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COMMAND GUIDANCE

Weed Out The Weak

by Robert K. Brown

These are rugged times for federal law enforcement agents. We know that, recently, you have been the targets of sharp criticism. Here at *SOF*, many of us are Vietnam vets. And we understand, better than any other group in America, how that feels. We understand the natural tendency to respond as though criticism is directed at you, personally.

We remember what it was like to be subjected to scorn, contempt, and even outright hatred when we returned from Vietnam. We won't forget the flower-children who adored humanity so much that they spat on their own people in uniform, while "peacefully" lobbing bags of urine and dog feces. We remember what it was like to suffer under a lying and greed-inspired bureaucracy who used us to solidify their personal political agendas.

We remember how ashamed we felt when indifferent leadership, with inadequate supervision, led to the massacre at My Lai. We remember those who cursed us then — many of whom condemn us now for our criticism of aspects of your leadership. We also remember how bitterly we, in the field, resented the blame heaped upon us for the failures of our civilian and military decision makers. Most importantly, we remember what it feels like to watch comrades die during a mission so poorly defined, and so utterly lacking in direction and competent strategic planning, that it was doomed to failure — and thousands were needlessly sacrificed.

We have identified and are critical of a number of current failings in federal law enforcement. But, these failings are *not* your fault, and we are not blaming you. However, we hold accountable *some* of your leaders. We hope to see the weak and incompetent among them weeded out; and to see those who deserve punishment re-



ceive it in spades. Then, we want reforms installed that will clarify missions and provide training, guidance and oversight to ensure that the errors of the past are not repeated.

We are not voicing this simply because we are good citizens. Ultimately, we want to see federal law enforcement restored to its *rightful* stature and function. Unlike many of those who currently claim to support you, we have trudged down your road; we know what it feels like and do not want to see you treated the way we were. *SOF* is not your enemy. We swore the same oath to defend the same Constitution as you; you

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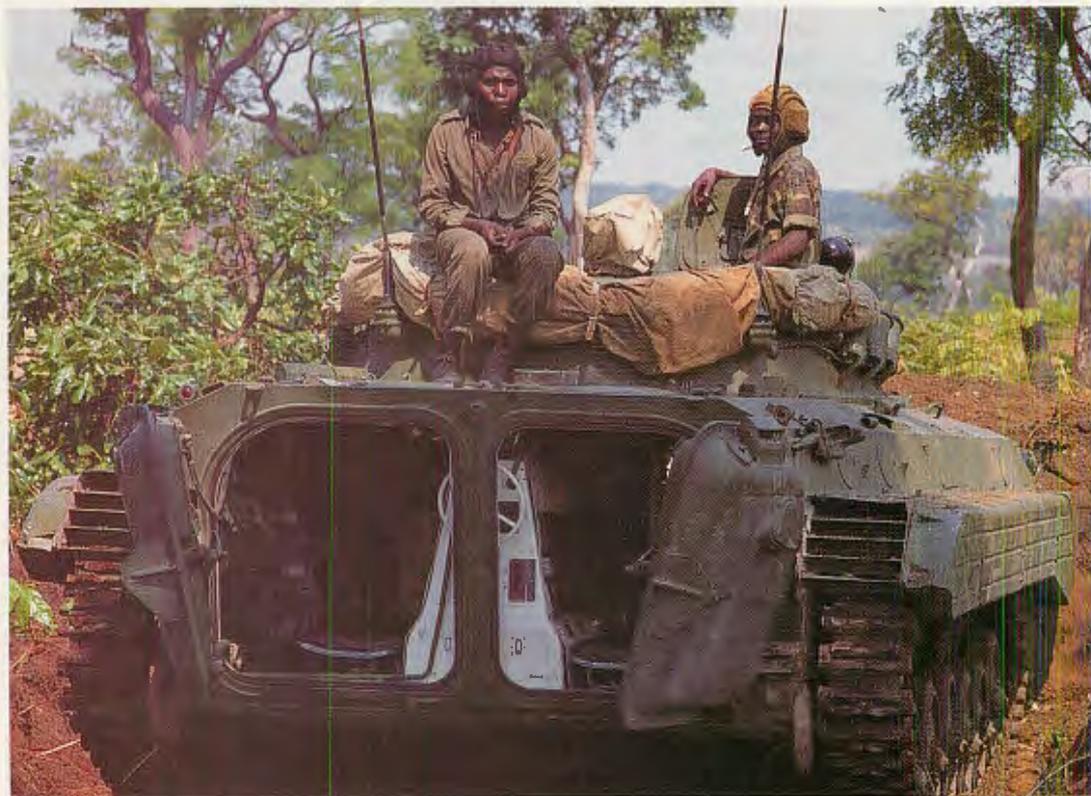
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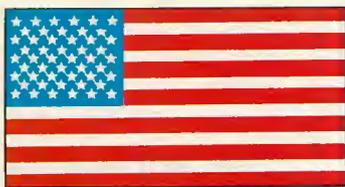
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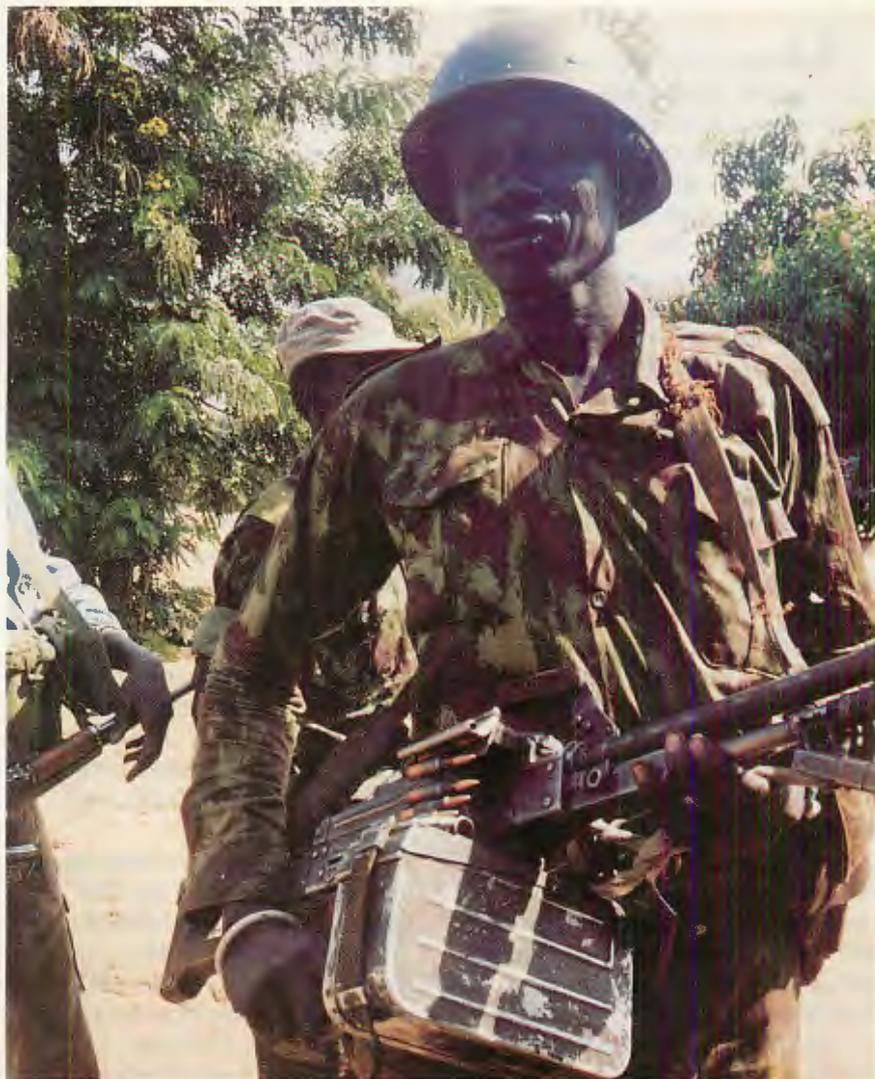
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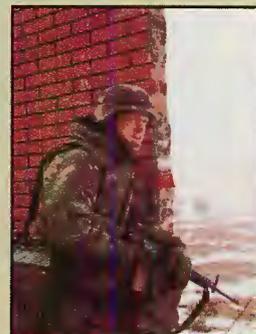


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U.S. Army Specialist Fahey, a trooper of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Cavalry regiment and part of Operation Joint Endeavor, keeps his eyes peeled and M16A2 rifle ready in a bombed-out building in Bosnia-Herzegovina. NATO troops will fire at the first sign of trouble.



Mark H. Milstein

I WAS THERE

Folded Flags, Empty Caskets

by John E. Mann

The field phone urged that I not doze off. It was Ed Taylor, division operations officer.

"John, hate to bother you but the 3/22 had a bad explosion on one of their tracks this afternoon. They lost the entire crew. The old man is going out there at first light and he needs to be brought up to speed on exactly what happened. I've got a chopper that can take you to brigade headquarters, and they can get you to the company location."

"I'll be up in about 20 minutes," I said, wondering what sort of accident could have caused a mortar carrier to explode. At the command post, Ed further advised me that the 3/22 had been engaged in a minor skirmish with VC earlier that afternoon, but that the explosion was not enemy-inflicted.

The assistant operations officer at brigade had little to add to what I knew. Apparently, the young lieutenant company commander, standing behind the track, had been blown backward when it exploded. He was shaken but otherwise unhurt. The track had been firing its 81mm mortar on an enemy location when the accident occurred.

The brigade chopper took me to the company location and dropped me off in the middle of a dark field. I was beginning to feel quite alone until I was hailed by a human voice that materialized into a silhouette, which I followed into the company perimeter and into a nearby track.

The lieutenant couldn't have been more than 24 but his young face showed the wear of war. As I looked at him, I thought of the Korean War, where such young faces were covered with beards and handlebar mustaches — for many, hoping to conceal their youth. The hardened old sergeants didn't give a damn how old they were. They just wanted them to be honest and willing to learn, and to care about their men. They didn't mind sharing responsibility. Most had trained 15-20 platoon leaders in their life times.

He shook my hand and offered me a seat on one of several packs strewn around the APC. The lights gave a yellow-greenish glow that made it easier for someone coming from total darkness to adjust. I told him who I was and why I was there and informed him that he could expect a visit from the division commander at first light. I wanted to talk to anyone who saw or would have knowledge of the explosion, to include the platoon leader or platoon sergeant.

I also wanted his perspective — first, as commander, and second, because of his close proximity to the incident. The lieutenant's

eyes were tired and he still looked a bit woozy from the explosion some eight hours before. His voice was calm and modulated as he related to me the facts as he knew them. The company had been engaged in a light skirmish earlier in the day and it was near dusk when he decided to "circle the wagons" and set up a perimeter. Someone spotted what they believed were VC and they fired several mortar rounds, attempting to zero. They began to "fire for effect" while he was standing behind and off to the side of the track when it suddenly exploded, killing the crew and almost completely destroying the APC. The ammunition on the track was the probable cause of the extent of the explosion.

He was knocked down, as were several others, but without other injuries. Tears welled in his eyes as he spoke. I thanked him and asked if there was someplace I could question others. They had already set up an APC for me, and a sergeant had a list of those they felt I would want to interview.

"Thank you again, Lieutenant. I'll inform you of my findings in the morning after I check out the track." We shook hands and the sergeant escorted me to a nearby track, where I would spend the rest of the night conducting my investigation. It was now 0230, with dawn only hours away. Time was crucial if I were to have a report, hopefully with some valid conclusions, for the CG.

The platoon leader and platoon sergeant could add little. I interviewed several others in the immediate vicinity but no one had any idea as to what caused the explosion. Having been a 60mm mortar section leader in my early enlisted days, I could only conclude that a round misfired in the

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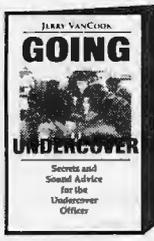
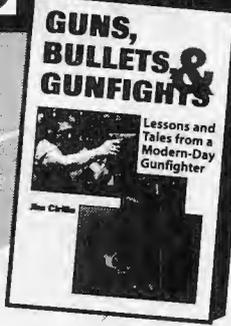
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by Jim Cirillo

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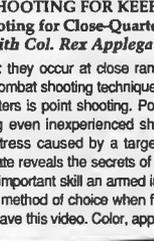


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SOF ON OKC BOMB: PRO & CON

Richard Sherrow's article "Bombast, Bomb Blasts & Baloney" (Jan. '96 *SOF*) was excellent and factual. The fatuous claims, in another publication, that ammonium nitrate (AN) has too much moisture, or that 4,800 pounds is too much to detonate, or 4,800 pounds of fertilizer plus fuel oil (FO) wouldn't do that much damage, obviously come from the uninitiated (no pun intended).

AN fertilizer is available everywhere: at your home and garden store, agricultural-chemical supply, farm-supply store, etc. This isn't quite as good as explosives grade (harder prills), but still works like a damn. The only "preparation" needed is the right amount of FO

True, the velocity of detonation of ANFO is 10,000-14,000 feet per second (fps) slower than many other commercial explosives, but the huge volume of gas pressure given off during detonation is what does more damage than the detonation wave itself.

The detonation wave likely shattered and cracked the [Oklahoma City] structure all over, but the gas pressure wave would likely be what brought everything tumbling down. (Sort of like the "air blast" from a gigantic avalanche.) This air blast, along with the detonation wave, likely was responsible for some of the closer (2-3 blocks, anyway) peripheral damage to other structures.

To put it in simple terms, for simple but pretentious people like Ted Gunderson, high-velocity explosives (22,000-26,000 fps) tend to *shear*, while lower-velocity commercial products like ANFO *crush* the medium. I base these statements and observations on 14 years' experience with commercial explosives, both as a technical representative and as a blasting foreman in the logging, mining, and construction industries.

Keep the excellent articles and coverage coming, gentlemen. In 20 years of reading *SOF*, I haven't been disappointed yet.

Dennis C. Fleming
Abbotsford, B.C.
Canada

I read with great interest Richard Sherrow's article in the Jan. '96 *SOF* and would like to explain or correct some points he may have mistaken.

The cited description [from *The Spotlight* publication] of the "Gunderson Device" as an "electro-hydrodynamic gaseous fuel device" is not necessarily self-contradictory nonsense. *Hydrodynamic* pertains to the interacting forces and motions of an incompressible fluid; it specifically applies to the physics of detonations. *Electro-hydrodynamic* is a modification of the term to include Ampere or Lorentz forces arising from large electric currents passing through the fluid. (Lightning is an "electro-hydrodynamic" phenomenon whose destructive potential is often similar to that of an explosive.) That electrical forces might have a prominent role in the "Gunderson Device" is suggested (but unexplained) by the electrical references in the diagram.

"PBNX5" may or may not be a bogus nomenclature. If it is truly some new kind of explosive, it may not be widely known. The reported high densities may also be a possibility if powdered metal is an ingredient, to provide a high heat of combustion. Metal additives could include titanium (density: 4.5) and zirconium (density: 6.44), both of which have been considered as ingredients of high-burn-rate, solid rocket propellants. A mixture of 25-percent PBX and 75-percent zirconium, by weight, would result in a composite density of 3.8, corresponding to one of the density values cited.

A striking feature of the "Gunderson Device" schematic diagram [reprinted in *SOF*] is its

similarity to the primary/secondary configuration of a thermonuclear bomb: A primary detonation (e.g., the PETN capsule) provides an energy release used to compress and initiate a secondary detonation (e.g., the "PBNX5" column). If this process simultaneously involves the application of large electric currents, phenomena quite unlike conventional chemical explosions may result. ...

The "Q" clearance required to gain special access to nuclear weapon-design information is no fiction, as suggested by Sherrow. It is a clearance investigated by and issued by the U.S. Department of Energy. ...

Also, the comparison of a 5,000-pound ANFO truck bomb to a [WWII, German] V-2 missile's impact is not technically appropriate. All physical damage is produced by the application of forces; in explosions, this involves transfer of momentum from the bomb gases to the target. Perhaps a sixth of the truck bomb's blast was directed toward the Murrah Building (a cone with a 90-degree apex angle), and perhaps the bomb gases were moving at 500 feet per second (fps). This would result in about 0.4 million pound-seconds of impulse available to interact with the building. The V-2, in addition to its 1,650-pound warhead, consisted of 8,840 pounds of dead weight impacting at 3,300 fps, resulting in 0.9 million pound-seconds of impulse coupled directly into its target. ... The relative damage effects of a truck bomb and a V-2 might be quite different. It is inappropriate for Mr. Sherrow to compare them as he did in his *SOF* article.

I am a graduate aeronautical engineer with a 20-year career in the design of high-energy weapons and guided missiles. I do not mean to imply here any credence

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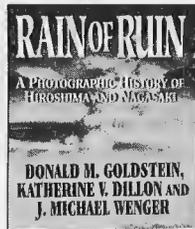
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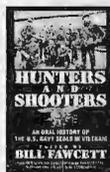
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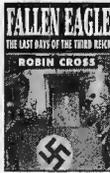
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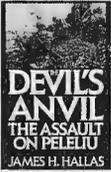
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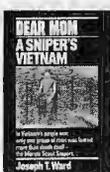
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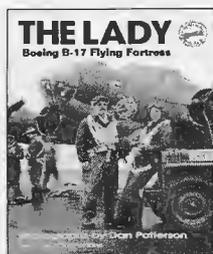
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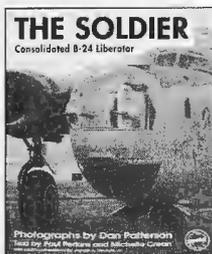
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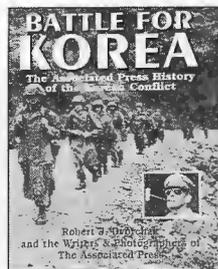
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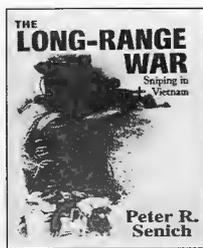
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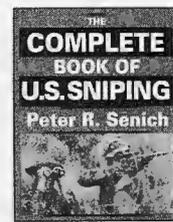
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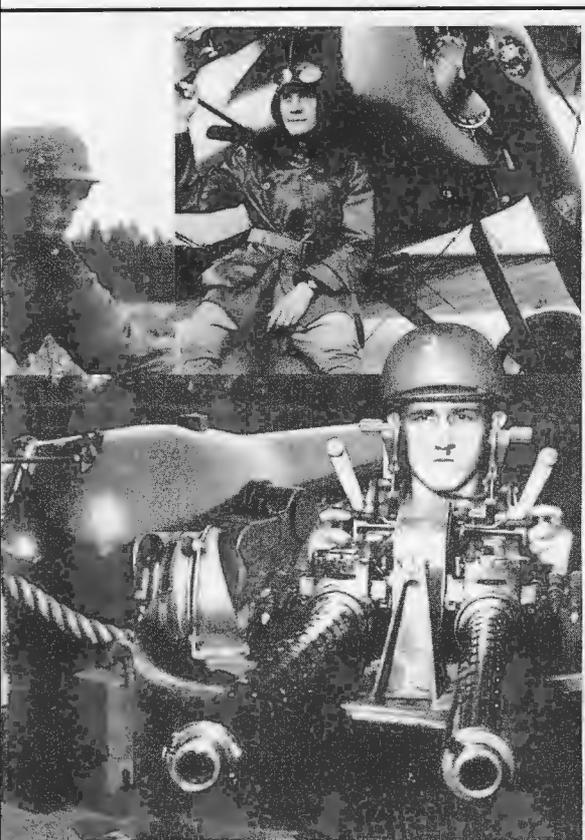
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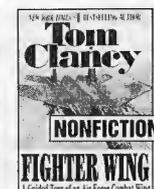
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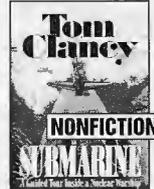
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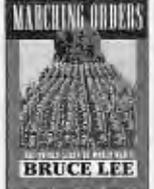
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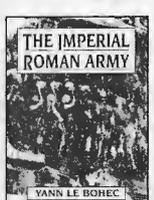
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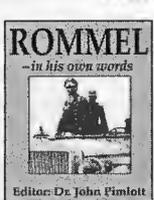
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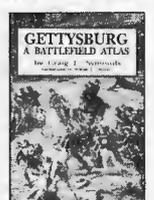
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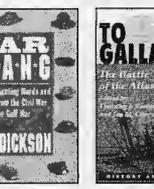
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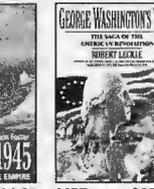
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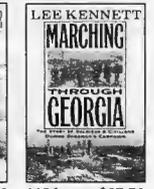
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in the "Gunderson Device," nor do I subscribe to any conspiracy theory on the attack on the Murrah building. Nevertheless, just as it is an error to be overly credulous, it is also an error to be overly skeptical. I agree with Mr. Sherrow that a patient, thorough application of the scientific method and of police procedure is the only means we have for learning the truth of this event.

Michael J. Dunn
Auburn, Washington

Mr. Dunn's letter is interesting. Theoretically, many things are possible. In the explosives field there always are new developments and I will be glad to research the possibility of any potentially new explosive. As for his comparison with a thermonuclear weapon: My background includes more than 15 years' experience in this field and, in my opinion, any attempt at such a comparison goes way beyond mixing apples and oranges. We see a lot of "ifs" here; at the risk of sounding like a smart aleck, if frogs had wings they wouldn't bump their butts when they hopped.

— Richard L. Sherrow

"RED SEAL" QUESTIONS

As a longtime reader of *Soldier Of Fortune*, I want to comment on your article "Red SEAL" (Jan. '96), about the elite Soviet naval commandos.

John Dwyer writes that they are a top-secret unit. If the Cold War is over, as we're always told, why are the Red SEALs being trained as a top-secret unit? Also, how can they be so well equipped and supplied, when the average Russian troops are chronically underfed and underpaid? Finally, has this elite and dangerous unit of a most unstable power ever received any training in the United States?

Verners Cinis
Kitchener, Ontario
Canada

Because Russian "SEALs" are an elite unit, they have priority

status when it comes to equipment, supplies and support. Yet, it can be assumed that even this higher support level falls short in some areas. These naval commandos aren't so much being trained as a top-secret unit; rather, information about some aspects of their training and capabilities remains classified by their government. Some of their missions are, no doubt, covert or clandestine. And, to the best of my knowledge, no Russian (or Soviet) "SEALs" ever have been trained in the United States.

— John B. Dwyer

DITTO, HACK

Your Dec. '95 Parting Shot, "Not On My Watch!" by Colonel David Hackworth, hit home and made me realize that I am not the only one who feels he is witnessing the demise of "the American way."

The warrior does not always have an easy time adjusting to "normal" life. His attitude and skills are not welcome at home.

When I am surrounded by people unwilling to defend themselves — let alone, their country — it's good to know I still have brothers in arms. Thank you!

Name Withheld
By Request
Olympia, Washington

CLINTON DOES RIGHT THING

What President Clinton is doing in Bosnia is the *right* thing.

As a "recovering Republican," I submit that anyone who doesn't realize this is nothing but a selfish SOB who needs to be educated about the difference between doing what is wrong and what is right. (By the way, I was in the 101st Airborne before it was Air Assault.)

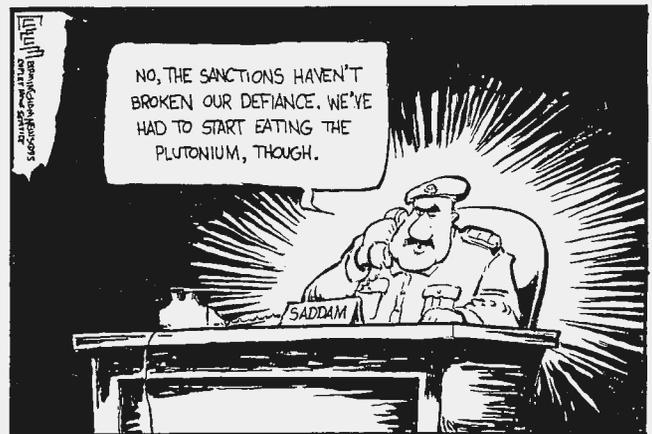
Neil C. Reinhardt
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MORE DIRT ON RENO

In the Jan. '96 issue of *SOF*, I read a letter by a man from Florida about Attorney General Janet Reno, and I would like to add my own remarks.

I refer you to the Jan. '94 issue of *Reader's Digest* and its special report, "Justice Gone Crazy." When Reno was attorney general of Florida, she tried to have a 15-year-old, diabetic Dutch kid named Bobby Fijnje railroaded to prison for child abuse on the basis of some absolutely bullshit evidence. She and her staff had the arrogance to present this stuff to a jury genuinely believing they would be stupid enough to fall for it — and were really torqued-off when the jurors found the kid "not guilty."

Furthermore, in spite of a tor-



rent of letters opposing her appointment as U.S. Attorney General, with references to the Fijnje case in Florida, she was confirmed without one dissenting vote.

As for Bobby Fijnje, a former Coast Guard shipmate of mine who lives in Florida knew him personally. He wrote me that Bobby now hates America and plans never to return, even for a visit. Normally, any foreigner I hear running down my country is asking for a beating. But after reading that *Reader's Digest* article, I don't blame Bobby for feeling the way he does. Not one little bit.

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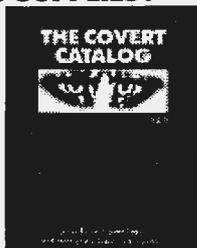
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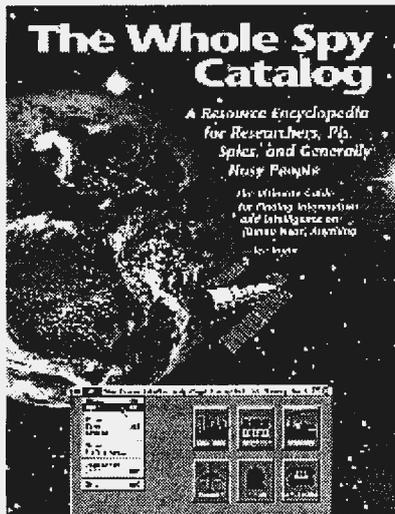
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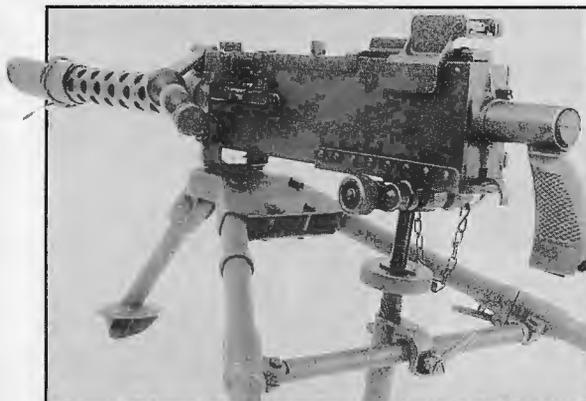
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If you ask most "recreational" shooters who own an M60 GPMG or some type of Browning machine gun what the T&E (Traversing & Elevating) mechanism is, they will tell you it attaches the rear of the gun to the tripod and is used to elevate the gun up or down and move it from side to side from one fixed target to another. Ask them what all the numbers indicate on the elevating hand wheel and the traversing bar and they'll just shrug or mumble something incoherent. Ask the majority of soldiers or Marines lying behind an M60 GPMG mounted on an M122 tripod the same questions and you'll get the same response. This is a military tragedy, as the science of machinegunnery was once highly regarded in the armed forces and a great deal of time and effort was expended upon mastering its complex skills. Today, most so-called machine gunners are little more than trigger-pullers who only know how to point and shoot.

Before we discuss the T&E mechanism and how to use it in a professional manner, we need to understand some basic terminol-



The M2/M122 tripod's traversing bar has an engraved scale to assist in measuring or establishing horizontal angles. The elevating handwheel assembly has a mil click device built into it. Note that the 50-mil scale engraved on the upper surface of the handwheel is divided into 5-mil major graduations and 1-mil subdivisions.



South African MG4 caliber 7.62x51 mm NATO Browning Machine Gun mounted on U.S. M2 tripod with T&E mechanism. Knowledge of how to use this latter device to obtain any of the six classes of fire with respect to gun is essential for real mastery of the art and science of machinegunnery.

ogy and concepts concerning deployment of a machine gun that is fired from a bipod or tripod (not a shoulder-mounted submachine gun or assault rifle). As I have said many times before, the machine gun is an *area-target* weapon. Although it is often employed against *point targets*, it was not originally designed in the late 19th century with this in mind.

When a machine gun is fired in bursts, no matter how sturdy the tripod or how many sandbags have been placed on its legs, all of the bullets do not follow the same trajectory like some sort of laser beam. This is a function of vibrations induced by varying tolerances between the gun and the cradle, and between the cradle (or flex mount) and the tripod itself. In addition, each cartridge will have enough of a difference in propellant charge weight and projectile weight and configuration, no matter how minuscule, to produce a slightly different trajectory. Furthermore, shifting winds and other nonhomogeneous atmospheric conditions will also spread the trajectories in a burst group.

This group of trajectories formed by a single burst is called the *cone of fire* by machine gunners. When this cone of fire strikes the ground it forms an elliptical pattern referred to as the *beaten zone*. As the range to the target increases, the elliptical shape of the beaten zone becomes shorter and wider. The slope of the ground also affects the shape of the beaten zone. When firing onto slopes, the beaten

zone becomes shorter, but retains the same width. When firing onto ground that slopes away from the gun, the beaten zone will become longer. The center of the beaten zone is called the *center of impact*.

Fire from a machine gun is classified with respect to 1) the ground, 2) the target and 3) the gun itself. There are two classes of fire with respect to the ground. When the angle of fall of the bullets with reference to the slope of the ground is such that the area of danger is for all practical purposes confined to the beaten zone (when this occurs, the length of beaten zone is also shortened by a considerable margin), this is referred to as *plunging fire*. Plunging fire is obtained by firing from high ground onto low ground, firing into sharply rising ground, or firing at extremely long ranges. When the center of the cone of fire from a machine gun does not rise above the height of a standing man (6 feet), this is called *grazing fire*. A machine gun fired from a sandbagged tripod over level or uniformly sloping ground can achieve grazing fire at ranges up to 800 yards with a .30 caliber gun.

Four types of fire can be defined with respect to the target area. *Frontal fire* is delivered at an angle perpendicular to the front face of the target area. *Flanking fire* is delivered along the side of the target. *Oblique fire*, a term rarely used anymore, is obtained when the long axis of the beaten zone is at an oblique to the long axis of the target area. *Enfilade fire* occurs when the long axis of the beaten zone coincides with the long axis of the target area. It can be either frontal fire, if the enemy troops are moving toward or away from the gun in a single-file column, or flanking fire, if the gun is positioned on the enemy's flank and they are moving abreast. Enfilade fire makes the most efficient use of the machine gun's capabilities, as it places the greatest number of bullets on the target area.

There are six classes of fire with respect to the gun and understanding them is a key factor in mastering the proper use of the T&E mechanism. *Fixed fire* is that which is delivered onto a point target that can be adequately covered by the depth and width of the beaten zone. *Searching fire* is fire distributed in depth by successive changes in elevation of the gun. Searching fire is employed against targets too deep to be covered by the length of the beaten zone. A burst is fired after each change in elevation. While the exact amount of elevation change depends upon the range and topography, on level ground, a change of 2 mils is usually employed as it results in the successive beaten zones overlapping each other.

Traversing fire is distributed in width by successive horizontal changes in the gun's point of aim. Again, a burst is fired after each change in the gun's horizontal position. If dense fire is desired, a 2-mil change in direction will cause sufficient overlap of the beaten zones to insure effective coverage.

Combined Traversing and Searching Fire is fire distributed in both width and depth by

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UNITED STATES

Marines cut back on traditional roles with the Navy to save manpower: detachments withdraw from Navy cruisers and those on aircraft carriers reduced 40%. Worse, the Army is moving in: Its choppers are deployed on carriers and some amphibious vessels get Army "air bosses."

