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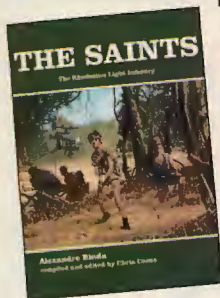
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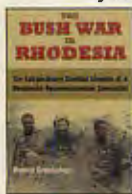
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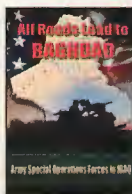
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By Ed Head

CRIMINAL INVADERS FROM DOWN SOUTH A Former Border Patrol Agent Vents

Today, the morning news reported the arrest of a suspect in the killing of three teenagers in New Jersey. An illegal alien from Peru, Jose Carranza's, was pressured into turning himself in by an exhaustive manhunt. But there was more. It was reported that he had an extensive criminal record, and had been released from custody awaiting trial in the matter of having repeatedly raped a young girl for four years.

From 1977 until 2001, I was employed by the United States Border Patrol. For more than 24 years, I was assigned to the busiest, most active and most violent section of the border. When I reported for duty, there were 1,200 Border Patrol Agents in the entire country and an estimated 1.2 million illegal aliens. By the time I retired, we had something like 9,000 Border Patrol Agents and 12-15 million illegal aliens in the United States. Put plainly, my career was a failure.

Early in my career, the Border Patrol was given free reign to arrest illegal aliens wherever we found them. We routinely checked transportation terminals, and checked businesses and job sites. Back then we were part of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). We worked with state and local police, and other federal law enforcement agencies.

During the Clinton Administration, a decision was made to put the Border Patrol on the border. The plan was somewhat successful, as Operation Gatekeeper almost shut down the San Diego corridor while creating a huge problem in Arizona. Phoenix became the stolen car, residential burglary, methamphetamine and smuggling capital of the United States.

Part of their strategy was to be the hiring of thousands of criminal investigators to replace the departed Border Patrol presence, to conduct employer sanctions, and to ferret out illegal aliens in the interior. The investigators were not hired and the interior of the United States was left without immigration enforcement. After 9/11, and the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, the Border Patrol was combined with U.S. Customs to create Customs and Border Protection and Customs and INS Investigators were combined to create Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Despite all of the promises to hire agents, control the border and so on, not one single administration in my memory has done squat to do anything meaningful with regards to the illegal alien issue. Note the ten-fold increase (at least) in illegal aliens in the country during my career.

Today, once an alien gets past the Border Patrol, they are all but assured of being home free. In many areas, here are three or four ICE agents responsible for covering several states. This means is that there is no effective internal enforcement of immigration laws. Ask your local cops what kind of response they get from ICE when they call to report that they have arrested an illegal alien. With few exceptions, they are told to release them because ICE lacks the manpower and funding to respond.

Which brings us back to Mr. Carranza. I will bet good money this is what happened; when he was initially arrested the local police were unable to identify him as an illegal alien, or hold him as one, because ICE was too busy or indifferent to respond. So they let the accused child rapist back out onto the street.

What should have happened was that Carranza's status would have been ascertained by an ICE agent doing a jail check. Said ICE agent would have placed an immigration hold on Mr. Carranza and he would not have been able to be released. He would not have had the opportunity to commit his string of crimes, culminating in the shooting of four young people in New Jersey.

The system is broken and people like Carranza are being released from jails all over the country on a daily basis. Why? Because there aren't enough ICE investigators, the government doesn't want to pay the local jails for housing aliens on holds and the investigators themselves are overworked and tired of doing many, many hours of paperwork just to try to get one more alien deported.

For the past 30 years I have witnessed this sort of travesty, over and over. The government seems to have assumed that we, the citizens of the United States, are supposed to accept the cost of this negligence. Our families are slaughtered on the highways by smuggling load drivers,

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Bain Serna

NO STRYKER IN MOSUL

In your Sept 07 issue you identified a Stryker vehicle slowing down for a flock of geese with soldiers from the 42nd ID in Mosul. Two things,

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Chris Mettler, USAR
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Galen Geer

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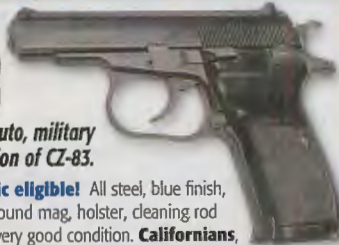
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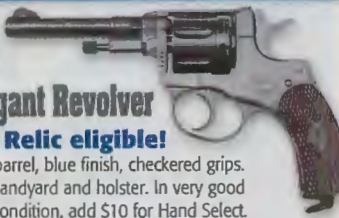
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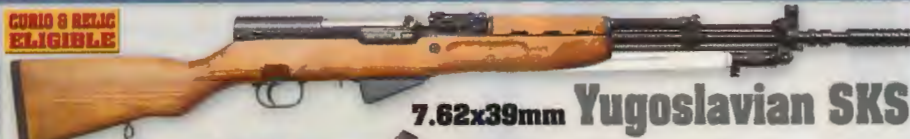
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In other words, American troops are over 120 times better behaved than two of the more progressive cities in the United States.

About as true as that Koran-flushing claim...

An Army investigation revealed that sensational charges in a series of articles for the New Republic had no basis in fact. Major Steven F. Lamb, the deputy Public Affairs Officer for Multi National Division-Baghdad stated, "An investigation has been completed and

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(Top photo) A soldier installs one of the cameras used in the Rapid Deployment Integrated Surveillance System.



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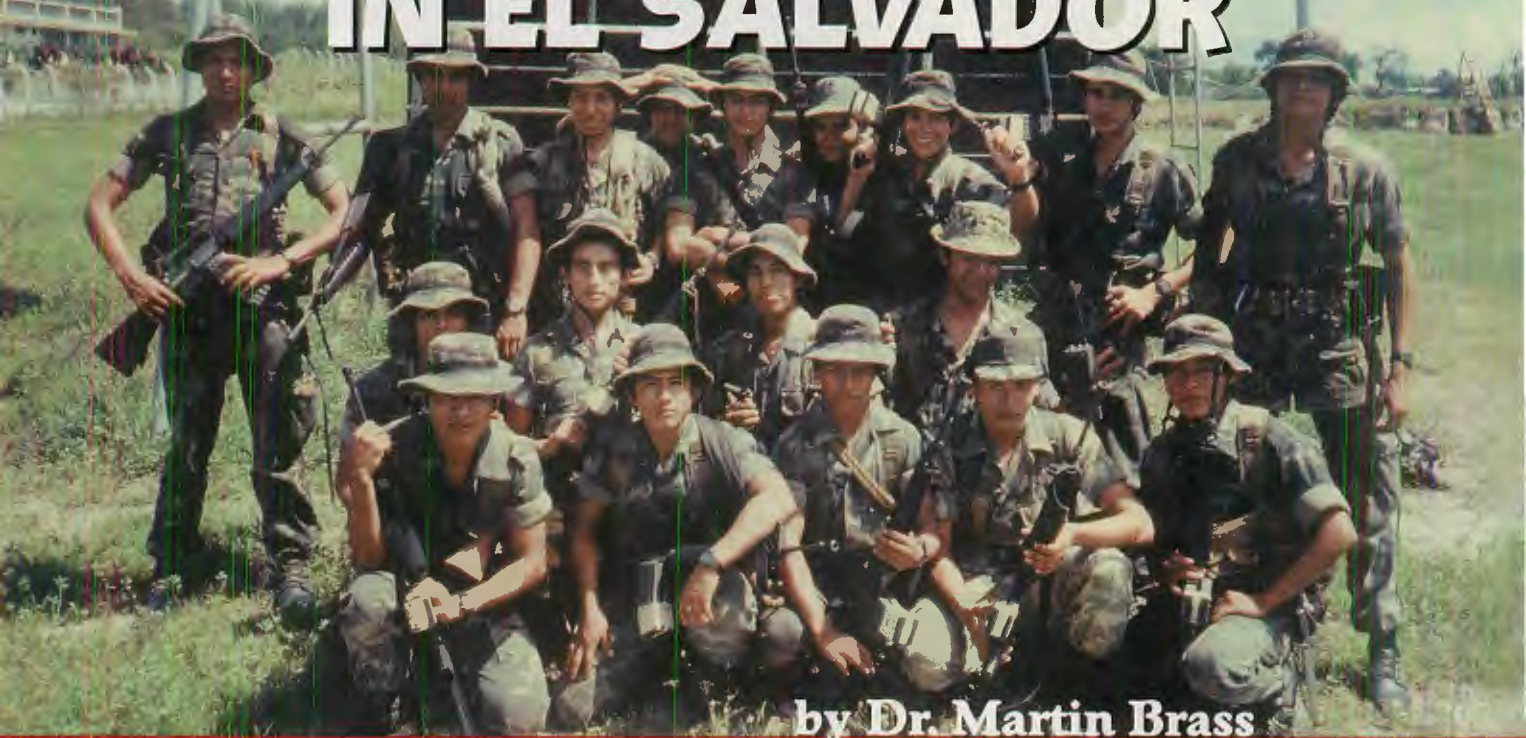
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SOF AND THE GUERRILLA WAR IN EL SALVADOR



by Dr. Martin Brass

A U.S. MERC TRAINS SALVADORAN SPEC OPS AND AIRBORNE

"When you've been on the battlefields in four countries that fell to communism, it stimulates and sharpens your focus. I'm really just a patriotic American concerned about a possible communist takeover of Central America. I've seen it happen before and I'd just as soon not see it happen here. Vietnam was halfway around the world, but El Salvador and its communist guerrillas are a lot closer to Houston than Houston is to DC. And if Communism expansionism is not stopped here, there's very little to keep it from expanding to our own borders, in our backyard. It's a much more real and immediate threat to the United States than it was in southeast Asia."

Harry Clafin, two-tour Marine Recon in Vietnam, told SOF in 1985.

In the second part of this series, Harry Clafin, who SOF sent to El Salvador in 1984 when the fierce civil war was raging, described his role in initiating a Special Forces Operations

training program, the Grupo de Operaciones Especiales (GOE).

"I came up with the GOE project by combining two very successful projects that the Marine Corps ran in Vietnam, the Force Recon Stingray Project and the Small Independent Action Forces (SIEF)," Harry said.

Harry had learned Spanish in short order, as Gen. Bustillo forced everyone on the base to speak Spanish to the tall, tough looking, bearded Gringo.

Each GOE team was organized into a 28-man team of five groups--a command group, and four action teams. The command group would consist of one lieutenant, one sergeant, one radio operator and one medic. Each of the four action teams consisted of a team leader, assistant team leader, a radio operator, a machine gunner, a grenadier, and one sniper.

Harry spent four grueling weeks, 20 hours a day training GOE Team One.

The Salvadoran top brass demanded a graduation demonstration.

The team prepared a demo field, selected targets, inserted in helicopters,

established observation posts to gather Intel and executed ambushes that took out the 'enemy'.

In spite of a series of career threatening, show-stopping equipment failures, the song and dance had convinced the 200 Salvadoran Jefes, and the GOE program was launched.

MEMORIES OF A MERC

IT WAS TIME for the elated, dog-tired team to leave the relatively safe training fields for the guerilla filled jungles.

"Rene Cardenas, a retired SF Sergeant Major SOF had hired to be my interpreter and I were ordered back to Ilopongo." Harry recalled his angst at being forced to throw his recruits out in the jungles without their leader.

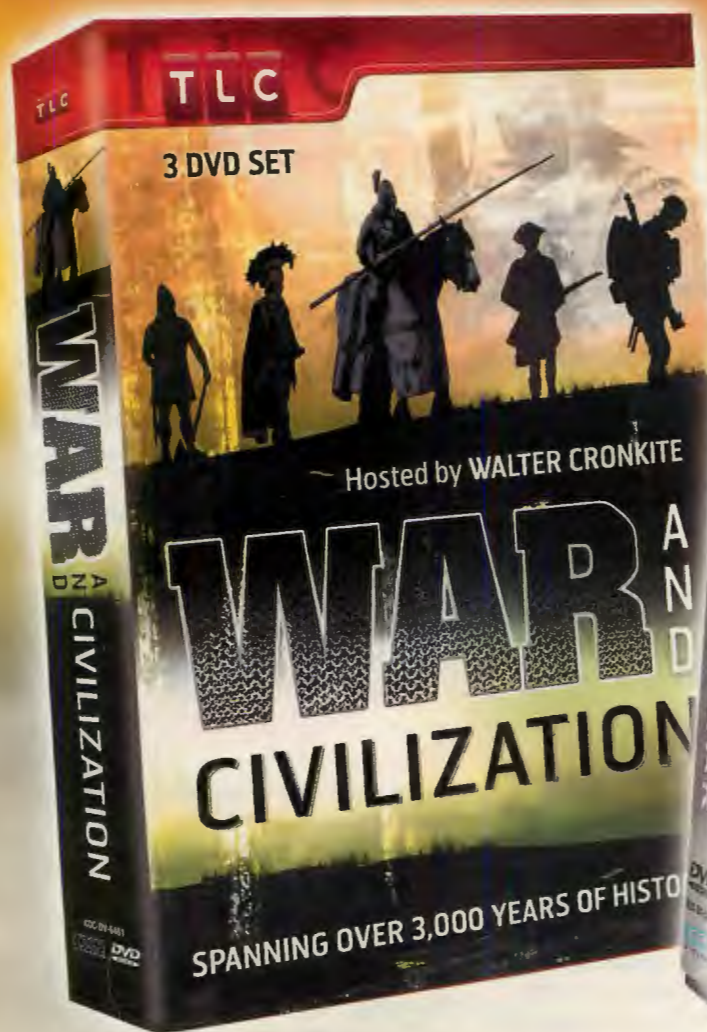
"We were gearing up to go, but Col. Sigifredo Ochoa, Commander of the 4th Infantry Brigade, said 'No!'

"We weren't supposed to be there. Had we been killed, there would have been a hell storm and heads would roll,"

(Top photo) These well-trained Deep Recon troops were as eager to go after the guerrillas as they were to learn new skills. **(2nd photo to right)** Clafin, a former Recon Marine and two-tour Vietnam vet, put his experience to good use in training numerous units of the Salvadoran military. He was in the unique position of being able to accompany the Salvos on actual ops to observe his handiwork. SOF sponsored Clafin the first two years he was in El Salvador.



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“The whole team opened fire on the G’s, who thought they were being attacked by a much larger force and broke off contact with the infantry. They fled down into this deep ravine as Eduardo and the boys were coming down the opposite side.

“When the GOE team stopped to catch their breath near the bottom, they saw a G not 20 yards away just staring at them. Now, remember, they were dressed like G’s, too, and he could not make up his mind whether they were friend or foe.

“Panama shot him and the war was on again. For the next hour it was a running gunfight. They killed 20 more of the Gs. The surviving bad guys fled.

“The choppers were called in to extract the dead and wounded and to re-supply ammo to the team.

“Eduardo and the GOE had saved the infantry company

from being wiped out.

LIKE ‘FATHER’ LIKE ‘SON’—PAPA VIEJO AND BAMBINO

“In the northern part of Chalatenango, the FMLN had recruiters who used press gang tactics when they would go into the small towns. A couple of these recruiters were especially terrorizing the locals,” Harry recalled the legend of the illustrious Sgt. Chan.

“GOE Team One’s team leader Sgt. Chan, not liking the brutal way the G recruiters did things, decided to come to the aid of the helpless town folks.

“He picked two men in the team, one that looked ancient and one, a 16-18 year old who looked 12 but as tough as the rest, to carry on the mission. We called the ancient one ‘Papa Viejo’ and the kid ‘Bambino’. They were to go into the village masquerading as father and son and follow Chan’s instruction.

“They found the local cafe where the recruiters hung out and started to belly ache loudly about how they had been mistreated by the military. The recruiters, thrilled to find such easy converts, asked them if they would like to join the rebel cause.

“Papa Viejo and Bambino signed right

up, and the recruiters told them they would take them to their camp to meet the leader and become part of the great liberation of the people.

“A short distance out of town, Papa Viejo and Bambino pulled out their pistols and killed both of the recruiters.

CHAN TAKES OUT SOME GUERRILLAS

“GOE Team One had been working near the Honduran border and found an FMLN base camp. They joined the G’s, convincing them that they were from another guerilla group.

“After a week of living with the bad guys, Chan and his boys got up early one morning, killed the guards and cut everybody’s throat. They rigged evidence showing that another group of G’s had done the evil deed, pitting the bad guys who were already waging turf wars one against the other.

“I asked Chan if he felt bad about killing these guys he had spent a week with.

“‘Why should I?’ They were G’s’, he said.”

A GRADUATION PARTY—WITH GUNFIRE

Throughout the war, Harry was the only U.S. advisor with the Salvadoran Airborne, and trained the Airborne Sergeants.

“For graduation, we had taken a forward air control recon platoon class up to the mountains for an FTX exercise. They had picked this area with no G activity at the base of Guazapa.

“The battalion commander said there was ‘no problem’.

“Two choppers inserted us at night in a rainstorm. We got turned around in a sugar cane field 3 clicks from where we were supposed to be.

“Come morning, we realized we had been dumped in a guerilla base camp. We hid in the bush all day, watching the G’s chopping bush. That night, we moved to where we were supposed to be to set up camp, and sent some Observation Post (OP) teams out.

“The OP guys told me that armed G’s were on the road. I thought they were messing with me. All four teams reported G’s and this went on all night. The next evening the OP teams pulled back to where we were. A rifle shot went off 25 yards up the mountain.

the risk taking Harry smirked.

Harry has very fond memories of his boys of GOE Team One—those sorts of memories a merc thrown in the role of commander would relish.

GOE TEAM ONE MAKES ITS BONES

“GOE Team One was working in the mountains near Sensuntepeque when they heard a fire fight up ahead,” Harry recalled with pride his first GOE team.

“When they approached, they found that the G’s had pinned down a company sized infantry unit and had wounded and killed several.

“The team commander, a Lt. Eduardo, quickly hatched up a plot to bring some heat on the G’s.

“Panama, one of the boys, carried an FAL rifle.

“Fire ‘em up!’ Eduardo ordered him.

“The G’s were right on top of them.

“Panama cut loose. The G’s thought it was one of theirs since the rifle did not sound like an M-16.

