The Officer of an Unarmed Army

You explain that enemies have attacked, and you are going to interview Captain Fightwell of the local defense battalion. Captain Fightwell carries a toy gun.

Interviewer: Please tell us who you are.

Fightwell: I am captain Fightwell, captain of this defense battalion.

Interviewer: How did you become captain of this defense battalion?

Fightwell: I am the best armed, best trained, most disciplined, and I'm an experienced leader.

Interviewer: I see that you have a gun, but none of our soldiers have guns. Why is that?

Fightwell: If my soldiers had guns, they might shoot each other.

Interviewer: How will your army fight when enemies attack?

Fightwell: Only I am trained to fight. My government pays me to fight. My soldiers depend on me.

Interviewer: Well, we have seen that the enemy has already occupied your territory. What are you

going to do?

Fightwell: My battalion will bring the enemy here into my canteen and I will shoot them from

behind my desk.

Interviewer: Shouldn't you train and arm your battalion to go fight the enemy everywhere?

Fightwell: Oh, no. If they did so, then some might want to become officers, and that would break

up my battalion.