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FROM THE EDITOR - MARK BIRDSALL



VIGILANCE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

As Christmas approaches the rumour mill has started to generate all manner of suspected plots and happenings instigated by the ISIS and al-Qaida terror groups. From the blowing up of five airliners departing London to shopping centre attacks, these reports have been sourced from increasing 'chatter' on the Internet. This is definitely a time for vigilance, and the security services are urging members of the public to be vigilant. In the UK, transport police printed tens of thousands of leaflets warning commuters that in the event of an incident, they should 'run hide and tell'. Some commentators, perhaps oblivious or ignorant of the terrorist threat in Britain, criticised the move. However, awareness is everything and the move should be applauded. So too MI5's counter-terrorism efforts to warn businesses - this in a week-long nationwide operation. There have also been internal memos issued by the police and military about safety - and in the United States, personnel were given advice about home and family security.



The year-long inquiry into the murder of UK trooper Lee Rigby by two al-Qaida fanatics in London last year has closed. The report notes and references Internet activity and messages posted on social networking sites such as Facebook. Some senior intel staffers believe there should be better cooperation. Others have gone further believing the web sites should submit reports on dangerous postings - this after it was learned one of Rigby's killers had written he 'wanted to kill a soldier'. The problem is that sites such as Facebook receive between 50 to 100 million new messages and uploads a day. And whilst I support the notion of better cooperation, I fear that monitoring the Internet for every malicious sentence may be beyond the capability of those charged with such a task.

Away from the menace of such terror groups, Russia's military is again flexing its muscles. From spy flights to sea exercises, the testing of new submarines and even the abduction of a spy, NATO is clearly rattled. A superb feature on Submarines and Espionage and a New Cold War examines recent events.

I'm often asked about the Fourth Estate. Does it really exist? The subject centres upon the liaison between the media and intelligence worlds. It is beyond doubt that some intelligence services favour a particular newspaper, television station or even a reporter. But what of the dangerous use of media fronts by those serving in an intelligence agency? It has happened in the past, most famously with the CIA's Operation Mockingbird and MI6's British Security Coordination. And just recently, the FBI was caught out when an agent posed as a reporter, and an experienced German journalist admitted infiltration of the press. There are instances when cooperation is necessary, but some areas should be a no go area for the intelligence world; front-line journalists and camera operators have a difficult enough time plying their trade, often working in dangerous theatres such as Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan. Eye Spy 94 carries an indepth feature on the Fourth Estate which is certainly an eye-opener.

We also have part two of the changing face of surveillance. In this fascinating overview our editorial team examines the introduction of new technology and methods to support operations.

These are just some of the topics covered in Eye Spy 94.

A brief overview follows...

TENTACLES OF ISIS

TERROR GROUP EXPANDS OUTSIDE SYRIA AND IRAQ AS ATTACKS CLAIM VICTIMS AND ARRESTS CONTINUE



- MI5 foil alleged Remembrance Sunday plot by ISIS as Security Service gleaned intelligence on a suspected terror cell in London
- Canadian Parliament Building attacked as an ISIS follower kills a trooper
- Plot to kill UK police officers and military personnel uncovered
- MI5 and FBI warns of possible ISIS attacks at Christmas

THE CHANGING FACE OF SURVEILLANCE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Eye Spy Editorial continues its informative overview on the vital and ever-changing intelligence element of Surveillance



THE FOURTH ESTATE



Eye Spy examines the oft fraught and dark relationship between spies and the media, this as an experienced journalist becomes the latest figure to warn of working too closely with those plying their trade in the world of intelligence and espionage...

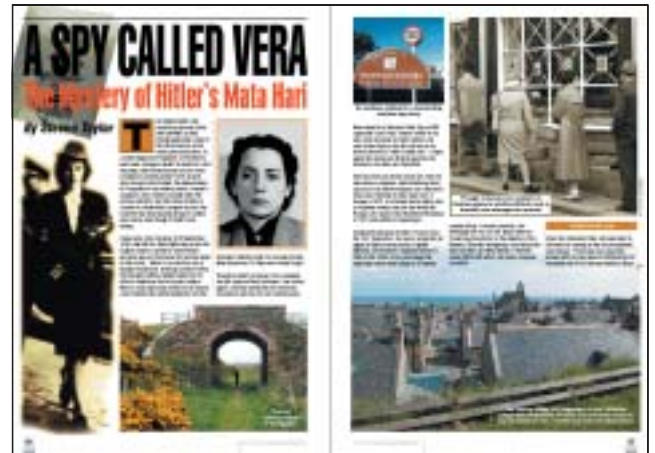


A SPY CALLED VERA

HITLER'S MATA HARI



Eye Spy presents a fascinating wartime spy story on a Nazi spy called Vera. New evidence emerges that she may well have been a British agent



