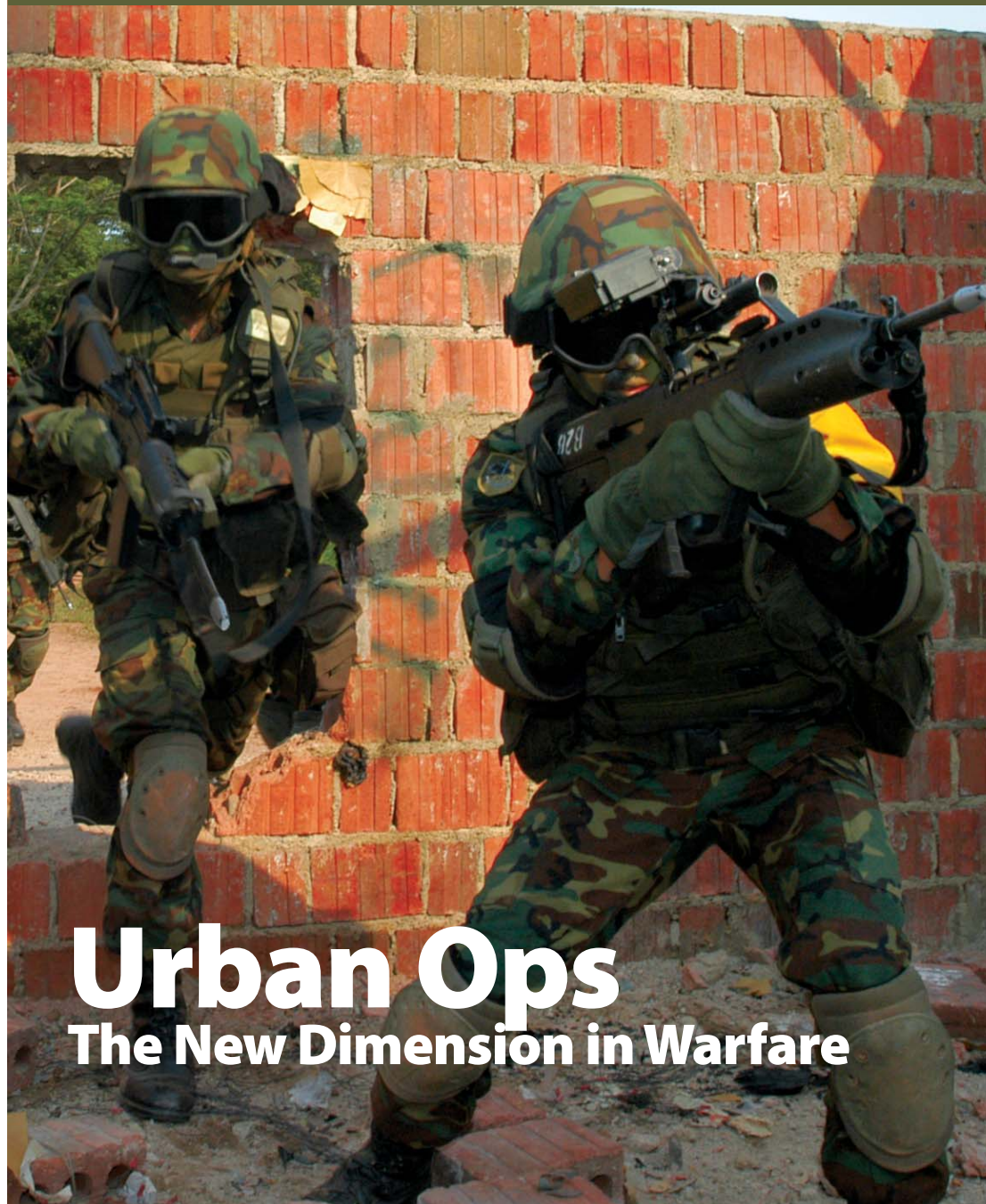


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## Bonding the Commando Way



Children enjoying themselves at the obstacle course

The Commando Training Institute (Cdo TI) held its first ever Family Camp during the school mid-year vacation at their Pasir Ris Camp compound. The event aimed to forge stronger working relationships among servicemen and strengthen bonds within and between families.