CIA reports "mole" Aldrich Ames exposed nine Soviets later executed for working for U.S. and also aided in massive misinformation campaign designed to portray the Soviet military as far more powerful than it was, possibly wasting billions of defense dollars. In 95 cases, CIA passed along reports from sources it knew were suspect without labeling the confidence level of the data.

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RUSSIA

In an increase in activity, Akula and Oscar II subs shadow U.S. aircraft carriers and missile subs near American coasts. CIA reports Russia still regards prep for nuclear war with United States to be high priority. Analysts say military's nuclear waste dumps on the Kola Peninsula are more dangerous than Chernobyl.

A package of radioactive cesium is discovered in a Moscow park. Planted by the leader of the raid on southern Russia, Chechen rebel Colonel Shamil Besayev claims to have four more packages combining TNT and radioactive material.

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SRI LANKA

Hours after the army raises its flag over the captured city of Jaffna, LTTE rebels launch a car-bomb attack on a police post near Kalmunai and follow up with an infantry assault leaving 69 dead. An investigation of captured LTTE records shows that \$7 million per month paid by the government to employees in rebel-held areas had in fact almost entirely been diverted into LTTE coffers. LTTE reorganizes for long-term guerrilla warfare.

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SYRIA

U.S. Defense Secretary offers to station troops in disputed Golan Heights to monitor a hoped-for treaty between Syria and Israel. U.S. intelligence reportedly detects Syrian prep for limited war with Israel when negotiations bogged down.

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ISRAEL

PM Peres says Israel would "give up the atom" (nuke weapons) if regional peace is established.

Shin Bet security chief resigns over failure to protect Prime Minister Rabin from assassin. Convicted spy Jonathan Pollard, who gave U.S. intelligence to Israel, will be given Israeli citizenship.

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BURMA

United States government authorizes \$2 million reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Khun Sa. The opium warlord apparently reaches peace accord with government. About 1,500 Burmese troops occupy his jungle HQ near the Thai border.

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SOMALIA

Turf war between clans continues. United Nations calls for more food aid; crop failures endanger tens of thousands.

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GERMANY

Berlin announces removal of all mines from old East German border. Number removed is only a fraction of what always was assumed to be there.

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BRAZIL

A \$1.4 billion contract for U.S. radar airspace-control system for Amazon Valley is subject of charges of bribery and kickbacks. Threatening deal's cancellation, government demands U.S. Commerce Secretary Brown explain certain aspects of the case.

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BOSNIA

Russian brigade assigned to U.S. sector comprises paratroopers of the 98th Airborne Division. Many are vets of Afghanistan and Chechnya.

U.S. troop movements to Bosnia were delayed by German antinuke protesters sabotaging railways.

U.S. AC-130U gunships will be employed for the first time, over Bosnia. Newest "Spectre" is pressurized, operates at 20,000 feet and its cannons are able to engage two targets at once using improved radar, infrared and TV systems.

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POLAND

Polish officials arrest two men trying to enter the country from the Czech Republic with six containers that show unusual radiation signatures. An agreement is reached and scheduled to be signed in the spring between Russia and G7 nations providing for effective inventory control and an exchange of intelligence data to prevent nuclear smuggling.

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YEMEN

Yemen sends MiG-21 and -29 fighters and Su-22 bombers over Eritrean positions in ongoing dispute over the Hanish Islands in Red Sea. Ethiopia and Egypt offer mediation.

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INDIA

Mysterious aircraft drops three packages of weapons over Purulia district of West Bengal. Troops recover 231 rifles, 17,000 rounds of ammunition, 80 antitank rockets, eight handguns and hundreds of cleaning kits. There are no known guerrilla groups operating in the area, and curiously, India's air-defense radar system was not operating that night.

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SOUTH KOREA

Military forces go on enhanced alert citing recent shifts of North Korean warplanes toward the DMZ: 90 fighters and a squadron of bombers move within 25 miles of the border. Air-defense exercises are held over Seoul.

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BOLIVIA

Government officials order that the remains of legendary revolutionary Che Guevara be located and given a proper Catholic burial. A team searches for the remains at remote Vallagrande airstrip, but produce only a few unidentified bones.

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HONG KONG

China ignores Hong Kong's largest political party in selecting 150-member committee to guide 1997's shift to Chinese rule. Meanwhile, the Philippines prepares for mass exodus of 200,000 Filipino workers from Hong Kong.

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SUDAN

Sudanese army claims to have killed 263 Ugandan troops fighting alongside SPLA rebels. Ugandan spokesmen and SPLA leadership maintain that no Ugandan soldiers have been in Sudan.

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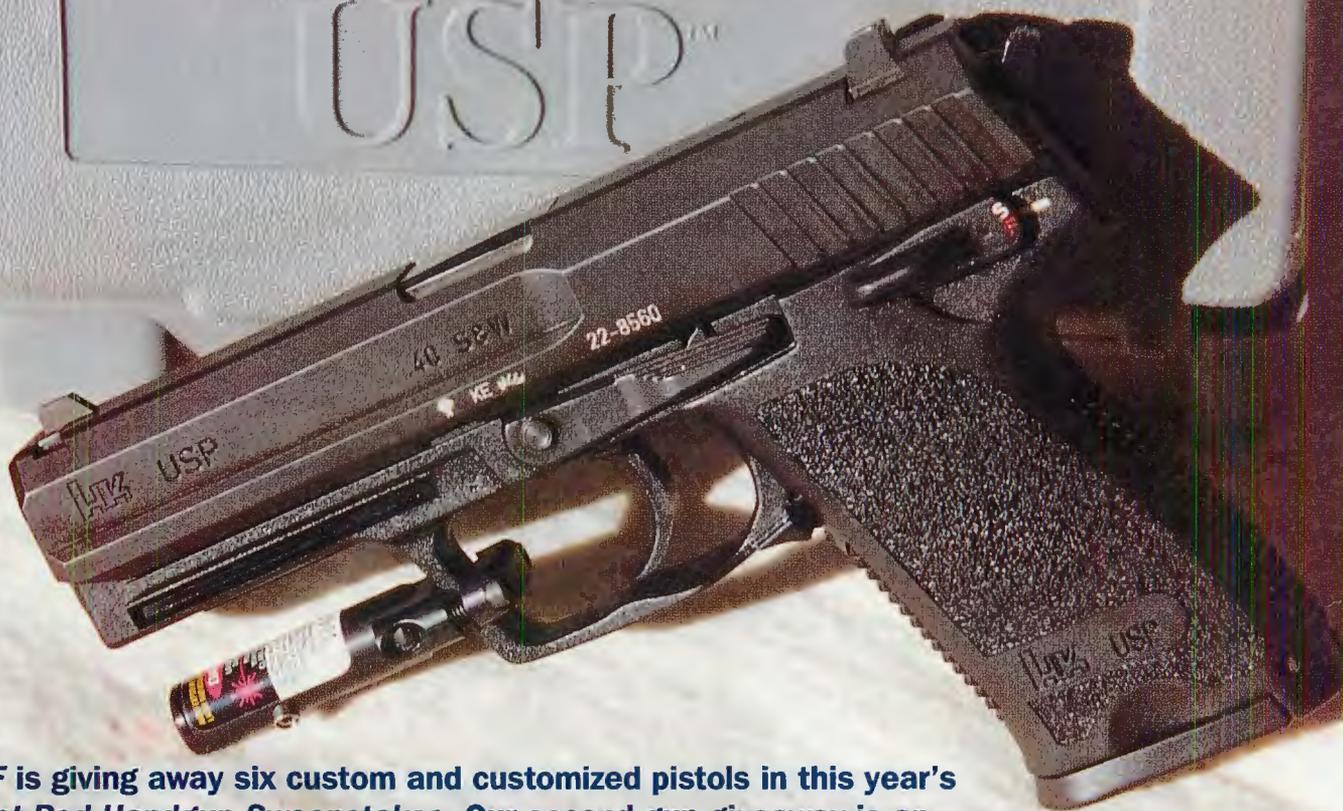


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SCIENCE INTO JFK ASSASSINATION

Bad news for fantasoid Oliver Stone and other conspiracy promoters: Exacting scientific studies done by members of the International Wound Ballistics Association should lay to rest forever the weird speculation that has swirled around wound ballistic and forensic evidence aspects of the John Kennedy assassination. Questions left unanswered by the Warren Commission have dangled tantalizingly before conspiracy buffs for decades, and these questions have bred with misconceptions to spawn a whole publishing genre dedicated to the proposition that unrationalized aspects of physical evidence "proved" there were more than one shooter. This in turn "proved" there was a conspiracy among men. Just who these men were supposed to have been, varied with the particular theory being pitched — but promoters almost universally seized upon loose threads of ballistic evidence to "prove" their theory.

Alas for the conspiracy industry, those loose ends have now been woven into a coherent and precise knot by a cadre of scientists who have experimentally recreated the physical ballistic phenomena that have been so puzzling. Considering the importance of the case, this should have been done three decades ago by the Warren Commission, but it was not.

Now that the insight and scientific methodology of contemporary specialists have resolved the haunting questions, anyone with even a passing interest in any of the bogus theories should read

the result of this new work. Fortunately, copies of the 30-page report have been published in Volume 2, Issue 2 of *Wound Ballistics Review*, the journal of the International Wound Ballistics Association. It is available from them @ \$10 (Dept. SOF, Box 701, El Segundo, CA 90245; phone: 310-640-6065). Membership in the IWBA is open to qualified professionals; subscription to *Wound Ballistics Review* is available @ \$40 for four issues.

INSUFFICIENT DAMAGE?

A civil suit filed on behalf of Tulsa gun dealer John Lawmaster against the BATF (see "Gun

alleged abusive excesses of authority and unnecessary property damage. A judge decided that the property damage was not sufficient to justify a civil tort claim, Sessinghaus said. (Wonder how the judge would feel if it had been his house that was trashed.) Ward was also the architect of misery for the Louis Katona family in Ohio (see "Miscarriage of Justice," April '94). An Appeal is under consideration. —JLP

CIVIL DEFENSE EXPENDITURES

Civil suits filed against federal agents in the bloody aftermath of Waco now total more than \$1 billion. Uncle Sugar is spending your tax dollars to defend, among others, nearly two dozen BATF agents named as individuals in the several suits. Except one: Robert Rodriguez, the only ATF agent who had the courage and intelligence to try to stop what he knew would be a disaster, was advised by the Justice Department that he will have to pay for his own legal defense.

Rodriguez, the undercover agent who had pleaded in vain for more time to build a legitimate case, later tried to call off the ill-planned raid, telling raid commanders Chuck Sarabyn and Phil Chojnacki that Branch Davidian leader David Koresh was aware a raid was imminent. Sarabyn

and Chojnacki ordered the raid to go ahead anyway, subsequently lied to federal investigators about knowing their cover had been blown and then tried to scapegoat Rodriguez for the raid's failure.



Books for the Boys ('N Gals) in Bosnia: SOF receptionist, Helena Oberg (left), advertising manager, Dianne McLeod (center) and publisher, Robert K. Brown, hustle to sort and pack some of the thousands of books donated by SOF readers for our troops in Bosnia. They're going out as fast as they come in folks, so keep 'em coming! Bosnia isn't exactly a fun hitch, and books from home are a positive morale factor. Make us sweat to keep up — send lots and send often. If you have a friend or relative on Operation Joint Endeavor, we're glad to send books (and a complimentary magazine) directly to them, if you send us their complete military address. Our mail address for books (or book requests for individuals) is: Books For The Troops, 5735 Arapahoe, Boulder, CO 80303. The troops thank you; SOF thanks you.

Gestapo," June '92), has been dismissed in federal court, according to Steve Sessinghaus, Lawmaster's attorney. The suit, which also named ATF Special Agent Blair Ward as a defendant,



Awn Kenney

SOF honcho Robert K. Brown's kid brudder, Alan (left, with hair and shiny new jump wings) poses at the 1995 SOF Convention in Las Vegas with keynote speaker, G. Gordon Liddy (center) and Col. Brown (right).

The only ATF agent to do the right thing, Rodriguez is the only agent left in the lurch by his employer. The message to federal agents is clear: Big Brother values blind loyalty and lies over justice and truth. —JLP

COULDN'T MAKE IT?

Soldier Of Fortune is for "those who couldn't make it" in Special Forces, according to Green Beret commander, Major General William P. Tangney. Further, the *SOF* convention is attended by "those who couldn't make it" in SF, said Tangney in remarks to headquarters personnel and the 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the 10th SFG. Tangney's dander was up over "Witch Hunt for *The Resister*," which ran in the February *SOF*. Heh, heh. A quick review of the editorial masthead of *SOF* past and present — from publisher Robert K. Brown on down, including a lot of brass hats and a couple generals — shows more former SF troopers than not. Maybe the good general is just another trooper who "couldn't make it" in *SOF*.

Tangney also noted in his remarks that "everything *The Resister* writes about is bullshit." Since when is a reverence for the U.S. Constitution bullshit? —JLP

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- firearm aggravated assault rate 19% lower
- overall firearm violent crime rate 29% lower

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In Florida, the homicide and handgun homicide rates have dropped 22% and 29% respectively since they adopted a right-to-carry law in 1987 — while the national rates rose 15% and 50%. Florida's overall violent-crime rate during this period has risen less (17.7%) than the United States as a whole (22.3%) — and today only 30% of Florida's violent crimes involve the use of firearms.

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MILITIA MEMBERSHIP LISTS...

According to *Media Bypass* magazine, during last summer's hearings on the burgeoning militia movement, when Senator Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) issued a request for names of all known militia members, at least one citizen did what he could to help: He sent Specter a copy of the local phone book. Good thinking. According to the founding fathers, most everyone not in the military is in the mi-

increase in its wiretapping ability: The FBI wants communications companies to provide as much as 1% of their capacity in densely populated, high-crime areas for wiretaps, gadgets to record phone numbers dialed and number-tracing equipment.

The FBI says it merely wants to keep up with expanding technology and to be able to cope with more than one calamitous threat at the same time — not, of course, to instigate sweeping increases in the number of wire-

this year? History has shown that government agencies will expand to use any authority, any ability, any amount of funds they have at their disposal. This new ability would not portend well for the Fourth Amendment.

WEAPONS SHORTS

Beretta USA Corp. has received an \$18.5 million follow-on contract to supply 45,098 M9 9mm pistols to the Navy; contract includes an option for another 28,000 for other military services. Since initial 1985 contract for 315,930 pistols and follow-on contracts for 77,000 more, Beretta has delivered some 390,000 M9s to DoD customers. Largest federal law-enforcement order has been for 16,000 for the INS.

An agreement has been signed between Romania and Bell Helicopters for Romanian production of 96 AH-1F Cobra attack helicopters, with Bell providing tech transfer, production tooling and training.

The Army has let contracts for production of new MILES gear that will classify hits as from enemy or friendly fire, and show if the hit is fatal or disabling. It weighs 80% less than existing systems.

U.S. Special Operations Forces are buying 192 miniature underwater GPS receivers (MUGRs) from Trimble, USA, to be used in covert ops such as maritime over-the-horizon insertion/extraction missions; will provide SpecOps forces with precise, real-time position and navigation information.

India has contracted to buy 100,000 AKM rifles from Romania's Romtehnica for \$85 each, after the Bulgarian MoD failed to supply the weapons per contract at \$65. India's home-grown 5.56mm hybrid weapons system (assault rifle, carbine, light machine gun) is now four years behind schedule. India has also bought 30 million rounds of ammo, reportedly from North Korea. These weapons are for selected army and internal security units. ☞



litia — and, according to Ma Bell, most everybody is in the phone book. In the cover letter the fellow noted, "...These militia groups will probably prove to be the salvation of our country and our freedom. Don't do anything to obstruct them in any way. They are not terrorists as the socialist in the administration would have you believe — it is the other way around."

WIRETRAPS

Last year the Federal Bureau of Investigation reached out and put the touch on Congress to force telephone companies to provide enough wiretapping capacity to keep up with new developments in technology and criminal endeavors. The FBI recently published a small notice in the Federal Register, announcing just how much capacity it estimated it would now need. If granted, it would represent a vast

increase in its wiretapping ability. Federal wiretaps now number about 800 a year, the FBI says. Their requests are for the ability to monitor one of every 100 calls and tap up to 1,000 phone lines in specific localities. That sweeping capacity would certainly imply some vast changes to us. The bureau emphasizes that each wiretap would be under court order and based on probable cause and that they do not seek to weaken that standard. But can you imagine a judge giving proper consideration to a stack of a thousand probable-cause documents? It makes one suspicious that they have some more surprises in store to facilitate implementation of what they have in mind. And we have to wonder just what that is.

High technology is being used more and more in crime, and police agencies need the tools to combat it - but if they required 800 wire taps last year, why do they require the ability for millions

He's easily won over 600 brutal streetfights!

Veteran Streetfighter Agrees To Give You A FREE \$39 VIDEO

Revealing His Most Powerful (And Surprisingly Simple) Down-and-Dirty Fight-Ending "Tricks" Just to Prove That A Well-Trained Citizen (Armed Only With This Incredible Knowledge) Can Still Safely Walk In Public!

Forget switchblades or pepper spray. And leave your Clint Eastwood "Dirty Harry" fantasies at home in the VCR...

In real life, 9 times out of 10, you have to defend yourself with your bare hands... with no time to think about how to execute those complicated moves you've learned from the "experts" (who've never been in a real streetfight in their lives).

If you really want to be armed with the skills that will save your life in an all-out hostile confrontation (or even just a barroom scuffle), then let me introduce you to a man who has been there and done that — over 600 times! — and knows exactly what works... and what doesn't.

If you have the guts, he will teach you the skills that will give you the confidence of knowing you can handle anything that comes your way. These skills are so devastating that you'll not only end the fight practically before it starts, but...

***You Will Put the Bastards in the Hospital —
And No One Will Ever Mess With You Again!***

Interested? Please read on...

Dear Friend,

Let's be honest with each other, shall we?

We all have our "mental fantasies" of what we'd do if some criminal scumbag or a pissed-off drunken yahoo tries to mess with us, right?

We think we'd do this fancy move, or that fancy kick, or get into position to deliver an award-winning "combination" of strikes and blows that would make Bruce Lee green with envy.

But in reality? It's a whole different story.

Just ask veteran streetfighter Jim West. He's been in (and won) over 600 brutal streetfights. No, that's not a typo or a misprint. I said...

SIX HUNDRED STREETFIGHTS!

And he's never lost a single one!

Can you name anybody else alive today who has that kind of experience under his belt? I can't — and I've been on the "inside" of the martial arts world for several years now.

When I first met Jim West, I was truly astonished — both by his amazing "track record" — and by what he told me are the two most important rules to remember in any streetfight. They are...

RULE #1: There Are NO Rules.

RULE #2: Don't Ever Forget Rule #1, or You're DEAD!

You see, the bad guys are called "bad guys" for a reason: They don't fight fair! If you think you're going to have time to get one word out of your mouth, you're wrong. It all happens too fast for any clever Hollywood-style cutdowns or comebacks.

There's no dialogue — just violence. Fast, furious, and sometimes fatal violence.

Are you prepared for it? Most guys aren't. Even if you've seen a few videos on military-style hand-to-hand combat systems, you're still not even close to knowing the secrets to winning real-life streetfights.

Unlike most "experts" these days, Jim West knows how to win streetfights. As I said, he's won over 600 of them. I don't know about you, but that's the kind of guy *I* would go to for training.

And, as a matter of fact, I have.

My name is Bob Pierce, and I recently started a new video production company called "Underground Streetfighters Association." For the last several years, I've been working with TRS (Threat Response Solutions), which produces some very good videos on hand-to-hand combat. As you know, TRS features some of the military's top trainers on their videos — and they're damned good.

But one day I discovered that there are certain guys in the martial arts world who are actually "too nasty" even for the military to touch. These are guys like Jim "Smokey" West, whom I want to introduce to you now. What kind of guy is he? I'll give you a clue...

You'd Want Jim West To Be Your Best Friend!

First of all, Jim West is a 6th Degree Black Belt in karate. He's also a master and instructor of several other fighting styles, from Muay Thai kick-boxing to Western-style boxing to Combat Ju-Jitsu ground-fighting. He's even developed his own

streetfighting system — "Modern Karate", he calls it — and has his own full-contact school near Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Jim West spent 20 years of his adventurous life in the U.S. military — most of that in special forces — taking part in the Invasion of Panama and the action in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. He was a member of the team that occupied the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait, and Jim received an award from Gen. Schwarzkopf himself for his fighting heroism in Saudi Arabia. He's even worked on special top-secret covert missions for the CIA in Central and South America, training counter-narcotics paramilitary forces, hostage rescue forces, counter-insurgency, intelligence operations, etc., etc.!

Now retired as a CW3 Chief Warrant Officer, Jim is highly sought-after for private security by corporate executives and foreign dignitaries. In fact, he was a member of the security detail for President Aristide when he regained power in Haiti.

Jim's been shot, stabbed, ambushed, had boards and bottles broken over his head, you name it — and that's just in civilian life!

Why So Many Fights?

Jim is a veteran of over 600 streetfights because he used to enjoy getting into them! Starting in his younger days, he hung around with a group of guys who would go to bars looking for trouble, and then "do their stuff" when it came their way. He'd get into fights 2 or 3 times a week — sometimes 2 or 3 times a night! — and he did that for nearly 15 years!

Plus, for a long time, Jim had a

girlfriend who was the finest looking lady you've ever laid eyes on. (*It seems that guys who can fight like Jim get girls like that!*) But no matter where they'd go, some fool would invariably try to make a pass at Jim's girlfriend, and that would be the end of that guy's evening!

Jim just doesn't mess around.

And with a track record like his — and the fact that he's *never* lost even one of the 600 fights he's been in — I'd say Jim West knows what he's talking about when it comes to streetfights! Wouldn't you? Compare that to all those silly "martial arts school" instructors who've never even walked down a dark alley in a big city, and you can see the enormous benefit of learning from a guy like Jim West instead of those "bookish" types.

That's why I brought Jim out to California a while back to shoot a video revealing his most powerful, down-and-dirty, fight-winning techniques. And here's just a *sample* of what Jim teaches on this mind-blowing, life-saving video that he and I want to send you, free of charge...

Yes, that's right, it's a **FREE** video — titled "Street Combat Made Easy" — and on it you'll learn...

- An instant knockout point on the human body that's easy to hit and works every time!
- Where to hit a person to cause so much pain, the body just shuts down completely!
- How to slam someone to the ground, just by grabbing his ears!
- How to control a person who's charging you like a bull — a simple "crank" that makes his knees buckle and lets you do whatever you want to with his body!
- A simple innovation that increases the effectiveness of your punches by 50% or more! (It doesn't take a lot of practice, either. You'll learn it in one session!)
- Where to aim when you're punching so that you always hit the person's #1 knockout point!
- **Ground fighting?** How to protect yourself from "bystanders" who try to kick you!
- Bones on the foot that break like a toothpick, and how to nail them!
- The life-saving secret of doing head-butts that *not one person in a thousand knows*. If you don't do this right, you will put yourself out of commission when head-butting your opponent!
- How to save yourself from a life-threatening choke-hold!
- A "guillotine" move that finishes things off real fast!
- An "open-hand" defensive technique that can instantly be turned into a lethal offensive striking mechanism!
- The proper fingers to use for an eye-

jab so that you never miss your opponent's eyes!

- How to use eye-gouges with the effectiveness of a **Randall knife!**
- How to grab a person's head and then head-butt them in a way that *splits their head open!* (Obviously, *only* to be used when you have to kill!)
- Easily-accessible pressure points on a person's face and head that will cause them a **great deal of pain** with just a *light amount of pressure from your finger!*
- **The 2 most lethal areas** on the body, and how to attack them!
- What we can learn from the way *apes* and *monkeys* fight in the wild — a simple technique you only want to use in a life-or-death situation!
- A special way to do a groin slap that attacks a "hidden nerve" near the scrotum. Hit this spot and the fight's over!
- How to attack the diaphragm for devastating stopping power. Even the slightest hit here will knock the wind out of someone!
- The proper way to go for the throat. With one hand, you can stop the fight before it begins!
- **Knife Defense:** a simple "cross-over" technique that will stop most knife attacks and enable you to disarm the attacker and put him on the ground!
- Why complicated "routines" look great when you practice them, but almost never work in the streets — and a simple trick that gives you the split-second advantage you need for turning the tables on your opponent!
- Joint locks and manipulations that work well even if your attacker has a knife or gun!
- Where to hit a person's arm so that he drops his knife — *no matter how strong his grip is!*

All of this — and more! — is revealed on the **FREE VIDEO** I'm going to send you (with your permission) as a way of introducing you to Jim "Smokey" West and his unique method of *staying alive* in today's increasingly violent world.

But perhaps you're wondering...

What Makes Jim West Different From All The Others?

It's very simple. You see, Jim West is miles ahead of all the other martial arts "experts" out there because he knows *what really works* in a streetfight... and *what doesn't*.

From his own invaluable experience of winning over 600 streetfights, he knows that nothing ever goes as planned. And you'd better not be relying on those complicated routines you've seen on other videos or learned in martial arts school! In real life, you need simple, quick,

devastating moves that will end the fight instantly — by taking the person by surprise and causing him so much pain, he doesn't even have a chance to get in a second blow (*let alone a first!*).

And the neat thing is, Jim West has a whole arsenal of these fight-stopping moves and "dirty little tricks" he wants to teach you. The free video I want to send you — even though it's 46 minutes long and packed with the vital skills I mentioned above — is actually just a small sample of everything Jim West can teach you!

In fact, when we brought Jim out to California for the video shoot, we weren't even prepared for how much he has to teach people! I thought we'd do a 2-hour video, like our others. But he just kept giving us more and more and more... and we ended up with an action-packed video that's almost **FOUR HOURS LONG!**

Jim's awesome videotape set is called "**Fight To Win**" — and it is *without a doubt* the most comprehensive revelation of down-and-dirty streetfighting techniques ever put on video. *Bar none!*

Let me give you some juicy samples of what you'll learn from the 4 hours and 15 minutes of non-stop incredible material Jim has to teach you. A single one will save your life if you're ever in trouble — and Jim gives you hundreds to choose from on these video tapes! Take a look...

- The first thing you want to do in any fight. Do it right and you can actually avoid getting hit!
- How to put a little extra "bite" into each punch you throw!
- **7 crucial things** to know about throwing a punch for maximum effectiveness — plus "rhythm" drills that install these skills into your mind and body like computer software!
- How to dramatically cut down on your vulnerability when facing a hostile opponent.
- 6 areas on a person's leg where your kicks will cause the most pain possible. One will even break the guy's leg!
- The most underestimated kick in your arsenal. It's also the most effective for ending a fight immediately!
- The secret to this low-line kick makes all the difference in the world. People have actually died from the shock of being hit by one of these!
- A special "heel-hook" kick that takes people completely by surprise and causes a lot of pain!
- Shin hits that will cause most people to give up the fight almost instantly!
- Where to hit the nerves on the leg to cause the person's legs to buckle — *even with a "gentle" hit!*
- A "push and shove" technique to add to your kicks that gives **200% more power** and stopping ability.

- A “T-block” that stops cold even the hardest kicks to your groin, while simultaneously “loading” your body with explosive power that you unleash on your opponent *with lightning-fast speed!*
- How to “control” your opponent’s body so that he feels the maximum force of every punch you land!
- A way to attack the lower leg that will break a person’s knee and probably *cripple him for life!*
- The proper way to *back up* during a fight. This will keep you from getting pinned against a wall (where you’d definitely get the shit beat out of you!)
- A “probe” kick that *tricks* your opponent into dropping his guard *so you can attack his head!*
- An extremely simple forearm strike that will knock someone unconscious when placed in the right spot!
- Key “clues” to look for in a person’s body language that tell you if he’s about to hit you or not.

Plus, throughout the video, Jim gives you dozens of different drills that help you develop your speed, reaction, awareness, and power. You’ll acquire the ability to think under fire — because the inability to think under fire is like *signing your death certificate!*

And every so often, the video cuts to little “interviews” with Jim, where he gives you his best advice on what it takes to be a real fighter and come out on top in any brutal streetfight.

He’s One of the Best Teachers I’ve Ever Seen!

Plus, I think you’re going to love the way Jim teaches you on this video. You see, instead of just showing you *by himself* how each move is done, Jim also has 3 students on the video — a large man, a medium-size guy, and a 100-lb female — and he actually teaches them *right there on the spot* how to do each move! This way, you can watch people *who aren’t experts* — people just like you — learning it for the first time. **And you can actually learn from their mistakes!** When they do something wrong, Jim corrects them and shows them (and you) how to avoid making all the common mistakes people make when learning these moves.

This alone will really speed-up your learning process while you watch these videos at home. It’s almost like having Jim in your living room with you, watching your every move and correcting you when you make a mistake!

And Jim’s teaching style is very easy to relate to. He’s very natural, personable, and comfortable to learn from. Throughout the video, he talks to you, not to a vague “audience”. Personally, I think you’ll enjoy watching these tapes more than any others in your library. **I did!** Plus there’s something else you get from these tapes besides the “mechanics” of the moves themselves...

The Chance to Learn From a Master Streetfighter!

Just being in Jim’s “presence” — even though it’s by video — will *install* in you a streetfighter’s savvy, wisdom, and street-smarts. Jim’s hard-won knowledge and skills will now become yours. You’ll acquire his keen sense of awareness and ability to sniff out danger. You’ll adopt his tough-as-nails attitude toward self-defense. And it’ll seem like you’ve been in those 600 streetfights (*or close to it!*).

And yet, while becoming a warrior, you won’t become a thug. As you’ll see, Jim is quite the gentleman. He’s civilized, but he knows how to handle trouble when it comes his way. *Now so will you.*

And as you know, there’s a special, *indescribable* feeling of security and self-confidence that comes over you when you learn how to handle trouble. It “radiates” from your every pore. People in your presence — especially women — sense the inner strength that you project (no matter how “average-looking” you may be on the outside). It’s in your eyes, in your talk, in your walk, and in every muscle in your body. It’s more than just an “attitude” that you put on like a coat. And it’s certainly not fake or artificial. People can tell if you’re faking, because of certain little “clues” that give you away.

But when you have the real thing, you know it. Everyone knows it. Even the criminals or barroom jerks who might consider messing with you can sense it, *and they stay away*. The ones who don’t? Well, they learn the hard way.

No amount of money can buy this “Position Of Strength”, as Jim calls it. It must either be earned... or learned. It’s *earned* from hundreds of brutal streetfights, like Jim’s. Or else *learned* directly from someone who’s been in those hundreds of streetfights, like Jim.

The Next Best Thing to Sitting At His Feet!

In fact, that’s the main beauty of learning from Jim West. He’s earned his fighting strength and self-defense skills from those 600 fights. And watching this video is not only the next best thing to being one of his private students, but it’s *like sitting at his feet*, absorbing every morsel of wisdom that comes out of his mouth. You can watch it over and over and you’ll never get bored. And after practicing what he teaches you, *in no time* you will have “catapulted” your fighting abilities to levels that most guys don’t reach even after 10 or 15 years of training! **That’s** how powerful Jim West’s teaching really is.

But you won’t fully realize this until you watch this amazing new video. You get 4 hours worth, packed with incredibly brilliant, devastatingly effective, and surprisingly simple techniques that even a 100-pound female can execute against a 250-pound boxer — *which is exactly what you’ll see on these tapes!*

And Jim, as I said, is an excellent teacher. He’s clear, precise, patient, and thorough. He wants you to know his life-saving skills — *and do them right!* — so that he can have the satisfaction of knowing that he helped good people like you survive the vicious attacks that have become so commonplace in today’s “Warlord Society”. Jim strives to make his students “the best of the best”. He holds nothing back — giving you his all so that one day you can say...

“Jim West’s Training Saved My Life!”

That’s why he wants you to have the free video I mentioned earlier.. This way, even if you decide not to keep the other 2 tapes in the set, at least he’ll have touched your life in a lasting way that could end up saving your life some day.

Think about it...

