

The Frontenac Times

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

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Editorial Comment

Ft. Riley Field Trip Report.

Last week the course had a special opportunity - eight hours on a Hercules to read their Commander Reviewed books. Well done to all for getting one more thing off the METL.

While it wasn't Italy ("When you return on the Senior course ...yada -yada"), it was a nice break and a great chance to intermix with the officer and troops of the American Army. Once we explained what country we came from, we were able to establish a common language - pidgin trooper.

There's nothing like introducing a bunch of 'butter-bars' to alcohol poisoning. I'm sure their livers will begin to recover in a few weeks.

The biggest challenge of the trip, other than staying awake for the Aggieville

Commandos, was phrasing a thank-you speech that didn't use the words "real army."

Rumour has it that Syndicate six all had their identity discs.

But what we really wanted was the design figures for the ramp off which the Abrams flies. From this data, we should be able to extrapolate the gap crossing capability of the COYOTE before we really ned the AVLB.

And after many hours pondering that question - "What was the difference between riding the Herc and riding the busses in Ft Riley?, I have the answer. That trooper driving the bus doesn't need an \$25,000 bonus to continue serving his country.

Letters to the Editor.

Dear Editor

I'd like to take the opportunity to advertise in your fine paper. I am an entrepreneur who has put together a useful tool for those anglophones who are finding that their Petit La Roche just doesn't cut it in the bilingual syndicate. Just a sample of the potential ad:

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Please allow 6 to 8 weeks for delivery.

And let me add, that I appreciate your fine journal and await with baited breath the next issue

A Fellow Prisoner!



From the personnel info rack in the Infantry

Battalion lines:

It's possible to drink too much once in a while and not have a drinking problem. But you could be in trouble if you answer yes to any of the following:

Do you:

Drink 4, 5 or more drinks in a row on a single occasion?

Binge drink 2 or more times a month?

Need to drink to have fun?

Often have a few drinks when things get tough?

Do or say things you wouldn't ordinarily do or say after having just a little alcohol.

Refuse to stop drinking when asked?

Talk with friends a lot about drinking and getting drunk?

Have a hangover 2 or 3 times a month?

If bingeing causes problems in your life and you don't stop, you could have an alcohol problem.



WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IN KANSAS

What We Went to See:	What We Saw:
Battle Focus Training METL Development Ft Riley Training Model	Planning and preparation for training, how wimpy. We just go out and do it, pat everyone on the back for a job well done and off to happy hour. No sense complicating a tried and true methodology just because it doesn't track and measure capability or success.
Military Decision Making Process	a big, dynamic lecturer - you can actually lecture effectively without being tied to a podium
M1A1 Abrams	a big tank, and a bunch of aroused Armour Corps candidates and DS
HMMVW	yup
M12 Decontamination Unit	a big truck with a big water heater with pumps, neat (and a rivetting introductory lecture – "That's avery good question! I'd like you to ask those guys out there.")
UCOFT	a tanker video game with lousy graphics and terrible ergonomics (but the tankers were still excited)
Bde TOC	a brigade HQ complex – did they ever get the power sorted out?
Bn TOC	looked a lot like Normandy, a bunch of guys hovering over obscure map graphics wondering where to go drinking after work
overview of tac doc	Hey, they do manoeuvre warfare just like us! Told ya we were 'world-class.'
JANUS	JANUS
MPRC	a big range and lots of fog, might as well have gone to Meaford (at least then we could have checked out the Mayor's beach)
Manhattan, Kansas	a small town near a large base – Gee, never saw one of those before

What a difference going to Kansas made. We didn't have to put up with the post-downtown-Kingston crowd, the pinhole-pupilled, beer breathing, flatulent few that prowl the syndicate room's of the Fort. But then again, someone was smelling up the buses and plane on Tuesday. Could it have just been bad water? Probably. They should use better water in the beer they serve in Manhattan.

JANUS Crew - "This is called the multi-purpose room, because it has a multi purpose."
 LFSC DS - "Can I hear you say that again."

"You're signals, huh? We had a guy in here with the last class who said he did *world wide* signals. He thought he was important." - Maj J.R. Sanderson

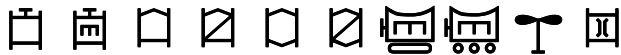
LFSC → Mon ☹ Tues ☹ Wed ☹ Thurs 😊

Things Not To Say As The Commander on an LFSC TUX:

"Do you want me to come down there and run your battalion for you?"

I Suppose You Could Try This:

How to Sack a Divisional Commander: Tewksbury, 4 May 1471; Lord Winlock not having advanced to the support of the first line, but remaining stationary, contrary to the expectations of Somerset, the latter, in a rage, rode up to him, reviled him, and beat his brains out with an axe. - from The Oxford Book of Military Anecdotes, Ed. Max Hastings, 1985



From the Defensive TEWT:

"And a battle group in depth, which is ourselves ..."
 (Thank you for being specific, I thought perhaps you were reviewing another battle group's orders first.)

"Recce will define the enemy through liaison with the forward battle groups." - (Oh good, maybe that way they won't get lost. - To define: to mark out limits of. Do you think they'll stand still for that?)



...far too staff-oriented at far too high a level and only remotely connected with the details of small-unit combat. Few officers...genuinely comprehend the details and complexities of squad-, platoon-, or company-sized battle. With the emphasis on staff training, there has been a deemphasis of the true skills of the soldier. - Gabriel/Savage, Crisis in Command, as quoted in John A. English, A Perspective on Infantry, 1981

Things We Want To Know:

Who lost a candidate from a syndicate in Kansas for over 2 hours?

And why did only the foreign national notice after that amount of time?

Why did everyone need their own copy of the nominal role to carry into the PX when we all went at the same time?

Which DS shot 10 for 10 on the Abrams UCFT, but wouldn't show anyone his sheet?

Is it true AC was planning a coup d'etat?

Which candidate spent twenty minutes trying to unwrap the College medallion?



Mystify, mislead, surprise your enemy. - Stonewall Jackson, quoted in Lt.-Col. A.H. Burne, DSO, RA (Ret'd), The Art of War on Land, 1947

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And the last thing to be said about the LFSC trip to Kansas is: "Syndicate 6, where are you?"

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