Many excited families turned up on the first day, a Saturday afternoon, with great expectation of a fun-filled Family Camp. Family members were given a glimpse of the camp facilities and camp life. This had greatly helped them to better understand the working life of their spouses or parents. There were several activities provided during the Family Camp that the participants enjoyed tremendously, ranging from a Treasure Hunt, rides on the Light Strike Vehicles, farm visit, Tai Chi session and fishing. There were even team bonding games conducted by Commander Cdo TI, COL Chiang Hock Woon himself. After a physically exhausting day, the participants enjoyed a relaxing BBQ dinner in the evening.

At night, the participants, young and old, helped one another to build the tents at the football field and camped for the night. A jubilant nine-year-old Nicholas Teo cheered, "Although it drizzled the whole night, it was a good experience for me to help my dad build a field tent and we managed to stay throughout the night!"



LTC Peh (right) showing his family members around. Mr Teo Teow Ban, AO Cdo TI (left) is the camp organiser

The Family Camp was a great success for all participants including those who had stayed just for the BBQ Nite without the overnight experience. Children refused to go home, and parents themselves wanted to stay on despite the following day being a normal workday. Many participants gave very favourable feedback. LTC Peh Ah Lee, Commanding Officer for one of the training centres enthused, "It was an event well organised. My family and I enjoyed the fishing trip, games, food and the interaction. In addition, I could feel the enthusiasm, energy and attitude of the organising committee to create a positive experience for all. It was a memorable event for all of us." MWO Ng Siak Ping, a Coy 2IC from Special Operations Tactics Centre remarked "It was the best Family Camp I have attended with my family and it's quite amazing that it was organised in-house and not by any event organiser. I have never seen anything like this in my 23 years' career."

## COA Visits Tekong



COA speaking to the OCS cadets

"Outstanding, Sir!" This was one of the many enthusiastic responses received by Chief of Army, MG Desmond Kuek when he asked the officer cadets and recruits on their field camp experiences on Pulau Tekong. COA was on a training

visit to the Officer Cadet School (OCS) and Basic Military Training Centre (BMTC) field camps in Pulau Tekong on 19 July. Such routine visits have enabled COA to touch base with the commanders and men on the ground.

At the OCS field camps, COA observed from the sideline as the OCS cadets practised various contact drills under the cover of a smoke screen. He later spoke to the cadets, and commented that OCS provides an environment for them to crystallise their ideas about leadership. COA also made reference to the L.I.V.E framework, and said, "It's really about leadership and learning. There is no leadership without learning; there is no leadership that stands unchanged throughout time." The OCS cadets from Bravo and Echo wings were very engaged and inspired by the end of their discussion with COA.

COA also toured the field camps of BMTC's obese companies. He was impressed by their weight loss of between 10 to 15 kg. He said, "It takes a lot of discipline to lose weight. You must encourage each other to do so, and in the process bond together as a cohesive fighting unit."

## L.I.V.E F.I.T: Towards Injury-Free Training



IWO Shee executing a forward lunge at the L.I.V.E F.I.T Seminar

The excited cries of IWO Tommy Shee, Medical Warrant Officer, HQ Armour, could be heard from afar as he urged his group to complete as many forward lunges as possible. IWO Shee and his group were participating in "The Race to Fitness" at the L.I.V.E Fitness thru' Injury-free Training (L.I.V.E F.I.T) Seminar held on 21 July at Kranji camp.

The L.I.V.E F.I.T Seminar was attended by BG Hugh Lim, Commander TRADOC, who in his speech commented on the loss of combat-fit soldiers to musculo-skeletal injuries. He said, "Many of these injuries are in fact preventable, yet sadly, we have observed that such injuries often increase in severity, or become chronic due to improper post-injury management."

