

## MILITARY DEATH TRAPS

Even more astonishing than America's lack of civilian shelters is her lack of military shelters. In this nuclear age, 28% of the people on earth have provided themselves with excellent nuclear warfare personnel shelters. American civilians, however, are unprotected and so are American military forces. There are no shelters for our troops.

Now, from a Fighting Chance supporter comes word of a bizarre exception to this. The November 7, 1986 publication of the Andrews Airforce Base newsletter, *Newsreview*, (Vol. XXX, No. 19) has an article entitled "AF Chemical defense shelters readied."

Major Terry Eddleman describes in glowing terms the shelters currently being deployed in Germany by the United States Airforce.

Approximately 35 shelters are being installed at a cost of one-half million dollars each. Each is designed for 84 people. This is about \$6,000 per person. Although the cost is ten times as high as it should be and the number of shelters is pitifully few, at least we might say that something is being done.

Sadly, this is not the case. These shelters are not even buried underground. A nuclear weapon would flatten them. They were designed by bureaucrats whose instructions included chemical protection but not blast and radiation protection.

Now, perhaps they are meant only for conventional warfare. No! They will not even resist hits by a conventional bombs. Why not? Eddleman's article states:

*While it cannot withstand a direct bomb hit, that aspect does not trouble ASD [Aeronautical Systems Division, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio ].*

*"We thoroughly researched the patterns of a typical enemy bomb attack," Reed said, "and the patterns indicated that a shelter was relatively safe from a direct hit because of the stress of the battlefield situation. While under fire, an enemy pilot won't necessarily have the time or composure of mind to be accurate."*

It is probably too much to hope that Lt. Col. Dennis Reed, a "bioenvironmental engineer in ASD" will be in one of these death traps when enemy pilots demonstrate their in-