[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in with caption. She writes: "Drones are white Right"]

War Banks And Lobotomies

From: Dennis Serdel  
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Subject: War Banks and Lobotomies

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war banks and lobotomies

broken people broken lives
chopped up like hamburger hills
found in all the wars making bad decisions
trying to be like someone else living beyond the tears
in a world where wrong is right
& is taught that way in schools
full of twisted history where young minds are open
& mark a multiple answer on a test
with their best guess
because the broken people broken lives
of their elders are never heard as the young walk down
a land mined path full of lies
& not even given a chance to sort it out
all by themselves instead the rockets fly
bullets buzz by their ears
dust & filth is everywhere and
a small country is horrified
children's lives are broken
broken people everywhere
stunned by blood their parents dead
they are taken to an orphanage
& all the high talk on the news
is a political game with false truth on christmas day
where the people try to buy
items that move up their life's status
that the rich already have
& religion falls on the deaf ears of the elite
and they think it's funny when the people pray
and then run up their credit cards
while the truth lies under christmas trees because
materialism is what it's all about
because yachts, new cars & four castle homes
around the world can not fit under a christmas tree
the proletariat have to be content
with a $800 laptop bought for $200
waiting in the snow at 5am on black friday
for their youngest boy that will flip out many
of the kids at school in awe
but every day is Christmas for the rich
as they vault away money from wars
from the mortgages that take 30 years
to pay off private property that the bank's own
just in time to retire & die slowly from work
as the discontent bury their faces in the Bible
the paranormal & get rich gold tricks
buy 12 Lotto tickets
that act like lobotomies for the american people
while a stern Pakistani man can't stop the tear
rolling down slowly from his eye
to his beard as he stares at
the dead remains of his family

Written by Dennis Serdel for Military Resistance
**AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

**Six Americans Killed In Afghanistan Helicopter Crash**

December 17, 2013 The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Six U.S. service members were killed Tuesday when a helicopter crashed in southern Afghanistan, U.S. and NATO officials said.

One person on board the aircraft was injured and survived, two U.S. defense officials said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak on the record.

A statement issued by the NATO international military coalition said the crash was under investigation and that there was no insurgent activity in the area. In Washington, an official originally said the helicopter had experienced engine failure before the crash, but later said that it was unclear whether that was the case.

The deputy governor of southern Zabul province, Mohammad Jan Rasoolyar, said a NATO helicopter crashed in the remote district of Shajau and U.S. officials later confirmed that Zabul was the location of the U.S. crash.

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**AFGHANISTAN THEATER:**

“**US Foreign Fighters Suffered 12 Combat Casualties During The Weeks Ending Dec 11 As The Total Rose To 40,277**”

Dec 11, 2013 www.michaelmunk.com

AFGHANISTAN THEATER: US foreign fighters suffered 12 combat casualties during the weeks ending Dec 11 as the total rose to 40,277

The total includes 21,323 dead and wounded from what the Pentagon classifies as “hostile” causes and 18,954 dead or medically evacuated (as of Dec. 3, 2012) from what it calls “non-hostile” causes.
US media divert attention from the actual cost in American life and limb by reporting regularly only the total killed (6,777: 4,489 in Iraq, 2,288 in Afghanistan) but rarely mentioning those wounded in action (51,763: 32,237 in Iraq; 9,526 in Afghanistan).

They ignore the 59,908 (44,607 in Iraq, 18,463 in AfPak (as of Dec 3, 2012) military casualties injured and ill seriously enough to be medevac’d out of theater, even though the 6,777 total dead include 1,452 (961 in Iraq, 491 in Afghanistan) who died from those same “non hostile” causes, of whom almost 25% (332) were suicides (as of Jan 9, 2013) and at least 18 in Iraq from faulty KBR electrical work.

NOTE: It’s unclear whether the AfPak number for WIAs at some point started to include medical evacuations for non hostile injuries and disease.

