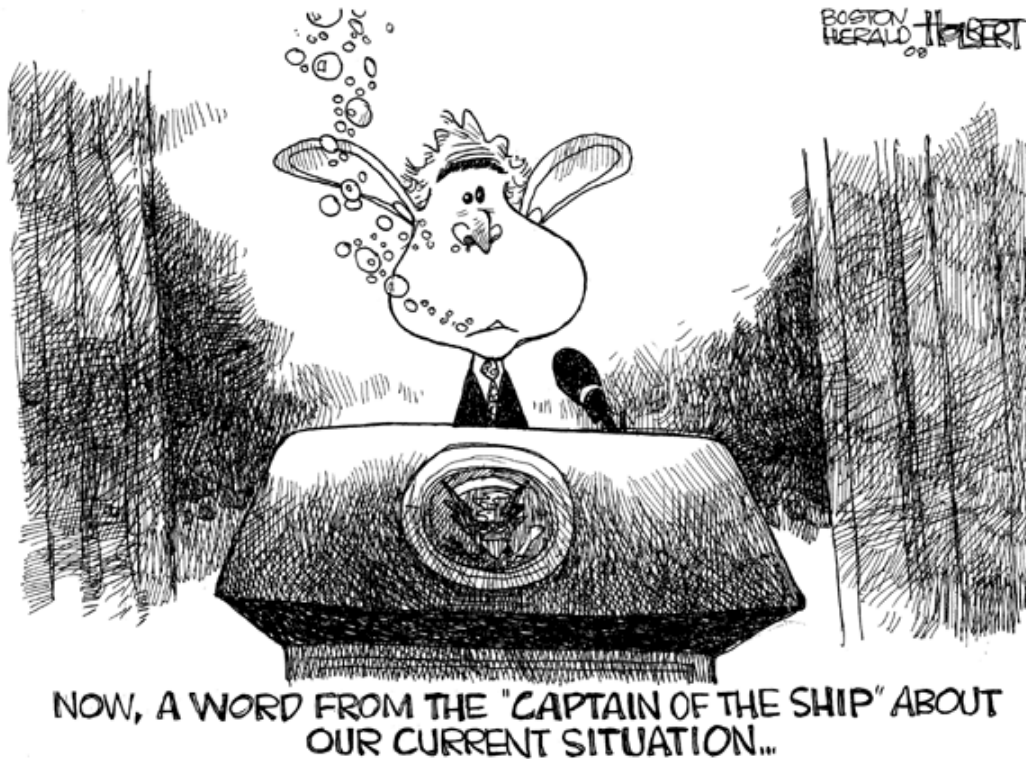


GI SPECIAL 6J15:



Re-Up? You're Crazy:

"I Hate This Guy"

"Let's Run Down The List Of Offenses"

"My Asshole Is Lubricating Itself For The Familiar Feeling Of The Big Green Deep Dicking That's About To Come My Way"

October 11, 2008 By Joe; Fobbits Need Ice Cream Too; Kbrsecurity.blogspot.com/

Age: 23

Gender: Male
Industry: Military
Occupation: Ice Cream Man
Location: An Nasiriyah, Scania, BIAP, TQ, Taji, Balad, Mosul, Baqubah: Iraq

So everyone that will be ETSing while we are on cool-down (3 months no drill upon returning) is getting pestered to re-up.

I am one of these people.

I go before the recruiting and retention NCO for our company which is our old platoon sergeant before he took a desk job as operations NCO for this deployment.

I hate this guy.

We'll call him SFC Hooah because he is a (National Guard) Ranger and most of his spoken word consists of saying "Hooah".

Like if we see him and say "hey sergeant, how are you?" he will respond with "hooah." Or, "hey sergeant, how is the new baby doing?" "hooah."

Let's run down the list of offenses:

1) When I enlist, I am told although I am slotted for this company, I can transfer once I am down with basic and infantry AIT to a company about 15 min from my apartment in Kalamazoo.

Upon returning from training, SFC Hooah tells me we are pressed for men and I cannot transfer.

It will turn out later that I could have transferred up to 6 months after I got back from training before our company was put on stop-loss for mobilization.

I drive from western Kalamazoo to the east side of Detroit every month for drill, a roundtrip of about 500 miles or 2 tanks of gas (\$75 at the beginning and \$150 or so right before we leave country), plus a hotel room for however many nights drill is if we are doing homestation drill (where we drill at our armory).

