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## How I learned to mind my own business

I was walking past the mental hospital the other day, and all of the patients were shouting, “13 . . . 13 . . .13”. The fence was too high to see over, but I saw a little gap in the planks, so I looked through to see what was going on. Some idiot poked me in the eye with a stick, and they all started shouting, “14 . . . 14 . . .14”.

– submitted by Kenny ‘The Legend’ Wright, November 6, 2011



## A colourful lesson in soldiering

During the 2011 royal wedding, millions saw Prince William wear the famous British red tunic. Many have since asked, "Why did the British wear red coats in battle?" Well, amidst one of many centuries-old skirmishes between Great Britain and France the French army captured a British Colonel. Following interrogation the French general in command asked, "Why do you British officers all wear red coats? Don't you know the red material makes you easier targets for us to shoot at?" In his decidedly British, matter-of-fact way, the Colonel informed the General that the reason British officers wear red coats is so that if they are shot in battle, the blood won't show, and the men they are leading won't panic.

...And that is why, from that day forward, all French Army officers have worn brown trousers.

– submitted by Kenny 'The Legend' Wright, November 4, 2011

*Addendum:*

**sur•ren•der**

*verb [intrans.]*

*cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority*

*ORIGIN: (chiefly in legal use) from the Norman French of the late Middle Ages*