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1. Background

During the combat operations phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF)—March-April 2003, Army Patriot units were involved in two fratricide incidents. In the first, a British Tornado was misclassified as an anti-radiation missile (ARM) and subsequently engaged and destroyed. The second fratricide incident involved a Navy F/A-18 that was misclassified as a tactical ballistic missile (TBM) and also engaged and destroyed. Three flight crew members lost their lives in these incidents. OIF involved a total of 11 Patriot engagements by U.S. units. Of these 11, nine resulted in successful TBM engagements; the other two were fratricides. Various Boards of Inquiry (BOIs) were convened to investigate these incidents, and they did an excellent job of piecing together and describing the technical and operational circumstances that led to the fratricides.

In the spring of 2004, personnel from the Army Research Laboratory’s Human Research and Engineering Directorate (ARL HRED) began looking into Patriot and air and missile defense (AMD) performance and training issues at the invitation of the then Ft. Bliss Commander, Major General (MG) Michael A. Vane. After reviewing the conclusions of the various BOIs, he was convinced that human performance issues were part of the problem leading to the fratricides. MG Vane was interested in operator vigilance and situation awareness (SA) as they relate to the performance of automated AMD battle command systems. [Note: The generally accepted definition of SA is from Endsley, Bolte, and Jones (2003) who define it as the perception of elements in the environment, the comprehension of their meaning, and the projection of their status in the near future.] MG Vane was particularly concerned by what he termed a “lack of vigilance” on the part of Patriot operators along with an apparent “lack of cognizance” of what was being presented to them on situation displays with a resulting “absolute trust in automation.” Accordingly, he requested that HRED conduct a human-performance-oriented critical incident assessment to complement the BOI investigations and report back to him regarding potential problems and solutions.

HRED’s project team spent most of the summer and fall of 2004 performing the requested human-performance-oriented critical incident assessment of the OIF fratricides—reading documents, interviewing knowledgeable personnel in the Ft. Bliss area, and observing Patriot training and operations. An initial assessment was delivered to MG Vane in October 2004. A discussion of the results of what was termed the Patriot Vigilance project is given in Hawley and Mares (2006) and is not repeated here, other than in a summary manner. HRED’s report to MG Vane in October 2004 recommended two primary actionable items to redress the performance problems identified during the Patriot Vigilance effort:
1. Re-examine automation concepts, operator roles, and command and control (C2) relationships in AMD battle command systems to emphasize effective human supervisory control (HSC); and

2. Develop more effective missile crews and C2 teams, particularly with respect to Air Defense Operations—re-look the level of expertise required to operate such a lethal system on the modern battlefield.

In present usage, the term effective human supervisory control refers to a situation in which Soldiers and not the automated system are the ultimate decision makers in AMD firing decisions. Uncritical acquiescence to the automated system’s recommendations is not effective human supervisory control.

In a report on Patriot system performance requested by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, the Defense Science Board (DSB) reinforced HRED’s recommendations with the following comments (DSB, 2004). Although the full DSB report is classified, these extracts are not.

The Patriot system should migrate to more of a “man-in-the-loop” philosophy versus a fully automated philosophy—providing operator awareness and control of engagement processes.

and

Patriot training and simulations should be upgraded to support this man-in-the-loop protocol including the ability to train on confusing and complex scenarios that contain unbriefered surprises.

A summary of the DSB report on Patriot system performance is available for download on the DSB’s web site.

The key notion in the first Defense Science Board recommendation is captured in the phrase, “providing operator awareness and control of engagement processes.” Simply put, Soldiers and not the automated system must be the ultimate decision makers in AMD engagements. Decisions to shoot or not to shoot must be made by crews having the technical potential for adequate SA and the expertise to understand the significance of the information available to them. The DSB’s first recommendation is synonymous with HRED’s first actionable item concerning establishing effective human supervisory control of Patriot and other AMD systems.

The second Defense Science Board recommendation having major significance for Soldier performance in contemporary AMD operations concerns operator training and professional development. Here, the DSB supported HRED’s conclusion that it is necessary to re-look the level of expertise necessary to operate such a lethal system on the modern battlefield. To highlight the importance of the training issue, the Army Board of Inquiry investigating the OIF fratricides stated bluntly “The system [Patriot] is too lethal to be placed in the hands of crews trained to such a limited standard.”
The Board of Inquiry investigating the OIF fratricides specifically criticized pre-deployment Patriot training for emphasizing “rote drills” versus the “exercise of high-level judgment.” The essence of this criticism is that the AMD user community approaches training for a complex, knowledge-based function like Air Defense Operations in much the same manner as linear, skill- and rule-based activities like March Order and Emplacement or System Set-up. The emphasis is on operating equipment and mastering routines rather than adaptive problem solving. However, the range of actions required in routine drills is narrower and more predictable than those encountered in combat operations.

The U.S. Navy faced a similar reconsideration of training practices in the aftermath of the shoot-down of an Iranian Airbus by the USS Vincennes in 1988. After more than 10 years of research, the Navy reached several conclusions that are also relevant to the contemporary AMD setting. First, the Navy’s research concluded that situation awareness is the key factor underlying decision quality in battle command. Situation awareness is built upon in-depth technical and tactical expertise. The primary implication of this conclusion is that marginally-skilled operators cannot develop the SA necessary for effective human supervisory control, regardless of the sophistication of the battle command hardware suite provided to them. Systems provide data, but only users develop situation awareness. Technology can amplify human expertise, but cannot substitute for it. Relevant operator expertise is an equal contributor to effective HSC of system operations.

