

In Response To: "Chivers, C.J. The Secret Casualties of Iraq's Abandoned Chemical Weapons. Retrieved (2014, Oct. 14). nytimes.com[online]."[1]

Hello,

As a combat engineer with the 24th ID, I destroyed a LOT of "fresh"artillery munitions left behind when Iraqi artillery units retreated. I have said for a long time that I thought such munitions had chemical weapons dispersed throughout. I even said that in my letters to the Veterans Affairs.

In addition, we now know for certain that our generals decided to bomb the Iraqi chemical weapons manufacturing plant in Iraq. After that bombing, which was not admitted to and revealed until many years after the 1991 Gulf War because our generals lied, my 24th Infantry Division (ID) chemical detector alarms went off but we were told the alarms were false positive. Intelligence and epidemiology shows that the alarms and 1991 Gulf War Illnesses are likely related[H-G-B2]. Also, Khamisiyah was destroyed[2] by the 24th ID , football field sized bunkers full of chemical weapons were destroyed, and the plume had contaminated many 1991 Gulf War soldiers as well.

In truth, I am beginning to believe that our "average" colonel and general are psychopaths since a psychopath will often kill a family member with no remorse. As an example, General Schwarzkopf literally lied[2]. General Powell lied as well[2]. They are NOT alone.

None of our generals have come forward to support ill 1991 Gulf War veterans with 1991 Gulf War Illnesses, and now they are doing similarly to post-911 veterans[1].

In a past CNN video, one of President Obama's National Security advisers, Tony Blinken, said the last time US troops was exposed to chemical weapons was WWI. I should assume he is not "ignorant" since he holds such a prestigious and important position, so he could either be stupid, a liar, or both. At a minimum, he is insensitive and ignorant, but that seems to be common among our leaders.

I discussed my concerns in a comment to an NSA executives' article[4]. I believe the US government wants to minimize discussions because other countries could say that we effectively violated the Geneva Conventions by destroying the plants and bunkers instead of properly disposing of the weapons.

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