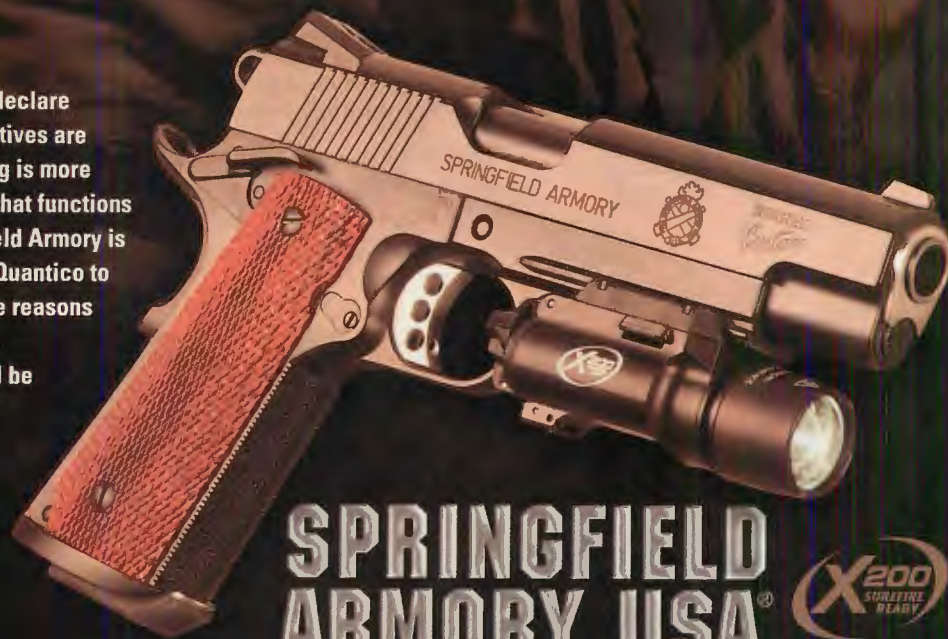
“The G’s were hollering for him to stop firing, giving the rest of the GOE team time to get into position.



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I thought one of the guys had an accidental discharge. I grabbed Sgt Ramos of the command team and told him to bring the shooter back cause I was going to pound the hell out of him.

"One shot reverberated across the hill, then another, then another. The G's were answering each other with

gunfire. Realizing the alarms were for real, we moved deeper into the bush at midnight and hunkered down. This guy above us did his blasted nerve wracking firing drill every night. On the 4th day, going stir crazy, we decided this couldn't go on forever.

"That night, we moved down the hill

about a mile to be picked up, but they didn't have any choppers to get us.

"We left early in the morning and got to a place to be picked up and called the base for an extraction. We saw no helicopters and couldn't establish comms.

"Sgt Ramos said that the Airborne had the emergency frequency turned off because they thought it was just a training exercise.

"I was madder than hell!"

U.S. PILOTS TO THE RESCUE

"Finally we were in comms, and demanded an extraction. There were no Salvadoran pilots on the base. Rick Lima and Felix Rodriguez, the CIA operative that brought down Che Guevara, who had been a keynote speaker at the SOF convention in Tampa, just happened to walk through flight operations and found out about our plight.

"Lima, a U.S. helicopter instructor pilot and gun-slinger who had flown combat in Vietnam and Felix cranked up a Huey which had no door gunners.

"The comms boys forgot to tell the pilots that we were surrounded by G's. We shot an azimuth at the helo when we sighted it. Lima and Felix radioed for us to throw smoke. We told them, 'impossible, the G's were 100 yards from us, had us surrounded and were moving in closer!'

"They finally spotted us and landed. I hopped up on a skid.

"Where are the rest of the helos?" I demanded.

"We are it," Felix replied.

"We threw eight on the chopper to return to Ilopongo. We waited to be

overrun, but for some unknown reason, the G's did not fire us up.

"We could see below a tree line swarming with 100 guerillas.

"When the Airborne launched a week later, they found a hospital compound.

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Close-quarters combat, like this bayonet training, endeared Claffin to the troops of the Deep Reconnaissance Platoon.

movements were supplying material and support to the G's.

"The Airborne later reported 300 G's imbedded in the area.

AIN'T NO FUN NO MORE

"That was Cardenas' last opt. He decided did not want to play any more.

"The G's did not want to start a war right there with a hospital complex. The Airborne found East German and

French doctors and Red Cross workers' passports. These doctors and nurses were Communist sympathizers. The Airborne took the passports and made 'wanted' posters and plastered them on every telephone pole in San Salvador.

"But they must have gotten the hell out of Dodge, to Honduras, in a panic.

"A lot of European socialist

RUNNING UPHILL UNDER GUNFIRE MAKES FOR A LONG DAY

"President Duarte's daughter had been kidnapped and intelligence believed she might be being held at this base camp.

"The Battalion was put in as a blocking force about a half-mile below the camp to cut off any escape. The recon Platoon was the attacking force. As we were coming in on the choppers, I could see the Gun ships raking the LZ and the tree line to the front of us.

"The LZ was about the size of a football field with tall grass. When the choppers started to land, we noticed there were very large rocks in the LZ and the choppers would not set down but dumped us off from about six to eight feet. We hit the ground, formed up, and started toward the tree line with the gun ships clearing the way for us.

"When we hit the tree line, we saw the first huts and spotted G's running down the hill in front of us. We spread out and started down through the huts looking for anybody that might still be there. Cooking fires were still burning, hammocks were still swinging and personal property was scattered everywhere.

"The only thing the G's had grabbed was their weapons. As we reached the end of the camp, we ran into a large bunker complex that we started working through.

"About this time, the G's hit the blocking force and a fierce fire fight broke out down the hill from us. We had to be careful because we were getting fire from our own troops firing up the hill.

"We saw the first G's charging back up the hill shooting at us. We decided to pull back to the LZ and wait for the choppers. The Lt. got on the radio and requested a pick up where we had been dumped off. We were about 500-600 yards from the top of the hill and our LZ. We had not found any hostages and our job was done.

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Sheehan wrote a letter of appreciation to Clafin, giving him credit for establishing the GOE program in 1985.

ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE

"Running up hill under fire makes for a long day. When we got to the top, the gun ships gave us cover while we got back on the choppers and got airborne. Sitting in the door and looking down to where you have just been, knowing you made it and going home is a feeling only someone that has been there can know.

It was after 30 combat operations that Harry "picked up some iron."

"In 1985-6, I was with the 4th Brigade El Parasio. Col. Ochoa had deployed us on a clandestine mission, Operation Cobra. We were to destroy guerrilla units operating in the rugged terrain along the Salvadoran-Honduran border.

"I was leading GOE Team One from El Parasio up towards Guatemala to set up Ops. The G's started shooting from 50-60 yards.

"The first day, we got into a running gun-fight. We wound up killing three or four, but none of us got killed.

"I picked up some iron from a hand grenade.

"I wasn't hurt that bad and didn't think much about it, but the Minister of Defense found out about it later and decided I should have the Combat Wound Medal, similar to our Purple Heart and the Combat Soldiers Medal, the same as our combat infantry badge.

HARRY AND THE AIRBORNE

"Did you do all the GOE training?" RKB asked.

"I trained four units and I went back to retrain these units from time to time. In combat, you have attrition, new people come in, people get set in their ways, and you need to recall them back to go over the training to see what they are doing wrong, what they are doing right.

"Most of it was just hard work. I would go out with them first couple operations then turn them loose. I was in the command and control, picked units and supplied equipment. I didn't do a lot of shooting.

"I couldn't have done it without the U.S. Army Special Forces advisers, the MilGroup, and the Brigade Operational Planning and Assistance Training Team (OPATT).

"Col. Rankin, the top U.S. Air Force advisor and Salvo Air Force liaison, was concerned that there were no forward air controllers that had the capability of calling in air strikes in the airborne battalion. I worked out of his office."

"Why did the MilGroup not catch this?" RKB asked

"They were overwhelmed, involved in getting brigades organized and operating," he responded.

"At the time, the limp-dick Congress, worried about another Vietnam, had authorized only 55 advisors at one time in El Salvador.

"I wrote POI for the commander of the airborne battalion and set up to train the sergeants in the Airborne. Col Rankin got approval from the MilGroup and the El Salvadoran side for air assets to implement this program.

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YOU HAVEN'T LIVED 'TIL YOU'VE ALMOST DIED...

A Fearless SOG Team Leader Hits a Goldmine of Enemy Intel

BY JOHN STRYKER MEYER

You haven't lived 'til you've almost died. For those who have fought for it, life has a flavor the protected will never know.

The casualty rates for Studies and Observation Group (SOG) recon teams (RT) were the highest for any unit in Vietnam. We all had our close calls and thus, each of us was given ample opportunity for the truth of this observation to be incised on his soul.

Nobody demonstrated this more than the young, hard-charging One-

Zero (team leader) of RT Michigan, Sergeant Eldon Bargewell. No one who ever met him doubted his professionalism or determination. He was meticulous when preparing his team for a mission, a fearless leader when on the ground and he possessed a biting wit and an absolute intolerance when it came to fools and REMFs, which he considered to be redundant.

The moment of truth came in March 1969 during a mission in the target MA-14, which was northwest of the A Shau Valley. Bargewell's team included Don Sheppard as his One-One (assistant team leader) and Mike Moore-

house as his One-Two (radio operator). RT Michigan's mission was simple: locate a North Vietnamese Army (NVA) regimental headquarters and way station, pinpoint the base camp, and then call in a Hatchet Force from CCS led by Jerry "Mad Dog" Schriver, on temporary assignment to CCN.

During the team's early afternoon insertion, a fourth American on the team broke his arm jumping from the helicopter as the NVA peppered the team's landing zone (LZ) with mortar fire. Bargewell had one chopper evacuate the injured SF soldier. When the chopper left, the NVA mortars fell

(Top photo) Sgt. Eldon Bargewell, wearing a NVA vest similar to the one that saved his life when he was on a reconnaissance mission in March, 1969.

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Totally NEW Program Shows You "HOW" To Dominate Life & Easily Hypnotize Others Into Obedience

By Tom Parks

Dear Friend,

Listen. I don't care what you think you might know about Mind Control and Mental Warfare -

YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS

Maybe you think such a thing doesn't even exist. If so, you're wrong. Dead wrong! And, I can prove it to you. Here's why:

By now you've heard of Ninja Mind Control, Black Ops, Seduction, NLP (Neuro-Linguistic Programming), Kahuna, Remote Viewing, Hypnotism, etc. Andrew Scott has done it ALL and distilled it down to

Quick Kill Methods of Instant Hypnotic Domination over ANYONE!

You've probably heard of Andrew Scott, the creator and founder of Warrior Hypnosis.

He's also the Fighting Secrets and Total Life Mastery guy you read about in these magazines all the time, or you've heard his interviews on national talk radio. He's in big demand, and rightfully so.

You see, Andrew has done it all in the field of Martial Arts and Combatives - CQC, Ju Jitsu & Jeet Kune Do Instructor, multiple Black Belts and Certified Law Enforcement Trainer.

He's had unparalleled success and heads up a Worldwide organization! But get this -

The Night My Life Changed Forever

After a grueling night of sparring against multiple armed attackers under Andrew's expert instruction, he decided to take the "Fight Club" out for pizza.

It's AMAZING to me that a guy like this can be so down-to-earth and human, considering the superhuman things he can do!

Want to know what I'm talking about? Read on friend, read on...

We arrived at the new pizza joint across town. The place was packed! The hostess says "I'm sorry, but it's a 45 minute wait to get a table."

Andrew steps in front of her, looks into her eyes and slightly smiles. There is three seconds of silence and then she says "yknow what, I'll just go clear you a table right away."

As she walked away, she kept turning back and gazing at Andrew like she was in heat!

Now keep in mind, none of us had been to this place before and we didn't know any of the people there.

I noticed all the women seem to be staring at Andrew like deer caught in the headlights. The men are all giving him respectful nods and stepping back to clear a path for him.

Finally, I decided to check it out for myself. I stepped up to a guy at the bar and pointed at Andrew and asked "do you know who that is?" The guy said "No, but he's the man isn't he?" How did Andrew

Radiate Unstoppable Confidence and Magnetize Everyone In The Room

Before the end of the night, no less than three hot vixens (including the waitress) had stuffed their phone numbers into Andrew's hand, and he had barely said a word to them! He tossed the numbers to us - it was no big deal to him at all!

And, he had two attorneys, a broker and a realtor at our table buying us drinks and begging to invest bucks into one of his enterprises! Andrew said no thanks, be-

cause he likes to keep all the profits for himself.

Does this all sound unreal, like something out of a movie? Well guess what, it's not. I was there and I can tell you in no uncertain terms: *It's All Real.*

You see, after YEARS of studying just about everything, Andrew got fed up and decided to only teach the

QUICK and DIRTY Methods of Getting Anything You Want From Anybody!

I asked Andrew "how do you do it?" "Do what?" he said. "Yknow, magnetize people like that?"

Andrew said "I don't intend to do it. It just simply is. Water doesn't intend to go where it goes - it doesn't "try" to go where it goes - it just goes there! And, like water...

I Go Wherever I Want and I Get Whatever I Want

...and you can do the same thing, Tom" I was astounded! Me? Do the same thing? OH MY GOD!

So he began to train me in Warrior Hypnosis. He showed me how to buy a car (I was completely broke at the time) and how to get my boss to raise my salary, all within a week. I did what he said AND IT WORKED!

MAKE THEM BEG!

Ex-girlfriends who had dumped me for more successful guys were *begging* to have me back, even offering to pay all of my bills!

My nagging step-mother, who's been trying to thwart me for years, was all of a sudden very afraid of me. I was astounded!

And, I knew I had changed forever. This wasn't some emotional cheerleading going on, this was a permanent change.

It wasn't any esoteric mumbo-jumbo either. Forget the agony and frustration of learning difficult tactics.

If you're as "lazy" as I am, and simply want the bottom line "how-to" you're gonna LOVE this...

Have you ever noticed how some people seem to be "lucky"? They always have their way, and life never seems to be a struggle?

They constantly have beautiful women on their knees begging, and they laugh about it, while you're always struggling to get a date with a chick who's "ok."

In this totally new program you can't find anywhere else, Andrew will show you how to have beautiful women eating out of your hand and obeying your commands, and you don't need money or good looks. Yes, it's true. See it for yourself!

Listen. Have you ever wondered why some people seem to effortlessly conquer every situation they face? Notice how life can be a constant struggle, or very disappointing and boring?

Well, as of RIGHT NOW, it's doesn't ever have to be that way for you again! Am I serious?

I Am DEADLY Serious.

In this new program, Andrew is going to show you what he has learned about Mind Control & Mental Warfare, because after he learned it, life has NEVER been a struggle for him.

This is not an exaggeration, but a simple statement of fact. And it's so simple and so absolute, so rock-solid, that once you "have it" your life will never be the same!

Nothing will phase you at all! In fact, danger and challenges are now an absolute JOY to face, because

VICTORY IS AUTOMATIC

Yes, I really do mean that. And I can prove it to you. Do you "want" the same power in your life? The first thing Andrew will show YOU is how to

"Thrive In Chaos!"

I don't care what you're up against. If you're out to be the top dog at work. If you're competing for a promotion or sales, with Andrew's Warrior Hypnosis phrasing, you'll mesmerize and astound the competition - who won't know a damn thing until it's too late!

The best part is when they say "NO!" When you get Andrew Scott's Mental Warfare Secrets, you'll be amazed when you learn:

- ✓ How To Get Out Of A Traffic Ticket
- ✓ Have A Client Write You A Big Fat Check, Even After they say "no"!
- ✓ Hypnotic Trance: Make Them Desire To Please You, Without Saying A Word!
- ✓ Psych Profile: Know Anything About Anyone In Minutes!

All you have to do is listen to this program once, then try it a few times and you'll be shouting with joy that **"THIS STUFF WORKS!"**

Let me ask you something. Where have things been difficult in your life? I'll bet it's when other people don't do what you want them to do, am I right? Well listen up, because **now is your chance** to end those difficulties once and for all.

Once you "order this program" you can sit back and relax, because you're about to become a Warrior King who gets his way - almost *all of the time!*

And it works everywhere - whether you're negotiating a price, making a reservation, in a courtroom or dealing with city hall! Even with operators on the phone!

Think she sounds cute on the phone? Have her meet you later - she'll think it was her idea! Want them to work for you, or buy your product or service? Have them do it and thank you for it!

And, no one will ever be able to escape your magnetic power when you always know

How To Tell If Someone Is Lying

Think about it right now: How many times will someone lie to you during the course of your life? And, what will it cost you?

Wouldn't it be better to KNOW when they are lying; to know HOW to detect, and correct, those who are lying or are about to lie to you?

Can you IMAGINE THE POWER YOU'LL HAVE knowing for sure, absolutely, whenever someone is lying to you? What would that be worth to you over the rest of your lifetime?

Of course, knowing this puts you at an Unfair Advantage Over Others, because

They Won't Be Able To Keep Any Secrets From You!

And, you could easily convince others of almost anything, true or untrue, when you lean the strategies, tactics and exact sciences of persuasion in this course.

But I know you won't do that, because your conscience won't permit it. That's the unique thing about a

true Warrior. You'll use your newly found strengths and secret knowledge for good, and to

Manifest An Overflow of Greatness

in your life and the lives of others.

There is a force inside you, a kind of "spiritual intuition" that discerns all things, good and bad. This intuition is very powerful, and magnetic. However, 99.9% of the population is programmed, BY DESIGN, to lose this intuition.

Here's what I mean: have you ever had someone lie to you or take advantage of you, and later you said to yourself "I KNEW that was gonna happen."

A little voice inside you told you that you were being lied to, but you rationalized it away and "allowed" it to happen, even though you knew better. I'm sure you know exactly what I'm talking about.

Have you ever been in a situation where you were told about something that was totally true and beneficial, but you rationalized it away, and later said

"I KNEW I should've done that!"

I think we all know what it feels like to miss out on something awesome that we didn't have to miss out on.

Don't let that happen again. Grab hold of this totally new course that no one else has, and you won't ever have to miss out on anything you want, ever again.

Normally, Andrew charges thousands of bucks for this info, to attend one of his seminars usually costs between \$1700 to \$2400 bucks!

But for good folks like you, SOF's who know the real deal, you get the same info in the Mental Warfare Secrets Package for just \$147.00 bucks!

And there's no way to lose! Andrew has laid it out in such a simple and easy-to-understand manner that only a fool wouldn't get it!!!

The 3 Master Keys You MUST Know To Get Anything You Want

1. Human beings are made of energy, and your energy is ALWAYS radiating Magnetic Force - force that either "pushes away" what you want, or "attracts" what you want. And, there is NEVER a time when this Magnetic Force isn't working - even when you're sleeping!

2. Every Word You Say Has Power. If you don't understand Hypnotic Commands and Phrasing, everything you say "pushes away" what you want most of the time (this is the missing Key to Getting Everything You Want!) The same rule applies for your Body Language and Eye Contact!

3. Your Emotional Response Transfers Control To Your Opponent (or your Target). This is even true in a bloody streetfight. Knowing this is how the smaller guy Destroys the big, scary thugs. It's how the nerdy broke guy gets the pretty girl. It's how the disadvantaged and underprivileged GET RICH!

