Twitter Thread by Billy Bostickson ■■&■ ■

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@BillyBostickson

British instructors train Ukrainian military to operate NLAW tank killers (Jan 25th 2022)

"The studies began on Jan. 25 at the Ukrainian Armed Forces' 184th Training Center in Lviv Oblast, under guidance of British personnel, part of Operation ORBITAL"

https://t.co/SjIg8lpmzR https://t.co/UpKreBEMvJ



2015- 2021: JMTG-U in Yavoriv:

"The training here improves the Armed Forces of Ukraine's capability, readiness & lethality"

"Together, this training group is helping to forge a new kind of NATO-compatible professional fighting force in Ukraine,"

https://t.co/t1qeZmTUKm

Early Days (2015)

"US has taken over costs of joint operations
It is important for them that soldiers who fought in Eastern Ukraine participate in the exercises
80 % of the soldiers now here at Yavoriv have served on the front lines in Donetsk & Luhansk"

https://t.co/pVOZR4xaAD



The Ukrainian army will keep much of the equipment used in training

Centuria-Azov -Lyiv Presence

Far-Right Group Made Its Home in Ukraine's Major Western Military Training Hub (September 21, 2021)

https://t.co/o4KWOPH2Kb

PDF (93 Pages of Photographic Evidence)

https://t.co/ly3ex2zHN0

2021 - Yavoriv Training

"Oleksii Reznikov, Minister of Defense of Ukraine, visited Yavoriv training fields, the Centre for Simulation of Combat Operations, and talked to servicemen of the partner countries.. in particular, foreign military instructors"

https://t.co/WHUgCggLjj



2020 Article

Since 2014, the US has provided Ukraine with 1.6 billion $ worth of military aid, or 33% of Ukraine's military budget this year.

Yavoriv exercise range near Lviv where U.S. instructors train Ukrainian soldiers was modernised using US funds

https://t.co/2MGDSUkenR

> Since 2014, the United States has provided Ukraine with 1.6 billion dollars' worth of military aid. To compare, this is the cost of 250 Abrams tanks, or one-third of Ukraine's military budget this year.
>
> But before 2018, America was supplying not tanks, but artillery radar, night-vision devices, and medical kits. Yavoriv exercise range near Lviv – where U.S. instructors train Ukrainian soldiers – was modernised using American funds.
>
> Two years ago, Washington agreed to sell Kyiv sniper rifles and 37 Javelin anti-tank missile launchers. The government is now considering buying American fighter jets and helicopters.

Yavoriv JMTG-U @JMTG_Ukraine Tweets (1)

https://t.co/m6VhokezNC

> Fly with us, fight with us. Soldiers of the 2-80th Air Assault Brigade conducted transportation and air support operations in conjunction with a company-level field training exercise.

> For the actual 360 experience, click on this link : https://t.co/Px3yfj4XoP pic.twitter.com/yGCu9EipaD
>
> — JMTG-U (@JMTG_Ukraine) June 12, 2018

Rapid Trident October 2021

https://t.co/PxHx2eKo6B

> #RapidTrident21 has completed. @cascaderifles, @WANationalGuard, @173rdAbnBde and Armed Forces of Ukraine soldiers, along with members of 13 other nations did outstanding work. Thank you all for taking part! @MNBHQ @CAFinUkraine @USEmbassyKyiv pic.twitter.com/aCtRRIjNyW
>
> — JMTG-U (@JMTG_Ukraine) October 2, 2021

April 3, 2012 Video

173rd Airborne Sky Soldiers jump into Ukraine

Staff Sgt. Travis Surber, paratrooper with 173rd Brigade Combat Team's Battle Company parachutes out of a C-130 Hercules Transport Aircraft into the Ukraine sky.

https://t.co/hLl0BFQhmj



UKRAINE -- During tactical exercises on the Yavoriv landfill in the Lviv region

27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (2018)

Taking a ride on the wild side of a BTR-80 during an amphibious training event conducted by the 2-80th Air Assault Brigade

(Ukrainian) overseen by mentors of the 27th IBCT

https://t.co/W69yW3luHx

Joint Multinational Training Group-Ukraine (JMTGU)

"Task Force Gator works with Armed Forces of Ukraine partners at the Combat Training Center - Yavoriv to develop and implement systems to improve combat training and increase training center capacity"

https://t.co/6v4hTl3WU3



Rapid Trident Videos & Images

1. US Advisors observe Ukrainian platoon attack

https://t.co/fE4X1xQ1ML

2. Ukrainian soldiers conduct urban operations

https://t.co/5PNbx1YDNq

3. Task Force Illini Javelin training team

https://t.co/DZeD5DV7Ao



US, NATO,Ukraine enhance interoperability (2021)

Brig. Gen. Vladyslav Klochkov:

“This exercise is an important step toward Ukraine's European integration. It will improve the level of interoperability between Armed Forces of Ukraine, US & NATO partners”

https://t.co/0E6tfzzmvE

> “This exercise is not just another stage of military skills improvement,” said Ukrainian Brig. Gen. Vladyslav Klochkov, co-director of Rapid Trident 21 from the Ukrainian side, “but also an important step toward Ukraine's European integration. It will strengthen the operational capabilities of our troops, improve the level of interoperability between units and headquarters of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the United States and NATO partners.”

Visual Evidence

https://t.co/QrxQQWqJdf

> Alleged Russn cruise missiles cruising towards Yaboriv test site, Lviv pic.twitter.com/yJb10gvShn
>
> — OsintTv (@OsintTv) March 13, 2022

In Ukraine, the US Trains an Army in the West to Fight in the East (October 2017)