HUB-79 AND THE FOURTH BUREAU

CHINA'S MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY

In Eye Spy 93, we identified the 12 Bureaus which make up the main elements of China's huge secret intelligence system. One in particular fascinates intelligence watchers interested in telecommunications, intercepts and electronic surveillance...





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SUBMARINES & ESPIONAGE



A recent encounter with an unidentified submarine in Sweden's territorial waters has once again focused attention on an emerging Cold War. Eye Spy provides a fascinating historical overview of some key moments in the evolvment and importance of the submarine to the world of intelligence, including a look at AGIs - Auxiliary Gatherer of Intelligence ships

HUMINT AND INTERCEPTS

CIA AND MI6 HASTEN ISIS INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION



CIA closing in on ISIS leadership as 'Jihadi John' and associates commit more crimes against humanity

DEATH OF A SPY

ATOMIC AGENT DAVID GREENGLASS



Eye Spy reflects on the death of 'atomic spy' David Greenglass and just how important was the information he gifted to the Russians on America's Manhattan Project



SPY RIPPLES FROM THE COLD WAR



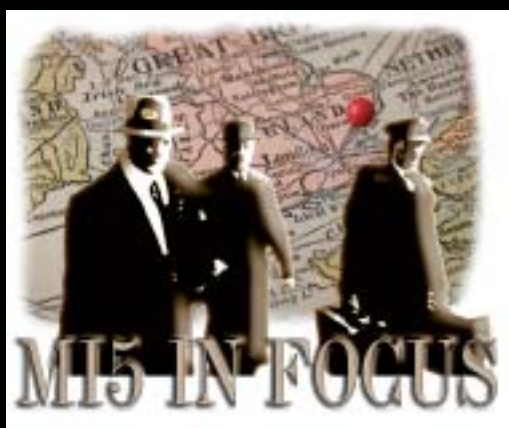
RAF and NATO warplanes engage Russian 'Bears' as Moscow's spies continue provocation in mainland Europe; a foreign agent is abducted whilst others designated 'persona non grata' - this as former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev warns of a new Cold War. Eye Spy examines recent events including a number of little known incidents



"We must not go back to the starting line... it is up to Europe to prevent new Cold War between US and Russia"

IN FOCUS MI5

LONDON NIGHT GAMES



CASE FILES, NEW
INVESTIGATIONS
AND ANALYSIS OF
MI5 OPERATIONS



IN AMENAS

LESSONS, REFLECTIONS, INSIDER COMPLICITY AND HUMINT

Two years ago a determined group of terrorists attacked the In Amenas gas complex in Algeria. Eye Spy revisits the case and shows why isolated facilities in this region and others remain vulnerable



SECRETS OF CAMP X

DID YOU KNOW?

Lynn Hodgson continues his fascinating series on events at the super secret British agent training facility in Canada called Camp X



ARAK SPY GAMES

'WESTERN SPIES' TARGET IRAN'S HEAVY WATER PLANT

Iranian Intelligence and its security of major nuclear sites...



THE ROPE

AN UNLIKELY AGENT TOOL

Eye Spy Security Editor Mike Finn continues his series on the discipline of:

ENCOUNTER CONTROL IN THE INTELLIGENCE CYCLE

In intelligence encounter control you may think that the most practical defence weapons are modern sophisticated types, firearms for example coupled with some clever gimmicks to get the job done. Nothing can be further from the truth. If you know anything about 'Murphy's Law' (anything that can go wrong will go wrong), the time when you need luck is the time it will be elsewhere... there is a fallback weapon



MAJOR INTEL DIGESTS

REVIEWS AND BREAKING NEWS FROM THE INTEL WORLD



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THE THREAT OF ISIS



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