BG Lim added, "Unit operational readiness is affected when soldiers become unfit for duty and training. At the same time, having Full-Time National Servicemen downgraded due to injury disrupts the cohesiveness of our mono-intake units."

BG Lim launched a 90-minute DVD produced by the Soldier Performance Centre and Army Medical Command (AMC), entitled "Prevention and Management of Sports Injury - A Personal Responsibility". Ms Audrey Lim, Head Physiotherapist at HQAMC, explained that the DVD would be distributed to all training institutes and medical centres to be shown as part of their training schedules. She said, "There was a growing awareness among commanders that downgrading due to musculo-skeletal problems were giving them manpower problems, and more units have been asking us for talks on this subject matter. This made us realise the need for such a DVD." This DVD will be supplemented by posters and pamphlets to disseminate basic information on injury prevention and management relevant to the soldiers.

There was also an interactive segment called the 'The Race to Fitness' in which participants watched parts of the DVD and perform tasks which tested them on the information shown in the video. IWO Shee felt that the event was a very unique learning experience. He said, "It was educational and fun at the same time, giving us the opportunity to practice what we have just learnt."

## Combat Intelligence under one roof



CIG will fulfil the expanded roles and functions of Army Intelligence to meet future demands and challenges

As part of G2-Army's restructuring to support Our Army's 3rd Generation Transformation, the Combat Intelligence Group (CIG) was formed in April 2005. With the School of Military Intelligence (SMI) and 1st Military Intelligence Battalion (1 MI Bn) under its command, CIG will fulfil the expanded roles and functions of Army Intelligence to meet the new demands and challenges of the future. While CIG has been operational for more than a year, 27 July marked the coming together of the components and its HQ under one roof at Pasir Laba Camp. Chief of Army (COA), MG Desmond Kuek officially opened the new "Home of Army Intelligence" at the Inauguration Ceremony.

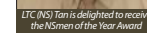
In his address, COA highlighted the role and importance of CIG in the 3rd Generation Army. COA said, "CIG is the dedicated ground specialist headquarters for Army Intelligence to effectively fulfil operational demands while driving training and force development in the delivery of 3rd Generation Army Combat Intelligence capabilities. Over the past year, CIG has gradually grown in strength and in the process, made significant contributions to Our Army's Transformation efforts."

COA presented Head CIG, COL Allan Pang Buck Liang his Letter of Appointment. He also presented the Intelligence Formation Badges to the CIG Key Appointment Holders. Later in the ceremony, the Intelligence Training Hub was also unveiled. Complementing the Smart Classrooms, which offers distributed and interactive training at the intelligence troop level, the hub will be exploited as a dedicated intelligence command and staff training facility in the School of Military Intelligence (SMI). Aligned with the Army's effort to exploit the benefits of simulation training, the Intelligence Training Hub will be equipped with advanced training simulation systems. These will replicate realistic and challenging operating conditions to facilitate the conduct of professional skills training in intelligence analysis as well as mission monitoring.

## Recognising Total Defence Contributions

### NSmen of the Year Awards

LTC (NS) Tan Wee Jen from Civil Military Relations remembered a half-year period in 2004 during which he was recalled several times for special duties, including the post-tsunami Operation Flying Eagle in Aceh. LTC (NS) Tan, in responding to these call-ups, demonstrated his strong commitment as a NSman. For this he was recognised as one of nine Army recipients of the NSmen of the Year Awards. The awards recognise outstanding NSmen who have displayed professionalism



LTC (NS) Tan is delighted to receive the NSmen of the Year Award

and commitment beyond the call of duty. A extremely happy and proud LTC (NS) Tan said, "I didn't expect to get this award as I am near the end of my NS cycle."