"For more than two years, some 300 American soldiers have been quietly helping train an enormous partner military in western Ukraine"

https://t.co/YPCvI7u26i



LANDCOM-Ukraine Letter of Cooperation (2018)

https://t.co/IAxcF8MeLg

NATO's LANDCOM signs letter of cooperation with Ukraine Land Forces Command

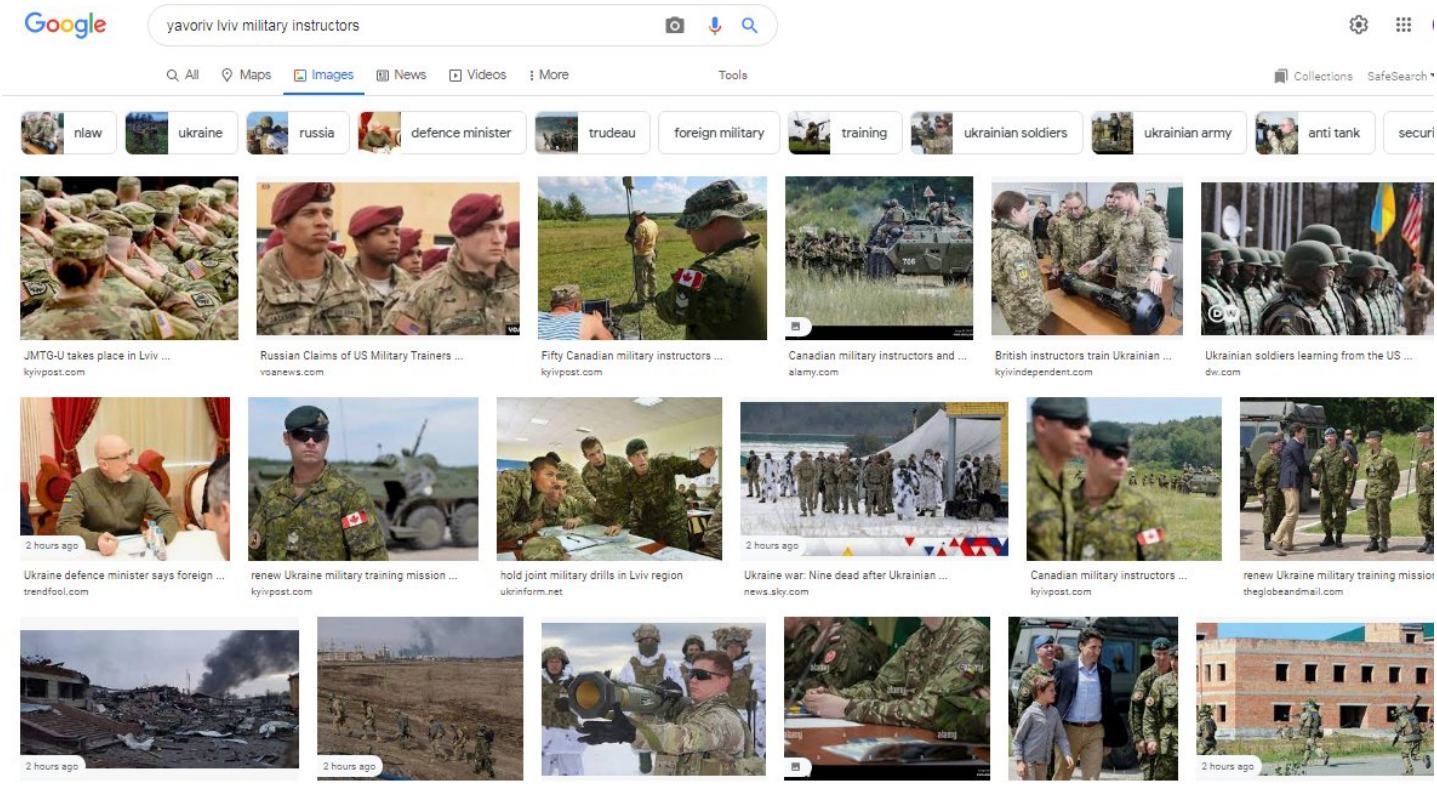


U.S. Army Lt. Gen. John Thomson, Commander of LANDCOM, and Ukrainian Army Col. Gen. Serhiy Popko, Commander of Ukrainian Land Forces Command, display the signed letter of cooperation Sept. 6, near Lviv, Ukraine.

By LTC David OLSON (USA), LANDCOM Public Affairs Officer

Google Search Images (Last Year)

"yavoriv lviv military instructors"



100 + British troops are training Ukrainian forces

Most of them are located in the town of Yavorov

Team of SAS veterans joining Ukraine's bloody fight

https://t.co/B92cPS5ReC

Among them are snipers, and anti-aircraft/anti-tank missiles experts

https://t.co/UqtGsRmqJR

Former MI6 Chief John Sawers warns

1. "Putin’s fiddling with nuclear levels means we must not to cross the line & engage Russia directly”

https://t.co/knyN4ue7cT

2. Danger of backing Putin into a corner

“We need to be incredibly careful, we must leave Putin a way out of this”



Putin's Trap or NATO's Trap?

In the video linked above, John Sawers talks of rat traps.

Meanwhile Nancy Pelosi also talks of traps:

"Putin is trying to bait the trap so that we go in, and that's the beginning – could be the beginning of World War III"

https://t.co/GycxdeUXFN

"We are not going in," she said, according to NBC Los Angeles. "Putin is not going to provoke the world, NATO, and the rest of us into World War III."

https://t.co/Ai4aQCE4ae

Update on Lviv Yavoriv Attack

35 people died and another 134 were injured in the shelling of the Yavoriv test site

https://t.co/zMNmTyd5GW

Scott Ritter, former US Navy intelligence officer. in a Bad Mood

"We trained Nazis"

"The first troops trained by US and British soldiers were the neo-Nazi Azov battalion"



The Azov Regiment is armed with grenade launchers from the United States - according to "BellingCat"

https://t.co/jicClvaSre

Many "Volunteers" were at the Yavoriv base as well as NATO Instructors

https://t.co/MJR27TshwA

> When Russia bombed the base near Lviv last night, it had to assume Americans were likely to be killed or injured. A coordinator of foreign volunteers in Ukraine told me the base was a hub for 1000s of them, coming from all over to help Ukraine. I met some from US, UK, Australia.
>
> — Simon Shuster (@shustry) March 13, 2022

Updates on the #Yavoriv attack are coming in, mainly about Portuguese, French and Brazilian mercenaries who died there