- You’ll learn dozens of chokes, locks, holds, kicks, strikes, take-downs, breaks... you name it.
- Simple ways to tie your enemy up like a pretzel and cause him so much pain, he’ll immediately give up the fight!
- Powerful ways to increase the pain on your assailant if the idiot doesn’t give up!
- What to do if your enemy out-wrestles you. One simple trick can turn the tables in the blink of an eye!
- An amazing way to choke someone out and slam him head-first into the ground, *just by grabbing his collar!*
- The first thing you want to do when you end up on the ground, and the second move that will end the fight *instantly!*
- How to manipulate a person’s entire body — turning him any which way you please — *just by grabbing his chin!*
- Escape techniques that let you break away from any bad situation!
- How to get out of a bear hug, from the front or from behind!
- How to trip someone when they try to punch you. One of these sneaky moves will even *break the guy’s foot* on his way down to the ground!
- A foot stomp that will end most fights *all by itself!*
- Where to kick the knees for the easiest break!
- 3 excellent ways to break away from someone who grabs your shirt from the front. You’ll flip them onto the ground without breaking a sweat!
- How to hit someone with a beer bottle for maximum effect. Plus, Jim tells you about a particular type of soda bottle that’s the meanest weapon of them all!
- Amazing things you can do to someone with your umbrella!
- A “standing arm bar” that will introduce your attacker to a *whole new world of pain!*

- How to cut a much taller person down to a manageable size with a simple "bump".
- *And on and on.* Heck, if I gave you one of these "juicy tidbits" for every single thing you'll learn on Jim West's new video, this letter would be 20 pages long! I'm not kidding!

That's because you get *three and a half hours* of intensive video instruction from probably the most experienced streetfighter alive today. Plus a 46-minute video *for free* that you get to keep *even if you don't want the other 2 tapes!*

So there you have it — an honest deal from an honest man. A guy who knows how to win fights... how to avoid getting hurt... and how to make the other guy suffer for picking a fight with you!

Your Strength Becomes a Habit!

You'll use these skills every day of your life, sometimes without even realizing it. The "Position Of Strength" that you will operate from will become so strongly ingrained in your psyche and in your physique that it will soon become *second-nature... an unconscious habit.* You'll only need "flip the switch" to turn it on full blast when some stupid scumbag or "warlord" type makes the mistake of crossing your line!

Within a few seconds, he'll realize just how "bad" you are... that you're light-years ahead of him in down-and-dirty painful fighting skills... and that he should have picked on somebody else that day!

Hopefully you'll never have to teach anyone this lesson. But as you know, the world is getting more and more dangerous every day. With all the gangs everywhere — *in big cities and small towns* — our society is headed toward a "warlord" mentality, as Jim calls it...

Where Nobody's Safe Anymore!

You don't even have to piss anybody off to get attacked. You may just happen to have something they *want*. Or they may just be

going through a gang initiation. *You may very simply be in the wrong place at the wrong time* — in your front yard, at a grocery store, walking through a parking lot, even in broad daylight! There's no "time-frame" for the perfect target anymore. Nor is it restricted to the bad side of town or a sleazy barroom or a dark alley.

This is **all-out WAR!** That's why Jim keeps telling you on the video not to think of martial arts as a "sport". Those complicated routines that you learn at the local school don't work! In the real world, all you have time for are quick, devastating moves that cause *instant, excruciating pain* (and possibly death) for the son of a bitch who decided to mess with you!

So after you watch Jim's video, whenever the next gang member on an "initiation rite" chooses at random to attack you or a loved one with you, that pathetic little shit will end up in the hospital — or worse!

The local police will actually appreciate you for "taking out" the scumbags they would *love* to beat senseless!

The local ambulance companies will appreciate the extra business you send their way. So will the orthopedic surgeons... the neurosurgeons... even *the morticians!*

Don't Think It Can't Be Done!

Jim West's life history is a non-stop string of putting people in the hospital for messing with him! One drugged-out punk was on life-support for 3 weeks after Jim was finished with him!

Jim knows exactly how to win the deadliest of fights, and he teaches you how on these exciting videos.

If you have the guts, and you're willing to do what it really takes to survive a deadly streetfight or even a barroom scuffle, you'll order Jim West's new videos today, without hesitation. You won't complain about the nominal cost, either (\$97 for 4 hours of tape!) because you simply can't get this kind of training anywhere else at any price. And I seriously

doubt that you'll send the tapes back for a refund — although you have that option because of our 3-month **100% Money-Back Guarantee of Complete Satisfaction.**

So go ahead and order Jim West's "Fight To Win" video tape set today. As I said, it's a mere \$97 (plus \$4.50 for shipping and handling; total \$101.50). You can either fill out the order form below and mail it with your payment, or for *fastest* service call TOLL-FREE...

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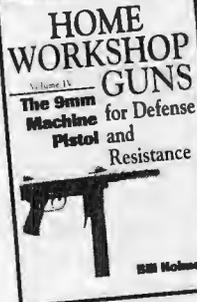
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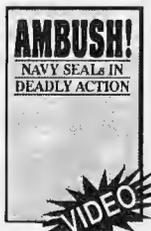
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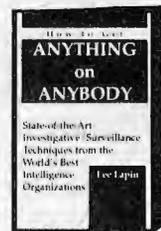
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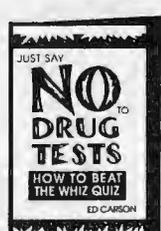
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PUNCH-UP GATE

In a truly bad Harry Truman burlesque, the Prez has offered (if he were an ordinary person, which he happily is not) to bring his defense of Hillary to the nose of *New York Times* columnist William Safire, who had the temerity to call her a congenital liar. Those *are* strong words, and we don't fault the Prez for feigning a physical inclination toward her defense, especially since that defense would make as much sense as any other, as far as actually refuting myriad allegations of her wrongdoing.

It may be impolite to attack the families of politicians, but not if they have injected themselves into the public political arena. During the election Hillary warned us that she and Bill were a "two-for-one blue-plate special," and we should have realized this was not mere supportive rhetoric. Although nobody elected her to anything, she's been in our face ever since, as self-righteous as can be. A "sinner with sainthood on her mind" columnist Maureen Dowd called her. Noting that we of the great unwashed are supposed to trust that Hillary is working for the greater good, Dowd put it succinctly: "Her primary sin is the sin of sainthood. There are corners that only holy people will permit themselves to cut. Piety and power are old partners."

In a totally beside-the-point attempt at defending Hillary, the Prez said, "There are worse things than wanting every American child to have health-care coverage." "Certainly," writes Dowd, "but it was the First Lady's secrecy and righteousness in trying to push through her 1,364-page bill that doomed the [national health-care] effort, just as her secrecy and righteousness bollixed up the lives of bureaucrats working in the travel office."

Just how truly righteous vs. self-righteous is Hillary's "righ-

teousness"? In his controversial column entitled "Blizzard of Lies" Safire minced no words: "Americans of all political persuasions are coming to the sad realization that our First Lady ... is a congenital liar. Drip by drip, like Whitewater torture, the case is being made that she is compelled to mislead, and to ensnare her subordinates and friends in a web of deceit."

The 10,000% Profit

Strong words, which Safire then backed with examples: such as her story about reading *The Wall Street Journal* to explain her 10,000% profit in 1979 commodity trading, which "we now know was a lie told to turn aside accusations that as the Governor's wife she profited corruptly, her account being run by a lawyer for state poultry interests ..."

Hillary's Travelgate Surrogates

"The abuse of Presidential power known as Travelgate," Safire noted, "elicited another series of lies," when Hillary induced a White House lawyer to flatly assert Hillary did not order the firing of long-serving White House travel aides — who were subsequently harassed by the FBI and Justice Department, to justify their firing and replacement by Hillary's cronies. A memo long-hidden from investigators now tells us that there would have been "hell to pay" had Hillary's wishes been ignored. The career of the lawyer who carried Hillary's lie to authorities is now shot ... but Safire noted that Hillary did lie for good reason: "to avoid being identified as a vindictive political power player who used the FBI to ruin the lives of people standing in the way of juicy patronage."

Safire had many points to make regarding Hillary's lies swirling in the aftermath of Vince Foster's death — good points but too voluminous to quote here —

and of "lost" documents that suddenly turn up when the FBI locates copies elsewhere. "By concealing the Madison billing records two days beyond the statute of limitations," Safire noted, "Hillary evaded a civil suit by bamboozled bank regulators." More records are expected to be uncovered, and former aides' and partners' memories refreshed, he expects, since "they were willing to cover her lying when it advanced their careers, but are inclined to listen to their own lawyers when faced with perjury indictments."

Creature Of Habit

"Therefore, ask not 'Why didn't she just come clean from the beginning?' She had good reason to lie; she is in the long-time habit of lying; and she has never been called to account for lying herself or in suborning lying in her aides and friends," Safire concluded.

On tour to promote her warm 'n' fuzzy book *It Takes A Village* (no it's not about Vietnam; it's a kid's book), Hillary alluded to those who dare question her pure motives and conduct only by saying her Mamma told her to never give in to bullies. Ah, yass, Hillary Pureheart is only a victim of cruelly partisan Republican bullies and male chauvinists who can't stand a woman in power.

Some would say it's the duty of the loyal opposition to oppose that which they are in opposition to, especially if they smell something crooked. As for those who are uncomfortable with her power, just maybe the objection simply is to someone in a position of power — male, female, or a Democrat who is still deciding — *who has never been elected to that power.*

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Amazing Scientific System

Then a SEAL NSWC officer (with black belts in 3 martial arts) saw Jerry Peterson's scientific fighting system. What he stumbled on wasn't martial arts. In fact it was unlike anything he'd ever seen before.

The SEAL officer watched in disbelief as a class of inexperienced students threw real punches for virtually 1 full hour, never repeating the same sequences. In one session he witnessed more fighting than most martial arts students see in a year.

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). As Vietnam vets, the SEAL officers figured Jerry at least would understand their needs.

Easily Defeats Decorated SEAL

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

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In 5 short minutes these SEAL officers — men who had seen everything in the way of brutal fighting,

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Following a pilot program at Command headquarters all SEALS began receiving this training. Still, hardheaded, cocky, non-believing SEALS, many with extensive martial arts backgrounds, constantly tested Jerry:

□ SEALS are the most proficient combat swimmers in the world. Yet 40-year-old Jerry (who wasn't a particularly good swimmer) "drowned" SEAL after SEAL in training. His scientific principles apply on any terrain.

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Today all SEALS use these scientific techniques and many more. Since 1989, Navy SEALS go through a minimum of 40 and up to 600 rigorous hours of Jerry Peterson's training prior to deployment (often in intense, 24-hour a day sessions).

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Official SEAL SCARS-CFC
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SUDAN'S UN-CIVIL WAR

In December 1995, SOF received word that John Garang de Mabior, commander of the Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA), would be in Washington, D.C., seeking U.S. aid for his ongoing war against the

Sudan's National Islamic Front (NIF) government. Senior SOF Correspondent Rob Krott, who previously had reported on the SPLA in the field, was dispatched for a long-awaited interview with Garang. (Krott's previous reports from Sudan are "Land Without Mercy — War Without End," Aug. '94, and "We Kill Them Like Sheep," Sept. '94.) They met in an Ethiopian restaurant in Washington.

Garang is a former Sudanese army colonel who holds a doctorate in agricultural economics from Iowa State University. He also is a 1975 graduate of the U.S. Army's Infantry Officer Advanced Course. A student of the writings of von Clausewitz, Mao

and Sun Tzu, Garang is well-versed in the history of revolutionary and conventional warfare.

During the Sudan's "Anyana 2" movement in the early 1980s, Col.

is supported by Iran, Libya, and Saudi Arabia; its weaponry is mostly old Soviet and British equipment.

Regular units of the Sudanese army are supplemented by young, poorly trained muja-

hideen. Khartoum also arms various Muslim tribal militias. The government is believed to have sheltered terrorists involved in the World Trade Center bombing as well as would-be assassins of Egypt's President Mubarak.

Rebel Leader Decries Slavery, Slaughter

Garang was sent south to fight the guerrillas but instead joined them and emerged as their leader. He disputes the notion that the war simply is a religious-ethnic conflict between Christian and animistic African blacks in the south and the Muslim, Arabic-speaking north. Rather, it is the result of economic and political discrimination. The SPLA received military support from Ethiopia, but Garang strongly denies NIF claims that the SPLA has received aid from Uganda and Eritrea. His SPLA comprises 25,000 to 40,000 troops, mostly of the majority Dinka tribe.

The Khartoum government of General Omar Hassan Ahmed al-Bashir

SOF: Bashir's forces launched air raids against civilian targets, despite U.N. protests that the Khartoum government had introduced "a new and very dangerous element" in the civil war. It has continued unabated. I've witnessed the terror bombings of civilian targets and churches. What is the U.N. currently doing to stop this?

Garang: What is the U.N. doing? Well, the bombings have been going on ever since the war started. They



Well-armed SPLA troops wave their weapons and shout slogans during a "morale formation."

use high-altitude Antonov [Soviet-made] bombers to bomb the civilian population; to bomb cattle; cattle camps; to deny food to the population. These atrocities have been ongoing for the last 12 years. What is the U.N. doing? Nothing. There was talk at one point about safe havens for the civilian population. There was talk about an air-exclusion zone where the civilian population would be protected in certain areas, but all this came to naught.

SOF: *One of the major targets seems to be churches. I witnessed this at Chukudum and Pagari [southern villages]. Yet the SPLA weren't in these structures or in any way using them. Is that the situation today?*

Garang: Churches have been bombed. Hospitals have been bombed. Villages without any SPLA presence have been bombed. Cattle camps have been bombed. It is part of the tactics of Khartoum to kill off the civilian population of southern Sudan. The government in Khartoum has said this. They want the land, not the people. So it is part of Khartoum's strategy. They define the SPLA, or the "rebels," as anybody in SPLA-held territory. For example, they have been asked by human-rights groups about prisoners of war. They do not have prisoners of war. We have prisoners of war; the International Committee of the Red Cross [ICRC] and other human-rights groups have access to them. They interviewed them. They send letters to relatives and receive letters from their relatives. So we ask human-rights groups to ask the Sudan government about the POWs they've captured from us. Their response was that they don't have POWs because these are "civilians": When they are captured they go back to civilian life.

SOF: *I assume you have attempted to pro-*

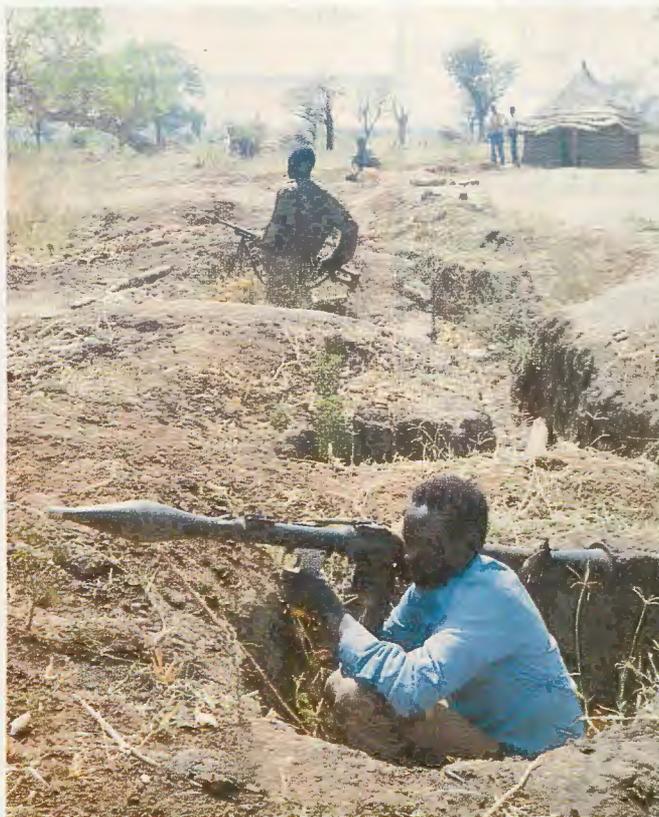
cure surface-to-air missiles. The CIA supplied the Afghan mujahideen with Stingers and it turned the tide against the Soviets. If you could protect your people from air attack, what would the impact be?

Garang: It would improve the situation for the civil population because the air bombardment

does not effect the SPLA; it affects the civil population. The targets of the bombardment are the churches, hospitals, population centers. The SPLA live in bunkers. They know what to do and how to protect themselves from bombardment. When they bomb our positions, they will do that



This Sudanese village, located just north of the Ugandan border, was destroyed in 1994 by a government attack of Soviet-built Antonov bombers.



Troops in the trenches outside an SPLA bush camp stand ready with an RPG-7 antitank rocket and a PKM 7.62x54R, general-purpose machine gun.

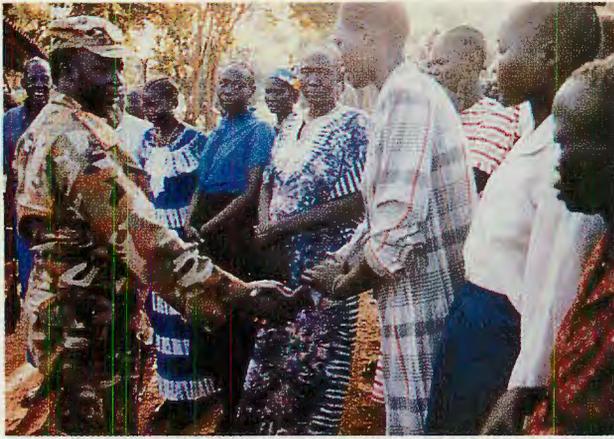
for hours and hours but there will be no casualties. ... If the SPLA had effective anti-aircraft guns to bring down the Antonovs, it would definitely help the civil population.

SOF: *Is the SPLA currently receiving overt military aid from any source? And why hasn't the bulk of black Africa come to your aid?*

Garang: In the past, we received some assistance from some Arab countries, not black Africa. It's a matter of political interest and objectives. At the present time we are receiving no military equipment from any sources ... not from any foreign sources ... but from the Bashir government: We have captured a lot of military equipment. ... In a large offensive, the Parajok Offensive, we captured six tanks, T-55s, in good condition. We captured three 130mm field guns, and five 122mm D-30 howitzers. We captured 20 120mm mortars, lots of small arms and ammunition.

After 1991, the NIF was talking about capturing this and that place ... Bor, Kapoeta, Torit, and so on. But they do not talk about what weapons they capture from us. They do not capture tanks, they do not capture artillery. So our major source of military supplies is the NIF government itself.

A second source is the international black market. You can



courtesy SPLA

SPLA Commander John Garang (front, left) meets with villagers in southern Sudan. Garang is a former Sudanese army colonel who holds a doctorate in agricultural economics from Iowa State University. He also is a 1975 graduate of the U.S. Army's Infantry Officer Advanced Course.

buy T-55, T-62 tanks; you can buy howitzers; you can buy recoilless guns. And so we buy. Both of us [SPLA and NIF] actually get weaponry from the outside. The Bashir government doesn't manufacture tanks or artillery. We also don't. So we go and look for supplies. [Bashir] gets them from his friends. He has no obligation to say where he gets his armaments from; I also have no obligation [laughs] to say where I get my equipment from. But, certainly, we are not getting armaments from any foreign government.

SOF: It was reported that you captured two or three thousand German G3 assault rifles?

Garang: Four thousand G3s.

SOF: So what do you suppose happened to all of their previous owners; did they just throw down the weapons and run away?

Garang: No. We got the guns, but the people — of course, some were killed; some throw away their weapons. That's what happens in war.

SOF: It's rumored that the Eritreans have

helped you and may in the future. What has been the Eritrean involvement?

Garang: There is no involvement. We have nobody with the Eritreans. It is true that Eritrea has their differences with Khartoum; they have broken diplomatic relations. Khartoum is supporting this group ... the Eritrean Islamic Jihad. They [Khartoum] are supporting the

Lord's Resistance Army in Uganda. But there is no Eritrean involvement in the war in southern Sudan. Khartoum has made accusations of help [to the SPLA] — from the Ugandans, the Eritreans, the Ethiopians, Egyptian tanks, Tanzanians, South Africans — to explain away their defeat. As I told you before there is not a single foreign soldier support-

ing us. By this time, Khartoum has announced that they had killed 263 Ugandan soldiers in the Sudan. That's ridiculous. ...

SOF: If western democracies offered you military aid, what would you ask for?

Garang: If anybody were to offer aid — western democracies, any democracies [laughs] — anybody who would help our cause, I would ask for that equipment that would address the principal threat ... to the civil population: the Antonovs. So we need effective anti-aircraft guns. Second are tanks, armored vehicles, and antitank missiles. I would ask for logistical support, vehicles, medical support, ammunition stocks for weapons we already have, and communications.

SOF: In the Sendru Hills I witnessed "human wave" attacks of mujahideen. In [SPLA officer] Oyay Deng Ajak's words, "We kill them like sheep." The SPLA seems to hold its own as of late, but will it be able to go on the offensive and take Kapoeta and Juba [NIF airbase] ... ?

Garang: It is not the SPLA that are killing the mujahideen like sheep. No, it is the NIF. It is criminal for the NIF to send these human waves. We

define the object of combat to be ... to render your opponent noncombative, not to slaughter him like sheep. And if he is unarmed, we define it in our regulations that it is criminal to kill such a soldier. So we have many prisoners of war. ...

I know people talk about capturing this and capturing that ... capturing Juba, Torit, Kapoeta. We are going to conduct the war according to a definite plan, a plan to achieve our overall objective: to bring down the NIF regime. The strategic aim of war is to destroy your opponent's capacity to wage war on you. ... If the enemy's armed forces are destroyed they will have no capability to





An SPLA anti-aircraft gunner poses proudly beside his 14.5mm quad weapon. Unfortunately, it is of little use against high-flying government bombers that attack villages and civilians in southern Sudan.

defend Kapoeta or Torit or Juba.

SOF: Yes, you're attriting them in large numbers — I've seen that. But is that then the object: a war of attrition?

Garang: Where in the past there was an emphasis on occupying land, that is not important or strategic — the possession of territory. We [now] are emphasizing the destruction of the enemy armed forces. The possession of territory will be a result, not an objective, of defeating the enemy's armed forces. We have demonstrated this. We have destroyed them. We have put out of action more than 6,000 troops in the Parajok-Pagee-Nimule actions.



The SPLA's mobile artillery: a multiple-rocket launcher that was captured from the Sudanese army and mounted on a light truck.

SOF: On 18 January 1994, the Archbishop of Canterbury addressed the [British] House of Lords concerning the Sudan: "Sudan is crying out to the world for help ... but Sudan is also crying out for justice." Has the Sudanese Rehabilitation and Relief Association [SRRA] been successful in its appeal to Christian churches in America and Europe for funds?

Garang: I would say no. They [SRRA] have not been successful. We have not been able to get any assistance. Especially, an issue we have raised with

church groups is to help us acquire radio equipment, radio broadcasting facilities. That is something that church groups can easily afford. But we haven't made any headway.

SOF: So, a Voice of Sudan?

Garang: Voice of Freedom... Voice of Peace... Radio Free Sudan! Some church groups are involved in relief. Some groups are doing much in the way of humanitarian relief. But it is woefully inadequate.

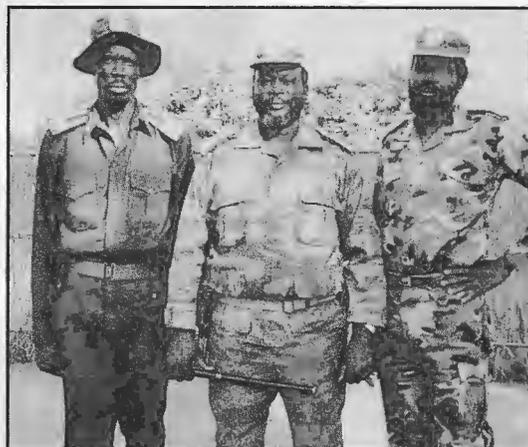
SOF: Much of the government terror bombing I saw was directed at Catholic missions at Chukudum and Parajok. What is the SPLA's relationship with the Vatican? Has the pope dictated any policy or issued a decree regarding the persecution of Catholics in the Sudan by Khartoum?

Garang: Well, we have our indigenous churches: the Catholic dioceses and Protestant churches as well. They are organized under the New Sudan Council of Churches, so there is some assistance from Catholic and Protestant church groups, and our local churches are doing a good job. But there is no direct assistance between the movement and the Vatican.

SOF: In the Sudan there has

been a resurgence of slavery unparalleled anywhere in the world. It has been heavily documented by the U.N. Working Group on Slavery and others, yet nothing seems to be done about it. There was a recent report on TV about [Nation of Islam] Minister Louis Farrakhan's visit to Khartoum. The question was raised, "How can Farrakhan meet with this regime when it supports the slave trade and Bashir himself is reported to own slaves?" The answer from Farrakhan's people was that it was all "Jewish propaganda." What's the SPLA response to this?

Garang: It is not propaganda. It is reality. There is slavery, a resurgence of slavery in the Sudan. It has been documented by various human-rights groups. Christian Solidarity Interna-



courtesy SPLA

SPLA leader Garang (center) poses with Chief of Staff Salva Kiir Mayardit (right) and Col. William Nyuon Bany. In 1991, not long after this photo was taken, Nyuon defected to the National Islamic Front. He eventually reconciled with Garang and resumed military action against the NIF.

tional was in the Nuba Mountains and northern Bar-El-Ghazal and they brought back slaves: real people that have faces and have names. So the debate is not whether there is or there isn't; it is whether the Sudan government supports it or sponsors it. It does. It condones it as a weapon of war. I met Minister Louis Farrakhan in Kampala last year and I don't want the issue of slavery in the Sudan to become a propaganda issue in the United States. ... Minister Farrakhan can take it up with the Sudan government. I know he is against slavery and when it is established to his sat-

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Christmas was bittersweet for Lynne Kent. Buoyed by the joy of her loving son, five-year-old Scotty, her financial picture brightened just before the holidays, when the government returned a valuable gun collection seized in January 1995. But it was her first Christmas without the man she loved.

"Scotty doesn't remember a whole lot," she told *Soldier Of Fortune* in January, recalling the tragedy of a year earlier. "He just knows that Daddy had an accident with a gun in the woods."

But the death of Richard H. Kent, a well-respected and highly-dedicated Ohio lawman, was no accident.

In a metaphysical sense, the 47-year-old Kent was the sixth and final victim of a sadistic killer named Jeffrey Don Lundgren. But in another, more immediate way, Kent was the humiliated victim in yet another example of shameless media grandstanding and unnecessarily zealous paramilitary overkill by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

"There is no question that the ATF triggered Rick Kent's suicide," said James H. Jeffries III, of Greensboro, N.C., the attorney who won the gun collection's return. "Rick Kent was a lifelong law enforcement professional who was literally crippled by his dedication. There's nothing so low as kicking a man when he's down, and that's what the ATF did. When Kent was down and out, these bastards descended on him like the hairy hordes. It was like shooting fish in a rain barrel."

Like a tragic hero in Greek mythology, the seeds of Kent's demise were ironically sewn in the moments of his latest and greatest triumph, which was itself born of a horrifying tragedy.

Five members of the Dennis Avery family were murdered and dismembered by the psychopathic Jeffrey Lundgren, who buried the body parts beneath a barn in Kirtland, in northeast Ohio. In January 1990, when Police Chief Dennis Yarborough needed outside

help, he called on Richard Kent, head of the newly built Lake County Regional Forensics Laboratory.

As a widely recognized expert in forensic chemistry, firearms, ballistics, explosives and trace evidence, and respected for his intelligence and meticulous work habits, Kent had played a major role in designing the \$1.5 million lab, which provides blood-typing, drug analyses and ballistics tests for law enforcement agencies throughout the Midwest. Kent "was key to that whole operation," according to Lake County Administrator, Kenneth Gauntner Jr.

"The Best I Could Get"

"I knew I had to assemble a team of experts" to ultimately solve the mass murder, Chief Yarborough said. "I knew Rick Kent was the best I could get."

Kent would ultimately spend two days in icy, waist-deep water beneath the barn, groping through the murky sludge of the burial pit to retrieve the body parts, shell casings and other evidence that would convict Lundgren. Although praised for playing a major role in solving the case, Kent was haunted by the specter of his gruesome task.

"I can't tell you how many times I've woke up from dreams with Lundgren staring in my face," Kent once recalled.

The nightmarish experience also left Kent with physical as well as psychic scars. Digging up the watery grave, Kent severely injured his spine, leaving him in excruciating pain that multiple surgeries and a plethora of pain medications did not relieve. The physical torment and grotesque memories combined to leave Kent depressed, his wife told *SOF*. He was under psychiatric care and his growing dependence on prescription drugs ultimately cost him his job.

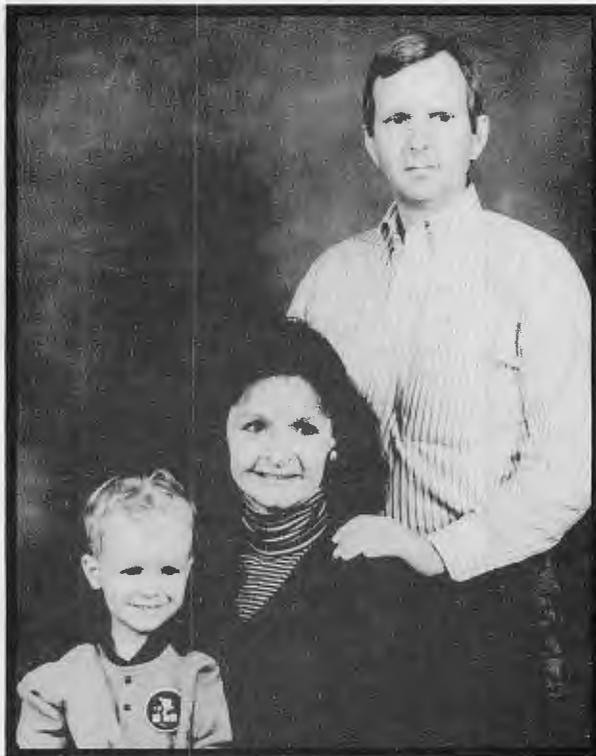
In August 1993, Kent pleaded guilty to wrongly using the crime lab's pharmacy license to obtain codeine-based analgesic compounds. In recognition of his distinguished 17-year law enforcement career and the

LOSS OF A LAWMAN

ATF-Assisted Suicide

by James L. Pate

Photos courtesy Jim Jorgensen



courtesy Lynne Kent

Until struck down by on-the-job injuries and the prescription pain-killers they required, Richard Kent was very highly respected in the law-enforcement community, and idolized by his family. When better for the ATF to strike (with TV crews and Boy Scouts) than when his life was at a low ebb. Kent poses for family portrait, with Lynne and Scotty.

job-related circumstances that led Kent to his courtroom, the judge sentenced Kent to a two-year drug treatment program in lieu of conviction. Still in pain, forced to hobble along with a cane, Kent retreated to the home he and Lynne had built in 1987, complete with a basement laboratory.

"He couldn't forgive himself," Lynne recalled, "the fact that there was a question that his behavior had been at odds with the law. He had a difficult time finding purpose, in keeping up his self-esteem. His gun collection was the only thing left for him. He loved guns, and he was a recognized expert. He invested in collectibles and told me his collection would be worth quite a bit of money one day. They were the one thing, outside of his family, that he had left to provide meaning and a sense of self-worth."

Enter the ATF

Rick Kent's enthusiasm for firearms began at age 12, when he learned to dove hunt. Three years later, he joined the National Rifle Association and, at age 16, the Ohio Gun Collectors Association. He visited a small college in Colorado that taught gunsmithing and firearms manufacturing skills, but didn't like the campus, so he returned to earn chemistry and economic degrees in Ohio. In 1970, Kent became an auxiliary police officer in the small town of Eastlake.

A year later, at age 23, he was hired as a full-time officer for the Chester Township Police Department, where he was promoted to lieutenant by the time he departed. Continuing his education in his spare time, Kent was named Outstanding Law Enforcement Graduate from Lakeland Community College in December 1973. By 1975, he was part-time instructor there, a teaching post he held for 10 years.

In January 1976, Kent left the police department of Chester Township and joined the staff of the newly-formed Lake County Regional Forensics Laboratory. He met Lynne, whose parents lived next door to Rick's mom and dad, and they were married in 1981. Along the way, he completed postgraduate training with the FBI and the DEA, and worked as an independent consultant for munitions manufacturers and insurance companies. And, he continued to collect guns.