These awards were presented at a ceremony held on 28 July at the Suncity City Convention Centre, which also saw the presentation of the Total Defence Awards

### Total Defence Awards

The Total Defence Awards were presented to 191 companies in recognition of their support for NS and the important roles of the civil resource owners in helping the SAF maintain a high level of operational readiness. Ten employers and civil resource owners were conferred the Minister for Defence



Mr Teo presenting Mr Mullinix with the Minister for Defence Award

Award, the highest accolade that an employer or civil resource owner can achieve. One of them was the National University of Singapore (NUS), which was also cited by Mr Teo in his speech. He said, "NUS has an efficient system in place to ensure that each department is aware of the recall requirements of its NSmen, and also the ensure that the department immediately releases NSmen on recall." Mr Teo also commended NUS encouraging their staff to attend re-dedication ceremonies to renew their commitment to the nation. NUS's Deputy President for Administration, Mr Joseph P Mullinix said, "It's very important for Singapore to have bright, fit and operationally ready individuals. NUS sees itself developing and training the minds of the individual - that is critical in the long term."

## Temasek Seminar: Learning More About National Security

"The Singapore Prism - Unifying Lights of Diversity" This theme won the National Junior College the tagline competition as part of the 16th annual Temasek Seminar, held on 26 July at the SAFRI Military Institute. More than 400 students from 18 schools participated in the Seminar, which allowed them to learn more about Singapore's public service, security and economic issues.



Farah Faudzi believes that everyone has an important role to play in Total Defence

The event was graced by Minister for Defence, Mr Teo Chee Hean. In his keynote address, Mr Teo spoke about how Singapore overcame adversity to become a "world city". This term was coined by Sir Peter Hall in 1966 to describe exceptional cities that played critical roles in global affairs. Mr Teo felt that Singapore has achieved this status, and emphasised on the importance of security and stability to allow for continued prosperity. He said, "The bedrock of our defence and security has been, and will continue to be a capable and committed SAF. We have built up the SAF as a competent force, able to deter aggression and capable of defending our sovereignty against external aggressors."

at Victoria Junior College said, "All of us have an important role to play in Total Defence. But for us students, we don't really know what our specific role is. This seminar helps us understand what we should and can do."

In conjunction with the seminar, the students had earlier participated in workshops and visited places such as the SAF Centre for Military Experimentation. There they learnt how Our Army has been transforming to counter new security threats such as terrorism and training our soldiers more efficiently.

## New Home for Armoured Engineers



COL Teo viewing the drawing of the proposed AETC

unit was temporarily housed in Kranji Camp as it awaited the completion of Sungei Gedong Camp. In April 1976, the unit was finally relocated to its present modern premises at Sungei Gedong Camp 1, where the name 38th Battalion, Singapore Combat Engineers was adopted.

24 July saw the groundbreaking for the new home of the Armoured Engineers, officiated by Chief Engineer Officer, COL Teo Jing Siong. In his speech, COL Teo said, "We are here not only to witness the building of a new home but also a new beginning for the Armoured Engineers community. This infrastructure development shall also facilitate the Armoured Engineers to transit into the 3rd Generation Engineers."

COL Teo explained that these changes, among others, would "enhance training and operational efficiencies, and most importantly the cohesion of the battalion."

## Milestone for Armour Training

Against the backdrop of twenty-six armoured vehicles majestically lined up on the parade square, a glass prism emerged on a platform from the back of a Bionix Armoured Fighting Vehicle. This unique sight occurred at the Armour Training Institute (ATI) Commissioning Parade on 31 July, which heralded the transformation of Armour training. Officiated by COA, MG Desmond Kuek, a commemorative coin was inserted into the prism to activate the launch of the ATI logo.