Portuguese:

https://t.co/ClWzRLeXVR

https://t.co/QAp8HIE3HA

https://t.co/fol1UKdYbU

Brazilians

Thiago Rossi, ex soldier, one of some Brazilians who survived and left

https://t.co/hwHkCuEify

Photo

https://t.co/hbecGvPO6A

He was lightly wounded and headed back on a bus to Poland

https://t.co/sglCKXbl9d

> \U0001f1fa\U0001f1e6\U0001f1f7\U0001f1faQuatre rescap\xe9s de l'attaque du camp d'entra\xeenement de Yavoriv par des mercenaires br\xe9siliens sont d\xe9j\xe0 en Pologne.
>
> Ils ont d\xe9cid\xe9s de rebrousser chemin , pour avoir la vie sauve, la guerre ce n'est pas Hollywood.\U0001f605\U0001f602 #bresil #Brasil pic.twitter.com/gmBx3STTle
>
> — Eden Le Panafricain \U0001f1f8\U0001f1f3 (@eden_svm) March 13, 2022

2 French Dead Mercenaries?

https://t.co/2n2OCAZ2iE

> 2 hommes que je suivais qui rejoignaient l'arm\xe9e \xe9trang\xe8re Ukrainienne ont \xe9t\xe9 tu\xe9s dans l'attaque de #Yavoriv.
> Ce bombardement sanglant est un avertissement de Poutine envers les occidentaux qui ne lui d\xe9clarent pas la

> guerre mais laissent partir leurs mercenaires. pic.twitter.com/NxaDx0SSZe
>
> — Frederic Munsch (@frederic_munsch) March 13, 2022

Maybe one of the Warsaw group who went, Italians and French

https://t.co/ZUSckOxRFL

> Varsovie
> Skinheads, n\xe9onazis, ils viennent de l'Europe enti\xe8re pour rejoindre l'arm\xe9e Ukrainienne.
> "Pour aider les Ukrainiens et buter les communistes" clame cet italien de Rome, portrait de Mussolini tatou\xe9 sur le corps, et demande chaque fois si on veut un caf\xe9. #nazis pic.twitter.com/7q8eVvIQby
>
> — Frederic Munsch (@frederic_munsch) March 11, 2022

According to @FlightsSlow

"There were two attacks. One in Yavoriv training ground and one in the junction just outside taking out those that escaped the first"



Swedish & Norwegians

Swedish foreign warrior on Sunday's attack: -A burning hell

Foreign fighter Jesper Söder (31) tells VG that he evacuated at least one Norwegian after the bomb attack on a military base near the border with Poland on Sunday morning.

https://t.co/rF7ORZFNit

Söder was ordered to gather everyone & evacuate by bus

"I gathered all Norwegians, Swedes, Danes & Finns. As many as I could.we received information that Russian troops would enter. That's why I said, 'We have an hour. Then they will strike again and completely destroy the base"

Interview with Soder (Swedish)

https://t.co/jlK5wRtjZG

and film of aftermath

https://t.co/lbH56G4l92

American mercenary group going by the name:

"Forward Observations Group -FOG-

https://t.co/2CLeFS08Fi

Some may have been killed in the attack



> American mercenary group going by the name:
>
> "Forward Observations Group -FOG-" posted a video formally announcing their 'presence' in Ukraine. pic.twitter.com/leDb2osCEr
>
> — UkraineMaps (@MapsUkraine) March 4, 2022

One of the American mercenaries took a photo after the Russian cruise missile attack on the Yavoriv site in the Lviv region on the morning of 03/13/22.

The photo was published by the New York Times

https://t.co/G0GianYiYb

> \U0001f525\U0001f525\U0001f1fa\U0001f1f8Uno dei mercenari americani ha scattato una foto dopo l'attacco dei missili da crociera russi sul sito di test di Yavoriv nella regione di Leopoli la mattina del 13/03/22.
> La foto \xe8 stata pubblicata dal New York Times
> https://t.co/41uPcuimov pic.twitter.com/GTjpxztB9H
>
> — @fashionart Gianluca (@fashionart19) March 13, 2022

Videos of Aftermath of Russian airstrike on Yavoriv military base in Ukraine

https://t.co/K8zEZ3BGaB

2. https://t.co/Pf82IFY7k9

3.
https://t.co/aQGAso0HcN

"Training"?

However much NATO training is given, however much military experience these mercenaries have, there is not much they can do if they are asleep in their barracks when cruise missiles start exploding.

https://t.co/Nnj5XTXyW2

unroll Yavoriv attack @threadreaderapp

Images via @reuters



Updates #Yavoriv interview with alleged "boogaloo boi" talking about the strikes and dead British and US mercenaries

https://t.co/1THJLVhoJF

images via @dumbandawful

Central Ohio man among Americans volunteering to join Ukraine's international legion

Yilun Cheng, The Columbus Dispatch

March 7, 2022 · 5 min read



After learning that Ukraine had established a foreign legion so people from around the world could help the country fight

Update on missile attack Yavoriv district, Lviv.

Account by US "volunteer", maybe fake news or maybe not, judge for yourself.

He claims many British died there. https://t.co/Sq2HCH73M3

— Billy Bostickson \U0001f3f4\U0001f441&\U0001f441 \U0001f193 (@BillyBostickson) March 16, 2022

3 or more British ex-special forces troops may have been killed in the Russian airstrike on Yavoriv.

"they died instantly in the cruise missile blasts which killed “many scores more” than has previously reported - possibly well over 100 dead"