Sometimes I drive all the way to Detroit just to get into a bus or humvee to drive to Fort Custer, which is 20 minutes from my apartment in Kalamazoo.

I call every month to SFC Hooah and ask to just meet the unit there and am denied.

I submit travel vouchers for the cost of travel to SFC Hooah and nothing ever comes of them.

SFC Hooah at this time is the platoon sergeant, supply sergeant, recruiting/retention NCO, and training NCO.

2) When I return from training, I inquire about my bonus. I received a \$10,000 enlistment bonus and my first \$5,000 is due to me.

I did not join the military for the money, but I didn't join to do it for free either.

I definitely didn't join to pay hundreds of dollars out of my pocket each month to do it. The bonus can help alleviate the costs of travel.

It takes 6 months for me to get it, me calling periodically at first, then daily to SFC Hooah.

I eventually go over his head and call the state finance office directly and speak to a Major who processes my bonus the same day.

SFC Hooah fucks the paperwork up and I am slotted for two payments of \$2500 on the same day, but they pay three payments of \$2500. This is taxed 25% off the top (normal), and I receive a payment of \$5000 after taxes. The extra payment is taken off the next day when I call the same Major.

Everything is normal until I receive a "debt" on my LES (leave and earnings statement; how to track your army pay) for \$3500. I call SFC Hooah and let him know that the Army took back the extra \$3500 they paid me. He fails to update the paperwork.

I spend the year paying down this \$3500 out of drill pay and AT (annual training) pay. I make almost no money from the Guard for the year and spend thousands out of my pocket to travel to drill.

Eventually I apply for a credit card exclusively for gas and hotel rooms to come to drill.

Calling SFC Hooah and submitting copies of my LES to show him that I am paying down part of my bonus that got taken back because I wasn't due it yet proves worthless.

3) In June, we do an entire month for AT instead of 2 weeks because we are mobilizing. No big deal. I have no gear despite being in the unit for 6 months at this time. SFC Hooah tells me he ordered a set of TA-50 for me a long time ago and doesn't know where it is.

I never get this gear, despite SFC Hooah putting it on the books that I have it all already.

I will pay \$500 out of pocket in October when we go to turn in old gear and get new gear (green rucksack exchange for ACU rucksack...etc) because despite not having any gear except the uniform on my back and boots on my feet, my records show I was issued all this gear.

Despite having talked to him at least weekly if not daily, when are doing this gear "showdown," SFC Hooah asks me if this is my first drill. This is when it clicks in my head that this guy has been pushing my paper off the side of his desk as soon as I get off the phone with him and going back to playing Solitaire.

I've talked to him hundreds of times in the 10 months at this time that I've been with the unit, and he doesn't even know who I am.

I inquire about how to use my GI Bill, loan repayment and tuition assistance for college. SFC Hooah tells me I MUST go through the unit and fill out these forms.

Nothing ever happens and I pay for the semester out of my pocket. After going to the VA rep at my school, it turns out the Army has online forms that I fill out that get sent right to army finance who pays my GI Bill and tuition assistance.

4) For said October drill, which is two weeks long, we are told it is mandatory that we go to do our gear showdown and take CLS (combat lifesaver) class. I put it up the chain of command that I am already CLS qualified from a previous month's drill, and that since I have no gear, do I need to go to the showdown?

October is in the middle of the semester and while I (at this time) will always put my military commitments first, if I don't have to miss class I really would like not to. SFC

Hooah tells me I must come.

It turns out the company commander made an exemption for people in college and SFC

Hooah didn't know I was a college student despite the fact that I talked with him multiple times about GI Bill/tuition assistance help for the previous spring semester. This further reinforces the fact that SFC Hooah does not even know who I am.

I almost fail two classes because of this drill.

5) In December, I come to the armory for a one-day Christmas party.

I request not to come because I live 500 miles away and I am not very religious, especially not for an American Christmas party where we have to dress up as Santa and give presents out to kids.

This is denied and I spend 3 days in my class A's.

3 days after getting back to Kalamazoo, SFC Hooah calls me and tells me I need to come to the armory and pick up some stuff that just came in for everyone.

Since we go title 10 (active duty) on January 5th and will be at the armory then, I ask if it can wait. It can't. I drive 500 miles and kill a day to drive to Detroit.

The items that I absolutely had to come pick up was a laundry bag and a green scarf.