The commissioning of the ATI is a milestone for the Armour Formation, as it consolidates its training school and centres under one unifying command. ATI has three centres of excellence - The Armour Leadership Center/ School of Armour, Armour Combat Training Center and the Armoured Battle Group Training Center. They will allow for more efficient and effective training based on sound pedagogies, with a greater emphasis on faculty development, thereby paving the way



3SG Tay believes that the ATI will improve the efficiency of Armour training

for Armour's transformation. Commander ATI, LTC Tan Kay Chuan said, "The Institute will concentrate on creating an environment that will nurture leadership development in our people. At the same time, the core competencies vital to Armour will be brought to the fore and emphasised." 3SG Clifton Tay commented, "As a trainee, I feel that training in the ATI has been made more effective with the infusion of new training methodologies into the curriculum. This will better prepare us with the capabilities and knowledge to thrive in Our 3rd Generation Army. We must L.I.V.E our best if we want Excellence Always!"



COA launching the ATI Commissioning Book

In his visit to the Armour Skills Training and Evaluation Park facilities, COA was shown how the series of integrated training facilities were designed to systematically hone, sustain and benchmark the skills of Armour commanders and soldiers. Lastly, COA launched the ATI Commissioning Book, aptly entitled 'The Black Berets: Training Transformation in Action'. This glossy and well produced book traces the history of Armour training transformation from past to present.

# Urban Ops

## The New Dimension in Warfare

It is evident that with increasing urbanisation, the battlefields of the future will not just be fields and forests but also the concrete jungle. Our Army is fully prepared to achieve swift and decisive victory in such an environment.

In July, Minister for Defence, Mr Teo Chee Hean, visited Sarimbun Urban Training Facility, where Our Army's urban operations trial battalion, 3rd Battalion, Singapore Infantry Regiment (3 SIR) demonstrated the

skills and technology they possess through an action-packed, scenario-based display.

Augmented by sophisticated technology to gain an information upper-hand and well-drilled in the use of specialised urban warfare tactics, the 3 SIR soldiers stormed enemy troops holed up in the Urban Training Facility.

Army News brings you a graphic illustration of urban ops in action.



Commanding Officer of 3 SIR, LTC Simon Chang explained, "The increasing urban environment is much more complex than conventional ones. It has not only enemies but also civilians. This means our soldiers will have to apply strict rules of engagement, differentiating enemies from civilians and also coping with various situations like dealing with civilians who need help or are hostile. In addition, the enemy can hide much better in urban areas, so we must make use of technology and apply new fighting concepts to be effective here."



7 Mines are a real menace in the urban war zone. Our Army's Mine-Clearing Vehicles are capable of speedily thrashing a safe path through minefields for the safe passage of our vehicles and troops.



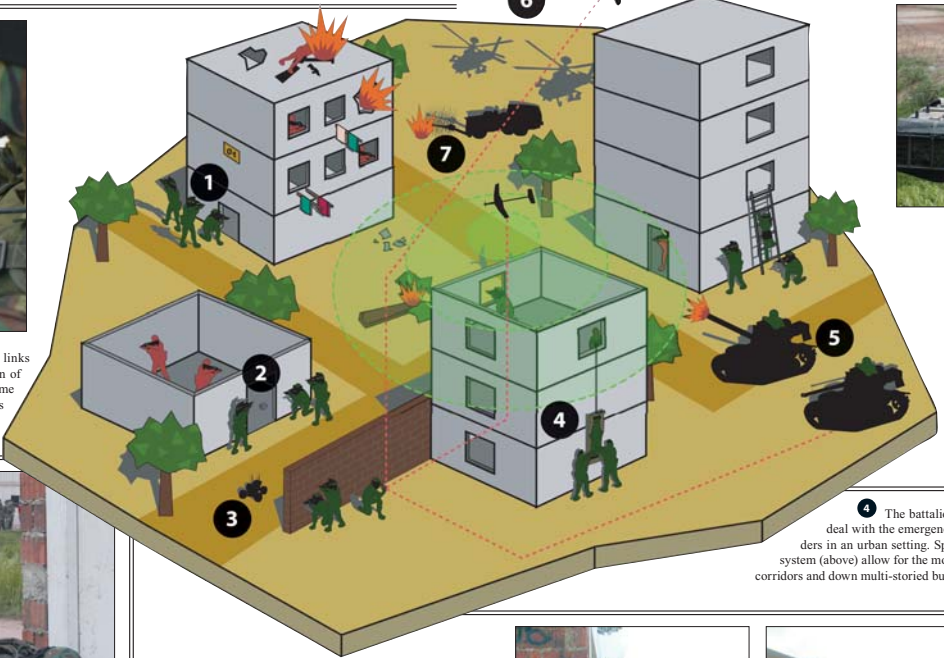
5 6 Armoured forces and the Apache Attack Helicopters provide the heavy firepower to neutralise any strong enemy ground resistance. But big guns and fear-some hellfire missiles will only truly be effective if targets are quickly pinpointed out to these platforms. To do so, our soldiers on the ground work hand in hand with the Apaches and Armoured forces to provide a highly co-ordinated and effective attack.



