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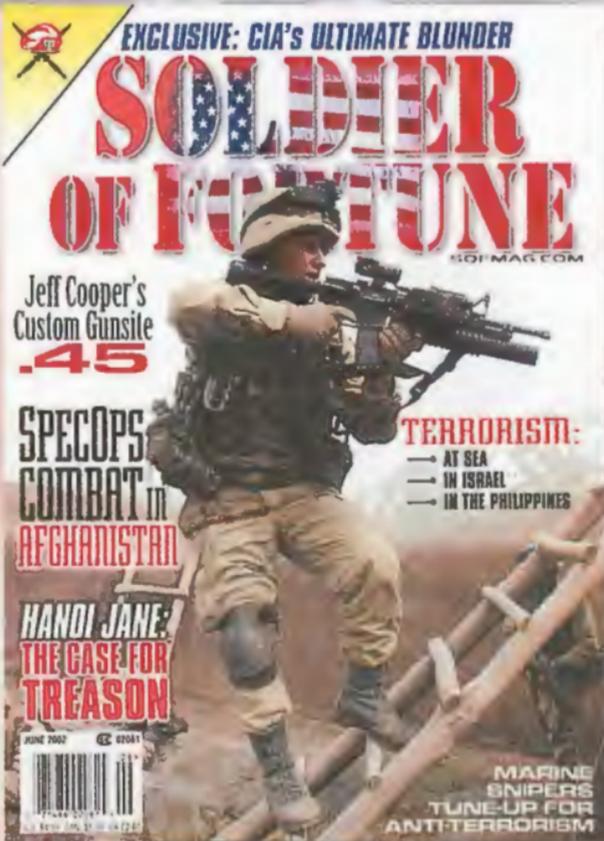


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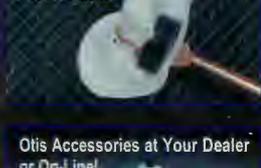
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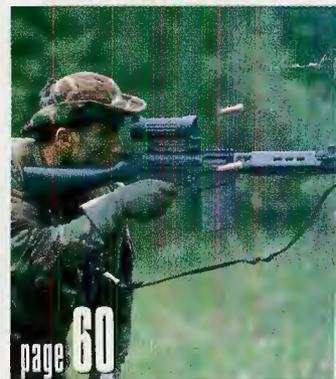
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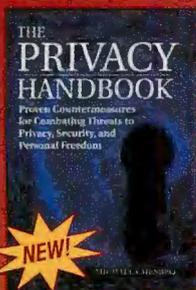


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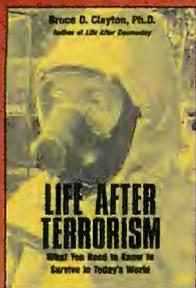
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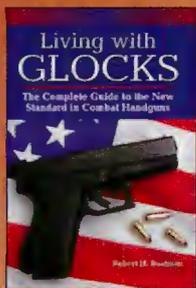
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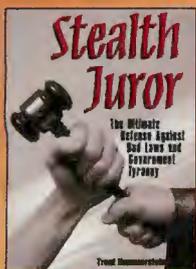
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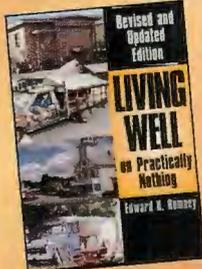
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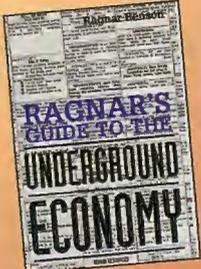
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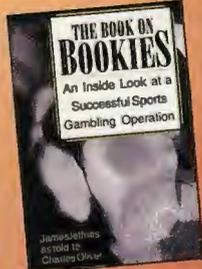
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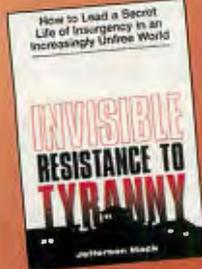
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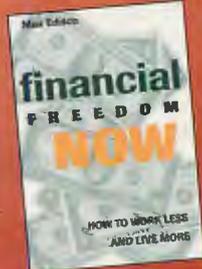
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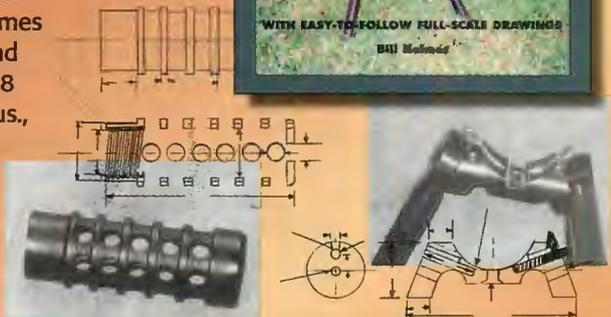
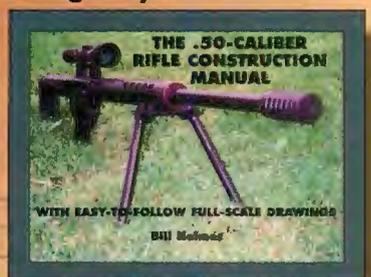


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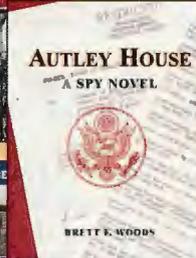
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Now retired from the SOF staff, Col. Alex McColl, USAR (Ret.), and a two-tour Vietnam veteran, graduated from Harvard Law School several decades ago. We welcome his views.

On 8 May 2002, the 57th anniversary of the end of the war that we all thought would put an end to the *Geheime Stats Polizei* and its methods, a native American citizen named Jose Padilla, alias Abdullah al-Mujahadir, was stopped at O'Hare Airport in Chicago, detained by the FBI and is now locked-up in the brig at the U.S. Navy base at Charleston, S.C. Over a month later, on 10 June, it was announced that he was being held on suspicion of involvement in a plot to bring into this country a nuclear "dirty bomb," that is, a bomb loaded with conventional explosives and wrapped with radioactive material. Such a device, when set off, in addition to the damage caused by the explosion, also creates a serious radioactive hazard. Really a rather nasty gadget.

It was further announced that Padilla's detention was based on information from intelligence sources of such a high sensitivity and classification that Padilla could not be arraigned and tried according to the usual course of law, but had to be held indefinitely as an "illegal belligerent"; not by way of Justiciable Punishment, of course, but to protect the country from his evil designs. We were further told that Padilla, alias al-Mujahadir, was a former Chicago gang member, had converted to

Islam, and had consorted with al-Qaeda operatives in Pakistan before returning to this country.

We were all invited to rejoice that this deadly plot against the country had been foiled, and to agree that this happy outcome, at which even the most zealous civil liberties activists must rejoice, justifies imprisonment for an indefinite term, without any of the Constitutionally-mandated safeguards of arrest warrants, indictment by a Grand Jury, arraignment, right to counsel, trial by jury, appeal, and so on. In short, "Trust me, we will only do this to despicable 'enemies of the people' like Padilla."

The Quirin case, in 1942, where the Supreme Court upheld the trial by Military Commission of German saboteurs who had been landed from a U-boat, was cited in support of this idea. But in 1942 we were in a state of *legally declared* war against Germany, and the Military Commission was exercising the traditional and statutory power of the military in time of declared war, to try cases of spying.

As of this writing, there is not a legally declared state of war, nor any report so far of any sort of military tribunal trying Padilla.

What it amounts to is that the federal intelligence and law-enforcement agencies are claiming the power under an Executive Order, i.e., a Presidential decree, indefinitely to imprison United States citizens, denying them the

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JIM WEST

Jim West is simply one of the most feared men on earth. He has earned a half a dozen medals in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm, has spent 15 years in the "black bag" arm of the Green Berets, trains special forces and Justice Department agents in hand-to-hand combat, and has actually been in over 600 bloody hand-to-hand streetfights... never losing... ever!

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3-tapes: Total Run Time = 4 Hours 4 min.
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PAUL VUNAK

Paul Vunak is without a doubt one of the most respected - and dangerous - men in the world at hand-to-hand combat. He specializes in teaching Navy SEALs, FBI, and CIA and a dozen police department SWAT teams how to be the most deadly-efficient soldiers on the planet. Paul's fighting systems can be learned quickly and used with brutal efficiency!

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1-Tape: Total Run Time = 1 Hour.

ITEM # VUNAK-100

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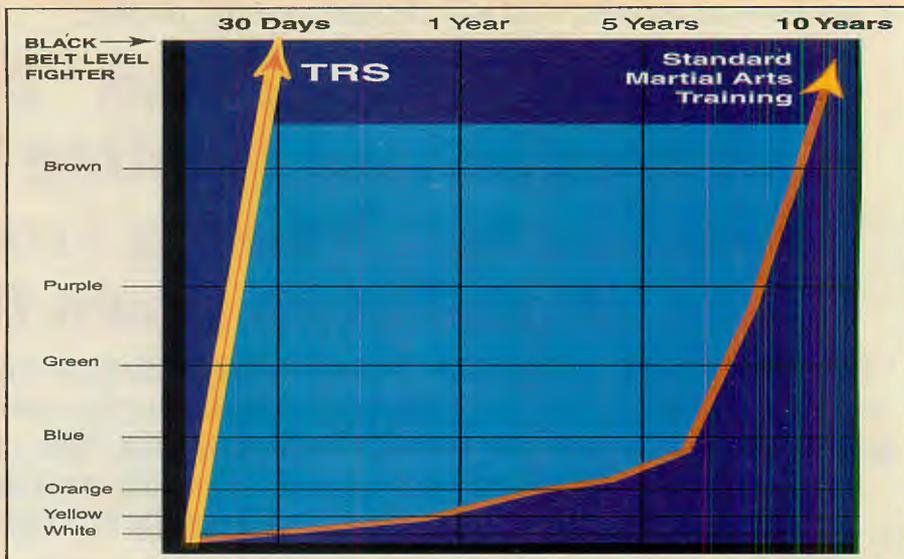
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ITEM # VLAD-101 Price ~~\$59~~ **\$29**

NIR MAMAN



Nir Maman (pronounced "Near") is a former Israeli special forces commando and top hand-to-hand combat instructor. His long-range reconnaissance unit (the feared "Sayeret Golani") roamed deep into enemy territory, fighting, capturing and "eliminating" terrorists and

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4-Tapes: Total Run Time = 4 Hours.
ITEM # NIR-100 Price ~~\$129~~ **\$89**

CHRISTOPHE CLUGSTON

As a bouncer, kickboxer, shootboxer and experienced streetfighter, Christophe Clugston knows how stupid it is to master any martial art style that has "rules". The real world of streetfighting has no rules and therefore he believes that even the most brutal-looking "official" fighting systems can actually get you killed in the street.



Combat JKD - Chris demonstrates his unique, quick and easy-to-learn techniques for running attacks and dealing with multiple attackers.

3-Tapes: Total Run Time = 3 Hours 45 Min.
ITEM # CLUG-100 Price ~~\$69~~ **\$39**

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Bulletin Board

Second Amendment: Americans Agree

A recent poll by Zogby International shows an overwhelming majority of Americans recognize their Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms as an *individual*, not a collective, right. The Bush/Ashcroft Department of Justice also views the Second Amendment, as with all the rest of the Bill of Rights, as guaranteeing individual and not governmental or collective rights.

The Zogby poll of "likely voters" found some 75% of those polled agreed with the premise of an individual's right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment, which broke down into a whopping majority of 84% of the Republicans and a solid majority of Democrats, some 65%. This comes on the heels of repeated repudiation by numerous legal scholars and historians, of the revisionist, gun-grabbing myth that the Second Amendment somehow refers to a "collective" right of states to maintain militias.

Why You're Always Broke

According to a new survey by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Americans spent \$20 billion on hunting in 2001. With an increased bag limit on terrorists, that figure will no doubt be surpassed for 2002.

Don't Keep The Light On For US

Of the above-mentioned \$20,000,000,000 Americans spend on hunting every year, some 2%, or \$400 million, is spent on lodging. When deciding where to spend your portion of that, you might want to consider that according to *Gun Week*, Accor Economy Lodging — who owns Motel 6, Studio Six and Red Roof Inn motels — has entered into a promotional deal with the anti-hunting "Humane Society of the United States" (HSUS — not to be confused with "Humane Societies" who



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Extracted from late-night TV: "So, Your Honor, the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional because it says 'Under God.' Guess that means when you were sworn in with your hand on the Bible, and at the end of your oath repeated, 'So help me God,' that makes your job unconstitutional, therefore, you have no job, which means your ruling doesn't mean diddly ..."

Taurus Offers Pilots Free Guns

While Congress continues to debate whether flight deck crews should carry, pilots and flight crews have joined together to call for passage of legislation that would allow pilots to go to work armed. This flies in the face of the Bush Administration's position that they should not. Sorry, *Dubyah*, yer wrong on this one.

Senator Conrad Burns (R.-Mont.) has pledged to redouble his efforts to pass the proposed legislation, as "it's imperative that we provide pilots with this crucial option." The bill would also provide for flight attendants to receive self-defense training. Tangible and patriotic support of this idea has been offered by Taurus, who has offered to provide free handguns — a thousand each through the two major pilots associations. This would cost the company up to half a million dollars, depending on which models individual pilots chose. Now, *that's* putting your money where you mouth is. Next time you're considering a handgun purchase, remember Taurus' support of this and other worthwhile programs.

And, have you written to your congressman and senators to express your support for arming the folks in the cockpit?

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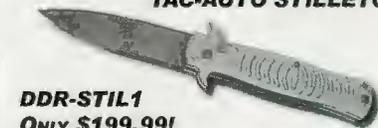
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is acting as a conduit for East-European arms being smuggled to the embargoed Liberian strongman Charles Taylor and Sierra Leone's Revolutionary United Front (RUF) rebels. "It is totally false that we have supplied weapons to the

West Africans. It is unfair for people to want to conclude that, because ZDI used the same [international] bank that RUF and the Liberians use, we therefore were supplying arms to them," Dube told the *Financial Gazette*. The Paris-

based *Indian Ocean Newsletter* charged in a recent edition that ZDI is involved in a weapons-selling network that supplies Sierra Leone and Liberia, buying the arms mainly in Eastern Europe and delivering the goods through Liberia's neighboring Burkina Faso and cote D'Ivoire. Following the money, the *Newsletter* alleges the ZDI paid for the weapons purchases through a Hungarian subsidiary of Italian bank Intesa BCI, and rebel clients also reportedly paid the Zimbabwean arms company through the same bank.

courtesy Rob Krott



SOF Chief Foreign Correspondent Rob Krott shares a laugh with retired Navy SEAL Master Chief Rudy Boesch in Little Creek, Virginia. Master Chief Boesch, known to many for his appearance on TV's Survivor, participated in 45 combat operations during his more than 45 years of Navy special operations service, where he served as Command Master Chief and Senior Enlisted Advisor to USSOCOM, and earned numerous decorations, including a Bronze Star and the Defense Superior Service Medal. He is a SEAL Team Two "plankowner," and founding member and past president of the UDT-SEAL Association. Master Chief Boesch is also the subject of a limited-edition Navy SEAL action figure "Rudy Boesch: The Ultimate SEAL" by Blue Box Toys (available at www.cytoysonline.com/eliteforce); and is author of *The Book of Rudy: The Wit and Wisdom of Rudy Boesch* (available by calling 800-872-5627). Of Krott he said, "He's OK ... for an Army guy."

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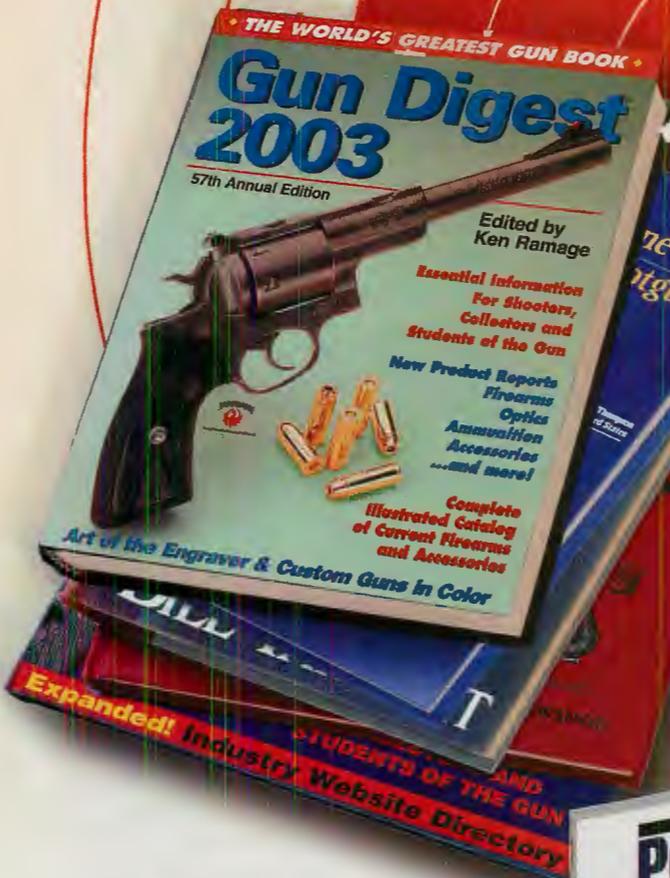
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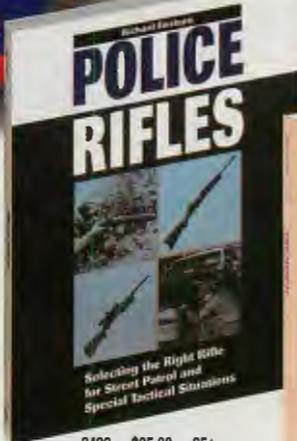


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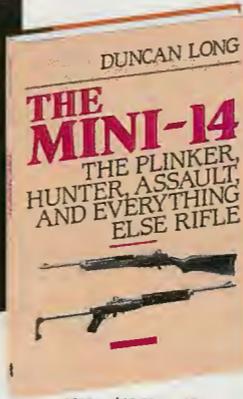
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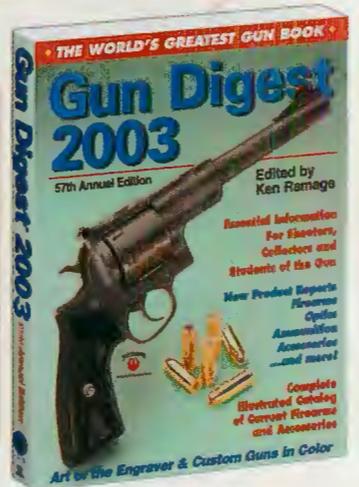
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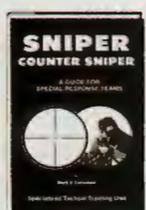
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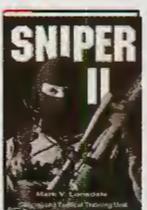
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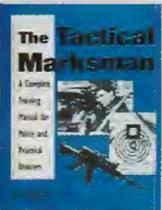
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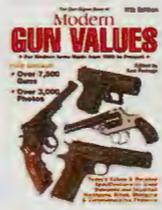
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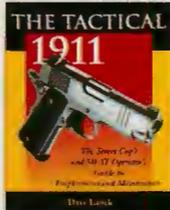
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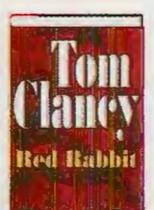
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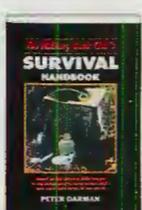
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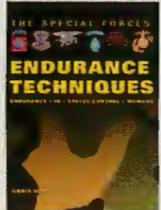
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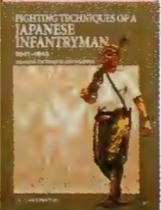
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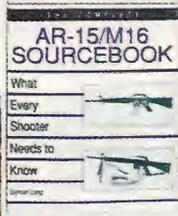
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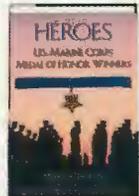
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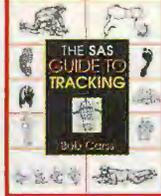
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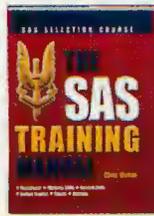
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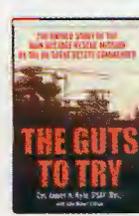
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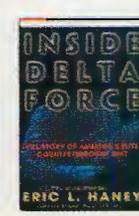
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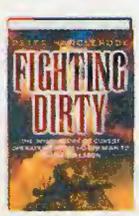
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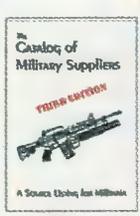
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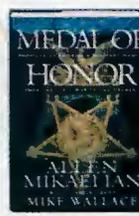
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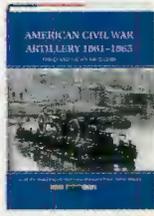
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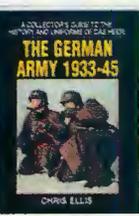
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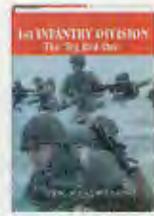
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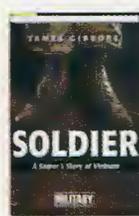
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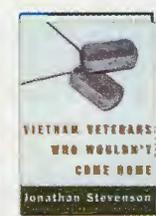
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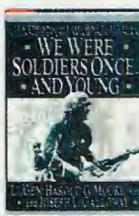
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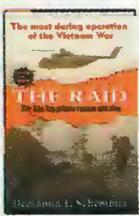
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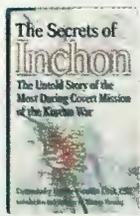
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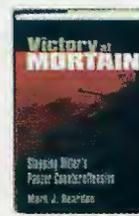
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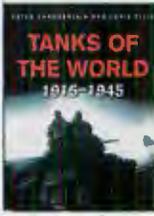
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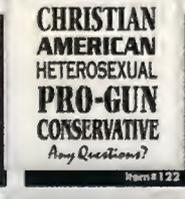
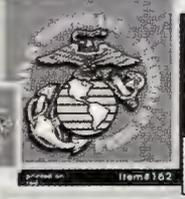
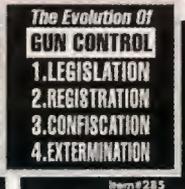
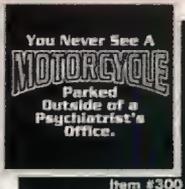
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How about dishonoring our own?