Texas Green Beret Sergeant Killed on First Tour in Afghanistan

Staff Sgt. Alex Viola, 29, of Keller was fatally wounded Sunday in the blast of an improvised explosive device in Kandahar Province Afghanistan, the Defense Department said. Viola was a “green beret” assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. His specialty was engineering. U.S. Army Special Forces Command

Nov. 18, 2013 By Bill Miller, Star-Telegram

When Army Staff Sgt. Alex Viola graduated from Keller High School in 2002, topping his list of what to do with his life was to serve in an elite military unit.

His mother, Margaret Viola, said Monday that she and her husband, Frank, urged their son to get a college education first and then “go in as an officer.”
He followed their advice and earned an engineering degree from the University of North Texas. Then he entered the Navy, was accepted for SEAL training, but he was injured during “hell week,” she said.

Sgt. Viola refused to give up and re-entered the military, but not as officer. He became an engineer sergeant with U.S. Army Special Forces.

Sgt. Viola, 29, was mortally wounded Sunday in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, by an improvised explosive device, the Defense Department announced Monday.

It was his first deployment, and he had been there for five weeks, his mother said.

“He was on foot patrol,” she said in a phone interview. “The only thing we were told was that it happened yesterday morning, and it’s under investigation.

“They took him to a hospital in Kandahar where he died. Now we’re going to Dover, Del., to pick him up.”

Margaret Viola said her son was born in New York, but the family moved to Keller when he was 9. He was active in sports, but he especially liked hockey and played on a combined team for Keller and Fossil Ridge high schools.

Sgt. Viola graduated from UNT in four years, she said.

His drive to be in the military intensified when he didn’t get into the SEALS.

“He didn’t want to stop there, so he transferred and got his green beret,” she said. “It was like he didn’t want any regrets and he just wanted to finish what he started.

“At first we were nervous and we tried to talk him into getting a normal job, but he didn’t want it. “So, we supported him.”

Sgt. Viola joined the Army National Guard in June 2009 and began Special Forces training in April 2010 at Fort Bragg, N.C. He graduated from Special Forces qualification course in June 2011 and was assigned to the 19th Special Forces Group at Camp Williams, Utah.

In March 2013 he was assigned to 7th Special Forces Group at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

According to the U.S. Army Special Forces Command, Sgt. Viola earned several awards and decorations, including the Army Achievement Medal, the Parachutist Badge, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Special Operations Dive Badge.

“He was just a great guy and I’m not saying that because I’m his mother,” Margaret Viola said. “This is what he wanted to do, and he kept trying and training.

“We were just in awe of him, his drive to do that.”

Other survivors include his older sister, Christina, his mother said.
Insider Attack By Afghan Soldier Leaves 2 Dead

Dec 16 By Ghanizada, Khaama Press

According local authorities in western Herat province of Afghanistan, an Afghan soldier has killed his 2 comrades in latest insider attack.

District security chief for Obe, Sher Aqa Alokozai confirming the report said the incident took place on Sunday night in this district.

Mr. Alokozai further added that the assailant soldier was also killed during the clashes which lasted for several hours.

He said the incident took place due to verbal clashes among Afghan soldiers.

He also added that it was not clear if the soldier had any connection with the militant groups.

4 Afghan Soldiers Killed In Bomb Attacks

Dec. 15 Xinhua

Four Afghan army soldiers were killed and six others wounded in separate bomb attacks since late Sunday, said the country's defense ministry on Monday.

"Two soldiers were martyred and one wounded in an improvised explosive device (IED) or roadside bomb attack in Nadir Shah Kot district of eastern Khost province," the ministry said in a statement.

One army soldier was killed and five injured in similar blast in Chak district of eastern Wardak province and one army personnel was killed in an IED attack in eastern Kapisa province, the statement said.
In a separate development, the army executive officer of the northern Kunduz province, General Mohammad Faruq, was injured in a Taliban armed attack overnight, the provincial police spokesman Seyyed Sarwar Housini told Xinhua.

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**SOMALIA WAR REPORTS**

**35 Killed As Result Of Fighting Between Governmental Troops**

December 17, 2013 by: Mursal, Harar24

Mogadishu —

At least 35 people have reportedly been killed and more than 50 others injured in heavy clashes between two clan based militias within the Somali Armed Forces near the city of Janale in the Lower Shabelle region.