This Key is so Powerful, and so TOTAL and TRUE, that when you hear Andrew explain it and show you exactly how to use it, you'll cry tears of joy as if you've just been handed a check for 10 million bucks!

EASILY DESTROY YOUR ENEMIES!

Let's not fool around here. What we're talking about is very Powerful and Dangerous. Knowing exactly how to control other people without them even knowing it is outright unfair.

That's why it's very important that this program only falls into trustworthy hands. If you are a psycho on a power-trip, or a criminal, you are forbidden to buy this, period. Nut jobs need not apply.

Also, if you are into taking unfair advantage of other people, you are forbidden to have this material. It's just too damn dangerous in the wrong hands

You must be over 18 and by purchasing you agree to hold harmless and release Andrew Scott and Masters Group, Inc. from all liability.

Just Imagine What You Can Do Once You Get These Skills!

There are really only two types of people - Warriors and Peasants. The Peasantry walk around in a Hypnotic Fog of Programming, kind of like computer programs.

When you understand this programming, then just like a computer programmer you can "push people's buttons" and have them obey you, just like the computer obeys the programmer!

Does that make sense? It really is that simple, but it isn't easy unless you "know" the programming language.

Now, with Mental Warfare Secrets, you "get" the programming language, the buttons, everything you need to

Get Anyone To Do Anything You Want Anytime, Anywhere

This essential information gives you specific techniques and phrases in minute, step-by-step detail that you can do RIGHT NOW.

You can literally memorize these Secrets, go out and repeat them, and watch what happens! The hard part's already done.

But more importantly, it isn't just about controlling others. It's also about YOU. Here's exactly what I mean:

1. Mental Warfare Secrets is about YOU, EFFORTLESSLY GETTING WHATEVER YOU WANT!

2. This program shows you that you have only been using a tiny amount of your real ability. Andrew shows you how to access that part of you, a kind of Genie inside you, that is capable of discovering the life you've always dreamed of, INSTANTLY!

3. The techniques in this program will help you to make your dreams come true - not in some far off distant future - but "RIGHT NOW"

4. This DVD and 3-CD set, and the secrets in them are not available anywhere else! In fact, they are so potent, so effective, so INSTANTLY POWERFUL that in order to purchase them you must promise to NEVER share these secret tactics with anyone and to only use them for lawful purposes!

I WANT YOU TO HAVE THESE SECRETS - YOU KNOW YOU NEED THEM if you're going to WIN every battle in life.

Do you think that winning at life, making more money than your friends, slaughtering the competition and easily attracting everything you want like a giant magnet is easy?

I do! And I've seen Andrew prove it dozens of times! Now, you can do the same.

This is your wake-up call. If you are one of the few who know a good thing when they see it, who know the truth when they hear it, then YOU will become the Master of Yourself and Those Around You with Mental Warfare Secrets.

The Mental Warfare Secrets program will show you how to conquer yourself once and for all, and then conquer anyone else!



Andrew Scott

Once you get this knowledge, you'll finally be the way you want to be, the way you know you really should be!

99% of the population is comfortable in ignorance and mediocrity. If you want to continue in apathy and living inside of a little box, don't bother to call, we won't miss you. But for those of you who simply must win at life - who need to know "how" - this is for you.

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I can guess the only thing possibly holding you back at this point is the price of \$147.00 Are you cheap? If you don't invest in your future, in your skills, what kind of life will you end up with?

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Marksmanship training was high on Claffin's list of "must do" training. He was shocked by the poor state of repair of the unit's small arms, but quickly squared the problem away. His Airborne Deep Recon Platoon, part of the anti-terrorist Airborne Battalion, was remarkably successful in bring death and destruction to the communist guerrillas.

"U.S. helicopter pilots were using helos, smoke grenades, and Zuni rockets to teach them how to call air strikes. We did it on the cheap.

"When did the AC 47s come down?" RKB asked.

"In 1985," Harry replied. "The recon team was one of the first teams to be trained in AC 47s. The Air Force had taken three of the birds to Michigan or Wisconsin, totally rebuilt them and installed state of the art electronics and night sighting capability and they looked like brand new.

"Why did they arm them with three .50's instead of Gatlings?" RKB asked.

"I think for the sake of simplicity," Harry replied, "though they had Gatlings on helos. This was a command decision.

"There was so much going on at the time that everything was in a constant crises mode.

FROM SOF TO THE MILGROUP

Harry and SOF parted ways after a two year El Salvadoran adventure, but that's another story for another time.

"I went over to the MilGroup office and I told Col. Rankin,

"I don't work for SOF any more. They looked at each other and said 'good'.

They wanted me to sever my ties for security's sake. I was doing some pretty

sensitive stuff and they were scared spitless I was going to write this in SOF.

"OPATT Special Forces advisors wanted me to come to their courtel. Col. Kimball had been trying to get me up to Santa Ana for about six months.

"Had the liberals gotten a hold of the fact that you, a civilian, were working under MilGroup, they would have gone to town with it," RKB, who has made a career out of messing with the liberals, said with amusement.

"This is speculation on my part, but I think that SOCOM approved my working with MilGroup.

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"Col Richie, the MilGroup XO, was a real pain in the ass to everybody. He was a worrywart, he didn't want me to be involved with MilGroup because



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Captain Michael Sheehan, SF Advisor to the Salvadoran IV Bde in Chalatenango, was an outstanding officer who worked closely with Clafin. He exemplified the "can do" attitude of SF, using whatever assets were available to accomplish the mission.

of possible political complications, and feared I would get whacked. The DAO and people in upper echelons were aware of how much influence I had with the El Salvadorans.

"It was Gen. Bustillo who understood that I was down there doing 200% all the time and things were working fine. He made sure I could go anywhere in the country and get whatever I wanted.

"SOFers had a get out of jail free and permission to arrest people, but we never had to use it," RKB interjected.

"Yeah, these passes were a two edged sword," Harry continued. "You never knew who the guerrillas were. If you got stopped, you had to think whether to show your I.D. or not. If they were guerrillas, you give them your I.D. and you're history. The police most of the time let you go. Every brigade had its own individual I.D. card, as there was no national military I.D. card.

"Did you ever worry whether the G's knew who you were?" RKB asked

"The G's knew who I was and it did worry me from time to time. The police raided a FMLN safe house in San Salvador and found a picture of me and several of the other MilGroup. We were told to be more careful. They knew I was a trainer but I do not think they knew my connection to the GOE teams.

THE LAND OF COUPS

From the time of the Spanish conquest in the 14th century through the coup that launched the ten-year civil war in 1980, El Salvador was torn by repeated coups. From 1930 to 1979 alone, the country lived through half a dozen bloody coups.

"The separate unit I.D.s had become military tradition," Harry continued. To keep the enemy out, each courtel had a kiosk at the gate and you put your weapons in and they gave you a tag.

"The I.D. I had, authorized by the Estado Mayor, was a national pass that gave me access to any base because they were all subordinate to the

Ministry of Defense.

"The 2nd Brigade at Santa Ana contacted me and off I went. The Salvadorans were now paying me, but I'm not quite sure where they were getting the dollars.

"You think someone might have been paying the El Salvadorans and they were paying you?" RKB asked

"I'm positive. I was making the same wages as a Colonel in the Salvadoran army, about \$2000 a month the four months I was up training the GOE teams.

THEY LAUGHED WHEN WE ASKED FOR ANESTHETICS

"It was about 11:00 at night and the rain was coming down in torrents. The SF adviser was with us on a training mission way up into the mountains.

"There was a creek about four feet wide. Rather than walk through the raging stream, I decided to jump across it at night with an 80-pound pack on wearing night vision goggles. When I landed on the other side, my boot went between two rocks. I heard a crunch. My foot ballooned in the jungle boots. I thought I had just hyper extended it.

"I'm laying there. It's cold. It's raining. Hypothermia is not that far away. My teeth were chattering.

"I think I'm going into shock', I told the SF warrant officer. We pulled off the ambush site to get me off the hill. We were four- five miles from the road. We pulled back and they found some trees and I taught them how to jury rig a stretcher with their ponchos and I hauled my ass into it.

"Col. Kimball drove through 30-40 miles of enemy territory to pick me up. We got to the hospital over a very bumpy road.

IT'S AN ORDER! SAVE THE ONLY SIZE 11 BOOTS IN THE JUNGLE

"They were going to cut my boot off. 'No Way!!!'—It was an order. 'There are no more size 11 boots in the jungle'. They unlaced it and pulled it off. I about lost it at that point. It was broken.

"They laughed when we asked if they had anesthetics.

"This threw everything back about six weeks, but Col. Carlos Eugenio Vides Casanova, Director of the National Guard, who later became general and Defense Minister was not going to let me sit on my butt. I ran firearms maintenance and an explosive course hobbling around on crutches.

"I came home for a couple weeks then Kimball got a hold of me at home and wanted me to come back and train another team.

A WELCOME BACK TO THE JUNGLES

"When I got back down, Gus Taylor, OPATT at 1st Brigade, met me.

"We got everything waiting for you at first brigade', he said. At about this time Kimball rotated home.

"His replacement had a whole different approach to being a commander than Kimball did. We didn't hit it off real well. He had been in country for three days when I showed up and he didn't know me, nor understand why the Estado Mayor and MilGroup had put me there.

"We started preparation for a new GOE team. The new major and Fleenor, SF CWO at 2nd Brigade, cooked up obstacles like not wanting to work with me.

"I had a case of the ass. I told Rankin when I went back what was going on. I set up this new course and the major was standing in my way. Fleenor, the warrant officer, was upset when Col Rankin called Col Steele, the MilGroup commander and they called the Major, but he knew he had to cooperate.

THE DAY THE WAR STOOD STILL

"That's when the earthquake of 1986 hit. We were sitting in the office grumbling about how I'm getting too much money. Rankin has his feet up listening to us bickering.

"I thought somebody had bombed the building. Tiles came crashing down. File cabinets came falling down. Rankin fell over backward. The computers fell off the desk. It lasted six to eight seconds, that's a long son of a bitch. Eight people ran out the door at the same time.

"By now we know it's an earthquake instead of a bomb. It was a 6.8 on the Richter Scale. The whole city was in a cloud of dust. One guy radioed that there was a wave of ground four feet tall moving across like a water wave coming across the base. He's in a helicopter and he lands. Rankin and I jump in the helicopter to see what's going on.

"Oscar Danere, U.S. Air Force supply liaison to the Salvadorian Air Force who could scrounge up anything, and I are in one helicopter. Rick Lima in another. We're flying evacuations. At the end of 96 hours Rankin said, 'that's it! He

grounded us.

"We went to Danere's house and the four of us drank a gallon of whiskey, but we were still cold sober because of the adrenalin pump. We slept for a couple days, then got up and started over again.

"The earthquake stopped the war for a while. It destroyed the infrastructure of San Salvador. The Guerillas worked along side the MilGroup and the Army worked together. It took a couple of weeks for bulldozers to shove everything out of the streets before anyone could drive.

THEY PICKED UP THEIR GUNS AGAIN AND WENT AT IT

"After the clean up, everybody picked up their guns and went at it again. But the fire was out, they did not really want to do a lot of killing. The FLMN could have killed every Salvadoran officer and U.S. advisor in one night. They knew where every OPATT house was. There was no compound, so the guerillas knew where everyone was and none of the courtelts were fortified.

"I don't think they wanted to escalate the war. If this had been the Viet Cong, the Salvadoran army would have ceased to exist in three months.

"The GOEs were very aggressive units that went out and shot individual guerilla leaders, concentrations of guerillas, and supply areas.

"Often, when they heard about a concentration of guerillas in certain areas, they would go in and dice up the guerilla camps and annihilate them. These 28 man teams had no fear of 100 man guerilla camps. They would go in with such a force of firepower the G's thought it was a whole battalion.

"The G's were fairly sophisticated. They were not a bunch of farmers. They had communications. Cubans and Nicaraguans that were training them were captured.

NEWSWEEK EXPOSES HARRY'S COVER

"I had already made up my mind I was going to stay there until the war ended.

"Until my picture came out on the cover of Newsweek Nov. 1986 that is, when I became an exile. ☒

(Look for part IV of Harry's wild adventures in the next issue of "SOF, Harry and the Contras")

Flak continued

**Harold C. Hutchison
Vienna, VA**

One has to wonder if the actors who help the NRDC's public push against the Navy's training would go out and do scenes without having practiced them beforehand. This sort of Hollywood hypocrisy is more galling since our sailors and Marines will have far more at risk than those actors.
— Ed.

OPEN ARMS FOR CUBAN SPIES

The only reason why the Cuban spy machine has been "so fabulous" in half a century, is because they have been allowed to go about it as they please by the U.S. with no opposition. That explains why communist Cubans can penetrate the militant anti-Castro Cuban organizations in Exile, and get away with everything. Simply put, the U.S. has allowed them to do all they want in the entire hemisphere.

Frank Resillez

The main thrust of Cuban intelligence in the U.S. has always been to spy on the exiles in Miami. Intel activity involving U.S. security has been a sideline. In those cases the Cuban spies are indeed of concern to the FBI and U.S. intel organizations. They investigate and they arrest, as in the cases of Ana Montes and the Wasp Network. But penetration of exile groups is not a Federal offense. If the FBI were to arrest and charge every spy suspect they are aware of, the courts of Florida would be flooded for months. Besides, the FBI would rather follow the suspects around, see what they are up to, and try to "turn" them.
-- JM Sr.

NOC'S FROM 1st SFG (A) MISIDENTIFIED

Love your magazine and have been an avid reader for some time. On page 10 of the September 2007 edition, you misidentified 2 NCO's from 1st SFG(A). Your caption lists one of them as being a 1SG from 5th Squadron 73rd Cav. Just wanted to bring that to your attention, love the magazine and have been an avid reader for some time. Keep up the great work.

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A Frommer's Guide to the Ho Chi Minh Trail

The team crept up the hill and saw more empty bunkers. Bargewell saw one that appeared to have maps inside of it. This was a piece of incredibly good luck. But what do you do in such a case? If you're Eldon Bargewell, you go wild, grabbing maps, charts, logbooks, and any other documents you can get your hands on, stuffing them into your rucksack until it overflows. It was a veritable gold mine of information on weapons caches, supply routes, communications sites and encryption codes. It was a Frommer's Guide to the Ho Chi Minh Trail: where to sleep, where to eat, where to refuel, where to find weapons and replenish munitions. With this information in hand, the U.S. military could hurt the NVA.

RT Michigan continued its search. They came into an area where the underbrush was cleared out a little. Bargewell saw an AK-47 leaning against a bunker with an NVA AK-47 vest lying nearby. He moved over to inspect them. Bargewell, who wanted a war souvenir, put the vest over his head and handed the AK-47 to a Montagnard team member. The NVA vests each held three AK-47 banana clip magazines in front vertical pouches.

Wearing his newfound vest, Bargewell took three Montagnard team members and moved slowly up the hill, while Sheppard and Moorehouse remained behind and established a defensive perimeter with the rest of the Montagnards. After moving an additional 40 meters up the mountain, Bargewell spotted five or six NVA soldiers sitting at a picnic table playing cards. If Bargewell could capture a live NVA soldier, it would make this particu-

lar mission one for the record books.

Bargewell and the three Montagnards crept toward them until one of the NVA soldiers spotted them. Contua, the M-79 man fired a round above their heads, attempting to wound one and make him a POW, but the shot was too high.

The NVA Jumped Like Scalded Cats

The NVA troops jumped straight up in the air like scalded cats and ran into a nearby bunker. Believing he could still capture a live one, Bargewell pursued the NVA into the bunker with Contua following close on his heels. As they descended into the bunker, Bargewell realized that it was an enormous underground complex. Nonetheless, he

Sgt. Eldon Bargewell, wearing a NVA vest similar to the one that saved his life when he was on a reconnaissance mission in March, 1969.

continued the chase.

The fleeing NVA jumped into a large hole in the wall inside the complex. Just as Bargewell entered into it, another NVA soldier fired a three- or four-round burst from his AK-47 at the charging SF soldier. One of the rounds

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hit an AK-47 magazine in the vest that Bargewell was wearing. The round's impact stopped Bargewell dead in his tracks and knocked him backwards, as though he had been hit with a baseball bat. For a few moments, Bargewell thought he was dead. But then he realized that he was thinking and, if he was thinking, he must still be alive, albeit in a great deal of pain.

Contua fired an M-79 round into the hole. He heard it smack bone and flesh, but the round hadn't traveled far enough to arm itself and detonate. Regardless, firing that round gave Bargewell and Contua enough time to regroup, move out of the bunker and return to RT Michigan's secured perimeter. Embarrassed by his overzealousness, Bargewell didn't tell Sheppard or Moorehouse what had happened.

Sheppard told Covey to get the CCS Hatchet Force into the bunker complex. Covey said there were delays, so Bargewell returned to the command bunker that he had stumbled into earlier. He opened a map tube and found a map of the entire trail system within that portion of the Ho Chi Minh Trail, by far the best piece of enemy intelligence he had seen in recent memory.

One Vest Away From Eternity

As RT Michigan searched deeper into the command bunker they found tons of equipment, weapons, munitions, maps, surveying equipment, medical kits and vast caches of supplies. Everyone on the team was given something to carry back to the LZ and to CCN. As the team finally headed toward their LZ, Bargewell carried the map case and his souvenir AK-47, still

wearing his NVA vest. The team made contact with the caretaker force left behind to guard the bunker complex, and made short work of the NVA REMFs.

RT Michigan was extracted and taken back to the Camp Eagle launch site where Major Clyde Sincere was there to greet them. Sincere asked if they had captured an NVA soldier because Sheppard had told Covey rider Ben "Indian" Nelson that Bargewell was chasing NVA soldiers into one of the bunkers.

With no NVA soldier to show for his efforts, Bargewell still didn't tell anyone at the launch site what had happened. Once back at CCN, Bargewell made his way to the hootch he had been sharing for the past three months with RT Virginia team member Doug LeTourneau. He had a kind of dazed look on his face as he told the Frenchman he'd been shot square in the chest. Bargewell took off the NVA vest and removed one of the AK-47 magazines. Sure enough, it had a bullet hole in it and when he gently shook the magazine, the bullet fell onto his bed. Bargewell and LeTourneau just stared at it. Finally, LeTourneau said, "Bargewell, you're one lucky son-of-a-bitch."

The following morning, Bargewell briefed Lieutenant General William Stillwell, the top general for the I Corps area of South Vietnam, on his mission and the planned Hatchet Force follow up. Stillwell told him that RT Michigan's mission was the single best intelligence-gathering operation in recent months. He thanked Bargewell and assured him that as soon as the Hatchet Force operation was concluded, a series of B-52 Arc Light sorties would be directed against targets garnered from the maps and intelligence reports

that Bargewell had retrieved from the regimental bunker complex.

