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Unassailable Source of Power in Twenty-First Century Armed Conflicts
Lt. Col. Erik A. Claessen, Belgian Army

Winner of the 2015 Gen. William E. DePuy Combined Arms Center writing competition. The author shows that popular support may be a greater source of power than military might in urban conflicts.

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Army leaders risk failing to lead their organizations if they do not adapt their communication strategies to the media their intended audiences use and to the issues those audiences care about. This article provides five recommendations that can help Army leaders use traditional and new media to communicate more effectively.

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Campaign Execution and the Fog of War—Historical Lessons for the Military Professional
John J. McGrath

The author analyzes the First Battle of the Marne as an example of the ineffective application of mission command. He draws parallels between aspects of mission command as used by the Germans in World War I and those used by armies in the modern era.

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Maj. George S. Patton, Jr., U.S. Army

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1st Lt. Matthew McGoffin, U.S. Army

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101 Leading Soldiers with—Not Primarily through—Communication Technology

Maj. Andrew B. Stipp, U.S. Army

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Marcus Griffin, PhD
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