The fighting which has raging between two clan based militia within the Somali military has entered its fifth day. Witnesses reported that armed militias from the opposing sides are getting assistance from different government commanders from their respective clans.

The clashes which have so far left more than 35 people dead were caused by two local clan militias who have been fighting each other for more than 2 months now with no end in sight.

Residents in Marka are reporting that more than 20 dead and injured governmental troops have been brought to Marka’s main hospital in the last 2 days.

“We have seen so far at least 20 soldiers who were brought to the hospital some are seriously injured and others have sustained injuries to their necks, hands and legs,” said one local resident near the hospital.

Residents in the area have told Harar24’s correspondent in the area that heavy clashes have started again this morning near the “KM50” area after government troops loyal to one of the clans attacked the area.

“We can hear the fighting now and we are getting ready to close our shops and flee the area” a local businessman told Harar24 over the phone this morning.

The governor in Lower Shabelle Abdulkadir Siidi who spoke with local media outlets said so far these clashes have been occurred over 11 times this year alone and continue reoccur.
Reports coming from Janale are indicating that hundreds of families are fleeing the city and surrounding villages, to save their lives and properties from the increasing violence in the area.

Until now no one has started any mediation efforts between the rival clan militias with in the armed forces who have been fighting in the region recently.

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**MILITARY NEWS**

Yorkshire Regiment Soldiers Jailed For Sit-In Protest: The Soldiers Complained Of Being “Led By Muppets”

“A Retired Colonel And Former Editor Of The British Army Review Who Lectures In Military History, Described The Nature Of The Soldiers’ Protest As ‘Unprecedented’”

[Thanks to Sandy Kelson, Veteran & Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

10 December 2013 BBC

Fifteen soldiers have been jailed after a court martial for staging a “sit-in” in protest at being “led by muppets”.

The men from the 1st Battalion the Yorkshire Regiment sat on the floor when ordered to stand to attention.

The protest by 16 soldiers was sparked by grievances with their captain and colour sergeant. It took place in February while on exercise in Kenya.

Fifteen were sentenced to detention, one of whom was dismissed from the Army. A 16th was also dismissed.

All the soldiers pleaded guilty to disobeying a lawful command - an offence that carries a maximum sentence of 10 years’ imprisonment.
The soldiers complained of being “led by muppets”, the court martial heard.

The prosecutor at the court martial said members of the platoon had been seething at the way they were being managed, and felt that they were “not appreciated”.

The court heard a captain and sergeant apparently got drunk before a lengthy training march in the Brecon Beacons last winter.

The troops were said to have been furious at finding their two commanders asleep, rather than greeting the soldiers as they crossed the finish line.

Tensions came to a head at the end of a training exercise in Kenya in February, when 16 soldiers decided to protest.

Ahead of a parade, a ringleader shouted “sit down” and members of the platoon did so. The commanders ordered each man in turn to stand up, but were ignored.

Corporal Anthony Brown, said to be the ringleader, was stripped of his rank, dismissed from the Army and sentenced to 60 days’ detention.

Two lance corporals were reduced to privates and sentenced to 60 days’ detention, while a third was reduced to private and dismissed without detention.

Twelve privates were sentenced to 40 days’ detention.

The soldiers were in the 1st Battalion at the time of the protest. However, the 1st has now become the 2nd, following Army restructuring.

John Wilson, a retired colonel and former editor of the British Army Review who lectures in military history, described the nature of the soldiers’ protest as “unprecedented”.

The sentences given to the troops at the court martial were “strong enough to make the point”, added Col Wilson.

“I don’t think a corporal, whatever his grievances, can expect to orchestrate such a public protest in front of the entire battle group parade and get away with it.”

An Army spokesman said it was “not appropriate” to comment on the sentencing.

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“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.

“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.