1 The Push-to-Talk wireless radio mounted on the handguard of the SAR21 rifle, enhances radio communications on the battlefield as it allows for its usage while maintaining a fire-ready posture. This is important due to the fast-paced and close-combat nature of urban warfare.



The Battlefield Management System (BMS) links each team to a network so they can see the location of our own forces and the enemy's, obtaining real-time tactical information. A handheld computer displays the information, improving our soldiers' tactical and situational awareness.



2 The fibre optic scope, FIBUA Surveillance Ball and Round-Corner-Firing Device let our soldiers see into a room without exposing themselves to enemy's fire.

3 Remote-controlled Surveillance Cars and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles provide valuable battlefield information from different angles. The wide array of sensors gives our commanders a greater understanding of the combat situation and hence make better decisions.



4 The battalion will have medics equipped and trained to deal with the emergency treatment and evacuation of wounded soldiers in an urban setting. Special equipment like the vertical evacuation system (above) allow for the movement of wounded soldiers through narrow corridors and down multi-storied buildings.



9 Div/Inf Celebrates 2nd Anniversary



The sacred ground of the Leaders Square in Pasir Laba Camp was a suitable venue for the 9th Singapore Division/Infantry Formation's 2nd Anniversary Parade on 17 August. This parade, part of the two-day long celebration to commemorate 9 Div/Inf Week, was a signature event for the Formation.

The parade commenced with the arrival of Reviewing Officer, Commander 9 Div/Chief Infantry Officer, BG Winston Toh. Specialists and men from the different HQ and Brigades under the command of 9 Div/Inf formed the parade contingents. In addition, the parade showcased the Regimental Colours of all six Singapore Infantry Regiments.

In his speech, BG Winston Toh recapped the "three key missions" that the Formation had embarked upon since the merger of 9 Div and Infantry Fmn on 17 August 2004. These were "to maintain our combined arms capabilities"; "to ensure the effective and professional training of their Infantry forces" and "to develop new and cutting edge capabilities for the soldiers".

BG Toh presented the "9 Div/Inf Landmark" award to Commanding Officer 5th Battalion, Singapore Infantry Regiment, LTC Mohamad Fadzulzly in recognition of the unit achieving Best Infantry Unit in the Best Unit Competition this year.

After the march past of the Colours and Contingents, the Formation's newest member, Army Fitness Centre (AFC), put up a display of combat physical training and close combat moves. BG Toh also presented Commanding Officer AFC,

LTC Shang Kok Keong, with the "Spirit of The Bayonet" to symbolically welcome AFC into the 9 Div/Inf family.

Tekong Highway Challenge 2006

The annual Tekong Highway Challenge was held on 16 August as part of 9 Div/Inf Week.

The 25 participating teams had to complete a 75-minute competitive race, which comprised ten checkpoints spanning a total distance of 17 km. The AFC team emerged as overall champions. In his speech, BG Toh said, "The purpose of the Tekong Highway Challenge is to promote a fit and healthy culture. Most importantly, it promotes cohesion within the Formation."

