

# *The Frontenac Times*

In memory of *The Wipers Times*, with apologies to Captain F.J. Roberts,  
12<sup>th</sup> Bn, Sherwood Foresters

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## Editorial Comment

Inmates at the Kinston PFC (Prison for Captain's) have been known to frequent local institutions which partake in the sale of beverages. High among the list of such places are reputed to be the Grizzly, Brandy's, The Kingston Brewing Company and the Toucan. It's a wonder that these establishments could survive the PFC being closed for a year. But, then again, the "old" course never allowed such freedom as is now enjoyed. Whereas inmates in days of yore saw the ville on Friday and Saturday only, it seems not uncommon for certain officer's to limit their excursions to only five or six nights weekly. It's probably just to relax after some heavy professional reading in the library.

## The Syndicate Approach.

The grunts say: "two up, bags of smoke, hot lunch on the objective, move now."

The troopers say: "firepower, mobility, shock action - let the infantry get their hands dirty, we're exploiting."

The gunners say: "we don't shoot single batteries and if you want guaranteed fire . . ."

The sappers say: "I know it's only a nuisance minefield, here's how we'll conduct the bde breach . . ."

The CSS types say:  
"Two *what* up?"

The jimmies say:  
"TCCCS will handle that."



## ARE YOUR DEDUCTIONS WEAK?

DO YOUR PLANS SUFFER FROM LACK OF LOGIC?

IS YOUR PLANNING PROCESS POORLY PRESENTED?

WE'VE SEEN IT ALL BEFORE.

There's a simple solution for your woes, it's called the  
**DS ÇOLUTION.**

THIS OFFER IS NOT AVAILABLE IN STORES.

You can only receive the **DS ÇOLUTION** by mail order. Send a large sum in unmarked bills or other negotiables (no *Bre-X* shares, we won't be fooled again) to Fort Frontenac, care of the DS Hall, along with an addressed, stamped envelope. You'll receive a green sheet containing "one possible **ÇOLUTION**".

### Things We Want to Know:

1. Is it only a coincidence that the offensive estimate is being written on the anniversary of Vimy?
2. Does this mean a frontal remains "one possible solution?"
3. Can Andy McNaughton write my fire plan?

It's nice to see the DS are keeping up with our neighbours to the south. Every presentation in Korea hall contains at least two "MEGO" charts. (MEGO = "my eyes glaze over")

### US VS CANADA MDMP VS OPP

DECISION MAKING VS PLANNING

I CAN MAKE A PLAN, OR I CAN MAKE A DECISION . .  
HMM . .

I'm glad Sir, that you have no Staff College officers on your staff, I don't like Staff College officers. My experience of Staff College officers is that they are conceited, and they are dirty! Brains? I don't believe in brains...my Military Secretary, and a damned good one he is too, is the stoopidest man I ever came across.

- The Duke of Cambridge (1819-1904) on the value of Staff College graduates (here speaking to the GOC of a district)

Corps 86 had a critical shortfall in tactical bridging assets, this drove planning for many operations in the virtual European battlefield. Corps 96 had a critical shortfall in tactical bridging assets, this drove planning for many operations in the virtual European battlefield. **AND NOW—WE HAVE 4 DIVISION—WE HAVE . . .**

. . . A RECCE VEHICLE THAT CAN'T SWIM.

### Places to eat in Kingston:

- a. Tir Na N'Og: for the mussels and Langavulin
- b. Bubba's: the poutine of course (just don't watch them stir the gravy)
- c. FFOM: The Saturday night meatloaf (just ask Loser Platoon), it has no distracting flavour

**Definition** – *n.* stating precise nature of thing or meaning of word; form of words in which this is done.

**OPP** – Operational Planning Process (or 'Opelessly. Panicked Process)– the mechanism by which a CSS officer can evolve a tactically frightening plan which is fully supported by the logic of his estimate and get an "A" through proper application of the process, while the grunt/trooper/gunner struggles for eight hours to write out the twenty minute combat estimate he did first to maintain a solid "C".

### Smoke and Mirrors – LFSC ("The Junior Course")

**Mirror-Management** – the process by which a few weak proposals are highlighted and viewed from multiplicitous points of view to generate the image of a solid object (or workable plan).

**Smoke-Sculpting** – The quick and repetitive reiteration of a hazy idea of a plan until the rapid working of hands, arms and mouth leave the impression of a tangible object on the retinas and neural patterns of the observer.



**THE COMPUTER  
VIRUS MONGOOSE  
IS THE STUDENT  
ANSWER TO VIPER.**

## Intent, Concepts of Ops, End-states.

Capt M – It is my intent to defeat the DS through a rapid assault on all premises that one must complete work to get through this course. I will do this by boldly mocking staff school written assignments, using multi-million dollar AV equipment suites to project stick-man images, and conducting nightly experiments in home-brew quality. My end-state will be the placing of “p.l.s.c.” after my name on all correspondence.