Barry Drennan
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We can't comment directly on what is a Canadian internal affair, but we can surely lend our support to those guys being awarded Bronze Stars, as their actions fill every qualification for that recognition, and there is no doubt that their professionalism and expertise in combat saved a lot of American blood.

The Price Of Peacekeeping

I have always been a supporter of

SOF and the things you stand for. If I were an American, I would definitely be a Republican. I am so proud of the good men and women that we have serving in Afghanistan right now and I am embarrassed and appalled at my government's decision to bring them home this summer without replacing them.

But I need to take exception to something that you wrote in your June issue. You have a photo of some Canadian soldiers with a caption that spoke of the four guys who were killed there. You said these four deaths were the first for Canada since the Korean War.

I take exception to that. It is not just *SOF*... Canadian media are saying the same thing but it isn't true. Since Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson "invented"



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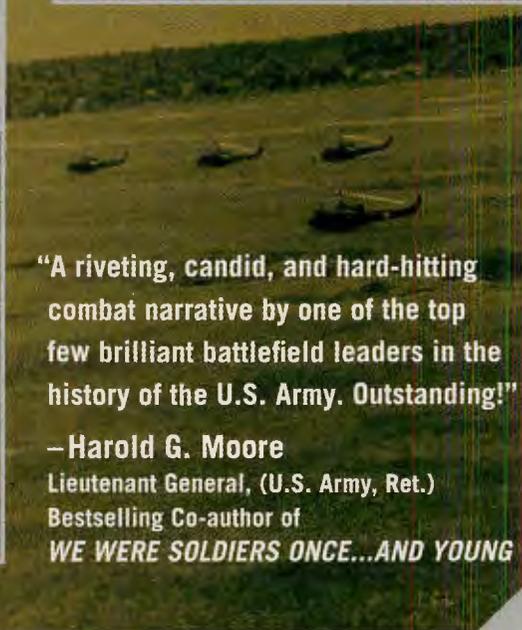
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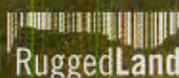
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peacekeeping, more than 200 Canadians have been killed trying to keep the peace. I would say that each of those men would argue that they were indeed in combat when they died. I would certainly say that they were in a combat zone at the time of their deaths.

Rick Dupuis
Nova Scotia, Canada

The photo caption on page 47 said, "the operation marked the first time Canadian infantrymen have been sent into battle since the Korean War." In other words, definitely not the first time they had been sent in harm's way, but the first time they had been sent in as a belligerent party. Peacekeeping and meals-on-wheels missions are not just frustrating, the rules of engagement usually are such that the troops are more in jeopardy than in combat with a defined enemy. As Ben Franklin observed, there has never been a bad peace nor a good war and these troops paid the price to keep the peace. Even if the media loses track of the cost in men of keeping the peace, we have not. Those 200+ Canucks did not die in vain — nor did they die unappreciated in these quarters.

Hey, Osama

Great article on the Canadian sniper teams. I am glad to see they got to party with our boys. I hope to see them in future articles as well. If those guys had to order out for fresh ammo then they were having way too much fun.

Hey Osama — how 'bout those .50s ...?

Granted, I do not always agree with the entire content but it seems most of the articles are well-written and factual. Since September 11th, 2001 your articles covering our guys in action have been superb: I no longer let my boys play Army with regular toy soldiers but have bought them some of the higher-end figures and told them these are the 10th Mountain Division, Navy SEALs and 101st Airborne soldiers and that they are to be treated accordingly. Needless to say, the Taliban and al-Qaeda are piling up in the sandbox and they (our guys) are always put to bed at night in their fort.

Anyway, keep up the excellent work. God bless our Troops, and America.

Robert Davies
Via e-mail

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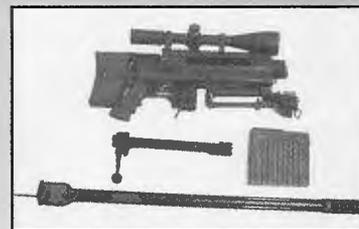
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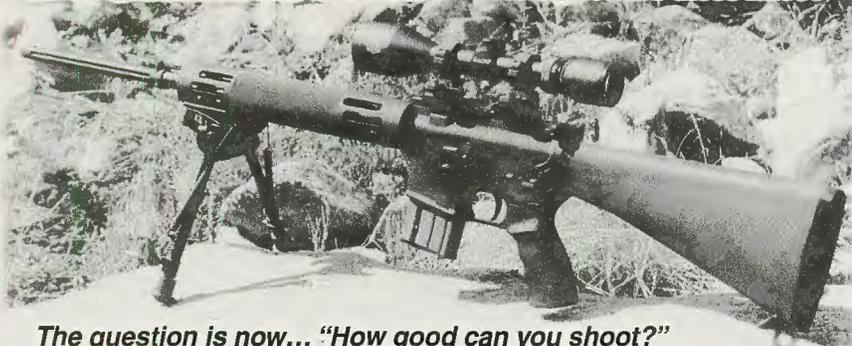
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agreed with every thing we write, there would be little need for us to publish.

Sleep Safe

I am in the 1-184 Air Assault Infantry over in Kuwait. Been here a few months, doing sec-for. I am a National Guardsman from California — a normal guy with a normal job, house, wife, etc. I volunteered September 12, 2002 to go back in the light infantry, anywhere to go over to the Middle East. I left it all behind, to do some good. There are literally thousands of Guardsmen and women all over the world with the same story. So, write them a letter, pat them on the back at the airport, hell buy them a beer if you see 'em. These are true patriots. My ruck is a lot harder to hump at 37, than it was back in my active-duty days. And I miss my wife a lot, but I take great pride in being over in this crappy place, with these great people. Thanks for listening.

Sgt. Steve Husong,
B-Co team leader, 11b 30

In times of national crisis, there crop up "patriots" for profit, "patriots" for self-aggrandizement — and true patriots like those who volunteer to serve at risk and cost to themselves personally. Our hats are off to those true patriots including you and your comrades.

Cover The Allies

You guys have done it again! Where the mainstream media has failed, you have given kudos to the Canadian contribution towards the hunt for Osamists. When do we get to see articles/pictures of the Australian SAS, French Air Force, Dutch and Norwegians? The British Royal Marines are well-covered in the British newspapers (who don't give them much credit because AQ thugs apparently aren't in a hurry to meet their 70 virgins) but the other Allied units are virtually ignored. Please cure this problem, we readers are waiting.

Of course, let me take the opportunity to give peace to all the U.S. Army, Marine, Air Force and Navy troops who are making great sacrifices in faraway places to eliminate the forces of evil, namely the Osamists. Even if the pacifist-liberal "it's all our own fault we drove them to this" numbnuts don't appreciate it.

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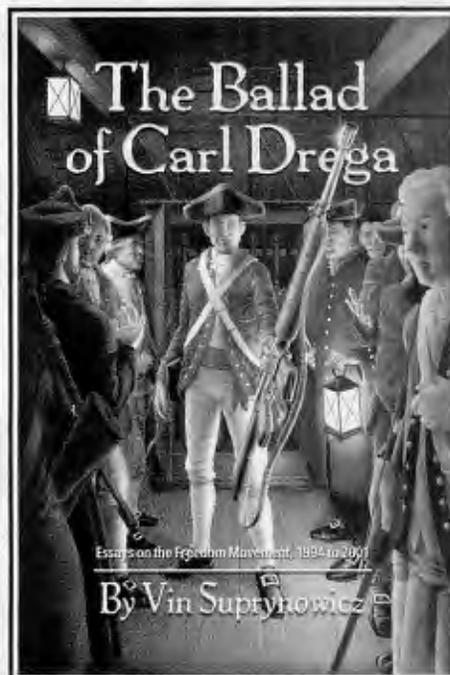
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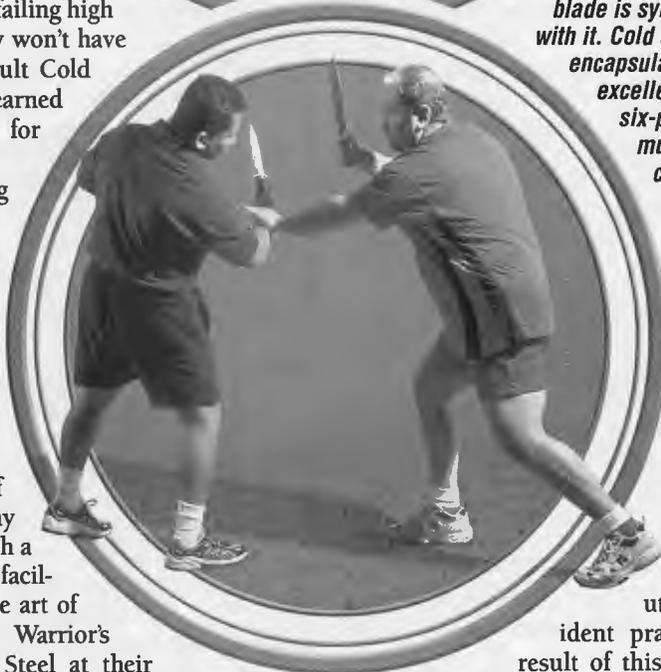
Battle Blades

A REVIEW BY BILL BAGWELL

Succeeding With Cold Steel

Since the 1980s, Cold Steel has been at the forefront of the manufacture and sale of high-quality, functional cutlery. Under the leadership of company president Lynn C. Thompson, Cold Steel's product line has expanded and grown dramatically to an extensive line that includes both contemporary tactical cutlery as well as the more conventional and proven edged weaponry from centuries past. There is also a complete range of knives for the kitchen and the food-preparation industry. From battleaxes and sword canes to paring knives and combat shovels, Cold Steel has you covered with a product line that is of unflinching high quality. Lynn Thompson simply won't have it any other way, and as a result Cold Steel products have a hard-earned and well-deserved reputation for toughness and performance.

Wanting to build something that works is one thing, but knowing how to make it can be quite another. This can be especially true of edged weaponry. By the same token, simply owning a combat-quality blade does not guarantee that a man knows how to use it. Lynn Thompson's Cold Steel was, to the best of my knowledge, the first company to recognize this and to establish a bona fide training program and facility for study and training in the art of edged weapons combat. The Warrior's Edge seminars held by Cold Steel at their



training facility in Ventura, Calif. have been a resounding success since their inception. However, many people who would like to advance their knowledge and skill level with a blade are simply unable to attend, for whatever reason. Recognizing this, Cold Steel has just released a comprehensive six-volume video collection that will enable a person with no prior experience and a reasonable amount of dedication to develop the skill necessary to

"You will fight like you train, so train like you will fight" is the old adage — but many whose life may depend on their blade, think buying a blade is synonymous with knowing what to do with it. Cold Steel's honcho Lynn Thompson has encapsulated the tactics and training of his excellent knife-fighting seminars on a six-part video series. This series is must-see for those who will use, or confront, edged weapons.

successfully defend himself with a knife.

Lynn Thompson is himself a highly skilled knife-fighter. He has studied blade combatives from a variety of cultures for many years, and for the last 10 years has, by his own admission, spent a tremendous amount of time engaged in full-contact sparring with a variety of partners. Other executives play golf: Cold Steel's president practices knife-fighting. The end result of this is the development of a long-

range system of knife-fighting that maximizes results and minimizes the risk of getting cut. It also gives the Cold Steel customer the benefit of hard-earned experience that evolves into input in the Cold Steel product line.

The Warrior's Edge video set is available as a complete set, or as individual volumes. The first volume is an introduction to long-range knife-fighting and demonstrations of the various knives you may encounter on the street. Cutting-performance of various knives, both large and small, are evaluated. This portion of the tape is a real eye-opener for those who doubt the effectiveness of even a small blade in flesh.

The second volume covers proper stance and footwork. Common mistakes in position are analyzed and discussed. It is here that the foundation of the proper principles of movement are introduced. No hype or b.s., just good, solid information for both the beginner and those with more experience.

Volume Three is devoted to giving instruction in just how to cut. Simply dragging a blade across your opponent's body parts is not a guarantee of success in a knife fight. Thompson explains why some cuts are more effective than others, and how to manipulate your knife for greatest effect. This is an area of explanation that is usually neglected or completely overlooked in most other instructional tapes, and greatly adds to the understanding of the reasons for the effectiveness of the blade in combat.

Volume Four deals with defense. How to protect your knife and defend against attacks on your knife hand, evasion patterns, blocking, parrying, counter-slashing and stop-hitting are all examined. Use of the empty hand and the concept of judging distance are also covered. Distance judgment is an especially crucial skill for the knife-fighter, and this area

receives special attention in this volume.

Volume Five is an absolute jewel. It deals with offense, and reveals how to recognize and exploit common openings in your opponent's defense. It shows how to set your opponent up so that you can hit him with comparative safety; how to tell if his concentration is slipping; and how to read his game plan that is being directed at you. If you already possess the necessary skills of blade-manipulation and control, proper footwork, and judgment of distance, this tape by itself is worth the cost of the whole series. Other tapes may allude to the fact that these things are possible in a knife fight, but this tape tells you *how*, and shows you the tricks that let you get into the mind of your opponent. A life-saving advantage? You bet.

Volume Six shows how to set up training drills that will enable you to develop the necessary skills to become proficient in this method of fighting. There is no magic bullet or pill that will guarantee success in this endeavor. Practice will lead to success, and *diligent* practice will lead to a higher level of proficiency. Training and practice are necessary ingredients in the development and maintenance of the life-saving skills of the knife-fighter. This tape gives you the information needed to help you train properly.

We think that this six-volume set is one that should be in the library of anyone who is interested in edged-weapons combat. It should be required viewing for everyone in law enforcement. There are cops on the beat who haven't the faintest clue of what they may be facing when a blade is involved, but a good look at this series will certainly change that. You can order directly from Cold Steel, Dept. SOF, 3036-A Seaborg Avenue, Ventura, CA 93003; or call them at 1-800-255-4716. ☒

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Half-Billion-Dollar “Industry” Largely Staffed By Sex Slaves

BY DR. MARTIN BRASS

Israel prides itself as a “beacon of light,” paving an enlightened path for democracy and human rights in a region of dictators, theocracies, tyrants and human-rights abusers.

In July 2001, the U.S. State Department placed Israel on a “third tier” list of countries, or worst offenders, of *Traffickers in Persons*. In the shadows of the “beacon of light” lurks a brutal and inhumane abuse — trafficking of women and children for the sex-slave trade. Israel was on the same list as Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Sudan, Yugoslavia, Bahrain, Greece, Pakistan, Qatar, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and 12 others

The State of Israel was established in order to give refuge to the Jewish Diaspora that had been mercilessly abused in WWII. Since the end of the Cold War, Israel became a haven for more than one million former Eastern-bloc refugees of largely Jewish descent. What is appalling in light of the above is the involvement of the Israeli government and law enforcement in one of the most horrendous international crimes.

Hookers In The Holy Land

Police raided the Furnis Brothel, one of 250 whorehouses in Tel Aviv. The three-story building was under video surveillance. The police charged through iron gates guarded by armed bodyguards, next storming through the armed guards and iron doors fortifying the elevator, then ascending to the

Russian stripper performs in a club in Tel Aviv. Some 70% of sex workers in Israel are from former Soviet Union: Polls indicate a large segment of Israeli population thinks all immigrants from Russia sell sexual favors.



third floor and maneuvering through a narrow corridor where they noticed a suspicious cupboard. Crashing through the cupboard, they found another passage, where they collided with armed bodyguards, then hurtled through a locked door. *Tel-Aviv* magazine describes the officers' horror at their find: Ten girls were locked up in a filthy, foul two-room brothel with only mattresses on the floor.

"These girls are kept like dogs." A Tel Aviv police officer told *U.S. News and World Report*.

The Palace Club, a seedy brothel in Tel Aviv, was the target of a group of journalists on a fact-finding mission. Down a few flights of dark, stone stairs three girls huddled in a corner of a reception, area waiting for johns. Their fat pimp dabbed the sweat from his forehead with a large silk handkerchief. The pimp bragged that his women make 120 shekels for a half-hour, "100 shekels for me, 20 shekels [\$6] for them." If their earnings had to be put into a kitty to pay the tax bill, the girls served as unpaid slaves.

At the Tropicana, in Tel Aviv, according to journalist Michael Specter writing in *The New York Times*, 20 women share 12 cubicles, working eight-hour day-shifts and 12-hour night-shifts.

One sex-slave, lured by an offer of legitimate work, told Amnesty International that she "had a nervous break-down. A client offering to help me escape turned out to be one of them and I was beaten up by the owners. There was nowhere to run — there were bars on the windows and bodyguards, day and night."

"The conditions were terrible. One girl was kept to work in the basement for eight months. It was damp there and she got tuberculosis as a result. Most of the girls had different diseases — venereal and others related to their reproductive organs. I do not wish even to my enemies to go through what we went through."

She escaped by jumping from the first floor of the building. When she returned to help another friend escape, she

Tel Aviv clubs featuring Russian strippers are often fronts for brothels, just as ads in Russian papers for office workers and domestics are fronts for kidnap rings that supply them with "product."

was arrested in a police raid as an illegal alien. She was afraid to testify against the pimp, who knew the whereabouts of her family in Ukraine.

"Nearly all prostitutes in Israel are Russian [70%], their boss is not. Israelis love Russian girls," according to "Wake Up or Die," an organization monitoring sex-trafficking who quotes a chuckling Jacob Golan, an Israeli slave master. "They are blonde and good-looking and different from us."

"This is a whole industry — recruiting them, bringing them and distributing them to all of the parlors," said Efraim Ehrlich, former commander of the Tel Aviv vice squad. This "national industry" brings in \$450 million yearly. A pimp can earn \$50,000-\$125,000 per year on pimping one slave. A 10-slave brothel can take in up to 750,000 shekels or \$215,000 a month.

The Victim As A Criminal

"Until now, the authorities have addressed this as a problem of prostitution, not kidnapping or trafficking in people," *Knight-Ridder News* cites Yael Weisz-Rind, director of Amnesty International Israel. "Trafficked women are effectively treated as criminals by the various Israeli agencies with whom they come in contact, rather than as victims of human rights abuses."

The Jerusalem Post reports that when pressured, Israeli police Commander Yossi Sedbon, while claiming that fighting the trade in women is a priority for the police, emphasized that only a minority of hookers were kidnapped and forced into prostitution. Sedbon declined to comment on the complaints filed against police chiefs for not addressing the problem.

A poll by the Israeli Women's Network showed that 44% of Israelis believe all female Russian immigrants provided sexual services for pay. Reuters said that the women are stereotyped as having brought crime and prostitution, while exploiting Israeli laws enabling anyone with a Jewish grandparent to immigrate.

"The fact that most of the women knowingly enter Israel illegally made me think twice," an Israeli university scholar I met in Jerusalem admitted. She had "a hard time being compassionate for people who break the law ... it is even harder to sympathize with women who knowingly come to be prostitutes and then complain about the conditions." However, after extensive research, she became an advocate for the girls.

Reuters interviewed one girl, starving in Russia, who got caught up in the whirlwind of international crime. Defrauded into working in Israel, she was kidnapped by a pimp, kept in bondage with eight women in two apartments and extorted of her pay.

"I came into this circle and then it was very hard to get out. My papers were fake, I had no money, I had no acquaintances and I was in an enclosed place." Torn between her fear of physical abuse by her pimp and fear of deportation back to hunger, she did not dare seek help at the police station across the road.

Specter tells the story of a Ukrainian who, after seeing an ad, slipped off a tour boat when it put in at Haifa, hoping to

make a bundle dancing naked on the tops of tables.

In Israel, she was taken to a brothel, where her boss burned her passport. "I own you," he said. "You are my property, and you will work until you earn your way out. Don't try to leave. You have no papers and you don't speak Hebrew. You will be arrested and deported. Then we will get you and bring you back." Subsequently, the brothel was raided, and she was jailed.

Megan Goldin interviewed one 18-year-old girl that "has been bought and sold so many times she has lost count." Admittedly lured to Israel by promises of large sums of money if she turned to prostitution, she said "I never thought I would actually have to do it ... I thought once I arrived I would find a way to escape

and find other work, as a waitress or something."