“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”

“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”

Frederick Douglass, 1852

The Social-Democrats ideal should not be the trade union secretary, but the tribune of the people who is able to react to every manifestation of tyranny and oppression no matter where it appears no matter what stratum or class of the people it affects; who is able to generalize all these manifestations and produce a single picture of police violence and capitalist exploitation; who is able to take advantage of every event, however small, in order to set forth before all his socialist convictions and his democratic demands, in order to clarify for all and everyone the world-historic significance of the struggle for the emancipation of the proletariat.”

-- V. I. Lenin; What Is To Be Done
Slow Moving Train To Annihilation

Photograph by Mike Hastie

From: Mike Hastie
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: December 14, 2013
Subject: Slow Moving Train To Annihilation

Slow Moving Train To Annihilation

The greater understanding I have of what is happening in Gaza to the Palestinian people, the more I realize the unspeakable. Gaza is a slow moving Nazi cattle car that has become Israel's answer to erasing Palestine.

When I went to the Dachau Concentration Camp in 1954, as a nine-year-old child, I remember seeing a statue of an emaciated prisoner, with a quote by George Santayana under it.

These are his words:

“Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

Who would have ever believed that this powerful statement now concerns the Palestinian people under the Zionist Empire.

Gaza is the largest open air prison in the world.

It is under a siege of strangulation.

And, while all of this is happening, no country is blocking the rail system that delivers this madness.

Lying is the most powerful weapon in war.

The repetition of the lie under another name, (We have a right to defend ourselves), is the great deceiving rhetoric of empires.
That is what the U.S. Government said concerning the American Indians. That is what the U.S. Government said while I was in Vietnam. That is what is falling on deaf ears of countries around the world concerning Palestine.

Mike Hastie  
Army Medic Vietnam  
December 14, 2013

The water in a vessel is sparkling.  
The water in the sea is dark.  
The small truth has words that are clear.  
The great truth has great silence.  
Rabindranath Tagore

Photo and caption from the portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at: (hastiemike@earthlink.net) T)

One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head. The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.

Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71  
December 13, 2004

“We Must Make Every Possible Use Of The One Slogan That Can Unite The Army With The Revolutionary People: ‘Down With The War!’”

“We Must Do This So That The Officers, On The Decisive Day, Will
Not Be Able To Trust The Soldiers, And The Soldiers Will Have The Same Distrust Of Their Officers”
“The Result Is That Nothing Remains But Mechanical Discipline; There Is No Longer Any Faith That Things Must, Or Even Can, Continue In The Old Way”
“Everything Else Depends On The Street, Where The Last Remnants Of The Hypnosis Induced By The Barracks Will Dissolve In The Revolutionary Enthusiasm Of The People”

From “Up To The Ninth Of January,” 1905; By L. Trotsky [Excerpts]

One of the main elements of military hypnosis is the faith energetically promoted among the soldiers that they are invincible, mighty, and superior to all the rest of the world.

The war has killed that faith everywhere.

Soldiers and sailors were sent to the East without any hope of victory.

And when an army loses faith in its own invincibility, it is already halfway to losing faith in the invincibility of the social order it serves.

The one leads to the other.

In the current war, tsarism has shown itself for what it really is.

War is an event that focuses not just the public interest, but also the professional interest of the army. Our ships are slower; our guns have a more limited range; our soldiers are illiterate; our non-commissioned officers have neither compass nor map; our troops are barefooted, naked and hungry; our Red Cross steals; the commissariats steal — and the news and rumours of all this naturally penetrate the army and find eager listeners.
Every such rumor acts like an acid that eats away at the corrosion of moral drill.

**Years of propaganda work during peacetime could never accomplish what is achieved by a single day of warfare.**

The result is that nothing remains but mechanical discipline; there is no longer any faith that things must, or even can, continue in the old way.

The less faith there is in autocracy, the greater is the likelihood of faith in the enemies of autocracy.

**We must make the most of this state of mind.**

We must explain to the soldiers the meaning of the mass working-class action being prepared by the Party.

We must fix this knowledge in their consciousness with a continuous stream of pamphlets.

**We must make every possible use of the one slogan that can unite the army with the revolutionary people: ‘Down with the war!’**

**We must do this so that the officers, on the decisive day, will not be able to trust the soldiers, and the soldiers will have the same distrust of their officers.**

Everything else depends on the street, where the last remnants of the hypnosis induced by the barracks will dissolve in the revolutionary enthusiasm of the people.

