



THE GYROSCOOP

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FROM THE COMMANDER

As many of you may know by now the July drill will probably be my last as commander of the Attack Helicopter Troop. Looking back it is amazing how swiftly these three years have passed. During that period my overriding goal has always been to develop and maintain as efficient and effective a combat unit as possible. Many times I have spoken to you about each individual, section, and platoon's importance in achieving this goal and your response, your loyalty and your dedication has always made me so very proud of you.

Many times the saying "We have been doing so much, with so little, for so long; that we can do anything with nothing" seemed like a simple fact. Only we have an appreciation of what it takes. This past week as we returned from Annual Training I heard the stories, as I am sure many of you did, of the aviation unit whose A.T. consisted of getting on the "Big Silver bird", flying to the beach, working and living in air conditioned buildings, and getting perdem. I have to believe that your sacrifice and hard work will be appreciated as part of America's truly great strength.

It is a distinct honor to have commanded this unit which has achieved a United States Forces Command readiness rating of C-2 for three consecutive years and now stand at 103% strength (250 personnel). It is also deeply gratifying to know of your willingness and desire to be an integral part of the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

In summary, as I leave you I know that your mission and the requirements placed on you continue to become increasingly difficult, but I also know of your strengths. I know that your spirit, skills and special sense of importance will always sustain your ability to complete the mission

THANKS,

MAJ MARK V. RYAN

DRILL DATES

Drillin July is a MUTA 4 25-26 July. Formation will be at 0800 hours sharp at AASF#2.

ANNUAL WEIGH-IN

As required by National Guard Bureau regulation all unit personnel will be weighed and measured at the July drill to determine if they comply with the NGB weight/height standards.

NIGHT FLYING

AASF#2 will be open for AFTP night flying Friday night 24 July. Schedule early to get some night time and time towards semi annual flight minimums.

A.T. 81 AFTER THOUGHTS

A.T. 81 is history, but each of us accumulated some memories that will be remembered and most certainly discussed in the coming years. I know I will remember it is as the camp I didn't sleep. To be truthful many of us dreaded going to AT with Regiment, yet we gained much favorable visibility throughout the State, because of your performance. We have been informed that we will interact with Regiment more in the future than we have in the past. Based on our association at AT, this directive seems less fearful than it once would have seemed.

We accomplished some tasks better than we ever have. On the other hand, some of the tasks we attempted could have been improved. Therefore, each of us has his own personal challenge for next years AT - To improve our performance in those areas we performed weakest.

Personal observations, discussions with unit personnel, and comments from the after-action reports singled out the following sections and individuals for special thanks:

ARMAMENT - SSG Bill Richards and men for a superior performance. No doubt we were able to conclude firing a day earlier because of your expertise.

MAINTENANCE - Although claiming to be the second cousin section the unit personnel appreciated your professionalism and performance. Repeatedly noted in the after-action reports were favorable comments for the field contact teams.

POL - SSG Ken Smith and men have once again performed in a superior manner. Our POL section gained statewide recognition for their accomplishments at AT. We are proud you have been "DISCOVERED".

MESS - SFC Terry Glass and men, the Attack Troop THANKS you. It has been four years since so many favorable comments have been made about the quality and service of "CHOW". The crew capability and attitudes are truly appreciated. (Of course we noticed Jerry was never the same after his Cobra ride).

INDIVIDUALS - Repeatedly, the following individuals were singled out for appreciation of their efforts: WO1 Turner, 2LT Edson, WO1 Campbell, 2LT Mercker, SSG Evans, SGT Skriblis, SGT Graven. WELL DONE

SPECIAL THANKS - The Advance Party, Ammo Point Breakdown, and Turn-in crews for a professional execution of duties which alleviated many of the problems experienced in past A.T.'s.

Personally, I wish to thank Rodger and Paul for their support and performance while Regimental requirements placed so much demand on your time. Leonard thank you for your dedication. Finally, SSG Rick Hall, few people at AT saw all of the things you were accomplishing behind the scenes, but I know and appreciate your performance.

CONCLUSION - The single most important accomplishment of AT-81 is that we went, worked hard, and returned without any serious injuries. The best AT of all time would not be worth it if one unit member was injured. Make no mistake about it what we do while at AT is dangerous, whether it be flying in the trees or driving convoy. Now that we are all home safely AT-81 was a SUCCESS.

CPT WILLIAM C. FOX
OPERATIONS OFFICER

ANNUAL RECORDS REVIEW

The following personnel should have their Section or Platoon Sergeants contact the orderly room to set up a time to review their records.

Contact SP4 Estep for the following personnel:

ARNOLD W.	BROWN D.E.
HUNT R.	ACKISON W.
BOWERS D.	BACHMAN T.
KLISE R.	BURKE H.

Contact SSG Rummel for the following personnel:

PARSELY J.	SOSNOWSKI S.
POPPE P.	NEWMAN E.
PRIMAVERA P.	MCDILL S.
SAUR R.	REINIER J.

The following Officer should contact SSG Rummel for a time to review records:

ASHTON	LaPLANTE
BESST	MOORE
CENESKIE	SLYH
EVANS	UNCAPHER

ANNUAL TRAINING PAY PROBLEMS

For anyone who didn't receive the correct pay at Annual Training (i.e. flight pay, BAQ, or wrong pay grade), bring your copy of pay voucher you received at AT to drill and see SSG Rummel.

SUPPLY CORNER

There will be a meeting for Section, and Platoon NCO's in the supply room Sunday 26 Jul 81.

NEW ENLISTMENTS

SGT R. Baker - 1 Yr
SGT T. Anderson - 1 Yr
SP4 R. Williams - 6 Yrs
PV R. Powers - 6 Yrs
PV E. Thompson - 6 Yrs
PV J. Shiver - 6 Yrs
PV E. Sullivan - 6 Yrs
PV M. Kortjohn - 6 Yrs
PV T. Johnson - 6 Yrs

TY82 PLANNING INFORMATION

The following is a schedule of training for Fiscal Year 1982:

1. Individual Weapons Qualifications:
22-23 May 82 Camp Perry Ohio
2. NBC Proficiency Course:
22-23 May 82 Ft Knox, KY or Cp Atterbury
3. Aerial Gunner dates/locations:
24, 25, 26 Apr 82 Cp Atterbury or Indiantown Gap
4. IDT DRILL DATES
24, 25 Oct 81 (4)
14, 15 Nov 81 (4)
12, 13 Dec 81 (4)
25, 26 Jan 82 (4)
27, 28 Feb 82 (4)
27, 28 Mar 82 (4)
24, 25, 26 Apr 82 (5)
22, 23 May 82 (4)
26, 27 Jun 82 (4)
24, 25 Jul 82 (4)
6, 22 Aug 82 (3)
7-21 Aug 82 (AT)
25, 26 Sep 82 (4)
5. Exercises:
MOBEX (Given by 100th MTC) 27-28 Feb 82
(At OSU)