



A BTRY 1ST BN 125TH STRIKE

14-28 AUG 2010
ANNUAL TRAINING
CAMP RIPLEY

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- 0650 Saturday 14 Aug report to your Respective TACC in ACU's
- 0700 Formation for Soldiers riding Bus or Driving Vehicles
- 0730 Buses and Military Vehicles depart from each armory
- 1330 POV Report NLT to CRTC BLDG 10-142
- 1400 Formation at CRTC

UPCOMING DRILL DATES

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| September | NO DRILL | |
| October 29 th – 31 st | Three Days / MUTA 6 | CRTC |
| November 19 th – 21 st | Three Days / MUTA 6 | HOME STATION |
| December 10 th – 12 th | Three Days / MUTA 6 | HOME STATION |
| January 21 st – 23 rd | Three Days / MUTA 6 | HOME STATION |
| February 12 th -13 th | Two Days / MUTA 4 | MANKATO |
| March 16 th – 19 th | Three Days / MUTA 6 | CRTC |
| April 2 nd – 3 rd , 28 th | Three Days / MUTA 6 | HOME STATION |



Commander's Comments

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".. It is time to get back to business. I ask that you be fully engaged in the training, and provide constructive feedback".

I ask that everyone remain extremely flexible this year at Annual Training. I am almost positive that training is going to change the night before and we will have to adapt. PCC/PCIs will be conducted nightly. PCCs will be done by a NCO in your chain of command. PCIs will be conducted by E7 or higher. We will do our best to give a packing list or required items at least 24 hours in advance so you are prepared for the checks/inspections.

Alcohol policy/restrictions are going to be put into place as soon as we have wheels on CRTC. At any time there are weapons issued we will not have alcohol around, this is getting pushed down by BDE and will be strictly enforced.

Remember there will be a lot of brass around during AT this year as the whole BDE is going to be at CRTC at the same time. We are on the radar screen by all units because of the great things this BN has done in preparation for the deployment. We lead the BDE in a lot of the areas that they are tracking for deployment, I am sure they want to see how we conduct business and what we are doing to lead the BDE. I have no doubt in my mind that we will be doing the right thing at the right time. If brass comes around continue your training and show your respect to whoever it is.

Soldier safety is going to be a big concern for me this year as we are conducting training events that are not normal for us. Thorough risk assessment will be completed by your leadership and will be re-evaluated prior to every training event. If you witness an unsafe act stop it and fix it. The BN commander is not looking for proficiency this year and neither am I. Let's use this AT as a stepping stone and learn from everything this year and then we can work on our proficiency for next year.

If you are driving to AT drive safe and rest if needed.
See everyone in week or so.



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First Sergeant's Comments

If you are planning to drive to AT this year and have not spoken to me prior to this, plan on riding the bus. There is no room for personally owned vehicles at Camp Ripley and we are being closely watched as to how many show up. I updated the authorized access roster for POV's last month and that has been turned in to BN, my plan at this point is not to allow any other vehicles on post. If you plan to drive your motorcycle on Camp Ripley please call me ASAP. If you are driving up - drive safe. Stop and take a break when needed and call if for some reason you will be late. When you get up to Ripley you will be provided instructions on where to park your vehicle.

Your Team is everything and the key to success this AT is planning ahead. If you're done with the training for the current day then your team should start preparing for the next day's training. As you train, remember the crawl - walk - run style of training. Everyone in the team needs to be on the same page prior to moving to the next phase. Speak up if you're not getting it, do not let your team down. Be creative in your training and incorporate multiple tasks like first aid or communicating in the event. Do not be afraid to over rehearse your crew drills or train in more than one team position. If you need something to help train then ask for it. We are getting ready to deploy, so there will be a lot of resources available to us.



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SFC

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When leaving our building you will be in either the PT or ACU uniform. Civilian attire is not authorized until our last night at AT. You are allowed to wear civilian jammies within the building after 2200 hours. If you step out to smoke or joke you will be expected to be in one of the previously mentioned uniforms.

Please also note that there is no drinking at AT this year or at least until the very last evening and even then we will be lucky to have a cold one. This is by order of the Brigade Commander and is an example of what I mentioned last month during NCO DP. Partying is not very high on anyone's list at this moment. Feel free to bring athletic gear such as softball equipment and soccer (or Footballs) to help keep ourselves entertained.

There will be a lot of eyes on this battalion. We lead the BDE in many of the areas they are tracking so they will want to see if this BN, and this unit, is for real. Do not worry about VIP's if they show up, train hard and keep training and the rest will fall into place.

Please always remember soldier safety is our primary and most important focus. If you see something that is unsafe then I need you to speak up and correct the situation.

Readiness NCO Comments

Safety-Safety-Safety, Leadership and the buddy system start in your preparations for, and getting to Camp Ripley for Annual Training 2010. Do the right things to get safely to AT with the right equipment at the time and in the right frame of mind.