The Navy also concluded that Aegis operator training must emphasize the development of adaptive decision-making skills. Adaptive decision-making skills, or the ability to think outside the box defined by routine crew drills, are a key aspect of effective operator performance in ambiguous situations. The Navy’s third major conclusion was that shipboard (i.e., unit) training must address team in addition to individual performance. Competent crews are the basis of effective unit performance, and crews are more than the sum of their individual members.

The Defense Science Board’s recommendation to include unbrieled surprises in training does not mean that it is sufficient merely to insert anomalous events like those encountered in OIF into training scenarios. In advanced AMD training, scenarios comprise most of the curriculum. To properly prepare operators for combat, scenario designers must bear in mind that the surprises of OIF are representative of a class of potential anomalies. Selected anomalies occurred then; others—some similar, some different—will occur on future battlefields. It is thus necessary that operators be imbued with a sense of mindfulness that automated battle command systems are fallible. The system’s recommendations will be correct most but not all of the time. Training must foster the development of the adaptive expertise essential to recognize potential anomalies and the skills necessary to determine an appropriate course of action. Operators must walk a fine line between blind faith in the system and wholesale mistrust. AMD commanders and training managers must not underestimate the difficulties associated with adequately meeting this challenge.
In addition to the briefing to MG Vane, the initial phase of the Patriot Vigilance project also resulted in an ARL technical report titled *The Human Side of Automation: Lessons for Air Defense Command and Control* (Hawley, Mares, & Giammanco, 2005). After reviewing results from the first phase of the project, the TRADOC System Manager for Lower Tier AMD systems (TSM-LT), COL Rob Jassey, requested that the Patriot Vigilance project continue into a second year. COL Jassey specifically requested that HRED’s project staff expand on the material presented in Hawley, Mares, and Giammanco (2005) and prepare two, more-detailed reports, one concerned with design for effective human supervisory control and a second addressing training for the emerging class of AMD systems. The intent of these reports was to inform the AMD community on “what right looks like” in each of these topic areas. The results were the two reports: *Developing Effective Human Supervisory Control for Air and Missile Defense Systems* (Hawley & Mares, 2006), and *Training for Effective Human Supervisory Control of Air and Missile Defense Systems* (Hawley, Mares, & Giammanco, 2006).

In the late summer of 2005 after MG Vane had left Ft. Bliss for another assignment, the project staff briefed his replacement, MG (then Brigadier General) Robert P. Lennox, on the status and results of the Patriot Vigilance project. MG Lennox requested that the project be continued for at least another year so that the technical staff could work with the AMD community on implementing selected results. HRED’s project staff also would participate as the MANPRINT (Manpower and Personnel Integration) evaluator during a Limited User Test (LUT) of the Post-Deployment Build 6 (PDB-6) software suite for the Patriot system. PDB-6 was developed to address many of the Patriot system’s operational deficiencies that had surfaced during OIF and were generally considered to have contributed to the unacceptable fratricide rate.

From the fall of 2005 through the summer of 2006 during the New Equipment Training (NET) and unit train-up period for the PDB-6 LUT, the HRED project staff’s observations regarding the progress of training for the test unit sounded an alarm bell loudly. PDB-6 training was not progressing as it should have. Training events were being completed, but individual and crew performance objectives were not being met. Many of the training issues identified and discussed in Hawley, Mares, and Giammanco (2006) were surfacing and were not being addressed adequately by the NET process or follow-on collective training by the test unit. Clearly, more applied training guidance for the emerging class of knowledge-intensive AMD systems represented by Patriot and PDB-6 was required.

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The next section presents a more detailed assessment of the AMD training problem and its general solution. It is intended to explore two questions central to effective training for the contemporary AMD operating environment:

1. What makes the emerging AMD operating environment particularly challenging from a training perspective?

2. How does AMD training have to change to meet these challenges?

All of the material to follow is intended to provide unit-level trainers (e.g., battalion commanders and their S-3s) with practical advice concerning how to develop missile crews and C2 teams able to handle the complex environments of today’s and future conflicts.

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2. The AMD Training Problem and Its Solution

One of the defining properties of current and future AMD battle command systems is an increasing reliance on automation. Technological opportunities and an increasingly complex operating environment have created a situation where AMD operators must be provided with automated decision support to meet mission objectives. There is an unfortunate tendency among system developers, trainers, and users to assume that automation is innately beneficial. Research and experience in a numbers of areas suggest, however, that such is not always the case. To begin, automation elevates operators into system monitors rather than active controllers. Operators are removed from moment-to-moment active control and become monitors and managers of subordinate automated processes. It is a well-established fact that humans make very poor system monitors.

Beyond classical vigilance, automation applied to real-time C2 brings into play what has been called the Catch-22 of human supervisory control: Automation has been introduced because it can do the job better than human operators, but human operators have been left in the control loop to “monitor” that the automated system is performing correctly and to override the automated system when it is “wrong.” The unstated assumption is that operators can properly decide when the automation’s decisions should be overruled. Human operators are expected to compensate for automation unreliability, but research and experience have consistently shown that humans suffer from a variety of physical and cognitive limitations that make this assumption unrealistic. Automation researchers have concluded that while the risks associated with the
Catch-22 of human supervisory control can never be eliminated entirely, they can be managed more effectively through a number of positive actions directed at supporting effective control. These actions generally fall into one of two categories: (1) design to support effective HSC, and (2) training focused on developing operator expertise. The thrust of this report is practical ways to pursue the second objective.