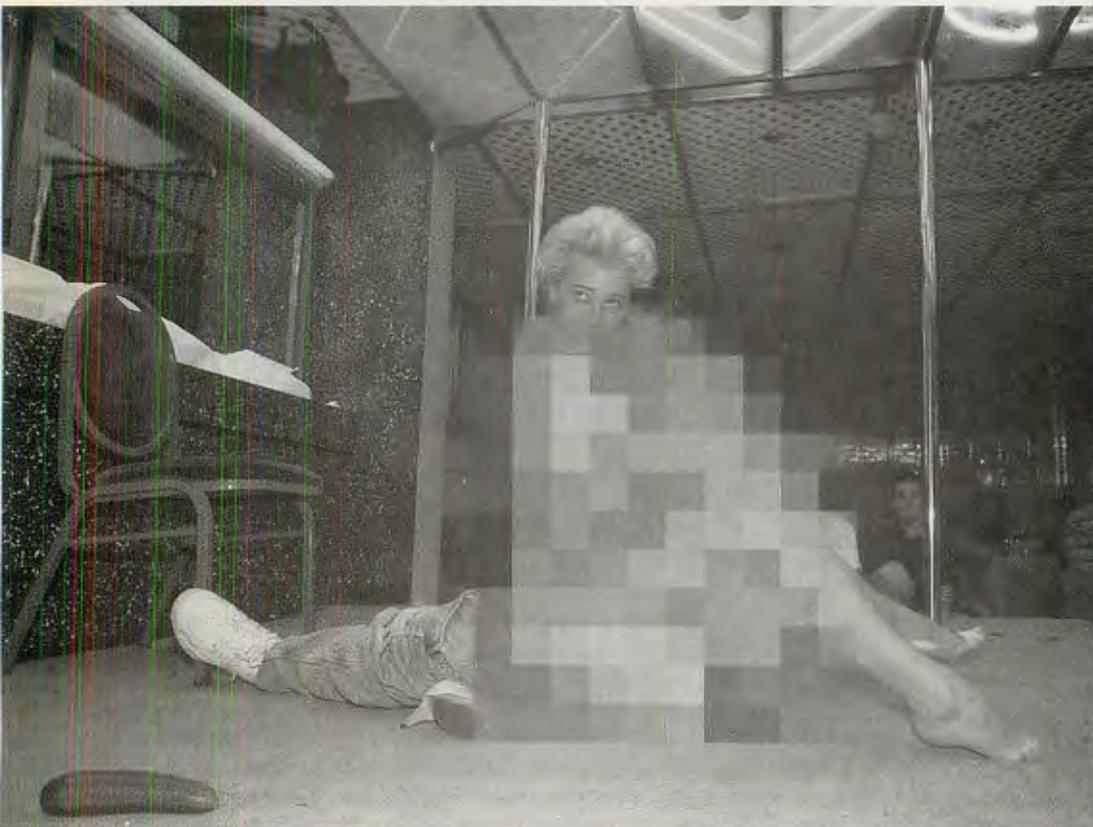
She had been flown to Egypt, where with 20 other women aged between 18 and 24, she was smuggled by a Bedouin cross the Sinai desert. The girls were forced to crawl under a barbed-wire border fence in the middle of the night.

Organized crime from the former Soviet Union invested \$4 billion dollars in real estate and businesses in Israel in seven years. In a warped marriage based on greed that has no boundaries and no loyalties, Israeli mafias join with Russian mafias to cooperate with Arab Bedouins to smuggle women and children to the "Promised Land."

The unfenced, unguarded 70-mile Israel-Egypt border allows the Bedouins to navigate through the desert with dune buggies and all-terrain vehicles. Israeli Border Patrols, focused on intercepting terrorists, ignore the Bedouin slave traders.

"It's horrible," An Israeli official said. "The women we found had been used along the way (by the Bedouins). After all, their masters had to test their product. They are touched and measured and prodded in heinous ways to 'ensure the quality of the product.' Some also bring friends or family to

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Russian stripper lap dances with a client in Tel Aviv club. According to one pimp interviewed, Russian girls are much in demand as "They are blonde, good-looking and different from us." Such demand had spurred brisk sex slave trade from states of former Soviet Union, involving Russian and Jewish Mafias, Bedouins.

"These women were manipulated, kidnapped, threatened, abused, drugged, raped, lied to, and used ... the punishment that they receive from the government who sends them back to a dangerous situation in their homeland after long stays in jail does not fit the crime," she said.

Invitation To An Israeli Hell

"Elderly Jewish women in the Ukraine often lure the girls into the trade," Specter said. Or, the girls are recruited through "an ad or an unexpected meeting on the street, with a proposition to work abroad as a maid, secretary, showgirl, nanny or waitress." A typical ad, writes Walter Zalisko, 24-year police veteran, authority on Russian organized crime in New Jersey and New York, seeks "... pretty woman, under age 40, slender, educated, to work in modern office setting; \$600/month; documents and transportation provided."

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I

had already been a bloody 24 hours — even by Jerusalem's standards — and it only promised to get worse. At 0800 hours on the morning of 18 June 2002, Mohammed Haza el-Rol, a 22-year-old student from al-Najah University in the West Bank city of Nablus and Hamas operative, calmly boarded the 32a bus near the Pat Junction in south Jerusalem, and detonated what investigators believed was some 40 pounds of high-grade C4 or RDX he had concealed in a satchel. The expertly built bomb had been wrapped in a cocoon of nails, nuts and bolts, and screws, some even dipped in rat poison to increase the lethal potential of his suicide

blast. The explosion tore through the bus as if it were a plastic toy, lifting the red-and-white coach several feet off the ground. Bodies, body parts and the personal effects of the victims were strewn about the busy thoroughfare.

In all, 19 men, women and children were killed in this suicide bombing — one of the deadliest ever in Jerusalem's history — and more than 50 people were critically wounded. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon rarely visits the post-blast scenes of suicide bombings, but he made a point to tour the aftermath of Mohammed Haza el-Rol's handiwork this morning. As the Israeli Prime Minister walked solemnly over the bloodstained sidewalk, past the bodybags in a macabre procession the likes of which had not been seen in Israel, the phalanx of *Shin Bet* agents and heavily armed policemen surrounding Sharon looked more anxious than usual.

The Jerusalem police had known of Mohammed Haza el-Rol and that he was loose in the city; they just didn't know where he would strike. They also knew one of el-Rol's comrades in *Hamas* was also loose in the city ready to strike. They just didn't know where and when.

In an effort to stop the suicide bomber before he could strike, patrol units and Border Guard paramilitary forces in the greater Jerusalem police district went on a maximum state of alert: All leaves were cancelled, and shifts blended from days into nights as weary-eyed cops and heavily armed special operations teams saturated neighborhoods and intersections in search of a face, a gesture, or telltale body language that would allow them to identify the next bomber before he or she could select a target.

When It's All Collateral Damage

In the French Hill area, near Hebrew University, Border Guard tactical teams flooded the main streets and cafés and the roads connecting the affluent Jerusalem suburb with a-Sawiya, a Palestinian village down the road known as a hotbed for Hamas. Police commanders had surmised that the bomber would strike in a Jewish neighborhood that strad-

(opposite) A Lavi officer takes cover while searching for possible terrorists inside an abandoned building that dates back to the Ottoman Empire, in the western approach to Jerusalem. (below) Two Border Guard policemen man a roadblock and vehicle checkpoint near the unit's operating base — better to head-off the suicide bombers before they reach the city than moments before they detonate their lethal payloads.





dled an Arab area of town. Thirty-six hours later that hunch would pay off. At 1915 hours on the evening of 19 June, a young Palestinian male walked out of a red compact sedan at Ha'Giva Junction in French Hill, having just ventured west from a-Sawiya. Two Border Guard special operations officers in plain clothes knew that something was suspicious about the vehicle and the young man, and they raced to cut him off

(above) Border Guard policemen conduct a traffic-stop check of Palestinian residents of the city. Such stops often net wanted suspects, stolen vehicles — and the occasional terrorist on the way to his diabolical work. (inset) Border Guard officers prepare to stop a gas truck, now always a concern as a possible delivery platform for a massive suicide truck-bomb, near Abu Tor and the entrance to Jerusalem.



and, in areas targeted by suicidal terrorists and car-bombers, people even go out to dance at discos and to eat in cafés. But Jerusalem's ability to put up a brave front and function as if it is a normal town comes at a remarkable human expense from the men and women sworn to keep it safe. For every bomb that explodes in the city, there are a dozen that have been seized or uncovered by an elite force of commando cops who have been tasked with the supreme burden of stopping the suicide attackers from striking in Jerusalem. If they succeed the city lives another day. One failure and dozens, perhaps more, could be dead on the streets.

Even in peaceful times, Jerusalem was always one of the world's toughest precincts — a city that could not be successfully policed; a city so ancient and yet so modern, claimed by three of the world's major religions, that sits at the no man's land of the Arab-Israeli conflict, is bound to be one of the world's major flashpoints. From the division of Jerusalem in 1948 to its reunification in 1967, to the peace proposals set forth by former Prime Minister Ehud Barak in the summer of 2000, Jerusalem has always been at the epi-

(below) Before entering a possible "terrorist" location, a Lavi tandem provides cover to a three-man breaching team.



from a group of commuters waiting for taxis and busses at a stop nearby. Before they could take aim and fire at the young Palestinian male, he flipped a switch in his hand and blew himself up, killing seven people and wounding more than 30.

The *al-Aqsa Intifadah* has hit Jerusalem like no other city in Israel. Jerusalem has been squarely in the Palestinian crosshairs, with mortar fire, sniper rounds, as well as the human shrapnel of suicide bombs have hit the city's neighborhoods. Train stations in Nahariya, malls in Netanya and discos in Tel Aviv may have all been bloodied by the suicidal carnage unleashed by the Hamas, the Islamic Jihad and the *al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade*, but Jerusalem is the conflict's ground zero and epicenter combined.

Surprisingly, if not remarkably, Jerusalem is a city that has refused to succumb. Children go to school, adults go to work

center of the region's passions, hatreds and violence. From the onset of the current war, the Israel National Police Border Guards have played an integral role in the incessant — and often chaotic — security operations inside Jerusalem. The Border Guard, or *Mishmar Ha'Gvul*, is the operational arm of the Israel National Police responsible for internal security and counter-terrorist duties, as well as guarding the Israel-Palestinian Autonomous Area border, dealing with large public order disruptions, and for preventing agricultural thefts. Some 8,000 men and women serve in the Border Guard police — a large percentage of them, nearly 15%, come from Israel's ethnic minorities (Bedouins, Circassians, Christians, Druze and Moslems); and many of the Jewish conscripts and professional policemen and women are new immigrants from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia.

New Role For A Few Good Men

Border Guard operations inside Jerusalem were always

During deployment near the Lifta at the entrance to the city, a Lavi officer takes aim with his M4/M203. Police work? Yes. Soldiering? Yes. Such is the nature of police work in a nation besieged by terrorists.

overt and massive. Some seven companies of Border Guard policemen had always safeguarded the Israeli capital, the Old City and the surrounding neighborhoods and Arab villages on the eastern periphery of the city boundaries. Proactive patrols, consisting of heavily armed units always provided extra security to sensitive locations throughout the city. These patrols provided a highly visible presence in areas frequented by tourists.

When the al-Aqsa Intifadah erupted, the Border Guards became the shield of the city and the force's special operations units played an integral role in hunting down terrorists looking to shoot at civilian targets in the city. Yet the one Border Guard unit that has borne the brunt — and pressure — of seeking out the bombers before they can strike is Lavi. In 1997, the Border Guard created five regional elite tactical detective units to assist local police districts in combating serious crime trends, such as organized narcotics sales, currency counterfeiting, rape and murder. They were to also serve as first-responders to a hostage-taking or terrorist incident, until more specialized units from the Border Guard could arrive. The unit operates in full tactical gear and, undercover in plain clothes. For Lavi, consisting of nearly 80 men and women, including about 40 conscripts handpicked



for the force, the years before the Intifadah were spent learning the A-to-Zs of aggressive police work.

The unit busted major narcotics traffickers and crushed organized auto-theft rings. In their short history, they had battered a serious dent in Jerusalem's crime statistics. "We were truly becoming a unique crime-fighting entity when all this started," claims Chief Superintendent M., the unit's operations officer, "but since most of the crime in the city originated with the Palestinian areas, the closures and public awareness has helped decrease crime to the point where we can focus our efforts on counter-terrorism." And, indeed, Lavi has become Jerusalem's counter-terrorist first-responders.

Lavi's mission in battling the violence of the current Intifadah is three-fold — mount aggressive patrols throughout the city and stop anyone suspicious; respond to suicide bombing scenes and search the outer perimeter of the mayhem for potential terrorist accomplices attempting to flee; and, when intelligence warnings indicate that an attack is imminent, flood a particular area with officers in an attempt to identify and locate a suicide bomber heading toward his target. It is an enormous responsibility to place on any law-enforcement entity — especially one where the average age of its cops is only 25.

On a bright and sunny summer afternoon, Lavi is out in force in Jerusalem. It has been six hours since Chief Superintendent M., a mild-mannered man of soft-spoken confidence, has given his morning briefing about a potential car bomb being secreted into the city near a "tourist" location, but there still have been no leads, fruitful car stops or arrests. The car they are looking for is a white Subaru with forged plates. Palestinian craftsmen have perfected the means to forge Israeli license plates and the terrorists affix them to stolen vehicles for use in delivering car bombs. Chief Superintendent M. is anxious. Traffic in the city is light compared to a weekday afternoon. Something is up. Someone knows something. Suddenly, near the Mount of Olives, one of M.'s team radios in about a white Subaru driven by an Arab male monitoring a group of tourists in the area.

Unmarked cars and Border Guard jeeps race to the area and locate the vehicle. Fearing a possible suicide car-bomber, the officers position their cars to box the suspected vehicle in, and then proceed with the assault. Officers remove their blue identifying baseball caps and take aim with their Jericho 9mm automatics. The driver yells at the officers, who respond to his resistance by

yanking him out of the car and cuffing him. The car was stolen, but there were no explosives in the vehicle.

Arresting an ordinary car thief instead of a suicide bomber brings disappointment and anxiety to the officer. "If we don't have him," claims O., a conscript in the unit and a new immigrant from Ethiopia, "then he is still out there and we've failed."

Never A Calm At Storm's Center

That sense of failure every time there is a terrorist attack has taken a human toll on the men and women of the unit. Nerves are raw and the pressure is exacerbated by workdays that often exceed 16 hours. The unit's shifts of nine-hour workdays are history. "Sleep and family were all fine when we chased down rapists, counterfeiterers and drug dealers," one officer comments as he gets a call from his eldest son on a much-used cellular phone, "I don't see my life getting back to normal any time soon." "Israeli cops don't get overtime," one officer remarks as he removes a long-range set of field glasses from a case before climbing atop an apartment building to work at an observation post, "we work as long as we need to."

Often, of course, Lavi's officers realize that their work is never over. Each suicide bombing becomes a tragedy etched into the collective scar tissue worn by each of Lavi's officers on the street. But their work doesn't stop once a bomber has gotten through. According to one of the unit's inspectors, "When the Sbarro Pizzeria was hit by a suicide bomber in the summer of 2001 we were out patrolling the city looking for that one individual who didn't look right, but in a city of so many people, with so many areas, how much territory can a shift cover?" When news came of the bombing, the unit was mobilized and rushed into action. Although the natural instinct of cops is to rush into harms way, Lavi officers were tasked with heading a few blocks back, in a far-reaching 360°-perimeter. Suicide bombers are driven to their targets and supported in their mission by sleeper agents who monitor police and emergency medical response times. Lavi officers are tasked with infiltrating the crowds of onlookers to look for anyone who just doesn't look right. This is all done in plain clothes and covertly. In such a horrific situation, they wander around and look as if they are after something very specific, but don't know exactly what they are looking for.

They scan the crowd looking at eyes, body language and, most of all, hands. The eyes may be the gateway to the soul, but only a pair of hands can detonate a backpack crammed with TNT and improvised shrapnel. All officers know that a favorite terrorist tactic is to set-off a small suicide device, and then set off a larger one when police and medical personnel reach the scene.

Hunting for a suicide bomber *before* he strikes is, according to one unit officer, "like finding a needle in a haystack with a clock running out, ticking in your ear." Often the anxious patrols, when officers saturate an area with plain-clothes officers monitored and controlled by observation posts, yields few rewards. But on 5 September 2001, a Lavi patrol hit pay dirt.

Next month, Lavi measures their success by the suicide bombers who do not make the news, scrapes up the flesh of those who did, and their victims, and continues to march in Israel's frustrating, high-stakes, homeland war against terrorism.

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PART II

High-Risk Friendlies

BY LANCE M. BACON

As the author recounted last month, 50 minutes had passed since the MH-47 Chinook, call sign "Razor 1" had been brought down by machine-gun fire and rocket-propelled grenades atop Takhur Ghar Mountain.

It seemed like an eternity.

All 21 men aboard had survived the crash, but four soldiers — one crewmember and three Rangers — were quickly cut down in the ensuing firefight. Both pilots and a doorgunner were seriously wounded. As a three-man medical team, led by Air Force Technical Sgt. Keary Miller, treated the litter patients, the remaining 11 Americans turned their sights toward the al-Qaeda guerrillas who had knocked them out of the sky.

Things looked bad.

At least eight Rangers, many of them wounded, took position behind two rocks roughly 50 meters from an enemy bunker. Their adversaries were no half-assed mountain boys. The enemy troops already had forced one helicopter to abort at 0300, and captured and killed Petty Officer 1st Class Neil

Roberts, a Navy SEAL who fell out of the Chinook as it made a hasty exit. Roberts' buddies came back for him about 45 minutes later but met stiff resistance. They were running east as mortar fire rushed to catch them.

"Razor 1" was one of two helicopters that carried a quick-reaction force to their aid. By the time the helos arrived at 0620, however, they already had lost the cover of darkness. Razor 1 took between two and four RPGs, one of which hit the tail rotor and engine.

Minutes after "Razor 1" went down, two F-15E Strike Eagles, led by Maj. Chris "Junior" Short, were flying a holding pattern to the east, and could see the helicopter. The fighter jets had been providing the SEAL team close-air support and knew the area was extremely hot. Though they

had no idea the helicopter had been shot down, they could see the Chinook on the ground for at least 25 minutes, which was anything but normal. And they knew the SEAL team, call sign "Mako 3-0," had been without air support for 37 minutes.

But, for whatever reason, the two-ship was ordered to leave.

Alone On The Ground

On Roberts Ridge, some things were going good, and some things not so good.

In the "good" column: The wounded were as stable as could be expected, considering they were at 10,500 feet in knee-deep snow and below-freezing temperatures while soldiers bent on martyrdom hurled bullets their way.

In the "not-so-good" column: They all were at 10,500 feet in knee-deep snow and below-freezing temperatures while soldiers bent on martyrdom hurled bullets their way.

There also were no ground troops to support them. For much of the first

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hour, Staff Sgt. Gabe Brown, the combat controller assigned to Miller's combat search and rescue team, couldn't get comms with commanders at Bagram Air Base or air assets overhead. Neither frequency given the night before seemed to work.

Grenades were landing 5 to 10 feet in front of the Rangers' positions, according to Air Force Staff Sgt. Kevin Vance, and enlisted terminal attack controller, or ETAC, assigned to the Rangers. And mortar fire was coming closer — uncomfortably closer.

"I think they started to bracket us in," Brown said. "It got within 100 meters [of the helicopter]."

The mortarmen were located about 300 meters away, but were on the backside of the hill. Assuming they were targeting the helicopter, Miller decided to move his patients to the rally point. The 10-year pararescueman pulled a M-60 machine gun off the ramp and gave it to an aircrew member to provide security at the helicopter's 6 o'clock.

Army Captain Nathan Self, the quick-reaction force commander decided to assault the bunker. Vance said a four-man team comprised of him, the platoon leader, the squad leader and a team leader launched the attack while an M-249 machine-gunner laid a suppressing fire.

Try as they might, an uphill assault in deep snow didn't work. The platoon leader pulled his soldiers back, just in time to hear some good news.



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Air Force Technical Sgt. Jim Hotaling is pictured at an undisclosed location days before the launch of Operation Anaconda. When an MH-47 Chinook, call sign "Razor 1," was shot down 3 kilometers from his hillside observation post, the 10-year combat controller went into action. He coordinated air assets and pummeled enemy reinforcements and command elements throughout the 15-hour battle.

Brown had swapped an antenna on his PRC-117F tactical radio and was able to contact Air Force Technical Sgt. Jim Hotaling, a fellow combat controller who sat 3 kilometers to the southwest as

part of a coalition Special Forces team.

"Razor 1" now had a lifeline.

Through Hotaling, Brown was able to contact the rear and "an element" that had communication with airborne platforms. That element updated Brown with the frequency for Short's F-15E two-ship and told Brown there was a missing element from the earlier attempt to recover Roberts. Brown was advised to look for the SEAL team "on this line-of-sight frequency."

Hotaling then informed Brown of the enemy troop reinforcements coming up the "rat line," a creek bed the controller described as "the Ho Chi Minh Trail of Shah-e-Kot Valley." The two controllers formulated a game plan: Brown would coordinate and control all air assets needed within 800 meters of the helicopter. Everything outside that radius was Hotaling's responsibility. He also would deal with the less-critical communications from the rear and elsewhere.

"He didn't need to be bothered with any of that stuff," Hotaling said. "He needed to be saving his life and his team's life."

Brown now had a way to do just that.