If you are a rater for any NCOER in the Battery you have received that NCOER in your A&O Forms Inbox. A completed DRAFT of each NCOER is due to the BN CSM prior to our departure from Camp Ripley. This means comments in each block giving the senior rater comments to review and supply senior rater comments.



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Make sure you keep your chain of command informed of ANY issue that could be perceived as a deployability issue.

Supply NCO Comments

The following soldiers have items to pick up with supply, if you can come in and get it before 4:30 on Wednesday, call me, otherwise I will be issuing it at Camp Ripley. Bertrand, Chris Tinklenberg, Caster, Collin, Weber Nicholas D. Nath-Huls, Pottratz.

The following soldiers that requested ID tags they are in as well. Bullerman, Jacobson, Snyder, Blank, Saarloos, Obermoller, Nath-Huls, Thacker, Hanks, Crittenden, Hernandez, Mortimer, Meyer, Ross, and Lee.

If you are on ADVON be sure you check the times.

If anyone needs anything that they were issued and need for Annual Training, be sure you contact me ASAP so I have time to attempt to get it.

Training NCO Comments

Jon Caraway

SSG, Training NCO

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Friday 13 August 2010

0800 SGT Nelson and SPC Hernanadez report to drive HMMWV to CRTC

0830 HMMWV departs

Advance Party NLT 1200 report to CRTC BLDG 10-142

Saturday 14 August 2010

0650 Main Body report to Respective TACC's

0730 Buses depart

1330 Buses/Convoy/POV report to CRTC

1400 Formation

1415-1615 unpack, PX time

1630 Muster (**ID TAGS AND CAC CARD**)

SCHOOLS

| <u>SOLDIER</u> | <u>SCHOOL NAME</u> | <u>REPORT DATE DATES</u> | | <u>STATUS</u> |
|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| SSG BERTRAND, C | BNCOC, CAMP ASHLAND, NE | 20 AUG 2010 | 21 AUG – 1 SEP 10 | RESERVED |
| SGT GORTER, R | BNCOC, CAMP ASHLAND, NE (DL) | 1 OCT 2010 | 1 OCT – 31 DEC 10 | RESERVED |
| SPC VANDEBERG | SUPPLY, CAMP BLANDING, FL | 22 OCT 2010 | 23 OCT – 20 NOV 10 | WAIT STATUS |
| SSG BERTRAND, C. | BNCOC 2, CAMP WILLIAMS, UT | 25 OCT 2010 | 25 OCT – 9 NOV 10 | RESERVED |
| SSG VEEN, D | BNCOC 2, CAMP WILLIAMS, UT | 25 OCT 2010 | 25 OCT – 9 NOV 10 | RESERVED |
| SFC NEWMAN, R. | UMO, CAMP ROBINSON, AR | 2 JAN 2011 | 3 – 14 JAN 2011 | LEVEL 3 |
| SPC WEBER, N.M. | NBC, FT LEONARDWOOD, MO | 6 JAN 2011 | 7 JAN – 3 FEB 11 | LEVEL 3 |
| SGT DUFFY, E. | BNCOC 1, FT. MCCOY, WI | 6 JAN 2011 | 7 – 18 JAN 2011 | PENDING |
| SGT CARLSON, M. | BNCOC 1, FT. MCCOY, WI | 6 JAN 2011 | 7 – 18 JAN 2011 | PENDING |
| SPC BLANK, A. | WLC, CAMP ASHLAND, NE | 7 JAN 2011 | 8 – 22 JAN 2011 | PENDING |
| SPC FRAHM, O. | WLC, CAMP ASHLAND, NE | 7 JAN 2011 | 8 – 22 JAN 2011 | PENDING |
| SGT SMEDSRUDE | WLC, CAMP ASHLAND, NE | 7 JAN 2011 | 8 – 22 JAN 2011 | PENDING |
| SGT JOHNSON, T. | BNCOC 1, CAMP ASHLAND, NE | 7 JAN 2011 | 8 – 19 JAN 2011 | PENDING |
| SGT HENNING, C. | BNCOC 1, CAMP ASHLAND, NE | 7 JAN 2011 | 8 – 19 JAN 2011 | PENDING |
| SSG KROSCH, J. | BNCOC 1, CAMP ASHLAND, NE | 28 JAN 2011 | 29 JAN – 9 FEB 2011 | WAIT STATUS |
| SGT OLSEN, J. | BNCOC 1, CAMP ASHLAND, NE | 28 JAN 2011 | 29 JAN – 9 FEB 2011 | WAIT STATUS |
| SFC DIEKMANN, E. | SLC, FT. MCCOY, WI | 6 MAR 2011 | 7 – 23 MAR 2011 | RESERVED |
| SGT DUFFY, E | BNCOC 2, FT. BRAGG, NC | 2 MAR 2011 | 3 – 18 MAR 2011 | RESERVED |
| SGT CARLSON, M. | BNCOC 2, FT. BRAGG, NC | 2 MAR 2011 | 3 – 18 MAR 2011 | RESERVED |

ACCIDENT AVOIDANCE COURSE & COMPOSITE RISK MANAGEMENT- SGT Gengler and PVT Peterson Shane need to complete these courses. See SSG Caraway this weekend.