To cope with the Catch-22 of human supervisory control and properly structure an effective training program for AMD, it is first necessary to consider how operators actually make decisions in an air battle setting. The conventional wisdom in military circles is that decision makers routinely follow what is termed the classical decision making model. That is, the “textbook” way to make an important decision is to (1) list the different options, (2) evaluate those options using a common set of criteria, (3) determine how important each criterion is, (4) rate each option on each criterion, (5) do the math, and (6) determine the optimal choice. The conventional notion of decision making is thorough, systematic, rational, and scientific. But it is also by and large a myth, particularly in real-time C2.

A growing body of research and experience indicates that human experts do not follow the classical decision making approach in real-time decision making. Rather, human experts use what is termed “pattern matching” to quickly understand a situation and select an appropriate course of action. Klein (2003) refers to this pattern matching-response selection process as Recognition-Primed Decision Making, or RPD. The RPD process works much as described in figure 1. The tactical situation generates a set of cues. This cue set lets the expert recognize a pattern: “I’ve seen this before.” Patterns are associated with what are termed “action scripts”: “And these are the actions that I took when I saw this pattern before.” Alternative action scripts are assessed using mental simulation based on the expert’s mental model of the controlled process. The mental simulation process leads to the selection of one action script as preferred.

A mental model is the expert’s internal understanding of how the controlled process “works,” or fits together. Norman (2002) remarks that a “good” mental model permits equipment users to predict the effects of their actions. Without a good model, users perform as they are told without really knowing why. As long as things work, they can manage. However, when things go wrong or when the unexpected happens, users frequently are at a loss concerning how to proceed.

The recognition-primed decision making cycle is executed rapidly and internally. It is also highly dependent on operator expertise: knowledge (what I know about), skill (what I know how to do), and experience (what I’ve seen before). Experts immediately “know what to do” in a given situation, and the RPD model explains how they arrive at a preferred course of action so quickly.
Endsley and her colleagues (Endsley, Bolte, & Jones, 2003) argue that situation awareness drives the RPD process and is the key factor determining decision quality in battle command. Operator situation awareness is influenced by factors such as:

1. Preconceptions (what operators have been led to believe about the system and its capabilities)
2. Tactical objectives
3. Operator ability levels
4. Training
5. Experience
6. Doctrine
7. Formal guidance (e.g., TTPs [tactics, techniques, and procedures] and TSOPs [tactical standing operating procedures])
8. Immediate cognitive workload.
Moreover, operator tactical and technical expertise is the dominant factor in establishing Level 2 (Comprehension, sometimes called Situational Understanding) and Level 3 (Projection) situation awareness. Comprehension and projection underlie the operator’s ability to notice patterns, judge typicality, spot anomalies, and have a “feel” for what is happening around them (Klein, 2003). Dekker (2002) summarizes the recognition-primed decision situation quite succinctly by noting that what distinguishes “good” decision makers from “poor” decision makers in knowledge-intensive job settings is their ability to make sense of situations using a highly organized experience base of relevant knowledge. Sensemaking ability is the link between awareness (what operators see on their screens or obtain from other sources) and understanding.

Because of the realities discussed above, training for the new class of AMD systems must be qualitatively different from the era of simpler systems. The issue here is that the new class of technology-dominated systems is complex and knowledge-intensive. Knowledge-intensive systems shift the focus of user performance from what are referred to as skill- and rule-based performances to knowledge-based performances (Dekker, 2002; Rasmussen, 1986). Operating equipment is an example of a skill-based performance, and following procedures is an example of a rule-based performance; decision making and problem solving are knowledge-based performances. As a caution, readers should not confuse operating equipment with using that equipment to meet mission objectives. Knowing how to operate an item of equipment is a necessary but not sufficient condition for knowing how to use that item to meet a mission objective.

Most current Army training stresses skill- and rule-based performances but overlooks knowledge-based performance requirements. Recall that the board of inquiry looking into the Patriot fratricides during OIF criticized pre-deployment Patriot training for emphasizing “rote drills versus high-level judgment.” Rote drills focus on skill- and rule-based performances like operating equipment or following procedures; exercising high-level judgment is a knowledge-based performance.

The crux of the previous discussion is that knowledge-intensive systems place a premium on user expertise. In present usage, the term expertise refers to a capability for consistently superior performance on a specified set of representative tasks for a domain (Ericsson & Charness, 1994). Expertise is a function of operator (1) knowledge, (2) skill, and (3) job-relevant experience.

Given the centrality of user expertise in the emerging warfighting environment, an obvious follow-on question is “How is such expertise developed?” Norman (1993) notes that there are at least three phases of learning leading to expertise as defined above. These are (1) accretion, (2) tuning, and (3) restructuring. Accretion is the accumulation of facts. Tuning refers to the process of translating knowledge into skill. The final stage of learning is restructuring, or forming and reforming the proper conceptual framework for performing as an expert—the sensemaking ability referred to previously.
Norman further remarks that accretion and tuning are primarily experiential—they take place actively in an experience-based learning environment. Restructuring is reflective. It involves exploring the domain in depth, forming comparisons, and integrating across related domains. The complete process requires a hands-on learning environment and hours and hours of practice under the supervision of a coach or mentor. Such feedback-intensive training is referred to as deliberate practice. How many hours are necessary? Norman asserts that for any complex activity, a minimum of 5,000 hours of practice—two years of full-time effort—are required to turn a novice into an entry-level expert. Expert, in this context, refers to a user who has developed the sensemaking capability necessary to perform appropriately in a knowledge-intensive job setting. It should be noted, however, that the 5,000-hour rule is cumulative. It applies to all training and job preparation relevant to a performance domain: institutional training, on-the-job-training (OJT), special skills training, and so forth.

