

GI SPECIAL 3A67:



Danny Lamar Anderson

"I Hold President Bush Personally Accountable For My Son's Death. I'm So Angry Right Now."

March 5, 2005 By Fanny S. Chirinos, Caller-Times

Dennis Anderson sat on the tailgate of his pickup truck Friday holding a picture of his son, Army Pfc. Danny Lamar Anderson.

"I understand why (the United States) went to war, but we shouldn't be there anymore," said Anderson, a Vietnam veteran.

"(The war) has dragged on for too long. Our kids are dying over there. It's not fair.

"I'm just so angry, you know," he said. "I hold President Bush personally accountable for my son's death. I'm so angry right now."

That same day, the body of the 29-year-old soldier killed in Iraq while manning a Baghdad checkpoint arrived home from Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

Anderson was assigned to the Army's 26th Forward Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division from Fort Stewart, Ga.

Since his death on Feb. 27, Anderson's family in Corpus Christi and Tennessee have been awaiting the return of their hero, Dennis Anderson said.

"We've picked out a real nice place for him at the cemetery," he said. "I just can't believe he's gone."

The soldier's mother, Patricia Brady, spoke briefly with her son two days before his death and recalled how excited her son had been at the prospect of coming home in September.

"He was hoping to get leave to celebrate his son's first birthday," Brady said from her home in Hartford, Tenn. "He was always a happy person, especially when it came to his son."

Anderson leaves behind his wife, Moraima Luna Anderson; his 5-month-old son, Noah Daniel Anderson; both his parents and three siblings.

Danny Anderson ROSARY 6 p.m. Sunday, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 710 S. 19th St.

FUNERAL SERVICES 3 p.m. Monday, St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Interment to follow, Seaside Memorial Park, 4357 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi

Mothers Day

[This is from Rose Gentle. Her son was killed in Iraq. She leads a campaign to bring all the Scots and other troops home from Iraq, now. Her few words carry contain more truth than 5000 pages of bullshit from the politicians. T]

From: Rose Gentle
To: GI Special
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2005 5:32 AM
Subject: Re: GI Special 3A66: Emotional Silence

well it was mothers day, the pain was unbearable

if only, with gordon not here how can it be,

i love my two girls to bits, but miss my boy so much,

how did mrs blair get on with her mothers day, with her two boys,
i had gordons card out from last year, on it was to mum love you lots,
i will keep it for every year, , miss u so much gordon i will see you one
day,

TOMORROW IS NOT PROMISED TO ANYONE,

**YOUNG OR OLD ALIKE
AND TODAY MAY BE THE LAST CHANCE YOU GET**

TO HOLD YOUR LOVED ONE TIGHT

SO IF YOUR WATING FOR TOMORROW

WHY NOT DO IT TODAY

FOR IF TOMORROW NEVER COMES

YOU'LL SURELY REGRET THE DAY,

ROSE GENTLE,

Do you have a friend or relative in the service? Forward this E-MAIL along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly. Whether in Iraq or stuck on a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the war, at home and inside the armed services. Send requests to address up top.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Area Soldier Killed

March 7, 2005 (AP) NEWARK, Del.

An Army paratrooper from Newark has been killed in Iraq.

Family members say 26-year-old Stephen McGowan was killed Friday when a roadside bomb exploded near Ramadi.

McGowan's father, Fran DiDomenicis, says his son volunteered to go to Iraq last summer after a 15-month stint in South Korea. He says his son felt that, as a single person with no children, he should take someone else's spot in Iraq.

Polish Soldier Wounded Near Hillah

3/7/2005 By TODD PITMAN, Associated Press Writer

A Polish soldier suffered a shrapnel wound to the hand Monday when a bomb blew up next to his convoy north of Hillah in central Iraq, said Lt. Col. Zbigniew Staszko, spokesman for the Polish military.

Resistance Missile Took Out Cargo Plane At 15,000 Feet

08 March 2005 By Colin Brown, Deputy Political Editor, The Independent

A missile fired by insurgents from the ground probably destroyed an RAF Hercules C-130 cargo plane in Iraq with the loss of 10 British special operations servicemen, an interim report by Ministry of Defence accident investigators has revealed.

The findings, outlined to MPs by Geoff Hoon, the Defence Secretary, raised fears within the MoD that the insurgents could possess a new missile capable of hitting aircraft flying above 15,000 feet.

The implications were so serious that MoD sources refused to confirm the altitude at which the Hercules was flying when it was brought down. "We can't get into speculation," said one MoD source. "We have to await the final report of the board of inquiry."