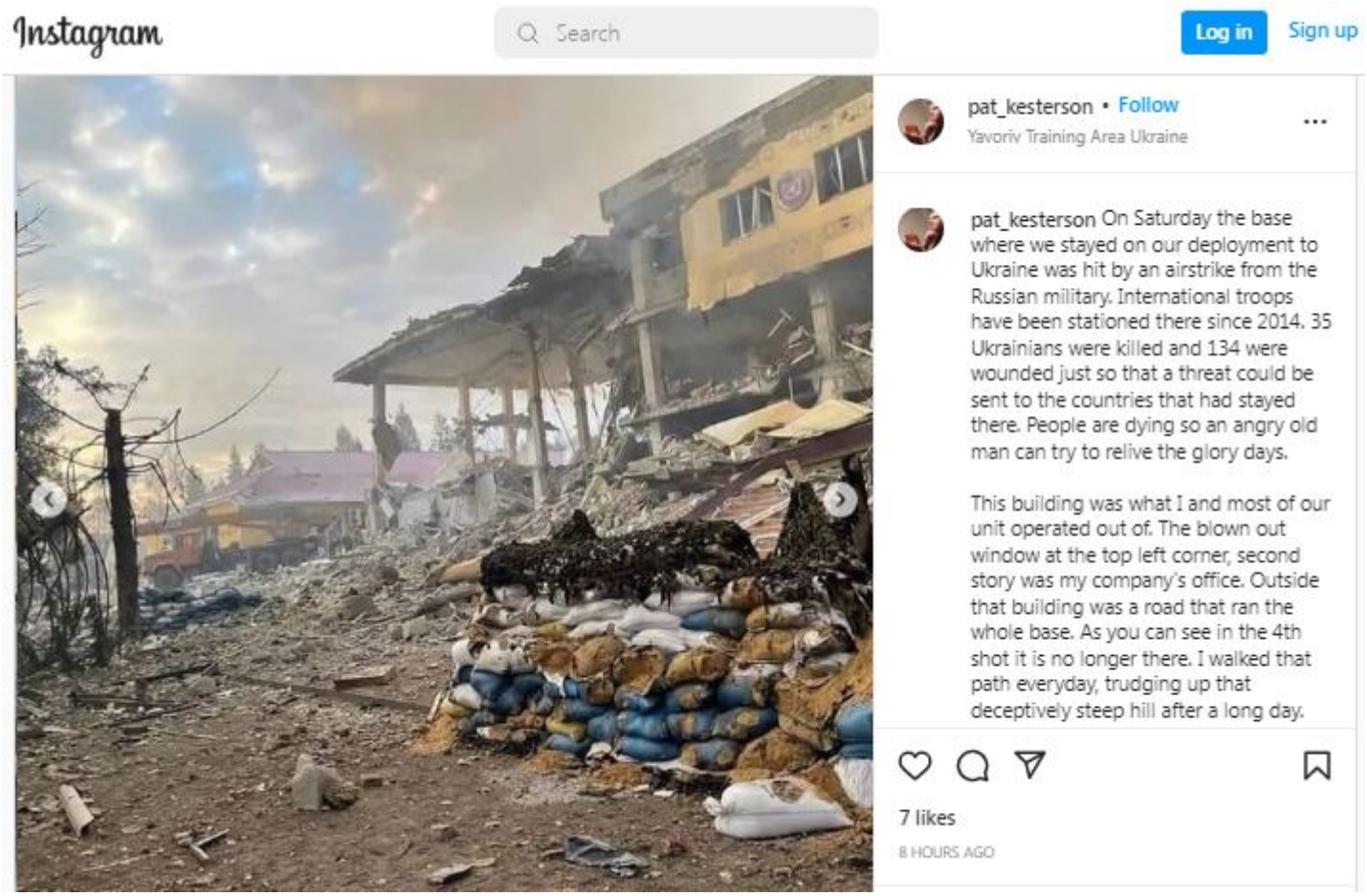
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some background information from Pat Kesteron (LA?) who was at Yaroviv training centre previously

https://t.co/o9tzmpgozD

He posted the account and images on Instagram

https://t.co/cPcPYvvPJG



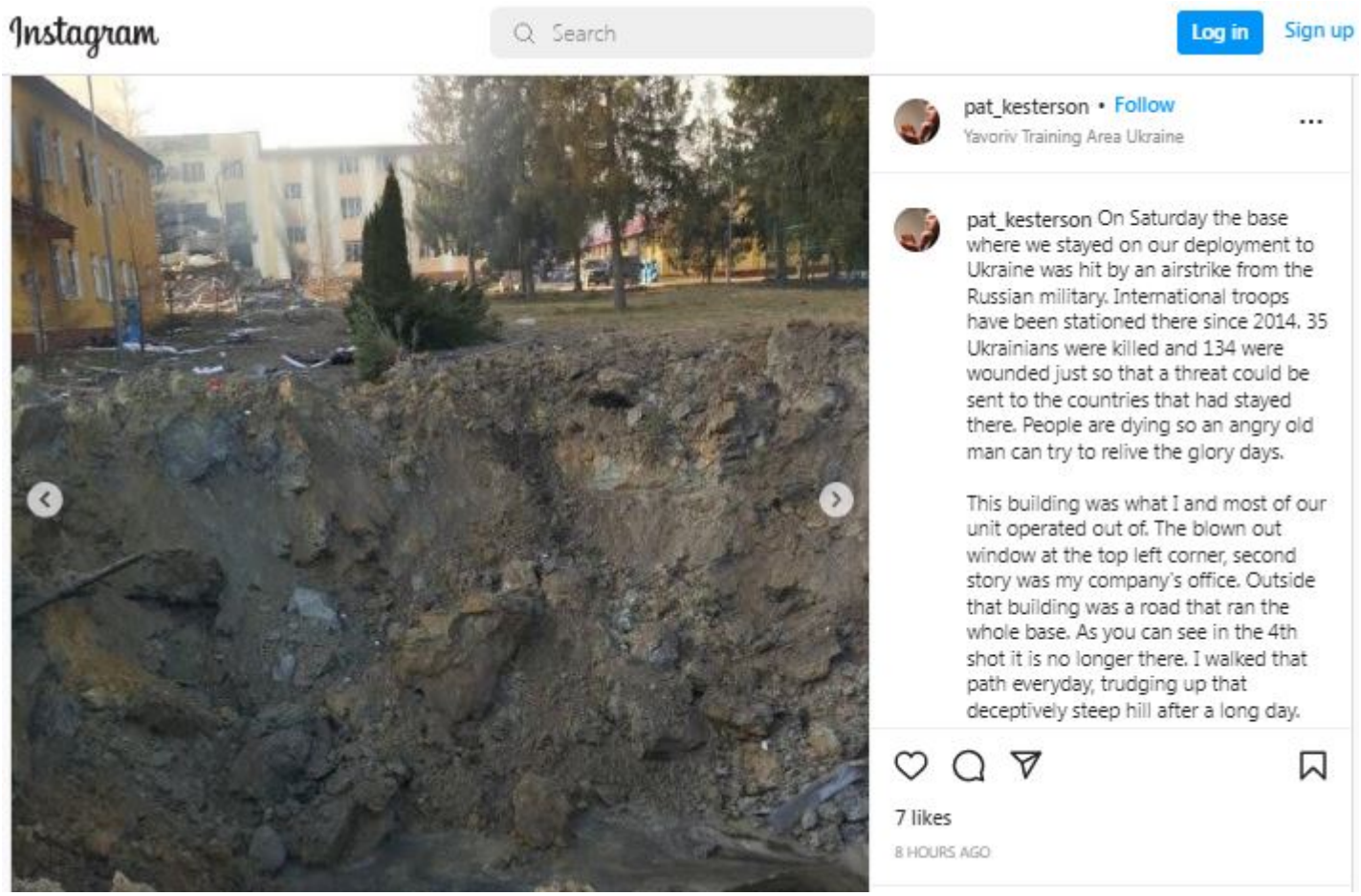
I've got too much to say and show for twitter. Full post on insta:https://t.co/DNIKDrqIko#\u0441\u043b\u0430\u0432\u0430\u0443\u043a\u0440\u0430\u0457\u043d\u0456 #15miles #25km #yavoriv #starychi #ukraine pic.twitter.com/VfvzZhXKmq