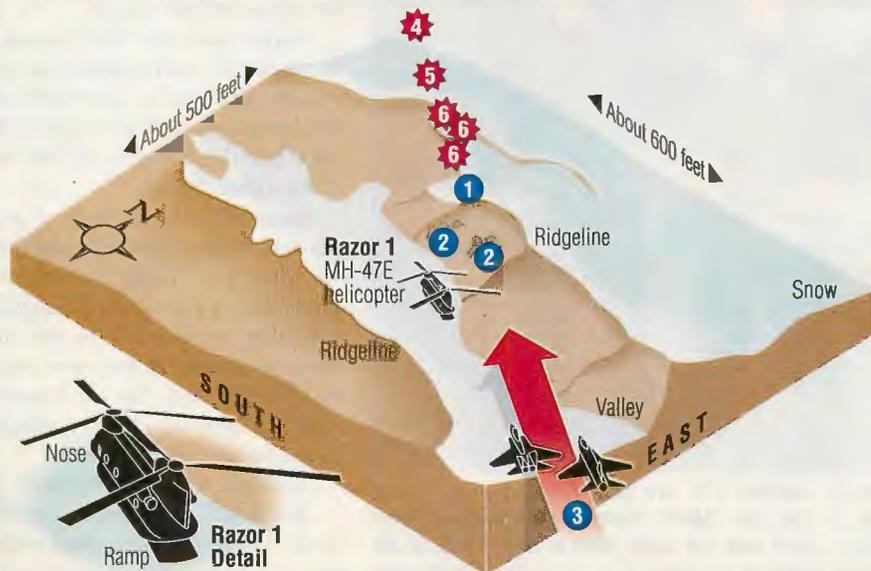
For the second time that morning, a ground controller on Roberts Ridge sent out a call out for help. For the second time, Short's two F-15E's answered the call.

Cutting Down Trees

As they had been ordered, "Twister

THE BATTLEGROUND

A look at the crash site of Razor 1, an MH-47E Chinook helicopter, high atop Takhur Ghar Mountain on the southern end of Shah-e-Kot Valley, Afghanistan.



- 1 The enemy bunker from which the U.S. forces drew most fire in the early hours of the battle.
- 2 Rangers establish two defensive positions behind rocks.
- 3 The estimated flight path taken by the two F-15Es and two F-16s. The fighter jets unload 2,000 20 mm rounds on the bunker, 500 rounds each. The bunker is destroyed roughly two hours into the battle, possibly by a Hellfire missile launched from a Predator unmanned aerial vehicle.
- 4 Rough impact of Twister 5-1's 500-pound laser-guided bomb.
- 5 Rough impact of Twister 5-2's 500-pound laser-guided bomb.
- 6 Rough impact of three 500-pound laser-guided bombs, dropped by an F-16.

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5-1" and "Twister 5-2" were hitting mortar positions on the Whaleback. Twenty-five minutes after their arrival, Short was told to contact "Slick 0-1." That order in itself indicated something was amiss. The pilots had flown many sorties throughout this area and were familiar with all of the call signs. They didn't recognize this one. It didn't take them long to figure it out.

"We're a downed helicopter ... We're receiving enemy fire ..."

Nothing more needed to be said. All four crewmembers knew it was the helicopter they had seen atop the mountain 10 miles to the east. "Slick 0-1" and company had spent 50 minutes in hostile ground without any air support. The F-15Es punched it, and were there in fewer than two minutes.

As they approached at Mach .8, Brown relayed the call: "I need guns only!"

Brown didn't know the F-15E had never used its 20mm multibarrel gun in an emergency close-air support mission. And, quite frankly, he didn't care.

"The sense of urgency is incredible in the kid's voice," Short said. "We can feel it ... they need you right away, anything you can do. So very quickly we go to the process of talk-ons."

Talk-ons are used to make sure the aircrew and the ground controller are looking at the same thing before the unforgiving munitions are sent on their way. What they needed was a common reference point the pilot could see from the air and the controller could see from the ground. That reference point was easy to find. It was a 52-foot bullet magnet — formerly known as an MH-47 Chinook — sitting amid the jagged terrain. The bad guys were 75 meters away, between two pine trees that sat roughly at 2 o'clock from the helicopter's nose. Brown had estimated a good heading for the fast-movers, which brought them east to west across the target.

Seventy-five meters is mighty close for a bb gun, let alone a 20-mm multibarrel gatling gun; especially when you're moving at 575 mph and using an air-to-air cannon designed to bring down supersonic aircraft.

This would be a tough shot for any seasoned pilot; some would say an impossible shot. Yet everyone involved in this support mission said Short remained calm and confident. "I

kinda thought the odds were in my favor. We were stacked with experience," Short said bluntly.

And "Twister 5-1" had one more ace in the hole — the very modest flight lead also had spent three years piloting A-10 Thunderbolts. The "hawg," as it's affectionately called, is a menacing hulk of metal with one specialty: the down-and-dirty, in-your-face kind of close-air support "Razor 1" so desperately needed. Short rolled his Strike Eagle hard right, lined himself on the target and found the tree in his heads-up display.

Everything looked right from the air, but not from the ground. It was such a tight shot that Brown couldn't discern whether Short's rounds would hit the Rangers, so he waved the Strike Eagles off.

"The FAC is doing this all visual," Short said with a nod of approval. "If the guy's that close, he's got to be comfortable enough to trust that when you pull the trigger, you're not going to kill him."

Short and Brown altered "Twister 5-1" 's approach by about 10 degrees, and gave it another try. The controller again waved him off, but reconsidered seconds later.

Third time was a charm. Short came

in square, and with a one-second squeeze of the trigger sent about 100 rounds tearing through the enemy position. Or, as his wingman described it, Short "then proceeds to cut some trees down."

Brown's response was instant. "Direct hit! I can smell the pine! Good guns!"

The tree was splintered right in front of the Rangers and snow flew up within feet of their position. Brown described it as "a fine line between life and death." But one the situation dictated, if not demanded.

Getting In Rhythm

As the Strike Eagles started hot runs with their 20 mm machine guns, Brown sent Short word that he had someone forward deployed.

"Forward deployed?" Short exclaimed, apparently still baffled by the concept. "I'm thinking 'they're 75 meters from the enemy, and now he's forward-deployed? How much closer can you get?!"

Roughly 25 meters closer. The position taken by Air Force Staff Sgt. Kevin Vance and his fellow Rangers was at a higher elevation than the rally point where Brown was located, and gave them a better view of the enemy bunker. Vance and the Rangers shouted information back to Brown such as where the enemy troops were hiding and terrain descriptions.

Vance had taken shrapnel in his arm, but did not notice it. He continually exposed himself to enemy fire to get a better look at the situation, which he relayed back to the controller. Short said this picture allowed his two-ship to zero-in on the target.

Vance shot 420 M-4 rounds in the battle, and counted seven enemy dead as he scanned the landscape, though it is not clear whether the Rangers or the F-15Es killed them.

Soon after the air arrived on-station, team members started to plan for "exfil," which is short for "exfiltration." Simply put, they were ready to get off that mountain. Brown was too, but said he was "up on line-of-sight worrying about what's going to save us right now."

That soon became difficult.

Riechhoff had to make a mad dash for the tanker after only one hot pass. Though their fuel also was at bingo line, Short and



Lance M. Bacon

The crew of "Twister 5-1" are Maj. Chris "Junior" Short (left) and Lt. Col. Jim "Meat" Fairchild, the weapons system officer. Short was the flight lead of two F-15E Strike Eagles that provided air-support to American forces atop Takhur Ghar Mountain.

Lt. Col. Jim "Meat" Fairchild stuck around a little longer. They couldn't do much — they had expended all 500 rounds in three hot passes, and no other fast-movers were available. They offered to drop bombs on the ridge, but Slick 0-1 declined because it was too close to friendlies. Short flew some dry runs over the target in the hopes the noise would "keep the bad guys down." But inevitably, they had to get to the tanker.

It seemed painful for Short and Fairchild to recount this moment. They were somewhat apologetic when they described how the radio chatter became "awful quiet," and the mood inside their cockpit became "frustrated" and "anxious."

"I'm frustrated that we couldn't do more," Short said. "I'm out of bullets and I'm out of gas. I'm frustrated that I can't get more air power on scene."

Hotaling was monitoring the situation from his perch 3 clicks away. There were a lot of airframes there, but they were inappropriate, he said. He told those aircraft to stick around — the controller had noticed enemy reinforcements were increasing, and those heavy-hitters may be needed in the very near future. But Slick 0-1 needed some fast-movers, so Hotaling dedicated his efforts to getting the right players on the field.

Brown remembers the momentary pause, but takes it in stride. "The guys didn't have anything for me. So what do you do? I started looking at other options, but I knew they'd be back."

Indeed they would. A KC-10 Extender had pulled to within 15 miles south of the battlefield. Both fighter jets took a "quick hit" on the nozzle, which cut refueling time from 20 minutes to 10. As a result, only 19 minutes passed between "Twister 5-1" 's last hot pass and "5-2" 's first hot pass off the tanker.

"Which I'd argue was pretty fucking good," Short said as he gave his wingman a nod.

Rieckhoff, with a little more fuel and about 400 rounds, rolled his Strike Eagle back on line and lit up the enemy position, much to the delight of the ground troops. It was his first of four successive hot runs.

"When air came in, the situation started looking up," Miller said. "The guys had remained positive, but this brought them to another level."

As Rieckhoff plowed the area, he sensed things were changing for the better.

"Slick 0-1," when we first started



Staff Sgt. Gabe Brown, a combat controller for eight years, stands in front of a gunship's Gatlings at Hurlbert Field, Fla. Brown, call sign "Slick 0-1," provided close-air support for "Razor 1," an MH-47 Chinook that was shot down in Afghanistan on 4 March.

working with him, he was pretty worried. He was getting shot at," he said. "He just kind of calmed down over time as we were putting bullets on target. He got in a rhythm, and was like 'Alright. These asses are gonna die now.'"

Rieckhoff and his weapons system officer, Capt. Chris "Spliff" Russell, were doing everything they could to support that effort. But bullets run out pretty quick when your cyclic rate is 100 rounds per second. As Twister 5-2 made his last hot pass, it seemed the strong momentum was about to take a turn for the worse.

Just then another fast-mover checked in. It was an F-16 two-ship from the 18th Fighter Squadron, call sign "Clash 7-1."

Vipers Inbound

Lt. Col. Burt "Divot" Bartley was 187 miles away when he and his wingman, Capt. Andy Lipina, got the call. The two-ship hit the tanker and, 22 minutes later, arrived on-scene.

It wasn't a moment too soon.

"There was not a lot of time to mess around," said Bartley, the 18th FS commander. "I could tell by the controller's voice — it sent a chill down my spine."

It is here that Short's A-10 experience was again put into play. Two of his three years in the hawg were spent as an Air FAC — a pilot who guides air support onto ground targets. He put that experience to good use, giving the F-16s what Fairchild called "a world-class fighter-to-fighter brief and a talk-on to the target area." That evolution started when the Clash 7-1 and his

wingman were 30 miles out. Seven minutes later, the enemy bunker was being treated to a taste of Falcon lead.

The F-16s unleashed "some of the most expeditious ammo on target" Bartley said he's ever seen. And he's seen a lot. In addition to being a former OV-10 Bronco pilot, his 18th FS Blue Foxes is the only active-duty F-16 unit whose primary mission is close-air support.

But, eventually, the F-16s, like the Strike Eagles, were out of 20 mm rounds. The fighter jets had aerated the enemy position 2,000 times.

The Strike Eagles still had five 500-pound laser-guided bombs between them, and the Fighting Falcons had their full compliment of eight combined. They also had 40 minutes to talk it over with Brown while a B-52 dropped 2,000-pound Joint Direct Attack Munitions on enemy troops making their way up the mountain.

When the Stratofortress departed, the situation still was much the same: "Razor 1" was receiving small-arms fire and was pinned down. They needed help.

Brown met up with Capt. Self and laid out the options. Though the controller recommended dropping bombs, he was quick to add that he didn't have to sell the Ranger team leader on the idea. "That was pretty much his will, and I facilitated that," he said.

"Slick 0-1" gave the call "cleared hot" for the 500-pounders. Because bombs sometimes go short or long, but rarely left or right, Brown brought the fast-movers in using the same approach

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SOF INTERVIEW:

General Jelko Glasnovic

Straight Talk From Croatia's Military Icon

BY JOHN HOGAN

Glasnovic, 48, escaped from communist Yugoslavia with his family in the 1960s, joined the Canadian Army in 1975, where he volunteered for a five-year tour in the infantry. He then worked for a Sheriffs Department in western Canada for nine years. "I learned the 'con mentality' which has helped me a great deal.

A lie detector would melt dealing with some of the guys I have."

On a vacation to India, Glasnovic had a few beers and made a bet with a friend as to who would join the French Foreign Legion (FFL) when they got back home. He won the bet as his friend backed out and Glasnovic quit law enforcement and joined the FFL. During the Gulf War he served with the FFL Second (Mechanized) Regiment of Infantry.

Six months later, he went on leave from the FFL and never went back. He said that he had had enough of the Legion's inferior equipment and poor treatment of its troops.

During that time, large numbers of ethnic Croats deserted from the Legion to join Croatian militia units engaged in desperate combat against the Serb-led Yugoslav Army.

Glasnovic fought on the Gospic front during some of the heaviest fighting in the Croatian War. After a ceasefire was signed in Croatia, he and other combat veterans crossed the border into Bosnia and Hercegovina (BiH) to begin forming

units to fight against the Serbian ethnic-cleansing which began in mid-1992. The Yugoslav Army had already distributed 100,000 rifles and some heavy weapons to Serbs living in BiH.

When open hostilities with the Serbs began in Bosnia in the spring of 1992, Glasnovic and other Croat veterans of the FFL were promoted to key positions in the Croatian military organization. He was appointed commander of the Croatian military headquarters in Tomislavgrad, BiH and within a few months was given command of a combat brigade. As a Colonel, Glasnovic commanded both the King Tomislav and the Bruno Busic Brigades until the last year of the war when he was given command of the entire 15,000-man Croatian Army fighting the Serbs in Bosnia.

Glasnovic, who was well-known for leading his troops from the front, was wounded twice during the fighting in what was arguably one of the 20th Century's most brutal wars.

A tall and lanky former amateur boxer, Glasnovic was noted for solving discipline problems and settling command disagreements with his fists. Rather than send his troops to jail for serious offenses, he often had them handcuffed to crew-served weapons during combat engagements. He once stemmed a high rate of desertion by having the village priests read the names of deserters during mass.

After the war, he was promoted to the rank of a three-star general, a rank he held until resigning his commission in April 2002. Despite the objections of Western military officials serving in BiH peacekeeping forces, Glasnovic tendered his resignation rather than remaining to lend any legitimization to what he claims

has become a neo-communist military structure both in Croatia and BiH.

SOF, who had worked with Glasnovic in the '90s in BiH, interviewed him in both Croatia and The United States.

SOF: Your last assignment was as head of the "Train and Equip Program" for the integrated army of Muslims and Croats in Bosnia. You say that SOF Magazine had a role in that process?

Glasnovic: Actually, the first Train-and-Equip Program in the Bosnian war was undertaken by SOF in December 1992. These guys were idealists with nothing to gain but the shaft, and they did a fine job for us. Their presence and assistance was a tremendous morale boost to my troops. After about year of combat, my guys thought the world had forgotten them. To see Americans there meant a great deal. Some of the SOF guys kept up a working relationship with us for some time. They brought something with them each time from equipment to knowledge of how to conduct combat operations. What SOF brought us became the basic doctrine that we used to build the brigade. I can tell you that they have not been forgotten.

SOF: You were recently interviewed by investigators seeking information on Soldier Of Fortune's role in possible war crimes?

Glasnovic: Investigators from The Hague, actually a U.S. Justice Department lawyer on loan to The Hague, asked me if Soldier Of Fortune was trying to recruit mercenaries. I told them absolutely not, but that Soldier Of Fortune had given us the first working Train-and-Equip Program. At the time, we were in the middle of logistics nightmare in terms of weapons and ammunition. We had five different kinds of rifle ammo, coming from everywhere, from the Ukraine to Tajikistan. I doubt if there is a man who knows more about small arms than Peter Kokalis, who was SOF's small arms editor, and he helped us sort all that out.

SOF: To what degree was Soldier Of Fortune's Bob MacKenzie, who was later killed in combat in Sierra Leone, involved in assisting you?

Glasnovic: In 1994, SOF's Bob MacKenzie, who had been with the original SOF training mission, came over and joined a new brigade that I was forming of about 1,800 men He

was a Vietnam vet who had extensive combat experience in the Rhodesian SAS and the South African Recce. He led by example and the men respected him. His work with the First Guards Brigade was instrumental in preparing them for future operations, including what became the final offensive to liberate BiH, which ended up 25 kilometers from the Serb headquarters in Banja Luka. At that time, our offensive, which routed most of the Serb forces from Bosnia, was stopped by pressure from the international community.



Then Maj. Robert MacKenzie (facing camera, right) ground-trains Bosnian troops in heli-borne operations on a Soviet-built Mi-8 chopper, 1994.

SOF: During an interview with General Gotovina in March of 2001, Gotovina told us the following story. He said that he got call from Croatian Defense Minister Gojko Susak telling him that U.S. Special Envoy Richard Holbrooke was in Belgrade at that very moment with Slobodan Milosevic. Holbrooke was trying to get Milosevic to go to Dayton to negotiate the peace. Susak told Gotovina that the Americans wanted him to halt the offensive while Holbrooke negotiated with Milosevic. Susak called back and reported that, according to Holbrooke, Milosevic had phoned General Mladic, the overall Serb Commander, who refused to believe that the Croats were in command of the hydroelectric plants only 25 kilometers from Mladic's forces in the Serb regional capitol of Banja Luka. After Gotovina shut-off the power to Banja Luka to confirm his position, Milosevic reportedly told Mladic that he had lost the war and they must sign a peace treaty.

Glasnovic: That is my understanding also. If we had kept on going, we would have run all of the Serbs out of

Bosnia and the world would have fewer problems now.

The Dayton Accords, brokered Holbrooke, stopped the killing but it brought an unjust peace to the region. It legitimized the Serbs' genocide by giving them 49 percent of the territory. According to CIA statistics, the Serbs committed 90 percent of the war crimes. The Republika Srpska is now actually a state within a state within a state, which is essentially run by Serbs in Belgrade.

The current Army of the BiH

Federation is staffed by ex-JNA officers, by ex-UDBA*, ex-KOS*. All these people who we fought against during the war are back in the saddle. This is also the case in Croatia.

(Editor's note: UDBA is the KGB-trained secret police Organization for State Security which operated for 50 years in ex-Yugoslavia and is still operational in Serbia/Montenegro. KOS, or Control of Security, is the past and present KGB-trained Yugoslav Army equivalent of UDBA, which has a much broader internal and external action mandate than any Western military intelligence equivalent.)

SOF: What would happen if the U.S.-led SFOR troops pulled out of Bosnia right now?

Glasnovic: If SFOR pulled out tomorrow there would be another conflict. The International Community has been trying to impose social engineering since Dayton. I don't understand how 90 percent of Croats can vote for a slate of candidates and then have the United Nations High Commissioner

replace them with individuals who got less than six percent of the vote. I also have the feeling that there is no evenhandedness in investigating crimes. Corruption runs through almost all of the banks in the country. UN closed down the main Croat bank, but there has been no effort to investigate corruption in the Muslim banks in Sarajevo. I have not yet seen any reports on how the billions of international foreign aid that has come to BiH has been used. Croats only got eight percent of the total aid. Where have all those funds gone?

SOF: Are the Muslims in Bosnia receiving additional assistance from the Middle East?

Glasnovic: No doubt about it. There has been a great deal of money coming into the Muslims from the UAE, from Saudi Arabia and Iran. What has that money been used for?

SOF: On 17 April 2001 the UN ordered what Newsweek later headlined as a "Bank Job In A Battle Zone." More than a year after the fact, the UN has failed to deliver on their promises to prove any wrongdoing by the Croatian bank. The objective was to break into the Hercegovacka Bank to deprive Croats of the money needed to finance their independence from the socially engineered, U.N.-backed Muslim government. At about 2 a.m., three SAS demolitions experts — imported directly from

Hereford — failed in a simple safe-cracking task. According to Newsweek's reporter who was on the scene immediately after, the SAS experts royally screwed-up. "They only got one of the safes, and blew money all over the place."

Glasnovic: The intention of the bank robbery was to destroy the Croatian entity. If you have no finances you can't pay an Army or a government. With no funds, we could no longer pay our troops and the army, that fought so valiantly, was disbanded.

The bank was founded to back Croatian interests in BiH. Croat businesses in BiH contribute about 35-40 percent of the federation tax base when Croats only make up 10 percent of the population. It generated the highest profit of any bank in the country. If the international community was looking for illegal funds, they should have taken a look at the Muslim banks laundering money coming in to bin Laden-associated people from the United Arab Emirates, Libya, Malaysia and Iran.

SOF: Speaking of Middle-Eastern connections, Paddy Ashdown, the new UN High Commissioner, makes no secret of his friendship with former Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic. Silajdzic was widely rumored to be the main connection between al-Qaeda and the Muslims in Sarajevo. Ashdown just summarily fired the Croat who was BiH Minister of Finance and replaced him with one of Silajdzic's men. Silajdzic is a friend of Qadhafi's who was educated in Libya and got some PLO training in Beirut

Glasnovic: Several weeks ago, there was a huge weapons cache found on the Muslim side of Mostar. Haris Silajdzic has been connected to it. It is well-known that Bosnia is a training ground for middle eastern terrorists. The way Croats in BiH see it, the goal of the U.N. led international community is to end the Croatian Catholic identity through social engineering; to force Croats in Bosnia to meld into a Muslim-dominated culture. Croats see their language being banned in schools, they see their television channels being banned at the same time that more Muslim channels are being introduced from Iraq and Iran. There were 30 percent Croats in Bosnia before WWII, about 20 percent after the war, and now it's down to about 10 percent and people are leaving every day. The government in Bosnia is one that they don't trust because it clearly

Into The Breach

SOF's 1992 Croatian Training Team In Bosnia

Bob Brown's, and SOF's, relationship with General Zeljko (Jelko) Glasnovic has existed for well over a decade. In 1992, Glasnovic, ever eager for experienced personnel, invited Brown to saddle-up a team of trainers to ready his potentially capable — but bright green — international force of volunteers (hailing from the U.S., Australia, Canada, Germany, the U.K., and New Zealand, as well as Croatia) in the lethal arts of war. Serb atrocities were peaking and it was the right thing to do to provide assistance against these Nazis of the '90s.