"Not only was the Challenge physically challenging, it was also testing on teamwork and mental endurance as we motivated each other to collect the checkpoints," said 2LT Ang Eng Long, one of the participants for Tekong Highway Challenge.

Apart from this, there were other engaging activities like Treasure Hunt and rock-climbing where participants enjoyed themselves tremendously. Participants also tried out the Tactical Engagement System in the TES battlefield competition. It was an intensive 4-on-4 tournament that saw AFC beating Basic Military Training Centre School 2 to claim the championship.

9 Div/Inf Feasts on Pride and Camaraderie

The week-long 9 Div/Inf celebrations culminated in a formal Dining-In held on 17 August, at the newly-constructed Leaders Hall at Pasir Laba Camp. Chief of Army (COA), MG



Desmond Kuek was the Guest-of-Honour at the dinner.

The pre-Dining-In reception saw the unveiling of the 9 Div/Inf painting by COA and BG Toh.

A boldly different approach was taken in the set up of this Dining-In. While keeping to the tradition of the Head and Leg table set-up, the organisers planned for a four-cluster layout with a stage located in the center of the hall. Each cluster had its own head table where the senior Commanders and Warrant Officers of the sub-units hosted their own unit in the cluster. This year, specialists of rank SSG and above also attended the Dining-in.

The guests participated in a series of innovative activities,



including a sharing session, "Open your Heart, Speak your Mind", during the dinner. Volunteers took on the stage to share their defining moments, heroes or play a musical piece. Though this was unprecedented, the participation was spontaneous.

Roused by the earlier creative and crowd-pleasing activities, participation in the games was at a maximum, with almost all the six hundred guests of all ranks singing, cheering and shouting. This was truly a display of the unity and spirit of 9 Div/Inf!

Contributed by 9 Div/Inf

Innovating the Command Post

HQ Armour has the Containerised CP Up and Running



In line with the experimentation efforts of Our 3rd Generation Army, HQ Armour was tasked with the design and testing of a Containerised Command Post (Containerised CP) for command and control of high tempo operations in the battlefield of the future.

This Containerised CP project was spear-

headed by then-Deputy Chief Armour Officer (Dy CAO), COL Andrew Lim. Working with branches in HQ Armour, Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA) and Singapore Technologies, the group focused on developing a mobile and easily deployable Containerised CP. Four months was all it took from its conceptualisation to deployment in

outfield trials. Commenting on his experience in leading this project, COL Lim remarked, "This project was very satisfying to the team as it resulted in not only a well-designed and highly functional command post but one that effectively embodies the 3rd Generation Command and Control concepts as well. We are confident that the Containerised CP will significantly enhance the effectiveness of future Army operations."

The Containerised CP can perform any task required of a standard Army field command post, and much more. As its deployment is mechanised, it only takes four to six people and only eight to twelve minutes to set up the Containerised CP, less than half the time required for the deployment of conventional command posts. The container itself is loaded onto a High Mobility Cargo Transporter (HMCT) platform, and can be unloaded when necessary. This gives it the flexibility to be transferred to another vehicle in the event of a breakdown. Furthermore, the Containerised CP is designed such that all systems are fully integrated, giving commanders the ability to begin their mission planning shortly after it is deployed. CPL Albert Kang (right), a signaller involved

in the trials of the Containerised CP said, "The Containerised CP has made our work more efficient and streamlined by removing the hassles of heavy manual work and messy cables, without compromising the security and integration of the systems."

Chief Armour Officer (CAO), BG Wong Ann Chai commended the Containerised CP



project team for their innovative effort in the development of the Containerised CP. He said, "We must be ready to embrace the ingenuity and innovative idea of our people as part of our transformation to a 3G Army. I would like to thank the engineers and commanders who have made this idea of the Containerised CP a reality and together with all other partners who have contributed in making this project a thorough success."



NDP' 06: It's all Hard Work and Solid Planning!