ESGR Civilian Employment Information (CEI) database. No later than 301200SEP10, all Soldiers (AGR exempt) will update the Civilian Employment Information (CEI) database through the ESGR <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/esgr/logonAction.do> Portal. Soldiers can logon with their Common Access Card (CAC) or via personal information. Go to the CEI Update/Review tab and update all employer information. Print the completion certificate from this site and turn in to me at AT. I will also be working on this at AT, so make sure to bring your employers information.

Personnel NCO Comments

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Emergency Notification: Emergency Notification and related messages will be forwarded through the American Red Cross. Service members and military commanders rely on Red Cross emergency communications to help make leave decisions or to help service members cope with the emergency in other ways. When a military family experiences a crisis, the Red Cross is there to help. The Red Cross relays urgent messages containing accurate, factual, complete and verified descriptions of the emergency to service members anywhere in the world. Seven days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the Red Cross links members of the U.S. Armed Forces with their families during emergencies.

To contact the Red Cross for assistance call your local Red Cross chapter, which is listed in local telephone books and at <http://www.redcross.org/where/where.html>.

Family members will have the following information ready to give to the caseworker: Service member's FULL name; Rank; SSN; and state that their Soldier is attending Annual Training with Unit/1-125 FA BN and the HQ phone number: (320) 632-7224/7225.

American Red Cross caseworkers will: 1) Verify the circumstances of a death, critical illness or injury, or other emergency affecting a service member's immediate family. 2) Send an emergency communication message to the service member's location. 3) Ensure delivery of the message. 4) Follow up with the family at home.

Counselor: A Military Family Life Consultant will be available at Camp Ripley until 31 AUG 2010 in order to provide short term solution focused counseling to Service members and their Families. Sheri Conran can be reached at (320)360-0266 between the hours of 0800-2200. She is primarily located out of Bldg 15-1 next to the Family Assistance Center, but frequently meets with individuals at a location that is private, confidential, and convenient. Sheri is flexible and can meet at hours that are convenient for the customer.

Ticks: Attached is a slide show from Battalion in regards to ticks, tick identification and Lyme disease. Ensure all Soldiers check themselves and get buddy checked every 12 hours and prior to leaving CRTC.

SRP (14 Aug 1100 Bldg 15-1): PVT Peterson, Shane

PHA: SFC Diekmann and PFC Hawks. Battalion will be conducting make-up PHA's. Date, time, and location to be determined.

Records Review/Update: Everyone will complete a review of their records during Annual Training. You will need to log into your IPERMs. Ensure you know your PIN for your CAC card. If you have recently purchased a home or moved into an apartment bring in a copy of your mortgage statement or lease. If you have a new addition to your family bring in a copy of the birth certificate and social security card. If you have gotten married and haven't brought in the documentation you will need to bring in a copy of your spouse's driver's license, social security card, birth certificate, and marriage certificate.

College Students: If you are going to college this Fall, you will need to fill out the STR paperwork. Bring in your class schedule and tuition/fee statement. **Key CHANGES to STR:** you must have a passing APFT and be compliant in regards to Ht/Wt, fiscal year maximum of \$7,500; STR Option for Spouses is limited to soldiers in the pay grades of E6, E7, O2, and O3. Lastly, you **MUST** apply for FTA in order to be eligible to use STR. If you need assistance with receiving/ understanding your college benefits contact SSG Ilse or myself.

Tricare Reserve Select (TRS) Medical Insurance: If you are interested in signing up for TRS, the link below has the hand book to explain the benefits. If you have questions or need assistance, see us for help.

TRS Handbook:

<http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/ProfileFilter.do;jsessionid=MWWbQmBLMyTCvkNG2rLYWJkPCXfNL2TjFx5Zgwnww7VQMmCBhDNp!-1582644560?purI=%2Fhome%2Foverview%2FPlans%2FReserveSelect>

TRS (Sign Up):

<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/agentsso/LoginSelect.jsp?gotourl=%2Ftrs%2Fbeneficiary%2Fpullperson.do&modules=CAC.DFAS>

Tricare Dental Insurance: If you are interested in signing up for dental insurance or learning more about the dental program, check the link below.

<http://www.tricaredentalprogram.com/tdptws/enrollees/enrollees.jsp>