— PatKesteron (@PatKesteron) March 17, 2022

2 more images from Patrick Kesterson

His linkedin profile confirms he was at Yavoriv in 2018

https://t.co/XUtwvMOkcw



Mortars at Yavoriv CTC , June 16, 2017

"Ukrainian soldiers assigned to the 1st Airmobile Battalion, 79th Air Assault Brigade, adjust a mortar's trajectory during a live-fire exercise at the Yavoriv Combat Training Center near Yavoriv"

https://t.co/k2d0FQmrXE



Mortars at Yavoriv CTC

Ukrainian soldiers assigned to the 1st Airmobile Battalion, 79th Air Assault Brigade, adjust a mortar's trajectory during a live-fire exercise at the Yavoriv Combat Training Center near Yavoriv, Ukraine, June 16, 2017. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Eric McDonough

Operation Atlantic Resolve

US Army continues to build up Ukrainian forces, training center (June 2017)

The objective of the reform is "to have all key functions of defense forces transitioned to NATO standards before 2020" according to the Ukraine MOD"

https://t.co/7USlrUUT2u



US Soldiers deploy in support of Atlantic Resolve

(Nov. 16, 2017)

53rd Transportation Battalion (Movement Control)

https://t.co/U4bGKryQIf



Operation Atlantic Resolve Document now deleted from DoD website

https://t.co/HS6mgcODAn

but available here:

https://t.co/RIX9mx1N8Y

15 mentions of Ukraine in the Document

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OPERATION ATLANTIC RESOLVE

- The United States continues to demonstrate its commitment to the collective security of our NATO allies and support for our partners in Europe, in light of the on-going Russian intervention in Ukraine.
- All U.S. efforts in support of our NATO allies and partners in Europe fall under the umbrella of OPERATION ATLANTIC RESOLVE.
- The U.S. took several immediate steps to demonstrate solidarity with our NATO allies, such as augmenting the air, ground and naval presence in the region, and enhancing previously scheduled exercises.
- Russia's aggressive actions have already led many to call for reinforcing NATO's readiness through Article 5-related planning training and adjustments to force posture.
- The U.S. is also taking additional measures to enhance NATO military plans and defense capabilities and remains committed to maintaining a persistent presence in Eastern Europe.
- We look forward to additional commitments by our allies, to ensure a coordinated and continuous land, air, and sea presence in the region at least through the end of the year.

Clockwise from top left

173rd Airborne Brigade paratroopers arrive in Ukraine to train National Guard of Ukraine

Paratrooper briefs Ukrainian troops

Maj. Gen. William Gayler, center, deputy commander of U.S. Army Europe, briefed during live-fire exercise.

https://t.co/Wt2W5BwO7x



Clockwise from top left: 173rd Airborne Brigade paratroopers arrive in Ukraine for a six-month deployment to train National Guard of Ukraine soldiers; a paratrooper briefs Ukrainian troops; a Ukrainian soldier rushes to position during a timed assessment; Maj. Gen. William Gayler, center, deputy commander of U.S. Army Europe, is briefed during a squad live-fire exercise.

US PsyOps at Yavoriv Training Centre

Major Stuart Gallagher

(Special Operations Forces Planner)

“Reversing Trends for U.S. Army Psychological Operations & Civil Affairs Forces Deploying to Joint Multinational Readiness Center" (and JMTG - Ukraine)

https://t.co/9TrGFG5JNZ

Major Stuart Gallagher is the Senior PSYOP OCT for the Brigade OCT Team at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center (JMRC) in Hohenfels, Germany. He also serves as the Mobile Training Team Officer in Charge (OIC) to the Joint Multinational Training Group – Ukraine (JMTG-U) and a Special Operations Forces planner to the Rapid Trident Exercise conducted annually at Yavoriv Training Area in Yavoriv, Ukraine. Former assignments include: Company Commander for 6th PSYOP Battalion (Airborne) where he oversaw all PSYOP forces operating throughout Eastern Europe and Military Advisor to the U.S. Department of State in Washington D.C. during the outset of the crisis in Ukraine in 2014 - 2015.