The transport, with nine RAF personnel and one SAS soldier, was halfway through its flight from Baghdad to a US base at Balad when it crashed, strewing blazing wreckage across a wide area. **It is believed to have been flying at an altitude above 15,000 feet to avoid hostile fire.**

U.S. Command Caught In Stupid Lies About Killing Of Italian

Special Forces Soldier In Sgrena Shooting



The coffin carrying the body of Nicola Calipari is borne into the Saint Mary of the Angels basilica by officers from combined Italian military services, in Rome. (AFP/Patrick Hertzog)

March 07, 2005 Roland Flamini, United Press International & (Reuters) & March 6, 2005 Philip Willan, Rome, The Observer & AFP

What infuriates the Italian public most, as the reports from Italy make clear, is that the U.S. military statement issued in Baghdad immediately after the shooting Friday puts the burden of responsibility clearly on the Italians.

Sgrena's testimony is a far cry from the U.S. claim of the Italians' car approaching a checkpoint on the airport road very rapidly and ignoring hand signals, flashing lights, and warning shots. When the Italians failed to stop, the U.S. statement said, shots were fired into the car engine block to stop it.

A further explanation by American officials also issued in Iraq was that the Italians had not informed the coalition command either that they were negotiating for Sgrena's release or that she had actually been freed.

On Saturday, a SISMI officer who was also traveling with Calipari was quoted in the Italian media as saying that the car was moving quite slowly and cautiously, and that there was no indication that they were at a checkpoint. The Milan paper *Il Corriere della Sera* also reported that not only was Sgrena's release known to the Americans, but a U.S. Army colonel was among those waiting for the journalist at Baghdad airport to see her off.

Another official who asked not to be named told United Press International by phone from Rome that the feeling in Italian official circles was that someone with

as much experience of conditions in Iraq as Nicola Calipari would hardly have attempted to crash a U.S. military checkpoint.

To some extent the outcome of the rising tension depends on how Washington handles the situation. "Berlusconi has been assured that Washington will hold a full-scale inquiry, and for the moment he accepts that assurance at face value," the official quoted earlier told UPI.

"The U.S. military is notoriously bad at taking blame, but the Bush administration has shown that it knows what's at stake."

Several Italian politicians have said they do not believe the American version of events. Some say the car was deliberately shot at.

Rather than calling immediately for assistance for the wounded Italians, the soldiers' first move was to confiscate their weapons and mobile phones and they were prevented from resuming contact with Rome for more than an hour.

"The incident could have very serious political consequences," Italy's La Stampa daily said in a front page editorial.

"The state of relations between the two governments, Italy and the United States, has suffered an immediate deterioration.

"Hour after hour, Washington's version given by the state department immediately after the incident has begun to unravel.

"The theory that an absence of coordination in Baghdad between the two allied commands and excessive secrecy by the Italians about their (rescue) mission led to the shooting near the airport, has faded."

"The Italian government said it had informed the United States about the very delicate operation which was about to begin.

"And the presence of an American colonel at Baghdad airport along with the Italian officers who were waiting for Sgrenna and her liberators, demonstrates that the operation was being conducted in harmony," the newspaper said.

It said however that a ransom was "almost certainly" paid to the kidnappers, even though any payment was "very probably" opposed by the Americans.

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you'll join with us in building a network of active duty organizers.

<http://www.traveling-soldier.org/> And join with Iraq War vets in the call to end the occupation and bring our troops home now! (www.ivaw.net)

Liberation Means Road Kill: “Several Casualties A Day”



Residents observe the car in which, according to eyewitnesses, an Iraqi civilian was killed during an overnight patrol by US and Iraqi soldiers in the Sadr City area of western Baghdad, Iraq Feb. 7, 2005: The fearful reality of everyday life on Iraqi roads. (AP Photo/Karim Kadim/ File)

"It's a real crime when U.S. forces open their fire toward innocent people," Salaheddin said. "They leave families in deep sorrow, they leave them helpless."

Mar 7 By RAWYA RAGEH and TODD PITMAN, Associated Press Writers

BAGHDAD, Iraq - They're told every day across Iraq— tragic stories of people dying in hails of gunfire, shattered windshields and car seats covered in blood.

"They're just cowboys," an infuriated Abdullah Mohammed said Monday of U.S. troops who killed his brother Feb. 28 in Ramadi. Mohammed said his brother edged too close to an American patrol. "They killed him without any reason, they suddenly shot at his car."

