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*A paper presented by Wayne Coloney, "World War II Armored Operations: A Frontline Soldier's View", was not tape recorded and a copy of the paper could not be obtained for publication.*

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INTRODUCTION

On 25 - 26 May 1978 a Seminar on air antitank warfare was held at the Springfield Hilton, Springfield, Virginia. Presentations were made by Mr. John Boyd ("Patterns in Conflict"), Mr. Wayne Coloney ("Armored Warfare a Frontline Soldier's View"), Mr. Bell (of HERO) ("Nature of the European FEBA"), and Mr. Pierre Sprey ("Countering a Blitz"). These presentations were followed by a question and answer session with former Luftwaffe Colonel Hans-Ulrich Rudel. Colonel Rudel was the most decorated German Officer of World War Two and had the distinction of destroying 519 Soviet tanks with his JU8F-"G" Stuka equipped with two 37-mm cannons.

All of the presentations, as well as the question and answer session with Colonel Rudel, tended to support the contention that control of the battlefield is not necessarily a factor of outnumbering the enemy; rather of disrupting his rational decisionmaking process and of exploiting the ensuing confusion.

AGENDA

Springfield Hilton  
6550 Loisdale Road  
Springfield, Virginia

25 May 1978

1300 - 1315	Introduction	
1315 - 1515	"Patterns of Conflict"	Col. Boyd
1515 - 1530	Break	
1530 - 1600	"WW II Armored Operations, A Frontline Soldiers View"	Mr. Coloney
1600 - 1630	"Nature of European FEBA"	"HERO"
1630 - 1700	Recap/Discussion	

26 May 1978

0900 - 1030	"Countering a Blitz"	Mr. Sprey
1030 - 1200	Col. Rudel Questions	
1200 -	Recap/Discussion	