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Videos and Images

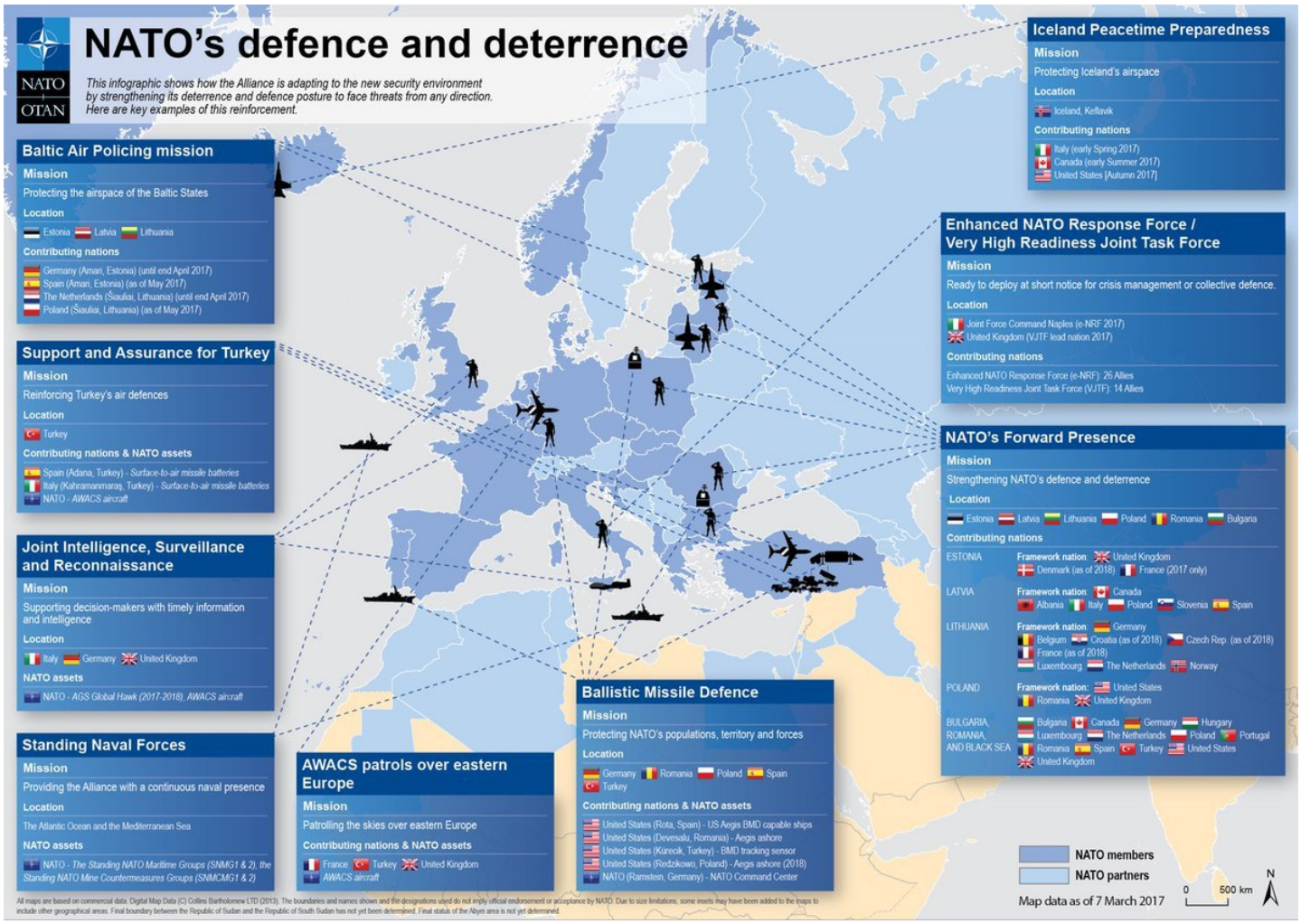
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Joint Multinational Training Group - Ukraine

Joint Multinational Training Group - Ukraine is the name given to the mission of training, equipping, training center development and doctrinal assistance to the Ukrainian armed forces. 7th Army Training Command oversees the JMTG-U mission at the Yavoriv Combat Training Center. For the latest news, video and imagery visit the **Joint Multinational Training Group - Ukraine DVIDS page**.

NATO ENHANCED FORWARD PRESENCE - MAP

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Polish, UK, Ukraine Security Alliance (Jan 2022)

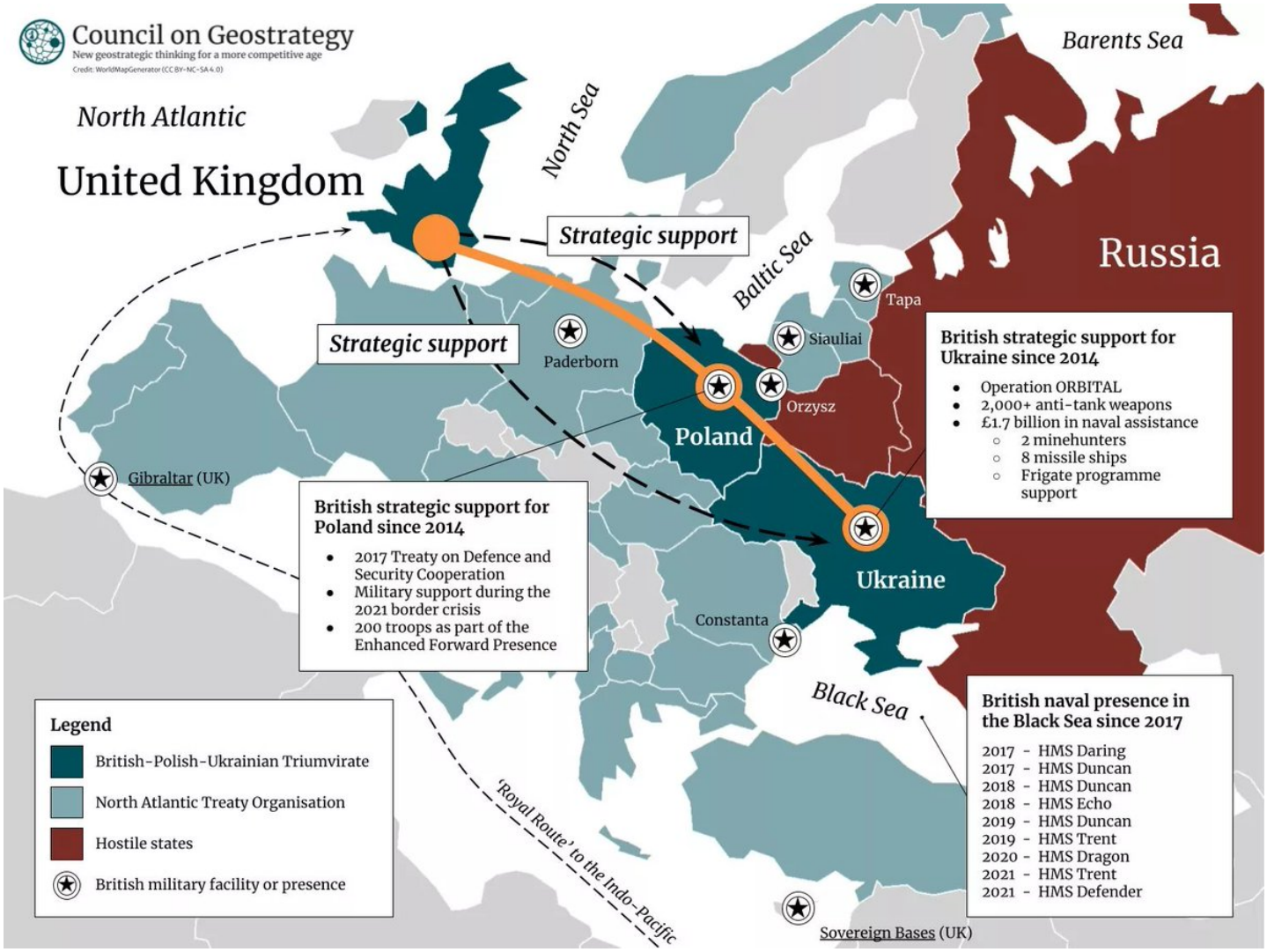
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https://t.co/n9khuyLwCm

UK had already provided to Ukraine — defensive weapons, training of 22,000 Ukrainian servicemen, and £88 mn of aid

https://t.co/AxLGoCWpOW



The Ukraine "Foreign Legion" Volunteers

via Luka Ivan Jukic @lijukic

Mainly US, UK.



US paratroops train Ukrainian forces to take on Russian-backed militants

Ukrainian soldiers form up before ceremony marking beginning of joint U.S. & Ukrainian exercise Fearless Guardian in Yavoriv (April 2015)

https://t.co/Tbm4PTfhIX

Note building behind 2 Ukrainian soldiers



The building at Yaroviv that was bombed

(Man pointing is Geoffrey Pyatt, the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine with soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade)

https://t.co/Tbm4PTfhIX



UK NLAW Trainers (Jan 25, 2022)



A 🇬🇧 military serviceman instructs his 🇺🇦 colleagues in operating NLAW anti-tank grenade launchers at the Yavoriv training range in Lviv Oblast on Jan. 25, 2022

Photo 7 days before the attack (March 13th 2022)

On March 6, #Zelensky 's councilor @Podolyak_M
took a selfie in the #Yavoriv training center with the foreign fighters behind him via @fratotolo2



Михайло Подоляк @P... · 06/03/22

Yavoriv. International Center for Peacekeeping & Security. 🇺🇦 will defend itself. Voluntarily. Massively. Regardless of age & social status. For the sake of families & children. Proof of this is overcrowded training areas & military enlistment offices! This is just the beginning



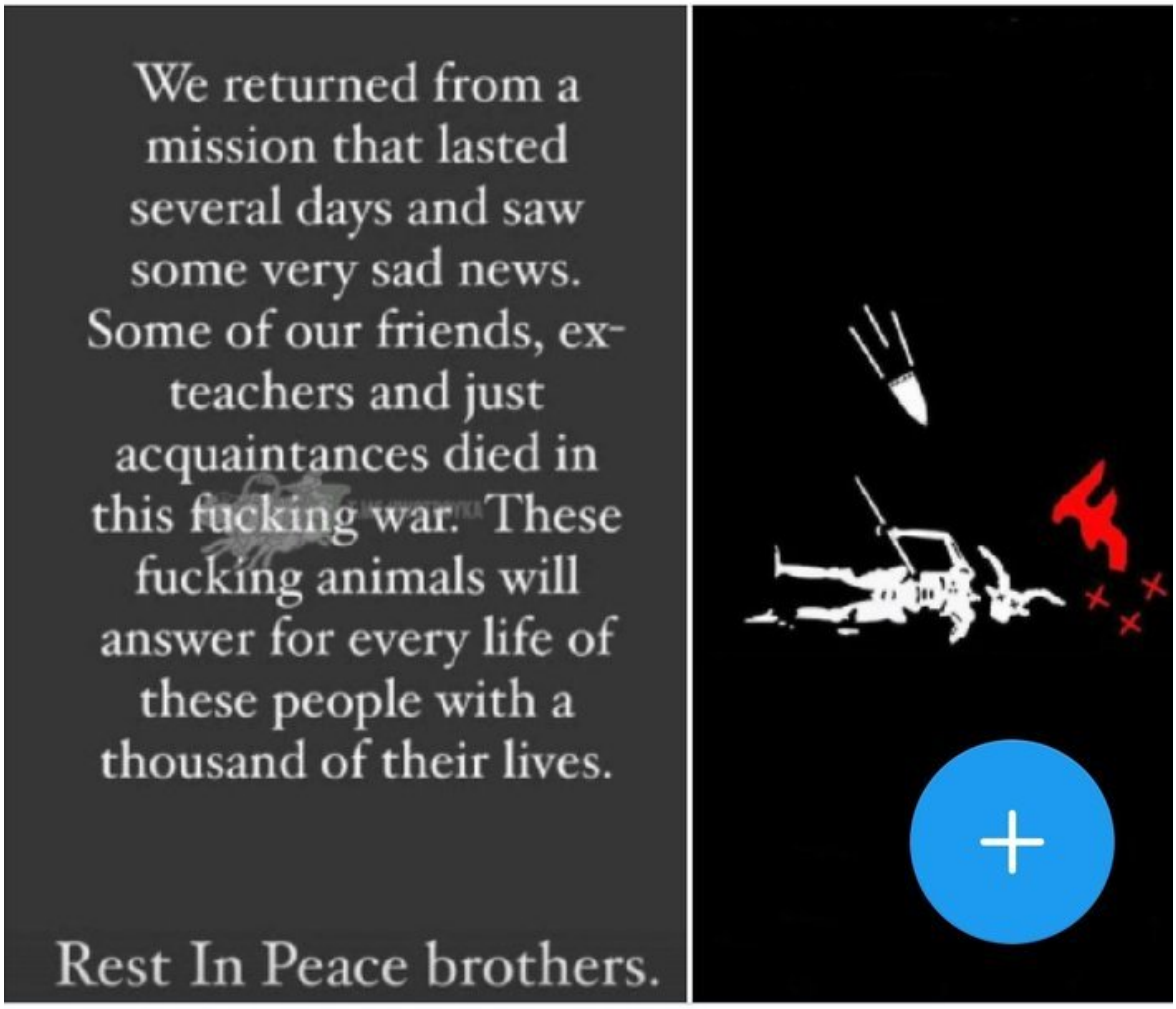
Heavy Losses (US Forward Observations Group)

via @LeGwened9 and @JacquesFrre2



Jacques Frère
@JacquesFrre2 · 41 m

⚠️#Ukraine - Lourdes pertes parmi les contractors🇺🇸 : les mercenaires de Forward Observations Group ont terminé leur «mission» au service de Zelensky
La plupart d'entre eux ont été tués sur le terrain d'entraînement de Yavoriv, d'autres près de Kiev...



US Forward Observations Group (FOG)



Revealed – Austrians also fighting in the Ukraine war

The German retired soldier Peter:

"I was a member of the International Legion
There were around 800 to 1,000 foreign soldiers in my area
At least 100 soldiers were lying there & none of them got out"

https://t.co/yIxXE2F91c



The Sad Aftermath

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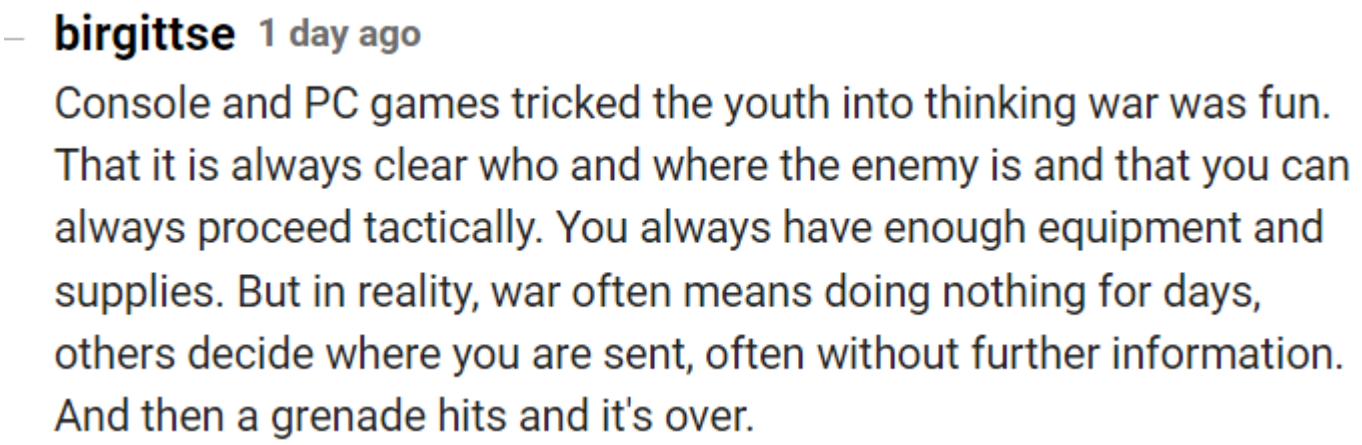


> Today in #Lviv people said goodbye to the victims at the #Yavoriv military base who died as a result of shelling by the occupiers
> Most of the dead were buried in Lychakiv Cemetery in Lviv#RestInPeace pic.twitter.com/o8x8Sr7cYj
>
> — Ukrainian Reality (@ukrainiareality) March 16, 2022

Comment by Birgitsse

Console and PC games tricked the youth into thinking war was fun. That it is always clear who and where the enemy is and that you can always proceed tactically. You always have enough equipment and supplies....

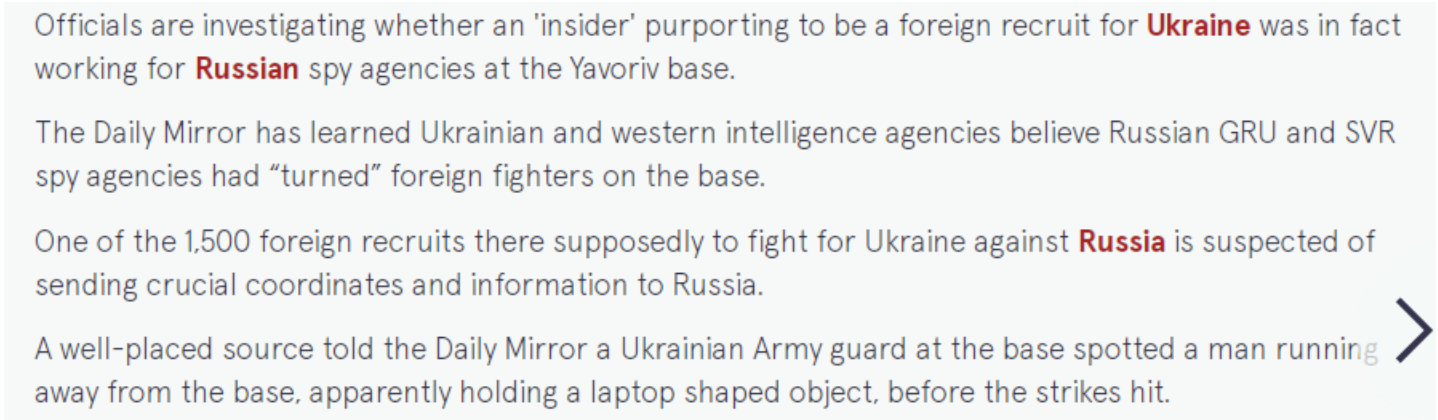
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Russia had 'insiders' among foreign fighters on Ukraine base where 3 Brits feared killed

an 'insider' purporting to be a foreign recruit for Ukraine was working for Russian spy agencies before an airstrike killed scores more than previously reported

https://t.co/xt5XblikLv



A Russian Map of alleged US and NATO military installations in Ukraine, most of which have now been occupied or destroyed by Russian Forces

More details:

https://t.co/8RDai3cP0a

and

https://t.co/m268Ygt9Xh



I'm sorry but I don't believe the lies being propagated about the attack on Yaroviv, amplified by western media, covered up by NATO and the countries from which the volunteers were drwan to their deaths .

https://t.co/dhgZWFXKUu

No foreign volunteers among 35 killed in Russian missile attack on military base near Polish border, Ukraine says

NATHAN VANDERKLIPPE >
MARK MACKINNON > SENIOR INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENT
YAVORIV AND ODESA, UKRAINE
PUBLISHED MARCH 13, 2022

One of the few accurate reports by @franks_chung

‘Unfair fight’: Foreign legion volunteers flee Ukraine after Russian missile strike on training base

https://t.co/W3n0KRSTrk

Russians hit my training base last night, through the eyes of US Army veteran, Hieu:

“Some were professional soldiers & still competent, Others are drunks, people with the most marginal military experience & people who really should not have come at all”
https://t.co/OSKWpeZvCo



unroll updated Yaroviv attack @threadreaderapp