



# THE GYROSCOOP

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

We have said our farewells to Maj Ryan, but I would like to conclude his tenure by saying he established many goals for the Troop of which the majority were ultimately achieved. His single-mindedness in furthering the good of the Troop and accomplishments were never recognized or appreciated as fully as he deserved. MARK, GOOD LUCK in your future assignments and may you always think well of the ATK TRP.

No doubt, many of you believe there will be wholesale changes as a result of the change-in-command, yet there is nothing I wish to do to disrupt the flow of the Troop at this time. We plan to remain on course to successfully pass the ARTEP scheduled to be given us at AT-82. There will be many personnel changes this month necessitated by the departure of so many individuals in key leadership positions.

The major change you will see will be in my "Management style" rather than changes in goals for the Troop. I believe in the military way. That is I believe in the Chain-of-Command. Today we call that decentralization of power; the involving of all levels of leaders in the management and destiny of an organization, rather than the centralization of control and management by a select small group. The successes and failures of this Troop should be your successes or failures, not solely the commanders.

We are off to a fast start with the Camp Grayling exercise this month. The leaders (Officers and Enlisted) planning and executing this operation have prepared as well as I knew they could.

The rumor-mill on COBRAS is running very hot as most of you know. For further word, see you at drill.

THANK YOU

CPT WILLIAM C. FOX



FROM THE (X) COMMANDER

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank each of you for the beautiful momentos which you presented to me at the conclusion of last months drill. Both of the plaques will always remain my most treasured possessions. Each time I look at them they will remind me of you. Thanks also to the "Mess Section" for my special lunch - CPT Fox says he'll expect steak, mushrooms, and wine everytime. Finally, I don't know how I'll ever thank SSG Parham for my "special award" but I'll continue to search for ways.

Good luck & good hunting

MAJ MARK V. RYAN

THE 1ST SHIRT SPEAKS

As of 1 September 1981, this unit will officially receive its new commander....the man, who will lead this unit to its ultimate goal (C-1 rating) is Captain William C. Fox. CPT Fox's first few years in the military were spent as an enlistedman. He is totally aware of the problems that the enlisted men face consequently he will be able to deal with the problems of the enlisted, and officers. However, be advised that the same sob story or excuse you use today; he probably used ten years ago. Since joining this unit, CPT Fox has worked his way through the ranks, holding down many different jobs through out the unit. He has probably worked with over fifty percent of us on an individual basis, as we have accomplished mission after mission over the past decade.

As the commander of this unit those long hard hours he once put in are no longer required because now he is a supervisor and as you know supervisors have nothing to do, except; to decide what it is to be done; to tell somebody to do it; to listen to reasons why it should not be done, why it should be done by someone else, or why it should be done in a different way; to follow up to see if the thing has been done; to discover that it has not; to listen to excuses from the person who should have done it; to follow up again to see if it has been done, only to discover that it has been done incorrectly; to point out how it should have been done; to consider how much simpler and better it would have been if he had done it himself in the first place; only to find out that he could have done it right in 20 minutes, and as things turn out, he has had to spend two days to find out why it has taken three weeks for someone else to do it wrong.

Being totally aware of the above problems, having a good military background, and being of sound mind why would CPT FOX accept such a position? (Troop Commander) I can only tell you my belief as to why he would take such an assignment. I believe that CPT Fox realizes the type of world we live in today. We live in a world of nuclear giants we know more about war than we know about peace we know more about killing than we know about living. We know how to hate but we can not explain love. We readily remember Gen Mac Arthur's statement "I will return", but somehow we missed the sermon on the mount. Consequently, since this is the type of world we live in, we must be prepared to defend our section of that world, that section we call home. In order to properly defend what we call ours, we need good men and women and good leaders to lead those men and women. I feel that CPT



THE 1ST SHIRT SPEAKS Cont.

Fox is one of those leaders. At this point I would like to say to CPT Fox, CONGRATULATIONS, on your new command and on behalf of the officers, men, and women of this unit we are prepared and anticipating your command of "Follow Me".