Iraqi civilians are getting tangled up in the violence as well, at an alarming rate.

Yarmouk hospital — just one of several large medical facilities in Baghdad — receives several casualties a day from such shootings, said Dr. Mohamed Salaheddin.

On Saturday, American soldiers fired on a civilian vehicle in Baghdad, killing a woman and wounding her husband, said Iqbal Sabban, a police officer.

Sabban said. "The Americans are sometimes jittery and open fire at civilians just like that."

While shooting deaths of Iraqi civilians are so common they're rarely reported in the media, deaths of foreigners can grab headlines and increase pressure on America's allies to pull out.

The debate is like that in the West Bank and Gaza, where Israeli troops have repeatedly shot at approaching cars, causing injuries and death. Later accounts often differ about whether a driver behaved suspiciously.

There, as in Iraq, the shootings underscored the dangers facing civilians and soldiers, and bolstered claims that the military was not in full control.

On the airport road, lines of U.S. Humvees inch along, snarling traffic. A hundred yards back, a three-vehicle-wide front-line of civilian traffic moves uneasily along.

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Absurd White House Asshole

From: Desmond
To: GI Special
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2005 8:24 PM
Subject: "it's absurd"

"It's absurd to make any such suggestion that our men and women in uniform would deliberately target innocent civilians." White House spokesman Scott McClellan, 3.7.05.

GI Special 3A6:

"Sometimes, they say, they fire on vehicles encroaching within 30 metres, sometimes they fire at 20 metres: 'If anyone gets too close to us we fucking waste them,' says a bullish lieutenant. **"It's kind of a shame, because it means we've killed a lot of innocent people."** -Lieutenant in Ramadi, Iraq, The Economist Dec 29th 2004

Bulgarian Official Says U.S. Troops Killed Bulgarian Soldier



Bulgarian soldiers carry the coffin of Gardi Gardev during a ceremony at Sofia airport.
(AFP)

March 7 BAGHDAD (Reuters) & By RAWYA RAGEH and TODD PITMAN, Associated Press Writers

U.S. forces in Iraq, already implicated in the killing of an Italian secret agent, are facing further strains with allies after Bulgaria said they had probably shot dead one of its soldiers.

The Bulgarian soldier was killed in southern Iraq on Friday evening, around the same time that U.S. forces in Baghdad opened fire on a vehicle taking kidnapped Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena to the airport shortly after her captors freed her.

Bulgarian Defence Minister Nikolai Svinarov said an investigation into the death of the Bulgarian soldier showed he was probably accidentally killed by American troops.

"Someone started shooting at our patrol from the west, and in the same direction, 150 metres (yards) away, there was a unit from the U.S. army," he told a news conference.

"The result gives us enough grounds to believe the death of rifleman Gardi Gardev was caused by friendly fire."

Svinarov said the Bulgarian army's chief of staff had written to General Richard Myers, chairman of the U.S. joint chiefs of staff, asking for an investigation.

The U.S. military had no immediate comment.

Some 75 percent of Bulgarians disagree with U.S.-led military operations in Iraq, according to opinion polls.

Bulgarian President Georgi Parvanov summoned the American ambassador, James Pardew, and complained about the lack of coordination among coalition

troops. And Svinarov insisted "the coalition partners undertake emergency measures to improve coordination."

In both Bulgaria and Italy, the deaths sparked debate over keeping troops in Iraq. Bulgaria has a 460-member infantry battalion in Iraq; Italy has deployed about 3,000 soldiers.

TROOP NEWS

Letter From A Soldier

*From: Ward Reilly
To: GI Special
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2005
Subject: From WIA soldier*

Every now and then we get a reminder of WHY we are doing this anti-war work...I am most fortunate on this day to have that for a moment.

Peace from Ward

Subject: your column was very touching
Date: Wed, 02 Mar 2005

Dear Ward Reilly,

My name is Brian Mxxx and I came across your column and the article, "Not Occupiers? U.S. Now Has Two Armies In Iraq".

When I read this It just brought back instant memories of that dreadfull day. I myself was there on the scene In Habbiniya when the M113 APC was hit. It was a surface to air Missile warhead that was burried in the ground and was then detonated on the APC.

I served in Iraq as a gunner for my brigade commander's (COL BUCK CONNOR) personal security detachment and we where the first on the scene as we where QRF for that day. **I have names of others that where KIA from 1st BDE as well that weren't mentioned if you are interested.**

Our BDE was deployed there in early sept of 2003 and we finally made it back to Fort Riley late sept 2004. My original unit was "Hamiltons Own" 1/5 Field Artillery Battalion before I was attached to HHC BDE Which I'm sure you are familiar with.