Brown selected an advance team of Col. Alex McColl (Ret.), SOF's then-Director of Special Projects, and Nick Dodich, a long-time contact of Glasnovic, to jet over to the Bosnia AO to perform an estimate of the situation.

From their feedback, Brown assembled a training team of extraordinary talent for the two-week "tour of duty." Besides Bob Brown himself, McColl (who taught staff management and organization, field-artillery fire-control and crater analysis) and Nick Dodich (public relations), the contingent included John Donovan (demolitions); Peter Kokalis (squad automatic weapons); John Hogan (public and media relations); Bob MacKenzie and Mike Peck (tactics, sniping, recon and patrolling).

The team's mission, though completely successful, more importantly forged many personal and professional relationships which continue to this day.

— Tom Reisinger

Pictured: (back row) Peck, McColl, Donovan and Kokalis; (front row) Brown, MacKenzie and Dodich.

ignores the interests of the Croats.

SOF: *We understand that members of the international community in BiH are making far better money than they would be at home, and generally living like kings. What is the incentive for these people to find solutions and withdraw from BiH?*

Glasnovic: The United Nations has made an industry out of the suffering of the people of Bosnia. During the war, even UN truck drivers were getting 750 pounds sterling a week, plus expenses. Wolfgang Petritsch, the UN High Commissioner, was making about 50 thousand a month when he left. Bosnia is the most expensive social experiment in world history. They are making huge salaries trying to impose their social view on people in a region they had no knowledge of prior to the war. The people who are leading these programs are extremely left-wing liberals. They are socialist to the core. Loving your country, your language and culture gets you immediately branded as a nationalist, which they equate with fascism.

Since 9/11 there should have been a change in the international community policy toward the Sarajevo government. We've been fighting the same people who attacked the Pentagon and the Towers for at least for or five years now. We've found documents indicating how many people were fighting in Bosnia from al-Qaeda, North Africa, and Iran. Bin Laden infiltrated most of his people into the Western world through Bosnia and Croatia with Bosnian government-issued identities. The al-Qaeda people committed the worst atrocities on the Muslim side and a great number of them are still involved in the Muslim leadership.

SOF: *What is your evaluation of the present military leadership of Croatia and Bosnia?*

Glasnovic: The present cadre that is in power now in both the military structures of both Croatia and in Bosnia are ex-JNA officers who all had very close ties to Middle-Eastern terrorists, because they trained them during the communist days. They had close ties with the Iranian Secret Service, and with nearly every communist guerrilla movement in Africa from Angola to Rhodesia. The Yugoslav National Army had close ties to every enemy of the



23 December 1995: First IFOR meeting in Mrkovjicgrad, BiH. (left) Major General Michael Jackson (England) talks with Brigadier General Jelko Glasnovic, (HVO-Croatia). The pair worked well together.

United States and now those same officers are running the military in both Bosnia and Croatia with the blessing of the U.S. State Department. Yugoslav engineers built the El Salaam Air Force Base that we over ran during Desert Storm when I was in the Legion. When the Gulf War was going on the same JNA officers the State Department is referring to as "Democratic reformers" were cheering for the Iraqis.

SOF: *How do you read the Bush Administration continuing the Clinton policy of supporting the neo-communist government in Croatia?*

Glasnovic: The State Department is always talking about the progress of the present reformist government in Zagreb. They need to take a closer look at who the U.S. is working with. These people have no idea about democratic reform. Prime Minister Ivica Racan, was a professor of Marxist Leninist ideology. He was the main ideological persona of the Marshall Tito Political School. President Mesic's top military adviser, General Imor Agotic, and the Croatian Army Chief of Staff, General Stipitic, are both Moscow-trained officers. When Vukovar was falling in 1991, Agotic was a member of the Serb Army. He was a member of the JNA military counterintelligence in the fall of 1991.

After 20-30 years of being marinated in Marxism, these people will not change their point of view. They may be useful idiots now because they are kowtowing to the State Department's wishes, but in the long run it won't work. Right now the U.S. is backing governments in Croatia and Bosnia that have people in top leadership positions who

have been involved in the jailings and murders of not ten, but tens of thousands, of innocent people. The people of Bosnia know this as do the people of Croatia. The only hope for building an army in either country is to get young people not already ruined by communism and train them in the United States using Western doctrine.

SOF: *The Train-and-Equip Program was funded largely by U.S. taxpayers since 1995 to build an integrated Army in BiH. That integrated Army was supposed to be the backbone of the new multi-ethnic Bosnian nation envisioned by the Clinton leftover social engineers in the State Department's Office of Bosnia Implementation. It is our understanding that the Muslims are currently eliminating the Croat component of the Federation Army. After investing U.S. taxpayer dollars in Train-and-Equip all we've done is produce a Muslim-led, Western-equipped army on the European continent.*

Glasnovic: That is correct. The Train- and-Equip Program is a total failure. The equipment is rusting away in warehouses and the military centers are closed due to lack of personnel. Everything from M60 and MX30 tanks, M113 APCs, 122mm howitzers are rusting away. The Rpblika Srpska does not participate in any way in the program but they are here to stay because the Russians will support them in the UN. What you have now is an essentially Muslim Army being led by ex-JNA officers. As far as the Croatian Army goes, all the veterans of the war against the Serbs have been purged, as have the Foreign Legion volunteers who played such a significant role in the war. When the Berlin Wall fell, the Germans got rid of all of the commie officers because they realized that after 20 years in a system people minds couldn't be changed. The future looks grim.

SOF: *Now that you are out of uniform for the first time in many years, what are your plans?*

Glasnovic: It may sound bizarre, but I'm considering going into politics.

SOF: *General, thanks for your time and good luck to you and your people.*

John Hogan is a long-time SOF contributor. ✕

SOF PROVING ground

SOF Takes A Look At Aguila's .22 LR SSS Sniper SubSonic Load

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Crowding into a small, bleak office, my associates and I were introduced to a five-man Russian *Spetsnaz* team. The team commander, Ivan, was a giant of a man, and good friends with my friend Andrei. As we relaxed and ate bread, cheese, and salami, in between toasts of vodka, we went back and forth with questions. Three of the team had just returned intact from service in Chechnya and so

they were celebrating. But they were as interested in asking us about how things were done on our side of the pond as we were in asking them the same. In between the endless toasts, which I would regret all to soon, I struck up a lively conversation with the team sniper, Mikhail.

In addition to using an SVD, SV-98, and a suppressed 9x39 VSK-94 sniper rifle, he stated that he had also

deployed with their 12.7x108 OSV-96 Heavy Sniper Rifle. Their OSV-96 is a gas-operated, self-loading, 25.7-pound rifle that fires the Russian 12.7x108 HMG cartridge; equivalent to our .50

For certain situations nothing beats a suppressed .22. For these times, Industrias Tecnos developed their .22 SSS Sniper SubSonic load. Rifle is a suppressed Poseidon from Centurion Ordnance.

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BMG round. Tactically, it would be along the same lines as our Barrett M82A1. Asking him what he was issued for 12.7 ammunition he replied that they had a dedicated 12.7x108 sniper load, designated 12.7SN.000. Interested, I asked them about the rifle's effective range with it.

"2,000 meters" their sniper replied chewing on a piece of thick bread.

"Nyet," I said thinking he had misunderstood me, "not against material targets, but how far can you hit a standing figure with the sniper load?"

"2,000 meters" came the answer again, Mikhail staring blankly at me as he chewed.

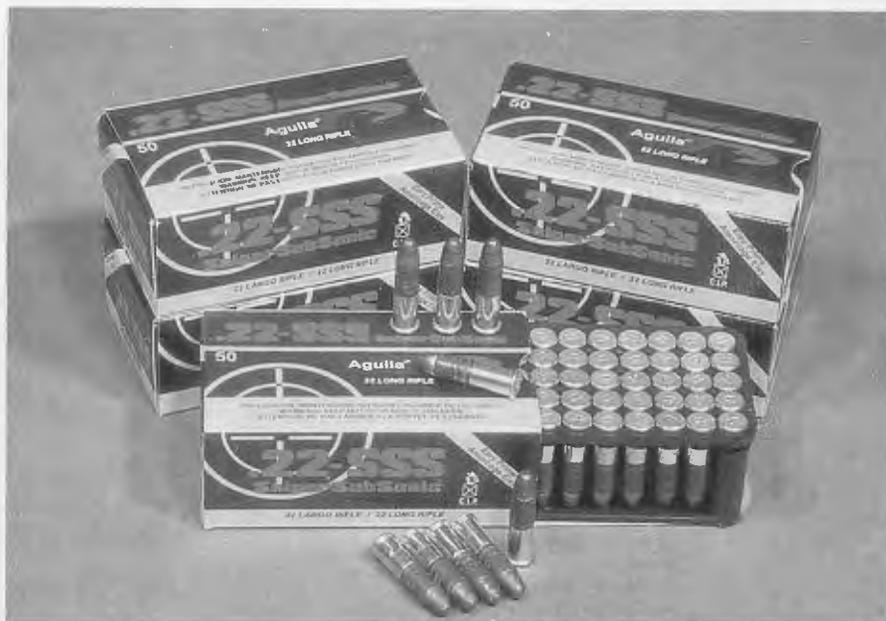
"2,000 meters?"

"He has made this shot as you asked, at 2,000 meters," another one of his team mates replied. Then I remembered that they had returned that day from service in Chechnya.

When it comes to sniper rifles there is no doubt that the big .50s are the most imposing. Everything about these weapons is impressive; their size, their shells, their recoil, their range, and their effect on target. For many situations, though, bigger is not necessarily better. There are times when, for a variety of reasons, a small, lightweight and compact weapon, that is both accurate and silent, is much preferred. For certain applications the lowly .22 LR rim-fire, while not as sexy as a .50 BMG bolt gun, simply has no peer.

Why a .22 LR? For a number of reasons, the primary being that .22 rim-fires can be extremely accurate, extremely quiet, and they possess enough power to get the job done, with proper shot-placement. This is why .22s are such a popular poaching weapon. Due to these qualities it is a very useful cartridge when deployed from a suppressed rifle or pistol. From such an envelope it can be used to silently put out lights, flatten tires, silence guard dogs, or eliminate enemy personnel. In addition, the Israelis have been known to use suppressed .22s to engage rock-throwing rioters. When you see Abdul and Omar suddenly drop, clutching their groins, for no apparent reason it's usually a good indication that you should drop your rock and find something more constructive to do.

Recently I had a chance to test a subsonic .22 LR rim-fire load that was



The SSS features a heavy 60-grain LRN bullet driven at 950 fps. It's designed to offer superior terminal performance over conventional .22 LR subsonic loads, as well as reliably operating automatic weapons. (below) The unique nature of the SSS is readily seen in this line-up of Aguila's offerings, from left to right: .22 Winchester Auto, .22 LR Match, SSS, .22 Super Maximum, .22 Colibri, .22 Super Colibri.



designed specifically for such serious social work. Called the SSS Sniper SubSonic, this round is produced by *Industrias Tecnos*, of Cuernaca, Mexico and marketed under their *Aguila* (Eagle) banner. I had a chance to test this interesting load during a recent trip to *Industrias Tecnos* and came away quite impressed. No newcomer to building quality rim-fire ammunition, *Industrias Tecnos* was founded in 1961 and produced rim-fire ammunition for Remington for many years. A modern plant with state-of-the-art Eley Prime equipment, they produce very high-quality rim-fire ammunition. In the last few years they have introduced a number of proprietary rim-fire loads, one of which is the SSS.

During the development of the cartridge, the designer, Eduardo Belgrano, intended the round to be subsonic for use in suppressed weapons. However, he also wanted it to reliably cycle autoloading weapons and have as much

punch as possible. The easy solution to this was simply increasing bullet weight: If you have to throw a bullet at low velocities then you might as well throw the heaviest one you can. In addition, the heavier projectile would increase the weapon's action velocity. With a regular .22, however, due to its age (the .22 Short dates from 1857 and the Long Rifle from 1887), you have a heel-type bullet to contend with. So to overcome this, Eduardo took a .22 Short case and topped it with a heavy 60-grain RNL bullet. This gives an overall length the same as for a standard .22 LR. Muzzle velocity is 950 fps, perfect for suppressed use, and generates 120 ft.-lbs. of energy. While this load starts out slow the heavy bullet retains its velocity well. Due to this, it has 1/3 more energy at 100 yards than a conventional subsonic .22 LR load, and almost as much energy at this distance as hyper-velocity loads. In addition, the heavy bullet has substantial sectional density and should penetrate deeply, compared to a 30-40-grain slug. Of special significance though is the fact that the SSS will reliably cycle automatic weapons; something normal subsonics often cannot do.

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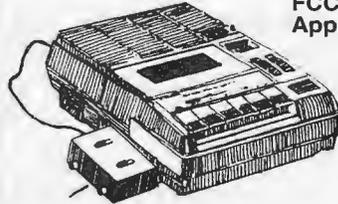


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The girls, many of whom are Palestinian, are displayed naked at pimping auctions going at prices ranging from \$4,000 to \$20,000, depending on her looks, according to one Tel Aviv pimp.

Chaim Nardi, an Israeli sociologist, links the slave-trafficking to machismo attitudes in Israeli society, which "allow men to consider women their toy." Most prostitutes suffer from depression, he said. Prison officials report that 80% of the girls become addicted to drugs, mainly heroin, Israelis'



Israel's Foreign Minister Shimon Peres signs one of three protocols at the UN in November of 2001, as UN Legal Advisor Hans Correl assists. Protocols involved the trafficking of persons, especially women and children, and the rights of children in armed conflicts, and rights of children regarding their sale or prostitution, and child pornography. Israel has always had laws on the books against running brothels, kidnapping and sexual assault — yet prostitution is a half-billion dollar a year industry there, largely fueled by sexual slavery.

drug of choice. A vicious cycle of prostitution finances their addiction.

Criminologist Menachem Amir said that three groups — Orthodox Jews, Arabs and the 250,000 foreign workers spike demand.

Arabs and Orthodox Jews have "very strong taboos against sexual connections outside of marriage and therefore go to a place where they can do it more anonymously," a Tel Aviv pimp, Amir, told Reuters.

Some rabbis, "Wake Up or Die" said, ride bicycles to the whorehouses. "A good percentage of the clients are ultra-Orthodox Jews, pious men whose lives are guided by *Halachah* (religious law), which tells them when they can or cannot have sex with their wives." So, on Thursday (boys night out in Israel) busloads of Orthodox Jews travel from Jerusalem, Haifa, and points beyond to Tel Aviv for a few brief moments of passion in a massage parlor, behind a sand dune, or in an alley. Other customers are accountants, lawyers, policemen, and politicians. "The entire spectrum of Israeli society is keeping the hookers in business," Detective Shachar, veteran on the Tel Aviv vice detail, said.

"Many of the prostitutes in Israel, especially those of Arab descent, are abused by Jews expressing their 'racial-nationalist fervor.'" The girls ... "find that their Jewish customers only come to them after a Palestinian terrorist act to get their own brand of sexual revenge laced with racial-nationalistic fervor ... and they do it with hate and anger."

Neveh Tirza Prison warden Debi Sagi helped give Hotline for Migrant Workers, the interventionist organization dealing with the problem, better access to the prisoners. Victims share cells with Israeli convicted criminals. Many are detained in police detention centers because of the overcrowded jails, where the conditions are worse. Half are deported penniless.

The pimps' attorneys often represent the girls, or the pimp might pay 30,000 shekels bail pending her deportation, so that she can go back to work. "These women," said Nomi Levenkron, senior advocate of Hotline, "who were raped, trafficked and exploited before their arrests, were in fact sold once more, this time by the state itself."

Israeli Police On The Hot Spot By Hotline

One 18-year-old Moldavian sought refuge in a Tel Aviv police station. Some of the officers, who were her clients, recognized her and called her pimp. She fled. The pimp found her and forced her back to the brothel.

"There are police who just come as clients, those who get special discounts because of their good relationships with the owner of the place and those that inform the owner about police operations," Levenkron said.

Hotline found police involved in six of 24 cases in 15 months — four cases of policemen warning of impending police raids, one policeman managed a brothel, and another sold a woman to another pimp after her arrest.

Hotline accused the Israeli officials of: arresting pimps at their convenience, and ignoring crimes of notorious pimps who cooperate with the police on other matters; of disregarding the 16-year sentence allowed, and of making "shameful" plea bargains with pimps. The authorities, according to Hotline, lied about women refusing to testify. Less than 20, of hundreds of women interviewed in two and a half years, had been asked to testify. Of 1,370 files opened between 1998-2000, only 2% were prosecuted.

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Lessons From The NTI

As he is a master at winnowing good ideas from among a lot of chaff, firearms instruction by John S. Farnham can be characterized as training that sticks with you because it always makes sense. A good case in point would be the following pithy observations he made after the NTI (National Tactical Invitational) 2002. Noting that they had a good collection of gunmen at this year's event and that 93% of the rounds that went down-range struck bad-guy targets, Farnham jotted down some of the lessons learned, which he shares with us here:

Decisiveness: Decisiveness is probably the most important of all tactical skills. If you're going to exit, do it quickly and don't come back. Get distance and get out of sight. If you're going to disengage, do it aggressively, then exit quickly even if you have to push past or through people. If you're going to engage, do it quickly and with exorbitant violence. Don't hesitate. Don't start to do one thing, then stop and start to do something else. A confused countenance always locks you in position and generates a focused response by predators.

Alertness: The more warning you have, the more time you have to put a plan together. You must make it a habit of looking all around constantly. I find the "step-and-scan" technique to be particularly valuable in this regard.

Smooth Aggressiveness: If you have a plan, it must be executed seamlessly, with great force and speed, and without delay. Don't vacillate and don't falter.

Have A Plan: Accept the fact that it won't be perfect, but, without one, you will dither and hesitate. When you become overwhelmed, take a breath, reform your plan and continue.

You Need Your Hands To Fight: In an emergency, if you have something in your hands that is not important and is not helping you right now, it needs to be immediately jettisoned, so that your hands are free to do the important work at hand.

Movement: Whether you're engaging or exiting, aggressive movement will invariably unbalance your opponent(s). We see it again and again. Unless you're in a strong, covered position, you must be moving constantly.

Keep Maximum Strength On Your Gun: A strong, tight Weaver stance is always best. People who hyper-extend their pistols, particularly when they are shooting one-handed, betray their position, get disarmed, or get shot in the arm. Don't stick your pistol where angels fear to tread! The Isosceles stance is *not* suitable for serious shooting.

Make Use Of Cover At Every Opportunity, But Don't Crowd It: Moving to cover needs to be an automatic response, but many shooters crowded it and were thus unable to use it effectively. The "rollout" technique will always maximize your advantage.

Don't Point Your Gun At Yourself: It's difficult to imagine how shooting yourself in the middle of a tactical situation would be helpful to you! And yet, we saw many ostensibly experienced gunmen point their pistols at their weak-side hand more or less contiguously as they moved through tactical exercises. Muzzle-consciousness is something that every aspiring gunman should learn on the first day of his training, but the lesson is lost on many when things get exciting.

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Although the sun has largely set on the 7.62x51 NATO round for general-issue battle rifles it will probably never completely fade away. Indeed, there are situations and environments where the range and power of the 7.62x51 is a distinct asset. When hard targets, motor vehicles, or barriers must be penetrated the 7.62x51 offers both plenty of power, as well as a wide variety of special-purpose loads. While currently relegated mainly to sniper rifles and GPMG's, interest in 7.62x51 battle rifles has been rekindled in some quarters, due to reports of poor performance of the M855 5.56x45 round in Afghanistan. Reports back from the front indicate that multiple hits are necessary to service a target, as also reported by troops who fought in Somalia.

So what's the fix? Some call for the return of a 7.62x51-caliber battle rifle, whose 147-grain slug can be counted on to take the fight out of an opponent if he's at 60 yards, or 600 yards. Whether modern 7.62x51 NATO battle rifles will be procured for Special Operations remains to be seen. If it



Battle-Rifle Punch

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does happen though, one rifle that surely will be considered will be the indomitable FAL. No stranger to readers of *SOF*, the FAL is a highly regarded old warhorse that has seen combat around the world.

One company that has been hard at work bringing the old FAL up to date is DSA, Inc., of Barrington, Illinois. One of only two companies left in the world to manufacture brand new FAL rifles, DSA, Inc. has gained a well-deserved reputation for building quality rifles. Their lineup is extensive and includes standard models, medium- and heavy-barrel target rifles, and a variety of carbines. One of their models that has been stirring a lot of interest of late is their compact FAL shortly called the OSW (Offensive Suppression Weapon). Sporting an 11" barrel, it packs a lot of punch in a small package. Designed as

an ultra-compact carbine speaking with .30 caliber authority, this model has been getting a lot of looks by a number of law-enforcement agencies. In addition, DSA also offers a similar model with a 13" barrel and a permanently attached replica flash suppressor. This brings the length out to 16 1/4" for those who like the looks, but don't want the regulatory hassle, of a SBR. Recently, *SOF* had a chance to evaluate both of these models.

DSA, Inc. originally began manufacturing FAL rifles after making a large (40-ton) purchase from the Austrian MoD. Austria had adopted the FAL in 1958 as the StG58 (*Sturmgewehr 58* or Assault Rifle 58), and it was subsequently produced by Steyr. A metric-pattern rifle, it was modified slightly from the West German G-1. Well-liked by Austrian troops, it was standard-

issue until finally superseded by the Steyr 77 AUG. While officially replaced in Austrian service in 1977, the StG58 actually soldiered on until 1994 or 1995. The last units carrying them in the Austrian Army were the *Jagdkampf*, who are similar in concept to our Green Berets. Tasked with a behind-the-lines guerrilla role, they preferred the 7.62x51 NATO round over the 5.56x45 due to its ability to shoot through trucks and light-cover during ambushes. They also liked its ability to bump-off AKM-armed troops at long range with relative impunity.

