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Strategic Advice

"These buffoons don't deserve our salutes. We messed up in Iraq and Afghanistan; we're struggling in Libya. Are our military leaders actually any good?"

Matthew Parris
The Times 2011

THAT MoD SHAKE-UP IN FULL...
ADAMS
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (BURGERS)
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (FRIES)
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (SOFT DRINKS)

AN ERA OF PERSISTENT CONFLICT
Driven by Six Mega Trends

…Globalization

Top 1% of world population owns 40% of wealth …Interconnected world economies and opportunities …The 'have-nots' know it

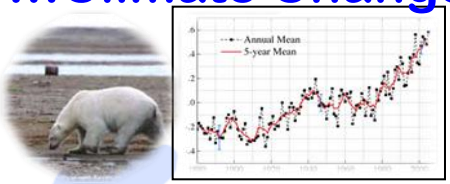
…Shifting Demographics

60% will live in urban areas by 2030 … Africa, Middle East, Central Africa have 40-50% Youth Bulge

…Weapons of Mass Destruction

~25 nations possess, stockpile or develop … 3770 tons of enriched uranium … al Qaeda religious duty

…Climate Change



Arctic sea ice melted by 2040 … Desertification at 70,000Km^2/yr … 1.4B confront environmental fragility

…Failed / Fragile States

Account for 77% of conflict … Fragile states have 4 times terror problems … 28 of 51 African states high risk

…Uncertain Natural Resource Availability

World food cost up 45%, shortages of rice, wheat & maize … triple digit oil prices … 450M face severe water shortage

Our Army's Understanding Of Conflict: A Decade Of COIN

Our Army's Understanding of Conflict After a Decade of COIN: 'Go Back to Combined Arms Manoeuvre…'

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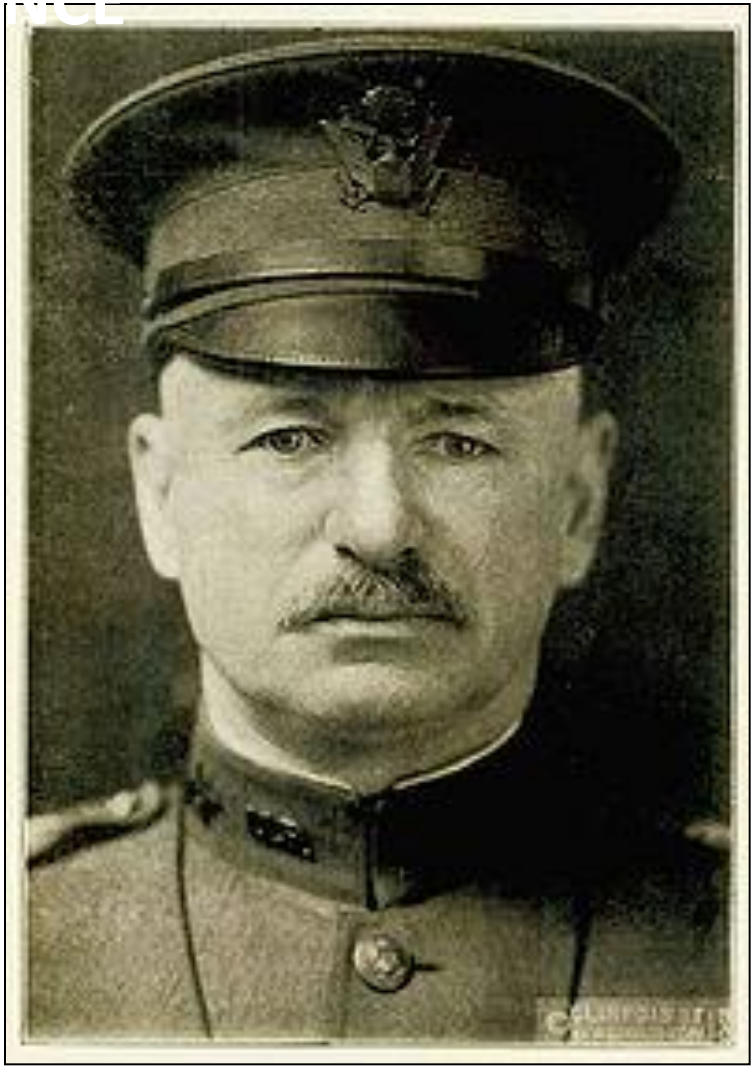

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Threats: ‘Magical Thinking’

“Some claim that this is a new model for military interventions against dangerous dictators.”

Nick Robinson, BBC News 15 Nov 11

THIS SEASON'S NEW FASHION AIR SEA BATTLE

Modern high-end technology and weaponry

Strategic Clarity…?

"Partner"…

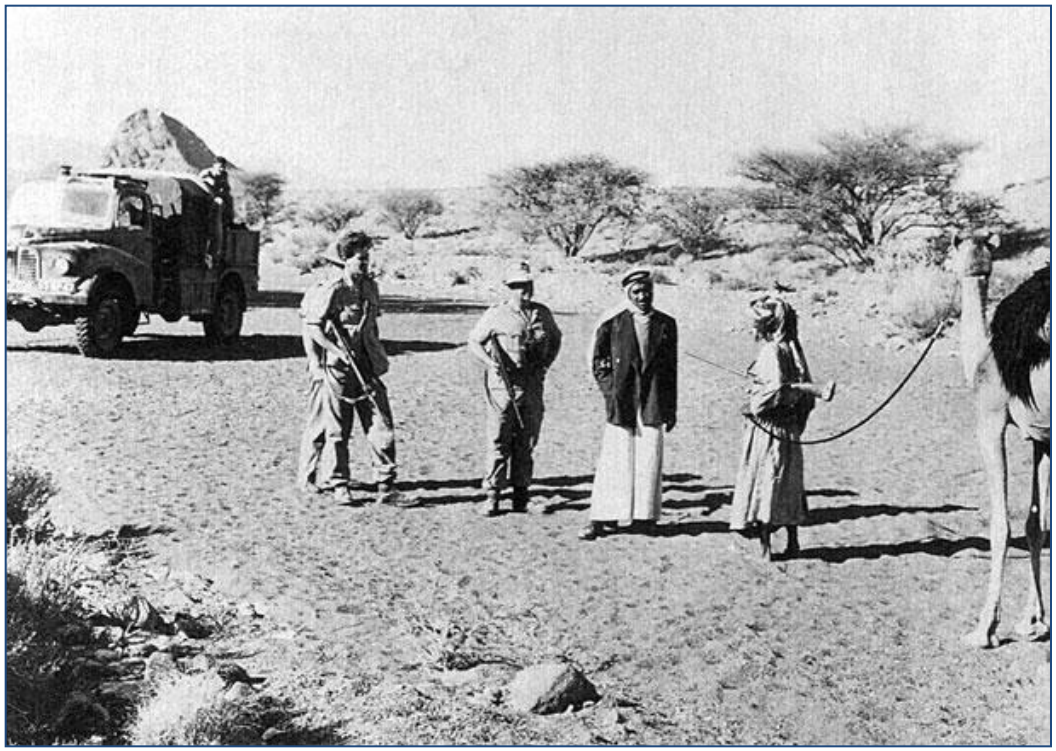
"an associate"
"one engaged with another in business"
"one who plays on the same side"
"one who dances with another"???
"a **sharer**"

"Proxy"…

"one who **acts for** another"

Chambers Dictionary

VALLEDOR
U.S. ARMY



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