I printed out a copy of your column and am sending it to the driver of my humvee who is in a VA hospital now in manhattan NYC after an RPG hit our humvee AUG 23 2004 wounding myself the driver and another.

I'm just wanting to express that more people need to read your Column and know the truth of everything.

Thanks again for everything!

SPC. M
Vermont

***[This Is The Column The Soldier
Said Tells The Truth:]***
**Not Occupiers? U.S. Now Has Two
Armies In Iraq:
The Iraqi People Are DEFENDING
THEIR NATION Against An Army Of
OCCUPIERS.**

By Ward Reilly: 4/6/2004 9:31:00 PM – Columnist

President "Dubya" Bush says "it is NOT an occupation". As a former Occupation soldier in the 1st Infantry Division, I strongly beg to disagree.

And today, in condemning Iraqi Shiite "radical" Mogtada al-Sadr, who is holed up in a Mosque, President George "Dubya" Bush dared to says that "it looks like this one man has made the decision to go to war all by himself".

UNBELIEVABLE!!! Bush condemning a man for fighting without allied approval!

Is this 1984? George WHO? It can't be 2004!

On March 31, 2004, 5 members of my old Infantry unit, the First Infantry Division, a.k.a. "The Big Red One", were killed in Iraq. They were killed doing what I did a lot 33 years ago, for long 3 years in a foreign country, which was riding around in an Armored Personnel Carrier (APC) as an Occupation Army soldier. Their APC was blown up by a land mine, and let me tell you that it takes a damn big explosion to kill 5 soldiers in an APC.

I am dedicating this article to their sacrifice, and to all 14 of the dead from the "Big Red One" that were killed in Iraq in March, 2004, alone.

Fourteen from the 1st Division, in one month! I want to tell you about them, even if the "free press" doesn't.

However, that is not what this article is about...This article is about mercenaries acting in OUR name, the failure of our press, and what the definition of "an occupation army" is.

"Mission Accomplished", President Dubya? "Bring 'Em On" Mr. Tough-Guy Bush?

They are "bringing it on" all right. And our troops are defenseless victims of Bush's mouth, and his lies.

When I got the news that 5 members of the First Infantry Division had been killed that day, I did what I rarely do, that being to turn on the television to watch the evening news, because I wanted to find out exactly what happened to my brothers. But something terribly common happened on the news that day, and the U.S. soldiers that gave their lives for you and me were hardly even mentioned.

However, what WAS mentioned, and what is still be mentioned daily, one week later, even hourly, is something that happened on the same day that my brothers-in-Infantry were killed. On all 5 stations I looked at, those being ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, and CNN, they were running long and dramatic stories about "4 coalition civilian contract workers" that were also killed that day.

They were called "civilians" in the flurry of news that covered their grizzly deaths, but the truth is that they weren't just civilian workers imported to Iraq to help rebuild the country, they were, in fact, paid paramilitary mercenaries.

There was horror, shock, and cries of "Mogadishu Revisited" in response to the deaths of 4 men who decided to go into Iraq as civilian mercenaries, but there wasn't a peep of horror out of the TV media over the fact that 5 brave volunteer Infantry soldiers had been blown up, or of the two U.S. Marines also killed that day.

Each and every news show I watched pulled up the footage of the U.S. soldier that had been killed and dragged around Mogadishu, drawing incorrect parallels between the bodies being dragged around the streets of Fallujah, and his. They were using that incident to turn the feelings of the TV news audience against the Iraqis of Fallujah.

So, while there was a blitzkrieg of media coverage for four dead mercenaries, soldiers-of-fortune that were earning between \$5000-\$10,000 a month to carry weapons and guard oil and other U.S. "interests", the men that took the oath to protect OUR NATION and OUR CONSTITUTION, for about \$1800 a month I might add, got hardly a whisper of mention from the press over their deaths. Why, I ask? And that is something you should be asking too...

Before President George "Dubya" Bush forced his "war" against Iraq down the worlds collective throat, he said "First, we will demonstrate to the people of Iraq and the world that the United States and the coalition aspire to liberate, not to occupy Iraq."

His representative to the world, U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte, said on March 27th, 2003, speaking FOR President Dubya Bush, that the "Coalition aspires to liberate, not occupy, Iraq."