Fifteen Helos Full of Stash

The following day, Schriver's Hatchet Force was inserted into the bunker complex, and encountered an NVA element of at least platoon strength. The CCS Hatchet Force, combined with several tactical airstrikes, pushed back the NVA forces and collected anything that wasn't nailed down. By the end of the day, the CCS Hatchet Force had collected enough supplies, maps, weapons and munitions to load 15 helicopters before finally returning to CCN to celebrate one of the more successful Hatchet Force operations in SOG history at that point in time.

In one of the typical, disorienting, Vietnam War ironies, two days later, LeTourneau and Bargewell found themselves on their way to Hawaii to spend time with their wives. To move from a near-death experience to being in the arms of the woman you love is, to say the least, an enlightening transition. Both love and the threat of death have a marvelous way of focusing a man's attention on the important things in life. It is not recorded what it was Sergeant Bargewell reflected upon while walking the beaches of Hawaii or what flavor life had at that moment, but it's safe to assume it was sweet.

A Hatchet Force was a platoon- or company-size force composed of indigenous forces – usually Montagnard, Nung, or South Vietnamese personnel led by Green Berets.

insertion, a fourth American on the team broke his arm jumping from the helicopter as the NVA peppered the team's landing zone (LZ) with mortar fire. Bargewell had one chopper evacuate the injured SF soldier. When the chopper left, the NVA mortars fell silent.

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An international "oops" during the Korean War

By J. David Truby

"American Jets Attack Soviet Airfield," the headlines blared. It wasn't WWII nor Star Wars. It was the Fall of 1950, the Korean War was only a few months old, and U.S. Air Force F-80 jets, flying under United Nations aegis, attacked the Soviet Union.

Knowing that close air support can break armored spearhead and human wave attacks, the U.S. commanders wisely used their limited supply of F-80s to strafe, bomb and rocket the masses of North Korean troops and armor that were rolling South.

F-80 patrols were also assigned search and destroy missions for airfields in North Korea, trying to destroy Communist air power on the ground. It was on just such a mission that two young F-80 pilots did something thousands of patriotic Americans would have loved to do then, beat up a Soviet military airfield inside Mother Russia.

The official operations summary for the 49th Ftr/Bmr Grp for 8 October 1950, indicates that Mission #9-8 involved three effective sorties in the Chengjin, North Korea area. The results of the official after-action report read:

Twenty aircraft (P-63 and Yak 9 type) observed on undetermined airfield. Three passes were made, leaving one a/c destroyed and two damaged.

However, pilot notes from the mission debriefing indicated that P-39 aircraft were also on the ground and that a total

of four aircraft were destroyed and five damaged. Neither report noted one other vital fact, that the airfield under attack and the aircraft shot up on the ground were more than fifty miles inside the Soviet Union, North of the Korean border.

Technically, the two American pilots had invaded a neutral country, a U.S. ally, and a founding member of the United Nations. Never mind that this same country, the USSR, was chief supplier of aircraft, weapons, supplies, strategy, advisers, money and other aid to the communist North Korean aggressors who were at war with the U.S. and the U.N. Regardless of the reality, the



attack was a violation of international law, and, technically, an act of war. That one mission, largely unknown in U.S. military history, had major international implications for the Korean War.

By October of 1950, U.N. ground forces had secured airfields in the interior of Korea, including the K2 field, five miles North of Taegu in the southern part

of the country. The 49th was located at K2, and Lts Allen Diefendorf and Alton Quanbeck were two of the pilots who flew F-80s for the Group's 9th Squadron.

An affable pilot who flew in WWII, Korea and Vietnam, the late Col. Diefendorf was a 25 year old Lieutenant at the time and already a combat vet. In a 1988 interview, he said of his historic mission, "It was a great, sunny Fall day when we met for preflight at K2. The afternoon sortie schedule posted Quanbeck, two others and me for a mission. It was just my fourth mission in Korea.

"The preflight briefing was pretty sketchy; we were to recce some airfield in

Just like WWII fighter and bomber squadrons, the planes in Korea were painted to ID various squadrons. The 9FBS's F-80s were trimmed in red paint. (Photo by Richard Imming via Warren E. Thompson.)

northeastern Korea, near the coast. They told us the brass was worried about an invasion build-up there and wanted to have some intelligence on the airfield situation in case of possible Chinese or Soviet intervention.

"By takeoff the clouds had rolled in, so we punched through them and flew North. Our flight leader and #4 man,

(Top photo) An F-80 four-ship from 8FBS, 49FBG heads out to a target in North Korea. A similar four-ship from the 9FBS headed out to strafe and bomb enemy airfields in North Korea, but two of them strayed into Soviet territory. (Photo by Budd Butcher via Warren E. Thompson.)

"6th Degree Okinawan Karate Black Belt and Former Marine Sounds Off About Matt Furey and all the Hype Surrounding his Combat Conditioning Program"



by Mike Storms

Every time I heard about Hindu Pushups and Hindu Squats I wanted to spit right in his face!

"What a liar this guy Matt Furey is." That's what I thought when I read this guy's hype-dense ads about his bodyweight exercise program called **Combat Conditioning**. Look, I'm no sucker for junk exercise programs. Not only have I lifted weights for years, but after 26 years in martial arts where I've earned a 6th-degree Black Belt in Okinawan Karate — and six years in the U.S. Marine Corps, I've seen it all. So to say I didn't believe **Matt Furey** when he said you can get kick-butt fit with his bodyweight calisthenics would be an understatement. Not only have I been in the USMC and been in martial arts for a long time, but I played football for most of my life and have served as the martial arts instructor for the **New Orleans Saints**. So there's no way I was going to fall for a rinky dink routine like Furey's.

Not only that but I trained with Jesse Kellum, who is pound-for-pound one of the strongest men in the world. At 220 lbs. he benched over 800 pounds and squatted 1000 pounds. I, myself, could bench over 400 pounds and dead lift over 600.

Pain, Pain, Go Away

Even so, despite my immense knowledge and background, I couldn't shake this nagging feeling that Furey might be right about what he was claiming, mostly because my shoulders, knees and back were in constant pain from my weight training routine. Yes, I was strong, but I was paying a heavy price. No one likes pain — I don't care how much you think you "can take it" — after awhile it's not worth it. And Furey's program promised to get me stronger and more flexible without all the joint pain I had. Not possible, I thought.

My main fear, other than being in MORE pain, was that I'd lose the strength and size I had gained from weights. Then I read about the **Great Gama** of India, a wrestler who followed Furey-style training — and he was unbeaten in 5,000 matches. In terms of size and strength, Gama was amazing. He was 5'7" and 260 pounds of streaming steel. And that was in the early 1900's — long before steroids.

I had heard that **Bruce Lee** did the exercises Furey teaches, too. And we all know about Lee's incredible ripped, lean, muscular look. Not to mention how lightning fast and fluid he was.

I also recalled how **Herschel Walker**, a **Heisman Trophy winner** and **All-Pro Running back** did **500 pushups and situps each day**. So that made me think even more, especially because Furey's exercises were supposed to be far better versions of these pushups and situps.

A Swift Slap in the Nuts!

But the final straw for me was when I met Furey IN PERSON in November of 2001. Both of us happened to be in the same hotel in Phoenix, Arizona. I introduced myself to him and he politely shook my hand and nodded. I could tell he was in great shape, but I had no idea HOW good until I playfully flicked a punch at him later that day when he was walking down the corridor. Without missing a beat Furey reacted faster than a cobra. He slapped me in the nuts and kept right on walking. He never even broke stride. I stood in awe. I had never had anything like that happen to me. An hour later I met Furey in a restaurant, took out my Platinum American Express card and gave him carte blanche. "Send me whatever you have that will help me," I said. A few days later I received my first package from Furey in the mail and I've been hooked ever since.

If you think what you are reading is nothing but marketing hype — then let me ask you why do you think I now train the 350+ students in my dojo in Mandeville, Louisiana (Mike Storms Karate) in **Combat Conditioning**? I train young kids as well as adults in these exercises. WHY? Because they flat-out work. They boggle the mind while getting your body into ready-for-battle condition.

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Let me tell you, when I first got the book I figured this test would be easy, I got started. At 40 Hindu squats my thighs were blazed. It took about 90 seconds; not long compared to my barbell squat routine at the gym.

Next, I tried the Hindu pushups. Funny thing is my legs

were still shaking. I dipped down and pushed back. At 15 my arms were throbbing. This couldn't be. No way. I could bench like there's no tomorrow and this exercise was niking me. I stopped at 27 reps. This took about 1.5 minutes, so my workout had only been 2.5 minutes long.

Then the bridge. After three unsuccessful attempts of ten seconds, I had to stop. The next day my legs, chest and arms were sore, but in a good way. I thought my legs got 10 times more work with weights, but I was wrong.

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Bud Evans, had aircraft malfunctions and returned to Taegu. Quanbeck took the lead and I flew as his wing.

"We flew above the clouds on our prescribed time, distance and heading. The clouds and a very high wind were factors we hadn't been briefed on, and when we saw water through a break in the clouds, we obviously knew we weren't over Korea.

"Quanbeck decided to throttle way back and have us glide down in circles, heading West, back to the mainland of what we figured was Korea," Diefendorf recalled.

Quanbeck recalled the details of the attack, saying, "We got inland a few miles when Dief saw an airfield off to our right front, a grass combat strip where we saw aircraft parked, some covered with netting and branches. We saw a few buildings and some gun emplacements, but no people at all. We didn't see any signs of life, which was odd, just the aircraft. We saw no flag on the pole and only marking we saw on the aircraft were the large red stars on each.

"Dief called out over the radio, 'Look at that airfield. Let's get it!'" This was the type of target every fighter pilot dreams about. We had only seconds to make up our minds, due to fuel concerns. We chose to attack.

Yak-9 type."

Quanbeck wrote that his decision was based on briefings that enemy planes were being quartered in North Korea for missions to the South, and both men thought they were well within North Korea. Also, Quanbeck noted that a machine gun had been fired at them as they crossed over a building several miles from the airfield, claiming "They fired on us first."

In a recent interview, he said that he had some pre-attack concerns, e.g., no P-39s had yet been spotted in action over Korea, plus the airfield they were about to hit did not exactly match the target airfield of their briefing.

Low on fuel, the two pilots headed their F-80Cs back toward Taegu, bucking a tremendous headwind and using low-powered radio stations to confirm their flight path in the poor visibility.

Diefendorf recalled, "I bet our ground speed wasn't much over 100 knots because of that damned wind. We were very, very low on fuel when we finally made base. My engine actually flamed out as I reached the parking area."

Then came debriefing, when they were ordered to HQ Taegu, after evening chow. "The intelligence officers asked us a lot of detail because we were so long overdue and had shot up an undetermined field.

"Partridge told us both very quietly and a genuine soft smile that 'you boys did well, and you'll either get a Distinguished Service Cross or a court martial out of this mission."

This sly statement should have been the first clue that this "navigational error" mission might have been something totally different, e.g., a deliberate "mistake." But, that was the furthest thing from the minds of the two young fighter pilots.

According to the late LTC. Fletcher Prouty, who served as a USAF aide to the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the time, "because they never expected an attack by us in that area, the Russians had no antiaircraft, no missiles and no jet aircraft to defend that small field. I'm sure their radar had tracked our two F-80s in, then probably lost them in ground clutter.

"Also, the F-80s made only three short runs over the strip, which doesn't take very much time. There was reaction afterwards, when their military leaders discovered how totally vulnerable they were." Prouty added. "That fuss about our guys being accidentally so far off course isn't realistic. There were many legitimate targets in North Korea, and that's a fairly small area in terms of size for jet aircraft to be operating. There was a message in this attack."



Yak-9s similar to this one with Polish markings, on an airfield 50 miles north of the North Korean border in Soviet territory, were on the receiving end of mistaken USAF air-to-ground strafing. (Photo courtesy of USAF via author.)



Old WW II Lend-Lease P-63s were some of the aircraft types shot up when USAF jets strayed into Soviet territory. (Photo courtesy of USAF via author.)

"I immediately turned right, away from my wingman and strafed the northern line of P-63s, Dief right behind me. We both made 180s and hit the Southern line of aircraft. Then, we turned left again and made a third firing pass over the northern line of targets."

In a 1990 article for the WASHINGTON POST. Quanbeck wrote of that mission, "It was the kind of target fighter pilots dream about...20 parked aircraft of the P-39, P-63 and

They asked us about the types of aircraft at the field. There were U.S. built aircraft we figured were leftover from WWII Lend Lease to the Russians. By now the truth was starting to sink in as to what we'd done and where we'd done it," Diefendorf said.

Diefendorf said that Maj Gen Earl Partridge himself conducted some of the post mission briefing. As they were leaving the HQ, Diefendorf said that

By map reference, the small Soviet airfield is only 62 air miles from the Korean border and only 40 miles from Vladivostok, a major USSR port city. Despite the briefing and what appeared to be an obvious error, the intelligence men got on the hotline to higher HQ, including MacArthur's staff in Tokyo.

After that, things happened fast. Diefendorf said "The (stuff) really hit the fan the next day." Recalling that same day, Quanbeck wrote, "The game was to

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be played at high levels. Dief and I became pawns as the big boys took over.”

Quanbeck says that their flight leader, Bud Evans, had told him that orders for this mission, “came down from very high up the chain of command” and it was meant to send the Soviets a message that ‘we can reach you.’” Quanbeck added that through the years, various folks have told him that that mission made a significant difference in the war, as the Soviets lessened their technical and materiel support for the North Koreans by

that Soviet aircraft were destroyed on a Soviet airfield. UN and some US officials worried that the Soviets might use the incident as an excuse to intervene or to pressure China to enter the war. On the other hand, other officials seemed to be pleased with the results.

Consider that the attack on Sukhaya Rechkja took place almost to the day that American divisions and other U.N. troops pushed North of the 38th parallel. Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andre Gromyko delivered a formal protest to the United Nations on 9 Oct 1950, in a very detailed and accurate account of the “mistaken” air attack.

The question in Washington dealt

the conflict, but to let the idle millions of Communist China perform the task as part of the master plan to drain United States resources into geographical rat holes of the orient...No, the Soviet Union will not enter the conflict in any direct fashion.

In addition, according to LTC Prouty, “Remember that 1950 was only five years after the USSR had been bled nearly dry of men, material and finances by WWII. They were not anxious to face a strong, victorious United Nations military force at the time, especially over something as minor as a two-plane strafing attack on a wasteland grass airstrip full of old WWII aircraft. But, no question, the folks in the Kremlin had gotten the message ‘that we can reach you’ very clearly.”

Indeed, as Willoughby predicted, Josef Stalin decided to disengage a good bit, and on 22 Oct 1950, ordered the USSR military to slow aid and supplies to North Korea in a sign to Washington that the Soviets did not wish to escalate tensions over the issue, all of which lends

more support to the “planned secret mission” theory.

The only official explanation ever presented by the U.S. at the time was offered by Gen. MacArthur’s HQ, which termed the incident “an accident due to weather, navigational error and poor judgment on the part of the pilots.” Pres.



◀ Lt. Al Diefendorf climbs into his F-80 for another mission over North Korea. He and Lt. Alton Quanbeck wandered over Soviet territory and almost created an international incident when they shot up some old planes they thought were on a North Korean airfield. (Photo courtesy of USAF via author.)



▲ Left: a weapons loader prepares to attach missiles to an F-80C for another ground-attack mission in support of U.S. troops in Korea. (Photo courtesy of USAF via author.) Right: October 1950: Lt. Alton Quanbeck stands with his crew chief S/Sgt. N.J. Cochran alongside Quanbeck’s F-80 at K-2 in Taegu, Korea. (Photo courtesy of Alton Quanbeck via author.)

the end of 1950.

Yet, the two pilots were officially grounded within the week after each had flown two more combat missions.

Their commanding officer, Col. Stanton Smith, was “fired” up the chain of command ladder to a job with 5th Air Force operations in Seoul. An investigating officer was assigned by the USAF to look into the full ramifications of the case, along with two people from the Department of State.

The potential was there for a full blown international incident. There was no question that the attack took place and

with the likelihood of direct Soviet intervention. Gen. Charles Willoughby, chief of intelligence operations for Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Korea, personally briefed President Harry Truman in a Top Secret session. His report to Truman noted:

The USSR would find it both convenient and economical to stay out of

Truman did offer to pay for the damaged aircraft. In view of their Lend Lease origins, the President probably did this with great tongue in cheek.

So much for top-level diplomacy. What of the two pilots sitting in the judgment of political purgatory down





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Maj. Bernard Katz was the defense attorney who demolished the Air Force's politically driven court-martial of the two young pilots. (Photo courtesy of Alton Quanbeck via author.)

At the time they shot up the Soviet airfield, USAF Lt. Al Diefendorf was 25 years old.



of any deliberate wrongdoing and recommended that no charges be filed. Because of the political pressures from the Suits in Washington, though, the air force recommended a full court martial. Diefendorf and Quanbeck were stunned and more than a little nervous about their USAF careers. According to Quanbeck, "I was told later that the Secretary of State Dean Acheson personally ordered our court martial to take place. Later, when I was an aide to BG Delmont Spivey, commanding general of the 314th Air Division in Nagoya, I was shown the wire sent directly by the Secretary of State stating, 'Relieve the appropriate commander and court martial the officers concerned.' I was perplexed that the directive came from the Secretary of State, rather than the Secretary of Defense. It does give credence to the belief that Truman did not trust military channels at the time."

at the far end of that contrite chain of command?

"The Air Force's investigator really grilled Quanbeck and me," Diefendorf said. "He asked us everything from our politics to how well we did in navigation classes. We explained about the incomplete mission briefing, the lack of sketches and photos of the field we'd been assigned to fly over,

and about the absence of any briefing on the high winds and cloud cover."

When it was over, the investigating officer, Maj Harry W Christian, concluded that there was no real evidence

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men, Al Diefendorf and Alton Quanbeck, remembered, "It may have been an international show for the big guys, but it was very real and personal to us. That Court had us very worried because the U.S. Air Force was our career and our lives, for both of us," Diefendorf recalled.

"One of our flight leaders suggested we retain LTC Bernard Katz from Fifth Air Force HQ as our defense counsel. We did and he really was a first class lawyer for us, despite the political pressures not to be. When we got LTC Katz on our side, things began to be very much different and positive for Quanbeck and me. His work in and out of the court was just awesome. He was a helluva defense attorney and put the case against us to mush."