These are still in the backseat of my truck. On Dec 18th I get a call. I have to come to the armory; they've lost my pre-mobe paperwork and I have to do a 5 day program to go through the same medical tests and gear showdowns that I've done twice in 6 months (June and October).

I drive from Kalamazoo to Detroit yet again. Gas is approaching \$5 a gallon and I spend close to \$500 just on gas to drive to Detroit 3 times. The total on the credit card for 12

months of drill is around \$4500 at this time and as of this post, it has just been paid off recently.

6) In January, I again submit all my LES' showing the bonus debt I've been paying on, travel vouchers for driving to drill at my own cost, and for being charged for gear I was never given.

Nothing is done at our mobe site; I end up buying more gear that I was never issued such as a PT belt, elbow/knee pads and a camelbak.

7) My next pay period has a \$366 charge on it for "lost/damaged government property." No one knows where this charge is from or what equipment is broken. The sentiment seems to be "tough shit."

8) My team leader thinks E-4 is a rank to be taken seriously and denies a recommendation to waiver my time-in-grade requirement to be promoted and I have to wait out the entire 18 month requirement while I see people in the same platoon and squad go from E-2 to E-4 in months.

I argue that if anything, I take my job more seriously than my TL considering I have twice the mission days he does (most in company and 3rd most in the battalion) because he goes to Kuwait City as much as possible on MWR trips to stare at chicks and sip latte's.

Yesterday when he comes over with the radios and asks for help, because we've been doing this for 10 months and he still doesn't know how to change the security encryption (a weekly thing) on the radios or program them, I make a snide comment about taking your job seriously.

9) I posted about this before, but I was told I could and signed the forms to extend for 12 months back in June but was told a month ago that I could not.

In June I had most of my shit put into storage by my family and the unnecessary shit like my TV sold.

I've spent the last month looking for an apartment and having my shit moved into said apartment as well as sending my personal things home at my own expense.

I was told today that since I had already signed the extension form, they might keep me afterall. This news comes within 45 days of redeployment stateside.

My asshole is lubricating itself for the familiar feeling of the big green deep dicking that's about to come my way.

I don't bring any of these points up, I just laugh manically when asked what I am looking for on my next contract.

Currently both team leader slots are taken, the bravo team leader is freshly promoted, my team leader is leaving but our squad leader will be coming back down to take the alpha TL slot.

Our platoon sergeant will once again become the squad leader and SFC Hooah will once again be in charge of our platoon.

There is no promotion available for a very long time; the 1SG is retiring but SFC Hooah is the least senior E7 for the slot. My squad leader is the least senior E6 for SFC Hooah's slot and thus SGT Semper Fi (former marine), the ATL before this deployment and now after, will not be getting the squad leader slot anytime soon.

Although I am the most senior E4, and only member, of alpha team, I am not the most senior E4 in the squad and other SPC's will be up for the TL slots long before me.

I am not really interested in scrubbing shitters and mopping floors for 3 or 4 more years.

My current life plan is to enlist in the (active) Navy as a Corpsman and do a 2 year stint to get my GI Bill up to 100%, finish undergrad on my own dime and attend either med school or PA school.

This grandiose plan is subject to change once I've had some beer.

SFC Hooah tells me I will have to go talk to the squadron commander and CSM about why I don't want to re-enlist.

He asks me to write down my reasons on a form and I write down "I don't want to re-enlist."

This isn't a good enough reason I am told, so I write "my boots fit kind of tight" instead. I ask why the squadron commander gives a shit since we are not organic to his unit anyways?

I am told I am free to leave.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

U.S. CF Soldier Killed By Diyala IDF Attack

10/16/08 Multi National Corps Iraq Public Affairs Office, Camp Victory RELEASE No. 20081016-13

BAQUBAH, Iraq – A Coalition force Soldier was killed in an indirect fire attack Oct. 16 in Diyala.

REALLY BAD PLACE TO BE:

ALL HOME NOW



U.S. Army soldiers from 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment with their replacements from 25th Infantry Division in Baqouba, Iraq, Oct. 6, 2008. (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)

Four Flying Iraqis Wounded

Oct 16 (Reuters)

Four civilians were wounded when Iraqi troops fired shots into the air in eastern Mosul, police said.

