

# BLACKWATER AT KHOST

When news of the attack at the CIA based in Khost, I suggested that Blackwater contractors were likely among the victims (recall that Erik Prince boasted of being involved in such operating bases in his Vanity Fair interview).

Sure enough... (h/t Susie)

Jeremy Wise, the former Navy SEAL killed in a suicide bomber's attack on a CIA base in Afghanistan last week, was working for Xe, the Moyock, N.C.-based security company previously known as Blackwater.

Wise's Xe affiliation is disclosed in an obituary published in today's Virginian-Pilot.

Wise was one of eight people killed in the Dec. 30 blast in Khost province. News reports Tuesday identified the suicide bomber as a Jordanian double agent and said seven of the victims were CIA-affiliated. The eighth was a Jordanian military officer.

CNN had reported earlier that two of the CIA casualties were Xe contractors. Asked about the report, a Xe spokeswoman declined to comment.

I'm curious whether we'll ever find out how much of what Pat Lang calls "a dearth of tradecraft" can be attributed to the CIA, and how much to Blackwater.