The two men faced their court martial and were judged to be not guilty of any charges. Both were reassigned from the 49th. Lt. Quanbeck went to Nagoya as an aide to BG. Spivey, while Lt. Diefendorf was assigned to an F-80 squadron at Misawa, and from there, to the Philippines.

"We were told the air force was taking us out of combat in the event we were shot down and captured things would not go well for us. That was the only thing

about that situation that made any sense," Diefendorf said.

The reaction of their peers and most of their superior officers was one of celebration and jubilation. One field grade officer told Diefendorf, "You fellas should be decorated for firing the first shots of WWII." There were positive editorials and commentaries in various military publications in support of Quanbeck and Diefendorf. Both were promoted to captain shortly after the media hoopla died down and their careers resumed.

"I saw Quanbeck only one other time after all of that, when I went to Nagoya in 1951 for some routine flight tests. We never discussed the incident. I have never seen him since, which is pretty strange, I guess, considering what we went through. Through the grapevine I learned that he'd become a spook of some sort, working for the CIA."

Alton Quanbeck flew F-86s, taught at both the U S Military Academy and the U S Air Force Academy. He earned a PhD, and became a strategic weapons planner for the air force, working out of the Pentagon. He also served as a systems analyst for the Secretary of Defense during the Vietnam war. He retired from the USAF as a full Colonel in 1970.

Later, Quanbeck was a senior fellow at the Brookings Institute and served as a senior staff member to the U S Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. His final position before retiring from government service was as a senior executive on the staff of the Director of Central Intelligence.

As for Al Diefendorf, after Korea, his career took him through assignments all over the world, primarily doing what he loved most, flying aircraft. In 1964, LTC Al Diefendorf was flying F-4 Phantoms out of Cam Rahn Bay Air Base as Wing Commander of the 557th Tactical Fighter Squadron. He retired a full Colonel in 1975. He passed away in 1996.

Commenting on the case, Fletcher Prouty said, "The punishment and hassle that Quanbeck and Diefendorf went through was really overreaction and unjust, to be sure. But, did you ever wonder what the Russians must have done to the commanding officer of that little airbase for letting his place and ships get shot up like that without any opposition? I bet the Soviet brass stood that poor guy up against one of those burned out aircraft and shot him on the spot!" ✖



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SOF On The Border Looking For Drug Thugs Or How Not To Spend A Sunday



After having a few conversations with Robert Burns, the author of SOF's recent articles on the problems on the Mexican border, I decided to mount up and check out the situation myself. What better way to break the boredom than to put oneself in 100 plus degree heat, drink warm water and keep an eye out for ever present rattlers while scanning the AO for drug smugglers? I mean, that has far more potential interest than grabbing some poor Mexicans who are coming across the border for a better life.

Ah, yes.

Well, there ain't no Statue of Liberty down in this wind-blown parched wasteland where you probably have to have a hundred acres for every cow unit. And, as contrasted to all the politically-correct grass eaters, there is no stone table saying we have

How about the whole nation of Mexico. And you might as well throw in Central America to boot. Polls show over 50% of the people of the world would like to move to the U.S. Problem is we don't have a western frontier to settle any more. As far as I'm



to accept all your "huddled masses."

concerned, we've got too many people in the U.S. already."

The question I like to ask

But I digress

those who support unlimited immigration is, "Where do you stop? Ten million more? Twenty?"

I flew into San Diego and picked up my brother Alan and the two .45's I had shipped out

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(Top Left) The intrepid Brown brothers relaxing after a pleasant sojourn on the Mexican border. Alan, on left, carries a S&W GUNSITE 1911 PD and RKB a Para Ordnance 1911. Both sport Oakley ballistic sunglasses. (Bottom Left) RKB scans the border with a pair of Bushnell Elite 10x42 binoculars. He is wearing a pair of Woolrich Elite Tactical Pants which he said were well designed, which is not surprising since Fernando Coehlo works closely with operators for design advice. He also wore a pair of Laminate boots by Wiggy. (Bottom Right) Brown and Burns chat up a couple of Border Patrol Agents regarding where a group of illegals has recently crossed on to U.S. soil.

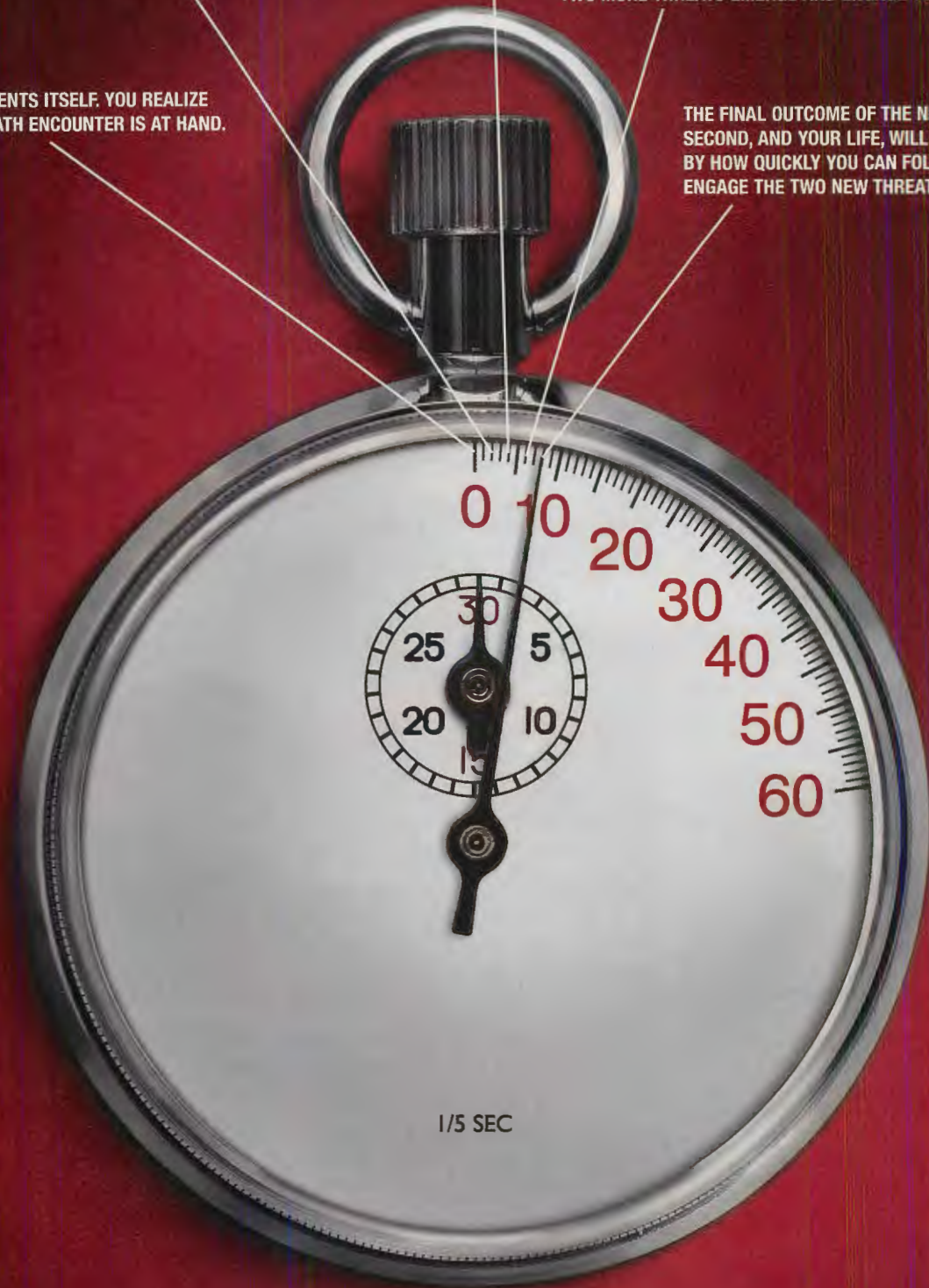
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These words were written nearly one hundred years ago and are still applicable today.

Unfortunately, individualism in and of itself flies in the face of contemporary military thinking; for numerous reasons, many commanding officers simply do not understand the huge force multiplier they have with their sniper teams.

The worth of the sniper in warfare has been proven time and again, but these lessons have been largely forgotten after every conflict. That is, until the newest tyrant attempts to rule the world by force and well-trained and equipped snipers are urgently needed once again. This unfortunate cycle of being "caught with our pants down" results in stop-gap measures like the designated marksman program, issuing worn out M14 rifles for precision work, and pressuring sniper schools to push students through, just to get enough trained snipers in the field.

Many fully trained professional snipers currently in the fight feel that the designated marksman program, with its marginal training and inadequate equipment, is "watering down" the sniper program. They feel that every Soldier/Marine should be a well-

trained marksman first and the snipers should be left to do what snipers know how to do best. They feel it is irresponsible and downright ludicrous to send young men half trained (at best) to do a sniper's job.

The Ill Equipped Designated Marksman

The designated marksmen, on the other hand (who come from various skill levels and backgrounds), are set on a tread wheel. Commanders who do not understand sniper tactics often task the snipers. The commanders assign these men to over watch missions but do not properly equip them for it. The designated marksmen have no choice but to follow orders and do the very best with what they have, or with what they can scrounge, inside or outside of their chains of command. Some do a great job and eventually attend sniper school upon their return from theater.

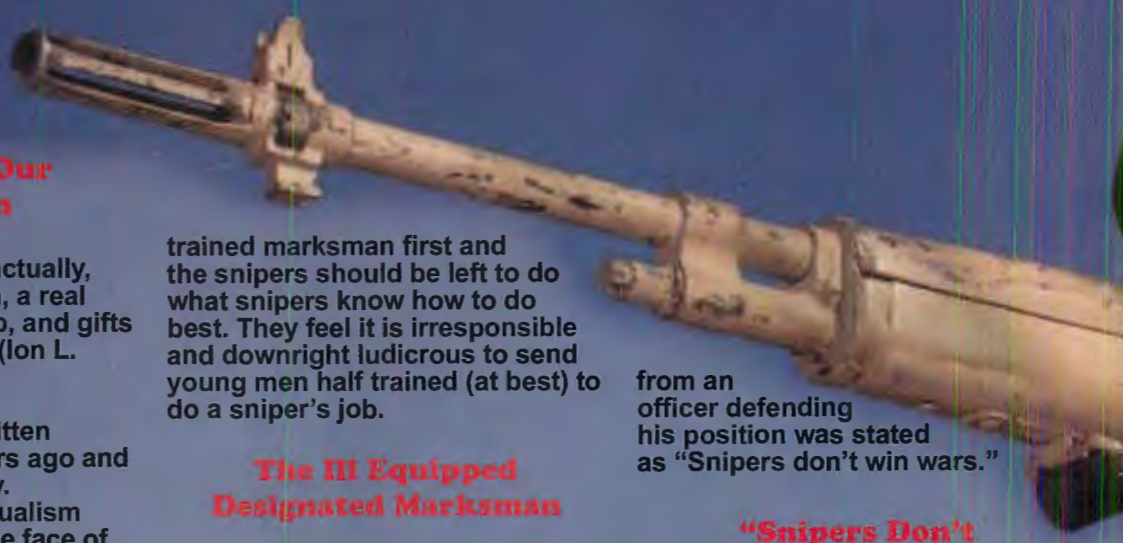
Many snipers believe they would be better served if they had their own command and support elements rather than being treated simply as an afterthought attached to a headquarters company. But lamentations from snipers to higher echelons for better gear and operational autonomy often fall on the deaf ears of officers primarily schooled in commanding battalions of tanks, artillery, and mechanized infantry. One comment overheard

from an officer defending his position was stated as "Snipers don't win wars."

"Snipers Don't Win Wars"

That assessment may have been valid with the former "big army" threat of the Soviet Union, but may be somewhat arguable given the nature of current conflicts. Tanks and artillery are of limited use in the urban fighting of Iraq, where the number-one killer of our military personnel is the improvised explosive device, better known as the IED.

IEDs are placed by human insurgents, and one of the best ways to combat them is with a corps of well-equipped and well-trained snipers. Fully supported by their command, with common sense rules of engagement, and operating upon actionable intelligence (that they often develop themselves), Coalition Force snipers can methodically hunt these insurgents down and eliminate them (with no collateral damage to innocents whatsoever). The battles for Fallujah and Najaf are prime examples of virtual domination by US



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sniper teams.

Snipers are by their very nature hunters; due to their intensive training, snipers know their own capabilities better than anyone else. The same, however, cannot often be said of their commanding officers. Many company and field-grade officers have no training in sniper employment, do not understand their snipers' capabilities, and

have no idea how to deploy their snipers in a doctrinally correct manner.

Therefore, the sniper is caught in the proverbial Catch-22. Snipers

require trust and autonomy from higher up in order to operate successfully (sometimes independently) and "do what they were taught to do."

Unfortunately, most E5s are not going to be able to tell a commissioned officer much about how the snipers should be deployed or why the gear the

sniper needs is different than the other troops' gear. After all, how could any E5 who has merely attended sniper school possibly know more about sniper employment than a commissioned officer who has not?

Enter the IED and Suicide Bombers

With the advent of the IED and the suicide bomber, many units that previously did not have snipers are now finding the sniper's intelligence-gathering and over

U.S. Army Spc. Jason Peacock, a rifleman from Alpha Troop, 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, scans the rooftops from his overwatch position during a cordon and search mission in Baghdad, Iraq, 8 Feb. 2007. The A-1/14th CAV is conducting cordon and search missions with 2nd Battalion, 1st Brigade, 6th Iraqi National Police, in order to maintain security and stability in Baghdad. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Sean A. Foley)



watch skills vital to mission success. Since a school-trained sniper usually carries an infantry MOS, these armor, artillery, and cavalry units are often deploying some form of designated marksman to counter current

threats.

Unfortunately, the gear and weaponry required for these men may not fall within the equipment guidelines of the type of unit deploying them. For example, an armor unit may have plenty

of budgetary resources for their vehicles or computer monitors for their CP, but no money for the optics, weaponry, and specialized equipment the designated marksmen desperately need to protect the unit from IEDs and suicide bombers. This is because their modified table of equipment may not denote anywhere that the unit even has designated marksmen!

A commonly heard reply to a sniper's request for gear and operational autonomy usually goes something like "You guys are nothing special and no different than the rest of the troops; so quit whining."

If this is so, then why are snipers hand picked, sent to one of the most rigorous and demanding forms of training the US military has to offer, and taught things other airmen, marines, sailors and soldiers are not? Why is a designated marksman chosen for his position over someone else if everyone is equally trained and no one is special? Anyone familiar with the sniper program knows that graduates from sniper school are rarely personnel you would consider "whiners." On the contrary, snipers typically are consummate professionals and perfectionists. That is their nature and one of the primary reasons they were chosen for the job in the first place.

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(Top) March 2004 - A sniper peers through his sight at potential enemy targets moving along the rooftop of a nearby building during a search mission in Al Fallujah, Iraq. The paratrooper is assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment. U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Charles B. Johnson. (2nd) Army designated marksmen are often issued inadequate equipment prior to deploying to combat because superior officers do not either understand their requirements, capabilities or limitations. (3rd) Lance Cpl. Jeremy R. Riddle, designated marksman for Task Force Kabul, looks through his scope of his designated marksman rifle, (modified M-14) at any threats on and outside the U.S. Embassy compound here in Kabul, Afghanistan. He is here to assist the task force in gathering information and precision marksmanship. The task force is part of the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorism), and have been here since December. They are here to provide security at the embassy and deter any enemies' threats.

We constantly hear from snipers in OIF how they would be much more effective if they were allowed to do the things and operate the way they were taught in sniper school. Snipers lament that their commanding officers often choose to employ them in places like water towers or guard towers and require them to take the same routes, to the same hide sites, time and time again. These are tactics taken straight out of Hollywood and suicidal for a sniper team.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, we hear that some sniper commanders are afraid to allow the sniper teams outside the wire unaccompanied, because if they get killed, higher will have hell to pay for losing men on their watch and having it displayed on the nightly news at home. The snipers feel that they knew the risks they signed on for when they took the job, but they can't very well kill the enemy if they are not allowed off the base without excessive protection. Snipers tell us that because some commanders have no knowledge of sniper operations, these same commanders simply do not understand why snipers need equipment that is different than standard infantry issue, and such requests are often passed off as "gee whiz" items rather than the absolutely essential pieces of equipment they really are.

The Sniper—Eyes of His Command

One example here is the sniper's optics. Because a sniper serves as the eyes of his command, quality optical equipment is constantly in demand. Spotting scopes, rifle scopes, mini binoculars, and small laser range finders are almost universally needed and are absolutely essential pieces of sniper gear. How can snipers or designated marksmen determine if an insurgent is carrying a weapon or determine the insurgent's activities without optics? We are speaking here

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The "M49" designation for the M49 spotting scope stands for Model of ... 1949! The scopes are falling apart and many have no tripods. M14 rifles are being pulled out of long-term storage facilities and issued with cracked stocks and bedding and lacking optics, rear sight assemblies, and magazines! The US Army and Marine Corps have not officially used the M14 rifle since the early 1970s. When the current parts in inventory are gone, they are gone; and when a designated marksman points these things out as a potential problem, he is told to quit whining and get the job done.

Let Them Hunt!!!

The snipers do not need this gear ten years from now. They needed it in hand, ready to go, on September 10, 2001. The Rapid Fielding Initiative is certainly helping, and the author personally knows that some of the best logistics people in the United States military are absolutely doing all they can possibly do to fix these problems. But the red tape of the procurement process, the bids and the contracts and the tests and the trials and the massive slow-as-molasses paperwork, business, money, and politics of it all ... suffocate even the best of their efforts. The man in the arena is the one who suffers. He needs a spotting scope right now so he can protect his people.

Commanders, if your snipers or designated marksmen ask for something needed to do their jobs more efficiently, chances are they are not whining at all. Listen to them. They wouldn't risk the heat from on high if they didn't really need the gear.

There was a time early in our

own history when the American people were fighting the greatest power in the world (England), and we ourselves were referred to as insurgents. Will we yet again forget the lessons of marksmanship in guerilla warfare as taught to us by our forefathers such as General Daniel Morgan?

The enemy is real and he is committed and America must remain steadfast. Yet; our snipers cannot operate without command authority to do so. The advent of the IED demands that we properly train and equip our snipers, and then ... let them hunt! The way they were taught to do and the way they have always done when we have called upon them.

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the allegations made by PVT [Scott Thomas] Beauchamp were found to be false. His platoon and company were interviewed and no one could substantiate the claims.”

In other words, these wild claims get to go next to those of Senator Richard Durbin (who compared guards at Guantanamo Bay to the Khmer Rouge) and Newsweek's reports of guards flushing a Koran (turned out it was a detainee) as not standing up to the scrutiny of investigation. Bloggers were among the first to notice discrepancies in the account and raise the alarm. To all of you bloggers, well done!

