting for him. No need to risk losing a tank for us." Everyone stood up and breathed a sigh of relief as the metal monster moved on. Aleksi, however, still wanted to monitor its whereabouts.

"Where's that fucking helicopter?" he yelled into his walkie-talkie. Nothing but some unintelligible Russian military speak (at least to me) came back. We began walking slowly back to the railroad workers dorm for some Chechen cognac, grainy bread and German chocolate.

"Did you see Valery's face when that tank turned toward us," joked



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Mikhail, one of the local militiamen. "He turned white." Everyone in the room broke out laughing.

Cognac began flowing and soon everyone was ready to exchange souvenirs. I gave all of them patches from the U.N. volunteer firefighting force in Sarajevo, and in return I got a box of 9x18mm ammo and a box of Russian MREs. Talk then turned to who the best marksman was in the group. Somehow something I said was interpreted as a challenge of shooting skills. Out of the blue, an SVD Dragunov sniper rifle was produced, some empty vodka and Pepsi bottles lined up, and without any announcement it was the United States (represented by me) against a Russian Spetsnaz squad (all of them). It didn't take long until it was agreed that this boy from Jersey City, New Jersey, needed a refresher course at his local range.

We all later sat down, and in between cleaning weapons and washing mud off of boots, talked about the war. "I hear those boys in Grozny are having a hard time," Mikhail said. Alekski laughed, and said that they must be amateurs. "Let those bandits fight with a real soldier," he said, patting his chest. "Let them fight with this Moscow boy and that will be it."

The next morning in Grozny, I got a chance to see what Alekski meant when he said to let a Moscow boy do the fighting and see what happens. The Chechen capital looked like the first 20 minutes of *The Terminator*; compared to it, Sarajevo seemed like a four-star resort. Destroyed Russian armor lay tangled up with broken tree branches and unexploded shells, and the sound of propeller-driven Russian air force reconnaissance planes was always in the background, along with the barking of artillery.

That day I made it to within 4 kilometers of the besieged presidency. But local militia had blocked off many of the streets, and without Russian army escort (i.e. armored vehicles) further travel was a serious no-no.

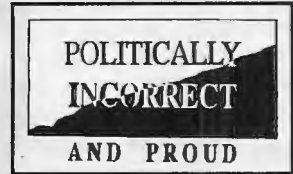
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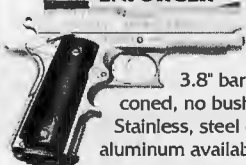
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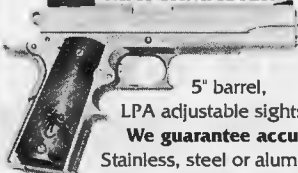


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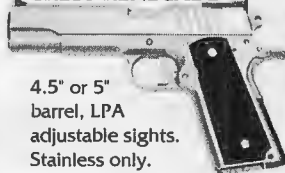
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After the drunken pack of civil servants split, leaving live ammo spilled around, the owner called the sheriff, and deputies stopped their car near the restaurant, but let them go without a roadside sobriety test when their group leader told deputies the gang was "conducting an undercover operation."

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(which is fatal within 24 hours) while he was a medical student: "After I had sewn him up, the organs were taken away in a helicopter."

While arranging a transplant for a fictitious recipient, the BBC crew was told by a Chinese doctor that the hospital did not accept credit cards and wanted cash — preferably dollars. Taiwan and Hong Kong are enacting legislation to stop any trade in prisoner parts through their ports.

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Ms. Kellyanne Fitzpatrick, senior account executive at Luntz Research Companies, noted after last November's election, "Gun owner influence and grass roots helped pull levers in every voting booth in America." Nearly one-half the voters polled had a favorable view of the NRA, with some 25% feeling "strongly favorable." This, of course, never hit the liberal "mainstream" media, who bends every effort to vilify the NRA and wouldn't want the public to know the media distortions are falling on deaf ears. Noted Fitzpatrick, "About half of the voters in line at the polls were gun owners tired of politicians who didn't listen and non gun owners opposed to the Clinton Crime bill." When the giants in Washington rail about the fact there are gazillions of guns in America, it never seems to sink in that they belong to the body politic, i.e. voters who will throw out any bum who wants to take these guns away.

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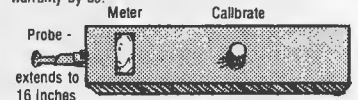
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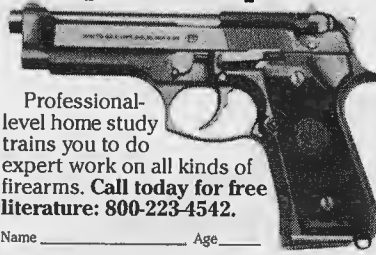
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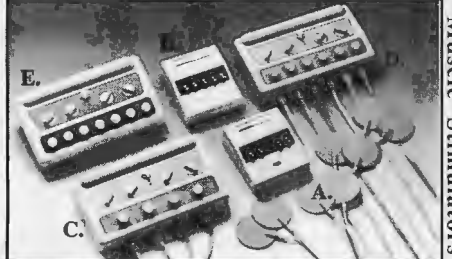
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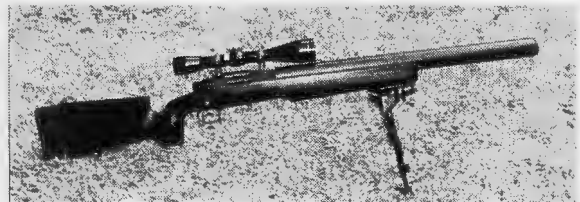
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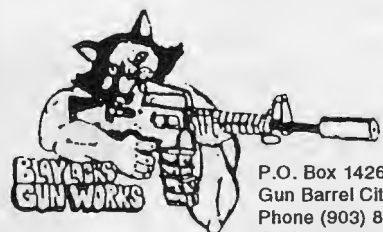
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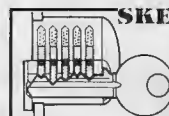
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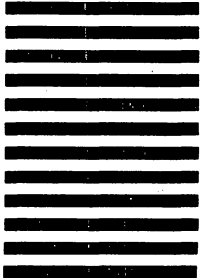
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