If this isn't an occupation, then those men from the First Infantry Division AREN'T DEAD. But they ARE dead. They are gone, and so is any chance that Iraq will be our friend and/or ally for a long, long, time, if ever.

For certain not before our "non-occupational" army is gone. We attacked a country based on lies, we have killed at least 10,000 innocent civilians, and we have mirrored the Israeli/Palestinian disaster, but on a much larger scale.

We are screwed. Iraq is screwed. "Mission Accomplished," Dubya?

"Major combat operations are over" you said... but the Occupation has just begun, and have mercy on us all, if the President doesn't consider what is happening in Iraq right now to be "major combat operations". I wonder what the guys in the 1st & 16th think?

I wonder if they think "major combat operations" are over?

When the current administration says that we are "turning over" Iraq to its' people in June, that don't mean that our military is leaving, even though our nation was led to believe that we were "not to occupy Iraq" as the President and his cabinet stated, over and over.

I asked another Vietnam era grunt from the First Division, my friend Ron Betts, who served with Co. "C", 2nd & 18th Infantry, 1966-1967, what he thinks about the hired guns. He is mad. He said "I think that I've caught all the news reports. The deaths of five of our BROs has not been mentioned one time; the tale of their deaths has not garnered a single word today.

None of the media even did a "by the way" on our fallen comrades; like, 'Oh! By the way, five soldiers of the First Infantry Division also died today when their ARMORED personnel carrier got blown to smithereens by a massive road-side bomb.' (They did have plenty of time for an Exxon commercial, I might add)

Their sacrifice has been totally overwhelmed by the assassination of the four "soldiers of fortune"; the civilian security guards from Blackwater Security Corp., who were essentially 'mercenaries' being paid \$15K/mo (about 10 X E-3 pay)" Betts added. "Sorry Pal, but I've really got my knickers in a knot over this example of the embedded media. 'Support Our Troops' obviously takes the back-seat when corporate hirelings meet their end in a similar and violent fashion as do our soldiers daily."

An example of the types of people that are working as contractors reads as follows; Last month, The Forward's Marc Perelman reported that contractor Erinys International

utilized "former henchman of South Africa's apartheid regime" to guard oil facilities and train new Iraqi police.

"François Strydom, who was killed in the January 28 bombing of a hotel in Baghdad, was a former member of the Koevoet, a notoriously brutal counterinsurgency arm of the South African military that operated in Namibia during the neighboring state's fight for independence in the 1980s. His colleague Deon Gouws, who was injured in the attack, is a former officer of the Vlakplaas, a secret police unit in South Africa," wrote Perelman. USA Blackwater isn't the only security firm hiring ex-military of disturbing origin.

The 4 men that are still getting all the media hype today, one week after their deaths, were, and are, being called "contract security forces", and they are another example of what is so horribly wrong in Iraq. The news media reported that these 4 mercenaries were killed by "insurgents", or "loyalists of Saddam", but in the film footage in these news reports I saw of these deaths, you could see that it was every type of regular Iraqi citizen dancing in the streets to celebrate those killings.

There were children and women, young and old, and the look of happiness and joy on their faces was unmistakable. They had killed "the enemy".

And that is what the U.S. military AND the civilian "contract workers" are in Iraq now. The ENEMY. Not liberators. Hardly the saviors "Dubya Bush" sold us on.

We are the ENEMY in Iraq, against a nation now defending itself. We want their oil, and they do too.

Today, you can watch the propaganda from the media unfolding before your eyes, as they act as tools for the government/White House, instead of upholding their responsibility to be the free and unbiased press. You can see them using the deaths of 4 mercenaries to build a hate campaign against citizens of Iraq that they label as "terrorists", but it is WE that are the "terrorists" here, now using paid thugs to control the civilians that disagree with an occupying force.

The Iraqi people are DEFENDING THEIR NATION against an army of OCCUPIERS.

Don't forget that the Iraqis were (also) told that our army would not occupy their land.

They were told that we just wanted to find WMD`s. Well, scratch that. No WMD`s anywhere, in spite of being told HUNDREDS of times by the Bush Administration that they were there. Then we were told we just wanted Saddam, remember? OK, we got Saddam and his spider-hole. Oops, we're still there. Why?

The press is allowing itself to be used to justify the unfolding siege/battle of Fallujah. The OCCUPATION of Fallujah. The bombs are falling as I write this, in retribution for the deaths of 4 mercenaries. And still hardly a peep about the GI's getting murdered in the same way, day after sickening day. I bet they wish they were earning \$5000 a month. I bet they wish they were out of Iraq, period.