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In June 2005, Captain William Ziegenfuss was wounded in action by the detonation of an IED, and was medevaced to Walter Reed. Already a somewhat-known milblogger, he longed to keep in touch with the men in his unit and to resume his blogging. He was facing a problem, though. The IED planted by terrorists had left him with serious hand injuries.

A reader sent him voice-recognition software that allowed him to do just that. From there, he collaborated with another blogger, and Project Valour IT began to provide the wounded heroes of the Global War on Terror with laptops equipped with voice-recognition software. So far, Project Valour IT has donated 600 laptops to these heroes.

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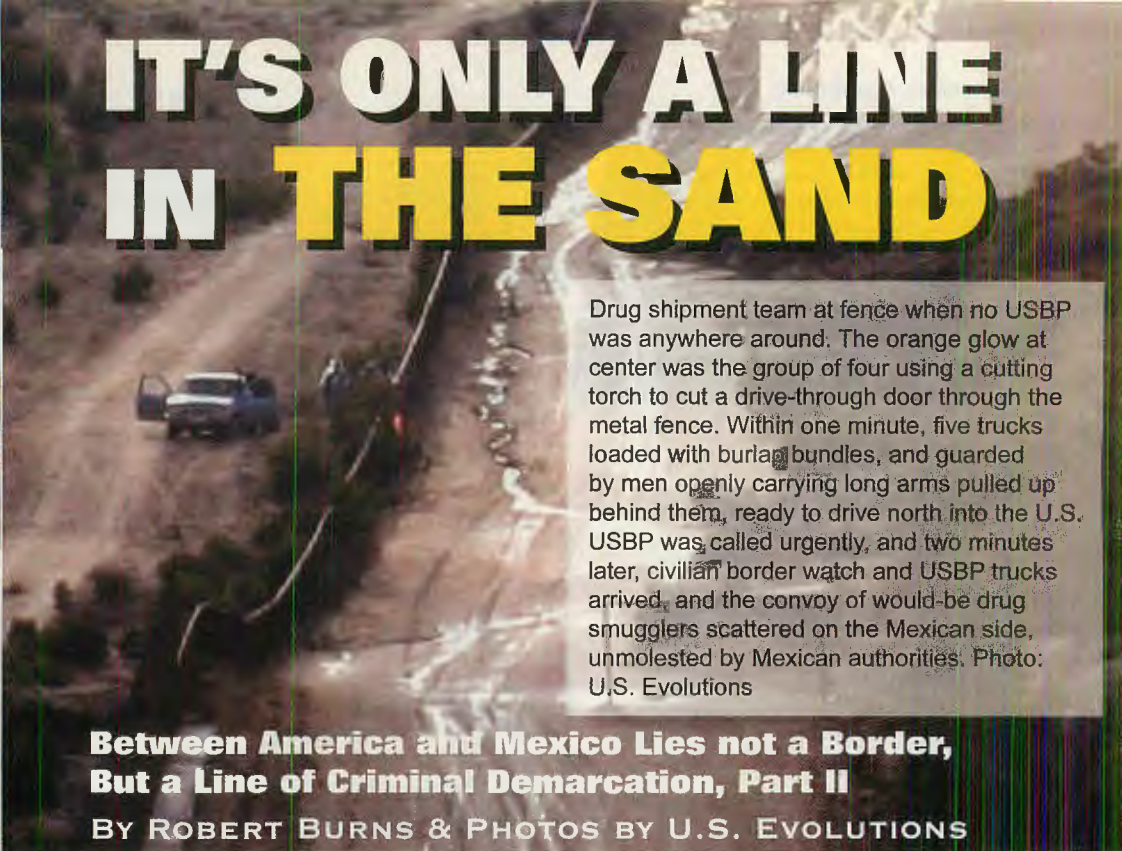
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Drug shipment team at fence when no USBP was anywhere around. The orange glow at center was the group of four using a cutting torch to cut a drive-through door through the metal fence. Within one minute, five trucks loaded with burlap bundles, and guarded by men openly carrying long arms pulled up behind them, ready to drive north into the U.S. USBP was called urgently, and two minutes later, civilian border watch and USBP trucks arrived, and the convoy of would-be drug smugglers scattered on the Mexican side, unmolested by Mexican authorities. Photo: U.S. Evolutions

Between America and Mexico Lies not a Border, But a Line of Criminal Demarcation, Part II

BY ROBERT BURNS & PHOTOS BY U.S. EVOLUTIONS

Last issue, the author documented the nearly unfettered flow of illegal border crossers – immigrants, returning felons, smugglers – across the border with

Mexico. This issue he continues his review of the ineffectual efforts on the part of government to stem the tide, and SOF publisher Robert K. Brown rides the border to file a first-hand report.

So it became vital to document the situation.

Border Patrol agents change shifts every day, year round, coast to coast, at 0800, 1600, and midnight. They leave their observation points 1/2 hour to an hour before shift change. This has been -- and continues to be -- a guaranteed a half hour to an hour window for smugglers to cross anything and everything into the U.S. The smugglers know this and they use it.

The volunteer group recorded daily daytime crossings *en masse*. They photographed Mexican police crossing into America at will during this time, patrolling not Mexico, but plainly observing the American side to verify no BP presence prior to groups crossing from the south, over and over. In multiple cases, groups would arrive to cut the fence with blowtorches, pull posts out to make drive-through gates, and build ramps to drive over the fences, all during shift change with no Border Patrol presence for miles, nor for hours.

Finally, after high government

Enter the federal government. Border Patrol senior management told volunteer groups to stop filling the ratholes. Their rationale was that it was “interfering with sensors monitoring the border.” When asked why these imaginary sensors had failed to detect the groups crossing unmolested month after month, the senior officials got silent. Border Patrol agents were withdrawn to the VCPs (vehicle control points), with 17 agents with vehicles at one checkpoint miles away from the border, no agents available to watch at the border, and hours-long waits to take custody of illegals apprehended. Suddenly, “comprehensive immigration reform,” codewords for amnesty, became the order of the day, explaining the shift in priorities.

(top left) How Not To Moonlight For Smuggling Cartel, Part I: Man thought to be off-duty Mexican police officer approaches border high point. (top left center) Part II: he scans the border road in both directions, looking for USBP agents to the east and west. (top left bottom) Part III: he phones his boss to tell them in Spanish “It’s all clear. No one is here.” He has, unfortunately not noticed the civilian watch team with a camera pointed at him just a few feet away. The group he’s scouting for was apprehended within minutes of this report. Photos: U.S. Evolutions

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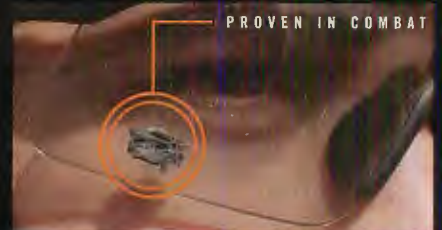
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officials announced things were more secure, video was released to national networks showing groups of 20 strolling across the same holes, in the same places, day after day after day. Apparently, someone got a case of heartburn.

Enter the Notional Guard

The National Guard has a long and proud history of defending America. Shortly after the videos started showing up on Fox News and CNN, National Guard troops arrived to take over the job at the border, and assist the BP in observing. And did they ever. They deployed to high points around the clock, and crossings were bottled up. Drive-throughs of drugs became more desperate, and coyotes "rocking" agents, and other violence, including shootings by BP, increased, as proof of how actual security was putting the squeeze on the cartels who control the smuggling business.

The property owners and residents started getting sleep without thousands of midnight visitors. Wildlife returned to the area. Civilian groups and ranchers had time to

clean up decades of trash and beef up fences instead of having to catch crossers. In short, a measure of sanity had returned to an area out of control. Right up until the elections of 2006.

Within hours of the Republican loss of the House and Senate in November of 2006, the National Guard stopped doing round-the-clock surveillance. Instead of doing a military relief-on-post at watch points, they started doing a Border Patrol-style "show up two hours after shift change, if at all" style of observation. They were moved from effective positions to positions with poor observation and large gaps in visual coverage of the border. In Arizona, they pulled out when confronted. In California, civilians were in place near the border to prevent similar situations. Some troops were even observed and photographed sunning themselves or sleeping during their watch. They took hours-long lunch breaks, and were absent for hours and days at a time.



They went from being the National Guard to the "Notional Guard." Within weeks, years of effort were undone, and things returned to being as out of control as they've ever been: fences cut, groups coming through at will in droves, drug shipments being driven across the border fence in broad daylight.

And that's where they are at the moment. Border Patrol and the National Guard continue to leave huge time and space gaps in covering key border crossing points. Resources are mis-deployed and non-deployed. What resources there have been are poorly utilized, and the public is

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(top left) The aftermath: one side of prospective door is cut to the ground, and the second side was moments from being cut through before trucks carrying tons of product were prevented from crossing into the U.S. It was assumed the trucks were loaded with drugs, but they could just as easily have been loaded with WMD or terrorists from Al Qaeda. Without civilian watch, USBP's first clue would have been finding the hole and tire prints hours later -- or something far worse. Photo: U.S. Evolutions

(top right) Sleep tight, America. National Guard soldiers catching some rays when they're supposed to be watching miles of international border. Photo: U.S. Evolutions

deliberately misled in a politically motivated effort to open the illegal immigration floodgates. This leaves the border region wide open to criminals and terrorists in the midst of a Global War On Terror, six years after 9/11. And border residents have reached a breaking point in tolerance for government ineptitude and duplicity.

Neither troops nor dedicated field agents make decisions to stop doing their jobs without orders from higher authorities, and the



higher authority responsible for this situation has to be somewhere very near the top. Until someone gets their attention, or they direct the people on the ground to start doing their jobs, it's going to be up to civilians to keep doing the job that the federal government is supposed to do. Raising the hue and cry has been a civic duty since the times of old English law – but it was based on the premise that the alarm would cause competent civil authority to step in.

This has not been the case along the U.S. border with Mexico, and as this kettle continues to bubble, each new confrontation threatens to boil over into violence. The government seems to be betting that will never happen. If they're wrong, the stakes are tremendous.

The author, a former Marine NCO, has been actively involved in securing the border for nearly three years. ✂



(bottom left) Thermal image capture of two coyotes preparing to cross a group in the dark of night at the border. They're so intimidated by present security, they're having a couple of beers before beginning their trip. Photo: U.S. Evolutions

(bottom right) Thermal image capture of the coyotes' group crossing under darkness. They were so worried about the state of border surveillance, that they were observed by civilian border watch bringing along small children in this group. No USBP or National Guard was anywhere within miles when this group crossed. Photo: U.S. Evolutions



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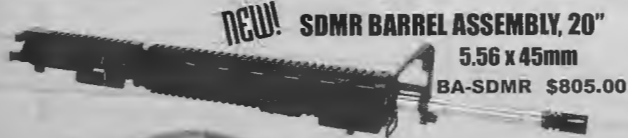
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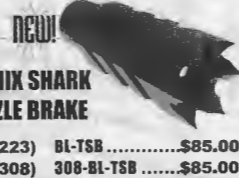
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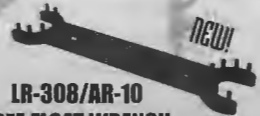
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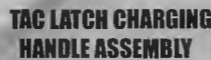
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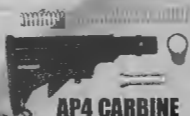
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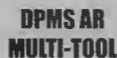


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Command Guidance continued

During the summer of 2006, a friend told me about a new publishing company that had surfaced in Oceanside, California. With Camp Pendleton bordering Oceanside to the north, it seemed appropriate that the company was run by a retired Marine aviator who flew A-4 jets during the Vietnam War.

My Navy friend told me two things made Leatherneck Publishing unique: It gave writers the best royalty payment per book in the industry, and the firm's CEO, retired flight instructor Lt. Col. Neil Levin, went the extra yard for military writers, promising to go so far as to read at least three chapters of every manuscript presented to Leatherneck Publishing and, if rejected, to personally call the author to explain why it was rejected and to offer assistance in improving it.

In short order, I learned that Levin was a combat warrior, once shot down over North Vietnam, where he had to fly more than 25 miles with shrapnel wounds, before punching out of his A-4 at 16,000 feet over the Gulf of Tonkin. When he wrote a book about that combat scenario and his 20 years in the Corps, he ran into the traditional roadblock of big-time publishers: None gave a damn about military-genre nonfiction stories.

Undaunted, Levin did what any good Marine would do. He charged forward and established his own publishing company. Robert S. Jones, with 25 years experience in the publishing industry in the US, Asia, and Europe, was brought in as director of marketing, while retired marine Lt. Col. William G. Byrne Jr. became director of sales. Last, but not least, was editorial director Nancy King, who joined the Leatherneck staff.

In two years, Leatherneck Publishing printed four books, including Levin's "An Angel Rode My Wing" and it currently has four more books in various editing stages. Each week finds several new manuscripts, story suggestions and book inquiries on Levin's desk.

When I had finished co-authoring a book on Vietnam with fellow Green

Beret John E. Peters, we needed a publisher. I called Levin, met Jones and Byrne over a cup of coffee, and within a short period of time, we were moving forward to publish my book.

Levin's message to me was the same as it appears on Leatherneck's Web site, "I'm in business to help military authors get published and marketed. I'm looking for Marines fresh back from combat in Iraq or Afghanistan because I'm a Marine first."

And, he'll help former service members, such as myself, whether they are Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard or Marine Corps veterans. "I can't stress it enough: We're totally dedicated to writers with good stories to tell."

When Gunnery Sgt. Patrick Tracy of Fox Company 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, came to Leatherneck Publishing, he had a diary in hand and began working with the upstart publishing company detailing his Iraq tour of duty from August 2004 to April 2005. When it was published in 2006 by Leatherneck Publishing, Levin said, "This book is so good that every marine, soldier, sailor or airman should read it to learn about what combat in Iraq is like from the perspective of a boots-on-the-ground warrior."

And Tracy proves he's a Marine's Marine when, after losing a Marine in combat he wrote: "...you have to keep going on and keep staying focused...the Blackhearts will prevail because there ain't an ounce of quit in any Marine in Fox 2/5..."

Leatherneck Publishing recently netted book awards from the San Diego Public Library. Levin's book "An Angel Rode My Wing" was a best seller in Marine Corps Association book stores.

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drugs are destroying our children, and we're supposed to accept the cost of having our homes broken into, our property and cars stolen and our children raped and murdered. We're expected to accept having our children taught in Spanish in our schools to accommodate people in the country illegally. We're forced to accept increased taxes to house an enormous illegal alien prison population and to pay for free health care for people who have broken the laws of the United States to be here. We're just supposed to accept it.

Well, I don't. I have seen too much death, too much crime and too much suffering, due to a border out of control, and a government which cares not to act. I'm tired of paying the price, both emotionally and in gold, for this outrage to continue.

What's the answer? We need to eliminate the rule that only immigration agents can make a determination as to alienage. We need to do what every other country in the world does, which is to empower police, at all levels, to check for legal status. We need to get serious about controlling the border. It can be done. All it takes is the political will.

And the next time thousands of illegal aliens have the nerve to demonstrate in an American city, I want to see hundreds of Border Patrol Agents rounding them up. And kicking their asses if they try to resist.

And I'm sick and tired of hearing politicians and pundits declare that it is too late to remove the illegal aliens already in the country. In 1954 we conducted Operation Wetback. Something like 70,000 illegal aliens were apprehended, while an estimated 400,000 got up and left. We could do it again.

Too many aliens and not enough agents, you say? Well, have you ever heard the old Texas Ranger motto of "One Ranger, One Riot"? We practiced this on a nightly basis, down on the border.

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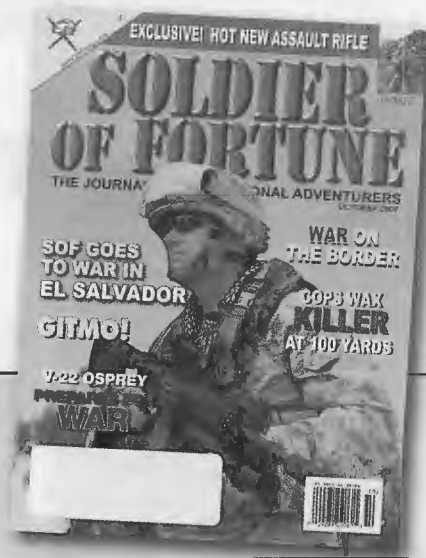
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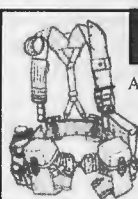
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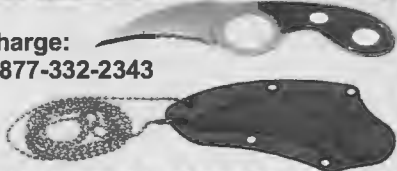
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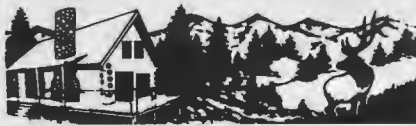
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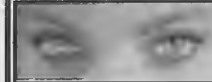
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A landslide has pushed through PSP fence on the border, which simply facilitates illegals crossing. No effort has been made to repair the fence. When the politicians claim apprehensions are down, it's because they have reduced the number of personnel "securing" the border.

UPS. (Flying is a such a pain in the ass anymore and for some time I've minimized the annoyance by UPSing my guns to where I'm going to carry them.) We were then picked up by Burns, who had for months been feeding info to the Border Patrol while patrolling a ranch butting up against the Mexican border somewhere east of San Diego.

A Dreadful Joke

That's how any sane person would describe the pathetic

attempts of the government to secure the border. And secure it we can if we don't mind resorting to more aggressive procedures, like electrifying the fence the way South Africa did on their border with Mozambique. Fuss with that puppy and you were Krispy Kritterized! No more problems. With that, gentle readers, I will let the photos tell the story. And, no, we didn't light up any drug thugs. Maybe next time.



THIS IS MY LIGHT.

There are many like it, but this one is mine.
It is my life. I must master it as I must master my life.
Without me my light is useless. Without my light, I am useless.
I must fire my light true. I must shoot straighter than the enemy
who is trying to kill me. I must shoot him before he shoots me.
I will. My light and I know that what counts in war is not the
rounds we fire, the noise of our burst, or the smoke we make.
We know that it is the hits that count. We will hit.

My light is human, even as I am human,
because it is my life. Thus, I will learn it as a brother. I will learn
its weaknesses, its strengths, its parts, its accessories, its switch and
its barrel. I will keep my light clean and ready, even as I am clean
and ready. We will become part of each other.