**OCCUPATION ISN'T LIBERATION
ALL TROOPS HOME NOW!**

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE
END THE OCCUPATIONS**

**U.S. OCCUPATION RECRUITING
DRIVE IN HIGH GEAR;
RECRUITING FOR THE ARMED
RESISTANCE THAT IS**



Foreign occupation soldiers from the U.S. soldiers search a house during an armed home invasion raid in Baghdad's Ameen district October 14, 2008. Photo: REUTERS/Thaier al-Sudani

[There's nothing quite like invading somebody else's country and busting into their houses by force to arouse an intense desire to kill you in the patriotic, self-respecting civilians who live there.

[But your commanders know that, don't they? Don't they?]

Iraqi citizens have no right to resist home invasions by occupation soldiers from the USA. If they do, they may be arrested, wounded, or killed.



[images.google.com]

English soldiers search an American settler's house (1770's)

Declared Bill Ehrhart, a marine in Vietnam:

In grade school we learned about the redcoats, the nasty British soldiers that tried to stifle our freedom. Subconsciously, but not very subconsciously, I began increasingly to have the feeling that I was a redcoat. I think it was one of the most staggering realizations of my life.

“In the States, if police burst into your house, kicking down doors and swearing at you, you would call your lawyer and file a lawsuit,” said Wood, 42, from Iowa, who did not accompany Halladay’s Charlie Company, from his battalion, on Thursday’s raid. “Here, there are no lawyers. Their resources are limited, so they plant IEDs (improvised explosive devices) instead.”

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

U.S. Soldier Killed As Afghan Tower Guard Attacks Patrol With Grenade; “Second Time In Less Than A Month That An Afghan Officer Has Killed A U.S. Soldier”

October 16, 2008 By FISNIK ABRASHI, Associated Press Writer

An Afghan policeman opened fire and tossed a hand grenade on a U.S. military patrol in eastern Afghanistan, killing an American soldier, the U.S. military said Thursday.

It was the second time in less than a month that an Afghan officer has killed a U.S. soldier, raising concerns that militants may have infiltrated the Afghan police force.

In the latest attack on U.S. soldiers, the policeman standing on a tower attacked the American foot patrol in Bermel district of the eastern Paktika province, the military said. The troops returned fire on the tower, killing the policemen.

Foreign Occupation Soldiers Kill Foreign Occupation Soldier, Wound More: Nationality Not Announced

October 16, 2008 By FISNIK ABRASHI, Associated Press Writer

A U.S.-led coalition member was killed and several others were wounded also in eastern Afghanistan after “a possible errant mortar round” aimed for insurgents hit their patrol, the U.S. military said. The statement did not say where it happened.

British Soldier Killed In Helmand

Oct 16 LONDON (AFP)

A British soldier who died in an explosion while serving with NATO-led troops in Afghanistan is expected to be named on Thursday.

The soldier, from D Squadron Household Cavalry Regiment, was killed while on routine patrol about 23 kilometres (14 miles) north of Forward Operating Base Delhi in Helmand province, in the south of the country on Wednesday.

Blast Wounds Three Canadian Soldiers In Zhari District

Oct. 16 2008 CTV

Three Canadian soldiers were injured when an improvised explosive device was detonated Wednesday near Kandahar city in the Zhari district of Kandahar province.

Two of the soldiers are in fair condition, while one is in critical condition.

The troops were on a foot patrol when the blast occurred, according to military spokesperson Maj. Jay Janzen.

He said the wounded soldiers were airlifted to the hospital at Kandahar Airfield, where they are being treated for their injuries.

**Taliban Organizing Stable
Afghan Society:
“The Police Are Just For Show.
The Taliban Are The Real Power
Here”**

“In Several Provinces Close To Kabul, The Government’s Presence Is Vanishing Or Already Nonexistent”

“The Existence Of Taliban Power Structures So Close To Kabul Shows The Extent To Which The Afghan Government Has Lost Control Of The Country”

October 15, 2008 By Anand Gopal, Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

In provinces just south of Kabul, the insurgents have a shadow government that polices roads and runs courts

Porak, Afghanistan - After a gang of thieves had continually terrorized an Afghan neighborhood near here months ago, locals decided they’d had enough. “We complained several times to the government and even showed them where the thieves lived,” says Ahmad, who goes by one name.

But the bandits continued to operate freely. So the villagers turned to the Taliban.

The militants’ parallel government here in Logar Province – less than 40 miles from Kabul, the capital – tried and convicted the men, tarred their faces, paraded them around, and threatened to chop off their hands if they were caught stealing in the future.