Dekker (2002) argues that complex systems like those used in AMD require an “overwhelming human contribution” for their effective operation. He states that “people are the only ones who can hold together the patchwork of technologies in their worlds; the only ones who can make it work in actual practice” (p. 103). A paradox of the emerging high-technology warfighting environment is that automation and other advanced technologies reduce the moment to moment need for humans while simultaneously increasing their criticality to overall system effectiveness. In a nutshell, this statement summarizes the problem facing AMD commanders and training managers. Advanced technology enables more capable systems to match the requirements of a more complex battlespace. But this capability comes at a price, and the price is a requirement for more sophisticated user personnel. Moreover, the performance situation is likely to become even more demanding with the fielding of the Integrated Air and Missile Defense concept and other so-called systems of systems.

The preceding paragraphs provide a theory-based answer to the two questions that opened the discussion on developing effective training for contemporary AMD systems. The next step is to begin turning theory into practice. That is, to describe how to use the concepts discussed above in a real-world collective training environment with a goal of developing effective and adaptive crews and teams.

3. Turning Theory into Practice

3.1 Training Preliminaries

Training is a process by which job-relevant knowledge, skills, and competencies are acquired by individuals, crews, and multi-echelon units. In a military setting, its purpose is to deliver warfare competence where and when it is needed. Operationally, training consists of job-relevant practice with feedback. Without proper feedback, job-relevant learning might not take place. Putting both definitions together, training is a process by which job-relevant learning at various levels (individual, crew, or multi-echelon unit) is facilitated.
Training is not simulations, networks, virtual environments, or games even if they are labeled as training or training devices. All of these technical mechanisms can be used to craft an environment in which learning might take place, but they are not training per se. This is an important distinction: Various methods and technologies such as those mentioned above can be used to support training if they provide an environment in which job-relevant practice with appropriate feedback can occur. Training managers must, however, first know what must be practiced and the appropriate form of essential feedback.

A good instructional program is defined as one that supports relevant practice with appropriate feedback leading to desired warfare competencies. Developing a good instructional program is a relatively simple process. However, the devil can be in the details of how the various steps in the process are carried out. The steps in proper instructional design are listed as follows (Whitmore, 2002):

1. Specify the job performances we want trainees to learn to do.
2. Break those job performances down successively into their component activities (including mental activities) until we reach the level of skill already possessed by the trainees.
3. Develop situations (scenarios) that lead trainees through those things we want them to learn to do.
4. Lead trainees through practicing the new activities, beginning with the lowest level and successively assembling higher-level activities from lower-level components.
5. Provide trainees with sufficient practice—with feedback—at each level to reach desired competency levels.

Taken together and without all of the detail, this process is conceptually similar to what is called for in the Instructional Systems Development (ISD) process or its Army variant, the Systems Approach to Training (SAT).

It has been noted that for a dynamic, performance-based setting like Air Defense Operations, scenarios are most of the curriculum. That is, the job-relevant practice and feedback essential to developing warfare competence takes place within a simulation-based learning environment. In this setting, training scenarios provide the structure within which the stimulus and response aspects of learning are presented and evaluated. The overall process by which effective scenario-based training is developed and implemented is depicted in figure 2.

In figure 2, results from the system’s job and task analysis (JTA) are used to prepare a skill inventory, or list of job skills to be trained. These job-relevant skills are used to develop a list of learning objectives and associated competencies. Learning objectives then drive the development of scenario events, or scripts. If you want a trainee to learn how to do something, then the training scenario must provide the stimuli necessary to elicit that behavior. Next, the training developer must define performance measures and standards. A performance measure is
a behavioral description that permits an evaluator to unambiguously decide whether a performance took place. The performance standard provides a way of judging whether that performance was acceptable. In keeping with the overall view of training advocated in this paper, performance measures and standards are developed first for the task and skill level and then for the job or job segment level. It is necessary that trainees master the individual tasks and skills that comprise job performance, and they must also know how to compose these individual skills to perform acceptably in the whole-job setting.

In performance-oriented training, feedback is just as important as performance evaluation. For learning to occur, trainees must be provided with feedback regarding their performance along with corrective guidance. Accordingly, the next step in the Scenario-Based Training Cycle is performance diagnosis: If the performance was not acceptable, why not? Performance diagnostic information provides the basis for the feedback and debrief stage, or After Action Review (AAR). Performance diagnosis must be objective and specific to the performances involved. Moreover, for best effect, feedback should be immediate with an opportunity to practice less-than-successful performance elements until individual, crew, or team performance is acceptable.

There is increasing evidence in the training literature that training for a complex performance setting like AMD is best approached as a continuum of developmental experiences that occur across a series of different environments (Kozlowski, 1998). Hawley, Mares, and Giammanco (2006) advocate this segmented approach for AMD and argue for training to be conceptually structured into two separate parts: (1) training for Routine expertise, and (2) training for
Adaptive expertise. Training for Routine expertise is directed at improving effectiveness and reliability in situations involving little ambiguity or uncertainty. The intent is to develop individuals and crews well practiced in the basics of Air Defense Operations. Training for Adaptive expertise is based upon competent baseline performance by individuals and crews. It might be termed advanced training for situations that are non-routine or out-of-the-ordinary. As the name implies, it is intended to foster the adaptability necessary to cope with the inevitable surprises of combat operations. Each of these stages is discussed in more detail in the sections to follow.

3.2 Training for Routine Expertise

As noted previously, training for Routine expertise is intended to provide practice on well-established, normative problem situations. It is the starting point for AMD collective training and is intended to lay the groundwork for the more intensive training to follow. One must learn to walk before one can run.