Much of his collection had been purchased under a Federal Firearms License. He had been advised by ATF's compliance division that his FFL was not being renewed. It expired in November 1994. Kent purchased six guns after that date, records indicate, but they were acquired for his personal collection, as an investment. Despite the suspicions of ATF, Kent was not a convicted felon. Under the terms of his sentencing, he had no criminal record — but he was not supposed to keep guns. The ATF, citing "suspicions" that Kent had falsified his FFL, wanted to seize the entire collection.

Lynne Kent was at work and Rick was home with

Scotty on 27 January 1995, when two dozen ATF agents and local lawmen, many dressed in Kevlar helmets and anti-ballistic vests, surrounded the Kent home in Geauga County. Brought along as observers were several members of a Boy Scout troop, a local television news crew and newspaper reporters. The ATF, of course, later denied inviting the news media.

"They Just Arrested My Daddy"

"Several law enforcement officers in Lake and Geauga counties criticized the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms ... for its handling of the case," *The Plain Dealer* reported. "They questioned why the raid turned into a spectacle for the media, and why two dozen officers were at the scene."

Wanting to shield his little boy from cameras and the confusing crowd, Kent phoned a friend to come pick up Scotty. "They just arrested my daddy," the youngster blurted to the family friend as he was led out of the melee.

"Rick called me at work," Lynne Kent told *SOF*. "He told me to please not come home. I felt like I needed to accept that. But when could I come home? My little boy needs to come home. It was more than seven hours from start to finish. Scotty and I finally got home at about 10 p.m."

The ATF seized 121 rifles and shotguns, telling news reporters that the haul was worth a half-million dollars. (The collection's actual value is estimated at about \$100,000.)

Local media and authorities pondered Kent's whereabouts after the raid - but his pain had ended.



WHERE IS THIS MAN?

Former Lake County crime lab official whose home was raided Friday hasn't been seen since Saturday morning. A3.

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When agents found 70 cases of ammunition stored in the basement, they called in reinforcements, and neighboring residences were briefly evacuated by the federal agents because of an unspecified "danger" posed by the ammo.

"There was so much there, it would be a stretch to believe he was just collecting these things," John Pasaka, assistant agent in charge of the ATF's Cleveland office told news reporters, who duly reported that Kent had amassed an "arsenal" of "specially modified assault rifles"— that were actually off-the-shelf semiautomatics.

Attorney Jeffries scoffed at the suggestion there was any danger posed by Kent or his gun collection.

"Here you've got a bunch of agents in Nazi helmets and body armor. At the same time, they bring in a bunch of Boy Scouts in uniform. You tell me if they thought

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AFTER SHOCKS AND SUBTERFUGE

Cloud Of Doubt Lingers Over Government Cover-up

Text & Photos by Richard L. Sherrow



The quickly razed site of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building as it looks today.

As we approached Oklahoma City, the car radio offered a heartland mixture of golden oldies, country music, and the latest livestock prices — the sounds of Midwestern normalcy. It was hard to believe that scant months earlier this same radio was breathlessly broadcasting minute-by-minute updates of the horror that had overtaken the city. Racing up Interstate 35 on that tragic April 19th, National Affairs Editor James L. Pate and I rode in stunned silence, transfixed by gripping tales of dramatic rescues and reports of Middle-Eastern terrorists, interspersed with the rising death toll.

Neither Jim nor myself was sure what to expect on our arrival in Oklahoma City. Admittedly, I was a bit skeptical. This was by no means my first disaster scene and I was fully aware of the media's tendency to play fast and loose with the facts in their unbridled rush to get a story out. That skepticism vanished as we stood in what can only be described as the war zone that was once downtown

Oklahoma City. For blocks around bombed-out buildings teetered on the verge of collapse.

But that was then, and this was now. In the days following the bombing, chief suspects Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols were arrested and indicted by a federal grand jury. A highly publicized manhunt for John Doe Two was mounted, accompanied by a \$2 million reward. But the dead were buried, debris cleared, and soon even the reward and the much ballyhooed search for John Doe Two were canceled, the FBI then claiming there was no JD2, that it was all just a big mistake. In record time, the gutted structure of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building crumpled to earth in a cloud of controlled-demolition dust. Despite the fact that architectural engineers had determined that the central core of the building was structurally sound, and could be rebuilt, the order was to tear it down.

In a warm and fuzzy feel-good statement, Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating explained that it was being

done, "In the interest of public safety, and to allow the healing process to begin." As far as the rest of the country was concerned that was that. The bad guys were in jail, there was no John Doe Two and downtown Oklahoma City was once again neat and proper. All was right with the world and things were back to normal. But in the words of folks in Oklahoma, "That dog don't hunt." They knew that something was amiss, even if the rest of America didn't.

My return to OKC was prompted in great part by pleas of many of the bombing victims themselves. Impressed by what they considered to be *Soldier Of Fortune's* no-nonsense approach to journalism, they asked *SOF* to take an open and objective look at the situation. They wanted the truth. Their lives had been torn apart, not only by the bombing, but by the aftermath. They found themselves besieged by an onslaught of every breed of con artist and publicist imaginable. In their words, "We're sick of the crazy conspiracy

theories. But at the same time, we know damn well that the government isn't being fully honest with us."

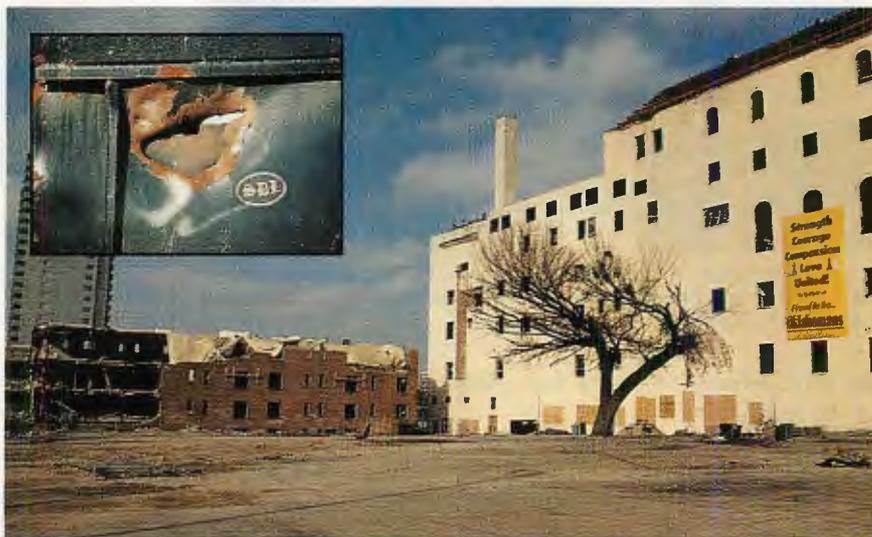
The greatest challenge was being able to sort out the facts from the fiction. Human nature being what it is, many people feel a need to be part of the action and in any major event these are the ones who have a story to tell. They were really there, in the thick of it ... even if they weren't. In most cases it is no great feat to separate the facts from the fibs, but at times it may take a bit of sleuthing. Like putting a jigsaw puzzle together, each piece has to be compared to others to see if it fits, and it all has to be done objectively. We may not like the final picture but if it turns out to be true, we're going to have to live with it.

The Crime Scene

Like everyone else in the country, when I returned to the site where the Murrah Building once stood, I expected to see nothing more than a fenced-off vacant lot and the rest of the surrounding area cleaned-up, rebuilt and back to normal. Forget that idea. Had the TV cameras bothered to turn around we all would have seen what I did. The area still looked like a war zone! Like scenes from Beirut and Sarajevo, blasted-out building shells littered the landscape. The frag-pocked Oklahoma Water Resources building stood empty and broken. Next to it, the Athenian Greek res-

taurant, a third of it ripped away in the 19 April blast, hung on the verge of collapse. A block to the northeast the old Kilpatrick Hotel stood shattered, its interior still cluttered with

tions in this puzzle remains: Is there a John Doe Two? After interviewing numerous eye witnesses, I have very little doubt that there is no JD2. No, what comes up over and over is that



The Journal Record newspaper building across parking lot, north of Murrah Building, with Athenian Greek restaurant (in rear), where McVeigh parked his getaway car the night before bombing. Note blue dumpster at bottom left of building, shown inset with frag hole. This is original location of dumpster.

the personal possessions of former occupants. Neither boarded-up, nor fenced-off, these crumbling death traps still stood as silent testimony to the devastation eight months earlier. Public safety? Healing? Give me a break!

Search For John Doe Two

One of the most persistent ques-

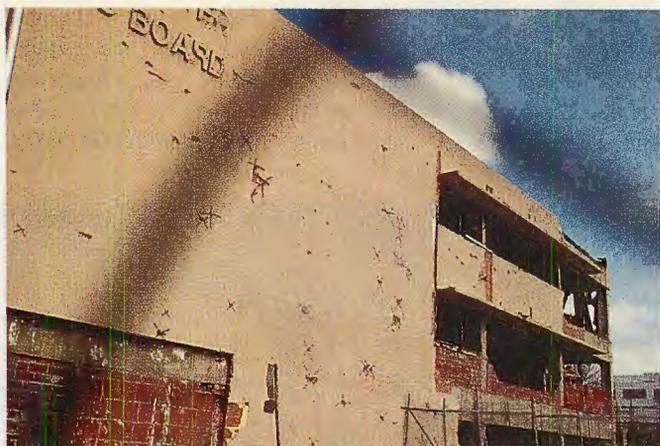
there is in reality John Does Two, Three, and Four! Multiple credible witnesses have placed three other men with Timothy McVeigh in the vicinity of the Murrah Building the morning of the blast. By following a timeline of witnesses the path of the bomb truck and its occupants becomes clear.

Shortly before the blast, David Snider was standing on the loading dock of a warehouse south of the Murrah Building, waiting for a truck to pick up a load of equipment. Thinking the yellow Ryder truck turning onto the street in front of the warehouse was the one he expected, he waved to flag it down, getting an icy stare from a person he identified as McVeigh. JD2, a muscular Hispanic or American Indian, was driving. Snider said the heavily loaded truck was forced to slow to a crawl over the pot-holed brick street in front of the warehouse, giving him eye-to-eye contact with McVeigh.

Minutes later, the Ryder truck pulled into Johnny's Tire Company where a man got out and asked employee Mike Moroz directions to 5th and Harvey streets, the location of the Murrah Building. Later, Moroz picked McVeigh out of a line-up, identifying him as the one who asked



The Kilpatrick Hotel, one block northeast of Murrah Building, showing extensive damage inside and out — and (inset) interior still unexpectedly littered with belongings of former residents.



Frag marks in south side of Oklahoma Water Resources Board building (across 5th street from blast) indicate power of blast and velocity of fragments.

for directions. Moroz also saw JD2 in the truck.

At least five more witnesses place McVeigh, John Doe Two, and the Ryder truck at or near the Murrah Building. In addition, two more men were placed with McVeigh and JD2 that morning, along with a brown Chevy pickup and a white sedan. McVeigh's yellow Mercury had been parked behind the YMCA, a note in the window indicating car trouble and requesting the car not be towed. The morning of the bombing it had been moved, and was now parked in front of the Athenian restaurant. After parking the Ryder truck in front of the Murrah Building, McVeigh was watched by witnesses as he went to his Mercury and drove away with John Doe Two.

Ironically, although these witnesses saw McVeigh and the other John Does, and even helped with the composite sketches of the suspects, none of them were ever called to testify before the grand jury. When grand juror Hoppy Heidelberg addressed these and other concerns in an October 5th letter to federal judge David R. Russell, his only reply was a terse letter from the judge immediately dismissing him from the grand jury and ordering him to keep silent, under threat of criminal action.

Even as the dead and injured were being pulled from the rubble of the federal building, persistent accusations began to surface that government

agencies may well have had prior knowledge of this horrendous act of terrorism, either in the form of threats or possibly through an undercover "sting" operation gone terribly awry. If either of these possibilities prove to be true, is it part of some giant con-

spiracy? Or, more likely, an incredible act of gross stupidity? For those who are convinced we are in the throes of a massive conspiracy, their fears fueled by the tales of a plentitude of cottage industry "patriots-for-profit," I suggest they check their medication. For those who are equally convinced that our government agents would never lie, I can only say, Ruby Ridge Hearings, Waco Hearings, World Trade Center.

As was promised in the January issue of *SOF*, we are continuing to dig for answers. While there is, as of yet, no "smoking gun," some very interesting developments have surfaced:

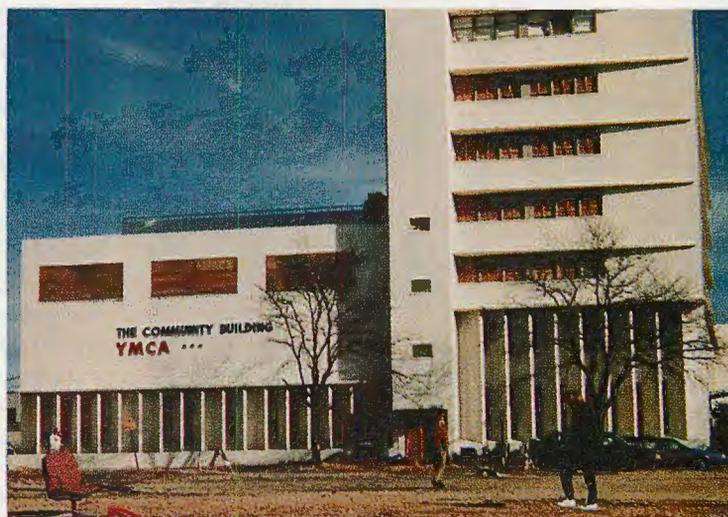
- **The OKC Fire Department Tapes:** As was reported, not just 911 tapes but OKCFD radio log tapes for at least two days prior to the bombing seem to have been "accidentally" re-

corded over. Log tapes obtained by *SOF* for April 19th appear to have more gaps than Nixon's Watergate tapes. In addition, numerous Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for copies of the OKC Police Department radio logs for the same time frame have been met with a brick wall of silence. Further, OKCFD Chief Dispatcher Harvey Weathers acknowledged that he was aware that the FBI contacted Assistant Chief Charles Gaines on Friday, 14 April to advise him of a potential terrorist threat in OKC. Glenn Wilburn, who lost two grandchildren in the bombing, stated that when he confronted Chief Gaines about this allegation, Gaines adamantly denied it ever happened. Relating Gaines' "loss of memory" to Weathers, Wilburn told me that Weather's reply was, "Well, you asked me and I told you. I'm not going to lie for anybody. A lot of people don't want to get involved in this."

- **Tinker Air Force Base:** A civilian employee at Tinker AFB said that in the weeks prior to the bombing the base had gone on THREATCON C alert status, "...at least twice." Base officials refused comment.

An interesting side note: On the night of 16 April, TRIGEN, a government-contracted steam generating plant in downtown OKC experienced a minor, but loud, steam "blow out." *SOF* obtained a copy of TRIGEN's log sheet for that night, that states at 2315 hours: "police are pounding on control room window, checked with

them and their report was of a major explosion and possible terrorist takeover of building. They [police] said they were going to notify the bomb squad. I [log writer] explained situation was under control & back to normal. They said in the future to please pick a slower night for them for this to happen. He [police] said, y'all scared the SHIT out of the people in the hotel (quote). We blamed it on the full moon, laughed, and on their way they



YMCA building, across the street and northeast of the Murrah Building, is one of few structures in the area that is even boarded up. Area for blocks around looks eerily like Sarajevo — except Sarajevo is slowly being rebuilt.

went.” (Italicized emphases added.)

For not being on any kind of threat alert the police response was, to say the least, mighty peculiar. Documents such as this continue to surface, each helping to put the pieces of this puzzle together.

• ATF “Sting” Operation: Another specter raising its ugly head concerns reports that agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms may have had an undercover sting operation going on the night before the fatal blast. Whether or not it had anything to do with the actual interception of the bomb truck, as many are coming to feel, is pure speculation at this point. What we do know is that Lester D. Martz, Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Dallas ATF office, confirmed to several people that ATF did, in fact, have an undercover sting operation going on the night of 18 April, that was finally called off sometime around 0600 hours the morning of



Witness David Snider observed McVeigh in a Ryder truck south of the Murrah Building approximately 30 minutes before blast. Occupants of Ryder truck were seen stopping to stare at the Kingman Building (inset), across the street from David Snider's warehouse.

seen near the federal building more than an hour before the blast. *SOF* is still pursuing these reports.

• Prior Threats: Reports have also surfaced concerning prior threats to federal government facilities in Oklahoma City, as well as in other major U.S. cities. Allegedly, the Justice Department had received at least one written communique warning of possible bombings of federal buildings, listing Denver as the probable target.

SOF has a copy of the alleged threat letter and is working on verifying its authenticity.

• ATF Tip-Off: Was ATF geared up for possible terrorist activities? While ATF agents Luke Franey and Chris Cuyler were assuring Edye Smith (Edye lost two sons, Chase, age three, and Colton, two, in the bombing) and her family that ATF wasn't on any kind of an alert, ATF Director John Magaw was on CNN telling national viewers that ATF was on a nationwide “Waco alert.”

Glenn Wilburn, Edye Smith's step-father, mentioned that surely ATF would have to consider 19 April a significant date because of Waco. Wilburn told *SOF* that Franey and Cuyler just looked blank and both of them swore they hadn't a clue about the sig-

nificance of that date. Interestingly, Jim Pate and I were attending the memorial service at Mt. Carmel when the word came down about the bombing. The first thing the news media began to intimate was that the OKC bombing was somehow connected to Waco.

There are other witnesses who claim to have knowledge about ATF being warned not to be in the Murrah Building on 19 April. *SOF* has spoken to many of them, but at this point it is felt that more information needs to be developed before making any judgment on these sources.

• Illegally Stored Explosives: Another issue plaguing the feds are charges that they were illegally storing explosive items in the Murrah Building. Although they vehemently deny these charges, evidence to the contrary has been cropping up. When asked about even having stun grenades in their offices, ATF SAC Martz again denied it: But wait! On 22 April, Alex McCauley, ATF's Oklahoma City Resident in Charge (RAC), was surveying the damage to the ATF offices, when, according to what a witness told investigative reporter J.D. Cash, McCauley turned to another agent and said that the day before the bombing he (McCauley) had passed out 50 stun grenades in the office and, “...the guys put them in their desks, and now the damn things are

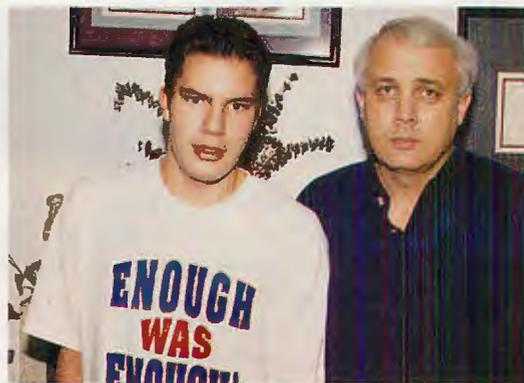
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Glenn Wilburn and wife, Kathy Graham, hold a picture of grandchildren Chase and Colton Smith, ages three and two, both of whom were killed in the bombing. Graham and the children's mother, Edye Smith, were the only two of hundreds of federal workers to have their federal disability insurance claims denied — and were among the few who asked questions.

the 19th. When pressed as to whether this operation was in any way connected to the bombing, Martz is quoted as saying, “I can neither confirm or deny that.”

In addition, unconfirmed reports by at least three separate witnesses claim that members of the OKC Police Department bomb squad were



Glenn Wilburn's questions and independent search for facts appears to have made him unpopular in some federal circles. After the funeral of Chase and Colton Smith, FBI told the family they thought Wilburn's son, Bart (left), age 14, might be John Doe Two! Their house is routinely under surveillance.



American forces arrived in Bosnia heavy, and ready for action. Task Force Eagles' "cowboy mentality" has resulted in relatively little gunfire when compared to other sectors.

DUBRAVE, BOSNIA —

“Convicted cannibal and serial murderer Jeffrey Dahmer would have felt right at home here, so why were three sentries from Bravo Troop of the U.S. Army’s 3/5 Cavalry posted outside the gutted remains of a roadhouse turned rebel Bosnian Serb command post so hyped-up about two stray dogs playfully gnawing on a partially decomposed human skull?”

“Shit, we [were] drinking wine

from that last night,” mocked a Bravo Troop SAW gunner. “No, really, we didn’t. Hey, do you really think it’s a civilian?”

“Someone’s grandmother,” another Bravo Trooper said in a morbid half-laugh. “Look at the way those dogs are going to town with that thing.”

“Just like that boot out there,” the third sentry added, pointing at a combat boot half-hidden in the snow and fog about 6 meters away. “I could

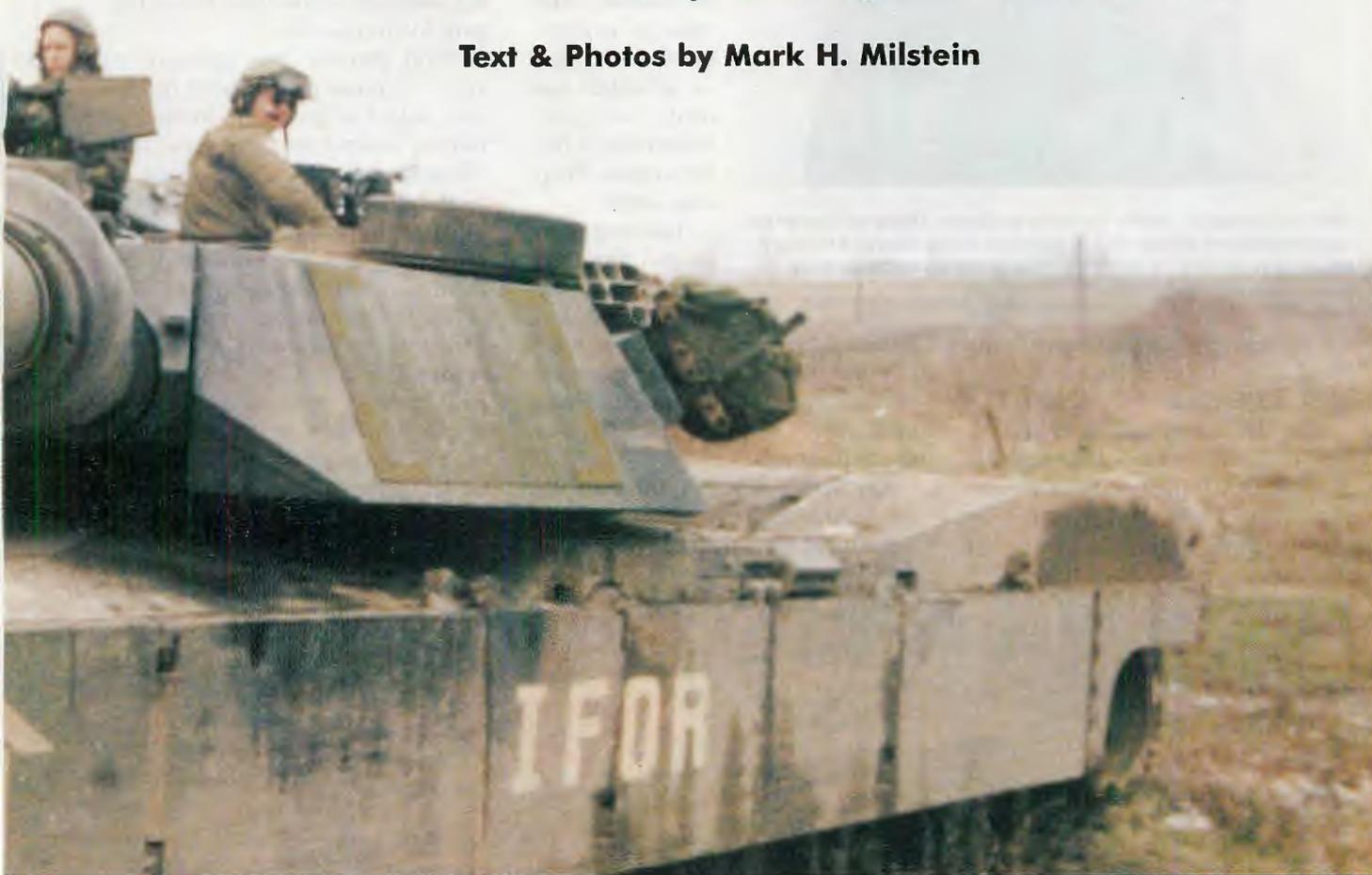
swear there’s still a foot in it. Damn, this place is fucked up.”

The order to “look alive” couldn’t have come soon enough for the three sentries or for the other Bravo troopers, most of whom were rapidly growing tired of fighting off the cold and diesel fumes from four idling Bradley fighting vehicles and a half-dozen Humvees. After taking the rebel Serb position without firing a single shot, senior officers with the 1st Armored

Firebase Bosnia

America's "Cavalry Charge" Into Peace

Text & Photos by Mark H. Milstein



Division, led by Colonel Gregory Fontenot, arranged for commanders from all three warring factions to meet face-to-face at the road house and discuss a number of issues relating to security and the Dayton peace agreement.

Colonel Fontenot, as many might remember, was censured by the Pentagon for remarks he made in a *Wall Street Journal* interview during the first weeks of U.S. deployment to the

Balkans. Fontenot was quoted as saying, "Croats are racists" and "kill people for the color of their skin." The Croats complained; Fontenot received a letter of reprimand and the matter was dropped.

Both the Serbs and Croats arrived minutes apart and on time, with the Bosnian military representatives acting shocked when told they were almost an hour and fifteen minutes late, claiming someone fed them bad in-

formation, probably in an effort to make them look disrespectful to their former enemies and American hosts.

This Is Not Mogadishu

In less than a week, under threat of forcible eviction by NATO troops, all three sides were going to have to withdraw two-and-a-half miles from all front-line positions, forming a NATO-patrolled-and-controlled demilitarized zone (DMZ) that would



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snake its way up and down the breadth and width of Bosnia.

Sound familiar? Maybe not.

The U.S. Army and its NATO allies, in contrast to the disgraced and now defunct United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR), didn't arrive in Bosnia with any hang-ups

about blowing away the first Serb, Croat or Bosnian that even blinked at them the wrong way. Unlike Somalia or Beirut, there will never be any television footage of U.S. soldiers being dragged through the streets or held hostage by rebel gunmen because they didn't have orders to defend themselves. The rules of engagement are clear — a soldier has only to feel threatened to fire his weapon. Plain and simple.

Learning from its past mistakes, the U.S. Army rolled onto the

Balkan killing fields with enough armor, attack helicopters and fighter jets to make even Saddam Hussein feel a bit uneasy. The proof, certainly, was in the pudding.

On New Year's Eve, for example, the 1st Armored Division, sitting comfortably in near-endless convoys of

Bradley fighting vehicles, armored Humvees and Abrams tanks, blew by rebel Serb, Croat and Bosnian checkpoints without even slowing down long enough to see if anyone was trying to challenge them. If anyone had, however, it would have been the biggest and last mistake of their lives.

A new, meaner dog was on the block — and he was hungry.

The dozen or so Serbs who previously controlled the roadhouse sensed rightly that Bravo Troop was itching for a kill. They basically surrendered the position and their weapons to the first American trooper driving a Bradley who pulled up demanding to know why the Serbs were still standing and not yet on their knees begging for forgiveness.

"Did you see that painting inside?" a press officer with the 3/5 Cav asked a group of journalists milling around the conference tent. "That says it all." The painting referred to depicted rural Bosnian Muslim life in the region, and was obviously the centerpiece of the roadhouse's dining room.

There was only one problem. The Serb soldiers, who only a few hours before had lost their lease on the place, perhaps during a few moments of playfulness, shot off the faces of each of the painting's subjects, put a bullet through the groin of each woman in the painting, gouged out the face of a young boy, shown in the painting sitting on his mother's knee, and even put a slug through the face of former Yugoslavian strongman Marshal Tito. Hatred between the warring factions had reached the stage where paintings were being ethnically cleansed.

Meanwhile, as Col. Fontenot and his adjuncts continued to referee the three warring factions through two solid hours of accusations, threats and discussion, elements of Bravo Troop's security detail wasted no time in making sure no uninvited guests would crash the talks. Bravo Troop SAW gunners took up positions on the second floor outdoor terrace. Perimeter guards were posted and an antisniper team quickly put up blinds,



3/5 Cav sniper takes up a position with a Remington M-24 sniper system. All they need to begin shooting is to see someone, anyone, lifting a weapon and pointing in their direction.

mounted their Remington 7.62x51mm NATO M-24 sniper rifle on an improvised table and set out to identify possible threats.

"I didn't know that *Soldier Of Fortune* was headquartered in Colorado," said Specialist Troy Hardwick, from Orlando, Florida, as he calibrated the M-24's scope. "That's interesting, because John Denver, you know, the singer, was a Marine sniper in Vietnam. Yea, do you believe it?"

Hardwick's partner and spotter, Spec. Alan Folk, a native of Arkansas, shifted gears and ended the conversation by saying that all he needed to begin shooting was to see someone through his binoculars, anyone, lifting a weapon and pointing in their direction.

"I don't know if I would shoot to kill, first time off," Folk said. "It depends. Maybe I would try to wound him. Now, if he was already loaded and refused to put down his weapon even after I shot at him with a strong warning, then I would blow him away."

Heil Hittner

Linking Eagle Base, Tuzla, the U.S. Army's headquarters in Bosnia, with the Sava River pontoon bridge is Route Arizona — 70 kilometers long and the lifeline of NATO's Operation Joint Endeavor. Where rebel Serb, Croat and Bosnian army checkpoints, bunkers and front-line trenches once stood, the 1st Armored Division now has its own checkpoints manned by Bradley fighting vehicles, Abrams tanks and Lieutenant Brian Hittner, a Nebraska native and (along with his twin brother) West Point graduate.

Hittner's troop of Bradleys manned the first checkpoint south of the pontoon bridge, placing themselves smack in the middle of the Croatian army in Bosnia (HVO) and an entire

Serb brigade guarding the entrance to the Posavina Corridor, the strategic strip of land linking Serbia proper with the Bosnian Serbs' self-proclaimed republic. Defusing tensions would normally be a job in itself, but Hittner, a self-proclaimed "low-level diplomat with a gun," was also expected to get both sides to quickly sit down with him, identify all minefields within his sector and begin, no later than 1300 hours that day, to clearly mark the fields with red and white striped tape. He had one other mission: Keep all sides from shooting at the other side's soldiers.

Serb commanders billeting in a bomb-smashed house 20 meters from Hittner's Bradleys told the lieutenant that Croats were still shooting at their men

325th Airborne on patrol: The rules of engagement are clear — a soldier has only to feel threatened to fire his weapon. Plain and simple.



as they walked from bunker to bunker with lunch pails. If they were going to begin marking the minefields, the shooting was going to have to stop, the Serb commander warned.

Hittner quickly mounted his command Bradley and, with two other fighting vehicles from Charlie Troop along for security, headed 3 kilometers north for a chit-chat with HVO officers.

"Heil Hittner," the first HVO officer sarcastically said, giving the American a Nazi salute.

"You have a funny name," the Croat said. "Almost like Hitler. OK. Well, let's see your maps and what you want my men to do."



No one, including Lt. Hittner and the three Bradley gunners, was amused. Hittner quietly regrouped his men for an assessment, devised a quick plan and returned to the Croats for round two.

"I'm sorry," the HVO officer told Hittner, "but I will have to wait for my commander to come in order to do anything with you."

Hittner agreed upon a 1300 meeting time and went back to his checkpoint for a quick lunch.

A few minutes after Hittner returned to the position the HVO senior commander for the region, with a British army NATO liaison officer in tow, arrived and got the ball rolling.

"You Americans are all cowboys,

aren't you?" the British army major acidly scolded. "Why didn't you clear this with my office? You just can't come here and demand that everyone begin carrying out operations like this without me being involved."