The thieves never bothered the locals again.

In several provinces close to Kabul, the government’s presence is vanishing or already nonexistent, residents say.

In its place, a more effective – and brutal – Taliban shadow government is spreading and winning local support. “The police are just for show,” one local says. “The Taliban are the real power here.”

Widespread disillusionment with rampant crime, corrupt government, and lack of jobs has fueled the Taliban’s rise to de facto power – though mainly in areas dominated by fellow ethnic Pashtuns.

Still, the existence of Taliban power structures so close to Kabul shows the extent to which the Afghan government has lost control of the country.

When President Hamid Karzai's government first took power in 2001, "authorities gave every family in Logar two kilos of food," says a local resident who works with an international nongovernmental organization and identifies himself as Abdel Qabir.

"When that ran out each family received \$200 assistance. But that, too, ran out, and people had no money and there were criminals everywhere.

"So people turned to the Taliban," Mr. Qabir continues. "They may not provide jobs, but at least they share the same culture and brought security."

Villagers say that almost every household in Logar Province has Taliban fighters.

By day the area is quiet – most people stay indoors behind large mud walls or tend to their fields. A tiny roadside market sells dried fruits and soft drinks, and the shops often go unattended for hours.

As nightfall approaches, Taliban fighters slowly emerge from the houses and surrounding hillsides, some lugging rocket-propelled grenade launchers over their shoulders, ready to begin a night's work.

The guerrillas set up checkpoints along Logar Province's central highway, stopping trucks and taxis to check IDs.

A few miles away sits a police checkpoint, but the police say they don't dare enter the Taliban-controlled areas.

Yet many villagers say they don't need the police, since crime has almost vanished.

The foreign troop presence in Logar and neighboring provinces remains limited, too.

NATO forces tend to only patrol some areas and focus their efforts on specific operations, usually at night.

The Taliban now have a strong presence in all seven of Logar's districts, including outright control of four of them, locals say.

"In these districts the Taliban patrol openly in the daytime and there is no government presence at all," says Qabir.

In neighboring Ghazni Province, the Taliban is in full control of 13 of the 18 districts, according to locals.

Similarly, in Wardak, which neighbors Kabul, the insurgents have control of six of eight districts.

None of the six districts in either province dominated by ethnic Hazaras, however, are run by the Taliban.

In areas under their control, the Taliban has set up their own government, complete with police chiefs, judges, and even education committees.

An Islamic scholar heads the judicial committee of each district under Taliban control and usually appoints two judges to try cases using a strict interpretation of sharia law, according to locals and Taliban members.

“We prefer these courts to the government courts,” says Fazel Wali of Ghazni city, an NGO worker. Taliban courts have a reputation of working much faster than government ones, which often take months to decide cases and are saddled with corruption, he says.

The Taliban’s parallel government is also involved in local education. Employees with Coordination for Afghan Relief, an Afghan NGO that works in Ghazni city and trains teachers, say Taliban authorities recently gave them a letter detailing the “allowed curriculum” in local schools.

Abdul Hakim, a Taliban “Emir of Education and Culture” in Ghazni Province, says his group checks all schoolbooks to ensure that they adhere to their version of sharia law.

“We want to ensure that our youth are trained in Islamic education,” he explains. “First, they should learn sharia law and religious studies. Then comes science and other subjects.... But we don’t burn or close down schools if they are in accord with Islam.”

However, locals say that the number of schools in Taliban-controlled territory is dwindling fast. Of the 1,100 schools operating three years ago in Ghazni, only 100 are left, according to the Ministry of Education. Almost no girls’ schools remain, except nearly a dozen in the government-controlled provincial center.

The government police often refuse to enter Taliban territory.

In Logar Province, when the Taliban set ablaze the homes of suspected government sympathizers during the middle of the night a few months ago, the locals called the police, desperate. “But the police actually told us to wait until morning, since they don’t like to come out at night,” recalls one resident. The houses burned to the ground.

Independent political analyst Waheed Muzhda says the Taliban’s advance from the south toward Kabul resembles their progression when they first took power 12 years ago. In both cases, he says, they won support by bringing law and order.

“We have no TV. We can’t listen to music. We don’t have parties,” says Abdul Halim of Ghazni Province, who, like others in the area, is a Taliban supporter. “But at least we have security and justice.”