Capt OM – It is my intent to block the resident members of the mess in their advance to destroy the ineptly perceived student monopoly on mess policies. I will do this by disrupting mess meetings by refusing to vote myself out of ordinary membership, declaring a subsequent emergency mess meeting and voting not only to spend all available funds within the next two months on week-night parties, but paint the Keg Room a brilliant shade of fuchsia. My end-state will be . . . . uh . . . to have two companies across the Mulda?

Capt TCCCS – It is my intent to convince all I meet that ticks is the answer to all questions. There is no problem ticks won’t solve. Ticks can handle that. Ticks will do that. My end state will be . . . . uh . . . . DEATH BY DIGITS!

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### DS Quotes (or mis-quotes):

“When I was a G4 ...”

“T-shirts . . .”

“Motherhood is not an acceptable deduction.”

“Do not put your Schwerpunkt against the enemy’s surfaces.”

*Tired of breathing dust?*

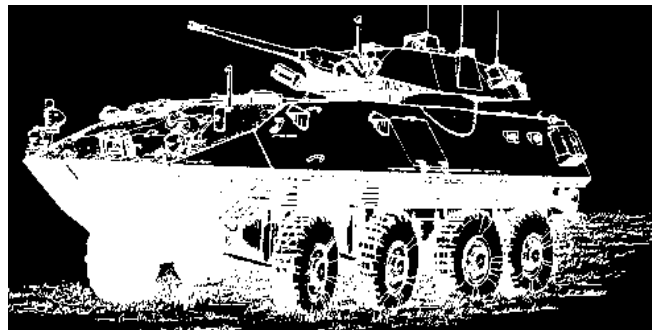
*Want to get that long-distance feeling when you kill a tank?*

*Fly to new and interesting fire position,  
kill tanks and other high value targets,  
and then relax back at the field with a cold one.*

*Apply today.*

*Fly AH!*

➔ 413 Attack Helicopter Squadron ➔



### **THE ESTIMATE**

- A. Aim – a solid “C”
- B. Factors – DS, . . enemy? . . no, got that one. . . ground . . . no, focus on the enemy . . oh yeah, that’s right – DS!
- C. Courses Open
  - (a) frontal with two squadrons and two coys
  - (b) frontal with two squadrons and two coys with smoke
  - (c) frontal with two squadrons and two coys with smoke and mirrors
  - (d) wait until the situation changes enough to present a problem I can solve
- D. Plan – fire base, feint, flank security, rear security, blocking tasks on likely approaches. depth, reserve, assault (with one tank and two sections)

**Fact** - Deductions don’t support plan!

**Fact** – 1445 hrs!

**Deduction** – (so what) – if I turn in this plan I’ll get a low “C”

(so what) if I don’t turn it in I’ll get an “F”

Therefore, it’s time for the 100 metre dash – Bradstreet to Courcelles.



**The Junior Course Report Card  
(one possible solution)**

IPB	Met Standard	good colour selection, colours well, stays inside the lines
OPP	Barely Met Standard	displayed remarkable ability to take simple problem and devise incredibly complex phased solutions
Normandy Playtime	Barely Met Standard	does not play well with others, expects others to follow him when he is the sapper
Korea naptime	Outstanding	Capable of sleeping through all manner of distracting AV presentations
SDI	Excellent	Notes or not, straps on the skates and pulls quads
Sustainment	Exceeded Standard	Religiously – soup, salad, entrée, dessert, dessert, dessert, dessert – downtown drinking – Bubba’s

General Observations:

This candidate has displayed the robotic responses normally expected of a staff officer at much higher HQs that BG or Bde, his talents will obviously be wasted in such an appointment. Highly recommended for staff at NDHQ.

Need some cheese for your whine?  
Want a few kinky pictures to spice up that DI?  
Your army can fulfil your fantasy – just go to the intranet?  
Check out the Army Home Page Image gallery for all the latest in sexy photos.  
Surf there now, see the svelte COYOTE,  
the muscular M1-A1,  
and check the lingerie section for the latest in army fashion.  
[http://army.dwan.dnd.ca/ImageGallery/lspics\\_e.htm](http://army.dwan.dnd.ca/ImageGallery/lspics_e.htm)

SEARCHING TACTICAL PROBLEMS:

1. If the COYOTE can't swim, shouldn't the AVLB lead?
2. If four tanks can kill 15 targets in 30 seconds, how long is a long rod penetrator?
3. If the RAH-66 COMANCHE can carry 12 Hellfire missiles, why can't I use it as an AH?
4. If I bundle up all my sappers, how big a fascine do they make?
5. If I can't find a purple marker, do I need vital ground?

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Overhead in the syndicate room; a very senior infantry captain to bright young sapper: "I remember when I had the fire . . ."

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**And then there's annihilation Anne  
"Death to AV Eqpt"**

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Looking for a few good women. Well, 8417 to be precise (25%). See the Harz, see the world – visit Blueland and all our other pitifully weak allies bordering Granovia. All types of employment opportunities await the successful candidate. Apply now at your local 4 Canadian Division Recruiter. Local offices – Fort Frontenac, Kingston.

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**AND THEN THERE WAS THE  
SYNDICATE LEARNING TO DO THINGS  
IN FERRONIOUS DETAIL.**

The latest operational verb, applicable to LFSC documents - To guess [the DS intent] . . .