Before God I swear this creed. My light and I are the
defenders of my country. We are the masters of our enemy. We are
the saviors of my life. So be it, until victory is America's
and there is no enemy.

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By Dr. Martin Brass

AMERICA AT WAR

1 IRAN

REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS put on U.S. terrorist list. 150,000 armed members control billion dollar businesses and threaten to destroy the U.S. and Israel. **GUARD** leader threatens to use group's leverage against the U.S.: "We will never remain silent in the face of U.S. pressure." **ELITE QUDS FORCES** sneak weapons smugglers over Iraq border with explosives and cash.

2 INDIA

MAOISTS BLOW UP TWO RAIL STATIONS in retaliation for arrest of three Maoist cadres. **SECURITY HEIGHTENED** in coal mines for fear of Maoist terror attacks.

4 RUSSIA **VIDEO EXPOSES MILITARY**

as responsible for botched Beslan hostage massacre that resulted in 330 child deaths. Gunfire between terrorists and military killed most of the victims. **COLD WAR TACTICS** not forgotten, as Putin deploys bomber aircraft on long-range flights to patrol military threats over Guam, North Pole, Atlantic and Pacific after 15-year break. **CYBER WAR** launched against Estonia during controversial relocation of a World War II monument.

5 IRAQ **IRANIAN JIHADISTS**

found in warlord Al Sadr's camp. One fourth of terror suspects in jails are Iranians. 162,000 U.S. troops take out terror leaders including Golden Dome mosque bomber. U.S. troop surge empowers Iraqi troops who gain on battlefields. **GOVERNMENT** corruption rampant. **CIVIL WAR DEADLIEST BOMBING** kills nearly 500 in Kurdistan as Sunni, Kurds and Shia fight for oil fields in north.

6 VENEZUELA **CHAVEZ WOOS**

COLOMBIAN GUERRILLAS in plans to end war in Colombia, he says. U.S. accuses Chavez of collaborating with the FARC **FARC FINANCIAL CHIEF** arrested in joint Colombia-Venezuela police sting.

7 COLOMBIA **FARC TERRORISTS**

ACCUSED of murdering 11 hostage lawmakers kidnapped five years ago. **ISRAELI MERCS** hired to help military weed out rebels. **NAVY ADMIRAL BUSTED** for drug connections. **IRA TRAINED FARC** in urban warfare, giving them 'quantum leap in use of explosives'. **DRUG GANG SUBMARINE SEIZED**.


3 NIGERIA


KIDNAPPING GANGSTERS block 25% of oil unimpeded by government forces.

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8  **UNITED STATES** **HOMEGROWN TERRORISTS POSE MAJOR THREAT**, including white supremacists, militias and eco-terrorists. Thwarted attacks include Texas man who stockpiled enough sodium cyanide to gas everyone in a high school basketball gymnasium. **COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS (CAIR)** listed as a member of the Muslim Brotherhood's Palestine Committee. CAIR received money from Holy Land Foundation, Hamas front, says government in HLF trial. **WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION ATTACK** possible this year, former CIA Director James Woolsey tells Newsmax. He adds attack on Iran inevitable if nuclear defiance continues. **CHINESE SPY** steals source code for military flight simulators.

9  **NEPAL** **MAOISTS ATTEMPTS TO SHUT DOWN MEDIA** frustrated as Maoists splinter into separate factions and country disintegrates.


10  **PERU** **SHINING PATH LEADERS** join drug lords, abandoning their Maoist doctrines for cold hard cash.


11  **INDONESIA** **ISLAMIC TERRORISTS** lay low for two years, government claims victory as police crack down.


12  **UNITED KINGDOM** **STRIKE AGAINST IRAN** for nuclear non-compliance not ruled out, says Prime Minister. MI5: **AL QAEDA** operatives ordered to obtain chemical used in radiotherapy equipment for cancer treatment, certain to kill hundreds once ingested.

13  **THAILAND** **TERROR ATTACKS** kill nearly 200, wound 1000 in south.

17  **BRAZIL** **DRUG THUG** and money launderer transformed with plastic surgery identified with advanced voice recognition technology.

14  **ALGERIA** **TERRORISTS FLEE** to rural areas as fed up citizens in the urban centers turn them in, often tracing them electronically.

15  **SRI LANKA** **SEA BATTLES RAGE** between Tamil Tigers and Navy. **TIGERS AND ARMY** fight it out, as Army bombards Tigers with intense artillery and Rocket launchers.

16  **LEBANON** **INTERPOL CHIEF** meets with officials to promote INTERPOL Sub-Regional Bureau (SRB) for the Middle East and North Africa to help combat the global terrorist threat and intercept threats in Arabic. "Police in most countries would not be able to treat an urgent message in Arabic warning of a potential terrorist threat," Chief warns. **HEZBOLLAH** helping train Mahdi Army personnel in Lebanon, according to a report from the London Independent.

The Magnificent Marines and Their Flying Machines

The V-22 Tiltrotor Prepares for Battle, Conclusion

By Nat Helms

Marine Corps Air Station New River,
N.C. Once again United States

Marine Corps aviators are pushing
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Last month, we reviewed the extraordinary history of this unusual aircraft and its unique abilities as a fighting tool, and the support weapons it can carry in addition to its mission of rapidly inserting Marines to where they can wage war most effectively.

SOF was on hand at MCAS New River for a briefing by Marine Corps officials before the first flight of Ospreys took off for "Exercise Desert Talon" near Yuma, Arizona, the squadron's final operational test before it deploys for war in Iraq. By the time the briefing and background information was absorbed, the pilots at New River lit off the massive 6,150-horsepower turbo-shaft Rolls-Royce engines poking 21 feet into the air.

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(Top spread photo) MV-22 from training squadron VMMT 204 during exercises near New River. Note that the refueling probe is extended. Photo USMC



(Top right) Straight on front view medium shot of a US Marine MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft as Marines from Bravo Company, 8th Marine Regiment, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, load into the back of the aircraft at Marine Corps Air Station New River, Jacksonville, North Carolina. Camera Operator: LCPL JACOB FULLER, USMC (Bottom right) An MD-3A tow tractor backs into position as personnel crowd around a V-22A Osprey aircraft on the flight deck of the amphibious assault ship USS WASP (LHD-1). The aircraft is aboard the WASP for shipboard compatibility trials. Camera Operator: PH3 RAUL L. SOLCIDO

Gunnery Sergeant's chevrons emblazoned on the back of his helmet hawkishly watched the show with one ear tuned to a radio and both eyes fixed on the flight line. Rogers' job is overseeing the carefully choreographed ground effort.

Under his supervision, crewmembers, maintenance specialists and flight line mechanics hustled around with tools and tall ladders checking each bird while it cranked up. With 20 Rolls-Royce

engines driving 38-foot-diameter proprotors on the flight line, normal conversation is impossible. The crews talked by radio, hand signals, and intercom. Observers are left to shout into each other's ears.

Take Off Like a Chopper, Fly Like a Plane, Fight Like a Marine

After an hour the parade that preceded the entire squadron of Ospreys taking off from New River finally began. Passing by the gathering crowd of Marines staying behind, the Thunder Chickens moved out in a stately \$710-million procession.

Waddling down the flight line on its dual-wheel tricycle landing gear, the Osprey raised questions about its aerial prowess. Those fears were quickly laid to rest when each aircraft reached the runway, turned, tilted its huge three-forward and almost silently whooshed bladed fans until they pitched slightly into the air. As the ungainly looking birds quickly gained altitude the huge engine nacelles drooped forward to the horizontal and the rotor blades transformed into huge, relatively slow-turning propellers that powered the Ospreys out of sight. Flying away they looked more like strange apparitions than airplanes.

The hybrid MV-22 can take off and land like a helicopter and fly like an airplane at a top speed of 330 miles per hour. The Marine Corps says it can ferry 24 Marines at a time at twice the speed, three times the payload, and three to five times the range of a conventional rotorcraft.

Critics say it is cumbersome,

fumes until the engines smoothed out.

"Don't worry," explained a aircraft was shut down until the leaks that perpetrated the incident were fixed. Not so in the Osprey. It is just one of the quirks it comes with: Since its engines are oriented mostly horizontal in flight and vertical during ground operations, its redundant hydraulic systems leak. Its redundant hydraulic systems leak. Several times the Marine Corps grounded the bird during its operational workup when nacelle fires threatened the safety of aircrews. Apparently the problems have been resolved to the Corps' satisfaction, New River PAO Chief Capt. Stuart J. Fugler explained.

"Nobody flying them is interested in committing suicide. The pilots and crews know when to be concerned. Those birds don't go in the air if there is even a question of a safety problem," Fugler said.

While the Ospreys wound up one-by-one, Master Gunnery Sergeant Richard P. Rogers waited to pounce on any Marine with the temerity to screw up. Some things just never change in the Corps. The steely-eyed maintenance chief with a Master

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prone to strange aerodynamic quirks that make it unstable in vertical flight and has a rate of descent into hot landing zones so slow that this makes it a tempting target. Even the Marine Corps says it is limited to a rather stately 800-feet per minute descent in conversion mode -- about 13 feet per second. In Vietnam it wasn't extraordinary for a hot Huey pilot to drop into an LZ at 2,500 feet per minute and then flair at three or four hundred feet of altitude to slow the bird down enough so it didn't crash into the ground. It was effective for minimizing time as a target and was always very exciting.

If the Marine Corps is wrong in its thinking, turbulent skies are ahead for the V-22 Osprey program. The Thunder Chickens are in their final workup at Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma in preparation for combat in Iraq and two more 10-ship squadrons are already in the fleet. Eventually, the Osprey is slated to replace all the Vietnam-era CH-46

Sea Knights and aging CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopters that have been laboring in Marine Corps aviation since the early Seventies. Currently, the Marine Corps doesn't have an alternative program to replace its ancient fleet of medium-lift helicopters except for UH-60 Blackhawk or some other off-the-shelf airframe. If the fledgling Osprey doesn't fly, more than sick birds are going to fall from the nest.

When Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 263 finishes training in late July, the Osprey has overcome its last big hurdle before sending the squadron into harm's way, Fugler said. Sometime before the end of September, 2007 the squadron will deploy to Al Asad Air Base in southern Iraq to begin a new chapter in the bloody history of vertical envelopment. The Thunder Chickens are scheduled for a seven-month deployment to support coalition forces in Iraq. VMM-263 is scheduled to field 10 Ospreys and approximately 170 Marines and sailors when it leaves for Iraq,

Fugler says.

"The mission is medium-lift assault support," said Lt. Col. Paul J. Rock Jr., VMM-263's commanding officer. "We carry combat troops, supplies and equipment across the spectrum of expeditionary operations."

Multi-Missions for Flying Leathernecks

In simple terms, Rock means the Thunder Chickens are expected to complete every mission the CH-46 Sea Knights are currently assigned to do. That means combat assaults, emergency medivacs, emergency resupply, and reinforcements and extractions under enemy fire. No doubt they will take hits. At the risk of terribly mixing metaphors, Iraq will be where the rubber meets the road for the untested Osprey.

Rock's job is a huge challenge. In addition to shepherding his unit through a combat tour, he has to both defend and promote an unproven concept. It is a tough

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took off again an off-beat, twice-busted crew chief named Pfc. Raymond "Mike" Clausen earned the Medal of Honor saving wounded and trapped Marines from a mine field. The rest of the crew earned enough medals to need a sling load to carry them out. It is a tough act to follow.

Apparently difficulty inspires

Rock. After "routine" tours that included operations in the Middle East, eastern Africa and former Yugoslavia, he reported to Naval Air Station Patuxent River to get in on the cutting edge of the V-22 program. During his tour at the Navy's premier aerial test facility, he qualified in the V-22 as an aircraft commander, check pilot, test pilot, and instructor pilot in about every phase of Osprey flying there is.

After several more assignments developing and training to fly and fight the Osprey, Rock went to the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing in Al Asad, Iraq as the Wing's G-3 planner for future operations. When he returned home to New River last year he took over the transitional unit that ultimately became VMM-263. He is its first commanding officer. In September he will be the first Marine to lead an Osprey squadron into combat.

Proponents and critics alike are waiting with baited breath to discover whether Rock's Ospreys will swoop down like the fierce

seagoing raptor they are named for or fall like stones. Rock and the rest of the Marine Corps are sure they will soar. Whatever happens next, the Thunder Chickens' mission in Iraq ends more than 40 years of tiltrotor experiments that started with the Bell XV-3 program in 1951.

The X-3 made its first flight as a helicopter in August 1955, but crashed two months later before completing a full conversion. It was an inauspicious beginning for the program. The XV-3 was followed by the bizarre looking X-22 – a very distant cousin of the V-22, the CL-84 and the XV-15, which closely resembles the Osprey. After a rocky beginning including two fatal crashes that killed 26 men, the V-22 Osprey entered full production

Pioneers Die Young

The first and most serious accident occurred in April 2000 when a crash in Arizona killed 19 Marines. Another crash in Jacksonville, N.C. eight months later killed seven men. Following the second fatal crash, skeptics of the Osprey got their day in court. For a time even the staunchest supporters of the program feared its high cost, complexity, and what some naysayers claim is sub-standard operational performance threatened to shut down the program.

Despite their clamor, the Osprey passed its operational evaluation in the summer of 2005. The MV-22 proponent's argument that the Osprey's potential as a speedy, far over-the-horizon, vertical envelopment platform outweighs the unfortunate human cost of developing the program prevailed. The Department of Defense agreed. In September, 2005 DoD approved full scale production of the Osprey when Bell Boeing was granted approval for Full Rate Production (FRP) of the V-22 Osprey. Current plans include the delivery of 360 aircraft to the U.S. Marine Corps, 50 for the U.S. Air Force and 48 for the U.S. Navy.




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A V-22A Osprey aircraft sits on the flight deck of the amphibious assault ship USS WASP (LHD-1) during shipboard compatibility trials. Camera Operator: PH3 SOLCIDO

The FRP authorized Bell to increase its production from 11 aircraft per year up to 48.

There is nothing cheap about the Osprey program. Depending on who is talking, it is the most expensive weapons platform the Marine Corps has ever been bequeathed by the usually stingy Navy. In a service that usually spends its money developing Marines instead of machinery, the Osprey is an anomaly. The last time Marine Corps aviation got such an expensive new weapons platform

all its own it was the AV8A Harrier the critics said would never fly. It too killed some stout-hearted Marine pioneers before it went operational, but its second-generation cousin is still dropping bombs today.

The safety issues raised by the fatalities during the aircraft's early development have clouded its value and graduate earned his wings in 1989 and settled into the well-worn seat of a CH-46 Sea Knight for initial operational training before being assigned to HMM-263, the squadron where the Thunder Chickens would one day be conceived. Even then – while known as the “Blue Eagles” – the squadron had an illustrious history. During the Vietnam War a squadron

CH-46 named “Blood, Sweat and Tears” carried a brave crew into a hot LZ in always-dangerous Quang Nam Province to medivac a wounded Marine. Before it made its future uncertain among some Congressional leaders who don't possess the vision to see the Osprey's potential. What is certain is that 26 brave men died during its development so the nation would remain on the cutting edge of aviation technology. Even so, those setbacks put the entire program under a microscope that is still sharply focused on the extraordinary airplane.

In the meantime the Corps labors on. Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron (VMMT) 204 that shares the flight line with VMM-263 at New River is churning out qualified pilots as fast as it can. Ospreys are constantly in the air around the base, whistling almost noiselessly through the scudding clouds. It was eerie to sense



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a single V-22 was estimated at \$24 million a copy for 923 aircraft. In 1989 the first Bush administration cancelled the project when it reached \$35 million each for 602 aircraft. Vice President Richard B. Cheney hated the Osprey so much

known quantities, he said.

Ironically the program was revived by President William J. Clinton's administration and has since survived almost 14 years of knife fights. Clinton authorized building 458 Ospreys for \$37.3 billion or more than \$80 million apiece. That spending plan authorized the Marines 360 Ospreys, the Navy 48 and the Air Force 50 and that is where things remain today.

Now it is up to the Marines and U.S. Air Force Special Operations pilots and crews to prove the Osprey concept works. Proof may be in the pudding, one old aviator said, but the real test is when the Osprey gets a taste of war and discovers whether it has an appetite for it.

something overhead and notice an Osprey passing by with its huge fans slowly churning the air. One observer noted they look like strange airships propelled by oversized paddles madly thrashing the ether: Poetic but accurate.

If the Osprey could only climb as fast as its price tag it would already be a legend. In 1986 the cost of

when he was the first President Bush's Secretary of Defense he tried to whack the program completely until Congress threatened to take him to court. Facing election pressure from Texas and Pennsylvania where the Osprey is built, Cheney finally authorized spending \$1.5 billion in fiscal years 1992 and 1993 to keep the program alive. He preferred helicopters with



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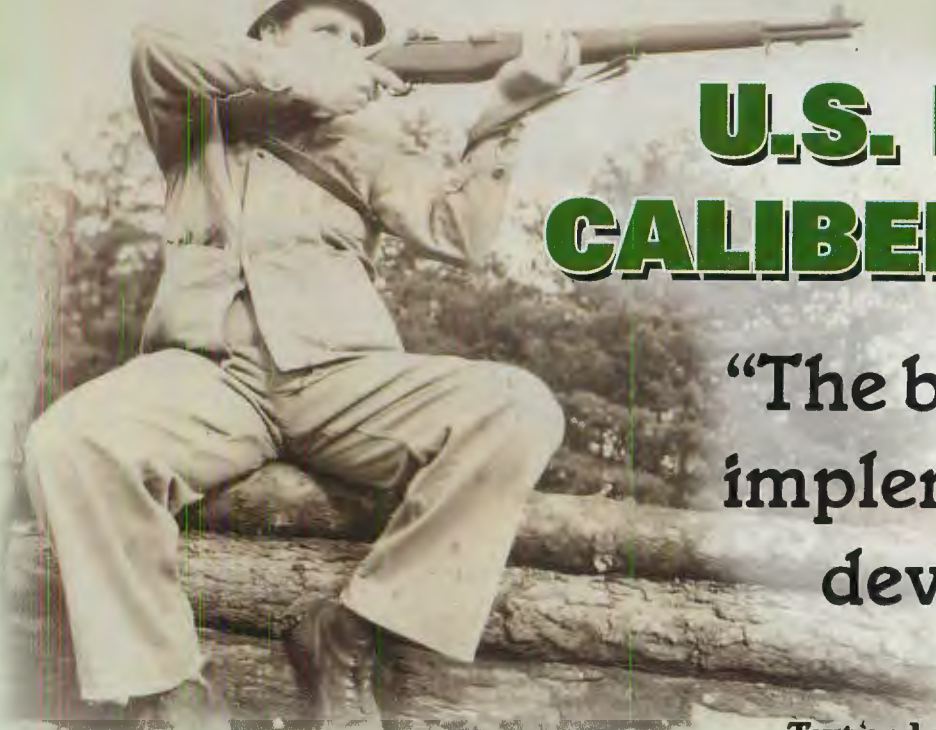
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Born in Canada on New Year's day 1888, John C. Garand soon emigrated to America where, as a young boy, he went to work sweeping floors in a New England textile mill. Fascinated with the machinery in the mill, John was a machinist by the time he was eighteen, and later was hired as a tool and gauge maker by Brown and Sharpe in Providence, Rhode Island.