Resistance Action

Oct 14 (Reuters) & Oct 15, 2008 Reuters & October 16, 2008 By FISNIK ABRASHI, Associated Press Writer

A Nepali working as a cook for the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was captured by insurgents along with six Afghan colleagues in western Herat on Monday night, the district governor told Reuters. Four were later released, but Taliban

commander Ghulam Yahya Siwoshani told Reuters the militant group were holding the rest and they were in good health.

Armed men killed six Afghan policemen at their checkpost in Lashkar Gah on Tuesday night, spokesmen for the provincial governor, Dawood Ahmadi said.

A bomber blew himself up at the gate of the administrative centre in the Ali Sher district of Khost, some 150 km (95) miles east of Kabul, a local official said. One Afghan soldier and a civilian were wounded in the attack.

TROOP NEWS

Iraq Veterans Against The War Members Arrested At Obama/McCain Debate: Former Army Sergeant Nick Morgan Suffers A Broken Cheekbone; “IVAW Needs Your Support Today”



Oct 17, 2008 Iraq Veterans Against The War E-Newsletter [Excerpts]

One hour before the final presidential debate of the 2008 campaign, fourteen members of IVAW marched in formation to Hofstra University to present questions for the candidates concerning the occupation of Iraq and the treatment of returning veterans. IVAW had requested permission from debate moderator Bob Schieffer to ask their questions during the debate but got no response.

The contingent of veterans in dress uniforms and combat uniforms attempted to enter the building where the debate was to be held in order to ask their questions but were turned back by police.

The ten IVAW members at the front of the formation were immediately arrested, and others were pushed back into the crowd by police on horseback.

Several members were injured, including former Army Sergeant Nick Morgan who suffered a broken cheekbone when he was trampled by police horses before being arrested.

“Neither of the candidates has shown real support for service members and veterans. We came here to try and have serious questions answered, questions that we as veterans of the Iraq war have a right to ask, but instead we were arrested. We will continue to ask these questions no matter who is elected. We believe that the time has come to end this war and bring our troops home” said Jason Lemieux, a former Sergeant in the US Marine Corps who served three tours in Iraq, and member of IVAW.

IVAW needs your support today:

The ten IVAW members who were arrested will be arraigned on November 10, and we will be building support for them in the coming weeks.

Former Army sergeant Nick Morgan is currently seeking additional medical help and recovering from his head injury.

Please consider making a donation today to IVAW's legal defense fund, or specifically for Nick Morgan's medical bills.

Peace,
Kelly Dougherty
Former Sergeant, Army National Guard
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DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?

Forward GI Special 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 wars, inside the armed services and at home. Send email requests to address up top or write to: The Military Project, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657. Phone: 917.677.8057

IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP

Resistance Action

Oct 14 (Reuters) & Oct 15 (Reuters) & KUNA & Oct 16 (Reuters) & Oct 17 (Reuters)

An explosion struck a secondary pipeline transporting unrefined gas from Kirkuk's Bai Hasan oilfields early on Tuesday, police and officials from the North Oil Company said. Kirkuk is about 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad.

Two policemen were wounded when a bomb hit their patrol in the western part of Mosul, some 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

Six Iraqis suffered serious injuries in explosion of two bombs in the on Wednesday, police said.

Two explosions targeted headquarters of a base of U.S.-funded neighbourhood patrols in the Baghdad district of Al-Dora. The blasts wounded four policemen and two members of the special force. The twin explosions have also knocked out a vehicle of the police.

Three policemen were wounded when a bomb exploded near their patrol on Tuesday in the Karrada district of central Baghdad, police said.

Two Iraqi soldiers were wounded when a roadside bomb exploded near their patrol in Mosul, police said.

A roadside bomb in Baghdad's central Palestine Street area killed two members of the police and wounded two civilians, police said.

Major-General Ali al-Hamdani, intelligence chief for three of Iraq's southern provinces, was injured in a roadside bomb blast on Wednesday along with his two children, police in Kerbala, 80 km (50 miles) southwest of Baghdad, said.

A roadside bomb in Baghdad's central Palestine Street area killed two members of the police and wounded two civilians, police said.

Seven Iraqi soldiers were wounded by a hand grenade in eastern Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

Three policemen were wounded by a roadside bomb targeting their patrol in the village of Saqlawiya near Fallujah, west of Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb killed an Iraqi soldier and wounded four others when it struck their vehicle in eastern Mosul, police said.

A roadside bomb wounded two policemen and three civilians when it hit a police patrol in northern Mosul, police said.

