MAD DOGS AND ENGLISHMEN – EXAMPLES OF EMOTIVE LANGUAGE

WORDS AND PHRASES USED BY THE BRITISH PRESS DURING THE FIRST GULF WAR.

We have -	They have –
Our Army Novy and Air Force	Their war machine
Our Army, Navy and Air Force	
Reporting guidelines	Censorship
Press briefings	Propaganda
We –	They –
Suppress	Destroy
Eliminate	Kill
Dig in	Cower in their hideouts
Our troops are –	Their troops are -
Boys	Hordes
Our troops are –	Their troops are –
Professional	Brainwashed
Cautious	Cowardly
Heroes	Cornered
Dare devils	Cannon fodder
Loyal	Blindly obedient
Resolute	Ruthless
Brave	Fanatical
Our weapons cause –	Their weapons cause –
Collateral damage	Civilian casualties
We –	They -
Precision bomb	Fire wildly at anything and anybody
Our planes –	Their planes –
Fail to return from missions	Are zapped

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