1SG GEORGE E. MCKAY

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There will be a 1SG, Plt Sgt, Section Ldrs (enlisted) meeting Friday, 25 Sep 81 at 1800 hours in the Tech Inspectors library at the facility.

With in the unit there are some sections that are over strength, some sections that are operating with approx. 60%. If your interested in a secondary MOS contact the 1SG. We have openings in the following sections:

- 1 - Motor Pool
- 2 - POL
- 3 - Armament

The following personnel still need to see the 1SG for annual weight check:

RAZLER	RIGHTER	CASAGRANDE
BOMBICH	KOCH	CASSERLY
BROWN	HALL	HAGSTROM
HINDS	MACIVOR	SKRIBLIS
BARLITT	DAVIS B	BACKMAN
CRAWMER	OTT	PEARSE
HARDING	BOGAN	CLINE
WING M	JONES D	MEADE
MEEKER	TILLEY	TAYLOR R
WING T	COSMO	O'NEAL
JOHNSON	CURRY	BLACKBURN

FROM THE ARMAMENT SECTION

With Range Firing fast approaching, I've jotted down a few reminders for all of us going to Camp Grayling.

1. Safety is our primary concern. If you are in doubt of any procedures, "STOP" and ask someone who is better qualified.
2. If you see someone

commit an unsafe act, stop him and explain the proper procedure.

3. While at the range, all weapons must be treated as loaded. Do not assume that any weapon system is safe.

4. We all like to help each other, but unless you're qualified to do the job, DON'T! Let those who have trained and are knowledgeable do the job. Safely and correctly. The range is a dangerous place, but by following proven safe procedures we can all complete our jobs safely, and prove once again, "we are America's Finest".

The Armament section has a few openings: (1) E-5 Position and (4) E-4 positions. If you're looking for a challenging job, then join the team that has "the winning spirit" the Amament Section.

SSG Bill Richards

A/C SERVICE PLATOON

This month we will have some good integrated training, the main event will be range fire at Camp Grayling. The 1SG has informed me that I will be acting as field first at Grayling so I would like this time to go over a few items to help make this a successful weekend for everyone. There are not many units that would attempt to move 400 miles, fire these weapons systems and return on the same weekend. The reason we can do this is the high degree of unit spirit, cooperation, professionalism and teamwork not to mention a chance to have a bit to eat at Jack's Diner.

It takes a lot of planning for a weekend project like this. I'm sure there will be problems and mistakes made, but that's to be



A/C SERVICE PLATOON Cont.

expected and with the excellent people we have and co-operation from everyone there shouldn't be anything we can not overcome.

There are a few things I would like to go over to help everyone make this weekend successful. Safety is the main thing, there will be a lot of people going different directions at the same time, along with hard work and long days and with live fire of the weapon system, leaves a potential for for trouble, so make sure you're well rested, in the right mental attitude and make sure your equipment is in good shape before leaving.

Weather is always a factor, in late September at Grayling you could have a nice fall weekend or a wet cold mess. So come prepared for the worst. You should plan to take your long underwear, gloves, and field jacket along with raingear and sleeping bag in your personal gear you take to Grayling. If you are going to Grayling as a mechanic make sure to bring your tool box.

SSG ROGER D. OLSON

RANGE FIRING

On the September drill weekend (25,26,27) a portion of the unit will go to Camp Grayling, MI for firing the aircraft armament systems. Gunships will be prepositioned at Grayling Army Airfield the week prior and the main body will be transported aboard an Air Guard C-130.

Personnel scheduled to take part in this exercise should bring sleeping bags, blankets,

and warm clothes. Two heated billets will be provided along with hot meals.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY Sep 24 - Advance party departs OSU in 1-M Model and 1-H Model at 0915.

FRIDAY Sep 25 - Bus departs OSU for Rickenbacker with main party on board at 1800 hours.