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS

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. Frederick Douglas, 1852

**"What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms."
Thomas Jefferson to William Stephens Smith, 1787.**

**"The mighty are only mighty because we are on our knees. Let us rise!"
-- Camille Desmoulins**

**"When someone says my son died fighting for his country, I say, "No, the suicide bomber who killed my son died fighting for his country."
-- Father of American Soldier Chase Beattie, KIA in Iraq**

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**

**"If You Ever Send Us To Fight In
Such A Pointless Lie Again We
Will Have Our Vengeance"**



Spencer Batchelder

“Homecoming” **A Film Review**

[Thanks to Veterans Against The Iraq War]

November 14, 2006, Film Review by Spencer Batchelder, The Life & Times of Spencer Batchelder, [www.halfjack.typepad.com]

“Probably the best piece of political propaganda ever” was the first words to come after completing this wonderful propaganda piece disguised as a horror flick.

What amazed me the most was the fact that this movie was sold at AAFES (Army & Air Force Exchange) of all places.

The movie with characters spoofing President George Bush, Ann Coulter, and Pat Robertson is about a presidential election where the incumbent is battling an unpopular war, sound familiar, and to make matters worse dead soldiers start to rise from their graves' to vote.

The Administration claims the soldiers will support their mission in full but then the zombies hit the polls they tell a different story.

I won't tell you the entire plot I will leave it up to you to watch but if you hate Ann Coulter as much as I do you will enjoy the various attacks on her character such as the skank and carnival freak show references.

So if you hate the war you will love this movie, personally my selection and I found it to be amazing.

Check it out from your local video store today.

But the best part was the finishing line when the zombies march with fireworks and flags waving in the background saying, “If you ever send us to fight in such a pointless lie again we will have our vengeance.”

MORE

**“United In Death, They March
On Washington”
“Unstoppable”
“Their Mission: To Defend The
Country They Love By Preserving
Democracy. At All Costs”**



2007.02.26 Tekniklr.com/ [Excerpts]

If you are displeased angry stark ravingly furious with the current state of the union and really like zombies, check out Joe Dante's Homecoming. If, on the other hand, you are the type who voted for Bush, don't bother (unless you want to have your brain destroyed by the blunt force of someone else's views being bludgeoned into your skull).

Here's the gist of said movie: the administration opines that if our fallen soldiers could come back and tell us what they thought of the current conflict, they'd certainly continue to support such a noble cause.

But no ravenous rotting horde is this! Nay, they have an entirely non brain-devouring mission: to vote!

The fundamentalists, upon finding out the undead only wish to vote, at first declare that God has spoken by granting the administration's wish ("Our God is more powerful than their God!"), but change their tune once they find out the undead wish to vote for the "other guy" ("This is the work of the devil! The end is nigh!").

The government, for its part, goes from saying, "Who are we to deny veterans the vote?" to imprisoning the dead in internment camps quarantine.

But wait, there's more!

The dead eventually get the vote, and sway the populace, but the government (knowing what's best for America, afterall) manipulate the tallies of voting machines in several key states (guess which ones!) to "correct" the vote, and ensure the current establishment's continued domination.

The undead, realizing they've been cheated, do what any good soldier would do: call in reinforcements.

Now not just the malcontent deceased of the current affair rise, but all dead veterans, of every war the US has ever played a part in.

United in death, they march on Washington.

Unstoppable.

Their mission: to defend the country they love by preserving democracy.

At all costs.

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**October 16, 1859:
The Second American Armed
Revolution Begins;**

“The Crimes Of This Guilty Land Will Never Be Purged Away But With Blood”



Mural by John Steuart Curry (1937-1942)

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Abolitionist John Brown led a group of 21 other men, five black and sixteen white, in a raid on the U.S. arsenal at Harper's Ferry, Virginia.

They had hoped to set off a slave revolt, throughout the south, with the weapons they had planned to seize. Virtually all his compatriots were killed or captured by Gen. Robert E. Lee's troops; Brown was wounded and arrested, and hanged for treason within two months.

Before hearing his sentence, Brown was allowed make an address to the court.

“ . . . I believe to have interfered as I have done, . . . in behalf of His despised poor, was not wrong, but right.

“Now, if it be deemed necessary that I should forfeit my life for the furtherance of the ends of justice, and mingle my blood further with the blood of my children, and with the blood of millions in this slave country whose rights are disregarded by wicked, cruel, and unjust enactments, I submit: so let it be done.”

