



# 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



From the bureaucracy that brought you the old raingear, velcro webbing, the Garrison Dress boot, Tan DEU (and then took it away) and the plastic rifle magazine — we present

— the latest in new accoutrements — the NEW LFC COMMAND BADGE.

Once again, with a new administration in house, the uniform issue falls to the top of the pile.

Why, you ask? Perhaps because it's simplistic, everyone can have an opinion, and it fills meetings instead of pesky agenda items about Quality of Life, training, equipment or pay. And, best of all, it can be used to stage nifty national unveiling ceremonies at HDHQ. That way we show up the Air and Navy Staffs by filling the concourse with green suits. And those sailors thought they

were cool getting the Upholders - they didn't unveil one of those in NDHQ, did they?

And in the meantime, we can all dismount the old badge until the new one arrives. Thank God - it obviously didn't work since I needed a new

one. Will NDHQ issue disposal instructions, maybe there's really a safety issue here. Do I treat it like hazardous waste? Is it recyclable scrap metal?

Should it be rendered safe before disposal? I suggest that firm direction be issued to carefully file off all the sharp corners and bend down the pins to ensure the safety of municipal sanitation workers.

Safety is your responsibility.

Exercise "due diligence." Maybe next year, we'll get a combat fitness badge.



**Letters to the Editor.**

Dear Editor

This letter is in response to the uninformed response of the junior 'chimo' officer in your latest edition. First of all if I were a "senior" infantry officer I would be a major, thus his first error. Secondly the fire to which I referred, was not the fire that burns but rather that over abundance of youthful enthusiasm, combined with that level of experience ("but..., but,...the book says..."), which, if left unchecked, causes unnecessary work to be done by others. As for restarting the fire, perhaps if I belonged to a trade that had to guarantee promotion to the rank of major before the 24<sup>th</sup> birthday to ensure that "service before self" actually meant something, ... then I might want that fire re-lit. However, as any fire fighter will point out it is not the flame they fear, but the hot bed of coals beneath it. Thus to my youthful 'chimo' peers: *DON'T PLAY WITH THE FIRE*. Although I'm sure for some of you it was not that long ago; your mother's advice not to play with fire is still good. (As for giving birth to the various corps, well keep trying you might find something you can be good at) DUCIMUS



"What's that grinding sound?" - "That's a paradigm shifting without a clutch!" (from the Land Staff DLIR DIN Site)

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Let us be clear about three facts. First, all battles and all wars are won in the end by the infantryman. Secondly, the infantryman always bears the brunt. His casualties are heavier, he suffers greater extremes of discomfort and fatigue than the other arms. Thirdly, the art of the infantryman is less stereotyped and far harder to acquire in modern war than that of any other arm. The role of the average artilleryman, for instance, is largely routine; the setting of a fuse, the loading of a gun, even the laying of it are processes which, once learnt, are mechanical. The infantryman has to use initiative and intelligence in almost every step he moves, every action he takes on the battlefield. We ought therefore to put our men of best intelligence and endurance into the Infantry. - IN PRAISE OF INFANTRY, Field-Marshal Earl Wavell, "The Times", Thursday, 19th April 1945



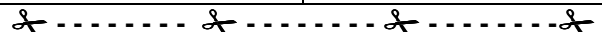
**DS Quotes of the Week:**

“Does it really look like I give a shit?”  
 “How do we fill these hours?”



**BUZZWORD HANDOUT (CLIP & SAVE)**

Pre-empt.	<b>I</b> will ...
Dislocate.	... in order to ...
Disrupt.	At endstate ...
Schwerpunkt.	Two up.
Auftragstaktik.	Depth.
Accept Risk.	Mutual Support.
Speed, Violence and Shock Action.	Speed is of the Essence in This Plan.
Interlocking.	Defilade.
Overlapping.	Enfilade.
Shape.	Neutralize.
Casevec has Priority.	Backload.
Dump.	Pioneers in reserve.
Mission Command.	Manoeuvrist.
Culmination.	Take care of ...



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Every plan should be a balance of skill and daring.  
(An LFSC candidate presents his plan on the Ganonoque TEWT.)

**RATE YOUR ENEMY COAS**

- Most Likely
- Next Most Likely
- Most Dangerous.
- Easiest.
- Easiest to Throw Out.
- Least Likely.
- Most Humorous.
- Most Bizarre.
- Most Likely to Make the DS Laugh.
- Most Likely to Make the DS Cry.

“Where’s the fire, Derek”  
“Dennis put it out. I’m a shell of my former self.”

**Characteristics of Military Incompetence:**

- An underestimation, sometimes bordering on the arrogant, of the enemy.
- An equating of war with sport.
- An inability to profit from past experience.
- A resistance to adopting and exploiting available technology and novel tactics.
- An aversion to reconnaissance, coupled with a dislike of intelligence (in both senses of the word).
- Great physical bravery but little moral courage.
- An apparent imperviousness by commanders to loss of life and human suffering amongst their rank and file, or (its converse) and irrational and incapacitating state of compassion.
- Passivity and indecisiveness in senior commanders.
- A tendency to lay blame on others.
- A love of the frontal assault.
- A love of ‘bull’ [chickenshit], smartness, precision and strict preservation of ‘the military pecking order’.
- A high regard for tradition and other aspects of conservatism.
- A lack of creativity, improvisation, inventiveness and openmindedness.
- A tendency to eschew moderate risks for tasks so difficult that failure might seem excusable.
- Procrastination.
  - Norman F. Dixon, On the Psychology of Military Incompetence, 1976

**Why people talk in DIs:**

- So the DS hears them.
- So others hear them.
- To hear themselves.
- To demonstrate knowledge.
- To demonstrate knowledge of the obvious.
- To attempt to demonstrate knowledge.
- To demonstrate literacy (verbatim reference responses).
- To demonstrate knowledge applicable to the next DI (pre-emption).
- To appear the budding natural leader.
- Because they think they’re expected to.
- Because they can.

HAMSTER BOY IS ACTIVELY SEEKING TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF.

“Find ‘Em, Fix ‘Em, and Fight ‘Em”—By Major General Terry Allen. In a directive to his division, General Allen wrote, “The successive steps of infantry combat are summarized by the expression ‘Find ‘em, fix ‘em, and fight ‘em.’”—*New Yorker*. April 24, 1943. p. 22 - A. Marjorie Taylor, The Language of World War II: Abbreviations, Captions, Quotations, Slogans, Titles and Other Terms and Phrases, 1948

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