Anglo-American relations had hit a new low, but Hittner wasn't biting. His orders were firm and, without even a hint of "I'm sorry" or "Gee, did I step on your toes?" Hittner laid his map of the area on the hood of the HVO command car and began asking for distances and numbers.

The Brits had been shut out.

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The Americans scored their first victory. The HVO had, in essence, agreed not to shoot at Serb soldiers carrying our similar mine identification operations and to begin similar operations of their own.

Although running more than two hours late, Hittner was pleased and drove back to his checkpoint to inform his men and the Serb soldiers waiting at their bunkers with tape and fence posts.

Books For The Troops

It was now time to drive north to bring the first of what will become a flood of *SOF* reader-donated paperback books to the headquarters and headquarters company of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Armored Division.

SOF, as many readers already know, is collecting paperback books for American troops deployed to Bosnia, Hungary and Macedonia. During the Gulf War, *SOF* panhandled thousands of books from readers and

shipped them to the Gulf — along with 2,000 free copies of the magazine — to our troops in Desert Shield/Desert Storm. The troops loved 'em.

When we arrived, a thankful Captain Tony Carbone, commander of HHC of the 3/5, gladly accepted our first shipment on behalf of all the men and women serving in Bosnia with him.

"Keep sending them," Capt. Carbone said. "Thank you, *SOF*."

Our duty fulfilled, we headed back to *SOF* HQ in Tuzla. Serbs from Belgrade to Sarajevo were getting ready to celebrate Orthodox New Years, and word had gone out to all NATO troops to be prepared for a night of shooting, drinking, more shooting, more drinking and possible confrontation with drunken Bosnian Serb soldiers looking to vent a little steam by shooting an American GI or two.

This was going to be fun.

With nightfall quickly approaching, we tightened the Velcro straps on our Second Chance body armor, made sure the front and back, high-velocity ceramic and Kevlar plates were covering all our vitals. Then we hopped in our Russian-made Lada Niva jeep ("The Mountain Goat"), convoyed up with U.S. Army vet and journalist friend Jim Bartlett and headed for the rebel Serb stronghold of Brcko (pronounced Birchko).

Brcko sits along the Sava River, northeast of Tuzla, and is one of the main garrison towns within the Serbs' vital Posavina Corridor. Brcko saw near hand-to-hand fighting between HVO, Bosnian and Serb troops less than three months before. The idea of a peace treaty existing between the two bitter enemies had still not filtered down to the average Serb in the street.

Evidence to that was the large number of Serb paramilitaries, or Chetniks, who still roamed the streets in search of a Muslim woman to rape or a Muslim house to loot and burn. But since every last scrap of Muslim cultural or ethnic influence had been erased from Brcko years before during the first waves of ethnic cleansing, the Chetniks were reduced to occasionally shooting their assault rifles into the air,



In spite of adverse weather conditions, an uncomfortable peace to uphold and a real need to "step lightly," American forces landed with the "equipment" needed to kick ass.

into empty shops along the shrapnel-scarred main street and even at themselves when they became bored with every other option.

"It's been pretty quiet most of the night," a soldier with the 3/5 Cav's Delta Troop remarked, a mechanized infantry unit with cavalry designation, at his base camp on the outskirts of Brcko. "Except for that guy across the street who keeps pumping 9mm pistol slugs into his barn, it's been OK."

Too quiet for our tastes.

We needed more shooting, more drink and more confrontation, so we drove like maniacs down Route Arizona onto the 1st Armored Division's secondary road, Route Apple, and into the Serb village of Gornji Zabar. We weren't disappointed. Gornji Zabar's cafes and bars were packed with Serb soldiers returning from the front lines, drunken locals and plenty of fresh young Chetnik women.

Our entrance at the Prima Cafe stopped everything, including a serious game of nine ball between two fully armed and aggressive Bosnian Serb soldiers.

The Americans had arrived.

We crashed their New Year's Eve party and didn't bother to apologize. Our moment of self-satisfaction, however, was short-lived.



A new, meaner dog is on the block — and he is hungry.

"Who is driving the car with Zagreb (Croatia) plates?" a local policeman loudly queried. He was flanked by two Bosnian Serb Army MPs.

All eyes then shifted to the three of us, sitting in our corner seats,

half-empty glasses of beer still on the table. Sweat began to form on Jim Bartlett's brow.

Jim had failed to tell us that he rented his white VW Rabbit in Zagreb, and the mere sight of a Croatian license plate might be reason enough for every Serb in the Prima to forget the Dayton Peace Agreement, forget it was New Year's Eve, forget the 1st Armored Division was less than a kilometer away and gut and skin us alive just for laughs.

"No one?" the policeman again asked, looking right at us. "OK. Happy New Years."

A sigh of relief quickly flashed across our faces: We were safe for now. We quickly paid for our beers, went outside and without a thought went about tearing

the license plates off of the car and drove off into the night.

It was back to Tuzla for some sleep. Along the way we had heard that the U.S. Army was drawing up plans to speed-up the evacuation of the estimated 600 mujahideen fighters still terrorizing journalists and non-believers from their bases in central Bosnia.

Senior Foreign Correspondent Mark H. Milstein continues his front-line coverage of Operation Joint Endeavor from Tuzla with Task Force Eagle. ✕



In a peace-enforcing role, each American soldier can be described as a "low-level diplomat with a gun." Or in this case an M16A2 with an M203 40mm grenade launcher.

"The Best Alley Cleaner

Those anticipating lethal confrontations, whether the environment is military, law enforcement or civilian self-defense, can choose from a generic variety of weapons ranging from pistols to machine guns. Most often, a handgun is selected, simply because it's less conspicuous and thus easier to conceal. That's justification enough if your area of operation is usually a cocktail party or the opera, but those defending their homes, dancing through a dynamic entry in a crack house, crawling under barbed wire on the battlefield or hiking in wilderness areas crawling with dangerous game and more recently two-legged vermin, are wise to move up to a shoulder-mounted weapon. When it comes to wound ballistics, handguns, even those chambered for the mighty .45 ACP round, rest securely in last place.

Semiautomatic versions of battle (7.62x51mm NATO) and assault (5.56x45mm and 7.62x39mm) rifles can penetrate too easily through walls in urban areas with potentially disastrous results to innocent people, including your family. Only a very few own registered full-auto Title II submachine guns, assault rifles and light machine guns. They are, in any

event, politically incorrect for most civilian and even many law enforcement applications. That leaves the shotgun and it is, in very many scenarios, the very best possible choice.

"The best alley cleaner of all." So the late Elmer Keith once referred to the 12 gauge shotgun. During the Malayan counterinsurgency conflict and in Vietnam as well, it often armed the vulnerable point man and provided ambush response. Within the framework of its limitations, and maximizing its salient characteristics, the combat shotgun with its multiple-projectile ammunition provides short-range lethality matched by no other firearm.

The United States Armed Forces have within recent years obtained significant quantities of the Mossberg (O.F. Mossberg & Sons Inc., Dept. SOF, 7 Grasso Ave., P.O. Box 497, North Haven, CT 06473-9844; phone: 203-230-5300) Model 500 and 590 slide-action shotguns after the extensive test conducted to meet milspec requirements that included firing 3,000 rounds of 00

buckshot through each of the test specimens. Mossberg was awarded its first military contract on 30 May 1979, for the Model 500 modified to meet the United States Military Specification MIL-S-3443D. Since that time no other manufacturer's shotgun has passed United States milspec.

Very few armed professionals will dispute the combat shotgun's superiority at ranges under 35 yards. The argument has always been between proponents of the slide-action or "pump" shotgun and those who advocate semiautomatic shotguns. The U.S. Armed Forces and many law enforcement agencies still adhere to the slide-action shotgun, although in a high-anxiety environment, operator-induced error can produce a disastrous stoppage. If slide-action shotguns are not jacked smartly and completely to the rear and then all the way forward with the same degree of force, they will short-cycle. If this occurs, the operator has no alternative but to immediately transi-

Mossberg's Milspec Fighting Shotguns

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Mossberg's M590 fighting shotgun series provides certified milspec quality and reliability with a wide range of combat options at very reasonable cost.

When fired from the bench, Remington's Slugger load printed consistent 2.5-inch groups at 50 yards from the cylinder bore barrel of a Mossberg M590 equipped with ghost ring sights.



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tion to his sidearm. The trade-off is that semiautomatic shotguns, whether recoil- or gas-operated, simply do not usually demonstrate RAM-D (Reliability, Availability, Maintainability and Durability) qualities to the level required by the military.

SEAL Scatterguns

During the Vietnam War, the U.S. Navy used some Remington Model 7180 semiautomatic fighting shotguns (derived from the Model 1100) aboard "swift boats" operating on the Mekong River, while a handful of Model 7188 selective-fire versions went to the SEALs. They did not exhibit acceptable reliability and most were turned in for Remington or Ithaca slide-action types.

The partnership of Oscar Frederick Mossberg (born in Sweden in 1866) and his two sons, Iver and Harold, began in March of 1919 in New Haven, Conn. with their manufacture of the Brownie, a small, four-barreled semiautomatic pocket pistol chambered for the .22 short, long and long-rifle rimfire cartridges. Three years later they began production of a .22

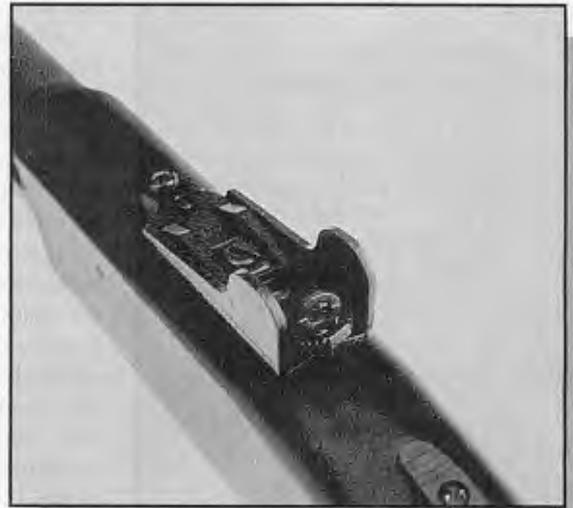
hammerless slide-action rifle based upon the Savage Model K, the tooling and design for which they purchased for \$1. During the Depression years Mossberg survived with a series of .22 rimfire single-shot and repeating bolt-action rifles, .410 gauge shotguns and single-shot lever-action rimfire rifles. Their .22 rimfire bolt-action and hammerless semiautomatic rifle series were expanded during the late 1950s.

On 21 August 1961, Mossberg's first Model 500 12 gauge slide-action shotgun came off the production line. Its most salient feature was a thumb safety mounted on top of the receiver at the rear, which blocks the trigger. While popular in Europe, in the United States only Stevens had used this safety location on their Model 200 and 520 shotguns. From the perspective of human engineering, this is a far superior location for a manual safety to the cross-bolt type found on the trigger guards of the Remington Model 870, Ithaca Model 37 and Winchester Model 12, against which Mossberg's Model 500 was designed to compete.

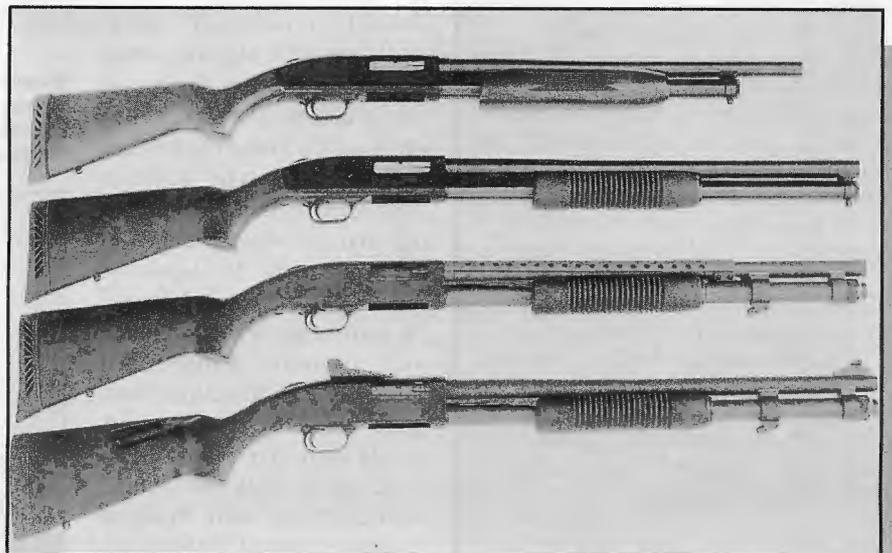
The method of opera-

tion was otherwise conventional and similar to other slide-action shotguns. When the forearm is racked fully forward, as the bolt moves to its final forward position, the bolt slide (a steel investment casting, as are some of the trigger mechanism's components), which is attached to the twin action arms, continues forward just enough to pivot a locking block (under partial spring loading from the firing pin spring) through a slot in the top of the bolt body so that it can engage a recess in the top of the barrel exten-

Mossberg's ghost ring rear sight consists of a stamped sheet-metal, over-size, peep-aperture that gives a shadow-like effect with extremely fast sight alignment at close-range buckshot distances without compromising the requirement for precision sighting with solid projectiles at longer ranges.



Mossberg's fighting shotguns, from top to bottom: Model 50404 with 18.5-inch barrel, 5-shot magazine and walnut-stained hardwood furniture; Model 50576 with 20-inch barrel equipped with variable Accu choke system, 7-shot magazine and black synthetic furniture; Model 590 MILS with ventilated heat shield and 8-shot magazine; and Model 50668 with ghost ring sights and Speedfeed buttstock.



sion and lock the bolt into battery. As the bolt and barrel, when locked together, absorb most of the recoil impulse generated by firing, this permits the mill-finished, forged receiver to be fabricated from black (matte or gloss) anodized, high-strength aluminum alloy.

The Model 500 series has numerous other attractive features. The twin action arms (or "slide bars"), introduced in 1970, add smoothness and strength to the slide-action mechanism. Other features include extra-large, dual extractors (the right-hand extractor has a sharp-edge claw, while

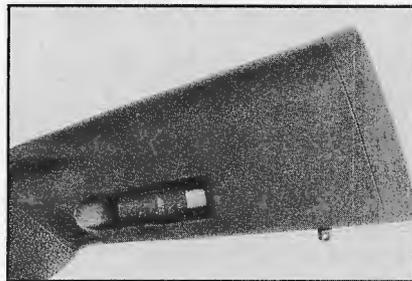
the left-hand extractor's claw is rounded) for positive extraction under the most adverse conditions. Another important characteristic is the straight-line feed of a shell from the lifter (or "carrier") into the chamber. This provides positive feeding with reduced friction between the shell and chamber. Unlike other designs, such as the Remington Model 870, there is no lifter to be depressed. Just drop the shell into the receiver on top of the bottom of the bolt slide and push it into the magazine tube. There is both a cartridge stop and cartridge interrupter, one on each side of the receiver's interior walls at the rear end of the magazine tube. The stamped, sheet-metal ejector is held to the left wall of the receiver by a threaded screw.

Additional safety features include interlocks to prevent the trigger from being pulled until the bolt is completely in battery. There is a trigger disconnecter as well, and it requires the complete release of the trigger between shots before the hammer can be released to rotate forward and strike the spring-loaded firing pin once more. The trigger housing itself is made of an injection-molded black synthetic material which is a standard feature on all Mossberg civilian and law enforcement slide-action shotguns. It is also specified on some of the U.S. military contracts.

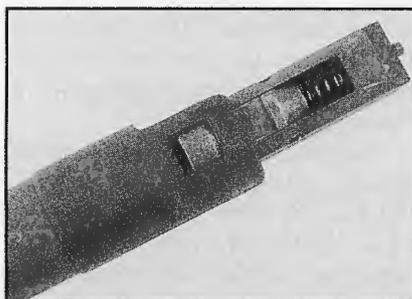
Fighting Shotgun Lineup

Soldier Of Fortune was recently sent four Mossberg combat-type shotguns for test and evaluation. With one exception, all were equipped with a standard shotgun-type threaded brass front bead sight and longitudinally serrated sighting channel along the top surface of the receiver. The first specimen was a conventional law enforcement type with an 18.5-inch cylinder bore barrel and an overall length of approximately 38 inches — an envelope designed for use in patrol cars. It weighs about 6.5 pounds, empty. All Mossberg slide-action shotguns will now chamber both 2 3/4-inch and 3-inch Magnum shells. Both the forearm and buttstock were made of walnut-stained hardwood. Called the Model 50404, this

Mossberg's Speedfeed buttstock holds two spare shells on each side of the stock under spring tension.

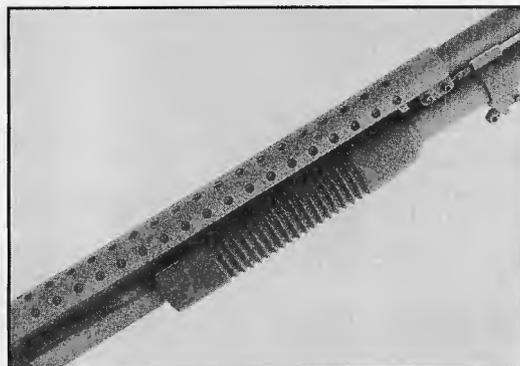


When in battery, the bolt slide, which is attached to the twin action arms, continues forward just enough to pivot a locking block through a slot in the top of the bolt body so that it can engage a recess in the top of the barrel extension, as shown here.



shotgun has a magazine capacity of five rounds, for a total of six shells. The receiver has a glossy black anodized finish and the steel parts, except for the bolt body which has been left "in-the-white," are blued (black oxide). Its suggested retail price is only \$281 which is another characteristic of the entire Mossberg product line throughout the years: incredible value for the price. The buttstocks of these Mossberg shotguns are equipped with rubber butt

Mossberg Model 590 MILS has a ventilated heat shield over the top of the barrel, extending from the receiver up to an inch in back of the rear magazine-tube support band.



M590 Disassembly/Assembly Procedures

Depress the action lock lever (on the left side directly in back of the trigger guard) and open the action completely by sliding the forearm fully rearward. Make sure that there are no shells in the chamber or magazine tube. Move the forearm forward until the breech face is in the middle of the ejection port. Unscrew the magazine tube's end cap by turning it counterclockwise. Remove the barrel from the receiver. With a brass or nylon drift (no greater than 3/16-inch in diameter) push out the trigger housing's retaining pin. Separate the trigger housing from the receiver by first lifting the rear end upward.

Remove the cartridge interrupter from the ejection port side inside the receiver and the cartridge stop from the opposite side. Move the forearm/action slide assembly rearward so that the bolt group and bolt slide are three quarters of the way rearward. When the bottom of the bolt slide is aligned with the clearance cuts in the sides of the receiver, lift the bolt slide up and out of the receiver. Slide the bolt group forward and out of the receiver through the barrel opening. Pivot the front end of the elevator up. Squeeze the elevator's two arms at the bottom end to disengage them from their recesses in the receiver and separate this component from the receiver. Remove the forearm/action slide assembly by sliding it forward and off the magazine tube.

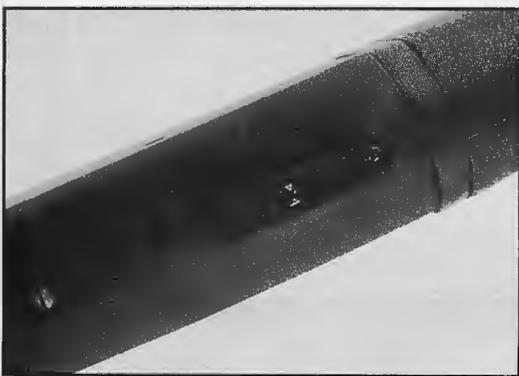
No further disassembly is required or recommended. After cleaning and lubrication reassemble in the reverse order. The hammer must be fully cocked to permit the trigger housing group to be inserted in the receiver.

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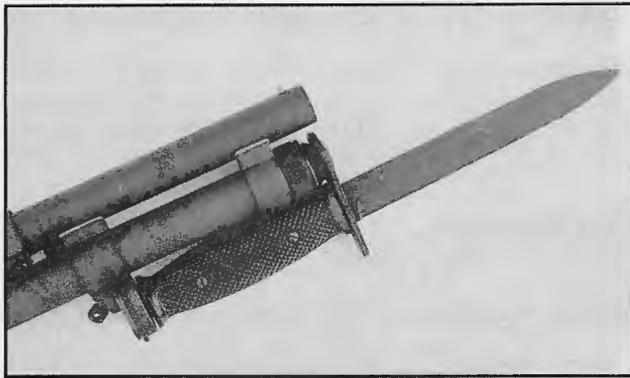
pads with sharp edges. These recoil pads should have their edges rounded to facilitate speed mounts and inhibit snagging on clothing. Length of pull, as measured from the center of the trigger to the end of the recoil pad, is about 14 inches on all four shotguns.

Another of Mossberg's law enforcement shotguns is the Model 50576, which also sells for only \$281. It carries the same finish as the Model 50404, but has a black synthetic buttstock and heavily ribbed forearm. The magazine capacity is seven rounds for an eight-round total (including one in the chamber). Its 20-inch barrel is equipped with Mossberg's Accu choke tube system. Some law enforcement agencies and military organizations prefer more tightly choked barrels than cylinder bore. Theoretically, this means no choke at all. However, most manufacturers add 0.002-inch or 0.003-inch constriction at the muzzle to even out the spread of shot and prevent donut-shaped patterns. Our test specimen was provided with improved cylinder (45-50% of the shot within a 30-inch circle at 40 yards), modified (60%), full (70%) and extra full (80%) choke tubes. These threaded tubes are easy to change with the tool that was

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The M590's rear barrel band holds the front sling swivel stud and a bayonet lug for the M16's M7 bayonet. The magazine tube's machined-steel, threaded end cap is stepped to accept the M7 bayonet's barrel ring.



furnished. These choke inserts cost only \$18 each. Improved cylinder choke is recommended for firing rifled slugs. Overall length of the Model 50576 is 40.25 inches and the weight is about 7.5 pounds, empty.

Remember, every shotgun barrel, even those of the same make, model and sequential serial numbers, will throw a pattern different from any other and you must pattern your shotgun at varying distances with the exact loads you intend to employ.

USMC Approved

Mossberg introduced a nine-shot (eight rounds in the magazine; one in the chamber) slide-action shotgun based upon the proven Model 500 action in 1987. Called the Model 590, it was first adopted by the United States Marine Corps. Part of the milspec requirement for this contract was the ability to remove the magazine's end cap, withdraw the magazine spring and follower (all

Mossberg slide-action shotgun magazine-tube followers are made of steel), and clean the magazine tube without further disassembly of any other components. To accomplish this, two strong steel magazine-tube support bands are brazed to the barrel. The rear band holds the front sling swivel stud and a bayonet lug for the M16's M7 bayonet. This leaves the front end of the magazine tube unblocked, permitting the operator to gain easy access for maintenance, with the further benefit of increasing the magazine capacity from

More Bang For Your Buckshot

Workhouse loads for the 12-gauge combat shotgun are without doubt rifled slugs and 00 buckshot (pellets of .33 caliber). Federal (Federal Cartridge Co., Dept. FF, 900 Ehlen Drive, Anoka, MN 55303; phone: 612-323-2300) is my choice for 00 buckshot. Federal and Remington (Remington Arms Co., 1011 Centre Road, Delle Donne Corporate Center, Wilmington, DE, 19805-1270; phone: 302-993-8547, fax: 302-993-8606) provide rifled slug loads of comparable quality. Both Federal's so-called Hi-Shok/Hollow Point Slug (product No. F127-RS) and Remington's Slugger (product No. SP12SMag.-RS-5PK) are "one-ounce" (but actually 435 grains, nominal), hollow-base, rifled lead slugs with no more than incipient dimples at their tips.

The Federal slug measures 0.70-inch in overall length while the Remington projectile is slightly longer at 0.80-inch. These almost .70 caliber projectiles will penetrate up to 14 inches of soft tissue while expanding to about 1.1 inches in diameter. The temporary cavity produced is significant with a missile this size and will add to tissue disruption.

The Remington Slugger shot with significantly greater accuracy in the Mossberg M590 equipped with ghost ring sights and cylinder bore barrel than did the Federal rifled slug. At 50 yards, the Remington Slugger will print consistent 2.5-inch groups. Muzzle velocity of these slug loads is about 1,600 fps through a 20-inch barrel. At 50 yards I zero the rear sight for an impact of about 2 inches above the point of aim. This will put you about 4 inches high at 25 yards, but dead on at 75 yards and only 5 inches low at 100 yards. These latter distances are the area at which slugs dominate in a gunfight.

I prefer Federal Premium 00 buckshot (product No. P154-00B), which features copper-plated shot, granulated filler and a long-range shot cup. Select the 9-pellet load as the 12-pellet, 2 3/4-inch Magnum load just plain kicks too much. These tower-dropped pellets are 97.5% pure lead with 2.5% antimony for added hardness. Two polishings guarantee sphericity. Copper-plating further increases resistance to deformation during firing. Shot is arranged in a spiral configuration within the long-range cup with granulated buffer added to fill the gaps. The granulated

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seven to eight shells. The magazine tube's machined-steel, threaded end cap is stepped to accept the M7 bayonet's barrel ring. The rear sling swivel stud on all Mossberg Model 500 and 590 fighting shotguns are mounted on the underside of the buttstock at the rear.

Two of our test specimens were Model 590 military-type shotguns. Both had phosphate ("Parkerized") finishes, including the bolts. The Model 590 MILS has a ventilated heat shield over the top of the barrel, extending from the receiver up to an inch in back of the rear magazine-tube support band. The receiver is drilled and tapped for a ghost ring rear sight assembly and has a 20-inch cylinder bore barrel. Overall length is 40.25 inches, with a weight, empty, of 7.5 pounds. It has a black synthetic buttstock and heavily ribbed forearm and carries a suggested retail price of \$379.

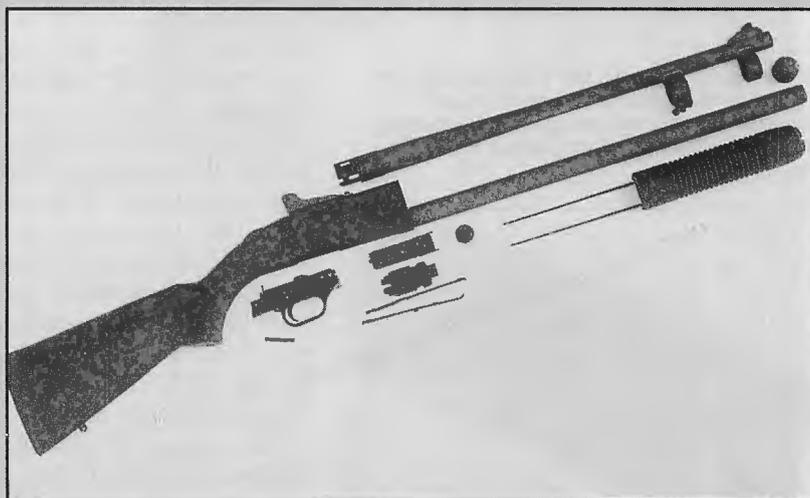
The other M590 sent to us for test and evaluation was identical to the above, except that it was equipped with "ghost ring" sights, a so-called "Speedfeed" buttstock and did not have a ventilated heat shield. Cataloged as the Model 50668, its suggested retail price is \$465. Keep in mind that each Mossberg contract to the U.S. military will almost always vary in specifications, as each contractor branch of the service wants different features.

Mossberg developed their ghost ring sight system in response to the Marine Corps' request for sights of this type on their initial contract. Originally supplied as a separate item by Sage International Inc., Mossberg introduced their own ghost ring system in 1991. The rear sight consists of a stamped sheet-metal, over-size, peep-aperture that gives a shadow-like effect with extremely fast sight alignment at close-range buckshot distances without compromising the requirement for precision sighting with solid projectiles at longer ranges. Elevation adjustment is accomplished by rotating a notched wheel under the aperture, which raises the sight up or down. Turning a slot-head screw in the center of the sight assembly will move the aperture to the right or left for windage adjustment. The fixed, blade-type front sight has a

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Mossberg Models 500/590 Fighting Shotguns Specifications

- Caliber:** 12 gauge, 2 3/4-inch and 3-inch Magnum.
- Operation:** Locked-breech; bolt locks to barrel by means of a locking block within the bolt body, which engages a recess in the barrel extension. Slide-action with twin action arms. Thumb safety mounted on top of the receiver.
- Feed mechanism:** 5-, 7- or 8-round extended magazine tube under the barrel.
- Weight, empty:** 6.5 to 7.5 pounds, depending upon model.
- Length, overall:** About 38 inches to 40.25 inches, depending upon barrel length.
- Length of pull:** Approximately 14 inches.
- Barrel:** Cylinder bore or variable Accu choke tubes with improved cylinder, modified, full or extra-full replaceable threaded tubes.
- Barrel length:** 18.5 or 20 inches.
- Finish:** Black oxide (blued) or phosphate ("Parkerized").
- Furniture:** Forearm and buttstock of either walnut-stained hardwood or black synthetic.
- Special features:** Options include ghost ring sights, ventilated heat shield, bayonet mounts and Speedfeed buttstock.
- Manufacturer:** O.F. Mossberg & Sons Inc., Dept. SOF, 7 Grasso Ave., P.O. Box 497, North Haven, CT 06473-9844; phone: 203-230-5300.
- Price:** \$281 to \$465, depending upon features provided.
- T&E summary:** Robust and reliable with many desirable design features and a wide range of combat options. The best value for the money in a fighting shotgun. Since 1979 only Mossberg's shotguns have passed United States milspec.



Mossberg M590 field-stripped.

One of the giants of this country's conservation movement died on 5 December 1995. Thomas L. Washington, president of the National Rifle Association and executive director of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, passed away after suffering a heart attack while hunting on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He was 58.

Tom's achievements in conservation are legendary and will long survive him as fitting tributes to his love of nature and the Great Outdoors. Protecting the Second Amendment was another cause very dear to him; he toiled over the years for the benefit of all law-abiding, gun-owning citizens — not just NRA members.

Tom served in leadership roles in the National Wildlife Federation and Safari Club International. A resident of Lansing, Michigan, he led the suc-



Thomas L. Washington, 1937-1995

respect for that man or woman's dignity. A true leader, Tom always assumed personal responsibility for his organization's setbacks. His subordinates respected him highly.

There was another side of Tom Washington, that of a first-rate storyteller who loved to host a dinner (where he always picked up the check) and regale his guests with wonderful tales. His stories spanned the globe: grouse hunts on his beloved Upper Peninsula; safaris in Africa, where once he had to sprint across the Zimbabwe border under the impetus of gunfire; fishing in Baja California; travels in China. He then might en-

A Bear Of A Man

by Jim Porter

The Passing Of The NRA's Thomas L. Washington

cessful campaign in 1976 to ban non-returnable beverage containers, which helped remove cans and bottles from the state's highways and roads. Washington conceived the idea of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to purchase choice land, for public use, with royalties from oil, gas and mineral production on state land. Hundreds of conservation projects have been completed because of this trust fund.

Washington was a busy advocate. He also was responsible for the Wetlands Protection Act, the Sand Dune Protection Act, the Hunter Access Program, the ban on commercial gill nets in the Great Lakes, and the Shooting Range Protection Act — all cutting-edge legislation that served as models for other states.

Tom, a Coast Guard veteran, was a bear of a man: a gruff exterior matched by great physical strength. And, as his ideological opponents quickly learned, he also possessed a

powerful intellect. Few could match him in the art of debate and public speaking. Tom spent a great deal of time, in his later years, away from home and family preaching conservation ethics and gun rights. Through his force of personality and clarity of

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In the office, Tom Washington was a tough taskmaster. He maintained very high, professional standards for himself and his staff. He could blister an employee for failure from lack of effort, but did this in private out of

gauge a restaurant's wine steward in a scholarly discourse on the particular brand or year he had just recommended. Those who knew and loved Tom will, most of all, miss breaking bread with him. He was, no matter the circumstances, always delightful, informative and fun-loving on those occasions.

Tom was lowered into his grave on a day gripped in subfreezing temperature. During the service, a perfect V formation of Canada geese flew overhead. In that poignant moment, it seemed as if Mother Nature was paying last respects to one of her defenders.