DSA's purchase netted them not only all the StG58 parts Steyr had in inventory, but also all their machinery and the original blueprints and design drawings for the StG58. With the original FN-Herstal blueprints in-hand, along with Steyr's tooling, DSA was



Once machined, the entire receiver is then heat-treated. This is also an improvement as original FAL receivers were induction-heat-treated only in specific areas. Heat-treating the entire receiver strengthens it as a whole. To their receivers, DSA mates Badger barrels, available in a variety of lengths and weights. No matter what length or weight you choose, all their barrels are double-stress-relieved, cryogenically treated, and have 11-degree target crowns. They feature broach-cut rifling, are lapped by hand, and available in either 4140 carbon steel or 416 stainless. Barrel twist is either 1-10" or 1-11" and most have an integrally machined muzzle brake. The barreled uppers are mated to lower receivers CNC-machined from a solid billet of 7075 T6 aircraft-grade aluminum alloy. The rest of the rifle is assembled using about 85% brand-new American-made parts. The few, about six, parts used that are not made in the U.S. are brand-new MilSpec Steyr/FN parts. Finish is an anodized hard-coat on aluminum parts, and a MilSpec phosphate finish on steel parts.

In the past I've tested a half-dozen

In A Subgun Profile

SOF Takes A Look At Two DSA FAL Shorties

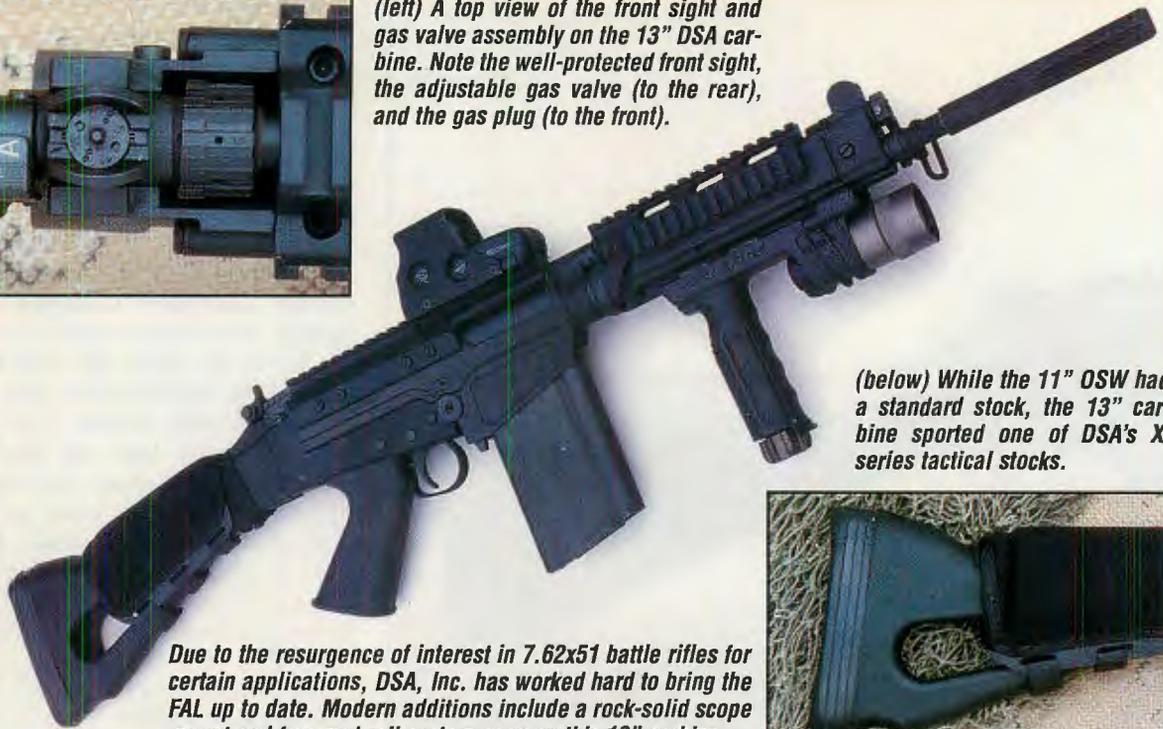
able to start producing FAL rifles. However, rather than produce the rifle with 1950s' manufacturing techniques, they replaced the laborious single-stage machining techniques with modern CNC technology to improve the quality of the rifle the efficiency of its manufacture. Yet even with the miracle of CNC-machining, the FAL is still a labor-intensive "Old World" design. As an example, each DSA FAL starts its life as a 19-pound solid forged billet of 4140 steel. When this billet comes out of the CNC-controlled milling machinery it's a 1.45-pound upper receiver. That's right: 17.55 pounds of tool steel ends up as scrap on the floor.

With two empties in the air the author prepares to pound another round down range. Notice the lack of muzzle rise even during this one-hand drill.





(left) A top view of the front sight and gas valve assembly on the 13" DSA carbine. Note the well-protected front sight, the adjustable gas valve (to the rear), and the gas plug (to the front).



Due to the resurgence of interest in 7.62x51 battle rifles for certain applications, DSA, Inc. has worked hard to bring the FAL up to date. Modern additions include a rock-solid scope mount and fore-end rail system seen on this 13" carbine.

(below) While the 11" OSW had a standard stock, the 13" carbine sported one of DSA's X-series tactical stocks.



different models from DSA. These have ranged from a .243 carbine set-up for three-gun matches to medium-weight target guns. All were well-made, reliable, and accurate. So I was interested in seeing how their shorties fared. Among the models offered, is their 11" OSW and a 13" model with replica flash suppressor. The 13" gun's permanently attached replica flash suppressor brings its barrel length out to 16.25". This model might be appealing to those individuals unable, or unwilling, to purchase a SBR.

While DSA's shorties looked good, I had concerns over whether they would function reliably due to the abbreviated barrel and shortened gas system. Anyone who remembers the M14K will

note that to function reliably it had to use a gas system pirated from an M60. While HK shorties run, it should also be remembered that they are *not* gas-operated. We also wanted to test DSA's FAL scope mount and their fore-end rail system. DSA's SA58 heavy-duty scope mount is machined from 6061 T6 aluminum alloy and features a MIL-STD 1913 Picatinny rail. It slides in place of the standard top cover and is then securely locked via four heat-treated steel plates and eight screws. Wall thickness on this unit is a beefy 9mm, which is considerably heavier than any other unit I've seen and bordering on overkill. Once installed, this platform allows easy mounting of day or night optics.

Of the two weapons tested one had a

conventional fore-end while the other had a rail system mounted. Called the FAS (FAL Accessory System), this rail system comprises two pieces that interlock together via six Allen screws. It's manufactured from 6061 aircraft-grade aluminum, which is then hard-coated and anodized for strength and durability. The forearm assembly features four MIL-STD 1913 Picatinny rails located at 12, 3, 6, and 9 o'clock. These rails allow an operator to easily configure his weapon to match his specific requirements. They allow the quick and easy installation of optics, vertical grips, tactical lights, laser designators and the like.

The carbines themselves were both attractive, in an evil sort of way, and well-finished. With an overall length of just 32.5" inches, the 11" OSW gun was the size of some subguns. Pawing both

DSA Offensive Suppression Weapon FN FAL Shorty

SPECIFICATIONS

Operation:	Gas via short-stroke piston. Lockup via tilting bolt.
Caliber:	7.62x51 NATO
Overall Length:	32.5 inches (38 w/replica suppressor)
Barrel Length:	11 inches (13" w/replica suppressor)
Twist:	1-11 inches
Sights:	Front: Post, adjustable for elevation. Rear: Aperture, calibrated from 200-700m.
Weight:	7.6 pounds, (8.95 lbs with Rail system and 13" barrel).
Feed:	5-, 10-, 20-, 30-round box magazines.
Finish:	MilSpec phosphate on steel. Hard-coat anodized on aluminum.
Retail Price:	\$1,595.00 for OSW.

True to its military heritage, the DSA shorty fieldstrips easily for routine maintenance.





Both weapons performed well during testing and the EOTech HDS provided quick hits out to 300 yards. DSA, Inc. offers a variety of models, including a 16" carbine, that author and a team of shooters put 10,000 rounds through in nine hours flat. This says much for the quality of DSA's rifles.

weapons over revealed well-executed machining and fitting, with no tool marks evident. We also noted that the receivers were not cut for a carrying handle. This strengthens the receiver, and on a weapon this size a carrying handle is superfluous. Popping the top cover and looking inside revealed well-executed machine work throughout, with obvious attention to detail. The actions operated smoothly, and the controls were easily manipulated. Dry-firing revealed crisp, although somewhat heavy, single-stage triggers. This is normal for a FAL. Standard metric 20-round magazines inserted and ejected smoothly, and the bolt releases operated easily. The pistol grip, charging handle knob, fore-end (on the 11" gun), and butt-stock on both rifles were of robust black synthetic. Sights were standard FAL with a protected front post, adjustable for elevation, and an adjustable rear peep. The rear sight is calibrated from 200-700 meters and can be adjusted for windage via two screws when zeroing. On the negative side, though, I noted that the front sight on the 11" gun had been drastically shortened to enable it to be zeroed. I personally would have much preferred leaving the front sight alone and modifying the rear.

The last thing we pawed over was the weapon's shortened gas system. The FN FAL design makes use of an adjustable short-stroke gas system that allows an operator to tailor the weapon's settings to the conditions for reliable functioning. In the case of an extremely dirty or overheated weapon, an operator can increase the gas flow to ensure reliable cycling. What we were interested in finding out was if DSA had been able to modify the FAL's gas system enough to ensure trouble-free and reliable cycling with the short 11" barrel.

During testing we used both an EOTech HOLOgraphic diffraction sight, as well as an ELCAN. While not the

prettiest girl at the dance, in my opinion, the EOTech is a highly effective sight, perhaps the best out there. Using holographic technology, it provides a heads-up display of a reticle pattern rather than a simple dot, and is much more than just a simple red-dot reflex sight. The ELCAN on the other hand is

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an incredibly rugged 3.4x optical sight, standard-issue on Canadian Armed Forces C-7 rifles (basically an M-16A2). Unlike a traditional riflescope, the ELCAN is a roof prism design with all ballistic adjustments made externally on the mount. It features a huge 8-degree field of vision and in place of the traditional crosshair reticle is a Tritium-illuminated post, with some basic range-finding capability. In addition, we mounted a Laser Products SureFire Millennium Vertical Pistol Grip Light, Model M900A. This self-contained unit mounts easily with a Swan throw lever and features a vertical grip and a tactical light with an output of either a 125- or 225-lumen white-light beam. Weighing only 18 ounces this unit will easily blind someone at close range or illuminate a target in excess of 100 yards.

During testing I was interested in checking intrinsic and practical accuracy, reliability, controllability, and flash/noise signature. To get a feel for them we first ran both carbines through a variety of CQB drills. Here we noticed that they were quite controllable, for .308s, even when hammering out triple taps. Magazines changed easily and the 11" OSW gun handled well. However, we did notice that bolting accessories onto the 13" carbine porked it out so significantly weight-wise that it had a detrimental effect on its handling. Neither gun is a lightweight, and while you can shorten them, they are still .308 battle rifles.

Due to time constraints we chose to only extensively test the 11" OSW from the bench for accuracy at 100 yards. Loads utilized consisted of PMCs and Sellier & Bellot's 168-grain, and Black Hills 175-grain HPBT match loads. In addition, we ran some Winchester 168-grain Ballistic Tips, Remington 150-grain Ballistic Tips, and Hornady 150-grain Spire Points through it. Lastly, we included some 147-grain FMJBT surplus ball manufactured by Radway Green, which had been supplied by Centerfire Systems.

Off the bench, DSA's OSW performed

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Ready To Revolt

Iraqi "Defector-General" Talks With SOF

BY DALE B. COOPER

Ready to revolt!" is what a steady stream of Iraqi officers defecting to neighboring Turkey are telling Fawzi al-Shamari, a former lieutenant general in Saddam Hussein's army who has been in contact with the new émigrés.

Al-Shamari saw the light more than 15 years ago, and now speaks for a group of high-ranking Iraqi generals who have also defected. Fawzi and his friends are waiting in the wings for the sand in Saddam's hourglass to run out.

Fawzi was born in 1945 in the ancient Iraqi city of Babylon, about 45 miles south of Baghdad. Like many little boys, Fawzi played war with his friends. Some dreamed of being doctors. Others wanted to be engineers, but Fawzi wanted to be an army officer.

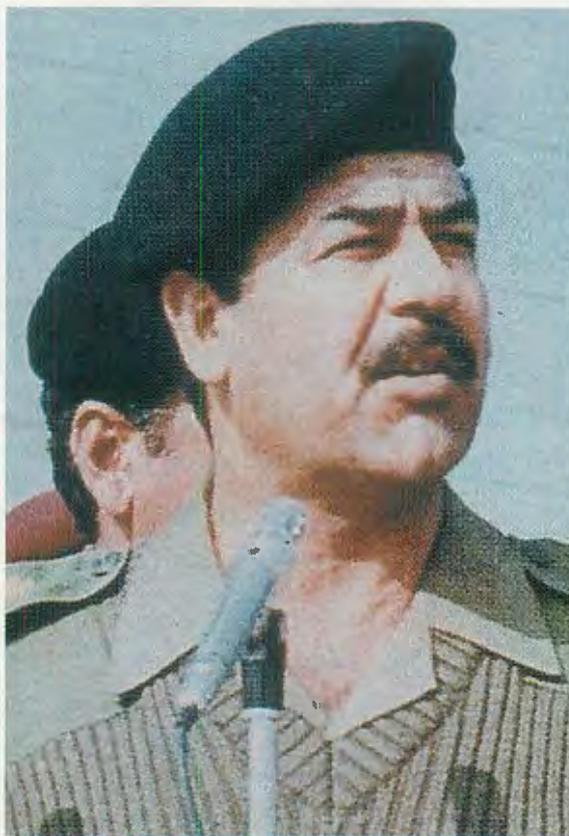
After finishing high school, he went to Baghdad in 1960 to attend the Iraqi Military Academy, that country's equivalent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Upon graduation from the three-year course in 1963, Fawzi was commissioned as an infantry officer, a young second lieutenant in command of a platoon in the Iraqi army, and sent north to fight in the civil war [against the Kurds] without any leave.

"War was terrible. I hated it, but I liked my career," said Fawzi, who soon became disenchanted with the business side of his career in the army. He couldn't understand why the Iraqi Army was killing its own people. The seeds of discontent were planted in his mind in those mountains and watered with the blood of the countrymen that his men killed.

Fawzi recalls fighting from one mountaintop to another in an endless series of attacks and counterattacks. The action was similar to what U.S. ground forces experienced in eastern Afghanistan during Operation Anaconda. Although poorly armed, the opposition took its toll among the Iraqis. Many young men died in those mountains, but somehow Fawzi survived.

"I remember sitting on top of Metina, a 6,000-foot-high mountain, the highest mountain in northern Iraq, and watching



Iraqi President Saddam Hussein: America's next target in the war on terrorism.

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people flee a village we were shelling and bombing," said Fawzi. "I remember the frightened faces of the children who fled the fighting. They were dressed like beggars. Their clothes were torn and tattered. Some were burned. I can still see their pitiful faces today. The image still haunts me," Fawzi said.

Fawzi also remembers turning to a fellow officer, a reservist, and remarking about what happened two decades earlier during World War II. "Don't we look like the Nazis?" asked Fawzi. His friend cautioned him not to speak openly about what he had seen in the village.

"I hate myself for what I did," confessed Fawzi, who claims he can still see the eyes of those children in his sleep. "It's like a nightmare," he said.

Rising Through The Ranks

When Fawzi was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1975, he attended a one-year leadership course in the Soviet Union. During that time, he became an expert on the BMP-1, the Soviet

armored personnel carrier, which is still the mainstay of Iraqi armored divisions. The low-profile APC carries a crew of three, commander, driver and gunner and about 10 soldiers in the rear compartment.

Upon his return to Iraq, Fawzi taught at the staff college where he had been a student, and wrote a manual on how to employ the BMP-1 in battle.

By the time he returned from the Soviet Union in 1976, the Iraqi Army had begun to deteriorate as nepotism had crept into its ranks.

Saddam Hussein started promoting his friends and cronies to leadership positions in the military.

When four of Fawzi's colleagues, high-ranking members of the Baathist Party, were advanced from Lieutenant Colonel to the rank of Major General and appointed division commanders, Fawzi began to feel isolated. It was clear to him that Saddam was stacking the deck in the Iraqi Army with political officers and shoving aside professional soldiers like himself.

Some of the officers who were promoted over Fawzi lacked the education and combat experience he possessed, but they had something Fawzi didn't have: a Baath party membership card — and important connections in Iraq's ruling political party, the well from which Saddam drew his strength.

One of Fawzi's junior classmates at the academy went from being a corps commander, to chief of staff, to consultant to Saddam in a matter of months.

"But militarily, he wasn't qualified to hold any of those posts," said Fawzi.

Baring His Soul

Recently, Fawzi al-Shamari, who rose to the rank of Lieutenant General in the Iraqi army before defecting to the U.S. in 1986, sat down and discussed life under Saddam's boot heel with SOF. The interview took place over coffee and tea at one of Fawzi's favorite restaurants in Northern Virginia where he and his family now live.

SOF: *How did Saddam choose those who would rise to "stardom?"*

Fawzi: First, he gave priority to those from his Tikriti clan. And second, [to] those he knew wouldn't oppose him at some point in the future.

When war broke out between Iraq and Iran in 1980, Fawzi was in the middle of the Iraqi line. But an argument with a division commander resulted in his being sent back to the staff college as an instructor. Five days later, his orders were rescinded, and he was assigned as commander of the 15th Mechanized Brigade. The previous commander had committed suicide.

"If we disagreed with the way things were going, we had only two choices," said Fawz, "fight or die." The brigade commander no longer believed in the war effort, and took his own life.

During the war he advanced up the chain of command, becoming chief of staff for two divisions, a division commander, chief of staff of Iraqi Third Corps, and later led nine divisions, more than 200 thousand men, during the Iran-Iraq war.

SOF: *At what point during your career did you say, 'Enough is enough. I cannot take this any more; disagreements with my fellow officers and how the government is being run by Saddam Hussein. I've seen too much. I want to get out of Iraq?'*

Fawzi: To tell you the truth, I had this opinion during the middle of the war in 1983. I realized that Saddam was pursuing the war for personal reasons. He wanted to be like an emperor. He was killing his people. He was ruthless. Before I got out, he executed my brother-in-law, an Iraqi Army major who was in charge of a Katyusha rocket battery.

The door to leave opened in 1985 when Fawzi, then Chief of Staff of the 3rd Corps, was chosen to attend the National War University in New Delhi. Of the 30 generals and high-ranking civilians selected by the Iraqi defense minister to attend the university, Fawzi tested highest. As a Lieutenant General, Fawzi was allowed to take his wife and child to India for the one-year senior leadership course.

Trust Me

When General Fawzi's name appeared on the list of candidates to go to Delhi, Saddam Hussein had second thoughts

about sending him to India. Saddam felt Fawzi would not return since he had ordered the execution of his brother-in-law in the summer of 1984. One day he was called to the Military Intelligence headquarters and questioned about a joke he allegedly made about Saddam Hussein during a picnic with friends in a suburb of Baghdad. He was immediately arrested and imprisoned for 68 days, in solitary confinement, in total darkness.

Fawzi, who was Chief of Staff of III Corps, which was engaged in heavy fighting in the defense of Basra, the primary objective of the Iranians, was allowed to meet with his brother-in-law, and was told, as he was, that this was nothing serious, because he was innocent.

Two weeks later, Fawzi's son informed his father that his mother's brother had been executed.

After turning back the Iranians, General Fawzi was summoned to the headquarters of the Baath Party military branch in Basra. Officials in the party wanted to know how he felt about the execution.

"I still don't know why he was killed," but the government eventually sent my brother-in-law's parents a letter of apology and reinstated his property rights. That seemed to me an admission that Saddam had the wrong man killed," Fawzi said.

Despite the loss of his brother-in-law who was closer to Fawzi than his blood brother, Fawzi's friend, Mahir Rasheed al-Takriti, who was head of military intelligence, interceded on his behalf, and assured Saddam that Fawzi would return from the War University in New Delhi. The commander of the 3rd Corps also vouched for Fawzi's loyalty. But, before Fawzi finished the course, Saddam sent a letter to the Iraqi Embassy in Delhi, ordering Fawzi to pack his bags and return immediately to Baghdad. The letter ordered General Fawzi to be removed from the position of Chief of Staff of 3rd Corps and reassigned to Chief of Staff of 7th Corps. Fawzi responded to Saddam by letter thanking him and advising him he would report for duty in two to three weeks.

Returning to his quarters, Fawzi packed his uniforms and personal things, and shipped them home through the embassy; a gesture of compliance.

Then, the next day he fled.

SOF: *Where did you go?*

Fawzi: It's a long story. But I just disappeared into the woodwork.

Fawzi wouldn't say how he managed to elude Iraqi intelligence agents who tried to find him, or how he happened to eventually wind up in the United States.

"That's something I will keep to myself, but the journey took a long time," Fawzi said as he smiled and took another sip of his coffee.

Ironically, Fawzi al-Shamari became a U.S. citizen in 1990, the year Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait.