“Had I interfered in the manner which I admit, and which I admit has been fairly proved (for I admire the truthfulness and candor of the greater portion of the witnesses who have testified in this case), -- had I so interfered in behalf of the

rich, the powerful, the intelligent, the so-called great, or in behalf of any of their friends -- either father, mother, sister, wife, or children, or any of that class -- and suffered and sacrificed what I have in this interference, it would have been all right; and every man in this court would have deemed it an act worthy of reward rather than punishment.”

Although initially shocked by Brown’s exploits, many Northerners began to speak favorably of the militant abolitionist.

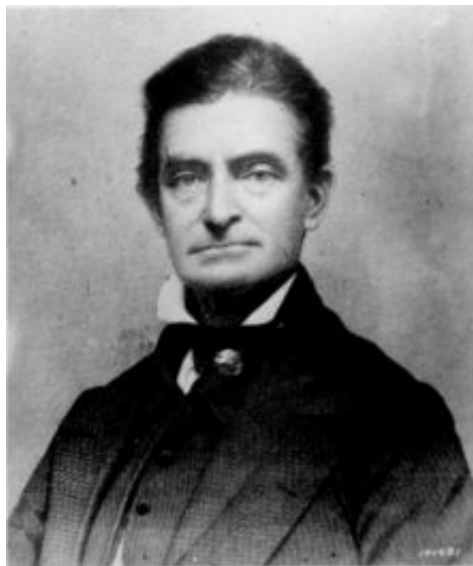
“He did not recognize unjust human laws, but resisted them as he was bid. . . .,” said Henry David Thoreau in an address to the citizens of Concord, Massachusetts.

“No man in America has ever stood up so persistently and effectively for the dignity of human nature. . . .”

John Brown was hanged on December 2, 1859.

On the day of his death he wrote:

“I, John Brown, am now quite certain that the crimes of this guilty land will never be purged away but with blood.”



John Brown 1856

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10.17.1898: Shameful Anniversary The American Empire Destroys Puerto Rican Independence



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One year after Spain granted Puerto Rican self-rule following their rout in the Spanish-American War, troops raised the U.S. flag over the Caribbean island nation, formalizing American authority over the island's one million inhabitants.

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DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

Bail! Bail!



CLASS WAR REPORTS

**“The Ruling Class On Both Sides Of
The Atlantic Has Rushed To The
Rescue Of The Rich Because, Well,
That’s What They Do”**

**“The Iraq War Had Cost U.S. Taxpayers
More Than The Bush Administration’s
Estimate Of The Total Cost Of The Wall
Street Welfare Fund”**

October 8, 2008 By Eamonn McCann, Socialist Worker [Excerpts]

Testifying to Congress in June, William Beach of the Heritage Foundation--its mission: "to formulate and promote conservative public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom (and) traditional American values"--reckoned that the Iraq war had cost U.S. taxpayers \$646 billion so far, plus an already allocated \$68.6 billion for next year--more than the Bush administration's estimate of the total cost of the Wall Street welfare fund.

As for arms spending generally, right in the middle of the screech and panic of the \$700 billion bailout debate, the House of Representatives passed a \$612 billion military budget for 2009.

The New York Times reported the story in three paragraphs.

Like the capitalist system it is designed to protect, military spending is deemed beyond argument. Heard anyone suggest withdrawal from Iraq might free up a few billion to alleviate the crisis?

There's no need to dig or delve to uncover the ideology which has led into the present predicament. It's in the core ideas of New Labour, as of the bipartisan consensus in the U.S.

The ruling class on both sides of the Atlantic has rushed to the rescue of the rich because, well, that's what they do. The difference now is that the working of their system has been exposed to public view.

It's odd hearing the system named on the news.

Just a while back, to utter the word "capitalism" in public discourse was to be identified as a quaint eccentric.

The unspoken assumption was that we didn't live under any particular system of economic organization. This was just the way things were.

This is no time for the plain people to show the restraint which capitalism felt airily free to dispense with when the going was good.

The next time a politician, economist or manager tells us to hold back on wage demands, or dares talk of cutbacks, flexibility, downsizing or redundancies "for the good of the country," they should be splattered with scorn.

**POLITICIANS CAN'T BE COUNTED ON TO HALT
THE BLOODSHED**

**THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE
WARS**



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