Training for Routine expertise consists of two parts. The first portion is initial knowledge and skill acquisition. Initial knowledge and skill acquisition is intended to provide individual trainees with basic AMD concepts and the knowledge necessary to take advantage of later performance-oriented training. This phase of training for Routine expertise corresponds to the initial stages of Norman’s (1993) accretion phase in the development of expertise.

The first part of training for Routine expertise also is intended to provide individuals with initial training on equipment operations and the basics of how to use the system to fight an air battle. This portion is not intended to produce individuals capable of serving on operational crews. Rather, it is intended to produce individuals fully ready to take advantage of later crew-oriented training. This first part of training for Routine expertise could take place in a formal school setting.

The second part of training for Routine expertise is concerned with the development of what are termed “novice” crews. In current usage, a novice crew is one that has demonstrated its proficiency on a range of normative air battle operations scenarios. No tricks and few ambiguities; just the basics of Air Defense Operations. But the basics are well-practiced and verified.

During the subject matter expert (SME) interviews conducted as part of the Patriot Vigilance project, a frequent comment was that Table VIII certification (the entry-level standard for Patriot crews) really amounts to a “learners permit.” The concept of a novice crew is consistent with this view. A Table VIII certified crew is able to handle itself in normative situations where things are as they appear to be. But such crews might have difficulties in more challenging and complex situations. It is the authors’ view—and one shared by others in the AMD community—that this observation regarding Table VIII certification and what it really means to be “qualified” is one of the significant lessons coming out of OIF. Recall the board of inquiry remark that the
Patriot system is too lethal to be placed in the hands of crews trained to such a limited standard. The limited standard referred to in this statement is Table VIII certification. Once again, certified does not necessarily mean fully qualified.

On the surface, training for Routine expertise as described here will not appear to be different from many current school and unit practices. And to some extent this observation is true. However, there are several key differences in training practices that must be incorporated for training for Routine expertise to be effective and lay a suitable groundwork for later training for Adaptive expertise. These modified practices are discussed in the sub-sections to follow.

3.2.1 Scenario Content

In training for a job like AMD operator, the scenario is most of the curriculum. This means that training scenarios must be carefully scripted to cue the decisions and performances indicated in the system’s job and task analysis as being critical. Training managers also must be aware that training scenarios have a limited shelf life. After more than about three uses with the same group of trainees, they lose their training value. Trainees recognize the scenario and begin to “game” it. Gaming scenarios destroys their learning value, since gaming rather than learning becomes the objective of the exercise.

3.2.2 Performance Standards: Task Standards and Job Competencies

Training managers must attend to the development of operational performance standards for scenarios and for success at the various certification levels. Skill checks for individual tasks or portions of tasks are important in skill development, but they are not sufficient for judging job competence. Job standards must be objectively stated in terms of successful performance against benchmark scenarios having stated performance objectives and known difficulty levels. In training for Air Defense Operations, the whole defined as competent job performance is more than the sum of its individual task parts.

3.2.3 Time to Reach Desired Competency Levels

Time to train to desired competency levels is one of the recurring problems in Army and military training in general. Training times must be determined on the basis of how long individuals take to reach desired competency levels. A situation must not be allowed to exist in which training is shoehorned into available times or is fixed arbitrarily on the basis of bureaucratic or administrative considerations. If such considerations are permitted to dictate training times, the result will be incomplete training and inadequate on-the-job performance. To the extent practical, training must be self-paced and performance-oriented.

3.2.4 Qualified Instructors

There is an old adage that it is hard for an apprentice to learn if there are no masters. Personnel assigned to training jobs in the institution and in units must be expert job performers (EJPs). An EJP is a subject matter expert who also has recent and relevant on-the-job experience. Their job
is to teach trainees how to do the job, not just to teach them about the job. Consideration must also be given to the teaching ability of potential instructors. System experience is not a guarantor of effective instructional capability. Norman (1993) cites results indicating that a course’s reputation is a major determinant of trainee motivation. If a course has a good reputation that word will spread and trainees will come to the course motivated and prepared to learn. On the other hand, if a course has a bad reputation, that fact will be reflected in an unwillingness to come or attend to the material. Instructor quality is a major factor in training’s reputation and thus trainee motivation. Trainee motivation cannot be commanded.

3.2.5 Performance Diagnosis and Feedback

A generally accepted axiom of learning theory is that little job-relevant learning takes place in the absence of focused feedback. This simple fact underlies much of the success attributed to the Army’s training at Combat Training Centers (CTCs) such as the National Training Center (NTC). At the CTCs, considerable effort goes into the post-exercise AAR. Operational training practices can be fully satisfactory, but if the AAR process is deficient, performance will not improve. The same relationship applies to lower echelon training conducted in institutions and units outside the CTC context. AMD units do not routinely participate in NTC rotations, but the importance of proper AARs to development of organizational effectiveness applies to them as well.

Good AARs go well beyond a mere replay or summary of what went on. They consist of a behavioral critique focused on specific tasks, skills, or job segments. AARs are intended to change behavior and the way trainees think about the performances in question. Trainees must be told not only that a particular performance was right or wrong, but also why that performance was right or wrong. Good AARs are critical to tuning the mental models upon which future performance will be based.