The salaries of the "contract workers" can be as high as \$1,000 a day, the news agency AFP recently reported. A 28-year-old former US army sergeant working in Iraq, told

AFP: "This place is a goldmine. All you need is five years in the military and you come here and make a good bundle."

A "goldmine" he says? Ask the Infantry about that. The only "mines" they are finding are LANDMINES!

Facts concerning the contracted military presence in Iraq is difficult to obtain. The Center For Public Integrity's list of U.S. contractors in Iraq, garnered from government agencies awarding contracts, failed to list several security firms now in Iraq.

There is no tally of mercenaries injured or killed in Iraq, nor, of course, the number of Iraqis they've killed or wounded. Estimates for the number of private soldiers now in Iraq range from at least 10,000 to over 20,000, with more expected to pour in as the security situation worsens and as countries hesitate to commit their own troops beyond June 30 hand over of civilian authority to the interim Iraq Governing Council.

As The Washington Post reported last week, the Coalition Provisional Authority earmarked \$100,000,000 to replace U.S. troops guarding Baghdad's "Green Area" (current home of the CPA and USAID contractors, and future site of the massive new US Embassy) with private security for the first 14 months after the "hand over". Why do we have \$100,000,000 for protection of an embassy zone for one year, while we are cutting veterans benefits and money to charity hospitals all over our country this year?

If it looks like an "occupation", if it smells like an "occupation" and it tastes like an "occupation", but the president says its NOT an "occupation"...well what can I say? It IS an occupation, Dubya. I don't care what you say. You are DISHONORING our REAL TROOPS with your lies, just as you have dishonored our nation with lies to start this war.

All I know for sure is that our troops are getting slaughtered every day, and that they are not getting treated as the "great liberators" that Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, Powell and Rice told them they would be treated as, and that the press cares more about mercenary soldiers of fortune than they do our REAL troops.

Bring them home NOW, President Bush, and let's see how long your mercenary army can take the heat. Summer is coming, and the Iraqis are getting more angry every day, and it is going to get hotter and hotter, both physically, and mentally, each and every day.

So here is to my brothers and sisters in the First Infantry Division, troops that are being used as sitting ducks for \$1800 a month. I love you all, and I want you out of there now. The President says you are not occupiers. You deserve better from your Commander In Chief. Much, much better. Some of us know the difference between "occupiers" and "liars." George Bush, our self-proclaimed "War President" is both.

This article is dedicated to the following REAL U.S. troops, all KIA in March, 2004, in case you hadn't heard...during the OCCUPATION of Iraq:

Spc. Sean R. Mitchell 24 31 Mar 2004 1st Engineer Bn, 1st BDE, 1st Infantry Division Killed in a roadside bomb explosion near their armored personnel carrier in Habbaniyah, Al-Anbar province, west of the capital, Baghdad.

Spc. Michael G. Karr Jr. 23 31 Mar 2004 1st Engineer Bn, 1st BDE, 1st Infantry Division Killed in a roadside bomb explosion near their armored personnel carrier in Habbaniyah, Al-Anbar province, west of the capital, Baghdad.

Pfc. Cleston C. Raney 20 31 Mar 2004 1st Engineer Bn, 1st BDE, 1st Infantry Division Killed in a roadside bomb explosion near their armored personnel carrier in Habbaniyah, Al-Anbar province, west of the capital, Baghdad.

Pvt. Brandon L. Davis 20 31 Mar 2004 1st Engineer Bn, 1st BDE, 1st Infantry Division Killed in a roadside bomb explosion near their armored personnel carrier in Habbaniyah, Al-Anbar province, west of the capital, Baghdad

1st Lt. Doyle M. Hufstedler 25 31 Mar 2004 1st Engineer Bn, 1st BDE, 1st Infantry Division Killed in a roadside bomb explosion near their armored personnel carrier in Habbaniyah, Al-Anbar province, west of the capital, Baghdad

Sgt. 1st Class Richard S. Gottfried 42 9 Mar 2004 1st Division Support Command, 1st Infantry Division Vehicle Struck by improvised explosive device in Tampa, Iraq

Staff Sgt. Joe L. Dunigan Jr. 37 11 Mar 2004 1st Bn, 16th Infantry Bde, 1st Infantry Division Improvised explosive device during convoy escort northeast of Habbiniyah

Spc. Christopher K. Hill 26 11 Mar 2004 1st Bn, 16th Infantry Bde, 1st Infantry Division Improvised explosive device during convoy escort northeast of Habbiniyah