Tom Washington is survived by his wife Joanne and six children: Christy, David, Heidi, Miriam, Steven and Susan.

Jim Porter is a Birmingham, Alabama, attorney and a National Rifle Association director who has served as a special assistant attorney general for the state of Alabama. ☞

Australian inventor Mike O'Dwyer's previous claim to fame was a device to ventilate athletic shoes while in use. But in the last few years he has focused on matters far deadlier than even the smelliest footwear: a naval defensive weapon theoretically capable of putting *millions* of rounds in the path of an incoming missile.

At the heart of his venture is a unique gun concept offering stupendous rates of fire, but with *no* mov-

After some 15,000 hours of research and investment of (U.S.) \$2 million, Metal Storm has seven working prototypes that have test-fired thousands of rounds of ammunition. Rates of fire extrapolating to 135,000 rpm have already been achieved.

Wall Of Fire

Massive firepower would be possible when barrels are bundled together; a triple-barreled system could fire at a top rate of 135,000 rpm.

Metal Storm technicians achieved this figure with a bench-test prototype, though only for a 45-round burst. Test ammunition used to date has been 9mm, with 140-grain bullets loaded to the specifications of the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers Institute.

Metal Storm's Mk5 research prototype, a compact, 36-barrel pod loaded with 540 rounds and tested so far to a rate of 60,000 rpm, *theoretically* could fire at a mind-boggling

MILLION ROUNDS A MINUTE

Aussies' Awesome Wall Of Fire

by Nick Steadman

Photos courtesy author

ing parts. To paraphrase an associate's comments, what O'Dwyer has created is a combination volley-firing, "Roman candle" weapon. His Brisbane-based company, Metal Storm, was incorporated only three years ago but capitalizes on a further nine years during which O'Dwyer was formulating his ideas for "wall of fire" weapons.

In its simplest form, a Metal Storm gun is a single barrel loaded with an ammunition "stick" containing some 15 projectiles. Rounds are individually preloaded in the "stick" and fired sequentially using an electrical ignition circuit.

Since there are no moving parts to reciprocate nor any cartridge cases to eject, the rounds can be fired virtually in a continuous stream, just as fast as bore pressure drops to a safe level after each shot. The maximum theoretical rate approximates 45,000 rounds per minute, per barrel, assuming uninterrupted reloading.

As such weapons as the .22LR AM 180 submachine gun have already demonstrated, a very high rate of sustained fire can damage a target completely out of proportion to the caliber and weight of the rounds fired. Metal Storm similarly emphasizes the structural damage potential of its systems, even firing at "only" 45,000 rpm.



In an early test, gunsmith Graham Bugden fires a three-round burst from the nine-barreled prototype. Since there are no moving parts to reciprocate nor any cartridge cases to eject, the rounds can be fired virtually in a continuous stream, just as fast as bore pressure drops to a safe level after each shot. The maximum theoretical rate approximates 45,000 rounds per minute, per barrel, assuming uninterrupted reloading.

rate of 1,620,000 rpm — a target O'Dwyer plans to reach this year. This weapon comprises 12 of the 45-shot, three-barrel units which already hit 135,000 rpm.

At present the prototype is substantially overbuilt for safety reasons. For simplicity, all firing tests so far have been conducted with smoothbore barrels. Rifling is not thought to present any additional problems, but fin stabilization could be a possible alternative. Surprisingly, O'Dwyer says that in test firing at a range of 25 meters and without securing the weapon's legs, 0.79-

inch shot groups were achieved through the unrifled tubes.

With the prototype systems, each projectile is inserted by hand, separated by 0.14-inch diameter steel spacers (or "spines") and then sealed to form a string within the rear section of the barrel. A line of barrel ports is used to charge each projectile with about 5 grains of conventional BM2 Australian ball powder, and each port is then capped with an Olin M52 electric primer. The eventual aim is to integrate the propellant with the projectile, rather than loading it from the priming port. In solid form it could even replace the spacer.



Metal Storm's single-barreled (top right), nine-barreled and 36-barreled guns cover a variety of possible applications, from personal protection to area suppression and remote defense.

O'Dwyer is considering internal primers and even laser ignition for the final stages of development.

Using an electric ignition circuit, projectiles can be fired at whatever rate the user selects, from one or more barrels, separately or simultaneously. For prototype weapons, a computer-controlled external electronic sequencer from MeT of Brisbane is used. Production guns, however, would use miniaturized onboard electronics; weapon status would be indicated on a liquid-crystal display screen. Upon ignition, the relatively soft bullet is expanded by gas pressure to seal the bore, and compressed

rel through which to travel. So, with the same charge propelling each shot, there are inevitable velocity variations between rounds at different locations along the "stick." This also influences impact energy and dispersion at the target, as well as the time required between shots to allow barrel pressure to drop to a safe level before the next round is triggered.

However, O'Dwyer postulates that barrels could be preloaded with rounds tuned to eliminate these differences according to their position in the ammunition "stick"; or, variations simply could be capitalized upon to produce phased arrival at the tar-

sion of the unfired projectiles prevents gas seepage and flashover to the rear.

Special testing showed a rise in barrel temperature of only 3.5 degrees Centigrade (6.3 F) from firing a 15-round burst of ammunition in a single barrel at 45,000 rpm. Each round burns in a different location — a significant factor in limiting heat risks. The positioning of each projectile in the barrel also affects its external ballistics: Rearmost projectiles, for example, have the greatest length of barrel



The single-barreled prototype, shown here with firing mount and casing in place, has a basic payload of 15 9mm projectiles. The electronic firing console, at right, controls the weapon's all-out rate of fire of up to 45,000 rounds per minute.



With its casing removed, the single-barreled prototype's 15 external priming ports, in which ball powder is loaded, are visible along the top of the barrel. Note the difference in effective barrel length between the first and last rounds of the payload; this can affect a projectile's ballistic performance.

get. Further, it might be possible to reconfigure the spacers as kinetic-energy penetrators, maybe with fins, with the projectile replaced by a sabot. Alternatively, the spine could be inserted in the nose, rather than the tail, of each projectile, with similar results.

Practical vs. Impractical

With assistance from the Australian Trade Commission office in Atlanta, Georgia, O'Dwyer has initiated discussions with three major American defense companies toward licensing the technology for further development. He said he expects to cut a deal with one of the parties this year, and has received encouraging feedback from Europe, too.

Metal Storm is promoting its concepts in a boisterous fashion across a broad span of military weaponry scenarios. Though cyclic rates in the seven-figure bracket are a neat marketing hook, they don't mean much in isolation and certainly don't tell the whole story. Any weapon continuously fired at such rates would soon be emptied; resupply would be no small logistical challenge.

And despite the company's undis-



The 15-shot weapon, configured for hand-held use, is remarkably compact. Because it has no heavy, reciprocating bolt knocked rearward with each discharge, the test weapon is surprisingly easy to control during rapid fire.

puted achievement in producing working demonstrator systems, it still has some way to go in creating fieldable weapons. Moreover, some of its proposed volley guns simply are not practical: They would require abandonment of conventional weapon designs for the promise of performance "benefits" that actually might be unnecessary and even impose new technical penalties, for example, in handling recoil — and not just of bigger calibers.

Nonetheless, some of Metal Storm's ideas merit serious consideration. One area where this "wall of fire" approach is particularly attractive is as a possible Close-In Weapon System (CIWS) for warships. This last-ditch defense is intended to kill anti-ship mis-

siles, such as the two Iraqi-launched "Exocet" missiles that in 1987 severely damaged the U.S.S. *Stark* (whose CIWS was switched off at the time).

Currently, the U.S. and many other navies use the 20mm "Phalanx" as their primary CIWS. This radar-guided Gatling system, firing 20mm Vulcan ammunition at 3,000 rpm, has been in service for some time; the U.S.

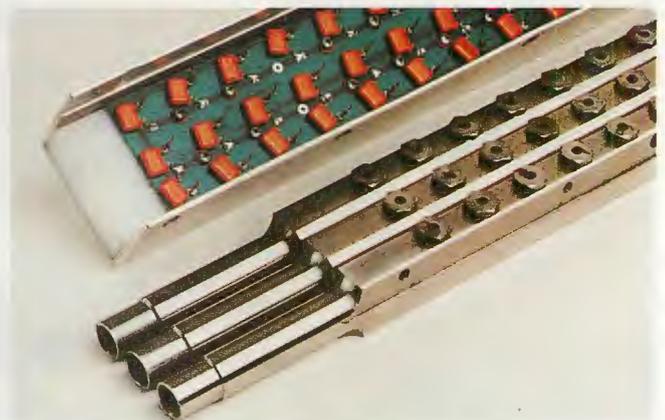
Navy is now looking for something with better performance.

The particular role of naval CIWS is so specialized that anything is technically possible. Metal Storm is already promoting its designs for CIWS upgrade, and company literature shows a CIWS pod system that is 24 inches square by 71 inches long, with 1,024 barrels and 17,408 rounds of 12.75mm projectiles.

This CIWS could overwhelm incoming targets at a theoretical firing rate of 10.24 million rpm. In fact, O'Dwyer is more likely to recommend four smaller pods with a quarter of the capacity; one in use and the other three for replenishment. He acknowledges there is no obvious way around the problem of having to break off an engagement to reload. And their system would not lend itself to "topping off" during lulls in action. Each



Australian inventor Mike O'Dwyer (left) displays some of his Metal Storm weaponry with gunsmith Bugden (center) of MAB Engineering, and Greg Ferguson (one of the author's former colleagues at *Defence* magazine). Bugden and Ferguson are holding three-barreled test units. In the foreground is another test weapon outfitted with additional breathing ports and a support fixture.



Resembling a "Robocop" movie weapon, Metal Storm's triple-barreled test gun is opened up to show its ignition ports. The cover plate (above) houses an array of electronic circuitry.

barrel (or the whole weapon) would have to be shot dry before reloading. On the other hand, the currently used "Phalanx" must also be brought out of action once the Gatling gun empties its magazine. Provided that a ship has a redundancy of defensive weap-

and conservative population of consumers.

The quest for "improved" small arms in the West has consumed millions of dollars, taxed endless committees and sustained armies of experts, but has come up with little of much practical value, save for some nifty modifications to in-service weapons. The past few decades have already seen the development and use of caseless ammunition and flechettes; high-rate salvo fire from earlier Advanced Combat Rifle Program designs has been discredited; and conventional Duplex ammunition, though now fully debugged, has (oddly) not yet been taken up despite its obvious advantages.

Nonetheless, Metal Storm is designing smaller weapons. Among them is a lightweight, 20-barrel "shotgun," only 20 inches long, holding up to 400 rounds of .223-caliber projectiles. With it, an infantryman on



This Mk5 prototype of Metal Storm's 36-barreled pod system might be the shape of vehicle- or helicopter-mounted suppressive-fire weapons of the future. The prototype was considerably overbuilt for safety reasons. It comprises three-barreled sections, all of which have delivered 45-round bursts at a rate of 135,000 rounds per minute.

ons with interlocking arcs of fire, however, this is probably not the handicap as first might appear.

There also is U.S. interest in a smaller, vehicle-mounted defensive weapon. Metal Storm proposes a 64-barrel version in 9mm, with a 640-round payload and weight of less than 44 pounds. It appeals particularly to those prospective American licensees contemplating an Army requirement for a Low-Cost Intercept Device, effectively a tank-mounted CIWS for defense against anti-armor missiles.

And not to leave out the mechanized infantry, O'Dwyer has proposed a similar defensive weapon for armored personnel carriers: a 625-barrel pod 7.5 inches square and 30 inches long, with 10,000 rounds of 5mm ammunition.

Unconventional Small Arms

In assessing Metal Storm's overall potential for success, this fact simply cannot be ignored: It is *much* easier to sell new, even radical, ideas at the "big gun" end of the spectrum than with small arms, which have a very crowded R&D field serving a vast

point could lay down overwhelming, suppressive fire up to 20 rounds per burst — upon chance contact with enemy troops during patrol. Another, a three-barreled, close-quarter or mid-range weapon, would have operator-controlled muzzle venting, giving the option of increasing the spread of shot.

The tiniest of Metal Storm's projects, the multi-barreled compact handgun — a 21st-century "pepperbox" — is envisaged as having four common-walled barrels, each holding six rounds, with the option of letting fly with all barrels simultaneously.

O'Dwyer recognizes that by moving down the scale, from shipboard defense to personal weapons, issues such as the capability of rapid re-

loading assume much greater importance. At the basic level, he sees the possibility of reloading a single-barrel gun with either a monoblock stick of projectiles or, like a revolver; several ammunition sticks loaded in a rotating cylinder. Given the severe difficulty all designers encounter in promoting radical changes in small-arms design, this has the merit of being relatively conventional and thus least likely to affront traditionalists.

Assuming that the handicap of less-than-rapid reloading (compared to the ease of changing magazines in a conventional, infantry weapon) nevertheless was accepted, reloading could be achieved barrel by barrel or by using an "ammo pack" comprising projectile/charge sticks, possibly in a loading block doubling as the rear section of the barrel. But for such weapons to ever be fielded by infantry or SpecOps troops, reloads would have to be sufficiently small, light and appropriately configured for the troops to carry comfortably in their load-bearing equipment.

Then there is the question of ignition. Plenty of medium-caliber can-

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This target was on the receiving end of a 540-round burst from the Mk5 pod weapon, plus a full payload each from the single- and triple-barreled guns. As the .22LR AM 180 submachine gun demonstrated, a very high rate of sustained fire can damage a target completely out of proportion to the caliber and weight of the rounds fired. Metal Storm similarly emphasizes the structural damage potential of its systems, even firing at "only" 45,000 rpm.

TARGET

Ex-SADF Elit



An RPG-7 gunner in an elite, Angolan army unit pauses during movement in the bush. Such units nowadays are trained by Executive Outcomes officers and NCOs who formerly served in the South Africa Defense Forces and likely even fought against Angola's Marxist government.

The arrival of the new year saw heavy fighting in northern Angola, spilling across the border into Zaire, between Jonas Savimbi's Unita rebels and the Marxist MPLA regime in Luanda. The MPLA is aided by highly skilled mercenaries: former soldiers and pilots from South Africa. Recruited by the Pretoria-based company Executive Outcomes (EO), these men unquestionably have played a pivotal role in MPLA victories over Unita — South Africa's old ally.

As this issue went to press, Angola's ambassador — responding to pressure from Washington — announced his government "has terminated all ties to Executive Outcomes." However, writer Al J. Venter, whose first account of EO's Angola ops was "You Buy, I'll Fly" (Jan. '96 SOF), reported that some EO elements remained in that country.

It was the first time in Angola that a sneak attack was defeated because a merc had to take a crap.

Executive Outcomes' Hennie Blaauw, a former colonel in a South African reconnaissance commando, ordered a halt for an armored column moving westward toward Unita rebel positions on the Cafunfo diamond fields. The column, under the overall command of Angolan Brigadier General Pepe de Castro, comprised 28 Russian-made BMP-2 infantry fighting vehicles (IFVs), 60 support vehicles, about 500 *Forças Armadas Angolanas* (FAA) troops, and about 200 EO mercenaries, the majority of them black African soldiers under white officers. There also were 100 Katangese regulars: tough, aggressive fighters who had fled years ago to Angola from Zaire, zealous for the

day when they would return to their motherland.

The EO/FAA force was yet a day or two from Cafunfo. Because Unita harassment raids after dark had been frequent, vehicles customarily were drawn into *laager* (camp) formation each night. The BMPs, guns outward, lined the outer perimeter.

"The forest around us was one vast, thick and impenetrable blanket," Col. Blaauw said, recalling the 1995 operation. "Although they [Unita] tended to mortar us a lot whenever we halted, we weren't much concerned. We dug slit trenches. Some preferred sleeping inside the BMPs, which could take a direct hit from a NATO 81mm mortar without penetration. A mist every night also helped."

The wee hours of morning arrived uneventfully.

"It wasn't yet light when I got up and did the usual rounds," he continued. "If there was anyone asleep at his post, it was better for me to find him than the Angolans — especially if he was one of my men. Angolan officers and NCOs would shoot a sleeping guard where he lay. We only docked their pay."

Nature called; Blaauw asked his driver/radioman for a roll of toilet paper. Even with his quarter-century of military operations in the bush, the recce officer did what he long had exhorted others *not* to do: He set off into the bush — by himself — despite the threat of attack from Savimbi's anticommunist rebels.

"I ambled off toward a clump of bushes to dump in quiet comfort," Blaauw said. "I always stressed that the orders ... are inviolable: 'Tell the base commander or the duty officer exactly what you are doing and keep your weapon with you at all times. One of your mates should go with you and you should face in the direction of where any threat was likely to come.' I was watching something on my flank of the laager and not really paying attention to what was in front of me. ... I had become too casual.

S OF OPPORTUNISM

e Battle Former Allies

Text & Photos by Al J. Venter

We had been in bush too long; it was our twenty-third day out.”

Blaauw undid his belt buckle. Just then, a Unita soldier with an AK-47 stepped out of the jungle a few yards away. The two made eye contact. The rebel froze. Blaauw, armed with a roll of toilet paper, ducked sideways and raced back to the nearest BMP. Moments later, someone opened up, full auto, in Blaauw's direction. Then the entire front opened up.

“By now the Unita force was hammering at the laager: an attack in battalion strength, about 250 men,” the EO officer recalled.

His men quickly retaliated. AK rifles, 12.7mm and 7.62mm machine guns, AGS-17 grenade launchers and RPG-7 rockets carved crazy patterns in the jungle. The noise was punctuated by the powerful *whop-whop-whop* of the BMPs' 30mm cannons. As the battle grew in intensity, more gun crews went into action. A few of the BMPs rolled out in the direction of the attackers.

Blaauw figured the attack had been pre-empted. Not all of the Unita troops had gotten into position; most still were concentrated in a shallow defile below and to the north of the camp. They had not yet encircled his combat group when Blaauw encountered the soldier.

The unlucky Unita battalion soon withdrew. Blaauw then was able to appreciate his luck: The BMP behind which he crouched had taken hundreds of rounds of enemy fire. “You couldn't put two fingers together over any patch of armor without touching a dent where the paint had been cleared,” he recalled. “The trees on both sides were almost cut down by the salvos.”

Blaauw came out of it all with a flesh wound and was evacuated by an Mi-17 helicopter — but only long enough

to get the wound dressed. He was back in time for the next phase of action.

Russian-Assisted, African Blitzkrieg

The campaign in which Blaauw, his EO element and FAA armor took part — the recapture of Angola's Cafunfo diamond fields — likely was the largest armor assault in the world, outside Europe, since the Gulf War. Lasting 25 days, the combined-arms attack was modelled on the blitzkrieg, using the kind of tactics of violence and speed the South African Defense Forces (SADF) had perfected 10 years earlier in the border war against Angolan, Cuban, Russian and East German forces. Clearly, it was a hard campaign in the bush.

And although it originally



An EO trainer (right), a former recce NCO in the South African army, examines an Angolan's 7.62x54R Dragunov sniper rifle at the special-forces camp on the Longa River. The trainee also has camouflaged his rucksack (foreground) with wiregrass.



Angolan crewmen and an EO adviser perform daily maintenance on a Russian-made BMP-2 infantry fighting vehicle during the 1995 offensive against Unita rebels at Cafunfo. South African mercs praise the BMP-2s for their mobility, ruggedness and firepower. The mechanized infantrymen placed their folding-stock AK assault rifles and RPG-7 (foreground) out of the way during their chores.

was designed for the European battlefield, the Russian-built BMP-2s performed very well in Africa.

"It's probably the best of this kind of vehicle," Blaauw said. "As long as you keep it greased and fueled and check the water regularly, it'll go on forever." In this kind of terrain, he said, metal tracks were a great advantage over wheels, whose tires are vulnerable to bullets and mortar-shell fragments.

EO's employer, the MPLA, also had invested in heavy armor: not only T-55s, a tank ubiquitous in Third World armies, but also T-62s. Angola's air force includes Swiss-built Pilatus PC-7 turboprop trainers fitted with rocket pods and bombs; Soviet-built helicopters, including the formidable Mi-24 gunships; and MiG-23 jet fighter-bombers.

As Blaauw tells it, a good deal of effort in the Cafunfo campaign was devoted to logistics. EO personnel spent long hours planning air drops with Russian air-force personnel on contract to Luanda. With 1,000 men in the field, Luanda's commanders knew there must be no mistakes.

Regular supply drops were made by Russian Ilyushin-76 transport jets, usually from a safe altitude of 20,000 feet. Twenty tons at a time of fuel, food, spare parts and medical necessities were dropped in parachute clusters of between 16 and 20 bundles. "It was very professionally done," said Blaauw. "The Russkies dropped their cargo spot-on every time."

Altitude was strictly maintained because of the constant threat of surface-to-air missiles (SAMs). The Unita troops had Russian SA-7s and SA-14s. It is not known whether Stinger missiles given to Unita by the CIA still are operational — but the Russian pilots took no chances.



Briefings for the brass look the same the world over: Angolan special-forces officer (left) describes a mission using a map and sand-table terrain model; soldiers and two EO advisers stand at parade rest. Brigadier Gen. Neves (seated, wearing beret and red shoulder boards), FAA commander of special forces, listens; to his right is EO Col. Duncan Rykaart, a former SADF recce officer.

From the point of view of many South Africans, EO's operation in Angola was difficult to accept. It has left a bitter taste in the mouths of some of the men: EO special forces now were effectively contracted to fight for a government that South Africa for years had regarded as the enemy, against a former ally.

Many of their comrades had died fighting the MPLA's forces. Moreover, some 700 SADF troops had been killed in 20 years of military ops aimed at destroying the South West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) guerrillas in Namibia and dislodging the Marxist government in Angola.

It is significant that Namibia now is free, President dos Santos remains in power in Angola, and the white South Africans are the ones who have been left in the wilderness.



Map briefings during a march are informal: EO Col. Hennie Blaauw (right) uses the fender of his BMP-2 for a map stand during an "order group" of his subordinate officers.

To many citizens it's a bitter irony that their former troops, now mercenaries, have taken up where the Cubans left off and are doing the MPLA's dirty work against Unita. (Some observers point out that what EO has done in Angola would be roughly equivalent to former members of the U.S. 82nd Airborne or Marine Corps taking up arms for the Viet Cong after the Vietnam War, or former British SAS troops decamping to Argentina after the Falklands War.)

After all, some argue — often passionately — Unita leader Jonas Savimbi was a loyal and brave ally who fought a bitter struggle alongside South African soldiers against a communist government

in Luanda. Savimbi's men suffered terrible losses in gaining a military victory that was as much to the advantage of South Africa as to himself.

But that view ignores a hard, political fact: EO could not be as active as it is in Angola (or Sierra Leone, as reported in "Not RUF Enough," Dec. '95) without the full, though covert, support of South African President Nelson Mandela and his cabinet.

Mandela's Political Debt

EO men on the ground (their numbers run well into four figures) all were recruited in South Africa. They go back there on furlough. Those who are wounded or contract tropical illnesses are rushed to Pretoria; their dead (those who have been recovered) are buried there. They are insured by South African companies. The company's Boeing 727 aircraft fly with impunity from South African airports. There is nothing clandestine about what EO is doing; it even courts the international media, including CNN, American news magazines and the British *Guardian* newspaper.

It comes down to this: The new government in South Africa is repaying an old debt — with interest — and, at the same time, protecting itself.

For many years, before the dismantling of *apartheid* in South Africa, the Marxist MPLA government in Angola was the most powerful ally of the African National Congress, then in exile. Many ANC training camps

(of which the most notorious, Quatro Base, just outside Luanda, had an appalling record of inhumanity) were located in Angola.

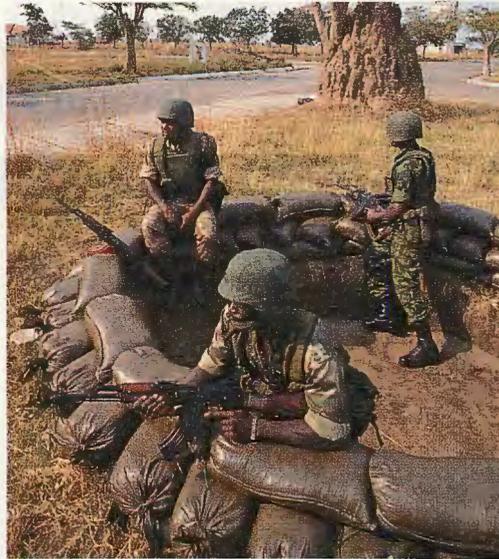
But now the ANC is the governing party in South Africa. Mandela is president. The former commandant of Quatro Base now is the South African minister of defense. And it was at Quatro — now called Funda — that an EO armor advisory team met with the Angolan top brass, including Chief of Staff Gen. Joao de Matos, in December '94 and January '95 to plan the blitzkrieg against Unita.

Besides helping his old allies, the Angolans, Mandela is accomplishing something else: keeping occupied, and gainfully employed, a large group of SADF-trained specialists that any opposition faction in South Africa might want to recruit for its own ends. While they are busy in Angola or Sierra Leone, these technicians, pilots and special-forces soldiers are well away from any potential mischief in South Africa. For Mandela and his allies in the government, it is a very convenient arrangement.

What's more, South Africans are bringing home EO pay in the form of U.S. dollars. It is believed by many that American oil companies are picking up at least some of the tab. Angola has offshore oil fields; various American companies have an interest in that area. There even have been calls in Washington for oil executives to answer questions, at a Senate hearing, on possible corporate involvement with the Angola's Marxist government.

A Washington-based defense consultant with great understanding of

such matters has said that EO has been implicated in an attempt to assassinate Unita leader Savimbi. During that attack, the rebel leader was wounded and two of his men killed. For that reason alone, it would be interesting to compel the oil companies to answer questions before the U.S. Senate about who is paying for



FAA military bases are guarded by well-equipped troops. Notice the soldiers in this gun pit wear flak vests and Kevlar helmets. (In the background, next to the tree, is a common sight in some areas of Africa: a huge termite mound.)

what — if at all — in a long-running, African civil war.

The campaign to drive Unita out of the rich, diamond fields of Cafunfo, and many of the towns of northern Angola, began on 1 September 1994, when Chris Grove, a former SADF paratroop colonel, took over the old Cuban air base at Cabo Ledo on the

coast about 130 kilometers south of Luanda.

Planning soon began to bring the Forças Armadas Angolanas' 16th Regiment up to scratch. A month later, the first FAA battalion of 800 men was being instructed by EO personnel in preparation for the series of battles that ended in the recapture of Cuito, Huambo, Uige and the strategic oil complex of Soyo in the northwest.

Cafunfo was a vital adjunct to these long-term objectives. FAA leaders intended to deprive Unita of access to one of the richest diamond fields in the world by capturing the town. To that end, by November '94 the first EO operational group had been formed. It mainly comprised black soldiers from disbanded, special-operations units such as the police counter-insurgency unit, a paratroop battalion and reconnaissance units; a police counter-insurgency unit, a paratroop battalion and reconnaissance units; a police counter-insurgency unit, a paratroop battalion and reconnaissance units. EO officers were (and still are) all white South Africans.

This new force was divided into three elements: an offensive group, including air-assault units of Mi-17 and Mi-24 helicopters; search-and-rescue and reconnaissance units; a

mobile mechanized group, which began training with the FAA's new T-62 Russian tanks near Luanda area; and a training group based at the mouth of the Longa River, south of Luanda. All key personnel were South African.

By mid-January the mechanized group had begun training with BMP-2s at Cabo Ledo under EO Col. Roelf van Heerden (formerly of the SADF's 82 Mechanized Brigade). Later in 1995 van Heerden was the ranking EO commander in the eastern region of Sierra Leone, also rich in diamonds.

Meanwhile Grove, assisted by two other special-forces veterans, Col. Duncan Rykaart, formerly of No. 1 Recce Commando, and Col. (now Brigadier) Nick van den Bergh, formerly of the 44 Parachute Brigade, got their heads together with the Angolan general staff. They planned an armored op against rebels in northwestern Angola. They had to move 22 new T-62 tanks to Dondo and



Unita raiders knocked out this T-55 tank during an attack on FAA positions in Saurimo, in the eastern part of the country.

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James L. Jorgensen is like millions of other concerned citizens. He was shocked by televised newscasts of the federal government's raid on a little-known religious sect outside Waco, Texas, on 28 February 1993. Jorgensen thinks that, in many ways, congressional hearings on Waco were a sham. He is convinced that the ultimate failure of these hearings makes it more crucial than ever that a special prosecutor be appointed to find the truth and punish guilty government parties.

Like most *Soldier of Fortune* readers, Jorgensen is also certain that high-level federal officials continue to cover up the truth about the initial Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms raid on the Mount Carmel Center, and the final fatal fire that erupted after a tank and poison gas assault by the same Federal Bureau of Investigation agents who, eight months earlier, scripted the bloody Randy Weaver tragedy.

What's the big deal, you ask? Jorgensen shares the opinions of millions of other citizens about many aspects of the Waco disaster. So what?

Because unlike most people outraged over Waco, Jorgensen was, until his retirement in March, an ATF agent. He is among a growing number of federal agents who acknowledge privately that many facts about what happened remain to be learned.

Honest, Open Criticism

Unlike most of his fellow agents, though, Jorgensen expresses his doubts publicly, criticizing the firearms bureau and its bosses in the Treasury Department. He does so both as deputy executive director of the National Association of Treasury Agents, or NATA, and as publisher and editor of NATA's official quarterly magazine, *The Agent*.

As the nominal head of NATA, Jorgensen speaks for "more than 1,000" U.S. Treasury agents (he declined to release the exact member-

by James L. Pate

Photos courtesy Jim Jorgensen

ship number) from ATF, U.S. Customs, the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Secret Service.

"I don't want to give the impression that all of our members are lock-

partment roughly what the *The Resister* is to the Army, except that NATA and *The Agent* do not operate in secret (see "Witch Hunt for The Resister," *SOF*, February '96.) *The*

Agent does provide the anonymity that is unfortunately necessary for agents to speak the truth in today's environment of political correctness. And it has become a source from which Treasury agents can get the unvarnished facts on subjects as diverse as Waco, affirmative action and the U.S. Constitution.

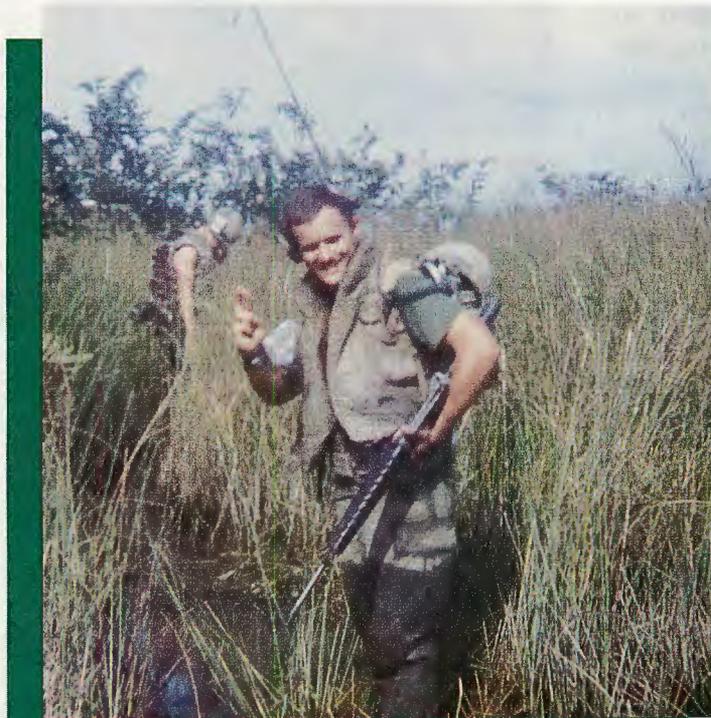
"This is an excellent *ex officio* forum for Treasury agents to explain things that are going wrong and what's going right," said Robert E. Sanders, the former head of ATF's law enforcement division, now an attorney specializing in Second Amendment law. "For management, it should serve as an invaluable source of information... because it's unfiltered by bureaucrats and supervisors... straight from the agents. For management, it is foolish not to pay attention to it."