3.3 Training for Adaptive Expertise

3.3.1 Preliminary Issues

As noted previously, training for Adaptive expertise is intended to foster the ability to think outside the box defined by routine crew drills. It is intended to provide crews and teams with the ability to cope with unreliable automation and the inevitable unforeseen events that characterize combat operations. Adaptive expertise involves going well beyond applying procedural knowledge of an automatic sort—what the OIF board of inquiry referred to as rote drills without active thinking. Research and experience clearly show that stopping at the level of Routine expertise produces operators who have trouble dealing with ill-structured and novel problems (Kozlowski, 1998). Routine experts are unable to recognize when the underlying structure of the tactical situation has changed and they must shift to a problem-solving or active thinking mode. This is the essence of MG Vane’s comments regarding operator vigilance problems and lack of cognizance of the tactical situation.
In one sense, the mechanisms underlying training for Adaptive expertise are straightforward. As the Defense Science Board recommended, trainees must face confusing and complex scenarios that contain unbrieved surprises. Such scenarios must push crews and teams outside their comfort zone and stress problem solving over routine operational processes. Crews working together must learn to recognize when a situation is not ordinary and requires problem-solving intervention. However, the solution is not quite that simple. Problem-based training, such as that suggested by the DSB, is not a total remedy if trainees are led to believe or are allowed to view the limited experiences they see in training as representative of all instances they will encounter in the operational environment (Dekker, 2002).

Developing adaptive capabilities is a long-term process that provides trainees with extensive deliberate practice—relevant practice with expert and immediate feedback. Adaptive performance capabilities build on a foundation of Routine expertise and are enhanced by scenario variability and novelty that challenge routine skills. Expertise as defined previously will develop as a natural consequence of the long-term application of this basic strategy (Kozlowski, 1998). This is an important point and bears repeating: Adaptive expertise will develop over time as a natural consequence of rigorously following a rather basic training strategy involving increasing levels of scenario novelty and challenge coupled with immediate and focused feedback. However, as repeatedly emphasized in this report, time is a critical factor in developing expertise. Expert performance cannot be developed in a few short weeks or months of training. Training for Adaptive expertise also must focus explicitly on developing sensemaking skills: recognizing when to shift from automatic processing (being on mental “cruise control,” so to speak) to active thinking and problem solving.

Readers should note that training for Adaptive expertise coincides with the latter stages of Norman’s (1993) tuning and restructuring phases of learning. This stage of training stresses generalizing routine skills to more fluid situations and developing the skills necessary to execute complex judgments—sensemaking ability. The reflection that goes on as part of the restructuring phase is an important facilitator of this process. Recall that reflection and restructuring involve (1) exploring the problem domain in depth, (2) forming comparisons, and (3) integrating across related domains. Restructuring is central to the development of Dekker’s (2002) “organized experience base of relevant knowledge” that underlies an operator’s sensemaking ability. The goal of training for Adaptive expertise is to advance trainees’ skill level from the surface comprehension that characterizes Routine experts to the deep understanding of the performance domain that characterizes Adaptive experts.

3.3.2 The Role of Crew and Team Training in Developing Adaptive Expertise

It has been noted that units, not individuals are the basis of warfare competence. This is not to say that individual performance is not important. Individual performance is an important component of crew and unit performance. But for the most part, individuals do not perform missions. Crews, teams, and units do.
There is an increasing body of evidence that Adaptive expertise is best developed within the context of intact teams operating in a realistic performance setting (Kozlowski, 1998). It is also an accepted fact that a crew is more than the sum of its individual parts, and melding the disparate parts into a functioning team takes time working together plus specific interventions focused on developing teamwork skills. Proper performance at the crew level requires that individual crewmembers be aware of their interdependencies and be able to back each other up. Highly skilled teams also are “workload sponges” in the sense that team workload is less than the sum of the individual parts.

A variety of recent research and operational experience suggests that managing crew interdependencies and developing teamwork skills may require team process training similar to the Crew Resource Management (CRM) programs prevalent in the aviation community. Once almost exclusively an aviation program, CRM is now broadly viewed as the utilization of all available human, informational, and equipment resources toward effective and efficient operations in domains dependant on crew or team performance (Helmreich, Merritt, & Wilhelm, 1999). In the aviation world, CRM skills are viewed as a primary line of defense against human error and its consequences. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) uses CRM principles to foster cooperation and coordination among the controllers in air traffic control centers. Also, the Army’s Aviation branch uses CRM principles in its crew coordination training for aircrews. Army-sponsored research has shown that crew coordination training significantly improves aircrew performance (Grubb, Simon, Leedom, & Zeller, 1995).

Properly-implemented CRM focuses on enhancing crew and team behaviors that support mission success. Specific elements of CRM training include the following behavioral categories:

1. Mission planning and evaluation
2. Task management
3. Enhancing situation awareness
4. Crew coordination
5. Communications
6. Risk management
7. Tactics employment

Given the centrality of these concepts to effective missile crew and C2 team performance, it might prove useful to adapt and apply CRM principles within the AMD collective training environment. Without such teamwork-oriented training, teams of proficient individuals will not necessarily evolve into expert crews and teams.
Recent research also highlights the importance of team leaders in the development of effective crews. Effective crew and team leadership is a key factor in melding individual technical experts into a high-performing team. Kozlowski (1998) notes that effective team leaders foster effective team performance by (1) melding individuals into a coherent team, (2) fostering the development of an adaptive network of roles, and (3) assisting the crew in becoming a self-learning system. These three features—coherency, or a clear understanding of team roles and interdependencies; an adaptive network of roles; and a self-learning system—differentiate effective teams from a simple aggregation of individuals. Effective teams work together toward common goals, learn as a group, and adjust their intra-team roles to reflect changing operational circumstances. Team leaders facilitate the development of these capabilities by performing both as intra-team instructors and team mentors.

4. Putting It All Together

To illustrate how the training structure described in the previous section could be applied practically, these concepts are next integrated with an actual AMD collective training program. The collective training program used as an example is the Battalion Gunnery Certification Program developed by the 5th Battalion 7th Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Regiment (5-7 ADA). The sections to follow describe the overall structure of 5-7 ADA’s gunnery certification program and then offer suggestions on how to modify this baseline program to take better advantage of the theory-based guidelines presented previously. Readers should note that the material to follow pertains only to the portions of 5-7 ADA’s gunnery certification program that address Air Defense Operations.