Capt. John F. Kurth 31 13 Mar 2004 1-18th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division Patrol encountered an improvised explosive device in Tikrit

Spc. Jason C. Ford 21 13 Mar 2004 1-18th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division Patrol encountered an improvised explosive device in Tikrit

Spc. Tracy L. Laramore Spc. 30 17 Mar 2004 1-18th Infantry Regiment Died of injuries sustained when his Bradley Fighting Vehicle went over an embankment and flipped over in the river in Baji, Iraq

Pfc. Jason C. Ludlam 22 19 Mar 2004 2-2nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division Electrocuted in Ba'qubah, Iraq, while laying telephone wires

Spc. Clint Richard Matthews 31 19 Mar 2004 1-18th Infantry Regiment Died in Baji, Iraq, from injuries sustained when his Bradley Fighting Vehicle went over a 60-foot embankment and flipped over on March 17

Pvt. Dustin L. Kreider 19 21 Mar 2004 1-26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division Killed by friendly fire during a unit weapon test-firing incident

May you never be forgotten, and may you rest in peace.

I can only apologize for your Commander In Chief.

What do you think? Comments from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Send to contact@militaryproject.org. Name, I.D., withheld on request. Replies confidential.

Wounded Still Fucked Over

[Boston Globe, March 7, 2005]

The Pentagon must make sure that the reservists wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan continue to receive their pay and benefits while recuperating. **There have been too many cases of troops being cut off for as long as 101 days---a truly reprehensible situation.**

1,350 Dutch Soldiers Hand Over Command; Pulling Out Of Iraq

Brussels, March 7 IRIB News

Brussels, March 7 - **Dutch forces in Iraq officially handed over command of their Camp Smitty base to British troops on Monday marking the end of the 20-month Dutch mission in the country, Radio Netherlands said.**

The handover ceremony was attended by Dutch Chief of Defense Staff Lieutenant-General D. L. Berlijn and a number of local Iraqi officials.

The Netherlands has 1,350 troops stationed in Iraq.

IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP

Baquaba Resistance Attacks In Force:

Eight Occupation Cops & Guards Killed

3/7/2005 By TODD PITMAN, Associated Press Writer & Independent Online & (Reuters)

Guerrillas launched a series of attacks in Baquba on Monday.

Police in Baquba, a mixed Sunni and Shi'ite town 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad, said the attack began when five Iraqi soldiers were killed in an ambush.

The Baquba assaults included a car bomb, three roadside bombs and small arms attacks three checkpoints, one of them just south of Baquba in Muradiyah, said police Col. Mudhafar al-Jubbori

In the attack near the city, a group of about 20 insurgents in five vehicles attacked an army checkpoint with assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades, killing five Iraqi soldiers. The troops fought back, killing one of the attackers. Nine people were wounded, House said.

The resistance fighters detonated a car bomb that killed two policemen on their way to reinforce the troops, police and hospital sources said.

The car bomb, which targeted a convoy of police vehicles heading to the scene of the clashes, also wounded eight policemen and four civilians, they said.

U.S. Maj. Ed House said the dead included the bomber, two police, three soldiers and three civilians.

Guerrillas also fired a mortar around near the blue-domed governor's office, causing no casualties, a spokesman for the U.S. 42nd Infantry Division, Maj. Richard Goldenberg.

Cell-Phone Technology An Explosive Tool For Resistance

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WASHINGTON-- The efficiency of cell-phone technology in rebuilding Iraq has a drawback in that insurgents are using the hand-held devices to orchestrate attacks and set off roadside bombs, defense officials say.

Insurgents have been able to capitalize on the growing availability to create their own mobile command-and-control centers. Bomb-makers also use cell phones to remotely set off improvised explosive devices (IEDs), the roadside devices that have killed scores of U.S. troops.

Charles Krohn, an Army official in Baghdad from 2003 to 2004, said the insurgents developed an ingenious way to thwart eavesdropping as they set up meetings and attacks.

"They would use more than one phone to send a message," said Mr. Krohn, a visiting professor at the University of Michigan. "They would deliver part of the message on one number and call another number to deliver another part of the message. So if someone was listening, they would only get part of the message. If you were concerned about eavesdropping, you would want to use more than one telephone and there is no shortage of cell phones in Iraq."