Of course, it is easier to fire over people’s heads than to refuse to fire altogether or to hand over one’s rifle to the insurgent masses. That is a fact.

But the difference is not so great as it may first appear to be.

The same soldier who yesterday fired into the air will tomorrow hand over his rifle to a worker, provided he is confident that the people are not just being ‘rebellious’ but are able and determined to hold the bridges until they win recognition of their rights.

**That confidence can and will be instilled in the soldiers by the numbers and the enthusiasm of the crowds in the street, supported by the entire people, and by the news of simultaneous action throughout every region of Russia.**

**Therefore, in order for the proletariat’s political strike, once transformed into demonstration by the entire people, to become the starting point for a victorious revolution, a sympathetic attitude must be widespread throughout the army.**

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**Air Force Suspends Teleworking Drone Operator After Wedding Party Bombed**
The U.S. later admitted the drone missed its intended target, which was an elementary school filled with civilians who fit a terrorist “signature” of breathing oxygen, living in Pakistan, and being between the ages of four and 90.

December 13, 2013 by Paul, The Duffel Blog

LAS VEGAS, NV — The Air Force is rethinking its liberal telecommuting policy after a drone operator working from home accidentally incinerated a Yemeni wedding party in what Air Force officials are calling a “whoops-my-bad” incident.

According to the Air Force, the now-suspended operator, whose name is being withheld for security reasons, was in the midst of both controlling his MQ-9 Reaper over a suspected enemy compound in Yemen while simultaneously playing with a kitten on his desk.

Apparently the cat suddenly jumped on the keyboard, resulting in the Reaper launching half-a-dozen missiles at a wedding party, killing fifteen.

“An air strike missed its target and hit a wedding car convoy, ten people were killed immediately and another five who were injured died after being admitted to the hospital,” one security official said following news of the strike.

“Whoops. Our bad.”

Senior U.S. officials were at a loss to explain why a heavily-armed aircraft was being remotely operated from someone’s house, recalling shades of an incident involving Gen. Ricardo Sanchez letting a group of preschoolers play in the combat operations center of Central Command in 2004 when they accidentally started the Battle of Fallujah.

This isn’t the first time a mistake of this magnitude has occurred.

Last October, a drone operator hitting the “enter” key in what he thought was a chat window instead released a missile aimed at a busload of civilians in northern Pakistan.

The U.S. later admitted the drone missed its intended target, which was an elementary school filled with civilians who fit a terrorist “signature” of breathing oxygen, living in Pakistan, and being between the ages of four and 90.

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13.12.13 Gush Shalom:

After much hesitation, Israel sent the Knesset Speaker To the funeral of Nelson Mandela.

Speaker Edelstein Lives in a settlement In occupied territory, Traveling daily Over apartheid roads.

[To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation commanded by foreign terrorists, go to: www-rafahtoday.org The occupied nation is Palestine. The foreign terrorists call themselves “Israeli.”]
CLASS WAR REPORTS

Fast-Food Industry Rejects Workers’ Demand To Be Considered Human
WASHINGTON — In a defiant statement, a spokesman for the fast-food industry today lashed out at fast-food workers’ “outrageous and unacceptable demand to be considered human beings.”

Arguing that “granting fast food workers anything beyond a grim, scraping existence would put a serious dent in our profits,” the Fast Food Restaurant Council spokesman Tracy Klugian said. “Considering our workers human would be ruinous to the fast food industry as we know it.”

But Mr. Klugian was quick to point out that the controversy was about more than money: “It’s about dignity and respect—two things this industry has zero tolerance for.” As fast food workers mounted protests across the country, the industry spokesman urged them to abandon their “reckless quest for human status” at once.

“They have to ask themselves, why did they want to work in the fast food industry to begin with?” he said. “Anyone who walks into one of our restaurants should realize that it’s no place for humans.”

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**DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK**

[Thanks to SSG N (ret’d) who sent this in with caption. She writes:” Un armed, of course!”]
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