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Hi everyone,

Two months have passed since my last editorial which means it is time for a new issue of Medieval Warfare, and of course a new editorial to go with it.

This issue, about the Mongols in Eastern Europe, has been quite a ride. Like those horseback riding raiders, I had to travel a lot myself the past few months and felt able to relate. With the Mongols being a nomadic tribe, and being away from home so often, I seemed a lot closer to this issue’s theme than I expected.

I live in the same area as I grew up in, near the university and only 10 kilometres away from my parents. Two days a week, I travel across the country to Zutphen to work at Karwansaray’s office. Over the weekend, I’ve found myself at a wargame convention in Antwerp, a magazine presentation in Amsterdam, two whole days off in Berlin with my parents, brother and his girlfriend, or writing my thesis at the university library.

Unlike the Mongols though, I live in a house, and I do not go to work on horseback. Actually, like most people in The Netherlands, I ride my rusty old bike around town to go the library, or to get groceries. When I have to go to Zutphen, I travel by train, and work from there. Even if I wanted to go on horseback, it would not be possible, since there is no room at the office to put one. All the room available is reserved for Jack, Jasper’s and Christy’s Labrador and our office mascot / paper shredder. He even sleeps under my desk sometimes and I have to nudge him awake to make room for my feet.

But all of these daily ‘struggles’ resulted in the magazine you are reading right now. The theme articles, written by Konstantin Nossov and William Welsh among others, are worth reading and I hope you’ll enjoy them. Don’t like Mongols? Then, we have reliable Merovingians and honour-ree Vikings to offer. Want to know what I mean? Just read the article and you’ll find out sooner rather than later.

Unfortunately, I have to relocate again, and end my editorial here. I hope you’ll enjoy reading this issue as much as I did making it.

— Erin van der Pijl
Editor, Medieval Warfare

“...The Location of the Battle of Crécy,” in which he examined the traditional site of the battle, just on the outskirts of the town of Crécy-en-Ponthieu in Picardy. Now, a new book, *The Battle of Crécy: A Casebook*, edited by Michael Livingston and Kelly DeVries, offers convincing evidence that the fourteenth-century battle instead took place 5.5 km to the south.

Michael Livingston, an Associate Professor at The Citadel, penned the article...