Virtually all spoken electronic communication in the country is done via cell or satellite phones, not land lines. The constant chatter does give the National Security Agency and specialized commando units opportunities to intercept conversations. **But the technology seems to be doing the insurgency more good than harm.**

Sources said insurgents have the know-how to make one cell phone communicate with a second phone whose components are built into the bomb's triggering mechanism.

"We don't quite know how to combat that," the defense source said.

U.S. troops seized a video that shows insurgents in a car that passes an Army convoy going in the opposite direction, said a Marine officer who fought in the notorious Al Anbar Province west of Baghdad. When the convoy reached a certain point, the men in the vehicle can be seen using a cell phone to detonate a hidden IED. Insurgents use other types of phones. In April, near the insurgent-heavy town of Latifiyah, an Army convoy was devastated by a series of IEDs. An investigation showed that bombs were ignited by satellite phones activated by another satellite phone, the Marine officer said.

Senate Armed Services Chairman John Warner, Virginia Republican, lamented that U.S. countermeasures are not keeping pace with terrorist IED making.

"It's almost a leapfrog," he said. "As soon as we get a system which seems to be producing the effectiveness, they leapfrog to another technology and keep moving forward."

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OCCUPATION REPORT

Occupation Command Orders Arrest Of Women, Children In Mosque Raid

BAGHDAD, March 7 (KUNA)

A joint squad of the Iraqi Army and US forces arrested on Monday 60 terror suspects in two separate operations in the cities of Baghdad and Mosul.

A statement by the Multi-National Forces in Iraq said that US and Iraqi soldiers cracked down on a mosque at the Dora area, and arrested 52 people including women and children. The detainees will be interrogated.

Fresh Occupation Idiocy: Food Rots As Iraqis Starve Because Scanners Don't Work; "People Here Are Dying, In Need Of Food."

07 Mar 2005 (IRIN)

Food supplies in Iraq are being disrupted as hundreds of trucks carrying fresh and canned food have been unable to cross the Iraqi-Syrian border for more than two weeks, after the interim government imposed tighter controls to prevent insurgency, officials said. [So, to make U.S. politicians' lies about the resistance coming from Syria look good, the command closes the border, food rots, people go hungry, and another 20,000 join the resistance and kill every American in sight. Fucking brilliant.]

The Iraqi government has practically closed the border for security reasons.

Lines of trucks stretching kilometres can be seen at the Syrian border. Fresh food has started to go off inside the trunks and drivers say they and the companies they are working for are facing huge losses. **Some returned back to Damascus, the Syrian capital after the food they were carried had spoiled.**

Sophisticated truck-scanning equipment has not been working for more than two weeks, which has compounded the delays. US troops are using dogs to keep drivers inside the trucks, afraid that their movement in the border area could affect local security.

"It's really an abuse against us. We are just doing our job. I have finished the personal supplies that I had taken with me and don't have any more food for myself and there are no place to buy any more," Saluan Ahmed, a driver from the central Ramadi city, who has been stuck at the border for more than two weeks, told IRIN.

The slowdown is also affecting food security in the country.

According to a recent World Food Programme (WFP) report, the border closure has delayed the import of some food commodities into Iraq and there are significant countrywide shortfalls in ghee (purified butter), sugar and milk. Some governorates reported a serious lack of nearly every Public Distribution System (PDS) service, the annual monthly food ration that most Iraqis receive.

Yunnis Bashir, a spokesman for the Ministry of Trade (MoT), responsible for the ration distribution, told IRIN that the bottlenecks at the border have caused a delay in distribution this month and that if the situation continues it will worsen availability of food supplies.

"We understand that the government wants to secure borders, but I believe that food is another issue here and if they are maintaining good security at the borders, they can prevent the insurgents from entering and let food come in to the country," Bashir said.

Some 6.5 million people, 25 percent of the entire population, remain highly dependent on food rations and are therefore vulnerable, according to the WFP's baseline food security assessment, the first of its kind in Iraq and released in May 2004.

Just under half of that figure are so poor that they have to resell part of their food rations to buy basic necessities such as medicine and clothes. A further 3.6 million Iraqis, 14 percent of the population, would become food insecure if the rationing system were discontinued.

Border inspection is much more rigorous now. Syrian men aged between 15 and 50 years old cannot enter Iraq and those who do not fit into those age limits must be accompanied by a close Iraqi female relative.

Iraqis believe that the security measures taken at the border are causing havoc in daily life.

"At the same time that they close the borders they are also decreasing our good relations with Syria. **People here are dying, in need of food and food is being lost at the border, it's not right,**" Labiba Hussein, a mother of two from Fallujah, told IRIN.

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