As early as 1900, the quest for a self-loading rifle had begun, later resulting in several examples of the Model 1903 Springfield being converted to a semi-automatic rifle, as well as a dozen European designs being studied. With America's entry into the World War, John Garand moved to New York to work as a design engineer. He became interested in the heated controversy over the need for a light machine gun, and decided to design one. This marked the beginning of a great journey.

With the help of a financial backer, John Garand completed a firing model

of his first machine rifle in June, 1918. The .30-06 caliber weapon used a 20-round box magazine and was operated by a primer-actuated mechanism. It was shown to Hudson Maxim, brother of Hiram Maxim, who recommended that



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it be presented to the Naval Consulting Board, which referred Garand and his backer to the Army. Although Major Julian S. Hatcher reported that rifle offered little improvement over other machine rifles, Garand took his rifle to the National Bureau of Standards. There, John Garand was allowed to use the Bureau's machine shop to further develop the rifle. After winning a legal battle with his backer over the design of the rifle, Garand was hired by the National Bureau of Standards as "master gauge and gun experimenter."

With the war ending in August, 1918, the Army had adopted the Browning Automatic Rifle along with the family of Browning machine guns, and showed no interest in other designs. Nevertheless, Major Lee O. Wright, of the Ordnance Department, was impressed by Garand and his light machine gun, and in 1919, had him transferred to the Springfield Armory where he could be helpful in the search for a self-loading rifle.

Because of the establishment of the new Ordnance Committee, specifications for a new self-loading rifle were established along the lines of the Model

(Top photo) The Marines loved the Garand and fought to victory with it in WWII and Korea. Original WWII USMC camouflage of author's step father, John James Mitchell is seen with this M1. Mitchell served in the Marines in WWII as a combat photographer instructor



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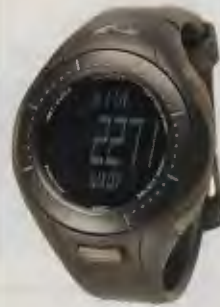
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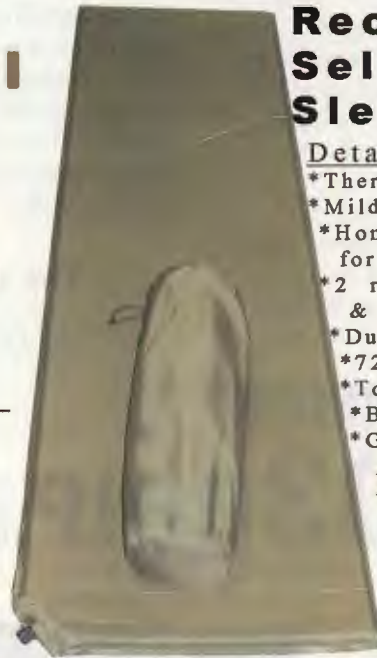
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1903 Springfield rifle, and John Garand had to keep his developments within them. From 1920 to 1925 Garand worked on several designs, all of which had one thing in common: They were actuated by the rearward movement of the cartridge primer. Thus the firing pin not only ignited the cartridge, but also operated the locking mechanism of the breech. However, development of this unique idea was brought to a halt by the refusal of the Ordnance Department to adopt a special cartridge.

It must be remembered that the .30-06 cartridge was developed when black powder rounds were still in vogue and as such, like the .50 BMG, was somewhat of holdover with its



large powder capacity. In 1925 the propellant of the .30-06 cartridge was changed from a fast burning one to a more progressive powder, which would not operate the primer activation device. In addition was the adoption of a crimped primer pocket that prevented any primer set-back. But that wasn't all.

The .27dersen

In 1924, John D. Pedersen, inventor

Here the top and bottom photos showcase the WWII era M1C sniper rifle with its double-lever GRIFFIN & HOWE mount and Lyman Alaskan scope, while the center photo pictures the Korean War era M1D Sniper Rifle with its barrel-mounted M84 Sniper Scope.



of the WWI Pedersen Device for the '03 Springfield, had also contracted with the Army to develop a self-loading rifle and had proposed a change in ammunition to the .276 Pedersen, a 7x53mm cartridge. The .276 Pedersen cartridge (there were some 10 versions tested) fired a 120-grain bullet at 2550 fps. By today's standards, the .276 Pedersen was not a particularly effective cartridge for its size, but its limitations were due more to the propellants available at the time than anything else. Even so, it out-performed the 7.62x39mm (M43) cartridge developed by the Soviets during World War II, which is still used in the AK-47. Today, the .276 Pedersen could be loaded to perform measurably better than its original loading.

When Pedersen convinced the Ordnance Department to make this change, Garand was ordered to design a new rifle in .276 Pedersen caliber. From 1927 to 1931 the Garand and Pedersen rifles were tested against each other as well as other entries, and by 1931 the choice lay between the two.

The .276 Pedersen rifle was of retarded blowback design, using a toggle breech reminiscent of that used in the German P08 ("Luger") pistol. In 1932 the Ordnance Committee recommended the adoption of the .276 Garand rifle over the Pedersen. This was

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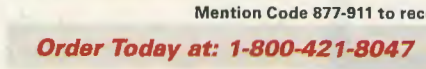
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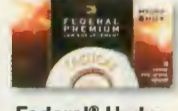
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Here an M1 rifle and original scabbard are seen with the late Leo Eirman's U.S. Army winter coat and helmet. Leo fought with the 99th "Battle Babies" I.D., which became part of the Army's "Big Red 1."

similar to the Garand design we know today -- a gas-operated semi-automatic

rifle using a long-stroke piston operation and a two-lug rotating bolt. The .276 Garand used a 10-round en bloc clip. However, it was not to be.

General Douglas MacArthur, Army Chief of Staff, refused to approve the change to the .276 cartridge saying, "To make this change will introduce an element of chaos, confusion, and uncertainty which, magnified under war conditions, would more than counteract the beneficial effect of any semi-automatic rifle." The General stopped work on the .276 and ordered renewed attention to the development of a .30 caliber semi-automatic rifle. One can only wonder where we would be today had the .276 Pedersen cartridge been adopted.

Because of this setback, the United States would have fought World War II with First World War rifles if not for the foresight of one man -- John Garand. Following the debate over the .276 cartridge closely, Garand concluded that it would never be adopted. He secretly developed an alternate design of his rifle chambered for the .30-06 cartridge on his own time! General MacArthur was delighted and John C. Garand's rifle was adopted in 1936 as the U.S. Rifle M1, caliber .30, just in time for World War II. Garand had saved the day.

A .276 Garand?

Would America have been better off with a M1 rifle in .276 Pedersen? We'll never know the answer to this question, but think about it. The .276 performed very well in the 300-meter world in which soldiers live and die. As such it would have been ideal in the Pacific Theater of operations, as well as the vast majority of scenarios encountered in Europe. We would have issued an M1 that was not only shorter by at least one-half inch and lighter by roughly one-half pound, but also one that held 10 rounds of ammunition with far less recoil. What's more, the soldier could carry more rounds of .276 ammunition at any given weight. In addition, as one noted writer recently pointed out, had we adopted the .276, we probably wouldn't be using a varmint cartridge today. It's interesting to note that the 6.8mm SPC

round now being tested by the USMC, U.S. Special Forces and the Canadian Army is close in size and performance to the .276 Pedersen.

As initially adopted, the M1 used a gas trap in front of the muzzle to operate its long-stroke gas piston/operating rod. This term has been bastardized in recent years. A gas trap is a system employed in a weapon which has NO gas port. Soon after the M1 was adopted, the gas-trap design was abandoned in favor of a gas port just behind the muzzle, from which gas was bled into the gas cylinder. As with all Garands, the M1 was loaded by inserting a clip of cartridges into the magazine from the top with the bolt locked to the rear. Once the clip was locked in the action, the bolt was automatically released to move forward to contact the head of the top round. Usually the operating rod handle was given a push with the palm of the right hand to unseat the first round and chamber it.

Although the M1 Garand was supplemented with 1903 Springfield bolt-action rifles in the months following the sneak attack on American forces on 7 December 1941, production increases soon saw the rifle issued to all branches of the service, as America's main battle rifle (MBR). However, the bolt action Model 1903A1 Springfield continued to supplement the M1 throughout the war.

An 8-round clip could be loaded into



From the left are the .276 Pedersen, .30-06 (.30 M2), 7.62x51mm NATO, 5.56x45mm NATO and the 6.8mm Rem. SPC. Except for size, the characteristics of the 80-year old .276 and 6.8mm are surprisingly similar.

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As Sgt. Joe Scott fires the last round of .308 from the Krieger Match Grade M1, the rifle automatically ejects the empty clip with the characteristic "ping."

In addition, most existing 16-inch bayonets were shortened to 10 inches by cutting and recreating a double-edge tip similar to the original, or a simple clip point. An even shorter and simpler version was issued during the Korean War. The M1 could also use a grenade

launcher to launch various grenades with a special blank cartridge. Two types of winter triggers were also designed for the M1 to be used while wearing mittens.

M1 Modifications

Never resting on its laurels, the M1 continued to undergo a number of improvements, as well as experimental versions and special-purpose versions. The M1E family included the M1E5, a short barreled M1 with an under-folding stock, which evolved into the T26 "Tanker" model, but neither was ever produced beyond prototype. Some M1s were converted to use the BAR 20-round magazine and to fire full automatic using a bipod. These modifications led to the program under which the M14 rifle was developed.

M1 Sniper and National Match Rifles

Two versions of the M1 that did see series production were the M1C and M1D Sniper Rifles. The M1C used a Griffin & Howe dovetailed side base, which was bolted to the left side of the receiver. The long dovetail used a Griffin and Howe mount with two locking levers and the M84 telescopic sight. The USMC version used Stith 1-inch rings that allowed it to use any 1-inch diameter commercial scope. The M1C was issued with a conical flash hider that attached to the bayonet lug.

the Garand's magazine in a second and all rounds fired within a space of three seconds. With sufficient logistics, the M1 could be loaded and fired 2 1/2 times faster than the Model 1903, and if supplies of loaded clips were exhausted, the rifle could be fired quickly by loading single rounds pulled from machine gun belts.

Of particular interest is the M1's one-piece, long-stroke gas piston/operating rod. Long-stroke gas piston systems are, by their nature, more reliable than (most) short-stroke gas piston systems. This is because the long stroke gas piston becomes part of the bolt group and its kinetic energy contributes to the reliability of the weapon.

Far superior to the sights of all other U.S. Military rifles, those of the Garand not only have a greater radius, but also are fine-click adjustable, with the rear sight consisting of a peep aperture. Also of interest is the positive safety of the M1. Located at the front of the trigger guard, this safety is a logical one, i.e., pulling it to the rear "keeps bullets to the rear," and pushing it forward "allows bullets to go forward." When applied, this safety totally removes the hammer from sear engagement and locks it there.

As first issued, the M1 used essentially the same 16-inch bayonet as the 1903 Springfield, but with black plastic scales and a synthetic scabbard. Later in World War II this bayonet was shortened to a 10-inch blade with the same double-edge tip.



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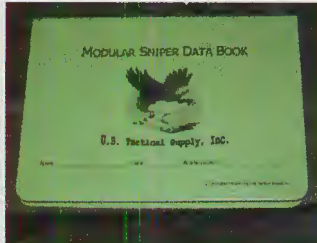
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and was hand-bedded in its stock.

Both of these M1 sniper rifles served during WW II and Korea and from the experience in developing them was born the M1 National Match rifle, which became immensely popular in competition at the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. The early M1 NM rifle (commonly referred to as the Type 1) used a number of specially selected parts including its barrel, operating rod, gas cylinder and stock.

The rifle was

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bedded into the stock by hand-fitting and was identified by the letters "NM" and a star stamped on the left side of the gas cylinder, as well as the National Match cartouche stamped on the left side of the stock above the trigger.

Later National Match M1s (Type 2) were equipped with a 1/2 MOA adjustable rear sight and were also bedded into the stock with fiberglass. On the later version the letters "NM" are engraved (not stamped) on the left side of the barrel (without the star) above the gas cylinder. "NM" is also stamped on the top of the operating rod near the cocking handle, on the right side of the rear sight base and usually on the bottom rear of the gas cylinder. On this model, special fitting is also done to the gas cylinder and front handguard. All NM Garands also have lighter trigger pulls. No original NM markings were ever included on the receiver of a true National Match M1, but M1s rebuilt to NM specifications by the U.S. Navy and USMC may bear special identifying markings engraved on the left side of the receiver, including the caliber change to 7.62NATO. Next, what the troops think about the Garand. ❧

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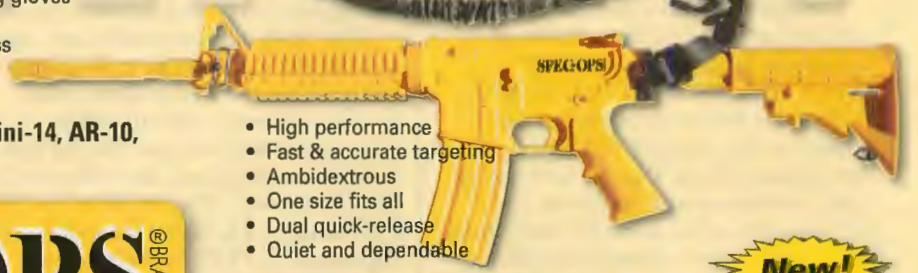
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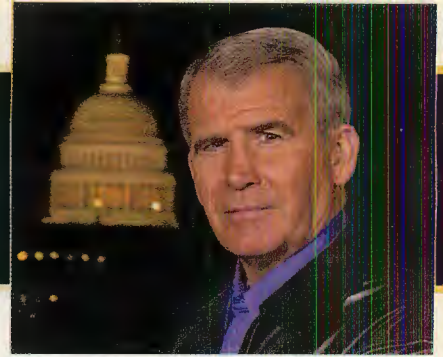
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Despite evidence of progress on the ground in Iraq, the masters of the media intend to continue their barrage of defeatism, and the majority in Congress appear unwilling to desist in their attacks. The mainstream media all but ignored news releases from Iraqi and coalition commands on successes against both Iranian-backed terror cells in Baghdad's Sadr City and Al Qaeda's network in Northern Iraq, Salahuddin, Diyala and Anbar provinces.

Instead of covering these stories with in-depth reporting from the front, the potentates of the press launched a shock-and-awe campaign of their own. The target? The Iraqi Parliament -- for taking a monthlong recess in the midst of a war.

Perhaps the media and politicians who are so outraged that the Iraqi legislature is on vacation should learn a bit of history. The British Parliament recessed for all but one holiday -- the summer of 1940 -- throughout World War II. In keeping with this democratic tradition, the U.S. Congress has done the same thing during every war we have fought, including our own Revolution.

Rather than firing barbs at the Iraqi legislature, critics should focus their ire on Capitol Hill. The 110th Congress, led by Sen. Harry Reid and Speaker Nancy Pelosi, is setting new records for irresponsible behavior. Though they have found time to launch more than 600 investigatory hearings, our good senators and congressmen fled Washington this week for a month in the sun without passing any of a dozen

appropriations bills, including those needed to support our troops in the field. This week, the shipment of new armored vehicles, necessary to protect U.S. soldiers from deadly Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), was postponed for lack of funding.

Little of this congressional misfeasance -- or its consequences -- made its way onto the front pages of major U.S. newspapers or the network news. Nor was anything but scant attention paid to a recent nationwide USA Today/Gallup Poll showing the proportion of those who believe that additional U.S. troops are making the situation better in Iraq rose to 31 percent. That's up from 22 percent a month ago. Those who said it was not making much difference dropped from 51 percent to 41 percent.

A shift in public opinion this significant would be hyped in any political campaign -- and likely make the pundits take notice. Instead, almost to prove the people wrong, we have been treated to yet another avalanche of headlines and lead stories bemoaning bad things in Iraq. "Five More Boycott Iraq Cabinet Sessions," said an Associated Press headline. "Iraqi Political Crisis Worsens," screamed ABC News. "26 U.S. Troops Killed in 1 Week in Iraq," blared a CBS headline. The Washington Post ran, "Weapons Given to Iraq Are Missing."

The Bush administration has, up to now, been able to alter the negative editorial perspective of those who decide what will and will not be reported about this war. For the past six months, that task has fallen to Gen. David Petraeus. He certainly has tried.

During an exclusive interview this week on FOX News Radio's Alan Colmes Show, Colmes asked the general bluntly, "Is the surge working?" His reply: "It is. We are making progress. We have achieved tactical momentum in many areas, especially against Al Qaeda in Iraq, and to a lesser degree against the militia extremists. We're also heartened by the number of Iraqi tribes and local citizens who have rejected Al Qaeda."

Asked whether Iraqis could take

over their own security, the general replied, "They have actually taken over security in a number of different places. If you look at Samawa, Nasiriyah, Najaf, Karbala -- we hardly have any forces in those locations at all."

Though Alan Colmes is anything but a shill for the Bush administration, his liberal media colleagues simply ignored these previews of what Gen. Petraeus will tell Congress in September. One can only conclude that they don't want the American people to get any good news from the battlefield.

It's time to face facts. The American media simply isn't going to march in step with this war. My eight trips, embedded with U.S. units, letting our troops tell the story, haven't been enough. Having the battlefield commander tell the story hasn't worked. Neither have video conferences from the Situation Room, talking points issued by the Pentagon or news conferences such as this week's from the White House press room.

There is, however, a way to reach the American people while our Congress is on vacation. Chief Executive George W. Bush can't do it from Washington or his dad's place in Kennebunkport, Maine. After kissing French President Nicholas Sarkozy on the cheek and taking him out to fish, Commander in Chief George W. Bush needs to jump on Air Force One and fly to Iraq.

Now is the time to change the paradigm, Mr. President. Your visit will confound America's adversaries and reassure our allies. The troops will be forever grateful. And most Americans will admire you for going because it's the right thing to do.

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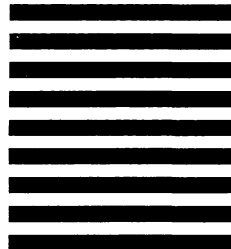
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