C-130 departs Rickenbacker at 1930 hours for Grayling Army Airfield.

SATURDAY Sep 26 - Range firing at 1000 hours until completion - Turn-in of ammo residue - Refueling of vehicles.

SUNDAY Sep 27 - Convey departs Grayling at 0900 hours for OSU.

Aircraft depart Grayling Army Airfield at 100 hours for OSU - less 1 - M model.

C-130 departs for OSU @ 1300 hours.

Last aircraft departs OSU at 1315 hours.

PERSONNEL MAKE-UP

ADVANCE PARTY:

ASHTON, W	HAGSTROM, T	OLSON, R
BROWN, E	HALL, R	RICHARDS, W
JUMP, J	*CASSERLY, B	
SPRAGUE, J	*TAYLOR, R	
*WIGLE, R	TAYLOR, K	
*MCCARTNEY, L		

\* Ammo guards for Friday night. Must be prepared to sleep out in the field.

MAIN PARTY:

TAYLOR, D	KOHL, K	GUYE, D*
FOSTER, C	COYAN, C	HELM, G*
BRINKMAN, W	MCCABE, K	SMITH, J*
DISTELZWEIG, W	ADKINSON, C	MERCKER, T
HAAS, J	CENESKIE, C	*PERBERTON, R
MICHAEL, B	REYNARD, M	*ANSPAUGH, B
DOLAN, K	OTT, K*	RIEDLINGER, J



through his sincere dedication and personnel involvement. He has helped it to achieve success by his high standards, as well as his impressive attitude. His commitment to the Attack Troop and it's mission makes him a worthy recipient.

\* Fly OH-58 to Grayling on Friday night.

SP4 Larry Moss was July's soldier of the month. He has been in the Armament section for two years. During the 81 Annual Training period at Camp Grayling his diligence to perform all assigned duties in a safe and timely manner significantly added to the completion of range firing one day early and to the success of our unit receiving it's C-2 combat rating. His unwillingness to accept defeat when faced with a difficult or unusual problem should be commended. Larry has always displayed a positive and professional attitude, and is truly a proud soldier. The superior expertise and professionalism displayed by SP4 Moss more than qualifies him for the soldier of the month.

NEW ENLISTMENTS THAT JOIN THE RANKS  
OF THE PROUD.

SHIVERS, J	PORTER, J
JOHNSON, T	HILL, B
ANDERSON, T	HARRISON, G
POWERS, R	THRUSH, M
THOMPSON, E	RADCLIFF, G
BAKER, R	JUDY, J
SULLIVAN, E	
WILLIAMS, R	
WARREN, R	
STOREY, C	
RAU, C	

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SOLDIER OF THE MONTH AUGUST  
SP4 BOBBY DAVIS has been selected  
the soldier of the month because  
he has proven himself to be an in-  
valuable asset to Armament section



HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!'

During this drill if you happen by the orderly room you will see some old faces in new places. As all of you may or may not know we lost two full time personnel the first of August and one back in March. I can honestly say no one is happier than yours truly to announce the hiring of three new full time personnel. As of the 15th of September we will have SP4 Dale K. Taylor and SGT Richard J. Lewis in the orderly room, and SGT Charles L. Storey taking over the supply. It was through thorough and meticulous screening of applicants that the three individuals were chosen for the positions. I honesty feel that the selection board chose the people needed to insure that the "Best Damn Troops" in the Ohio Army National Guard receive the best administrative and supply support we can offer. What the new people lack in experience they more than make up for in personal pride, integrity, self motivation, and a genuine desire to become highly proficient in a foreign environment. I'm sure in time everyone will notice the improvements, but at the same time I'm sure there will be some mistakes made at first, so PLEASE don't eat them alive on the first drill.

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NOTICE

A reminder -- ALL E-5 EERS (work copies and 2 signed copies) are due before close of business the 27th of September. This is a MUST gentlemen.

Thank You for your cooperation  
SSG RUMMEL