

PSYCHICS AND THE UK ARMED FORCES

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While I do not agree with the UK's involvement in wars in Iraq and Afghanistan I am a patriot and am both deeply affected and distressed at the loss of British people in combat zones and of innocent civilians of whatever race or colour. War is probably the most obscene evil in history.

I shall never forget a BBC television live broadcast from the dusty street of an Iraqi village in which children were playing, smiling and were without a care in the world. Then the camera shook, the television went blank for a moment and the next picture was of those Iraqi children smashed and mutilated on the ground.

They were killed from a bomb dropped by an American or British bomber and Tony Blair said that this was collateral damage.

Collateral damage? It was murder or manslaughter. If I accidentally killed someone and was guilty of manslaughter I could not plead collateral damage and would go to prison. But this killing of several lovely Iraqi children will go unpunished.

There are psychics and other spiritualists who believe that they are prophets and can foretell the future. They say that they can actually see things in the future and even see what is going on over the next hill or in the next street. Even in our country there are those who have a crystal ball, read tea leaves and feel any bumps on your head, use Tarot cards, and other things, and convince and reassure their clients on certain matters. And they charge a fee.

I am unable to give details for obvious reasons, but I am aware that there are psychics and clairvoyants in the UK military services who have not revealed their beliefs beforehand and are influencing soldiers in combat zones and these young men, who are understandably anxious, respond to reassurances from these psychics just as people back in Britain believe Tarot readings and crystal ball predictions and the like.

Some soldiers are told by these physics that nothing will happen to them. They will remain safe throughout all their tours of duty in war zones. As a result and having been told by these irresponsibles that they will be safe on their next manoeuvre so they go to be blown to bits by a roadside bomb! The prophecies of these physics were wrong and lead these young soldiers to their deaths! These false prophets are a serious liability and should be prosecuted, or are they to claim it was collateral damage? All such physics should be publicly disgraced and go to prison! I would go further and make such physics unable to speak this dangerous nonsense for fear of legal proceedings, public humiliation and a prison sentence! There ought to be a physics offenders register available to the public!

Some physics told some soldiers that the hill in the near distance was safe and no enemies were nearby or had any weapons that could attack that hill. All those soldiers advanced and mown down by enemy machine gun fire.

There are some physics who will tell you at any time of the day that they can see what is happening now in some remote street in China or what will happen there in two hours or three weeks time.

It is all very well saying that the soldiers should not have taken any notice of these people, but how were these clairvoyants allowed to spread their mad predictions?

These predictions are even more serious because they are made in war time, destroy morale and seriously undermine military action and may even lead to defeat. It could also be treasonable and put the country at risk and demoralise its citizens.

There is the case of Helen Duncan, a medium and minister of a spiritualist church who boasted incessantly of her powers. During World War II she lived at Portsmouth, the home of the Royal Navy and claimed that the spirit of a dead sailor visited her and he had been drowned along with others on the HMS Barham. She

spread this abroad and created anxiety and demoralisation throughout the realm. She was legally and properly prosecuted under the Vagrancy Act, the Witchcraft Act and the Larceny Act for taking money under false pretences.

She made money out of such proclamations such as this story of this dead sailor. She was a criminal but the Courts were lenient with her when she gave an undertaking that she would never again do or say anything that could be demoralising to the country. She broke that promise.

Treason is the crime that is the betrayal of one's country or any action or saying that could help the enemies of one's country, or any saying or action that could demoralise any member of one's country. Such people are called traitors.

Helen Duncan demoralised Britain and the Royal Navy, who were on her doorstep in Portsmouth, and this in wartime, when Government posters were about everywhere warning people not to speak or act in any way that could be demoralising or anything that was not in the interests of the British people. One such poster was Careless talk costs lives.

The poster said that such talk could reach the ears of the enemy and even Hitler himself and such posters were all around Britain and certainly in abundance in Portsmouth where Duncan lived. She deliberately violated that government order.

Her supporters are still fighting for her name to be cleared and others say that it was not her fault that the dead sailor appeared before her. Even if that were true, she still broke the law and she was guilty. Of that there is no doubt,

What is more significant is that fellow spiritualists declared her to be a fraud and the main spiritual organisations said the same. [*See the separate article on Helen Duncan.*](#)

In times of war and conflict overseas our military personnel must be protected as far as possible. They are in enough danger without people at home spreading doom and gloom and causing demoralisation. And there is DORA, the Defence of the Realm Act which lists government powers in time of war and set out offences for which people can be arrested for indiscretions in time of war.

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