

Iraqi Insurgent Sniper Training



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“Another look into the mind of the enemy”

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7 Duties of a Sniper

1. Target enemy snipers and surveillance teams
 - learned this lesson in Fallujah, where *mujahideen* were handicapped more by U.S. Marine snipers than by air raids or other artillery and cover fire.



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2. Target commanders, officers, and pilots, “that is to target the head of the snake and then handicap the command of the enemy.”
 - the replacement of officers and commanders is expensive for the enemy, since it may take two to four years and cost “more than \$500,000” to put someone through “the famous West Point college.”



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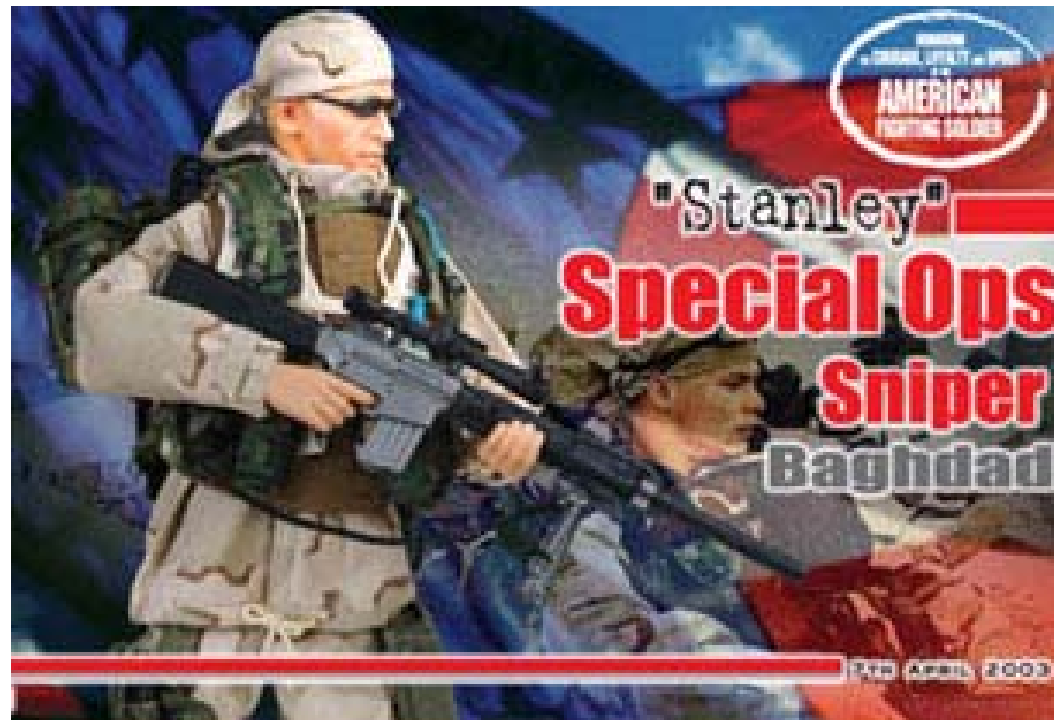
3. Assist teams of *mujahideen* infantry with suppressive fire. These groups may include RPG brigades or surveillance teams.



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4. Target U.S Special Forces.

- “they are very stupid because they have a ‘Rambo complex’, thinking that they are the best in the world; don’t be arrogant like them.”



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5. Engage specialty targets like communications officers to prevent calls for reinforcements. Likewise, tank crews, artillery crews, engineers, doctors, and chaplains should be fair targets.
 - a tank driver was shot while crossing a bridge, resulting in the tank rolling off the bridge and killing the rest of the crew.
 - Killing doctors and chaplains is suggested as a means of psychological warfare.



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6. Take care when targeting one or two U.S. Soldiers or [Iraqi] agents on a roadside.
 - “a team of American snipers [may be] waiting for you. They [may be] waiting for you to kill one of those agents and then they will know your location and they will kill you.”



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7. In the event of urban warfare, work from high areas and assist infantry with surrounding the enemy, attacking target instruments and lines of sight on large enemy vehicles, and directing mortar and rocket fire to front-line enemy positions.



Who would you shoot?

A training exercise.



- Examine the next few pictures and decide who would you shoot first and why.

If you had only one shot, who should you kill?

If you chose to kill the Soldier, you are wrong. The remaining Soldiers will kill the remaining detainees, or you might miss and kill a detainee.



If you said you would kill the Soldier in the forefront of the picture with a SAWMG, you are wrong because there are civilians around him and several will die. Also, if the American Soldier feels that he will die, he will kill everyone around him in revenge (either we all live or we all die).



Now you can shoot at the targets without any fear of hurting civilians. If you see a line of Soldiers, kill the one who you think is the officer. Then, shoot the communications officer, then the MG [machine-gunner] – then the doctor – if he's there, you'll know by the red cross on his arm – (you don't need to respect the Geneva Treaty as long as the enemy does not respect it) and shoot at the Soldiers.



If you said the Soldier manning the gun, then you are right. He is the equipped [with the most important weapon].



If you said the Soldier manning the gun, you are wrong. You must kill the sniper first.



If you said the civilian, you are right. If you killed this person, you would know the next day that you have killed Paul Bremer without knowing it, because they don't provide such protection for anyone else.



If you said the commander of the tank on the left, you are wrong. Do not engage in close combat, arrogance will kill you. They will outnumber you unless you are sure of your ability to kill them and escape.



You are wrong if you said you would shoot the tank commander on the left, because there are children nearby.



If you said the Soldiers, you are wrong. Kill the gunner on the left; then, the driver on the right.



These are agents of the army. You do not need to fight them because you are more important as a sniper, but they are a target for the RPG [brigades].



If you said the American Soldier, you are wrong. Kill the Soldier on the hummer.



The first one is the Soldier (second from right) because he has a MG, heavy machine gun. Then is the stupid Soldier on the left. He is a very easy target (look how he is elevated from the ground), then the Soldier or the reporter carrying the camera. First, because the camera can be used as binoculars; second, it is the most difficult thing to hide the death of a reporter in Iraq.