Although *The Agent* is not available to the public at large, its content offers outsiders who see it a glimpse into the internal debate of rank-and-file Treasury agents (see "Untouchables Come Clean," June '95, and "Mismanaged, Mindless and Macho,"

step with everything that NATA says and does," he told *SOF* in a December interview in Detroit, where he was still working as an ATF agent assigned to a Drug Enforcement Administration task force. "NATA is a diverse organization, open to any and all Treasury agents. So there are going to be some diverging opinions." *The Agent* is to the Treasury De-

ATF'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONSCIENCE

NATA Keeps A Watchful Eye Over Treasury Department



Sergeant Jim Jorgensen, 9th Infantry, 4/47 Mobile Riverines, flashes a traditional Vietnamese sign of encouragement during a daylight sweep, somewhere in Long An or Kien Hoa province in the Mekong Delta, 1969.

Sept. '95.) These people are, after all, people; persons with spouses and families and jobs and mortgages, like most others of the workaday world. It is vital to the continuing debate, and to nourishing the hope that meaningful corrective change can be accomplished under our existing constitutional system, to recognize and hold this common ground. If there is any lesson for everyone on all sides to learn from the escalating tragedies of Ruby Ridge, Waco and Oklahoma City, it is this: Once the hope for debate and redress of grievances decreases, the potential for violence increases.

Unfortunately, no entity acts more quickly to stifle debate than does the federal bureaucracy. And its first target in accomplishing that end is the First Amendment right of its employees to speak out against corruption, cronyism and incompetence. Special agents in the federal government are forbidden by law from organizing a union to protect their common interests, such as when acts of official retribution are aimed at agents who speak out publicly against wrongdoing by federal agencies. NATA is not a union, but it provides legal counsel to defend members who are being wrongly punished by the government, and to force government agencies such as ATF to abide by regulations and the law.

Pricking The Federal Conscience

The person at the pointed end of NATA's legal spear is its general counsel, Kay Kubicki, who was an ATF agent for 12 years before resigning. Kubicki minces no words on why she decided to abandon her career as a special agent in the Department of the Treasury.

"It was not a tough choice," she said. "You have to get up and look at yourself in the mirror in the morning. I saw where ATF was headed; the types of investigations that were being pushed. Numbers became very important; how many numbers could you generate at the end of the year? That became the emphasis. ... They want the quick, easy hit, not the quality case against the hardened criminal. Quality has never been pushed at ATF. They'll tell you that it is. That's a big joke on the taxpayer.

"When I hired on with the federal

government in 1976, I was proud to take that job," Kubicki recalled. "I now see that job as something like job fair. If you can't get a job somewhere else, hire on with the government, because they'll take you. They do not have the standards they had when I hired on in 1976."

Kubicki cited the case of a special agent in charge in the Southwest who's being promoted to a Senior Executive Service (SES) position in California. Civil service SES positions start at about \$110,000 per year. Initially, there was a minimum requirement for a four-year college degree, but the man Kubicki mentioned never got a high school diploma. Dan Hartnett, the former number-two man at ATF, who was fired in the wake of the Waco disaster, also held an SES post, despite his lack of a high school diploma.

"It's nonsense to create these types of positions and then bastardize them," Kubicki said. "It's all mirrors; to try and make the American public think they are in safe hands. And there's nothing further from the truth."

Serving Those Who Serve

But Jorgensen and Kubicki are just as quick to defend competent, hard-working and honest agents still in the ranks. These agents operate at a considerable disadvantage in the current management, not only in ATF, but other Treasury Department law enforcement agencies as well, they say.

"It's foolish to say that agents are always right," Jorgensen said. "On the other hand, they're not always wrong either. We're content to ... let the facts speak for themselves, but what we insist upon is that the agents be given due process. ... This is one

of the reasons NATA was founded."

Kubicki agreed. "When we find agent members who are being disciplined for retaliatory and vindictive reasons, NATA stands behind them. The agencies have a duty to follow the personnel procedures that are mandated by law. The four Treasury agencies don't perceive it that way.



Now pursuing a domestic enemy, raid/search leader Jim Jorgensen, ATF, inspects the remains of an apartment door breached executing a "no-knock" search warrant on an east-side Detroit crack house.

They are like the old Cheech and Chong routine; 'Badges? We don't need no stinking badges.' The four Treasury agencies think, 'We don't need no stinking regulations.'

"When an agent files to protect his or her constitutional rights, all of a sudden all hell breaks loose because that agent had the nerve to stand up for what's right," she said. "They become targets and they are under attack. I have yet to see an agent who files a complaint against a manager who doesn't then have to begin litigation."

While the Treasury Department takes a public stance toward NATA ostensibly equal to that of other agent-representative groups, it shows its disfavor in small but unmistakable ways.

There are organizations other than NATA that also represent the inter-

ests of federal special agents, such as the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, which is regularly endorsed by ATF Director John Magaw. But, in FLEOA's case, its supposed independence is a front used to parrot the administration's party line. For example, FLEOA's president, Victor Oboyski, defended ATF's actions at Waco to a House of Representatives panel, testifying that "the days of a couple of agents ... walking up to somebody's front door and knocking ... in three-piece suits to execute a warrant ... is [sic] over."

There are other groups besides FLEOA and NATA. There is the National Organization for Black Law Enforcement Executives, or NOBLE, and a female offshoot of NOBLE. There are similar groups representing agents of Hispanic and Asian descent. Another is Women in Federal Law Enforcement, or WIFLE. And the federal bureaucracy spends hundreds of thousands of dollars each year in per diem pay, travel allowance and paid time off for members to attend the meetings of these various groups.

But not NATA. When special agent members of NATA applied for similar allowances to attend NATA's annual meeting near Orlando 15-17 February, they were denied without exception, according to Jorgensen and Kubicki.

One case NATA is following closely is that of ATF Special Agent Robert Rodriguez, who worked undercover in the Waco debacle, and tried to stop the ill-fated raid an hour before it was scheduled to launch, because he learned the element of surprise was lost. Unlike other ATF agents sued as a result of the raid, the federal government has refused, as of this writing, to provide legal counsel for his defense. If Rodriguez does not get government-sponsored defense, Jorgensen said, NATA may have to step in.

Like the public at large, Waco is a subject that continues to preoccupy ATF agents. It still dominates most other topics in mail received by *The Agent*. Those letters appear in a section called "Agent's Forum," the most popular part of the quar-

terly newsletter, Jorgensen said.

"NATA is very concerned that, at the three-year mark [after Waco,] nothing had changed," Jorgensen said. "We've got four dead ATF agents ... [who were] sent out on a suicide mission."

After being advised by Rodriguez that the element of surprise for the raid had been lost, the raid commanders, Special Agents Chuck Sarabyn and Phil Chojnacki, ordered the raid to go ahead anyway. When it failed and 10 people, including three unarmed Branch Davidians, were killed, Chojnacki and Sarabyn denied to their supervisors and the public that they had known the raid had been compromised. They tried to blame the raid's failure on the only man who did the right thing: Robert Rodriguez.

Based on his experiences as a combat veteran of Vietnam's Mekong Delta, where he was a platoon sergeant, Jorgensen is convinced that Chojnacki's and Sarabyn's decision

"...when these people in government loot our tax dollars, or commit other crimes, and they are allowed to not only get away with it, but are retired on a government pension, no reasonable person can have respect for the governing authority. The system has broken down."

to go ahead, knowing the element of surprise had been lost, was one of criminal negligence. "If this had been a military mission," he said, "these two guys would have been court-martialed and probably sent to jail," he said, adding that the subsequent effort to wrongly blame Rodriguez is also probably a crime.

NATA "has never second-guessed the ... choice to use dynamic entry," said Jorgensen, who said he's seen the tactic used successfully in many cases. "But what we've also said is that, at the point where the raid commanders knew that surprise had been lost, then the decision to use forced entry was, of course, a flawed decision ... I think the best memorial to those four agents who gave up their lives doing their duty is to ensure that this never happens again ... agents being sent on a suicide mission ..."

On the second anniversary of the ATF's Waco raid, Jorgensen and other NATA officials held a press conference in Waco to call for the appointment of a special federal prosecutor to investigate the government's role, and to suggest that ATF management was covering up the role and ultimate culpability of ATF leadership in deciding to go ahead with the ill-fated operation, after learning that the element of surprise had been lost.

Protecting Principles, Or Principals?

Asked if he thought the raid time had been set later in the morning for the benefit of television cameras, Jorgensen said he had no direct knowledge of such a decision, but he did not find such a suggestion implausible. Jorgensen thinks that ATF and Treasury officials have not told the truth about the decision-making process during and after the raid. He believes a cover-up was undertaken to protect top management.

"Chojnacki and Sarabyn were fired and then hastily rehired," Jorgensen said. "I've never seen that happen before. The government generally litigates these personnel actions for years and years. Five or six years would not be at all unusual. Yet Mr. Sarabyn and Mr. Chojnacki were hired back in a mere six weeks" after appealing their dismissal to

the Merit Systems Protection Board, the federal entity to which civil service employees file grievances on cases in which they think they have been treated unfairly.

"It appears — and I think some congressmen have openly speculated on this — that Mr. Sarabyn and Mr. Chojnacki obviously have a smoking gun somewhere," he said. "And in an effort to keep that smoking gun hidden, the government restored them to duty with back pay and attorneys' fees and all sorts of other perks, which are a matter of record. It doesn't smell right."

The rehiring of Sarabyn and Chojnacki was "a political [decision]" Kubicki said. "There is a flood of civil suits against the ATF. So it makes more sense to rehire these people because ATF has a flood of other litigation. How could you better control

your witnesses than keep them in the government. It's all about control ... These agencies are like dysfunctional families. You do not have a healthy environment to begin with. It's not to keep these agents happy. That's not a consideration. It's totally for control. They want control over Sarabyn and Chojnacki."

"One of the biggest disappointments of Waco was that there were agents there with sufficient experience to know that going in after having lost the element of surprise was suicide," Jorgensen said. "There were agents there with combat experience; there were agents there with 15 and 20 years on the job. If someone had stood up and said, 'Wait a minute. We shouldn't do this,' it is conceivable that nobody would've have gotten hurt. No doubt, such a move would be a career risk, but this was clearly one of those times when people needed to put their job on the line."

That's not going to happen in the existing "oppressive and duplicitous management climate at ATF," Jorgensen said. And the administration of Director Magaw, the former Secret Service head who was tapped to correct ATF's management problems after the former director, Steve Higgins, was forced to retire, has only made matters worse, he said.

"Merit" System Lacks Merit

"Basically, very little has changed at ATF. The level of basic street experience of most managers — the positions comparable to those of Chojnacki and Sarabyn — is basically the same. The manner in which current managers got their positions is the way that Chojnacki and Sarabyn got their positions. It's basically through the good-old-boy system, or cronyism. And this isn't cronyism based on being a white male. There are plenty of cronies at ATF who are females ... who are black. ... It's a matter of personal loyalty. That's how you become a crony; if you have demonstrated that you will keep your

mouth shut at the right time; if you have demonstrated that you will be personally loyal, no matter what. And this kind of loyalty is unlawful in federal service."

"The so-called merit promotion system is a sham and a shame," said Jorgensen. "And it isn't just within ATF. It's bad in all the other Treasury agencies. It's never worked fairly, and it doesn't work now. And until it is



Special Agent Jim Jorgensen, ATF, goes over his notes at an observation post during a surveillance operation.

changed, you will continue to get managers up the chain of command who have little or no street experience and really aren't qualified to make some crucial decisions, as happened in Waco."

"This happens routinely," Jorgensen said. "I know of special agents in charge now on duty who have had only a couple of years on the street. I know of one who has less than two years of street experience. He impressed somebody along the way and was put in a series of paper-shuffling jobs. Onward and upward and pretty soon you're the SAC of a large district and you've never really done the job. It's like having somebody who's chief of surgery at a major hospital who only did some scalpel work when they were a resident medical student. It's a unconscionable situation."

"The major change needed is [to] the so-called merit promotion system. Not only has that not been done, but any semblance of merit promotion

has gone out the door at ATF, evident by the fact that more and more lawsuits and complaints are being filed by agents against the ATF," Jorgensen said. "Mr. Magaw is bold and brazen about it. He'll promote, say, a female agent to an executive position without any competition for the job. He just says that his decision and he's done it ... It's hurt morale, of course."

No Cases, No Problems

"If any agents have been intimidated by Waco, it's the marginal producers who had to be cajoled, pushed and shoved into action, even in the best of times. But it's the ones that are less than marginal that often get promoted; the ones that make *no* cases. Remember the old adage: Big cases, big problems; no cases, no problems. If your merit promotion system is working, these people couldn't get promoted. But they do, and that is my point."

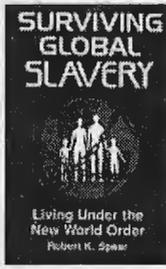
The existing process for evaluating and promoting front-line supervisors within Treasury agencies is "crucial ... because it's from those front-line supervisors that you eventually get your ASACs, your SACs, your associate directors," the NATA head said. "They all started out as front-line supervisors. So if you've got a skewed process for selecting those front-line supervisors, you're eventually going to have layers of skewed middle-and-upper-management at the SAC level and the associate director level. The process for selecting front-line supervisors must have integrity or the whole system eventually is going to be rotten to the core and cave in on itself."

Kay Kubicki agreed. "This is what corrupts and destroys the integrity of our government," she said. "I think many, many people have lost all faith and trust in the quote-unquote system. ... And once government loses its legitimacy ... it's a very dangerous situation. Because ordinary people lose respect for authority. We ... expect some order, and ... that people who break the law will be punished. And when these people in government loot our tax dollars, or commit other crimes, and they are allowed to not only get away with it, but are retired on a government pension, no reasonable person can have respect for the governing authority. The system has broken down." ✕

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non ammunition uses electric primers; but despite the widespread adoption of battery-powered small-arms accessories such as image intensifiers and laser-aiming pointers, there still would be major psychological barriers to be overcome. Electronic trigger mechanisms work well enough in match weapons but the stakes seldom are deadly on Olympic firing lines, where the targets never shoot back. Asking an infantryman to bet his life in the heat of battle on a battery-powered LCD control panel is not something even a chaplain could expect to get away with.

As to small-arms potential, most existing weapon designs already cover present requirements at least adequately, if maybe not to the degree of perfection some NATO planners still appear to desire. No penalty-free quantum leap in small-arms effectiveness seems possible without resorting to the completely unconventional — and equally controversial — "death ray" solutions. But with the adoption of a new U.N. protocol on laser weapons, even this avenue already is being closed off.

A "Repeatable Claymore"?

Another application for Metal Storm's volley-fire system is in anti-personnel area defense: a "bullet-firing Claymore." Unlike the real Claymore mine — a one-time-only weapon — Metal Storm's version could be fired many times before human intervention was required. Another of O'Dwyer's proposals, the Small Remote Perimeter & Asset Protection Pod, is for a 169-barrel weapon. Only 4 inches square and 16 inches long, it would be loaded with 10 rounds of 5mm ammunition per barrel and weigh a total of 47.5 pounds.

His "repeatable Claymore" concept further envisages a 5mm weapon with 288 barrels and 864-round payload, able to be preconfigured with firing rates and burst duration. Such a weapon could even be used as a "machine gun substitute" delivering suppressive fire during amphibious assaults on heavily defended beaches or helicopter landings at "hot" LZs. This would be a "hungry" weapon,

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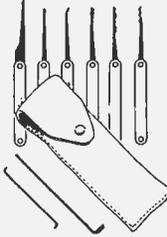
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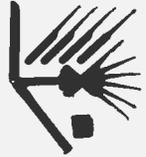
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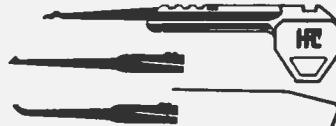
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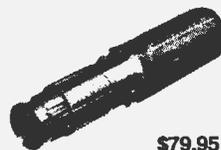
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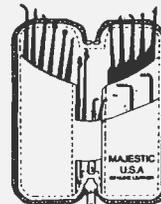


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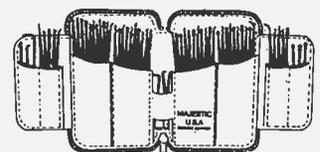
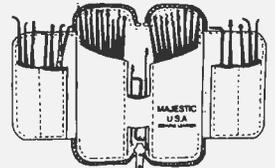
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He also predicts the bigger Metal Storm weapons will have common-walled barrels, which further would reduce bulk and weight. O'Dwyer also believes major weight savings could be achieved using light alloys, ceramics and plastics, with thin metal bore liners, all of which would be especially useful in "throwaway" pod systems.

Many of Metal Storm's ideas, transformed into actual weapons, likely would impose unacceptable weapon handling, tactical and logistical constraints, particularly in relation to military small arms (which, though often maligned, actually have been quite well-honed in the light of

more than two centuries of combat experience). That said, none of this should be interpreted to belittle the impressive effort so far of O'Dwyer and Metal Storm nor their potential for entry in the much more specialized field of CIWS, where entirely different criteria may apply.

British writer Nick Steadman specializes in subjects related to small arms. He also is a contributing editor to Omega Group's Fighting Firearms magazine. ✂

ALLEY CLEANERS

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bright orange-red insert and is dove-tailed into a high-profile, serrated ramp mount which has been securely brazed to the muzzle end of the barrel.

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BANG FOR BUCKSHOT

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buffer will eventually leak into the gun's action and chamber, so the mouth of these shells should be sealed with nail polish or clear lacquer.

However, Federal's most popular 00 buckshot load by a considerable margin is now their so-called "Tactical Load" (catalog #H132-00). It also

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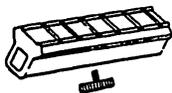
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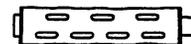


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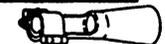
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Oscar Frederick Mossberg's first position with a firearms firm was at the Iver-Johnson Arms and Cycle Works in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, where he was assigned to machine work in the bicycle department. From these humble beginnings, the authors take us on an enthralling ride through the history of O.F. Mossberg & Sons, Inc. O.F. Mossberg subsequently worked for C.S. Shattuck Arms Co., J. Stevens Arms & Tool Co. and Marlin-Rockwell during World War I, where he was assigned the challenging task of synchronizing the firing sequence of the Colt aircraft machine gun so that it would not interfere with the rotation of the plane's propeller.

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— P.G.K. ☒

SUDAN'S UN-CIVIL WAR

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isfaction that there is slavery in the Sudan he can take it up as a cause, to fight against it. ... That is why I say I do not want this important issue to be a propaganda issue in this country, but to be a real issue that concerns particularly the African-American community. ...

SOF: *Wars in Africa in this century have been particularly brutal — Congo, Biafra, Uganda, Liberia, Rwanda, etc. — with few combatants paying more than lip service to the Geneva-Hague Conventions. There has been widespread criticism and documentation of SPLA looting, rape, arbitrary killing, and destruction. This hurts the SPLA cause and confuses Westerners on the central issues. What have you done to curb excesses?*

Garang: The SPLA/SPLM as a liberation movement — when you compare it to other liberation movements — we have the best human-rights record. We have prisoners of war. In the African wars that you just

mentioned I cannot think of a liberation movement that kept prisoners of war. The Sudan government, our enemy, our opponent, has no prisoners of war. They've been visited by the ICRC. We have prisoners of war; we have released them. We are actually in the process of releasing more now. We screen them. There are three categories: people who want to go back to government-controlled areas; those who want to stay with us and join our liberation struggle; and those who want to be refugees. So that's our record with respect to prisoners of war.

SOF: *Earlier you mentioned regulations — a code of conduct — for SPLA troops. Could you brief us on this code of conduct?*

Garang: We have a 10-point code of conduct. The first defines the behavior of a soldier towards his opponent. The guideline is that the objective of war is not just to kill the other guy, but to make the other guy noncombative. So if an enemy soldier is disarmed or unarmed, killing that soldier is a crime and is punishable by our laws. So it is significant that it [SPLA code] begins with re-

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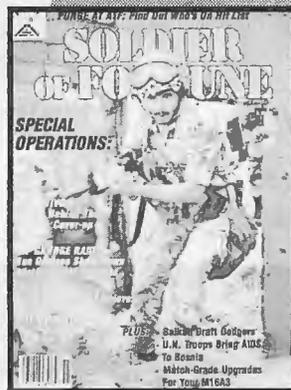
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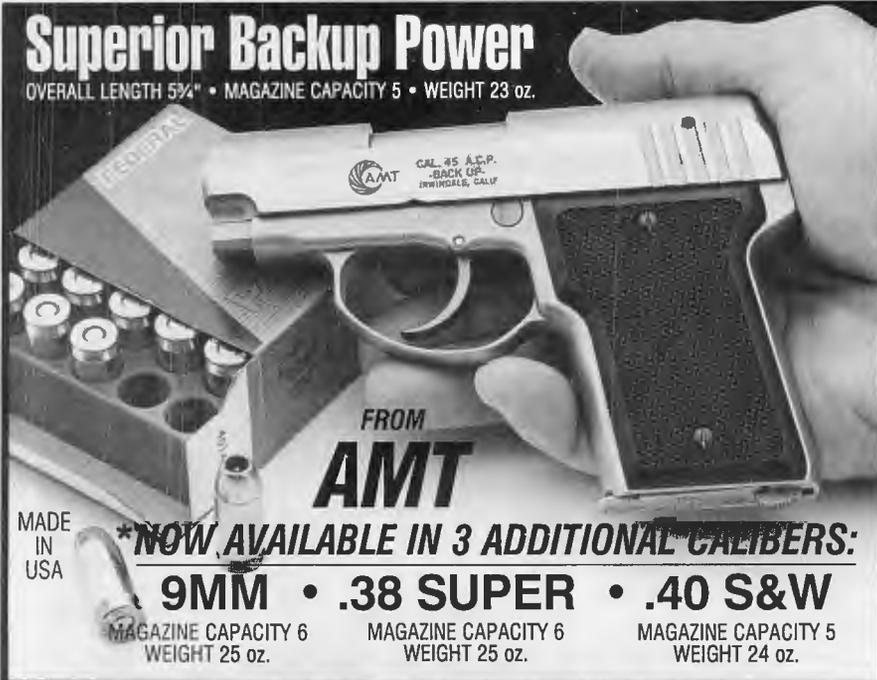
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SOF: Looting?

Garang: Another point. Respect for the property of the civil population. Absolutely no looting. It is a violation of the rights of the people. It affects war, the discipline of the troops ... so we have a definite code of conduct. ...

SOF: In the past there have been accusations that SPLA troops have ambushed relief convoys. Would you care to address this?

Garang: Relief convoys? Why would we ambush relief convoys that are going to us? This is nonsensical. Guerrilla warfare — which is what we are, guerrillas — depends upon the civil population for intelligence, information, political support, for food. ... The international relief that goes to the civil population increases the food of the civil population and the civil population contributes food to us. Now why would I want to prevent an increase in food to the civil population when the civil population feeds me? ... This is a propaganda campaign emanating from Khartoum. And from journalists who want a sensationalistic story.

SOF: Since the 1991 split at Nasir and the later defection of [SPLA executive officer] William Nyuon Bany, there has been more fighting between the factions than against the government. With the fight for Juba the Sudanese military was weakening ... then the split and things began to go in Khartoum's favor. The factional infighting has done what Khartoum couldn't: destroy brigades of southern Sudanese fighters. Are you not achieving the aims of Khartoum?

Garang: Let me put it in perspective. [SPLA officers] Riek Machar, Lam Akol ... William Nyuon, later on, announced a coup. They said they had overthrown the leaders of the SPLM-SPLA. That did not succeed

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and when they did not succeed they joined Bashir, they joined the NIF. The Nasir [in southeastern Sudan] faction was getting all their military equipment, ammunition, weapons, uniforms, even food in some situations, from the NIF. They literally became part of the Sudan government forces. There are southern Sudanese that are fighting in the ranks of the Sudanese Army ... there remain southerners, Nubas, that are fighting as government soldiers. The difference between this group is that they were guerrillas before. Then they got co-opted after the failure of the alleged coup — a coup which was meaningless because technically you cannot have a coup in a guerrilla movement. A coup means grabbing power, which means power is concentrated. It is in a place it can be taken. When there is a coup, in the classical sense, you run for the radio station [laughs] ... which we do not have. You run for the general headquarters, which also we do not have; we are mobile. I sleep in a grass hut. So when you say you are leading a coup, what do you mean? You want to take over the grass hut?

So it was not a coup as such. It was an action taken by these commanders to take over leadership and negotiate a settlement with Khartoum. When they did not succeed in that, Khartoum used them against us. We are not fighting ourselves. ... For an example, one [factional leader] had his headquarters a stone's throw from Malakal. If the government wanted to overrun them they would. But they allow them to exist so they would fight us. The same thing with Riek Machar in Nasir, and when Nasir no longer served any purpose for the NIF government, they overran it. There was not a single shot fired when the NIF went to Nasir. ... It is only us who have been fighting the NIF regime from 1983 to 1991. ... So that is why I say it is a misstatement of realities to say that the factions are fighting each other more than the Sudan government. ...

SOF: And how did the recent reconciliation come about?

Garang: Having been fighting us for four years, some began to realize the tragedy of what they were doing. William Nyuon, who was Riek Machar's chief of staff, came back to us and said, "Brothers, this has been

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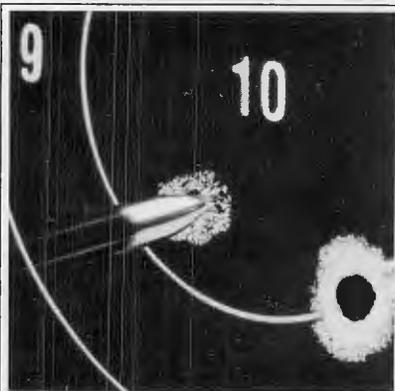
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a very bad mistake." He actually came from Khartoum to Juba and from Juba to Lafon. And in Lafon they entrapped an NIF convoy that was going to Kapoeta. It was the second convoy, the first convoy passed through them and they facilitated passage. When the second convoy came the situation had changed; the officers and men in Lafon with William Nyuon decided to come back to the movement. So the NIF troops came, thought it was business as usual, and they fell into the hands of William Nyuon. William captured the commander, 70 others, two T-55 tanks and five trucks. He came to us and said, "This is evidence that I am coming back."

So it is indisputable that the Nasir faction was collaborating with the NIF regime. William Nyuon, himself, confirmed it to us and to the international community. He talks about it openly. He had met Bashir in Khartoum and he has confirmed that Riek Machar was collaborating with the NIF regime. We are now ... winning them back so that we deny them to the NIF and the NIF does not use them and the NIF is trying to pull them. They [NIF] have invested heavily on this they are spending lots of money to keep them on their side. So we are doing everything to see that our constituency, elements of our constituency, are not used [by the NIF].

We are also free to do the same thing in the north. In "Anyana 1," for example, it was the Nuba people that were the main force of Khartoum fighting us. We have neutralized this now because the Nuba people are part of the SPLM-SPLA. In the Nuba Mountains our army there is not less than 6,000 men. So in addition to denying the Nuba to Khartoum they are part of the SPLA and they are fighting Khartoum. The people of the Red Sea have organized their own movement; they are not part of the SPLA. They have their own army and we are in alliance with them. ...

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severely malnourished. Given the other losses to disease and war injuries, will the southern Sudanese survive for another generation?

Garang: That underlines what must be done ... by the international community to alleviate that suffering, by the movement, by the SRRA to help alleviate that suffering. If it is not done the southern Sudanese will continue to struggle. It is their freedom that is at stake. Because the implication of your question is, "Why don't you give up? Why don't you surrender for your own good?" If we surrender we will be slaves. If we don't surrender, we remain free.

SOF: So, better to die free men than live like sheep?

Garang: No, we don't intend to die! [Laughs] So the issue is the cause of the SPLA. The cause of the people of the southern Sudan. Is it just? It is just and it should be supported. ... We have shown that we cannot be defeated. The [Khartoum] regime has announced many times our demise. But that was exaggerated.

SOF: In the words of Mark Twain. ... [Laughs]

Garang: The report of our death was an exaggeration. We have survived, we have gone on the offensive. On the 25th of October we beat the NIF. The NIF was presenting itself to the eyes of the world, that it was invincible. It was literally telling the world that, "Yes, we are evil in the eyes of the world but we are here to stay; we can't be defeated." We [SPLA] have shown that they are evil and they can be defeated. ... We have rejuvenated the SPLM-SPLA and we have put our house in order. We are in alliance with northern Sudanese opposition groups and the NIF is isolated internationally. The NIF is losing. We are confident of victory.

SOF: I understand that you must leave now. Thank you for your time, sir. Good luck to you and the SPLA.

Garang: It has been my pleasure. You are welcome to come back to the Sudan sometime. This time, bring us some anti-aircraft guns! ✕

I WAS THERE

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this up but we could make a report to the ordnance people and find out what their experience was when field testing the weapon.

At daybreak the company saddled up readied itself to move back into the old night defensive position. During the night they periodically fired mortar rounds into the position to keep any VC forces honest. Several of the tracks carrying ammo were left in the area, along with individual weapons and other personal equipment, which were quickly gathered as they prepared to move out on the day's route-security mission. I examined the track where the incident occurred: The weapon and vehicle were almost totally destroyed.

The largest body part I saw appeared to be part of a hip. Four lives had been snuffed out in an instant. The division commander choppered in and I told him what I thought had occurred, and he in turn talked to the young company commander and sent him off on the day's mission. I returned to

my office and investigated routine complaints. The men in the company put the incident behind them. They had more on their minds: their security mission that day, just keeping alive, watching out for snipers and booby traps and trying to outsmart an elusive enemy who was always there hoping to catch them with their guard down.

As I said good-bye and boarded the commander's helicopter, I could only think of the families of those four dead soldiers. Their parents were probably not aware that they had lost a son. Somewhere some officer was preparing to visit and inform them of their misfortune. They would probably never know how it happened; how their sons had died. They would be informed their sons died bravely in the service of their country. They would receive a flag draped over a coffin they would not be told was empty. It would receive a military burial with honors.

As in every war, none would suffer more than the mothers. ✕

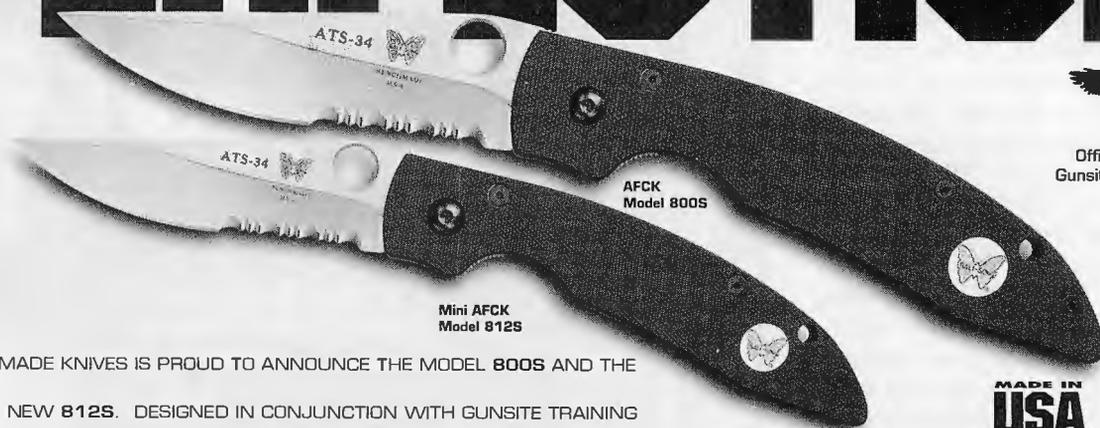
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changes in both direction and elevation. It is usually employed against a target area whose longer axis is at an oblique to the line of fire. Changes in both direction (usually 2 mils) and elevation (depending upon the obliquity of the target area) are made after each burst.