SOF: *Did you want to come to the U.S. when you fled India?*

Fawzi: I took out a map and analyzed the world situation, and chose the United States. I chose the U.S. because I felt it would offer me and my family the most protection.

Although Fawzi spent some time in the Soviet Union, he had no desire to go there. He saw they had the same system that was in place back home in Iraq. There was no room for individualism; no room to be creative.

"You are nothing more than a machine in those regimes. And that's why I like the system in America. The sky is the limit for individual thought. I have a dream that one day, we'll be able to do the same thing in Iraq," he said.

SOF: *You'd like to return to Iraq?*

Fawzi: Yes.

SOF: *What would you do if you went back to Iraq?*

Fawzi: I would like to introduce a democratic society to the Iraqi people.

SOF: *Do you see that occurring in your lifetime?*

Fawzi: No. It takes time, but we can plant the seeds now.

General al-Shamari left the army before the Gulf War, but he is not surprised at how poorly the Iraqi Army performed on the battlefield.

"There is really no comparison between Goliath, the United States and its allies, and David, the poorly equipped Iraqi soldier. He was outclassed technologically. No contest. It was 38 countries against one country. Iraq had numbers in terms of manpower, but numbers don't work against the highest technology in the world. Saddam Hussein was stupid. He didn't listen to what Mr. Baker [then-Secretary of State James Baker] told his deputy, Tarik Aziz, in Geneva. Baker said Iraq would not be fighting Iran this time. But Saddam didn't get it," said Fawzi.

SOF: *Do you think the United States will attack Iraq again?*

Fawzi: Getting international support for an attack may be difficult, but not impossible. Invading another country as Iraq did in Kuwait is no longer acceptable, but the U.S. could do in Iraq what it did in Afghanistan, and nobody, including Saddam's neighbors, would complain. They hate him, and can't wait to see him toppled, but they are concerned about who would replace him. They don't need to worry, because there are leaders inside and outside Iraq who could fill the vacuum.

SOF: *Are many in Saddam's officer corps ready to revolt?*

Fawzi: Yes, of course. Some officers have already defected to Turkey. And some are ready to defect. Some are loyal to Saddam. But we have to determine who to target. Are we targeting the body or the head? Right now, the numbers of those defecting are small. But that will change if the U.S. attacks Iraq.

SOF: *Have you talked to some of these men who have come out?*

Fawzi: Not in person, but on the phone. They tell me they are ready to revolt.

SOF: *What did they tell you about conditions inside Iraq?*

Fawzi: It's very bad economically. Everyone is suffering. Some Iraqis are beginning to speak openly about Saddam Hussein. They no longer care. They have lost everything.

SOF: *If the U.S. were to attack Iraq today, how many members of the military would rise up against Saddam?*

Fawzi: It's hard to give a number, but the center of gravity is the people of Iraq, but they have had it with Saddam Hussein. He controls them with fear.

Take away the fear, and Fawzi says Saddam loses power over the people. That's the challenge facing him and other exiles who are working behind the scenes to put together a new government for Iraq.

Cutting The Head Off The Snake

"When the Iraqi people arise, they will create a state of chaos," said Fawzi, whose strategy for taking down Saddam Hussein remarkably mirrors that expressed to SOF by retired Air Force Colonel John Warden [see upcoming interview], the architect of the very successful air campaign against Iraq during Operation Desert Storm.

This time, Warden says, those who support Saddam, Tikriti clansmen in the dreaded Mukhabarat, the Iraqi Intelligence Service, would be targeted for destruction in a massive air campaign should the U.S. decide to attack.

B-2 Stealth bombers would take out key command-and-control centers, air-defense systems and military units that protect Saddam, while F-117 Stealth fighters would pull the plug on Iraq's power grid with carbon filament bombs like the ones that knocked-out power stations in Serbia three years ago during Operation Allied Force. The morning after the opening salvo of air and cruise-missile attacks, Saddam would find himself unable to communicate with the very people who prop up his regime.

"When you jam his communications, knock-out his power and cripple those who support him, you isolate him," said Fawzi, "and without leadership in the various corps, the foot soldiers would be free to revolt."

Defectors from the Republican Guard have told Fawzi and other Iraqi generals in exile that Saddam is now beginning to turn on them. Only Saddam's Tikriti clansmen and his palace guard, the so-called "999 Unit," are loyal to point of death.

Fawzi has seen Saddam wiggle out of a lot of tight spots, and he cautions his colleagues to prepare for a worst-case scenario.

Fawzi says the worst scenario would occur if U.S. warplanes failed to isolate Saddam, failed to take out his SCUD missiles, which he has buried 60 feet beneath the surface of the desert in western Iraq, and failed to destroy chemical and biological weapons which Fawzi says Saddam has promised to use against Israel if he's attacked by the U.S.

He Can Run, But He Can't Hide Next Time

Saddam Hussein has a lot of places to hide, and effectively avoided U.S. airpower during the Gulf War by moving every few hours to a different bunker under the cover of darkness. But Fawzi believes U.S. air power coupled with infrared airborne surveillance from Predator and Global Hawk can drive Saddam deep underground and render him ineffective as he believes is the case with Osama bin Laden.

During the Iran-Iraq War and the Gulf War, Saddam moved about in a luxuriously outfitted diesel-powered motor coach. During one visit to the front in southern Iraq, Fawzi saw the white coach, but didn't get a chance to step inside. A fellow officer who did, said it contained everything Saddam needed to stay in touch with his army while on the move, including many creature comforts.

Warden says CIA-operated Predator spy planes will be looking for that motor coach in the event of another U.S. air attack on Iraq, and will destroy it with Hellfire missiles — if

they find it.

General Fawzi believes psychological warfare similar to that waged in Afghanistan with leaflet drops and native-language radio transmissions, will also be a key component of any attack on Iraq. In fact, the "psyche" war has already begun. Fawzi says the U.S. has built several radio transmission towers in Kurdish-held territory in northern Iraq and is now beaming messages of support and encouragement to the Iraqi people.

After the Gulf War, the U.S. left the Kurds to flap in the wind.

Thousands of them were killed by the Iraqis, but Fawzi says the U.S. is now working closely with the Kurds, and that won't happen again.

Based on what the State Department has told Fawzi, he feels the current Bush Administration is deadly serious about the overthrow of Saddam Hussein, a designated terrorism sponsor.

"They [people Fawzi has spoken to at the State Department] said the decision has been made, but they did not tell me when or how," said the former Iraqi general who does not think war will commence very soon.

"Battles like this take time to organize," said Fawzi. The coming battlefield has to be prepped, but unlike what happened when coalition aircraft attacked Iraqi forces in Kuwait, this time Fawzi says the Iraqi people must be prepped, and that's where the media blitz enters the equation.

The population must understand that "They are not the target," said Fawzi. The object of these attacks is to end Saddam Hussein's reign of terror at home and his support of terror abroad.

Saddam is already exporting terrorism by giving \$25 thousand to the families of every young Palestinian suicide bomber. His agents have appeared publicly in at least one West Bank town with an envelope full of cash for a grieving family. They used to secretly support the families, now the Iraqis make a public spectacle of their support of suicide bombers.

On 14 March, a lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Washington on behalf of 14 survivors of the Oklahoma City bombing alleging that convicted conspirator Terry Nichols met repeatedly in the Philippines in late 1994 with World Trade Center bomber Ramzi Yousef, and that Yousef was an Iraqi intelligence agent with expertise in bomb-making. If these allegations are confirmed in court, Judicial Watch, the group that filed the suit, says they would constitute a stunning indictment of Saddam Hussein's complicity in the attack that took 168 innocent lives on 19 April 1995 at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

A few days after the suit was filed, George Tenet, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, told the Senate Armed Services Committee that the U.S. was actively examining potential Iraqi and Iranian involvement in the 11 September terrorist attacks. U.S. counterterrorism officials believe both countries have aided Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network.

Asked if he had any information about Iraq's alleged involvement, General Fawzi said, "No," but added, "Saddam hates America."

After the Gulf War ceasefire, Saddam promised his people on 3 November 1992 that "the mother of all battles ... will continue." Fawzi told *SOF* he won't be surprised if the CIA finds Saddam's fingerprints on the terrorist attacks in Oklahoma City, New York and suburban Washington when the dust settles.

In the meantime, Fawzi is focused on what is going to happen inside Iraq.

SOF: If you were to assess where Saddam is today as opposed to where he was in 1990 when he invaded Kuwait, how strong is he militarily?

Fawzi: I think he is much weaker today. A military think tank in Great Britain has released a study that indicates Iraq possesses only *one-fourth* of the strength it had going into the Gulf war.

Fawzi says armies that possess 30 percent of their former strength have no fighting capability.

SOF: Was Saddam able to replace the equipment that he lost during the Gulf War and since that time to Allied air attacks in the no-fly zones?

Fawzi: Saddam has been able to replace some of it from Russia, France, and North Korea, but I don't know how it's coming into Iraq. But for a price, arms dealers can provide whatever you need. Two weeks ago [during the spring of 2002] I heard he had a big shipment of arms from Czechoslovakia, including missiles, waiting for him in Syria. I've been told the shipment is valued at \$800 million.

SOF: What happened to the MiG fighters Saddam ordered the Iraqi Air Force to fly to Iran so they wouldn't be destroyed during the Gulf War?

Fawzi: He never got them back. So his air force is finished.

SOF: What about the Chinese who helped him rebuild his air defense system?

Fawzi: They helped him reconnect the sites with fibre optic cables which will be harder to destroy. He also did a \$9 billion deal with the Russians to upgrade his anti-aircraft system. He's working very hard to protect himself.

Kiss Of Death

A week before General Fawzi spoke to *SOF*, Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah publicly hugged and kissed Saddam's representative at the Arab Summit in Beirut, Lebanon. Some observers took the show of affection as a sign that Saudi Arabia was willing to "forgive and forget" what happened.

Fawzi thinks it was a smart diplomatic move on the part of the Saudis, because they have been getting a lot of pressure from their Arab brethren to bury the hatchet with Iraq.

While the Saudis don't want to publicly announce their hatred for Saddam Hussein, Fawzi says they clearly distrust him. Fawzi feels this show of affection was meant to say publicly 'There is nothing between us, when in fact privately, the Saudis are saying there is something.'

On the night before Iraq invaded Kuwait in the summer of 1990, Fawzi says the same man the Crown Prince kissed this year was kissing the Kuwaitis 12 years ago.

Saddam Hussein sent one of his trusted deputies to Kuwait City to lull the Emir into a feeling of false security. Publicly, Saddam said he was trying to see if there was some way they could resolve their dispute over oil rights in the southeast corner of Iraq. Saddam had accused Kuwait of slant-drilling and stealing his oil. But the deputy's visit to Kuwait City was all show, no substance. Saddam Hussein had decided to invade that country and take what he thought was his.

Izzet Ibrahim, who is now Vice President of Iraq, told the Kuwaitis on 1 August that Saddam might come to Kuwait and



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have breakfast with them the next morning, but he didn't. The only ones who came to Kuwait City were Iraqi troops who systematically began looting and killing their neighbors. So what the world witnessed at the Arab summit was again all show.

Fawzi compares the Saudi kiss to a "kiss of death." Saddam Hussein is seen as a piranha in the Arab world. Nobody trusts him. Although Arab leaders won't say so publicly, privately they can't wait until he's history.

No Fear Of Fire

When Saddam Hussein came to power during the Iran-Iraq war he told Fawzi and other general officers in the Iraqi Army the Shah of Iran was stupid for leaving the country intact for Ayatollah Komeini and his band of Islamic militants.

Fawzi says Saddam said if he were in the same shoes, he would have torched the country.

If push comes to shove in Iraq, General Fawzi feels Saddam will torch his own oil fields before he would let them fall into someone else's hands.

"Keep in mind this is a guy who does what he says he will do. He said he would attack Israel and he did. He said he would set fire to the Kuwaiti oil fields and he did." Fawzi said.

There are unconfirmed reports that Saddam is training Iraqi pilots to attack Israeli nuclear facilities like *Kamikaze* pilots who staged suicide attacks on American ships during World War Two in the Pacific. He has apparently never forgotten the Israelis who attacked his nuclear facility in 1982, and is eager for revenge. There are also reports he would also like to stage an attack on an American warship in the Northern Arabian Sea; send a ship laden with explosives near an aircraft carrier or other warship like what happened to the U.S.S. *Cole*, the destroyer that was attacked in Yemen.

Asked about those reports, General Fawzi said nothing would shock him.

"Saddam is an evil person. He doesn't care who he hurts. He would kill his own mother if she ever got in his way. Fortunately, for her, she died ... of natural causes."

Thank God ... I'm Finally Free

If Fawzi al-Shamari hadn't had a conscience he could have lived a good life in Iraq. Rank had its privilege as long as general officers played ball with the coach and didn't cross him.

Fawzi remembers returning from the front lines during the Iran-Iraq and

being handed gifts by Saddam Hussein.

"He would give us envelopes containing cash. Sometimes \$5 thousand. And he also gave us watches with his face on them," laughed Fawzi.

"I guess he wanted us to see who was in control every time we looked to see what time it was," said Fawzi, but his wife smashed Saddam's face before they fled India in 1986. She wanted no reminder of him in her family's life.

As we wrapped up our interview at one of Fawzi's favorite restaurants near his home in Northern Virginia, I asked if he spends a lot of time looking over his shoulder to see if he's being followed by Iraqi intelligence agents.

"Not anymore," he chuckled. "They know where I live. In fact, three years ago one of them called me to say Saddam still likes me, and all would be forgiven if I would simply come home." Through this representative, Saddam also issued a veiled threat, "Don't get involved in the opposition."

When General Fawzi told the agent it was time for him and other Iraqis to revolt against Saddam Hussein, the agent hung up the phone and he hasn't heard from anyone again.

The Muhkabarats have paid visits to his wife's relatives in Baghdad, and threatened them, but they told the Iraqi Intelligence Service they have had no contact with their daughter, or her husband, since they fled the region in 1986.

It was hard to leave so suddenly without saying goodbye to his family, but Fawzi has no regrets. He and his immediate family are free from Saddam Hussein's stranglehold.

"I did the right thing. And with God's help, maybe I will see them again someday."

That's why General Fawzi al-Shamari calls his movement, "The Iraqi Officers Movement For The Salvation Of Iraqi."

When Fawzi left India in 1986, he left with the shirt on his back, a couple of small photos of him in uniform, and his family. He flushed his military pension down the drain. He also left behind three homes, two of them gifts from Saddam. Fawzi also left behind two low-mileage Mercedes, one for his personal use, and one his driver used to pick him up for work.

Quite a change in lifestyle for Fawzi, who now drives himself where he wants to go in a 1994 high-mileage Honda sedan.

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whole panoply of Constitutional procedural rights, on the basis of secret intelligence information.

This is extremely alarming. If it can happen to Jose Padilla, it can also happen to you and me. Under this precedent, anyone, anywhere, can be declared a "terrorist suspect" on the basis of allegations in "secret intelligence information" and locked-up indefinitely.

Neither the President nor the Congress has the power to amend or abolish the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Without broad-based public support, law enforcement, including the battle against terrorism, is blind and, therefore, ineffective; this is the core of the problem with inner-city law-enforcement efforts. Arbitrary arrests and detentions very quickly lead to a widespread view that the policeman is no better than a storm trooper, and is, therefore, an enemy. When the general public reaches this conclusion, cooperation and the sources of information dry up, with disastrous effects on the effort to protect the public.

There are better ways, as a matter of police and counter-espionage *modus operandi*, of dealing with the problem. Fairly frequently in espionage cases, the prosecution and the investigative agencies have to make agonizing decisions about how much secret data to declassify in the name of having evidence to take to a jury. It is not uncommon for a decision to be made, either not to prosecute, or to prosecute only on those charges which can be proved by unclassified or at least not extremely sensitive information. Other procedures include releasing the suspect and then following him covertly in the hope that he will lead the spooks to his accomplices, or, quite obviously, in the hope that he will lose his nerve and bolt the country. But is rather dirty pool to release the suspect and let the word out that this was done because he ratted on his buddies, and let the streets solve the problem. But it does happen.

Most of the people, including the present writer, strongly support competent, judicious, and law-respecting law enforcement, and for that reason are all the more unhappy with the action taken in the Padilla case. If he is a thug and a slimeball, let it be proved in the usual way, to a jury in a court of law. ✕



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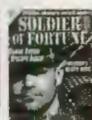
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"N" was arrested when she filed a complaint. The police refused to release her on bail for five days, claiming that her life was in danger because the pimps were too dangerous to be arrested. N's Israeli boyfriend informed the pimps that the police were looking for them and advised them to turn themselves in, which they did.

Charges were pressed against her two pimps. One of them was declared unfit to stand trial and the other was sentenced on 15 February 2001, to two years in prison, one year on probation and fined \$5,000. The prosecutors claimed that N was "rented" for only five days from the time the new law against trade in human beings was approved till her escape, and that her testimony was weak. No charges were pressed against the pimp for rape, managing a brothel and living off prostitutes' income, although he had confessed.

V. was arrested in a brothel and sent to prison for three months, waiting for her traveling documents. For a month and a half Hotline was told that there was no evidence to support V's claims. The day after Hotline notified the Parliament investigation committee, the police decided to cooperate. V. named eight people who sold, bought or raped her, giving their addresses. Twenty-two more days passed before the first pimp was arrested. Another pimp had fled the country.

Judicial indifference is compounded by police complicity, Levenkron said.

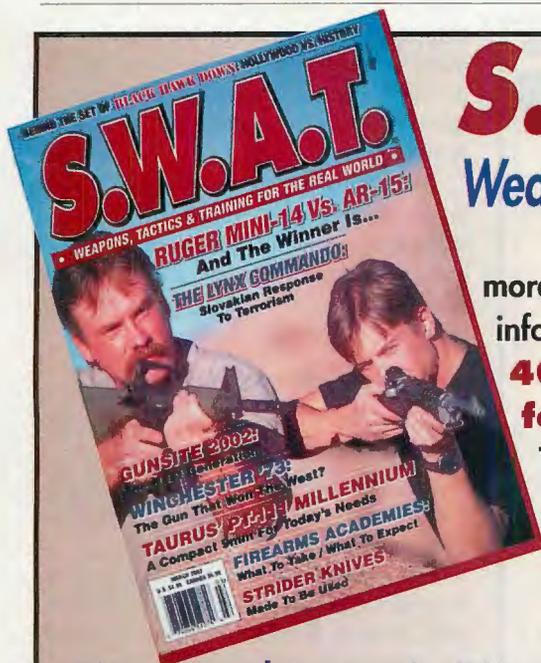
Amnesty describes treatment of several cases by authorities. Anna, knowingly joining the sex industry, was auctioned twice and taken to work in Haifa, where she was held with

two other women in an apartment with bars. She was arrested after a police raid on the apartment. In court the police alleged that Anna had signed statements admitting to involvement in prostitution — but all the documents were in Hebrew. She later discovered that she had been framed — accused of running a brothel.

Tatiana arrived in Israel from Belarus to work as a hotel maid to support her mother and son. The pimp met her, took her to a brothel and told her that she would have to repay her "sale price" and the travel costs. After several failed escape attempts, Tatiana was finally released from the brothel after a police raid — a friend of hers had contacted the Belarus Consulate who contacted the police. She was taken into custody as an illegal immigrant.

No Rehab For Rahab

On her prison bunk, she found an anonymous note threatening to kill her and punish her family if she squealed. Hotline petitioned the Chief of Police for witness protection, who replied that the Police could not guarantee anyone's safety outside Israel. She was deported to Belarus despite begging to be flown to Poland or Lithuania and then allowed to cross into Belarus by car. She was reportedly met by a male relative and taken to an unknown location. Tatiana's subsequent fate is unknown. "I don't know the outcome of the trial. I only know that Arthur [the pimp] is at liberty. I talked to him on the phone ... Arthur knows my address in St. Petersburg and my telephone number because he kept my passport. I have a small daughter, eight-years-old there. He threatened that he would find me in Russia, at home, if I did not do what he wanted me to," one girl told Amnesty International.



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Jewsweek interviewed Tel Aviv Police Superintendent Pini Aviram, who heads a special investigative team dealing with the trafficking issue. "My team consists of only five Russian speakers," he said, frustrated at the lack of manpower.

In June 2000, the Knesset amended a 1997 prostitution law to prohibit the buying or selling of persons. Penalties are doubled if the victim is a minor.

The Knesset's "feeble efforts" Human Rights Watch said, "were undermined by its failure to provide safe houses, witness protection, legal assistance, relief from deportation, or third-country resettlement."

Israel has until 2003 to implement "minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking" or face stiff economic sanctions. In June of this year, the State Department bumped Israel up to the second tier, since it is "taking action against sex-trafficking."

Hotline refutes testimony by the State Department that Israel had taken progressive steps towards halting the trafficking and exploitation of women, their spokesperson saying that Israel is merely acting under U.S. pressure.

Police Deputy-Commander Avi Davidovitch told *Jewsweek* July 2002 that although the number of trafficked women is growing alarmingly high, few complaints are filed against pimps, and many women either refuse to complain or later retract earlier statements they have made to the police, out of fear of reprisals.

As of July 2002, *Washington Jewish Week* reports, few pimps involved in trafficking ever face a judge and the majority of prostitutes are deported without being allowed to testify against their pimps.

Slave Trader Turns State Witness

However, "there are certain encouraging signs," Nardi said. "It appears things are getting better. The Israeli prosecutors are working hard against this phenomenon."

For example, as a result of one of the biggest stings on slavery in Israel's history, 18 men involved in drug sales and the smuggling, trafficking and prostitution of women faced trial. The director of the Special Crimes Unit, Deputy Commissioner Menashe Arviv, thinks they will likely receive sentences of between three and 10 years, according to *Forward Magazine*.