4.1 An Overview of 5-7ADA’s Gunnery Certification Program

5-7 ADA’s gunnery certification program is comprised of four consecutive blocks of instruction: Basic Skills, Intermediate Skills, Advanced Skills, and Sustainment Training. Each of these blocks is described in the subsections to follow.

4.1.1 Basic Skills (Tables I–IV)

5-7 ADA’s gunnery certification program notes that “Soldiers must build a solid foundation during basic gunnery tables if they are to be successful during intermediate and advanced table training.” Block 1 is intended to establish this foundation. Specific elements of the Basic Skills block include the following:

- Knowledge of basic AMD tactics, communications, and system capabilities.
- A “Go” rating on all tasks applicable to their crewmember position.
- Ability to fight as part of crew in a low intensity air battle—a Reticule Aim Level (RAL) 5 scenario. RALs refer to the level of difficulty of the scenario.

The individual tasks comprising each of the Tables in 5-7 ADA’s gunnery certification program are shown in appendix A. Tables refer to progressive task groupings. The individual tasks in appendix A are derived from the Patriot system’s job and task analysis. Within 5-7 ADA, the Basic Skills block must be successfully completed within 90 days of a Soldier’s arrival in the unit. Progress on completing each Table or performance “gate” is recorded and tracked on the Progress Report form shown as appendix B.

During the interviews conducted as part of the Patriot Vigilance project, a frequent comment by unit personnel was that Soldiers completing Advanced Individual Training (AIT) for the 14E Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) were Table IV certified. However, unit training personnel generally did not think that MOS qualified personnel right out of AIT met that standard. (Note: The same comment was also made regarding officers exiting the Officers’ Basic Course.) This paper will not take a position one way or the other on this point. However, if the Basic Skills block is properly conducted, new Soldiers will be ready to take advantage of the Intermediate Block following unit-level Table IV certification. Given the complexity of AMD concepts and equipment, it will be beneficial for new Soldiers to go over this foundational material more than one time before beginning crew-oriented OJT. This point is particularly important if any significant time (e.g., more than one month) has elapsed between the completion of AIT and the start of crew-oriented training in the assigned unit. The introduction to 5-7 ADA’s gunnery certification program properly notes that air battle skills are “highly perishable.”

4.1.2 Intermediate Skills (Tables V-VIII)

Following Table IV individual certification, Soldiers begin the Intermediate Skills block. The Intermediate Skills block is crew-oriented. Its objective is to turn collections of individuals into novice crews. In the terminology of the previous section, Table VIII certified crews are referred to as novice crews. They are able to handle normative AMD problems, but might have difficulty with difficult or ambiguous situations.

Specific elements of Table VIII certification include the following:

- Demonstrated knowledge of battalion and brigade tactics.
- A “Go” rating on all tasks applicable to their crewmember position.
- Ability to fight as part of a designated crew in a mid-intensity air battle (RAL 11).

Soldiers must be Table VIII certified within 180 days of arrival in the unit. Once individual Soldiers are formed into crews, each crew’s status is tracked and reported on the Crew Progress Report shown as appendix C.
4.1.3 Advanced Skills (Tables IX-XII)

The Advanced Skills block is a continuation of the crew development process begun during the previous block. Specific elements of this block include:

- Demonstrated knowledge of advanced battalion and brigade tactics.
- A “Go” rating on all tasks for their crewmember position.
- Ability to fight as part of a designated crew in a high-intensity air battle (RAL 16).

The Advanced Skills block must be completed within 270 days of arrival in the unit.

4.1.4 Sustainment Training

Finally, the Sustainment Training block is designed to maintain and improve the skills of crews that have achieved Table XII status. A major aspect of the Sustainment block is professional development in the form of reading (e.g., technical and field manuals) and attendance at and participation in battery- and battalion-level Tactical Seminars (TACSEMs). Professional development activities such as these are a key aspect of Norman’s restructuring phase in the development of expertise. Sustainment training coupled with periodic refresher training on previously learned knowledge, skills, and competencies continues over the course of a Soldier’s assignment to the unit.

4.2 Suggestions for Enhancement and Improvement

The 5-7 ADA’s gunnery certification program is an excellent structure within which to implement most if not all of the training practices advocated in previous sections. First, the program’s structure and concept matches closely the segmented training strategy advocated in the previous section: training for Routine expertise followed by training for Adaptive expertise. The strategy is progressive (simple to complex performance requirements) and emphasizes knowledge, task-related skills, and job-related competencies. Individual and crew skill development also is explicitly tracked and reported.

One area in which the program does not match the suggestions outlined in previous sections is training time. Operators and crews are expected to be Table XII certified within 270 days of arrival in the unit (180 days for Table VIII). It is also implied that Table XII is the last formal level of certification for crews. Norman’s 5,000-hour rule (two years of full-time effort) for the development of entry-level expertise suggests that 270 days is insufficient for operators and crews to develop the level of expertise required to perform competently in a contemporary air battle setting. Crew certification at these points in time (180 and 270 days) might be a practical necessity for unit status reporting purposes, but rigorous development of operator and crew knowledge, skills, and competencies must continue into the Sustainment block for the duration of a Soldier’s assignment to the unit. Unit commanders and training managers must not equate certification and qualification.
To highlight this point, Hawley, Mares, and Giammanco (2006) report training time results for two benchmark comparison cases: Israeli Patriot and FAA en route air traffic controllers (ATCs). In the case of Israeli Patriot, a minimum of 31 months of progressive training interspersed with unit experience is required before full certification as a Tactical Control Officer. For FAA ATCs, job preparation requirements are similar. Following successful completion of four months of mostly hands-on training at the FAA Academy, ATC candidates return to their assigned center for an additional two to three years of apprenticeship. The length of the apprenticeship period depends on the complexity of the ATC sectors at that center. Total job preparation time from entry into training until full certification as an en route ATC is 28-40 months. Readers should note that job preparation times in both of these comparison cases are consistent with Norman’s 5,000-hour rule.