Swinging traverse is used against targets when rapid changes in direction are required. Targets of considerable width moving toward or away from the gun, or vehicles moving across the front are examples that might call for swinging traverse. To employ swinging traverse, the traversing slide lock lever must be loosened enough to permit the gunner to swing the gun laterally. *Free gun* fire is used against moving targets which must be engaged with rapid changes in both elevation and deflection. The T&E mechanism is moved off the tra-

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versing bar so that the gun can swing freely up or down and in either direction. Swinging traverse and free-gun firing expend the greatest amount of ammunition with the lowest hit probability. They should be employed only as a last resort in combat, or by those at a civilian machine gun shoot sitting on an inflatable toilet seat with large quantities of ammunition to waste.

Whenever possible, to provide for the most accurate fire, the tripod legs should be secured by sandbags. Several sandbags under the tripod's pintle bushing will also add to the system's stability. The tripod's rear legs should be planted firmly into the ground, preferably against a wood backing, if that is available. The M2/M122 tripod's traversing bar has an engraved scale to assist in measuring or establishing horizontal angles. This scale is calibrated with 100-mil major divisions and 5-mil minor subdivisions, up to 450 mils left and 425 mils right. Note that the .50

caliber M3 tripod and its T&E mechanism are just scaled-up versions of the .30 caliber mount

The *mil* is a unit of angular measurement used in artillery and machinegunnery. One mil is equal to 1/6400 of a circle. But, the most important thing to understand about mil increments is that 1 mil is an angle that subtends a width of approximately 1 unit at a distance of 1,000 units. Thus, on the old 1,000-inch U.S. Army machine-gun target, moving the gun 1 mil will change the point of impact 1 inch. This corresponds to 1 yard at 1,000 yards or 3.6 inches at 100 yards.

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built into it. The 50-mil scale engraved on the upper surface of the handwheel is divided into 5-mil major graduations and 1-mil subdivisions. Using the elevating handwheel, the maximum amount of elevation that can be obtained is 465 mils, 265 mils above the zero graduation and 200 mils below.

When the T&E mechanism is oriented correctly (with both the traversing slide lever and the elevating screw joint pin — which goes through the gun's rear tripod mounting holes — to the rear, facing the gunner), the traversing handwheel will be on the left side. It also has a mil click device built into it. It has a 25-mil micrometer scale and the gun may be traversed up to approximately 50 mils either right or left using the traversing handwheel, and up to 875 mils by moving the traversing slide along the traversing bar.

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AFTERSHOCKS

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all over the place." The point here isn't whether stun grenades would have had any physical impact on the structure — the point is telling the truth!

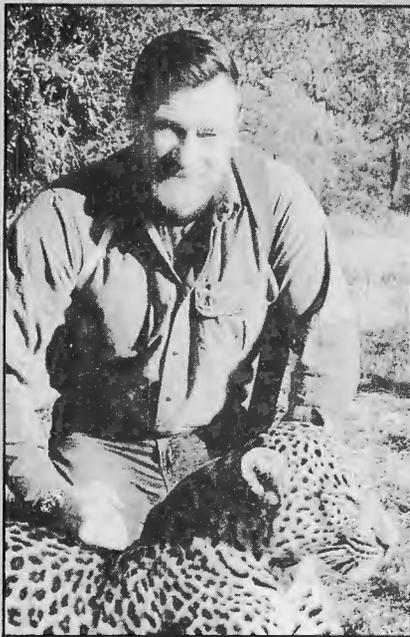
Some witnesses claim to have seen boxes marked "High Explosives" in the building rubble. In all fairness to the feds, it is possible that what was seen were undercover props. As part of their undercover operations, ATF several years ago had many different "prop" explosive devices made up by various manufacturers to aid in undercover and "buy-bust" cases. Ranging from boxes of ersatz dynamite and blasting caps to military hand grenades and rockets, these props look (even to the trained eye) to be the real thing; the only difference being that they are inert and contain no actual explosives.

Nearly 10 years ago, several cases of Soviet explosive ordnance, including rockets and HE-filled fuzes, washed up on the beaches of southern Florida. The material wound up at FBI headquarters in the Hoover building in downtown Washington, D.C. and there was a fire. Needless to say, when the ordnance began to cook-off, several District of Columbia firefighters experienced the pucker factor of a lifetime, especially when one rocket blasted off, blowing a 2-foot diameter hole in a cinder-block wall. Although the incident was buried on page 99 of the *Washington Post*, it sent shock waves throughout federal law enforcement agencies prompting them to clean up their own backyards. (More than 30 pounds of explosives were taken out of ATF headquarters just down the street.)

Could the passage of time have dimmed memories and allowed some of these agencies to slip back into sloppy storage habits? Although anything is possible, I seriously doubt any of these agencies would ever again allow large quantities of explosives into federal buildings, especially in large population centers. Oklahoma State Representative Charles Key, concerned about just such a possibility, has twice called for a grand jury to look into these charges. In an interview with *SOF*, Key stated that in both cases this request was turned

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ing and the loss of the children, they were advised to apply for federal worker's compensation, as were 460 other federal employees who were victims that day. Of the 462 federal employees who then applied for worker's compensation, 460 were approved. Guess which two were denied. Part of the basic requirements for compensation state that, "The medical condition found must be causally related to factors of Federal employment." and "The injury must have been sustained in the performance of duty." In its letter of denial, the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Worker's Compensation stated, in part, that "Your presence at your work site at the time of the explosion does not by itself establish that you were in performance of duty when your injury occurred." What? God forbid someone got up from their federal desk to seek federal relief then slipped and fell while in the federal latrine.

Glenn Wilburn, a less-than-radical CPA, has been involved in his own efforts to find out what really happened. But then he's just a nut

case, if you would believe the feds. But if that's the case why do they feel a need to tap his phone and place his family home under surveillance? Is this just his imagination? Rather doubtful. Whenever certain people come to visit, strange cars show up in the vacant lot across from his house, which when approached, take off like rabbits. On one occasion, while being visited by investigative reporter J.D. Cash and an investigator for Timothy McVeigh's attorney, they looked out to spot a young fed in his shiny red sedan observing them. And, like the black agent in the white van from earlier days, when approached with a camera he beat feet. I guess such foolishness is easier than chasing John Doe(s).

As with Waco and Ruby Ridge, everything in this case is certainly not what it would be made to appear. And as with those earlier federal screw-ups, it's going to take a lot of digging to uncover the truth. There are a lot of people out there who know more than they're telling; restrained either by guilt or fear. They need to come forward — the sooner

the better. With that, I issue a personal appeal to those who have any valid information. In the memory of all who died, their families and loved ones, and for our nation, help us uncover the complete truth.

A veteran of Army EOD and the B ATF, Richard L. Sherrow continues SOF's on-site investigation of the Oklahoma City bombing tragedy. ✕

TARGETS

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Dange-ia-Menho on low-loader transports in preparation for the attack, which would commence from the area of Malanje, a town located some 360 kilometers east-southeast of Luanda. However, the op was postponed half a dozen times and finally canceled.

Other EO men assumed key positions. Col. Blaauw took command of Combat Group Alpha; his FAA counterpart was Brigadier Gen. Sachimo. The group included a motorized infantry battalion.

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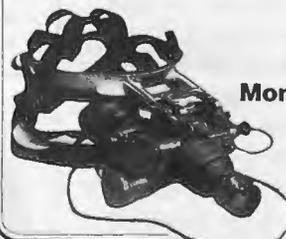
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down. Representative Key is still pursuing the matter.

Just Shut Up

As was the case with Waco and Ruby Ridge, anyone who begins to voice concerns and questions the government version of events is immediately branded as a right-wing, antigovernment, hate mongering conspiracy theorist by the liberal members of the media and the minions of the Great and Powerful Oz. Such is the case with Edye Smith and other victims of the Oklahoma City bombing who are outspoken in their desire to learn the truth. It soon became apparent that what these people had better learn real fast is to shut up!

Before reporting to work at the IRS building the morning of 19 April, Edye and her mother, Kathy Graham, dropped Edye's two young sons, Chase and Colton, off at the day care center in the A.P. Murrah Federal Building. It was the last time they would ever see the boys alive.

When the blast destroyed the Murrah Building and rocked the IRS offices, Edye knew in a way that only mothers do, that her children were in peril. Leaving their workplaces, Edye and Kathy ran to the day care center, only to have their worst fears realized. The awful loss the family suffered that day is now being compounded. Soon realizing that there was something very wrong with the official version of the bombing, Edye began to publicly speak out with questions of her own. Supporting her in her search for answers was her step-father, Glenn Wilburn. Soon they would find out the price of questioning the government.

Just when you think you've seen just how low some feds can get, and how eminently stupid some are, up pops yet another glaring example. At the funeral for little Chase and Colton Smith, the FBI decided that Edye's 14-year-old step-brother, Bart, looked like (are you ready for this?) John Doe Two! And, of course, they couldn't wait to confront the already-grieving family with this nugget of investigative genius. Is it any wonder that the fed's approval ratings are sinking faster than the Titanic?

Then in July, while both Edye and her mother Kathy were under doctors' care for the emotional trauma suffered as a direct result of the bomb-

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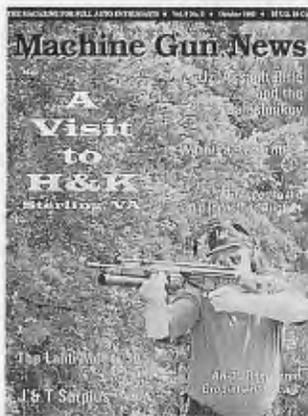


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Soon afterward, Blaauw was detached to take command of the Saurimo sector. A tactical HQ already had been established in Saurimo, about 160 kilometers west of the Cafunfo diamond fields, by Rykaart. Combat Group Bravo then became the operational unit for the attack on Cafunfo.

To this end, Russian air crews flying the huge, droop-winged Il-76s lifted 32 BMP-2s, two at a time, eastward from Luanda.

Recons Turn Rough

Rykaart's choice of action in the east was limited. Unita was well established in the region; their forces were wide-ranging and they could strike almost at will. (Even now some tend to overlook the remarkable mobility and spirit of Savimbi's men; a bad mistake.)

EO units began immediately with disruptive actions against known rebel positions. They hit first at Xinge, the regional HQ under Unita Brigadier Bule, who consistently has shown an aggressive style of command.

This task required much reconnais-

sance work in preparation for the coming offensive. Since many of Rykaart's men had served in the SADF recce commandos, the preemptive attacks should have been a breeze. They were not. Eight EO men were killed or reported missing in action in this phase. None of the bodies ever has been recovered.

By the time Blaauw took over in Saurimo, planning had reached an advanced stage.

Because of a civil war that had been fought for 20 years, eastern Angola, though well-populated and rich in diamonds, had become fragmented. Savimbi dominated 90 percent of the countryside as well as the roads; FAA personnel and equipment could be moved only by air.

Most of the bridges linking Saurimo with the western part of the country had been destroyed in previous offensives. The few that were standing, such as those south of Cafunfo at Manuel Angola and Cuango across the river of the same name, had demolitions in place should any MPLA force move in that direction. While Blaauw acknowledged

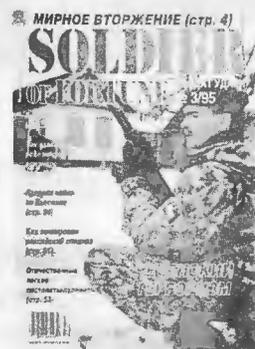
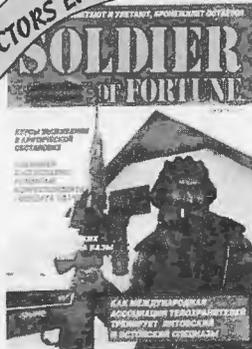
that it would have been useful to strike out directly westward in the direction of Cafunfo, that was impossible because of a dozen or more rivers that flow north into Zaire.

Many of the roads had been mined. In this, Unita had been particularly effective. (Recent surveys by U.N. personnel have shown that it will take three to five years of concerted effort to clear the main routes in the region of land mines — and never mind secondary roads.)

For these and several other reasons it was decided that Combat Group Bravo should first move south along the main road from Saurimo and then lead westward once the strategic crossroads at Cacolo (about 150 kilometers west of Saurimo) had been overrun. It would be a succession of battles, he predicted; Cacolo was as vital to Unita's war effort as it was to the government's. It lay across the main east-west highway linking Luanda with the interior and Zaire.

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tion. Only 25 days actually were needed.

What made the Cafunfo operation different from any other was that Combat Group Bravo went to great lengths to avoid roads. The 28 BMPs that Blaauw would use in his attacks were tracked vehicles; he would push them overland through the swamps, savannah and rain forests of northern Angola. While he was in tactical command, he was answerable directly to the senior FAA commander with the column, the Cuban-trained FAA Brigadier de Castro, an old hand at unconventional bush operations. Interestingly, de Castro and Blaauw had crossed swords before, in southern Angola.

The first phase of the operation, the capture of the crossroads, came after the Alto Quilo River had been bridged by Russian TMM bridge-laying vehicles. Luanda had allocated two TMMs to the combat group. Without them the attack would have been stopped within days.

Progress through the Angolan hinterland was slow. "Bundu-bashing" is difficult in raw Africa. This corner

of the continent had never been opened up by the Portuguese by the time they left Africa in 1975.

Unita was active here. Not a day went by without the column being mortared or ambushed.

"They hit us regularly," Blaauw recalled. "But they had little effect against our armor; we just shut the hatches and plowed into their lines. They suffered terrible losses. We would be traveling along in the bush and as soon as we heard the distant *plop* of mortars, we would close down everything and drive on. Sometimes their aim was well off. At other times we got hit. But their NATO-supplied [mortars] had little effect on us, even if a machine took a direct hit." A direct hit by a mortar, however, was hard on the crew's eardrums.

The route chosen by Blaauw and the Angolan brigadier was a series of remote bush tracks north of the main Cacolo-Cuango road. A second, smaller column would feint west from Cacolo, but that was a diversionary tactic to keep Unita guessing.

"Our tactics caused serious prob-

lems for the Unita High Command," the EO officer said. "They had been expecting us to hog the road and had prepared accordingly. They never believed that we would head straight across country. It had never been done before. So they weren't able to bring heavy artillery to bear. If they had it might have been different. Most important of all, we avoided their minefields.

"And of course we were helped by our air superiority," Blaauw said. "Any Unita concentration or town would be plastered by EO pilots flying Russian MiG-23s and Swiss Pilatus PC-7s." The aircraft were armed with 68mm rockets and 250- and 500-kilogram impact bombs.

In desperation, Savimbi threw everything he had at the approaching column, now within 20 miles of Cafunfo. Some attacks were suicidal. Men on the ground or in soft-skinned vehicles were no match for the FAA armor. The Unita leader had detached some of his most experienced units from other areas to try to keep the FAA out of Cafunfo.

Both of Savimbi's senior com-



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manders, Gen. Bok (the chief of staff/logistics) and Gen. Ben (head of operations, and Savimbi's deputy), were driving the Unita end from Cafunfo. The Unita commander heading the northern sector at the time was Gen. Luzamba, a fine tactician with much experience of battle.

The last serious resistance offered by Unita was at the small town of Firiquichi, where a large force set an ambush for the FAA column. Although some of the supply vehicles were hit, the BMPs — as in the past — simply made for Unita lines, overran them and scattered the attackers. More than 90 bodies were counted afterward, including one of Savimbi's commanders, Col. Neves, an expert in unconventional warfare. Once the EO/FAA column had taken the town, accurately sighted mortar fire rained down on the BMPs.

Then came Muvuca, and an astonishing stroke of luck for Blaauw.

A Hidden Treasure

EO pilot Lourens Bosch (who later would be shot down by a SAM and killed) was flying one of the

PC-7s returning to Saurimo after rocketing Unita positions around Cafunfo. Suddenly, about 10 kilometers west of Firiquichi, he took fire from a remote bush area near Muvuca. That was unusual; Unita never wasted ammo. He decided to investigate.

Bosch, a ballsy flyer, went in low to observe what little he could see of the ground in the forest. There were some vehicle tracks, which in itself was out of the ordinary. Then came more ground fire. Bosch flew off.

Next day, while approaching Muvuca, Blaauw — having spoken to Bosch by radio — decided to follow up. He detached two BMPs from the column and led a sortie. There was no resistance, but he also saw numerous vehicle tracks.

He informed Brigadier headquarters of his intentions and searched farther into the thick bush. Then the patrol found it: a deserted storage dump — Unita's main logistical base. Its guards had fled without offering resistance.

If some Unita soldier had not

fired needlessly at the EO pilot, Savimbi's force might have survived this action to fight another day even if they lost Cafunfo. As it was, here was a mountain of stores: ammunition, food, beer and other commodities. In that remote region it was worth more than money! There also were 400 drums of fuel — enough to keep Blaauw's column on the move for weeks.

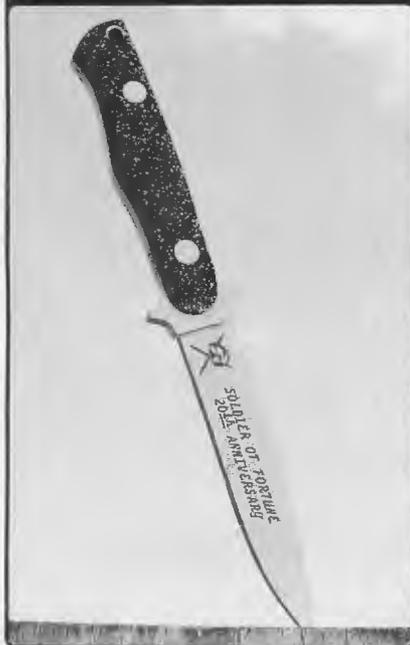
It probably had taken Unita a year to gather this valuable material. Bringing it in overland from Zaire was an enormous task. Now it was lost.

Savimbi never had foreseen that Blaauw would move across country. The rebel leader probably had chosen this site for its remoteness and inaccessibility. It was far to the east of Cafunfo in a place where there were no towns and where few people ventured. The dump should have been secure.

Blaauw's discovery was one of the worst disasters of Savimbi's long career.

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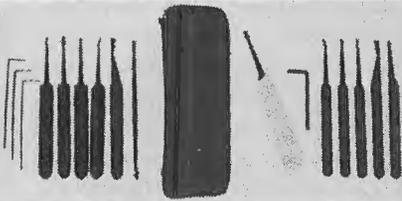
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Rick Kent was not taken to jail that night. "He didn't talk a lot" when his wife and child returned, she said. Early next morning, Kent wrote out a suicide note and left his house without saying good-bye. He visited a friend to whom he had loaned a 20-gauge shotgun, telling the man he had to turn it over to law enforcement authorities. Kent drove his silver-and-blue Chevrolet truck to a remote hunting preserve in Trumbull County, near the Pennsylvania border. He parked, walked about 130 feet into the timber, put the shotgun barrel against his heart and pulled the trigger. He was found two days later.

"They had taken away his job and taken away his reputation," said Painesville Police Chief Jerry White, who had known Kent for decades and was critical of the ATF's high-profile raid tactics. "The guns were all that he had in life. Now they've taken them, too. It wasn't surprising it ended the way it did."

"I don't know how else this could have been handled," ATF Agent Pasaka said. "He was afforded as much courtesy as could be expended."

Her husband "was a person who lost most of the things in his life that made him feel like he was somebody," Lynne Kent said. "And maybe there's a message there — that we should put less emphasis on our jobs and more on what our family means. Because he meant the world to us. There are so many things I don't know, and the really sad part is that I'll never know."

Scotty Kent, too, is struggling to understand; to comprehend why the daddy he loved is never coming home again, and how such a little boy can fill his dad's empty shoes and take care of his mom. He wants to be a police officer, like his dad, she said. The day after Rick Kent's body was found, Scotty clipped his dad's picture from a local newspaper and said he wanted to take it to pre-school to show his friends.

He looked up at his mom and said, "I have to tell everyone the bad news." ❧

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U.S. illegally. Unlike Mr. Osorio, Mr. Andrade was not a U.S. citizen by birth, but is reportedly living in New Jersey. FBI agents in San Francisco say they tracked down and interviewed Mr. Osorio.

Yet the U.S. investigation represented only half the problem for Mr. Osorio. The San Francisco Examiner suggested that he had acted as an informant for the U.S. against his guerrilla companions. And now Mr. Osorio says he is afraid to visit El Salvador. Yet even if Mr. Osorio aided the investigation, that doesn't absolve him of guilt in the original attack.

Sen. Shelby and some colleagues hold out hope of eventually bringing Mr. Osorio to trial in the U.S. for the killing of six Americans in El Salvador. But that's unlikely to happen anytime soon, if only because the killings occurred outside the U.S. But whatever happens with possible

criminal action against Mr. Osorio, his case should have one salutary consequence: it should cause the National Endowment for the Arts, San Francisco city government and other taxpayer-supported agencies to look more closely at which "artists" they fund. Some of their grantees may be guilty of more than just crimes against good taste.

Mr. Schwartz is a San Francisco-based journalist, and author of A Strange Silence, a personal account of the Nicaraguan people's struggle against the Sandinistas, published by ICS Press (1992).

Watch for his feature story on the bizarre case of USAF veteran Gilberto Osorio in a forthcoming SOF. ✕

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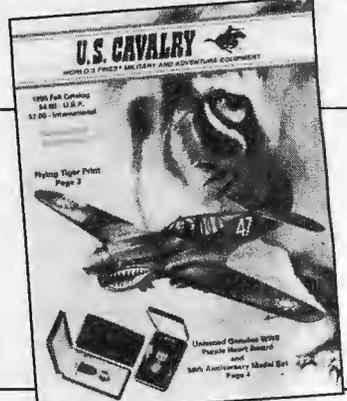
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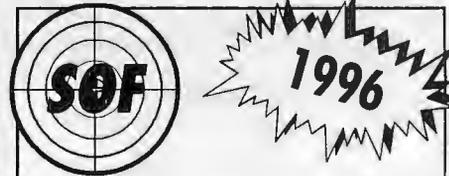
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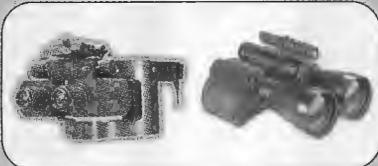
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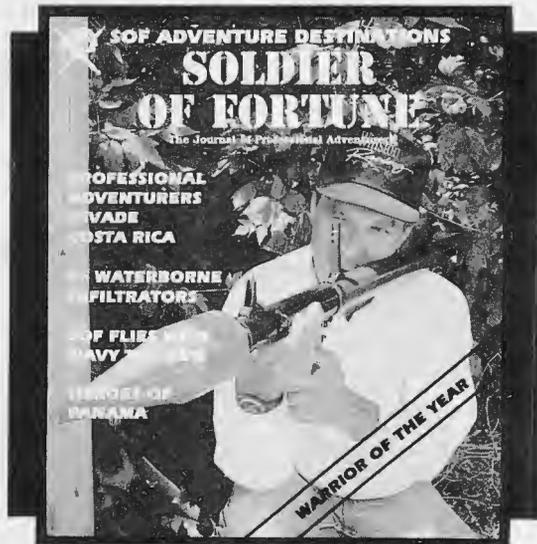
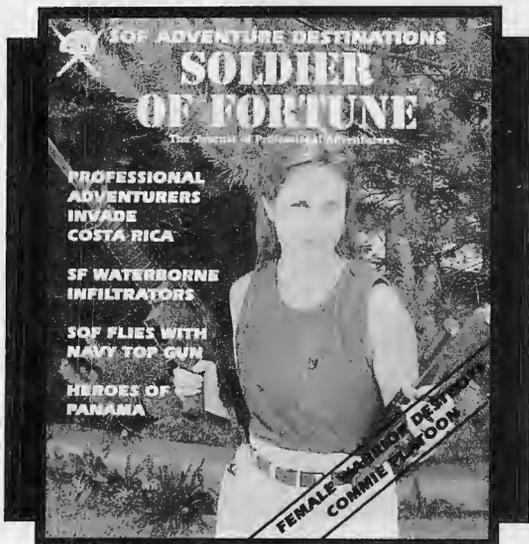
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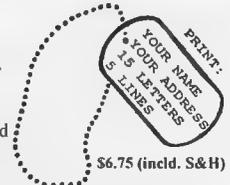


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The Traitor

by Stephen Schwartz

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A Peruvian military court handed down a life sentence to a young New York woman who became infatuated and then involved with a Peruvian terrorist group. This has occasioned much wailing and gnashing of teeth in the Upper West Side circles from which she hailed. These home-grown leftists conveniently ignore her close ties to a guerrilla group, the Tupac Amaru, that has been responsible for killings and much general mayhem. There may be legitimate questions raised about the fairness of her trial, but it's hard to argue that Peru shouldn't punish terrorists, whatever their nationality.

In fact, maybe it's time we held other American radicals responsible for the bloody consequences of their actions in Latin America. Start with Romeo Gilberto Osorio, a 48-year-old U.S. citizen now residing in the San Francisco Bay Area. Mr. Osorio, who grew up in both El Salvador and the U.S., revealed last year to Ed Bradley on "60 Minutes" that he had served as a comandante in the Salvadoran guerrilla movement, the FMLN, a decade ago. On June 19, 1985, guerrillas from his faction approached a restaurant in the Zona Rosa district of San Salvador and opened fire. Four U.S. Marines were killed in the attack: Sgt. Thomas Handwork, 24, of Beaver Creek, Ohio; Cpl. Gregory Weber, 22, of Cincinnati; Sgt. Bobby Dickson, 27, of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and Cpl. Patrick Kwiatkowski, 20, of Wausau, Wis. Also slain were two Americans employed by the Wang Corp.: George Viney, 48, of Miami, and Robert Alvidrez, 47, of Lexington, Mass.

By the end of August 1985, three suspects had been arrested and charged. Eventually, they were found guilty in the attack

and sentenced to prison. Mr. Osorio was not among those arrested. By the time of the "60 Minutes" interview, he had returned to his home in San Francisco and was living a quiet life. He seems to have spoken out publicly for the first time to further a reconciliation between former opponents in the Salvadoran civil war.

Yet his statements suggest that Mr. Osorio is completely unrepentant about his role in this massacre of Americans. In interviews with the San Francisco

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news media, he never expressed the slightest doubt, regret, or remorse about the Zona Rosa attack, nor about any of the other excesses by the left in the Salvadoran war. He described his "jubilation" at the deaths of the four Marines, and insisted "there was a need to practically declare war [on] the United States."

Mr. Osorio said he had not been involved in the actual shooting in the Zona Rosa, but was chief of operations of the group that committed it. He also said that during a guerrilla offensive in 1982 he ordered that any American caught in a combat zone in the northern Salvadoran province of San Vicente be executed. Mr. Osorio told me: "It didn't matter who they were. We wanted to kill some Americans."

In light of these comments, Mr.

Osorio's professional affiliations in the U.S. take on an even greater import. In 1977 Mr. Osorio co-founded the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts Inc., a non-profit group in the Mission District of San Francisco. This center was set up with funds provided by the city and county of San Francisco, and it is still housed in a city-owned building. The cultural center also received \$5,000 to \$10,000 from the state of California and \$30,000 per year from the National Endowment for the Arts, starting in the mid-1980s. In the uproar following the "60

Minutes" segment, the cultural center has feebly attempted to distance itself from Mr. Osorio, but the nonprofit's records show that he played a leading role in its decision-making process until very recently.

Not surprisingly, Mr. Osorio's revelations have prompted some to wonder whether the U.S. govern-

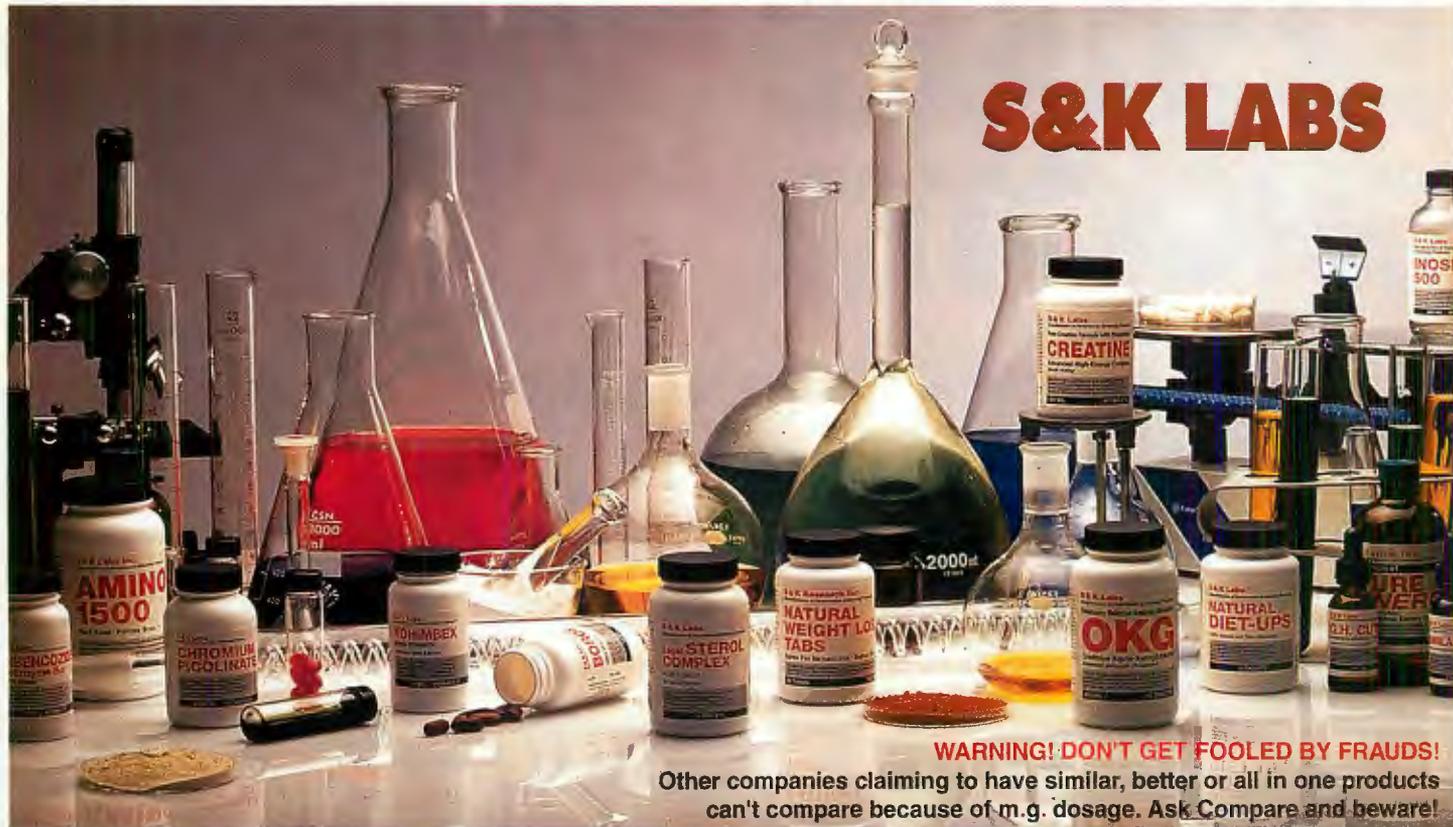
ment should be continuing to give him such cozy treatment. The family of Sgt. Bobby Dickson contacted their senator, Richard Shelby (R., Ala.), and demanded an inquiry into Mr. Osorio's legal liability in the death of their relative. Sen. Shelby then questioned CIA Director John Deutch and later held a closed session of the Senate Intelligence Committee, on which he serves, to investigate Mr. Osorio's status.

In November 1995, Sen. Shelby, joined by Sens. Arlen Specter (R., Pa.) and Bob Kerrey (D., Neb.), called on Secretary of State Warren Christopher to determine whether Mr. Osorio or another leftist involved in the Zona Rosa attack, Pedro Antonio Andrade, had been allowed into the

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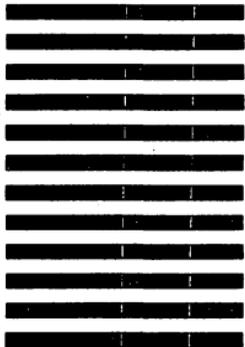
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