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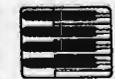


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they had used on the gun runs.

"I had a formula that worked, and I'm not going to mess with that right now," he said.

Formula or not, the "hair on the back of everyone's neck" was really standing up pretty high" right then, said Fairchild, "Twister 5-1" 's weapons system officer. The bomb has a considerably larger fragmentation pattern than the 20 mm — a blast radius of 2,600 feet, he explained.

Danger-close on 500-pounders normally is 425 meters. The rules change when the enemy is breathing down your neck, but not much. Because of the situation, danger close for "Slick 0-1" was between 275 and 300 meters. The friendlies, however, were no more than 75 meters from the target. It was time for some combat controller math.

Problem: How do you make up this 200-meter difference without killing friendlies?

Solution: Walk the bombs in, and use the terrain to your advantage.

The Rangers were able to crouch down behind the rocks that had provided them cover all day. The helicopter had crashed on the opposite side of a slight ridge — just enough earth to provide sufficient shelter from the blast pattern, which would go uphill and, theoretically, over their heads.

"You train by the book, you try to do things doctrinally. We didn't do things doctrinally out there," Hotaling said. "We attempted to, but you had to improvise, and Gabe did a lot of that. No matter how he did it, he did everything right because he got his team home."

Still, it took some very precise steps to get them home. Brown told the pilots to start by dropping the first bomb 400 meters away.

"I was using big steps," Brown said. "The evolution into that made it fairly comfortable. And the enemy shooting as us made it even more comfortable than that."

Then, for the second time that day, "Twister 5-1" and "5-2" are told to break contact and depart that area. Why, they didn't know.

Rieckhoff had taken tactical lead because of a radio malfunction in "Twister 5-1" 's bird. The captain quickly made his case to stay, and the Strike Eagles were cleared for one pass each.

The captain rolled in and dropped his last remaining bomb 400 meters northwest of the helicopter. Brown quickly

gave them clearance to cut the distance by half. Short arrived about 10 seconds later and put one at 200 meters out.

Brown's confidence was growing stronger by the bomb. He had the Vipers split the difference again, and drop a 500-pound bomb well within danger-close parameters.

Things were getting very interesting atop Roberts Ridge.

"I reconfirmed with Gabe that he knew where we were, and he gave me a thumbs-up," Miller said of the proximity. "I didn't give it much more thought. I was concentrating on my patients."

The target was so close, in fact, that Bartley wouldn't let his wingman drop any bombs. Not that he lacked faith in the pilot — he had great faith in the young captain. But the 18-year veteran knew friendlies may very well be killed or wounded on any bomb run, so he shouldered the responsibility himself.

Then "Slick 0-1" told him to bring the fire closer still.

"At one point, he told me 'Whoa! That was a good shot! Now bring it in a little closer to the tree.' But in my mind, I couldn't," Bartley said.

Bartley ultimately dropped three bombs within 100 to 150 meters of the Rangers' position. Though no friendlies were injured, it was an earth-moving experience. Literally.

"One of the bombs passed in front of the nose of the helo. It shook us pretty good," said Brown, who said he never has been that close to an explosion. "We were out of the blast pattern, but debris rained down on us. I heard that rocketing sound before the impact. I knew it was going to be close."

True to his call sign, "Divot" Bartley left his mark on the Afghan countryside. Not the kind found on any one of the Air Force's many luxurious golf courses, but the kind left by "LGBs of the 500-pound variety."

But after only three hours on-station, the F-16 two-ship was ordered to return to base. Bartley said he was puzzled when he was asked to leave. He still had bombs, and he wasn't sure if there was any other air on-station. He also was thinking the worst: "I thought I had killed [a friendly] on the ground and they were throwing us out. I learned that wasn't the case in a few hours, but I didn't know if I had injured them for a few days. That worried me."

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grain weight, a special 1-9" twist is required to properly stabilize the SSS. So Centurion Ordnance (Tecnos's U.S. subsidiary) offers not only the SSS ammunition but also Match-grade Ruger M77s rifles (which they call the Poseidon) featuring the correct 1-9" twist. In addition, they also offer 1-9" barrels for Ruger 10/22s and M77s. Due to the Ruger's design these are easily mounted with only an Allen wrench. The result is a lightweight and accurate rifle.

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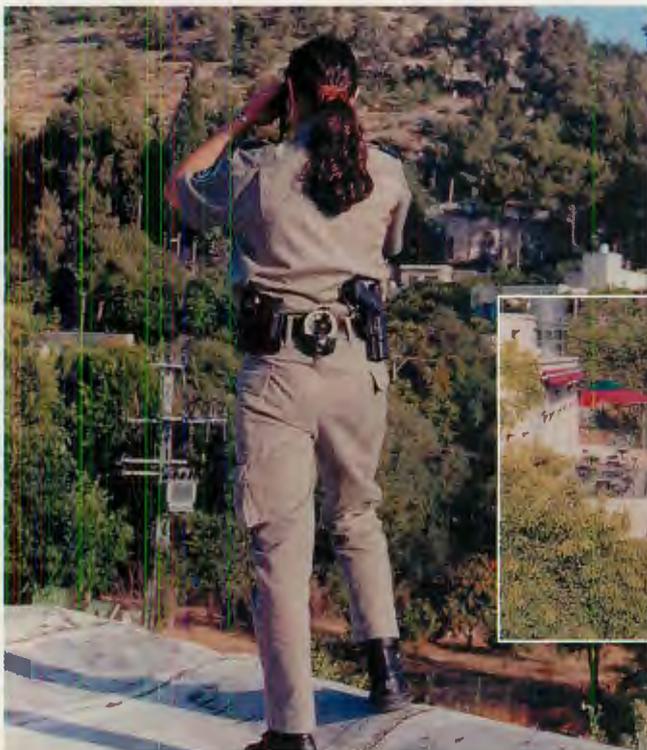
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3 June 2002: Today I shared my knowledge of snipercraft with the current class of men and women in the MaGav Sniper Course. With me was fellow American, Shmuel, who conducts workshops on manufacturing sniper camouflage garments. We were at the MaGav's Michmash training base in the Judean Desert.

I hunt, something no one in the course had ever done, not even the recent immigrants from "Russia." What passes for fieldcraft is what these MaGavnics were taught in basic training. I gave the students a severe reality check. I detailed the PLO snipers' training and demonstrated capabilities. Having gained the class's undivided attention, I worked to instill in the students an "awareness," a field-survival "frame of mind." Only then did I pass on some of the knowledge that has kept me alive. For example, I explained stalking. I had to explain because the concept is so far removed from the Israeli experience. There is no real word for stalking in Hebrew. Next, I taught the proper use of camouflage, shade, motion-



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lessness and stealth.

Shmuel presented the introduction to his workshop. We both relied heavily on "Show & Tell" to get our points across. We succeeded, which means there will be fewer grieving Israeli mothers.

4 June: On behalf of SOF I attended the Israeli Exhibition Security. Almost no other non-Israeli security or media-types came — too scared to visit Israel. The highlight of this demonstrably European-flavored (it ain't the SHOT Show) Exhibition was the blonde hostess, a good head taller than me, decked

Stone and his sniper partner, "E", provided security during the Jewish Festival. Here, "E" scans area of responsibility (see insert) for suspicious or threatening activity.

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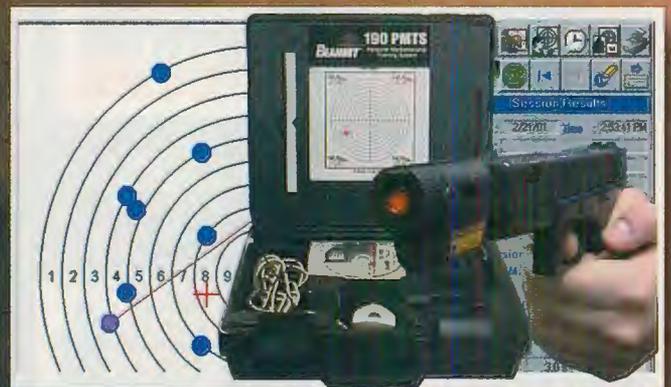
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6 June: There is a heat wave. Temperature reaches 100 degrees in the shade. "E" and I spend 1600 - 2000 hrs. on a rooftop in the Jerusalem neighborhood of En Kerem. We are one of several teams that our unit is providing to protect the Jerusalem Festival. We're the "eyes" and, if necessary, the "guns." There is no shade. Until sundown, the roof is too hot to touch. Tomorrow we are providing a team 1200 - 1700 hrs. I call that team's senior member and suggest he bring bottles of frozen (it will melt fast) water and asbestos on which to stand.

12 June: For several hours the ambulances arrived non-stop. Close to 200 "casualties" were received, decontaminated, diagnosed and treated as Hadassah Hospital Mt. Scopus conducted a simulated WMD attack. It was just part of our continuing preparation for Saddam's retaliation to the inevitable coming American attack on Iraq or for Iranian and/or Syrian long-range scuds armed with Bio/Chem war-



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14 June: Hallelujah! Final got the Springfield Armory 3rd Generation 6x20x56 scope mounted and sighted-in on my ArmaLite AR10-(T).

18 June: Each of the suicide bombers (approximately 10) on her/his way to carry out an attack inside Jerusalem over the past 10 weeks was stopped — until this morning. The latest terrorist being hunted reached a target by traversing one of Jerusalem's Arab neighborhoods. He blew himself up moments after getting on a packed inner-city bus, massacring 20.

20 June: Just a few days earlier I drove past the road into that totally friendly Arab neighborhood where my wife gets her hair done. MaGav were checking vehicles coming from

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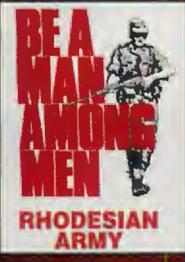
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the West Bank traveling toward downtown. They were set-up 10 yards beyond the turn-off into that neighborhood. In the three minutes it took me to negotiate their roadblock, I watched a least a dozen cars driven by Arabs take the road into the neighborhood, avoiding inspection.

19 June: I was one-half of our Unit's team "on display" for a police/community Exhibition. "Bring all your gear, Mickey Levi (Jerusalem's respected Top Cop) will be stopping by. We want to shine," was our Commander's order. Mickey came and spoke. I waited for him to come over and admire my AR10-(T)/scope, Bushnell laser rangefinder, spotting scope, etc. At 1900 hrs., I noticed Mickey read a message on his cellular phone. Knowing that there were at least two armed and primed suicide bombers in Jerusalem trying to get to targets, I thought maybe one had succeeded. Mickey showed no emotion. I figured "all clear." I looked away for a moment and he was gone. We packed up and headed home.

Five minutes later I was out of my car directing traffic at a major intersection on the main road to Hadassah Hospital En Kerem. Israeli drivers who wouldn't give way had snarled two ambulances in traffic. Remembering I was in uniform, I got involved, especially when I saw a doctor being ignored by drivers blocking his path despite the ERT light flashing on his car roof. I knew I had misread Mickey's calm reaction. Something had happened — another (number 5 or 6?) bombing at the French Hill Intersection. At home my daughter heard the explosion. She called to make sure I was OK. "No, I wasn't passing through the intersection when the terrorist struck. Missed it again." For a forth time in 20 months, by mere minutes, I had not been in the Intersection at the moment of an attack.

A *Lochemet* (female) MaGav in the "armored position" above the intersection (see *SOF's* May 2002 issue for photos) saw the bomber running toward the crowded bus stop. She yelled a warning to her squad members below. That's right, YELLED! She had no *keshet*, Hebrew for Motorola police radio. MaGav down below moved to intercept the bomber. It was a footrace that ended in a draw. The bomber blew-up killing seven, including a grandmother and her five-year-old grandchild, the second such instance in less than a month. One MaGavnick was able to block some of the bomb's effect — with

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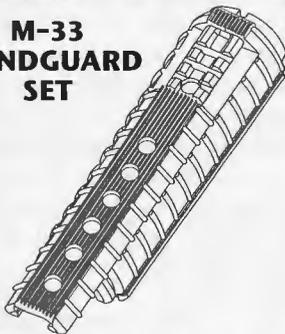
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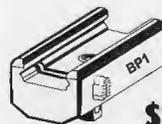
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Senator Carson, head of the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, has received COMINT that the Yassinists, a radical Palestinian terrorist organization, are planning an all-out assault on the United States. It will not be an isolated bombing or assassination but an overwhelming, devastating cataclysm somewhere in the state of Georgia. Who can deal with this menace?

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his body. He will live. Speaking to the press from the same spot from which he has spoken several times during the last 12 months Mickey Levi said this bomber was a surprise — not one of the ones we were hunting.

20 June: This morning there was a new layout for the multiple bus stops at the French Hill Intersection. They are physically separated; each as far away from the others as space permits. We are calling up the Reserves and going back into PA territory. "Operation Determined Path" will not suffer from premature withdrawal. Yet once again the PLO snipers are extracting a price. Today we lost a Company Commander (IDF Major) and his Top Kick. The Company's Deputy Commander was wounded.

Late this evening a terrorist managed to infiltrate a West Bank (totally civilian) settlement. He butchered almost an entire family, shooting five children and their mother. Two of the children may survive. Such attacks are attempted daily. They succeed occasionally. When they do the result is always the same: children murdered while sleeping in their beds.

25 June: The "terrorists-in-the-wire" alerts have intensified. The police chopper is constantly overhead and roadblocks cause gridlock all over Jerusalem. Trying to avoid the roadblocks and traffic jams, especially those located on the highway, our Arab cousins are using neighborhood streets as alternative routes. In the northern neighborhoods Civil Guard volunteers have met the challenge with a special daytime operation. At a few carefully located roadblocks they stop all vehicles with Arab drivers or passengers traveling through the neighborhood. (Yes, that is correct: *Ethnic stereotyping*. Get real. It works!) The volunteers, armed with USGI M1 Carbines and 15-round magazines of 110-gr. soft-point ammunition, check everyone's identity and inspect all vehicles' contents. Every Israeli I.D. and every vehicle registration is called-in for a computer check. They "detain" anyone without an Israeli I.D., or whose vehicle registration or insurance is absent or void, has an outstanding "want or warrant" or some other "irregularity." Working in their own neighborhoods these volunteers take their task most seriously and perform it with a high degree of professionalism.

28 June: I'm on duty for a second day in a row. Our Unit has been assigned additional permanent duty. We now



Israeli Merkava main battle tank moves into position on the outskirts of Beit Jala, Bethlehem, during Operation Determined Path. Main gun is 120 mm.

supply teams to work with MaGav every Friday. Earlier this morning a very sick "T" in need of a replacement called our Commander. I could get to the deployment on time, so I got the job. Yesterday, I passed several quiet hours on duty at the Western Wall.

Now I'm on a rooftop overlooking Mahane Yehuda, Jerusalem's open-air market. The bus stop across the street constantly reminds me that this location is different from yesterday's. It is the exact sight of the most recent bombing (10 weeks ago by a female suicide bomber) of the market. It is a toss-up as to whether Mahane Yehuda or the French Hill Interchange has seen more terrorist attacks.

With the exception of being on an ambush or the last phase of a stalk, manning this position is about as intense as it gets. I balanced two empty beverage cans on the handle of the door out onto the roof. The noise of the cans hitting the floor would brake my concentration should anyone come visiting. My "instinctive reaction" would teach them to knock next time.

For the next several hours the police radio keeps me informed and updated on all alerts of suspicious persons and vehicles and of other warnings. I am especially focused on public service vehicles. I'm looking for "Trojan Ambulances." Despite what the Red Cross says, the terrorists not only use their own ambulances to transport terrorists, explosives, arms, ammunition and bombers. They plan on using the ambulances they have stolen from us to transport bombs.

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Battle-Rifle Punch

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quite well: Accuracy was better than what I expect from a standard-size FAL, which I credit to the quality of Badger's barrels and the 11" tube being very stiff. PMC's Match load delivered the best accuracy with five shots averaging 1-1/2" at 100 yards. The best part was that accuracy was very consistent and did not change as the barrel heated up. Switching from the match ammunition to the Ballistic Tips, Spire Points, and FMJBT's, groups still stayed in the 2-3" range. Obviously, trimming the barrel back did not negatively affect accuracy.

Velocity, on the other hand, did take a noticeable drop compared to a full-length FAL. Sellier & Bellot Match dropped from 2,517 fps from a standard FAL to 2,190 fps from the shorty. Radway Green's 147-grain FMJBT only averaged 2,419 fps out of the shorty — so there is a pretty large drop in power by going to the 11" barrel. The short barrel cuts the 7.62x51 power-wise almost down to the 7.62x39 cartridge's level and is the reason for these carbines relative controllability.

The reliability of both carbines during testing was excellent. After setting up their gas systems for the loads we were using, they proceeded to run flawlessly. Rounds chambered easily, whether FMJ's or soft points. Ejection was positive. No problems whatsoever were experienced. Muzzle flash and blast varied by load but was substantially less than, say, an 11" 5.56. Currently, DSA is working on perfecting a compact sound-suppressor for use on the OSW. They're also working in conjunction with Black Hills on perfecting sub-sonic and frangible .308 loads that will be introduced sometime in the future.

Complaints? Only a couple. One is that I personally would prefer a shorter stock, especially when wearing body armor. Another is that I didn't like the shortened front sight on the 11" gun. Plus, I have to change my hold to access the safety lever with a standard FAL pistol grip. However, this last matter can be cured by an Ergo grip from Falcon Industries. Other than that, though, the carbines were a fistful of fury.

Extremely well-made, accurate, and flawlessly reliable they once again proved why the FAL made such a name for itself. If you have need of battle rifle punch, but in a subgun size, I recommend taking a look at DSA's FAL shorties. ☘



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Sound Off

BY COL. DAVID H. HACKWORTH (RET.)

Poster Boy Losers

Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, the guy who saved our nation during the Civil War, probably wouldn't make major in today's Army. He was mule-skinner abrasive, enjoyed his sauce and wasn't exactly what you'd call a pretty face.

Today most generals and admirals are highly attractive smooth-talkers with some sort of master's degree and a Ph.D. in how to work the corridors of power.

But while these uniformed central-casting smoothies know how to schmooze for funds for their latest silver-bullet project, they unfortunately don't know how to fight guerrilla wars.

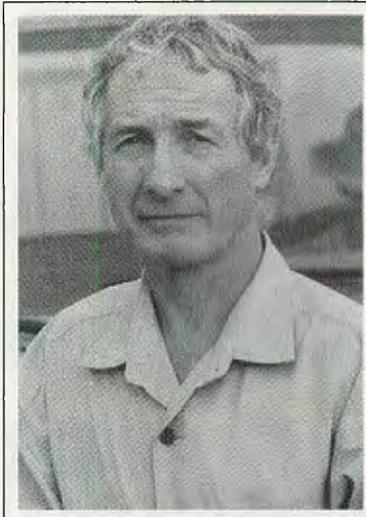
The Somali debacle and now the recent major foul-up in Afghanistan prove in spades that our warrior class has lost out to a professional-management culture that's virtually destroyed our armed forces — less the Marine Corps, which is slowly veering in that direction as well.

Long before the first regular American soldier headed to Vietnam, the hardened vets who'd slugged it out on hundreds of killing fields knew the post-World War II ticket-punching personnel system was on its way toward destroying the leadership needed to win America's future wars.

Going, going, gone were the days when lieutenants like Frank Gunn stayed with a regiment from the first shot of the war until the last. Gunn led a platoon and company in Africa, was a major by '43 in Sicily, skippered a battalion in France the next year and by the end of the war, at the ripe old age of 24, was commanding the storied 39th Regiment fighting across Germany. General Gunn, now retired, became skilled at his trade down in the mud with the soldiers he loved and would have died for — and they in turn followed him to hell and back. Gunn never got caught up in the type of career-management that produced the current lot of Perfumed Princes. He learned to soldier by listening to his old sergeants and being with the troops.

In Vietnam, officer leaders were churned out almost as quickly as customers at Starbucks. Ticket-punching was in, and *leading from the front* was out. The Washington personnel chiefs' agenda was to use the war as a training vehicle for officers so they'd have blooded leadership when the big fight with the Soviets exploded.

Post-Vietnam studies concluded ticket-punching was a



major cause for our failure, and that the personnel system desperately needed surgery. But nothing was done, and over the years the cancerous system disabled our senior officer corps and is now infecting our proud NCOs. Their foremost concern always used to be for the welfare of their troops and how sharply their unit was trained, not what kind of rating they got on a report. My First Sergeant in Italy took great pride in showing us 'cruits the chain scars from his time in a Georgia prison. But with his fifth-grade education, the old Top could still run a lean-and-mean company of soldiers.

Afghanistan was going just fine while the old-pro Special Forces sergeants, chiefs and captains were running the fight. But

when Perfumed Princes like Maj. Gen. Franklin Hagenbeck — with his M.S. degree in *exercise physiology* (but no combat experience) and Pentagon punches such as director for politico-military affairs for global and multilateral issues (I kid you not) under his shiny general's belt — took over the fighting with the conventional, *non-mountain-trained* 10th Division, our Army came away with that Vietnam-Heartbreak Ridge look: high bodycount, without many bodies, and too many friendly casualties.

A fine sergeant in Kuwait says it all: "My generals worry about what kind of engraved Buck knives to buy to give as gifts to the foreign generals, do we have enough potpourri-scented Pledge to make sure our mahogany desks are dust-free, color ink for our laser printers, oh, and let's not forget the staffers have to eat better than the rest of the Army, so we have to plan at least one big dinner function so the fat cats can get fatter. I've seen these generals cancel a visit to troops training in the desert so they could drink coffee and have lunch with another general visiting from the War College. Where are their damn priorities?"

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