

BOOK REVIEW

At the Side of Che Guevara

Interviews with Harry Villegas (Pombo)

BY HARRY VILLEGAS

Reviewed by: Brian Loveman, San Diego State University

Mary Alice-Waters and Luis Madrid's pamphlet, "At the Side of Che Guevara: Interviews with [Sierra Maestra, Bolivia, and Angola veteran, Brigadier General] Harry Villegas (Pombo)," sheds little new light on the Cuban revolution or the Bolivian campaign. But Pombo's pithy evaluation of U.S. military capabilities and doctrine is remarkably up-to-date: "Against a man who is willing to give his life, they have not been able to find an answer in technology-nor will they ever" (21). Pombo, who escaped the Bolivian venture to serve almost a decade in Africa (1981-90), also reaffirms the Cuban revolution's historical commitment to revolutionary internationalism, which helped bring independence to Angola and an end to apartheid in South Africa.