A second area of concern is the quality of training and evaluation within each of the instructional blocks comprising the gunnery certification program. 5-7 ADA’s documentation calls for the proper things to be done in each these areas. However, units are turbulent places, and conflicting and over-stressing time demands are the norm. It is thus essential that commanders and training managers institute an effective training quality assurance (QA) oversight program to ensure that the right things are done in spite of the impediments that characterize life in contemporary Army units. Key points of emphasis in the QA program must include:

- Training delivery and instructor quality
- Scenario content
- Explicit task performance standards
- Guidelines for assessing hands-on job competence at each of the certification gates
- The integrity of the unit’s performance evaluation program: No rubber rulers!
- The quality and conduct of AARs
- The development of crew and team leaders

Recall that job expertise is a function of knowledge, skills, and experience. Time is an important consideration in the development of expertise. Expert job performers cannot be produced in a few short weeks or months of job preparation. The quality of instructional experiences also is an important consideration in the development of expertise. Inadequate scenario content or ineffective feedback will not lead to desired levels of expertise, regardless of the time devoted to training.
5. Key Points

Achieving the objectives advocated in the previous sections will not be easy. To begin, commanders and training managers must come to grips with issues of time and the quality of training experiences: How much training time and what kinds of experiences are required to produce qualified (as opposed to certified) operators? They must also recognize that the Army’s crew drill mentality is a major part of the problem associated with preparing Soldiers for knowledge-intensive jobs. The crew drill mentality discourages adaptive problem solving and almost guarantees a drift toward automatic, unthinking operating procedures. Crew drills are appropriate for some AMD job situations, but inappropriate in others. They are not a suitable training method for Air Defense Operations.

In the report *Training for Future Conflicts*, the Defense Science Board asserts that the future will require that more of our people do new and more complicated things (DSB, 2003). That same report also remarks that meeting this challenge amounts to a “qualitative change in the demands upon our people that cannot be supported by traditional training practices” (p. 6). The DSB report concluded that training transformation to support warfare transformation will be a challenging undertaking. Old training concepts and practices will have to change. It has been noted that we often resist changing how we implement change. And it is too easy to fall back into old, familiar behavior patterns. Real change requires sustained real changes. If training changes are to persist, they must be clearly linked to unit procedures and routines.

The key points for AMD commanders and training managers to take away from this report are summarized as follows:

- Training individuals, crews, and teams to be flexible, observant, and adaptive is a rigorous and time-consuming undertaking for any organization. It requires commitment, discipline, and the proper resources.

- Training for adaptive expertise must be viewed as a series of developmental experiences that occur across a series of different environments. These developmental experiences are intended to support Norman’s (1993) phases in the development of expertise: accretion, tuning, and restructuring. Moreover, if highly-skilled human performance is required to exploit a system’s capabilities, there is no way to avoid Norman’s 5,000 hour rule for the development of entry-level expertise. In training, you get what you pay for and are willing (or required) to settle for.

- Adaptive expertise and team coordination are contextually based. Adaptive skills are best developed and refined using intact crews and teams working in the job performance environment. Research has consistently shown that the majority of critical job-related learning happens, always has happened, and always will happen on the job (Whitmore, 2002).
• Effective crew and team training is founded on solid individual technical training.

• Teams of experts do not necessarily evolve into expert teams. Targeted interventions are required to achieve this status. These interventions include training in teamwork and coordination skills like that found in Crew Resource Management. Grubb et al. (1995) also report results from Army aviation indicating that crew coordination training produced results equivalent to the sustained use of intact aircrews (so-called “battle rostering”). These results suggest that if it is not possible to rely upon intact crews and teams (due to personnel turbulence, etc.), intensive individual preparation coupled with crew coordination training based on CRM principles might provide a suitable alternative. Strong individual taskwork training coupled with teamwork training appears to compensate somewhat for the performance benefits obtained from using intact crews consistently training and working together.

• As the focus of individual, crew, and team skill acquisition shifts to the job performance setting, increased emphasis must be placed on the role of crew and team leaders as mentors and team developers.

One can argue that the most important step in reforming AMD training is to adjust current practices to reflect emerging realities. However, to bring about long-lasting training reform, it is necessary to correct the thinking that underlies current training practices. Immediate technical corrections affect only the problem that is fixed and then only for the moment. Thought-process corrections affect an organization’s ability to plan, adapt, and succeed in future actions. Commanders and training managers must understand (1) why training change is necessary, (2) what must be done to reform training, and (3) why those actions must be taken. The intent of this report has been to contribute to these objectives.

In training, there are few silver bullets. Long experience across multiple performance settings indicates that learning is hard work. It requires diligence, discipline, and a commitment to performance excellence. Commanders and training managers deceive themselves if they believe that high-performing individuals and crews can be developed quickly without an extended period of hard work and discipline, or that technology will provide a way to avoid that hard work and discipline. Technology can provide a means to develop skills that might otherwise be problematic and might improve training efficiency, but it does not eliminate the underlying requirement for hard work and discipline.
6. References


## Appendix A. Task Matrix

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