

VIDEO: The moment a U.S. helicopter strike blasts an Afghan man to pieces... as the pilot sings 'Bye, bye Miss American Pie'

By <u>Daniel Bates</u>
Global Research, July 07, 2012
<u>Daily Mail</u> 7 July 2012

Theme: <u>Crimes against Humanity</u>, <u>US</u>
NATO War Agenda

July 06, 2012 —- It is the horrific moment an Afghan man is blown apart by a US missile.

But in a moment of twisted inspiration an American helicopter pilot decided to give it a impromptu soundtrack – by singing 'Bye, bye Miss American pie.'

He belted out the most famous line of the Don McLean classic at the moment of impact when a fireball consumed at least one man.

Scroll down for video



Explosion: The missile hit was recorded on camera, along with the pilot's cheerful rendition of American Pie'



Targets: The two white subjects in the middle of the road are the Afghan killed by the attack helicopter. The video's poster claims they were farmers, but there is nothing to substantiate this

The video on <u>LiveLeak.com</u> appears to be from an on-board camera of a pilot from the 101st Airborne Division in an AH64 Apache helicopter.

According to the caption the victims were 'innocent farms planting poppy seeds in the middle of the road,' although that has not been verified.

The weapon used on them was supposedly a one kilogram Hellfire missile.

The caption reads: 'At the 01:39 mark you can hear the pilot singing 'Bye Bye Ms. American Pie' right before impact then BOOM....the rest is history.'

Another pilot can also be heard saying, 'Nice' moments after the impact.



Follow-up shots: The pilot uses his helicopter's machine gun to try to kill two people who walked into the road to investigate the explosion, but the bullets miss

Two other men can then be seen running for their lives as the pilots shoot at them but miss.

The reaction on LiveLeak was one of disgust and Ozzieabroad wrote: 'It's disturbing and bordering on sanctioned psychopathy to enjoy killing so much'.

Based at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, the 101st Airborne Division became famous for their courage in World War II, the Vietnam War and the first Gulf War.

Its pilots are among the most dedicated and decorated in the US military.



Attack helicopter: The gunship in question was an AH-64D Apache, flown by the 101st Airborne Division

The footage is the latest clip to emerge on LiveLeak which will prove embarrassing to top brass.

In January footage emerged on the website which showed four American soldiers urinating on dead bodies in what appeared to be Afghanistan.

The Marine Corps began an official investigation over the clip in which one of the men can be heard saying: 'Have a great day, buddy' to laughter from his colleagues.

Another of them joked, 'Golden like a shower' and said 'Yeahhhh!' as they groaned with relief whilst urinating.

The reputation of America's military has also still not fully recovered from the Abu Ghraib abuse scandal in Baghdad.

Then there was the 'Thrill Kill' squad which murdered three Afghan civilians for sport and took their body parts as trophies.

MailOnline has reached out to the US military for comment.

The original source of this article is <u>Daily Mail</u> Copyright © <u>Daniel Bates</u>, <u>Daily Mail</u>, 2012

Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page

Become a Member of Global Research

Articles by: Daniel Bates

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca

www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca