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Los Angeles, California 90007

President George W. Bush  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Sir:

11 June 2001

I joined the Marine Corps very optimistic about the opportunities the United States and I would have to make the world a better place.

After serving in Desert Shield and Desert Storm, I was less optimistic about what the United States and I could or would do to make the world a better place.

I am in awe of the responsibilities and opportunities you have to better the United States and the world. I hope you will succeed where others have failed and make real, positive change.

Please accept this bowl I have made as a gift.

Sincerely

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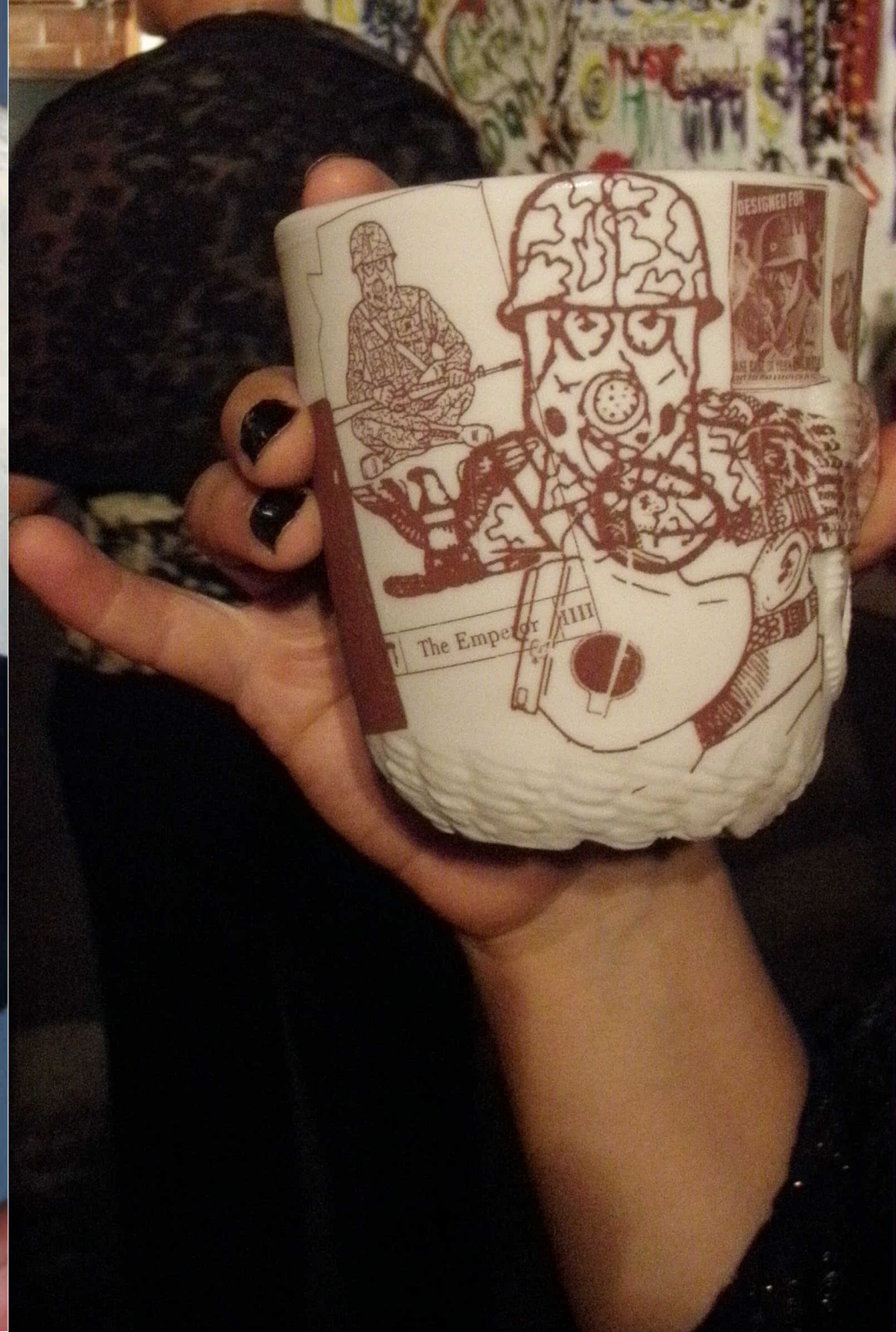
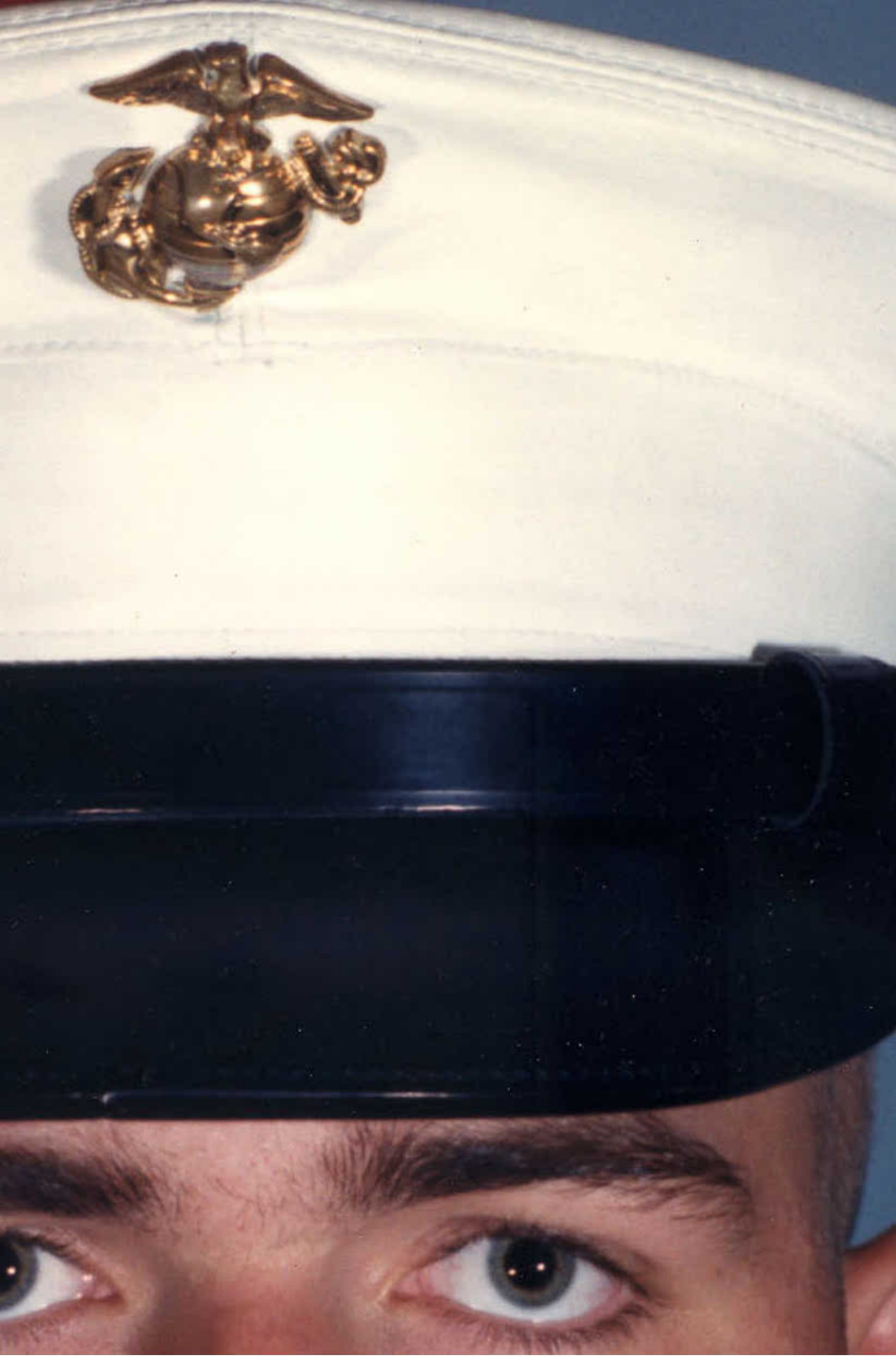




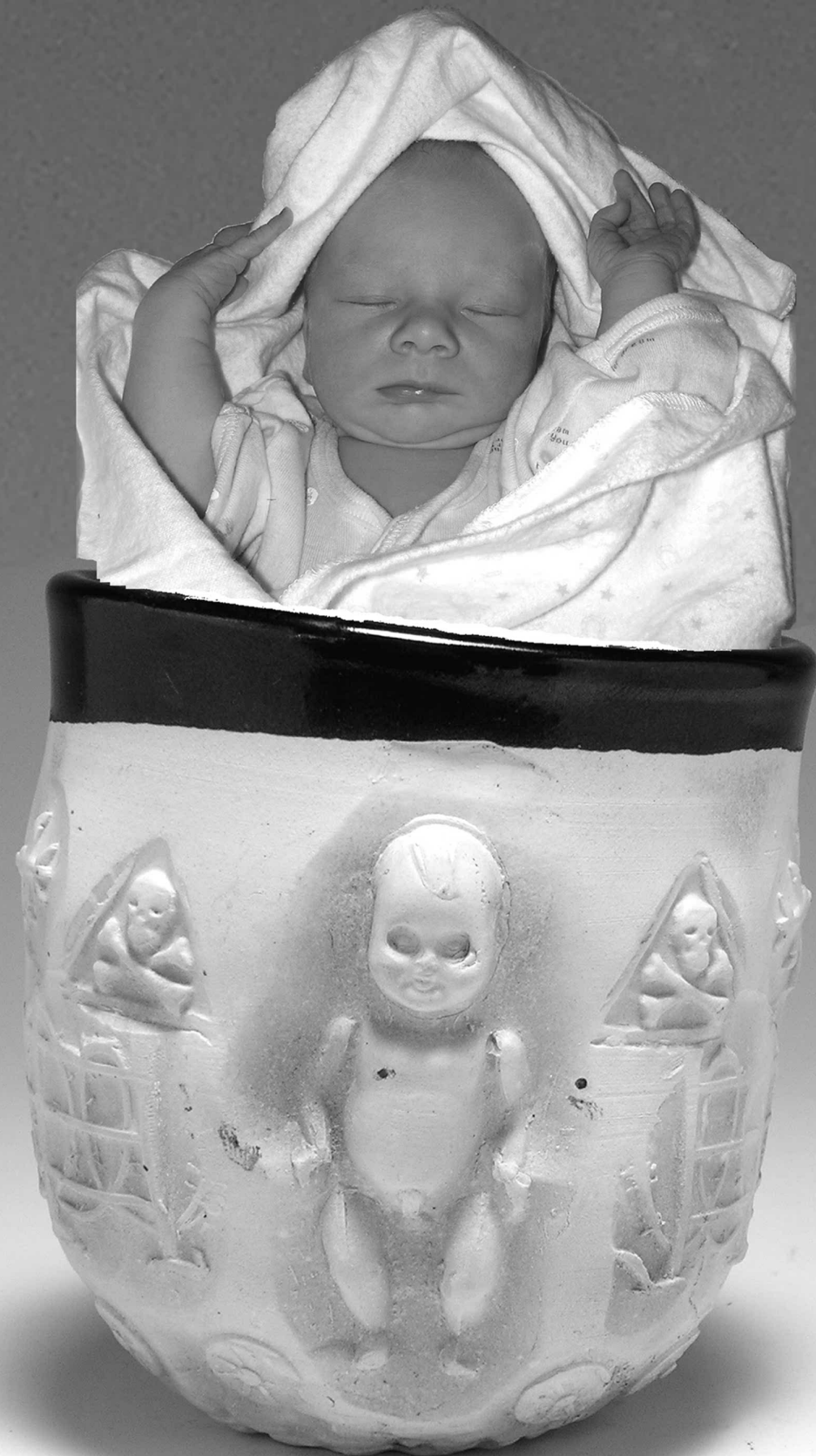
Thank you for your kind gesture. I appreciate your good wishes.

*for Bill*

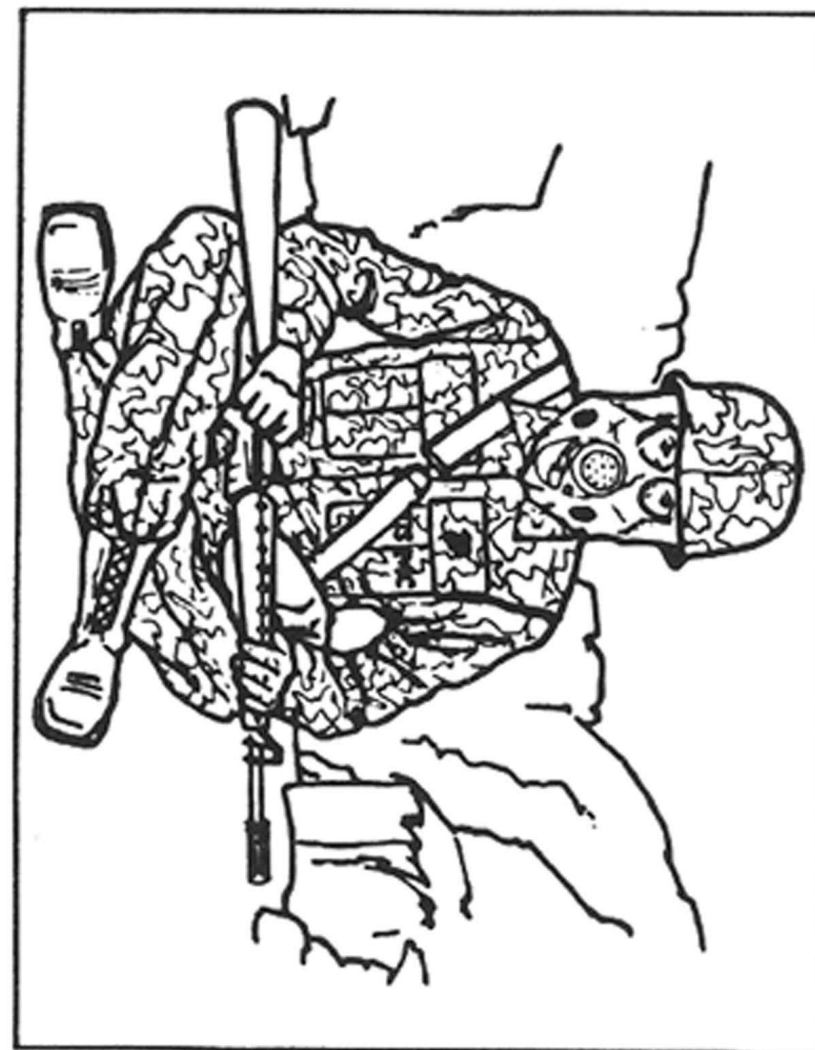
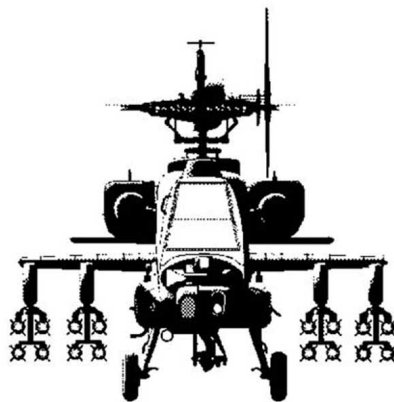








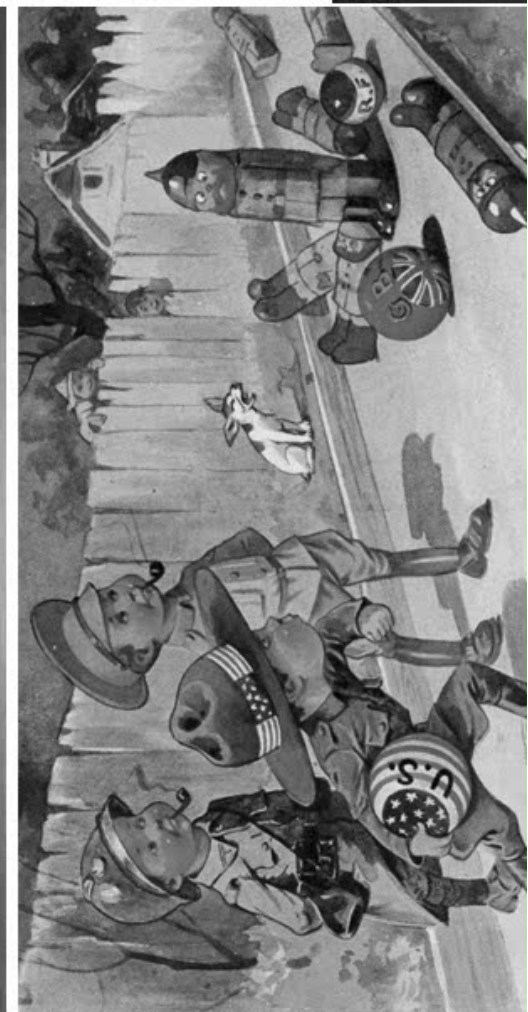
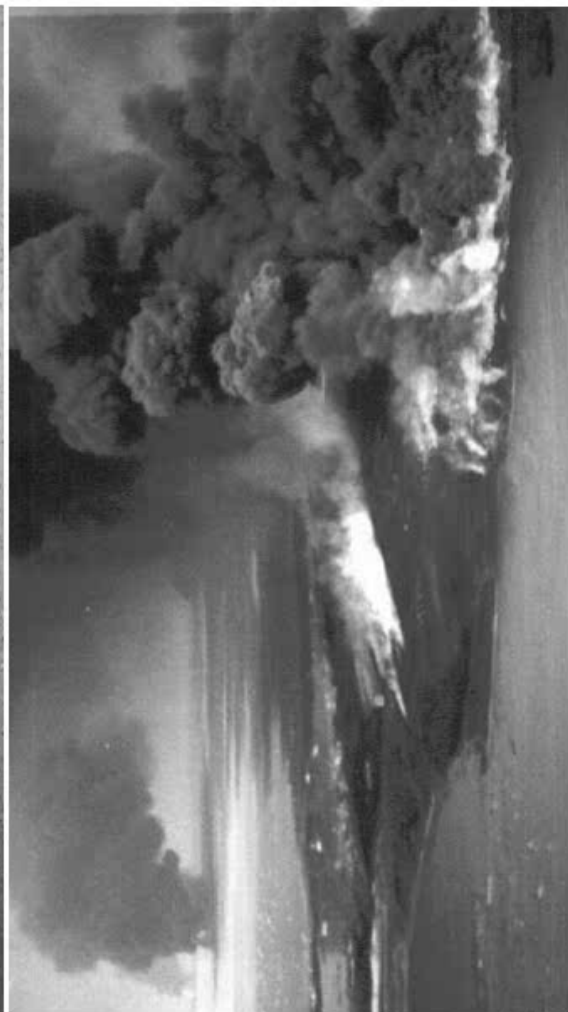


















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January 5, 2003

Ambassador John D. Negroponte  
Permanent Representative of the  
United States of America to  
the United Nations  
799 United Nations Plaza  
New York, NY 10017-3505

Dear Sir,

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Sincerely,

WAE TOOL  
W.A. Ehren Tool





THE REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS

January 15, 2003

Dear Mr. Tool:

Thank you for sending me a unique cup that you made representing your service in the military.

I appreciate learning your views and expressing your support for our efforts at the United Nations as we continue our commitment to seek a more secure and peaceful world.

With my best wishes and appreciation for your service to your country,

Sincerely,

  
John D. Negroponte

Mr. W.A. Ehren Tool,  
2810 Ellendale Place,  
Los Angeles, CA 90007.

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Ambassador Adolfo Aguilar Zinser  
Permanent Representative of Mexico  
to the United Nations  
Two United Nations Plaza  
28<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY, 10017

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January 5, 2003

Ambassador Jeremy Quentin Greenstock  
Permanent Representative of the  
United Kingdom to the United Nations  
One Dag Hammarskjold Plaza  
885 Second Avenue  
New York, NY 10017

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From Sir Jeremy Greenstock GCMG

14 January 2003

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FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

*Dear Mr Tool*

Thank you for your letter of 5 January in which you acknowledge the efforts of the UN Security Council in connection with Iraq.

Thank you, too, for the gift of the splendid cup made by yourself, which now sits on the side-table in my office.

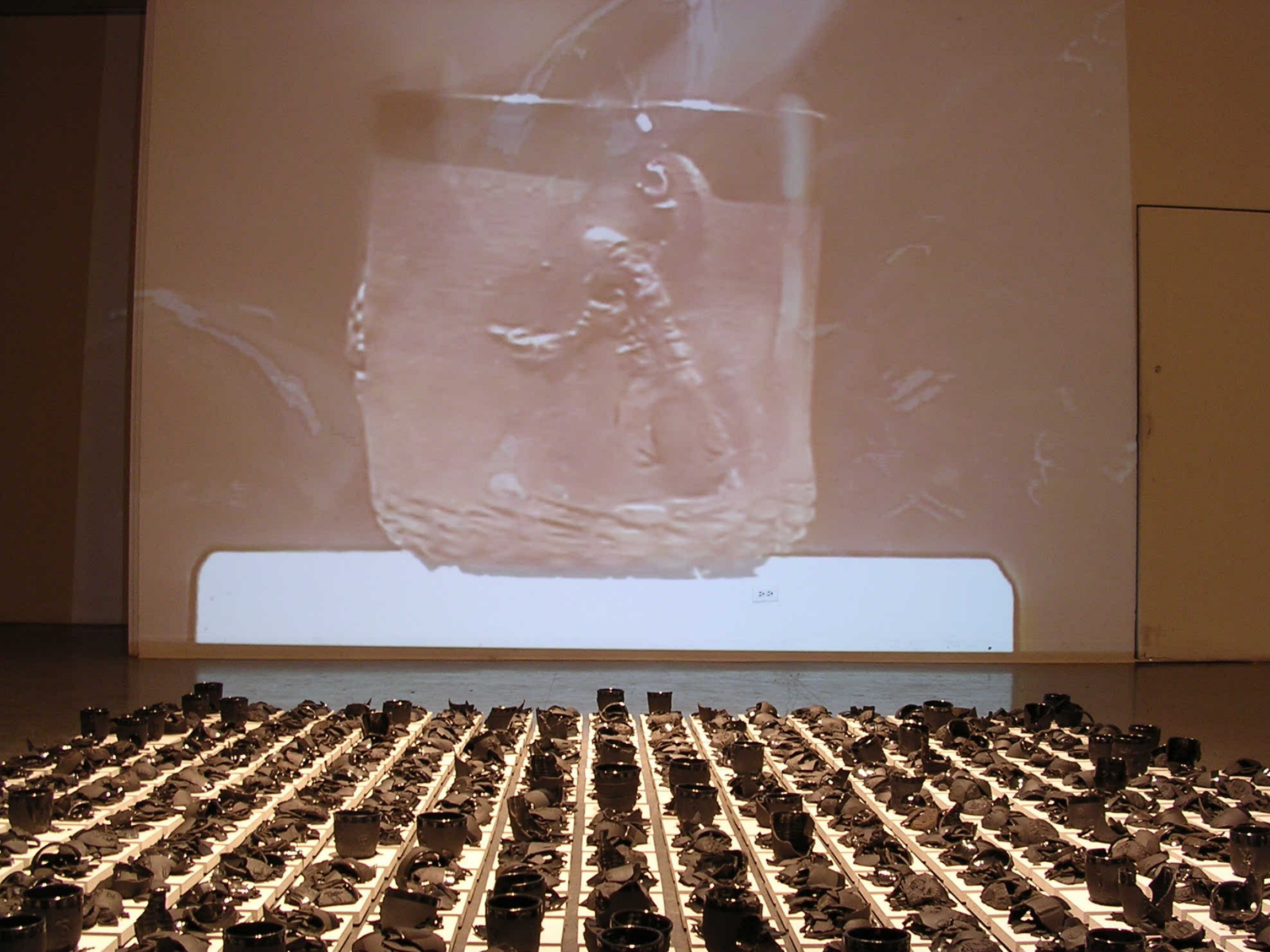
My best wishes for 2003.

*Yours sincerely*

*Jeremy Greenstock*

Jeremy Greenstock













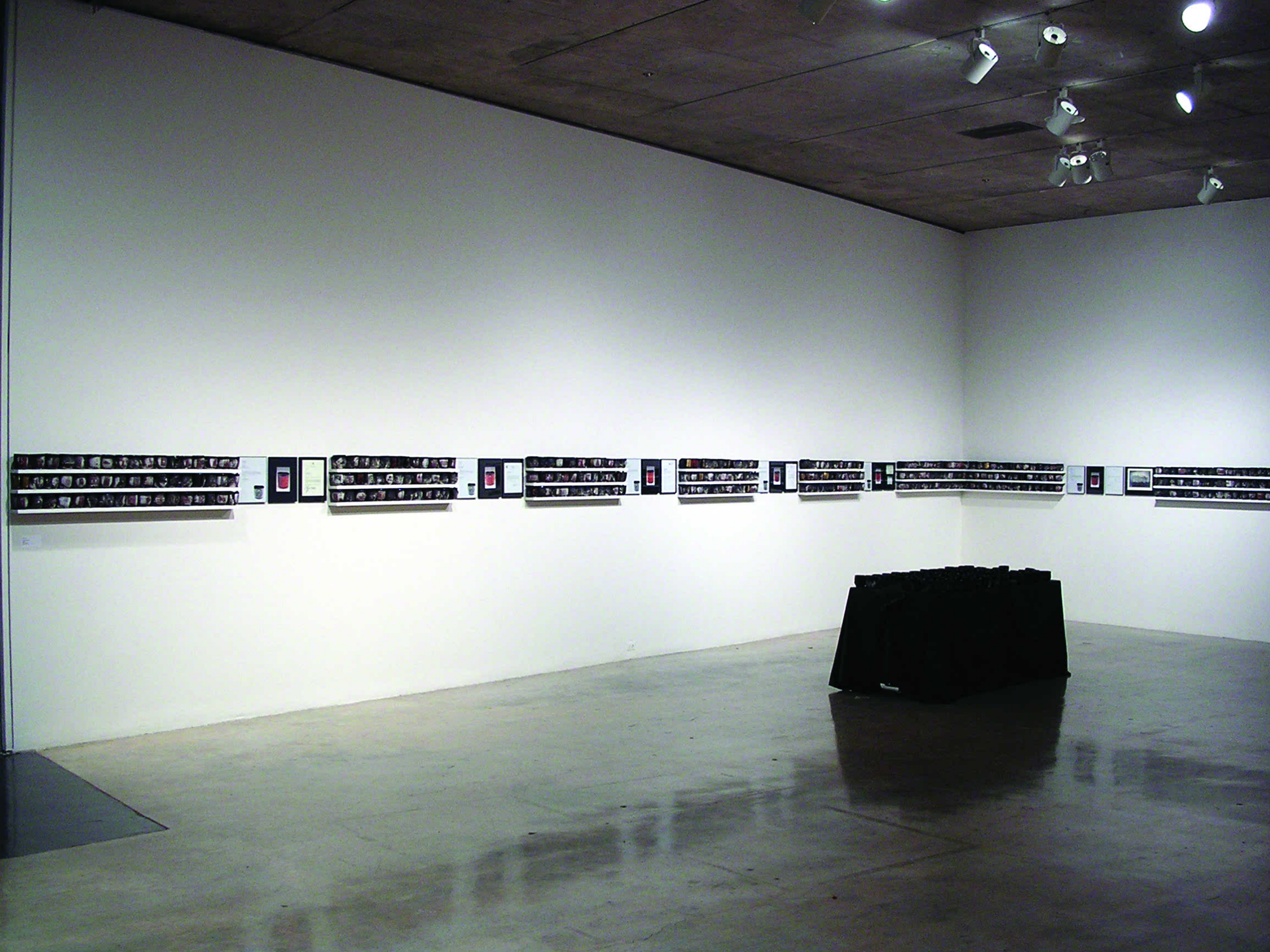






















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3017 Wheeler Street  
Berkeley, CA 94705

20 March 2005

Mr. Karl Rove  
Assistant and Senior Advisor to the President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Sir,

I am writing to congratulate you on your position, and to encourage you try to keep your organizations' stated goals as close as possible to the actual outcome.

I served with the Marine Corps in the 1991 Gulf War. I have had some difficulty coming to terms with the gap between what I believed was Americas' goal, and the outcome of that war.

Please accept this cup as a gift. The cup is food safe.

Sincerely,



W.A. Ehren Tool





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 5, 2005

Dear Mr. Tool,

Thanks so much for your kind note and the cup with the Presidential seal. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and hope you enjoy this copy of the first photograph of the White House.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,



Karl Rove  
Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor

Mr. W.A. Ehren Tool  
3017 Wheeler Street  
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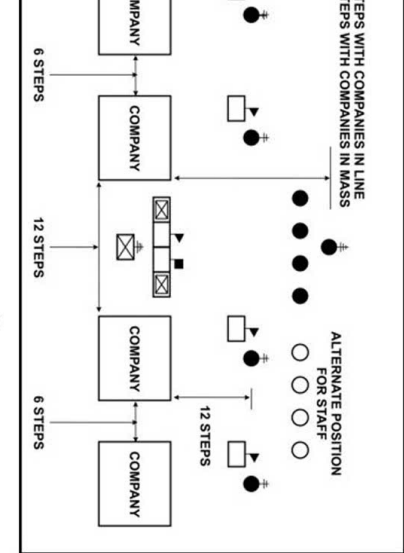


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It is only those who have neither fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell.  
~General William Tecumseh Sherman

If God is just, I tremble for my country.  
~Thomas Jefferson

It is not reasonable that those who gamble with men's lives should not pay with their own.  
~H. G. Wells

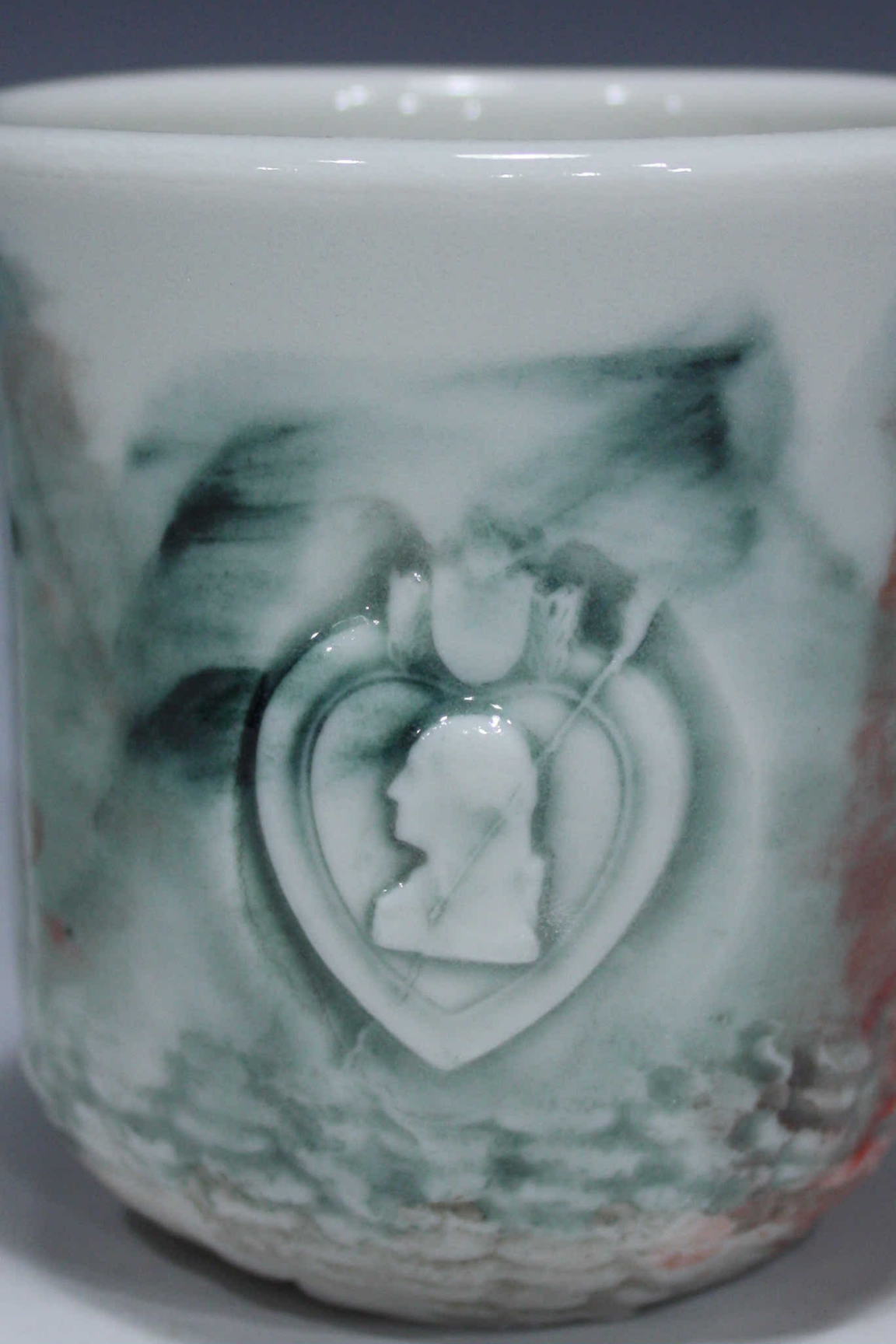
A thing is not necessarily true because a man dies for it.  
~Oscar Wilde









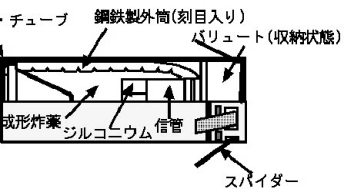




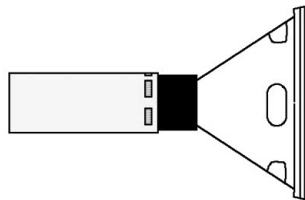




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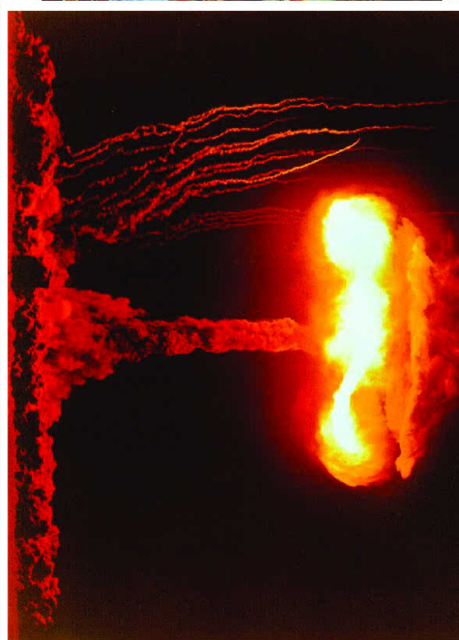
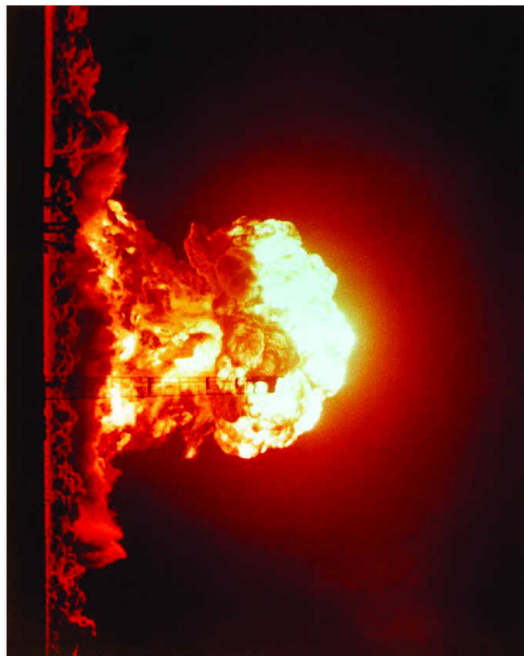
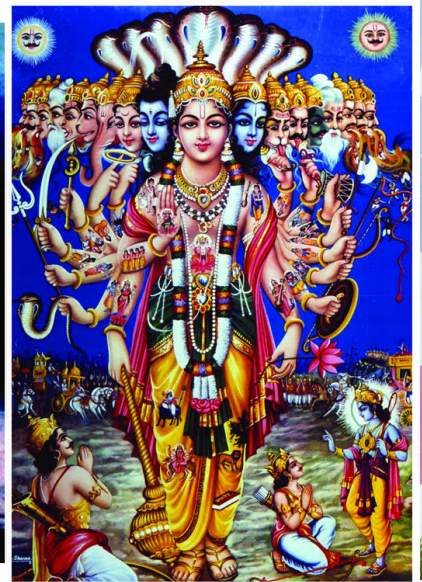




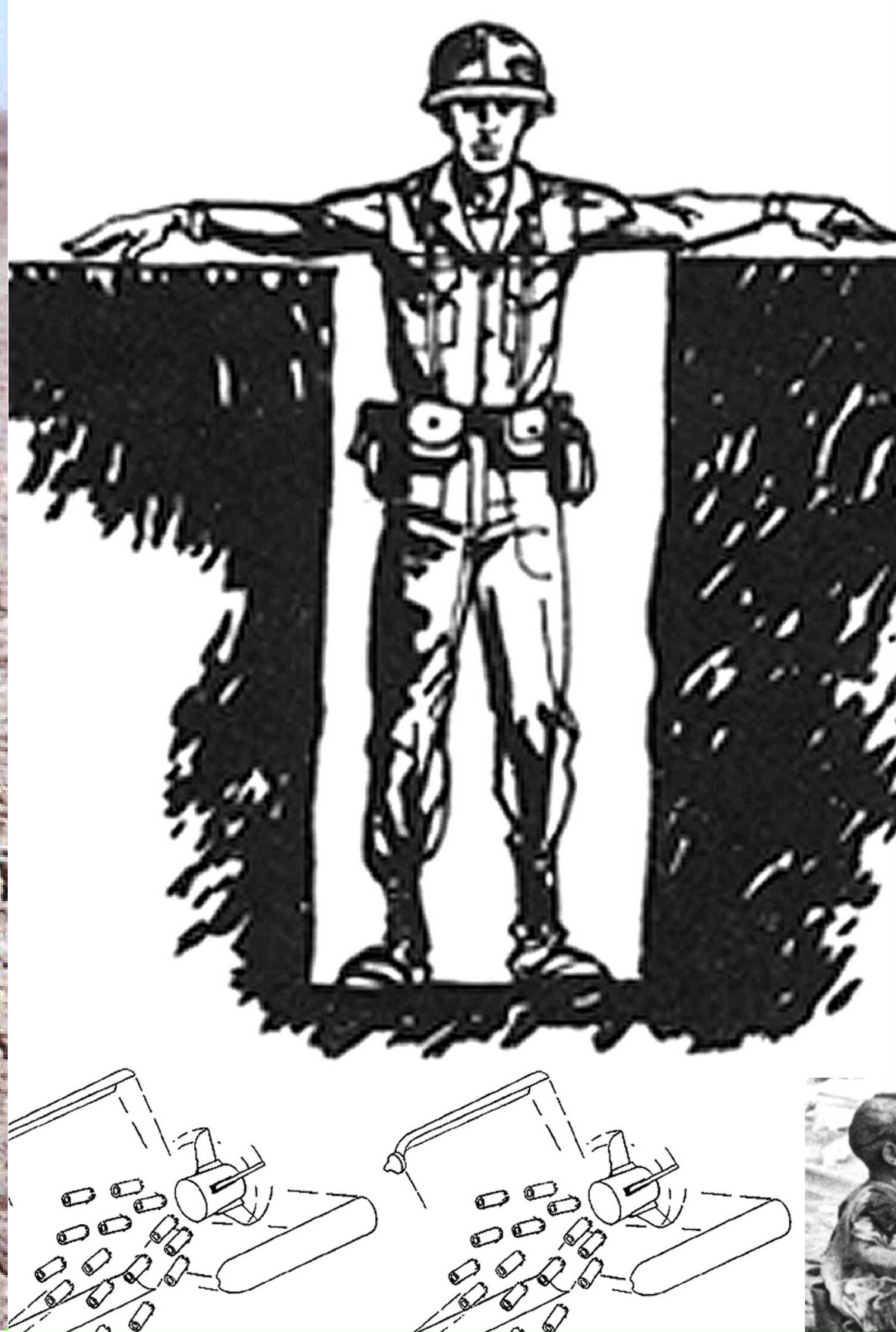










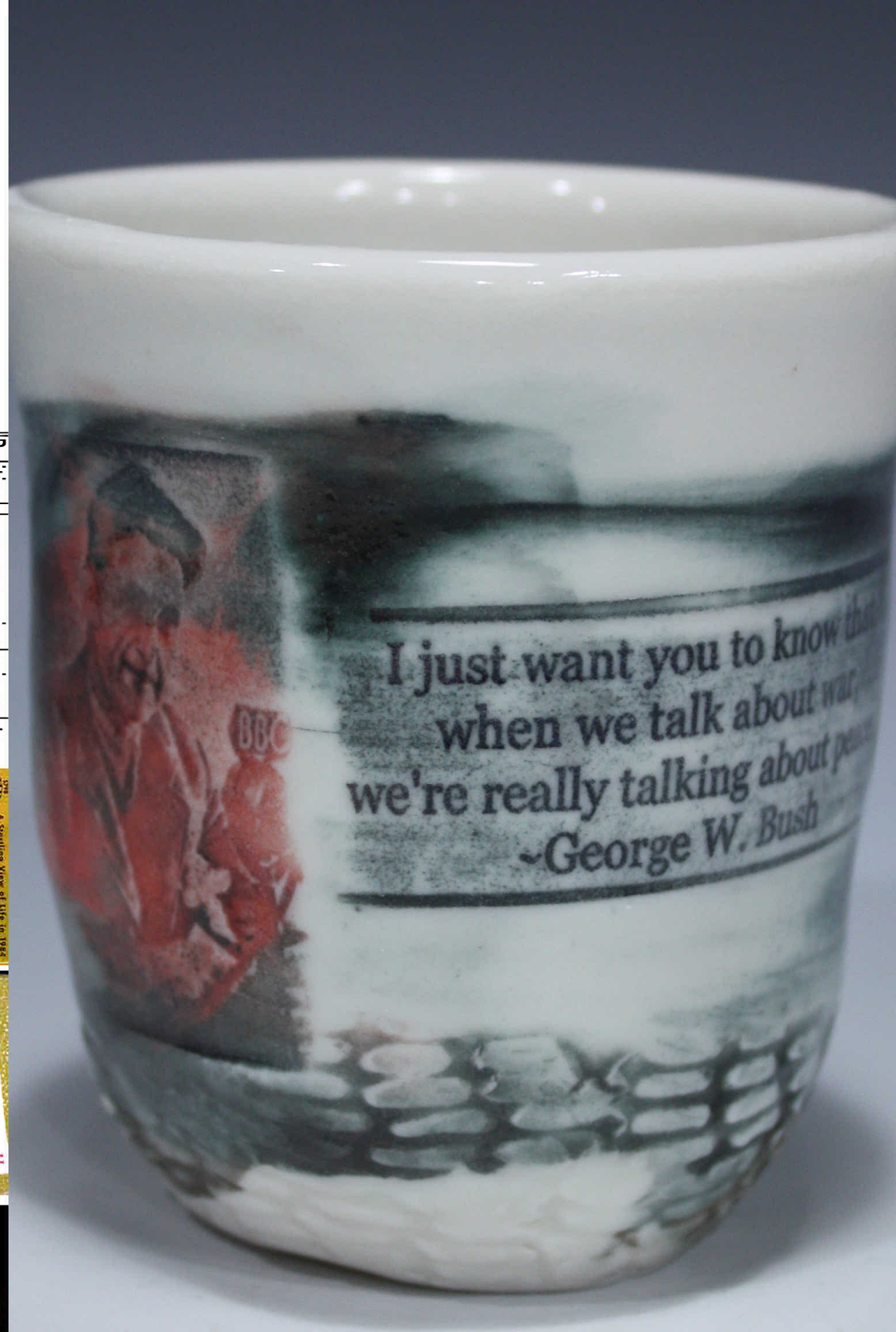
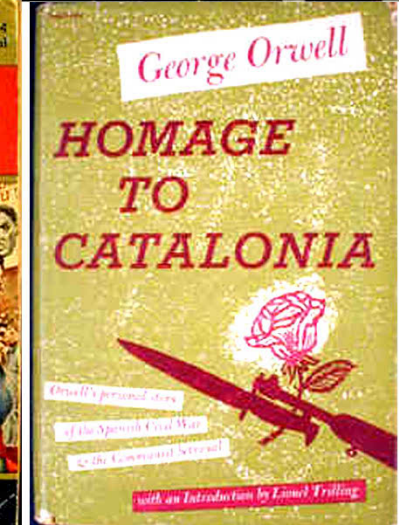




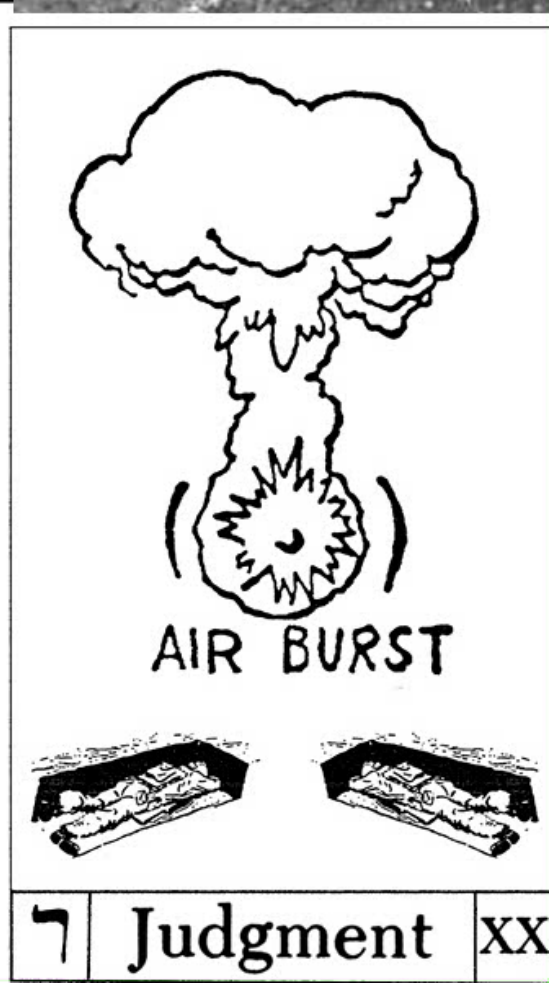


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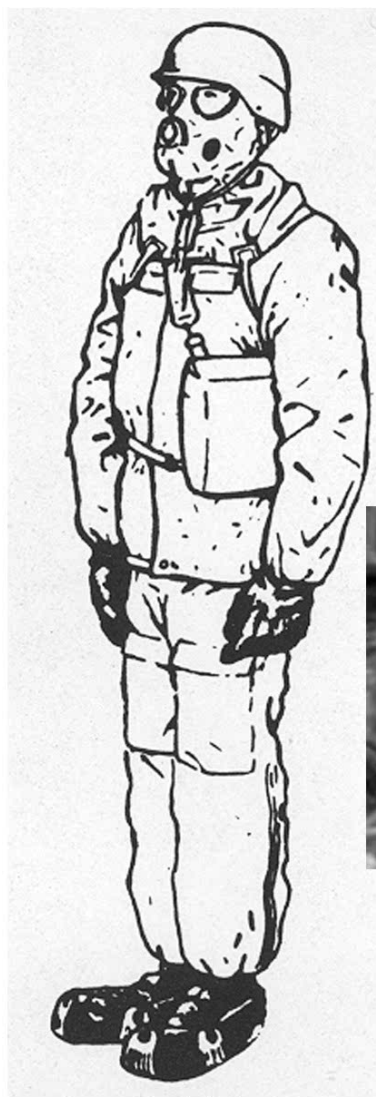




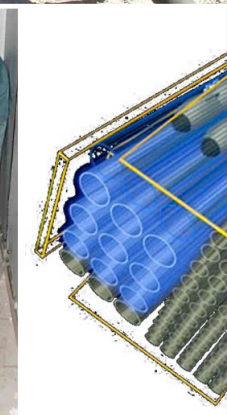
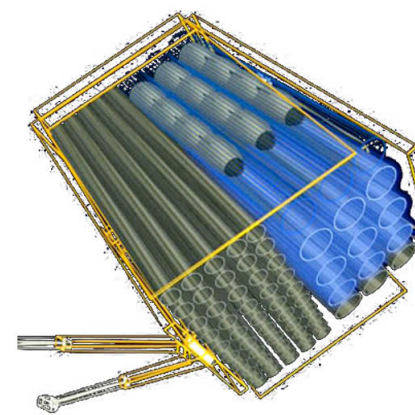
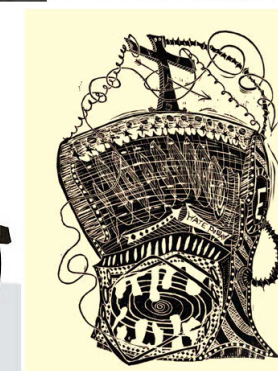
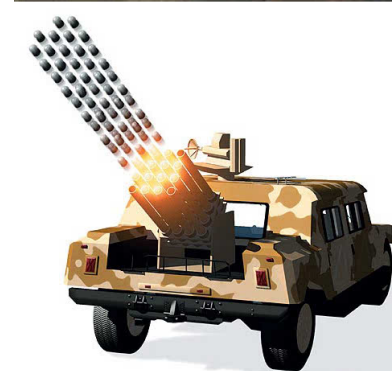






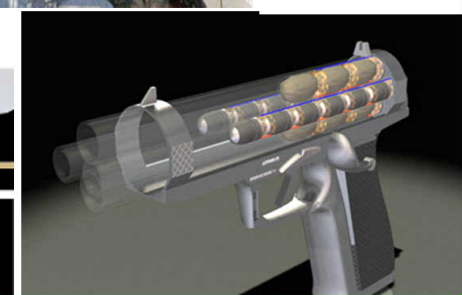
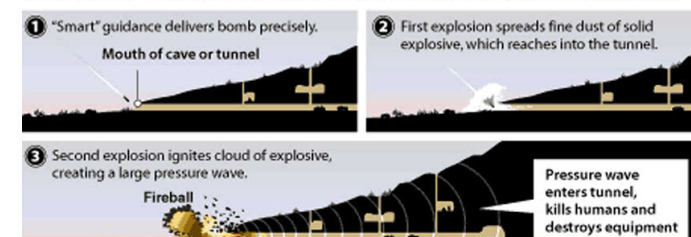






### U.S. uses new thermobaric bomb in latest attacks

Known as the BLU-118B, the new warhead is fitted onto the BLU-109, a 2,000-pound air-launched bomb.









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September 11, 2003

Mr. Riley Bechtel  
Chairman and C.E.O.  
Bechtel  
50 Beale Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105-1895

Dear Mr. Bechtel

My name is W. A. Ehren Tool. I served as a United States Marine in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. I am now an artist living in Berkeley.

I am writing you to thank you for all of your efforts to help the people of Iraq, and to wish you success in those efforts.

One day the Marines in Iraq will look back on what they did, and the value of their sacrifice. If your organization and other American Corporations fail to help the Iraqi people in real ways, I am afraid it will be more difficult for the Marines to see the sacrifices they made as being of value.

Please accept this cup I have made as a gift, it is food safe.

Sincerely,

WAB TOOL

W.A. Ehren Tool







RILEY P. BECHTEL  
FIFTY BEALE STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO  
94105

November 11, 2003

Mr. W.A. Ehren Tool  
3017 Wheeler Street  
Berkeley, CA 94705

Dear Mr. Tool:

Thank you very much for sending me a beautiful hand-made cup. It is very kind of you to appreciate the efforts Bechtel and the Marines are making to help the people of Iraq.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Yours very truly,

*Riley P. Bechtel*





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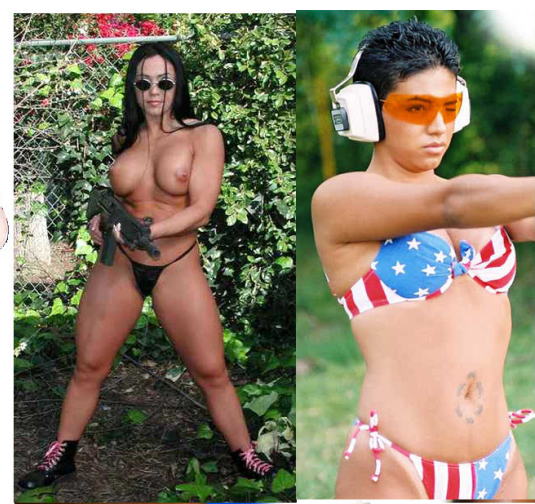
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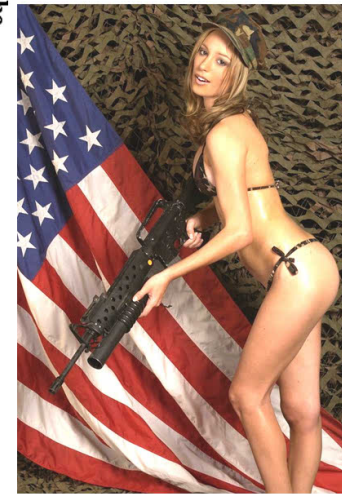
SEE YOUR CHILDREN GET ANOTHER







The guns and the bombs, the rockets and the warships, are all symbols of human failure.  
~Lyndon B. Johnson



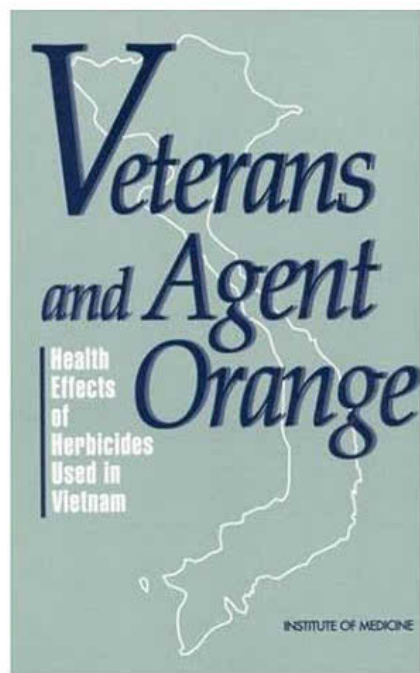






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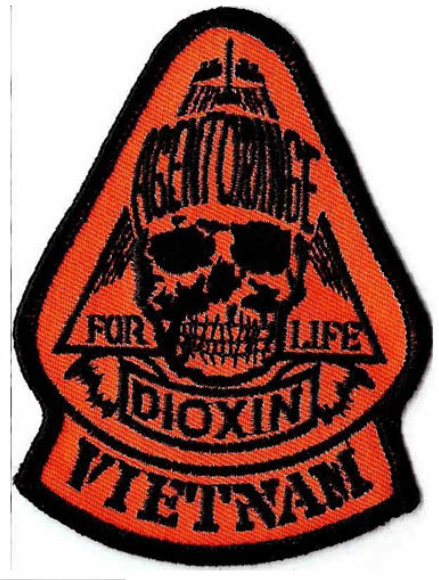
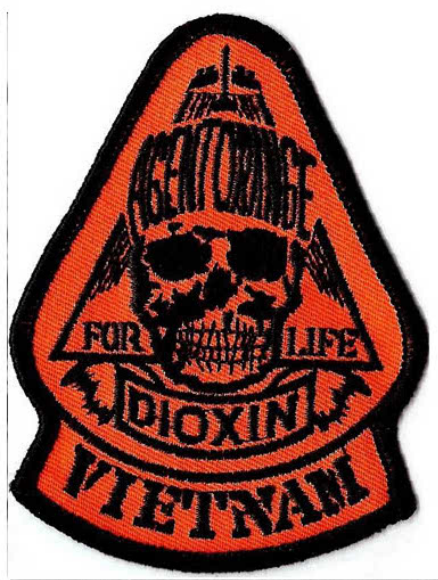


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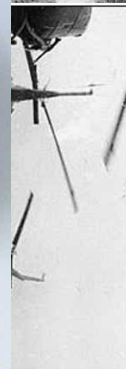
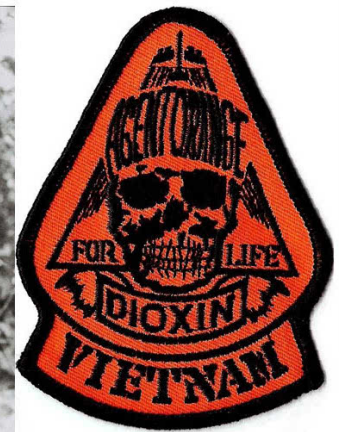
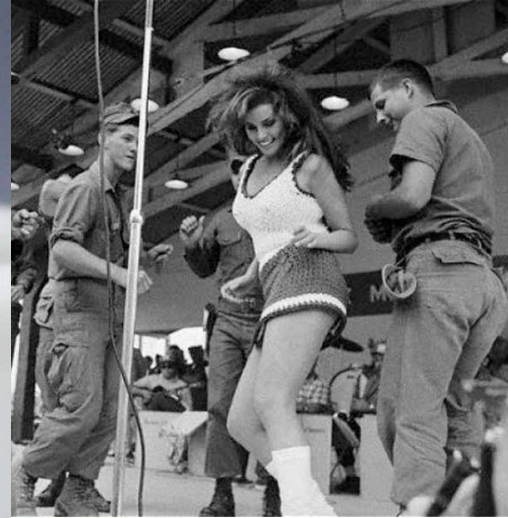
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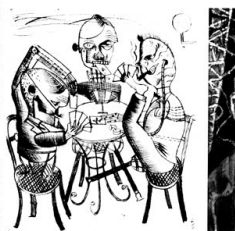
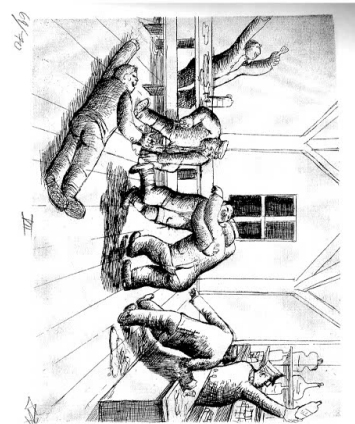
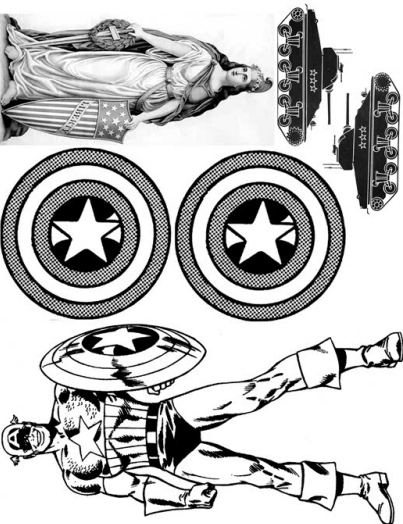
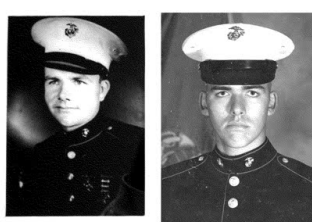
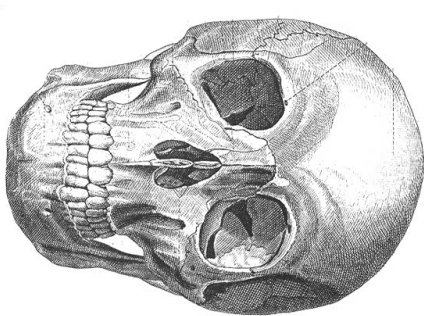












I propose a toast  
To my self control  
You see it crawlin  
helpless on the floor









**rose and fell, and you can foresee the future, too.**

**~Marcus Aurelius**

**The tragedy of war is that it uses man's best to do man's worst.**

**~Harry Emerson Fosdick**

**I think that people want peace so much that one of these days government had better get out of their way and let them have it.**

**~Dwight D. Eisenhower**

**I just want you to know that, when we talk about war, we're really talking about peace.**

**~George W. Bush**

**One does not create a human society on mounds of corpses.**

**~Louis Lecoin**

**In war, there are no unwounded soldiers.**

**~Jose Narosky**

**The direct use of force is such a poor solution to any problem, it is generally employed only by small children and large nations.**

**~David Friedman**

**Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants.**

**~General Omar N. Bradley**

**What a cruel thing war is...to fill our hearts with hatred instead of love for our neighbors.**

**~Robert E. Lee**

**What a cruel thing is war: to separate and destroy families and friends, and mar the purest joys and happiness god has given us in this world...**

**~Robert E. Lee**

**War...is as much a punishment to the punisher as to the sufferer.**

**~Thomas Jefferson**

**It takes more courage to get out of a war than it does to get into one.**

**All wars are fought for money.**

**~Socrates**

**I hate war as only a soldier who has lived it can, only as one who has seen its brutality, its futility, its stupidity.**

**~Dwight D. Eisenhower**

**I'm fed up to the ears with old men dreaming up wars for young men to die in.**

**~George McGovern**

**Either war is obsolete, or men are.**

**~R. Buckminster Fuller**

**There is no flag large enough to cover the shame of killing innocent people.**

**~Howard Zinn**

**Our nation is somewhat sad, but we're angry. There's a certain level of blood lust, but we won't let it drive our reaction. We're steady, clear-eyed and patient, but pretty soon we'll have to start displaying scalps.**

**~George W. Bush**

**What difference does it make to the dead, the orphans, and the homeless, whether the mad destruction is wrought under the name of totalitarianism or the holy name of liberty and democracy?**

**~Mahatma Gandhi**

**There are only two things we should fight for. One is the defense of our homes and the other is the Bill of Rights. War for any other reason is simply a racket.**

**~General Smedley Butler**

**"Your son is a true American hero."**

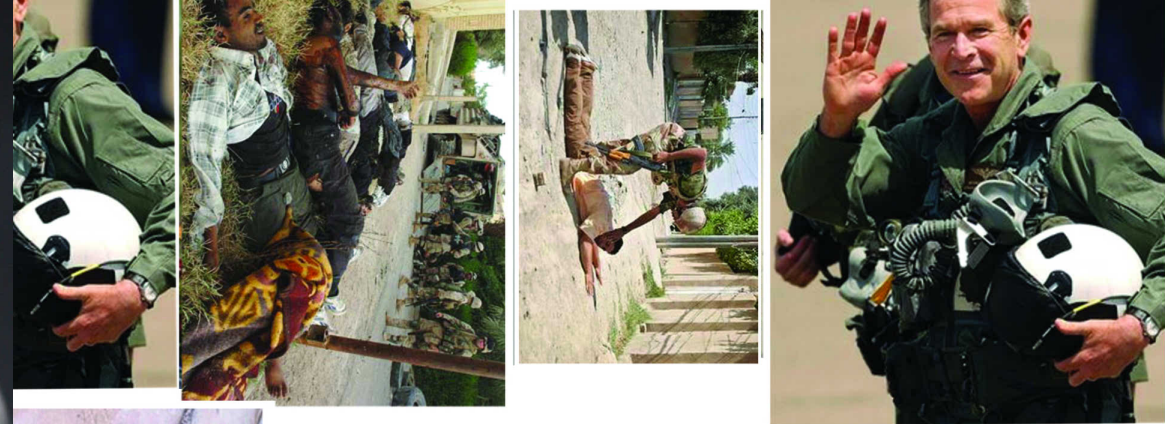
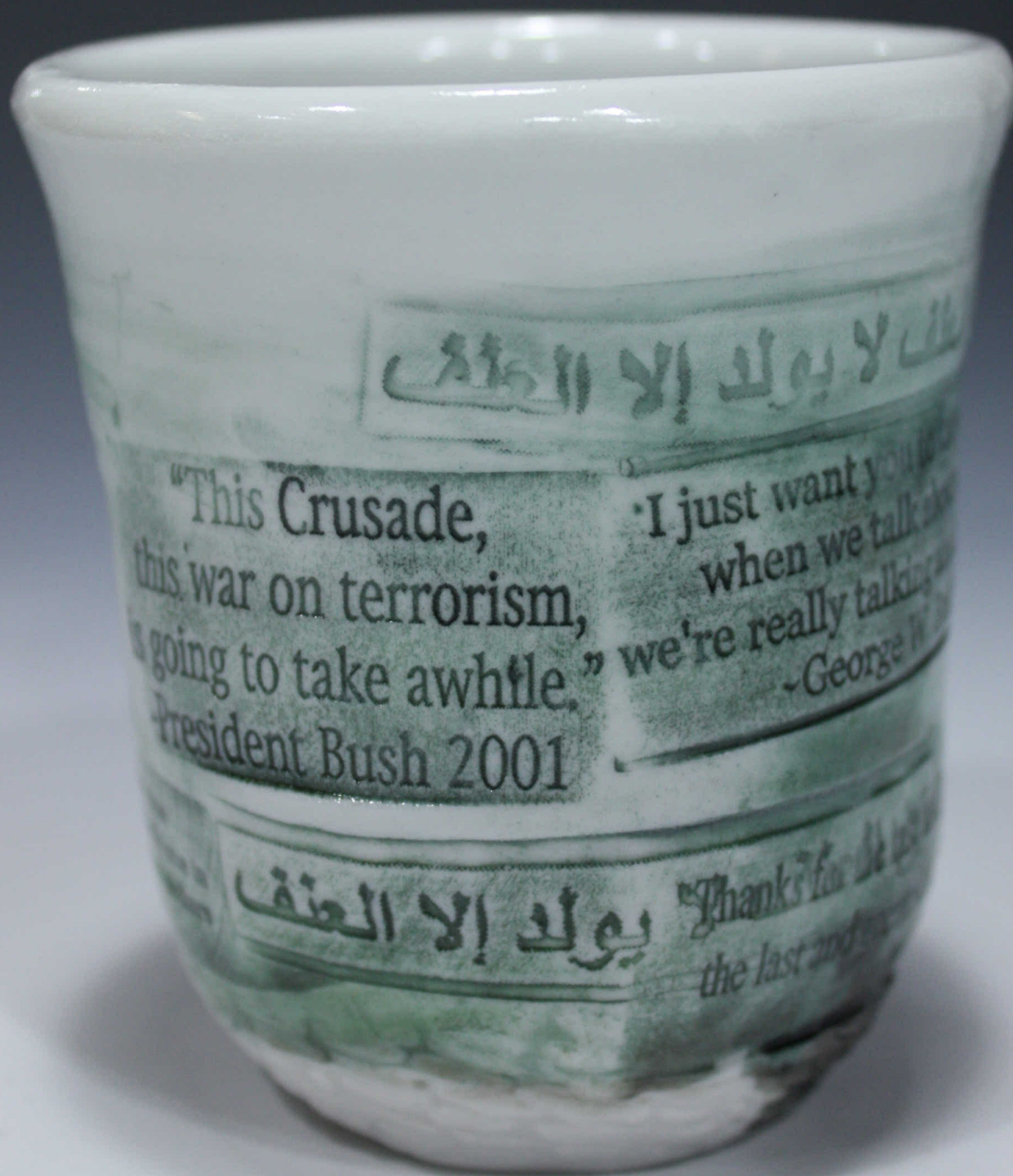
**-Unknown Lt. Col. To parents of dead Marine.**

**Why should we hear about body bags, and deaths...I mean, it's not relevant. So why should I waste my beautiful mind on something like that?**

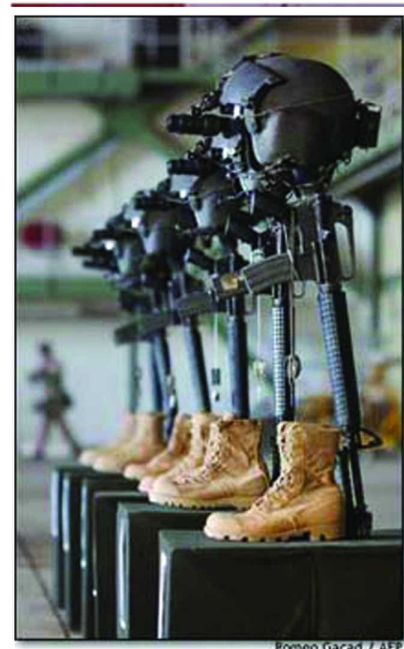
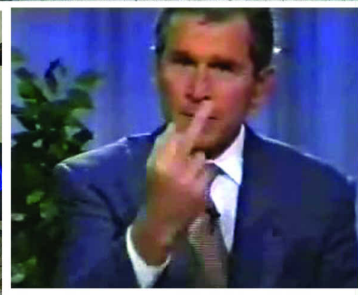
**~Barbara Bush**

**About the quote: Mrs. Bush spoke these words on ABC's "Good Morning America" March 18, 2003**





**WW2**  
Four more years of tax cuts and dead terrorists.





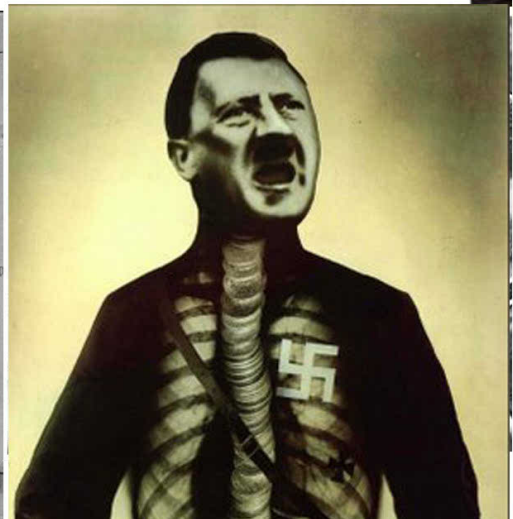






"In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist."

-Dwight D. Eisenhower



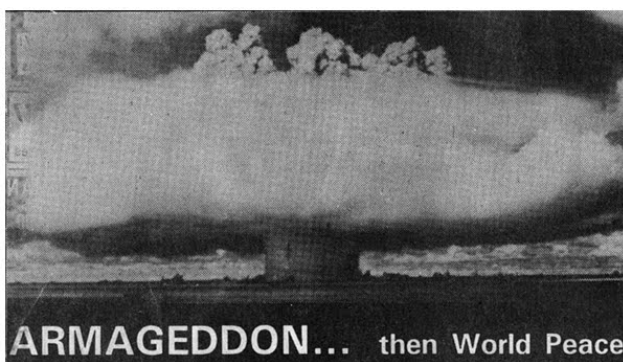
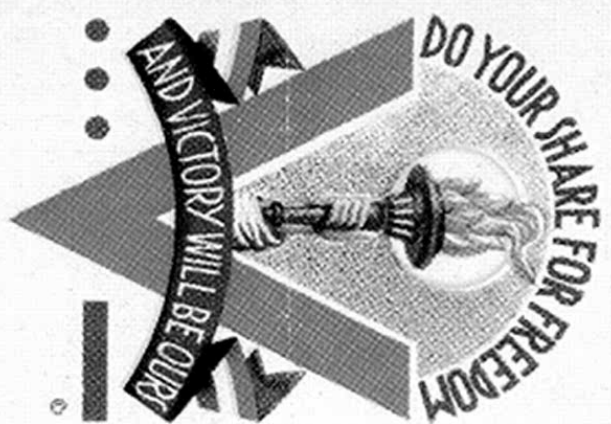
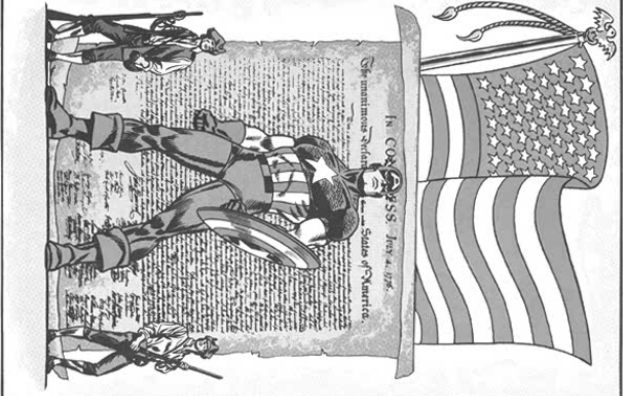








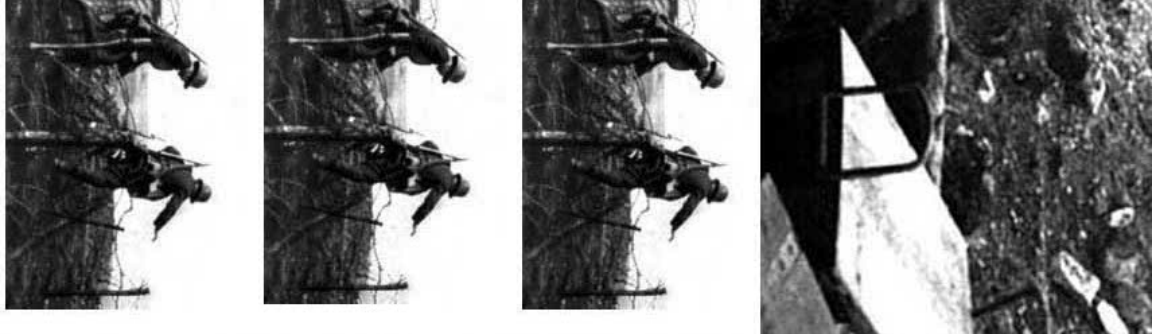
















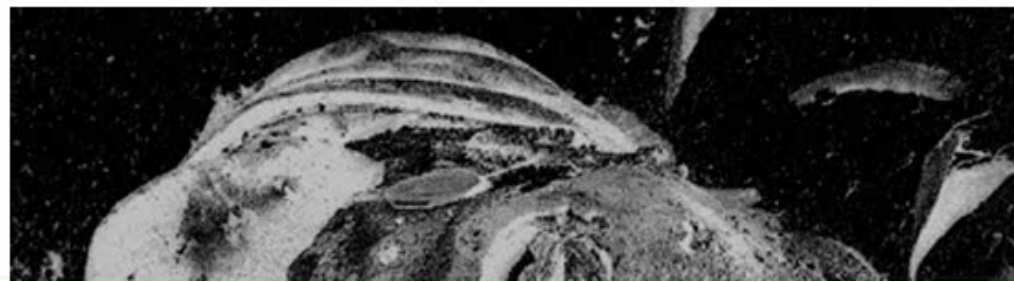
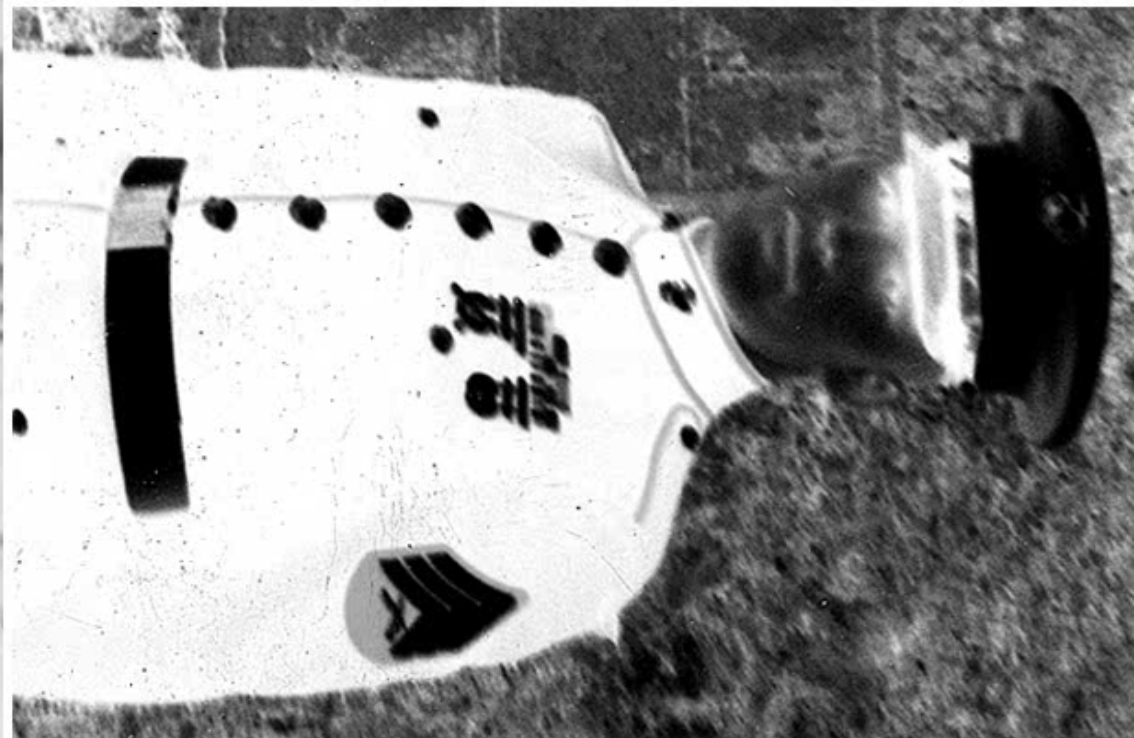
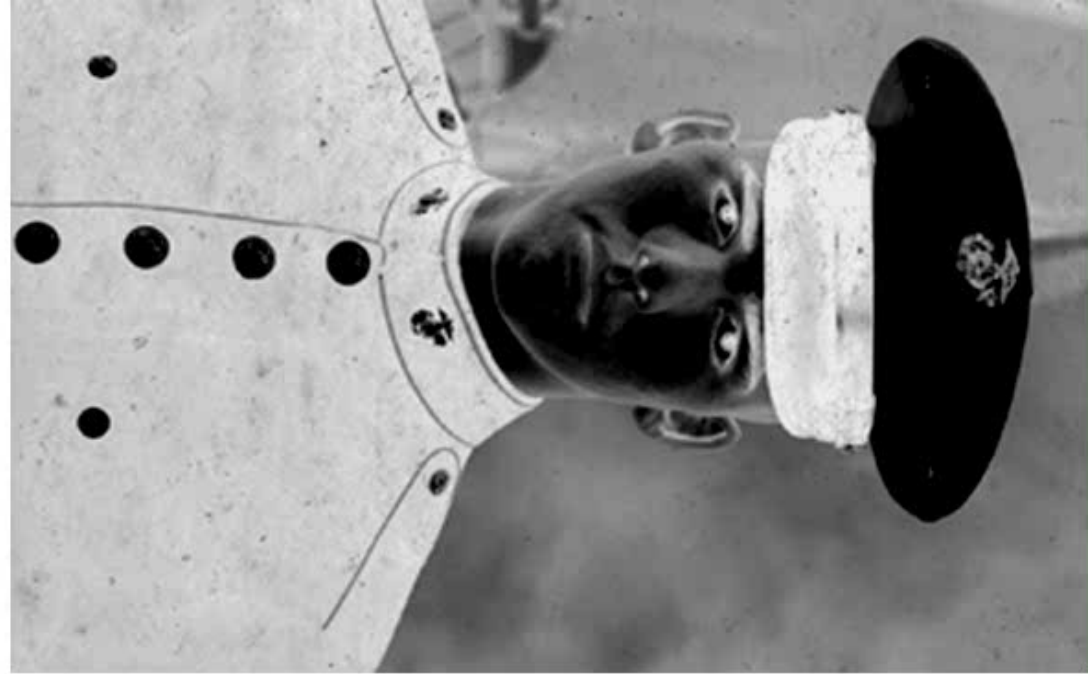








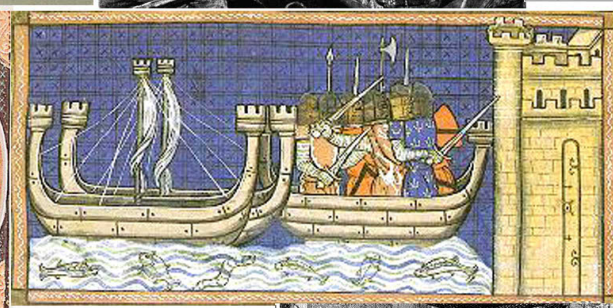
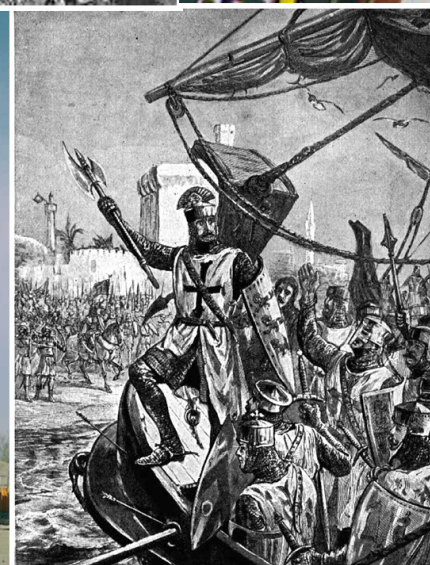
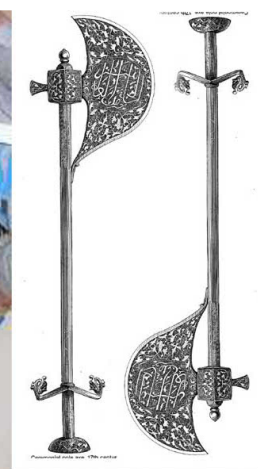
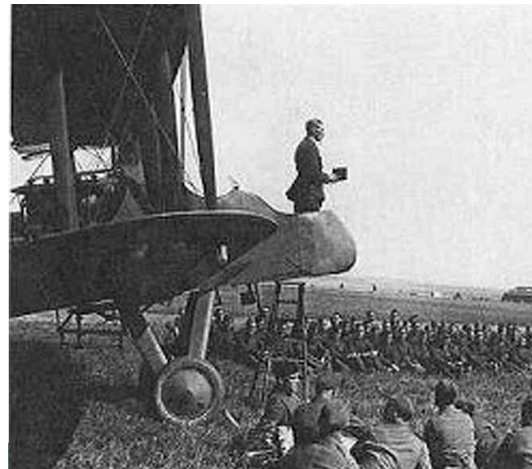








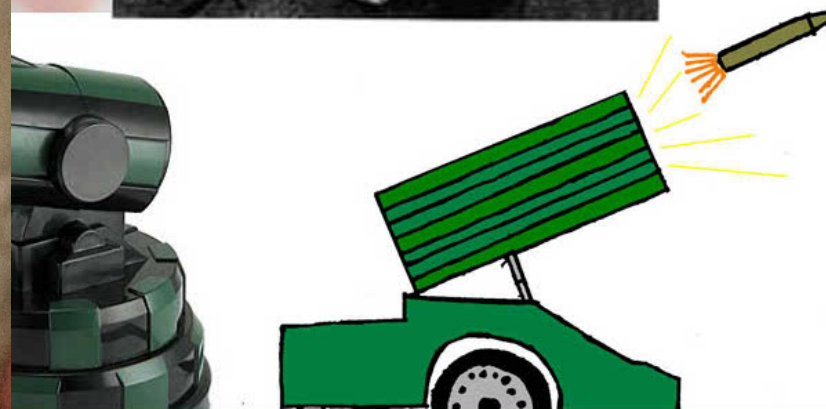




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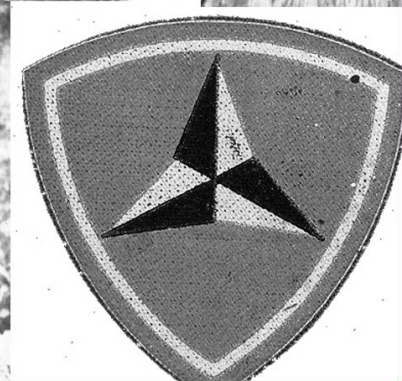
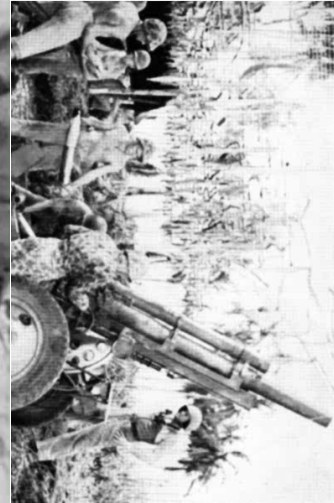
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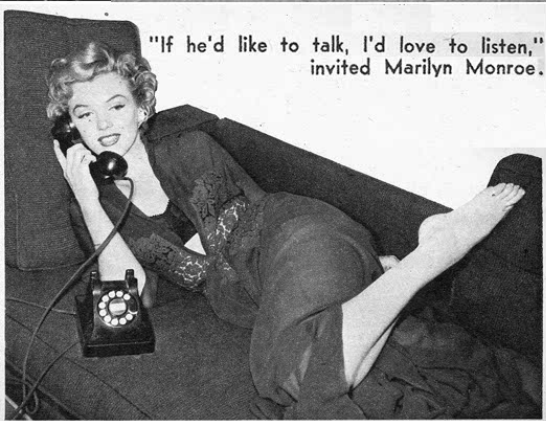




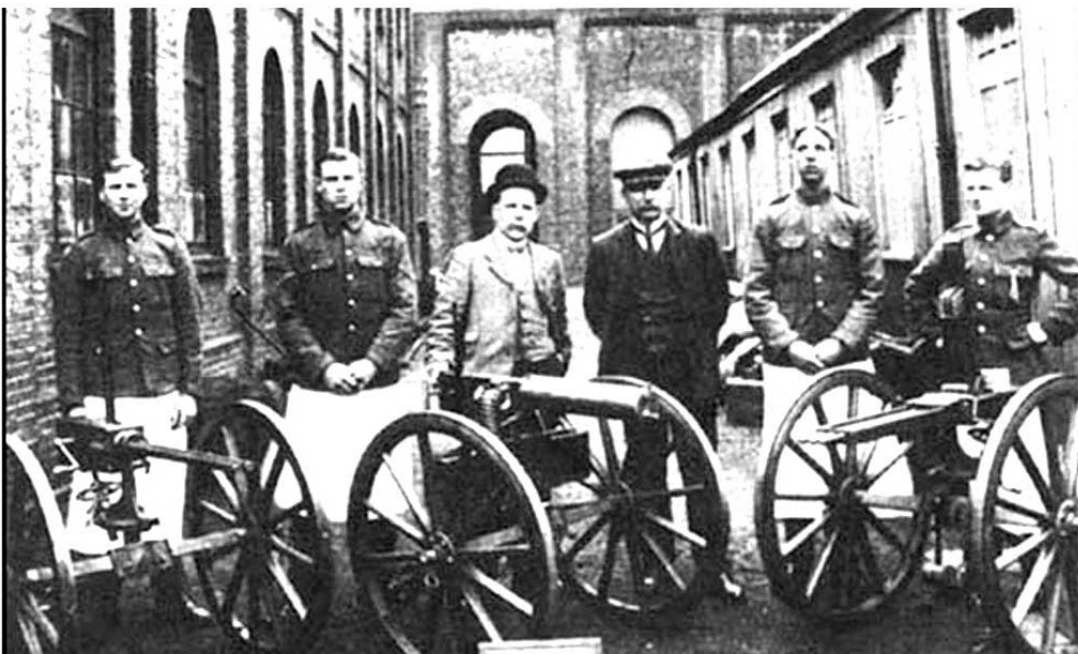
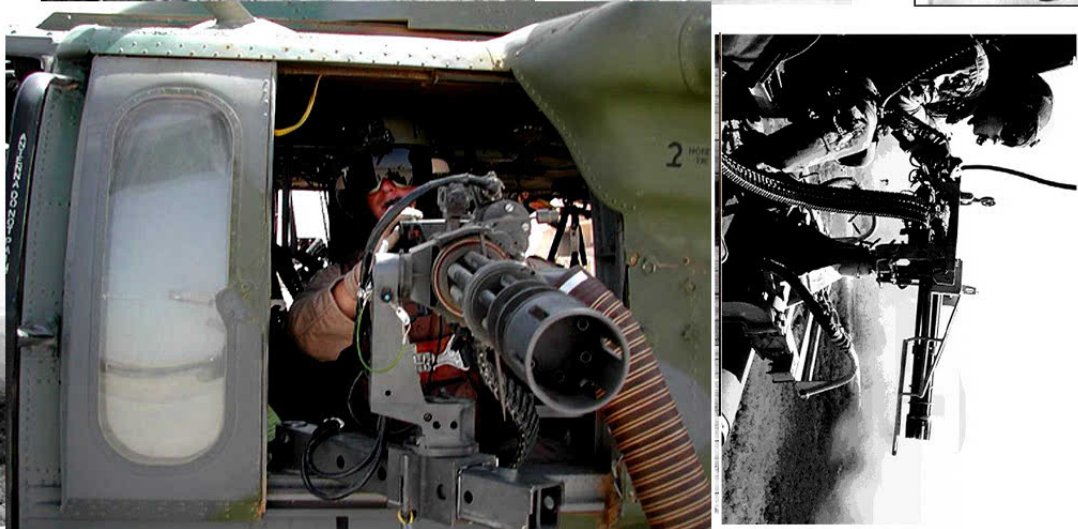
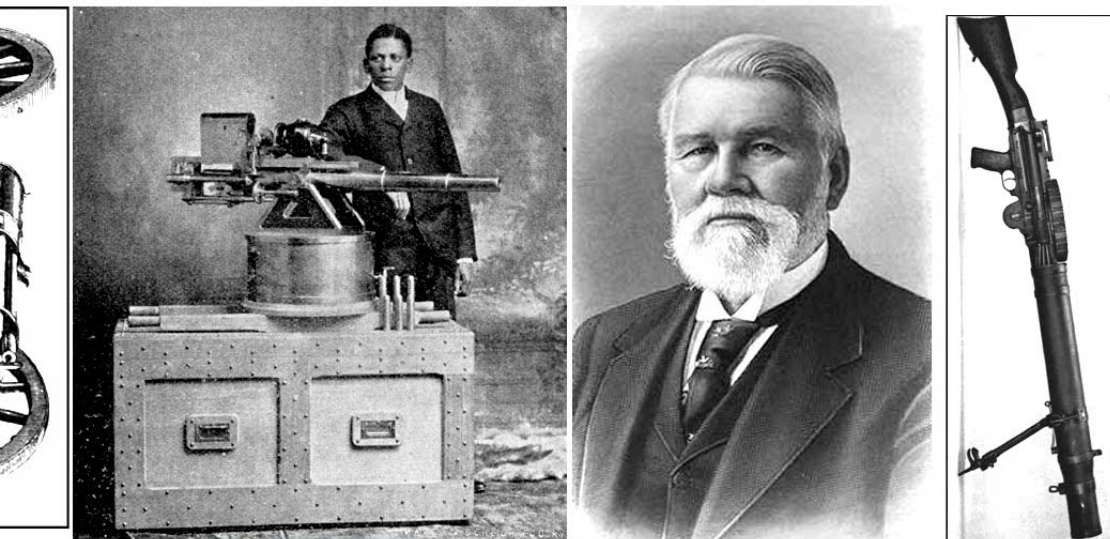








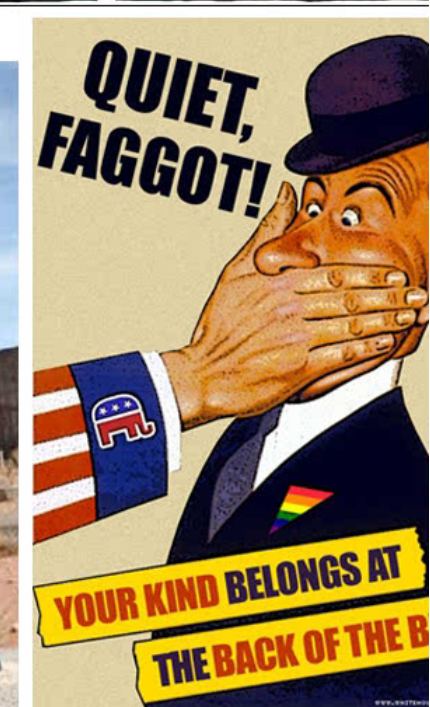
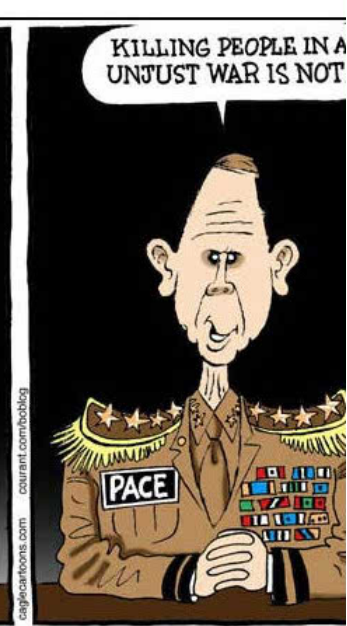




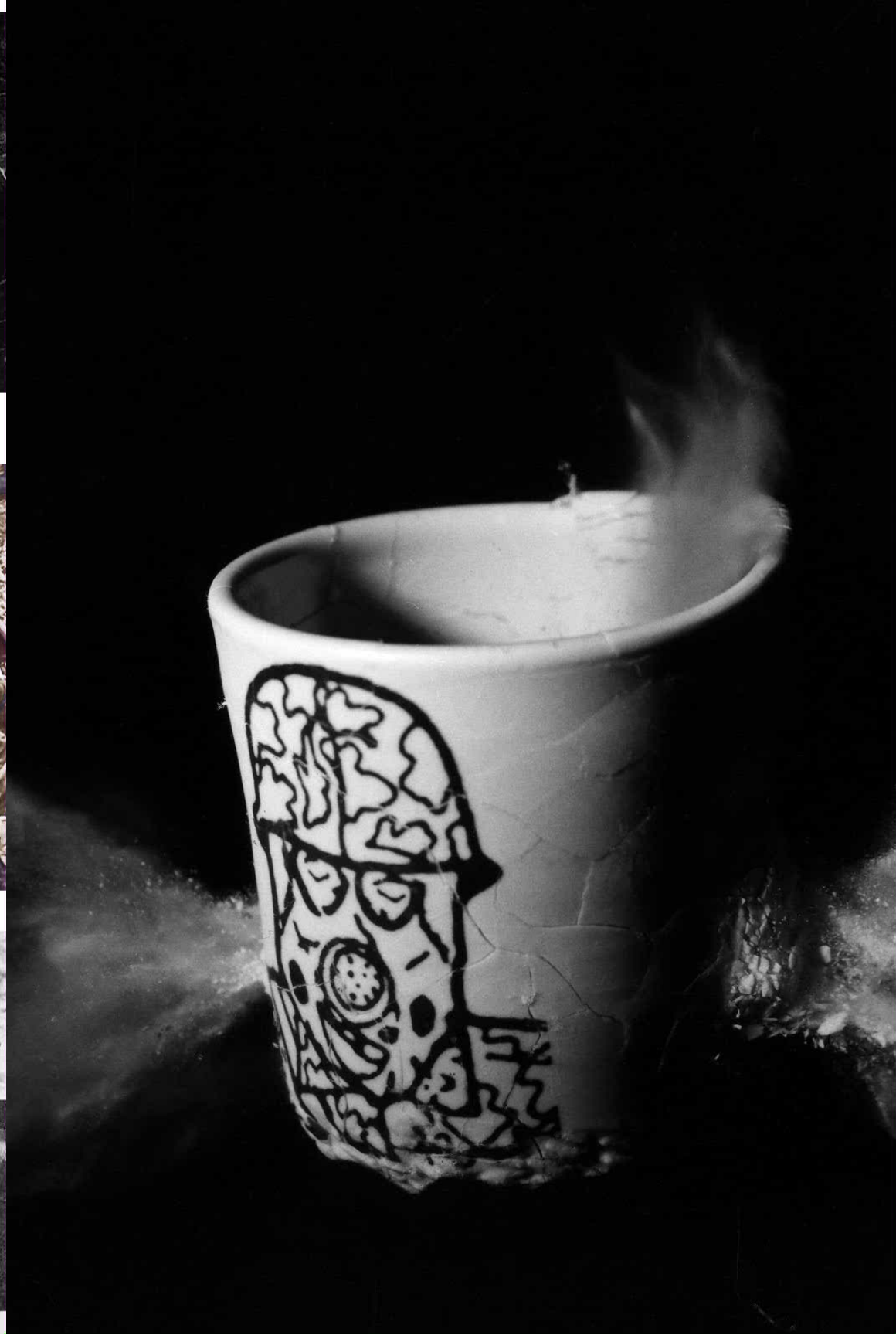
















## Fonda Speaks To Vietnam Veterans At Anti-War Rally



Actress And Anti-War Activist Jane Fonda Speaks to a crowd of Vietnam Veterans as Activist and former Vietnam Vet John Kerry (LEFT) listens and prepares to speak next concerning the war in Vietnam (L)



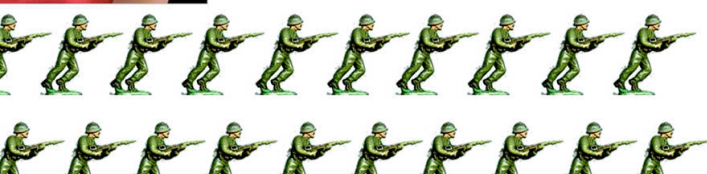
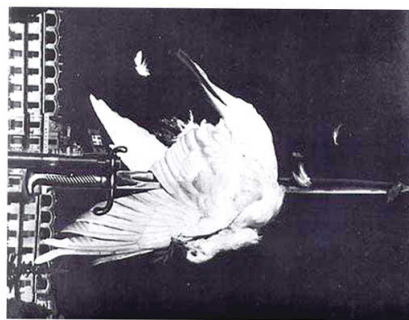




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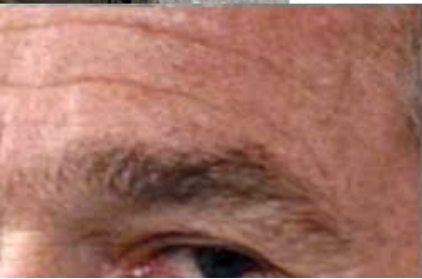
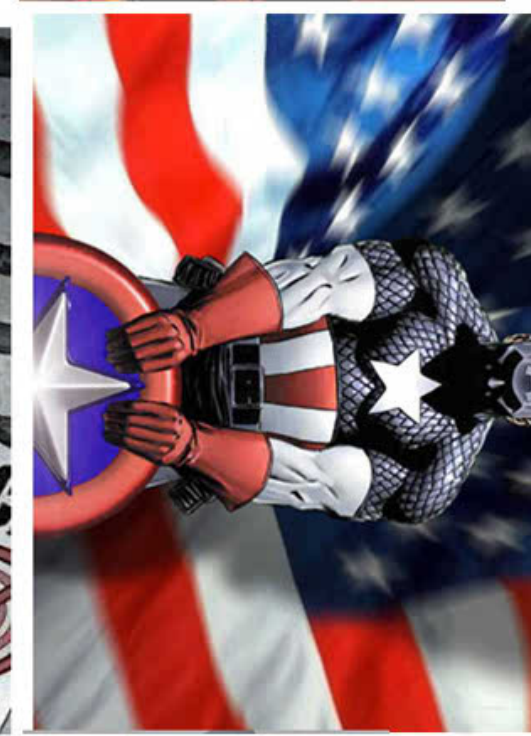
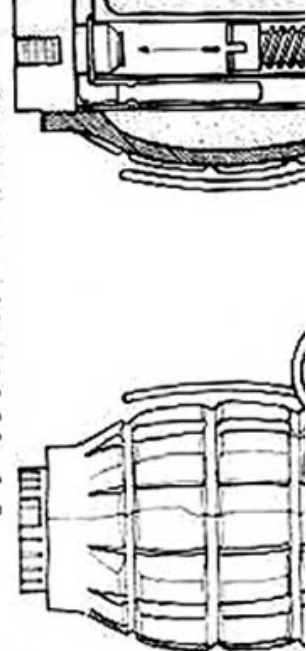
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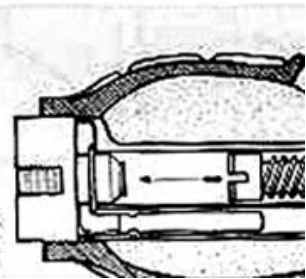




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A MARINE'S CHRONICLE OF THE GULF WAR AND OTHER BATTLES











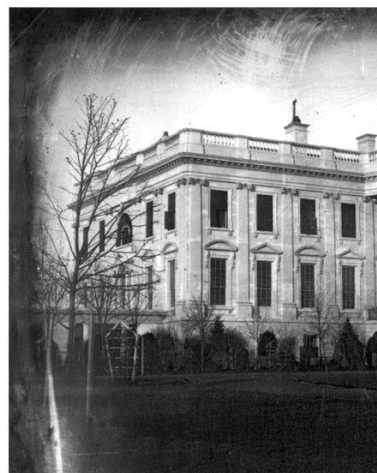
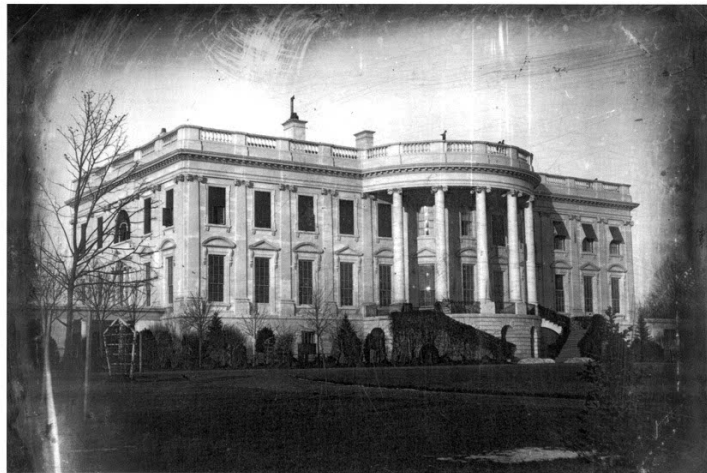
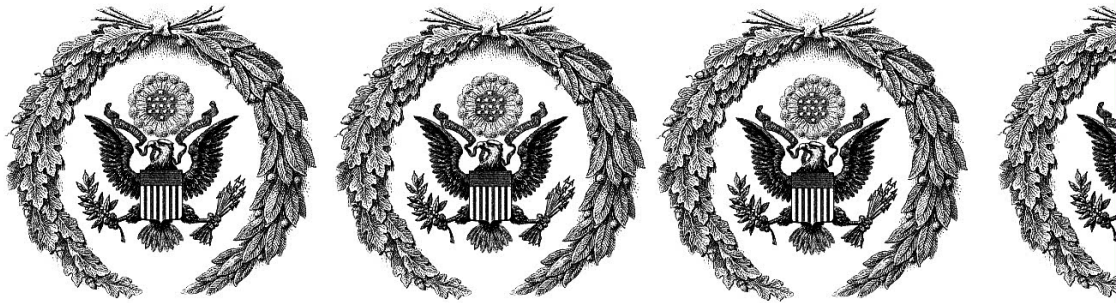


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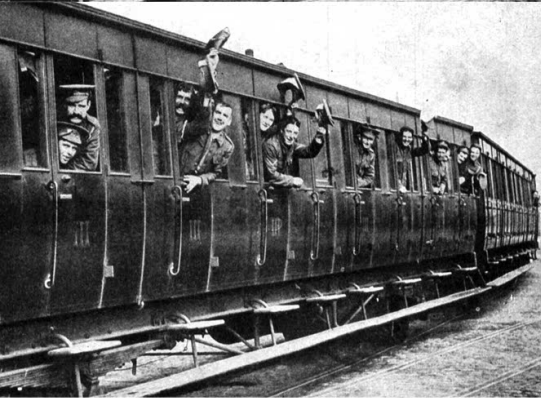
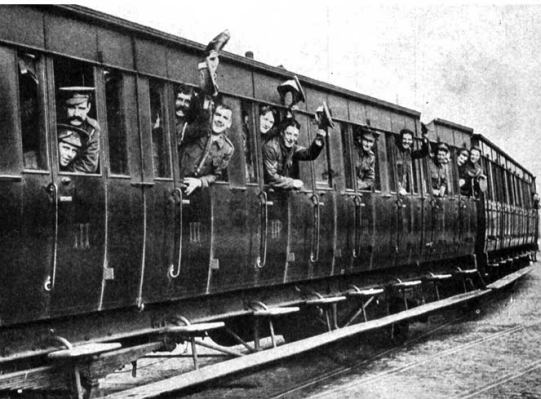
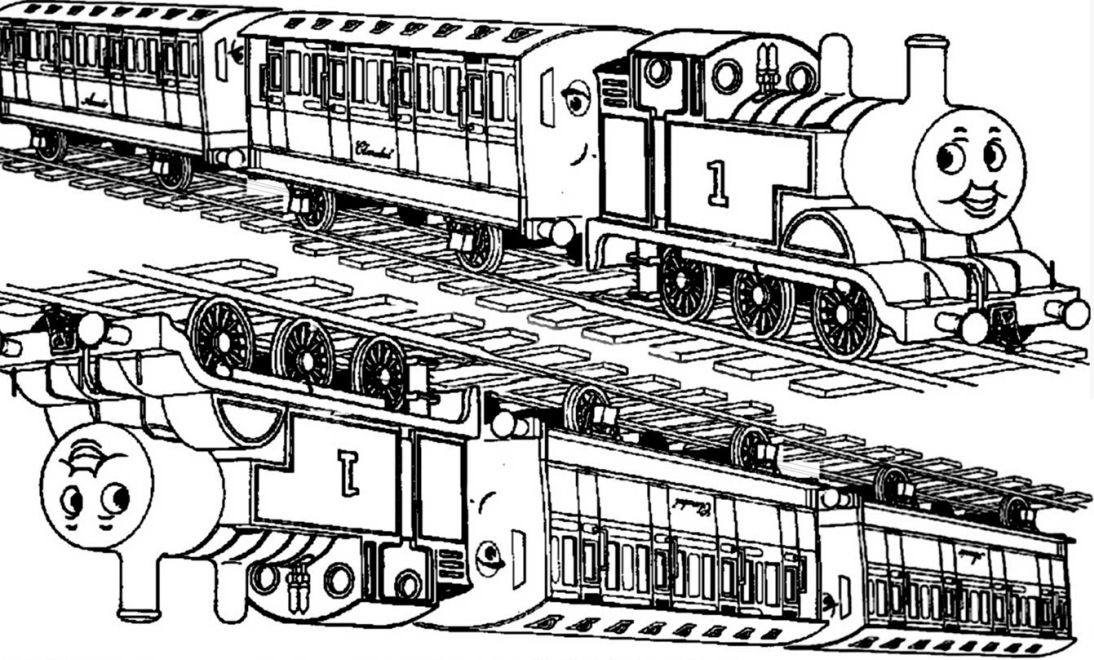
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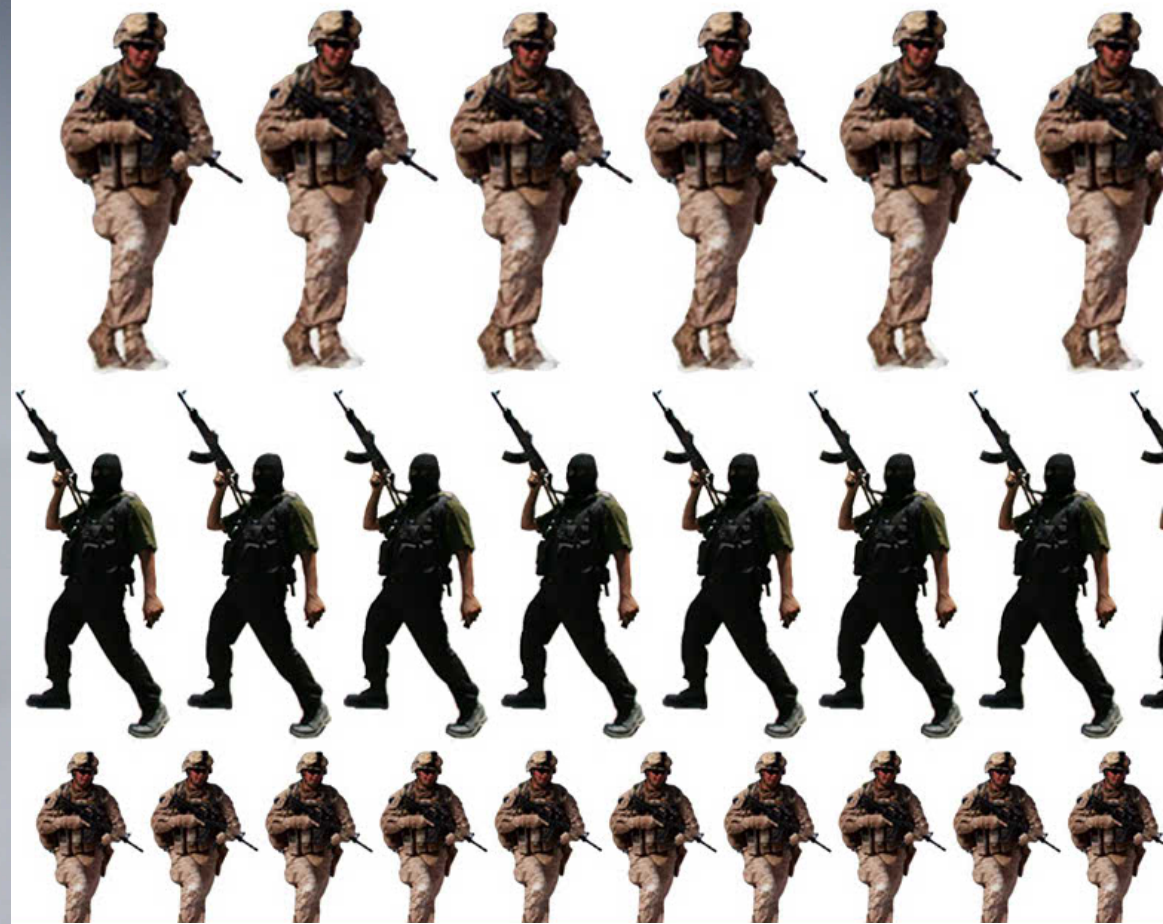
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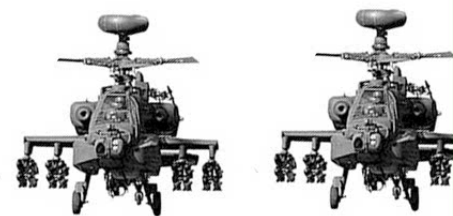












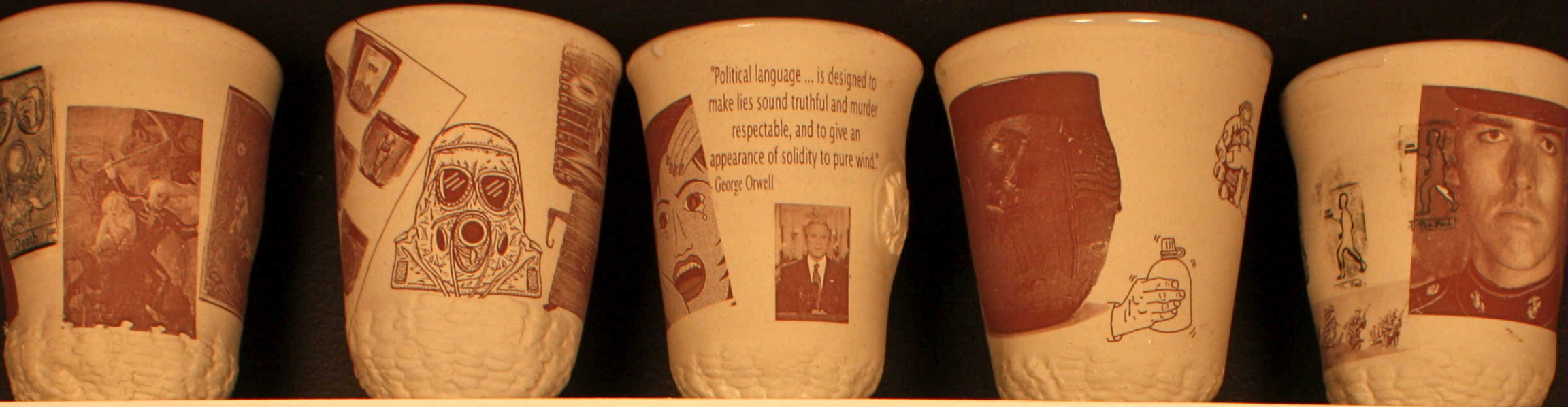




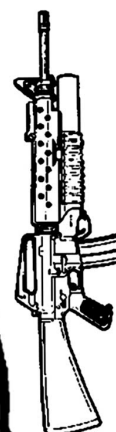
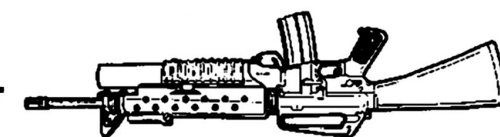
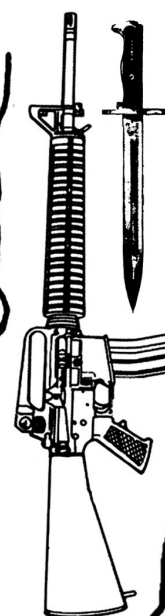
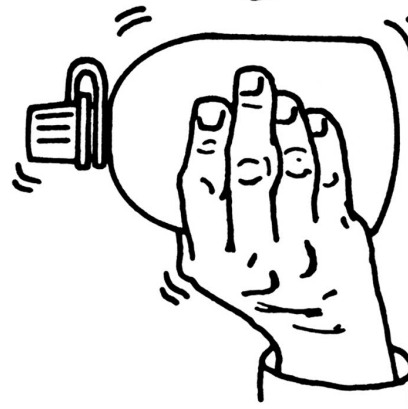
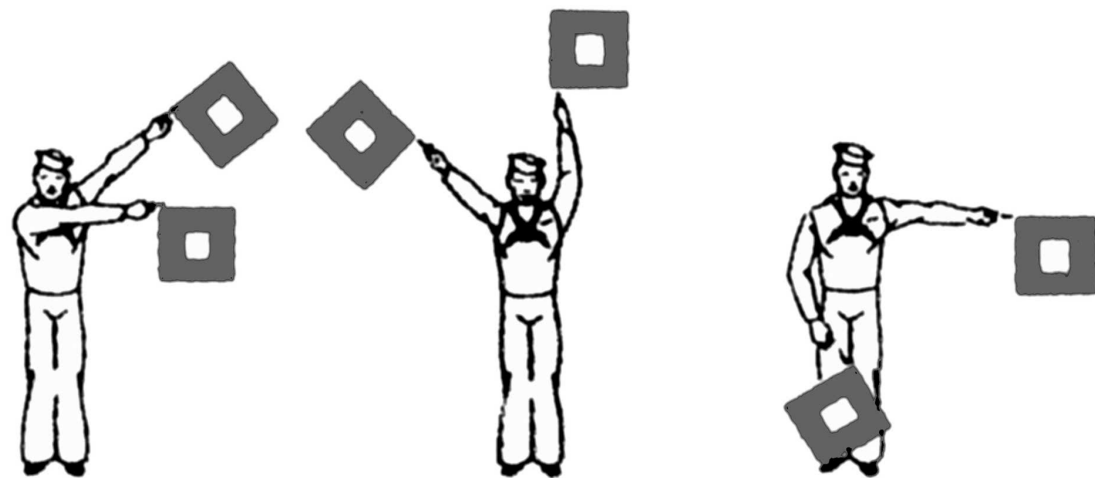
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The conqueror.



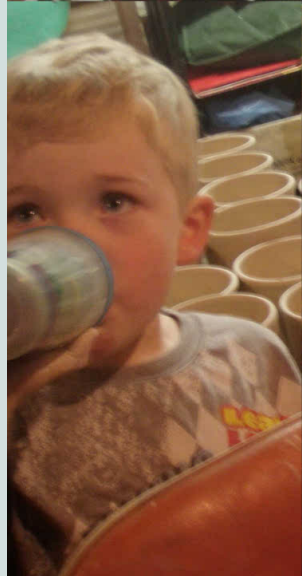
The Fatherland calls.













W. A. Ehren Tool  
3017 Wheeler Street  
Berkeley, CA 94705

President Barack Hussein Obama  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

21 January 2009

Dear Sir,

I joined The Marine Corps very optimistic about the opportunities the United States and I would have to make the world a better place.

After serving in Desert Shield and Desert Storm, I was less optimistic about what the United States and I could or would do to make the world a better place.

I am in awe of the responsibilities and opportunities you have to better the United States and the world. I hope you will succeed where others have failed and make real positive change.

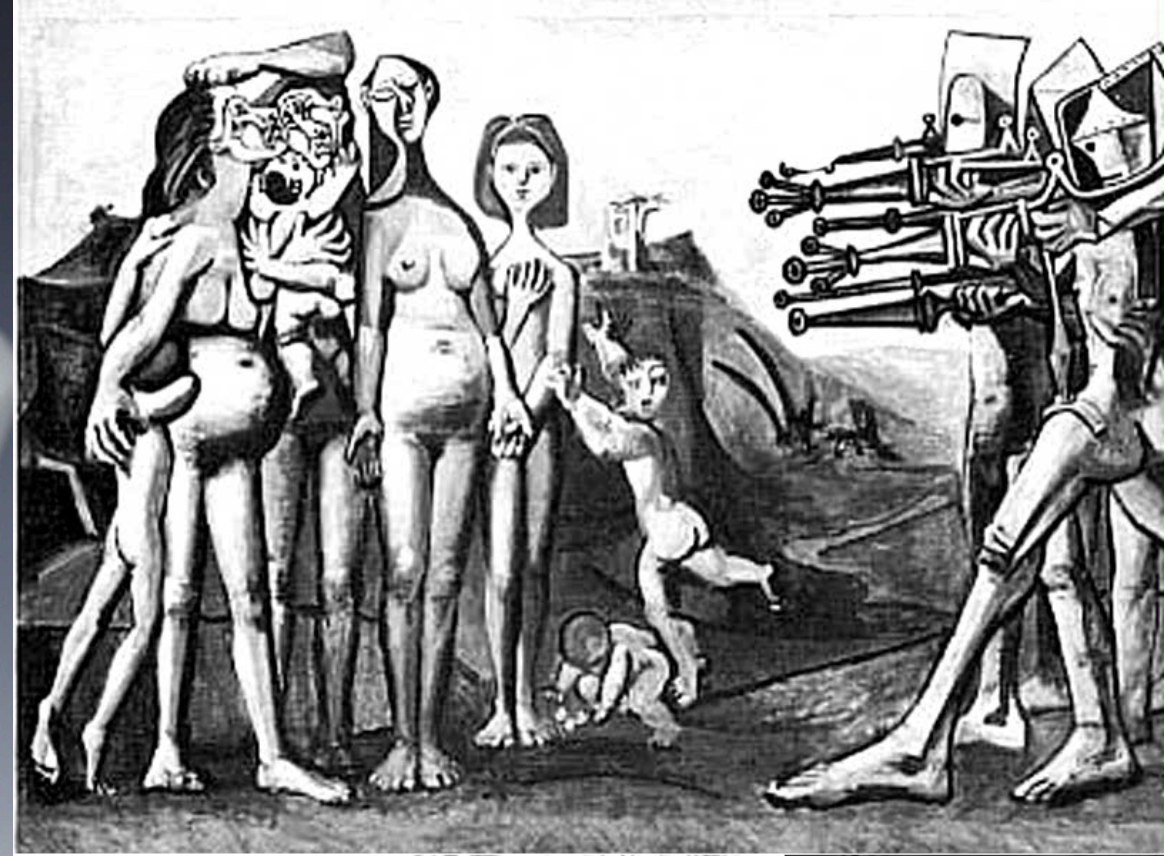
Please accept this bowl I have made, as a gift.

Sincerely,

W.A. Ehren Tool







A tribute to America's proud and indomitable spirit...

## Twin Towers Commemorative

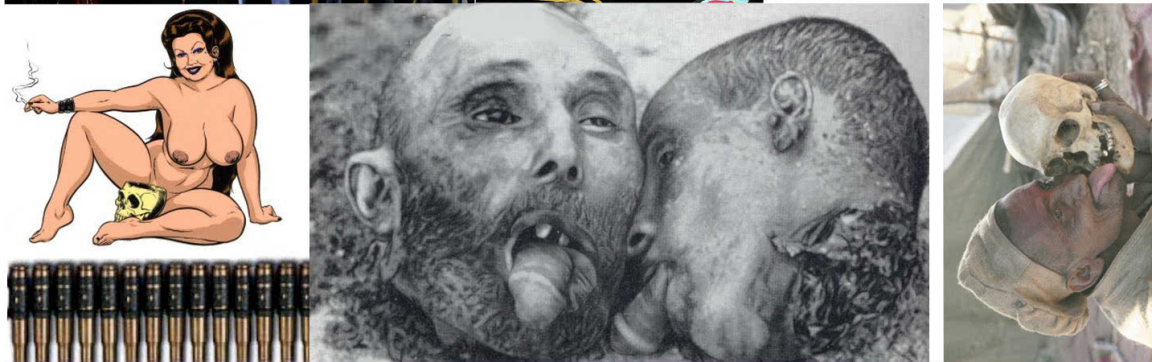
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September 11, 2001  
"We will not waver; we will not tire; we will not falter; and we will not fail. Peace and freedom will prevail."  
President George W. Bush

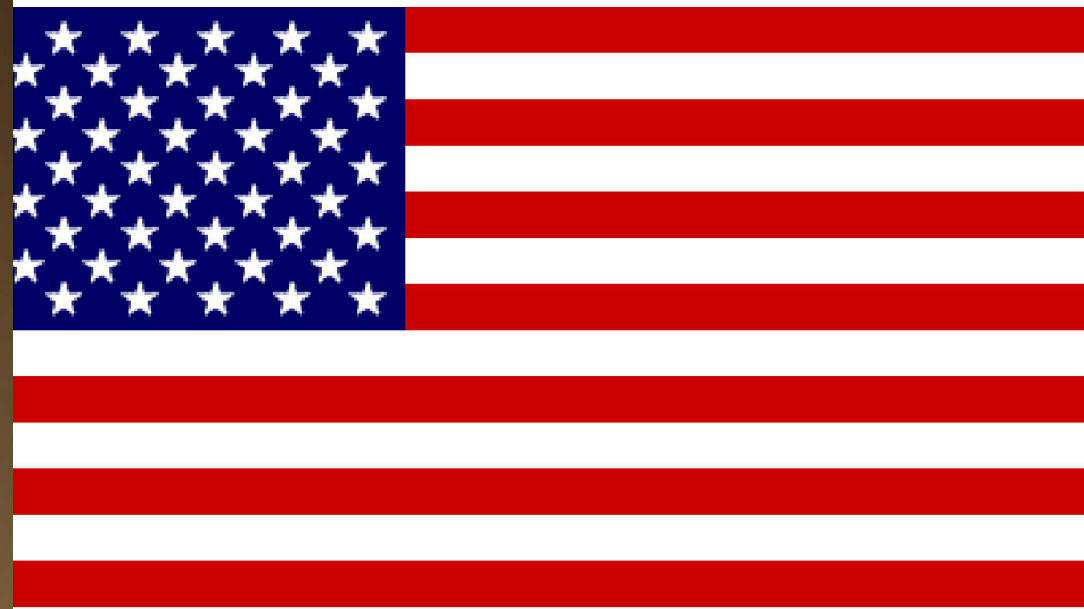
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A commemorative item featuring a model of the Twin Towers and a quote from President George W. Bush. The item is set against a background of stars and stripes.







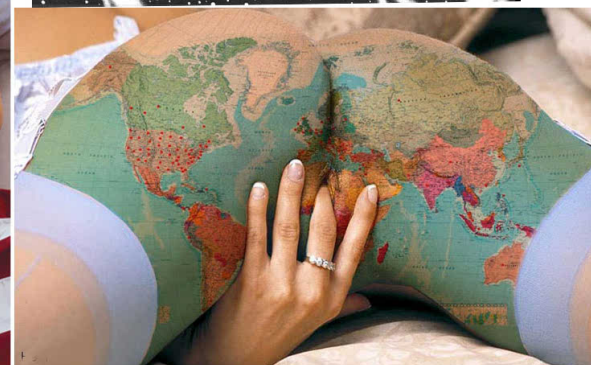
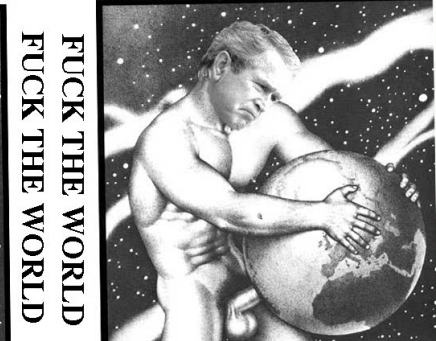
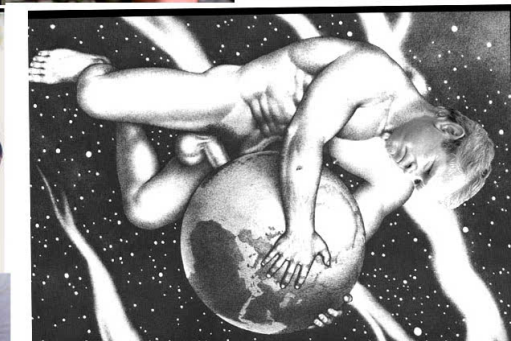


On the road to peace. No one remembers his name.



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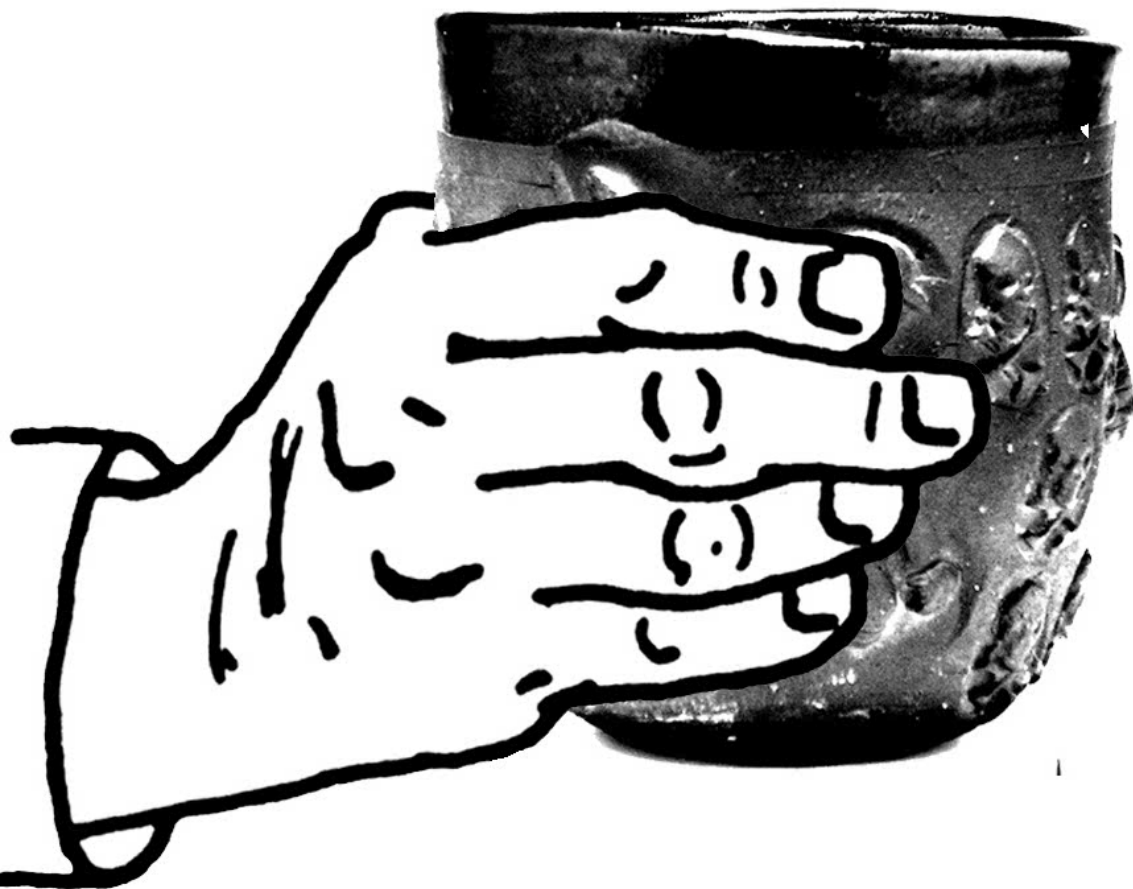
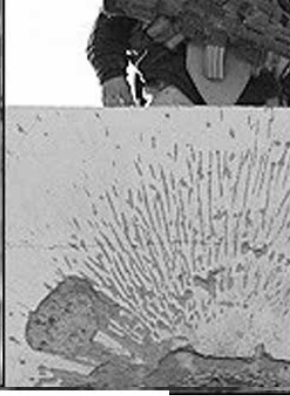
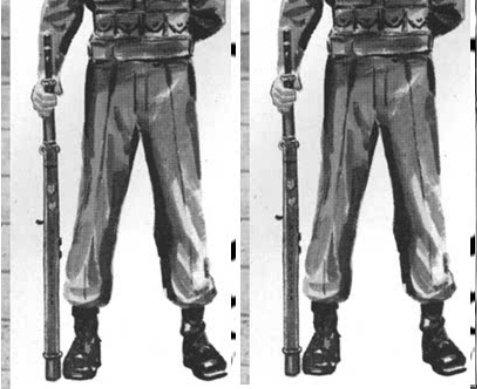














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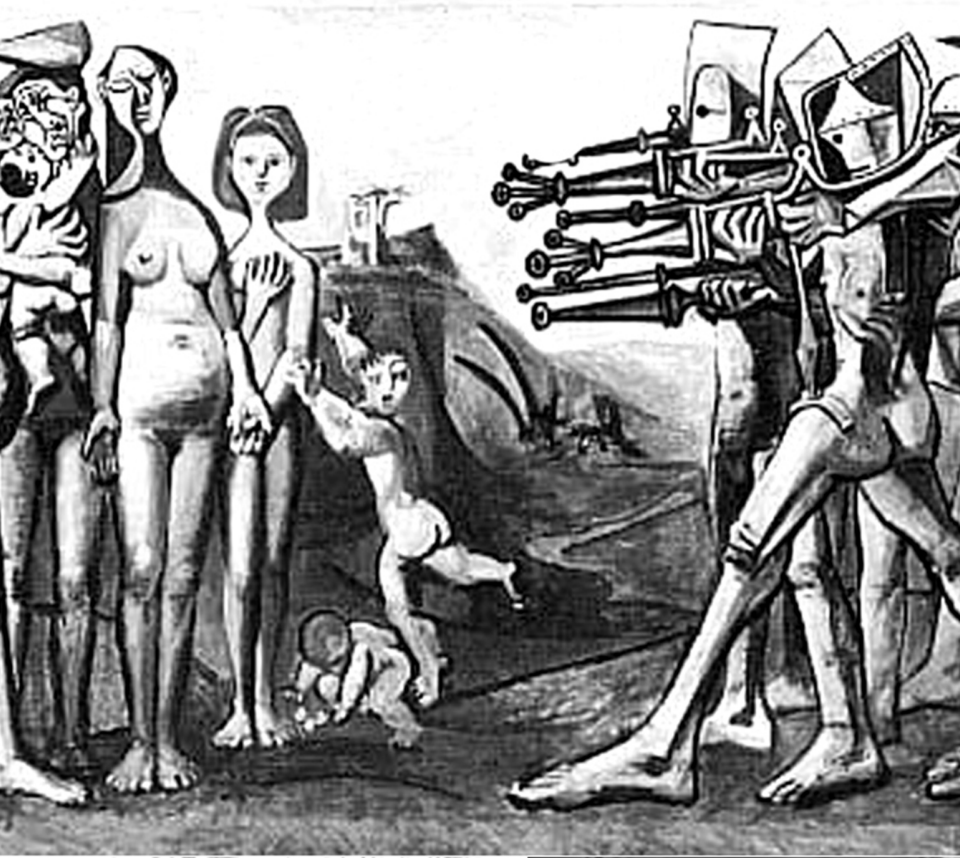


Ehren served with MP Co Hq Bn 1st Marine Division during Desert Shield and Desert Storm and was part of Task Force Ripper. He later volunteered for service on Marine Security Guard duty in Rome for 15 months, and then in Paris for 15 months.

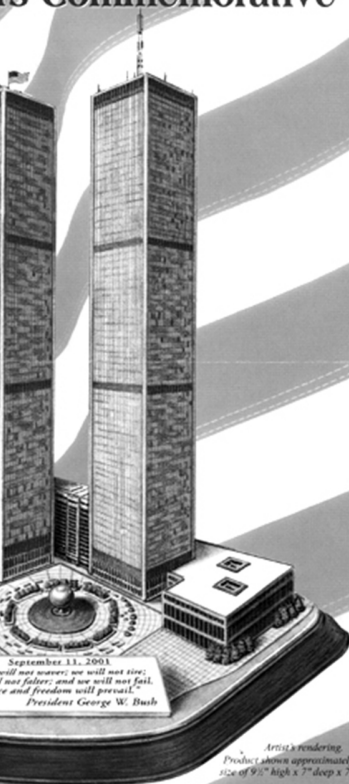
Ehren currently lives in Berkeley, CA. He works as the "Senior Laboratory Mechanician" at UC-Berkeley and is a visiting lecturer of ceramics in the Department of Art Practice. He is very grateful to be married with a child.

Ehren often stays up after 2AM making his cups and has shown them internationally. Since 2001, he has given away more than 10,600 of them. He has also sold a few, mostly in Germany. Ehren hopes to make the world a smaller and more humane place by sharing things hand-to-hand with an abstract community of people (who now own his cups).





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Artist's rendering.  
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