Another birthday, another inspiring parade

9 August was the day the months of planning and preparation by our soldiers blossomed into a spectacular show for our nation. Our soldiers took on multiple roles and performed them flawlessly with the usual professionalism and dedication that are hallmarks of Our Army.

More than 34 Army units were involved, helping out in all areas including the overall planning, show management, performances, logistics, transport and crowd control. Our servicemen dedicated much time and effort in the six months prior to NDP '06 to ensure the success of the show. Their hard work was in addition to performing their daily duties and training as soldier-defenders of Singapore.



The Commandos led the marching contingent as the Guard-of-Honour. Soldiers from the various Formations also marched proudly as representatives of the Military Defence component of our Total Defence concept. The discipline and precision exuded by our soldiers performing their drills impeccably was a testament to the professionalism of Our Army.

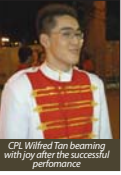


3SG Kenny Ng, from 42nd Battalion, Singapore Armoured Regiment, was part of the team responsible for crowd control and ushering. "It was a pleasure to help out Seeing all these cheerful countrymen streaming into the stadium looking all patriotic was a big boost to my pride as a Singaporean as well."

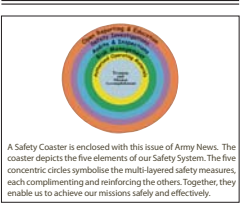
Our soldiers also dazzled the crowd with displays of their specialties. The perennial crowd favourites, the Red Lions, parachuted their way into the stadium, demonstrating their skill and finesse. The Red Lions spiced up their descent with aerial maneuvers and red smoke trails, truly impressing the spectators with this "sky-writing".

The Provost unit also took part in the "Islands of Opportunities" mass display segment, all clad in stylish costumes and shiny iron helmets.

CPL Wilfred Tan, was one of those performers. He said, "We practised almost six months for this! It'll be my ORD soon after this, so this is my unit's ORD present for us. It was truly a memorable show!"



This year marked the final time the National Stadium would be used for the National Day parade. While the memories of this venerable stadium will be ever-lasting, let us look forward to seeing yet another inspiring show next year at an all-new venue, Marina Bay!



Passing On The Baton

APPOINTMENT	INCOMING	OUTGOING
Chief Commando Officer	COL LAM SHU TONG	COL YEO EIDIK
COMD, Engineer Training Institute	LTC LIM KOON PAH	COL NG KIN YI
COMD 4 SAB	LTC TAN KIAN HEONG	COL LAI CHIN KWANG
COMD 2 SIB	LTC LEE WEI CHENG	COL LAM SHU TONG
Chief Systems Integrator, GS (DEV)	COL NG KOK WAN	COL NG KOK WAN
Hd DOG, HQ TRADOC	COL NG KIN YI	LTC TAN KIAN HEONG
CO AOMC	LTC TAN WEL SHI	LTC TAN KIAN HEONG
ISM, Armour Training Institute	MWO GORDON CHITRAN	SWO KHOO KAI MENG
BDE SM 9 DIV ARTY	1WO LIM SUAR POH	MWO GERRY SINARI
RM 1 CDO BN	1WO LOW SOON PAN	1WO WONG MENG KEE
RM 6 SR	1WO LIM SENG	MWO HO KIAN LEE
RM 1 3GB BN / SYSCON WO	2WO CHIA HONG HUNG	1WO SEAH CHONG LOK

Quiz Of The Month - AUG / SEP

Send us the correct answer and win a \$20 Takashimaya Gift Voucher. There will be 2 winners!

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Answer:  
Unit:  
NRIC:  
Rank / Name:  
E-mail:  
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- This contest is open to all Army personnel except the executive staff of Army News Section.
- Each person is allowed one entry.
- Winners will be notified by email. Prizes are not exchangeable for cash.
- The judge's decision is final. Please send your entries via mail or email (see bottom-right corner of page).
- Prizes not collected within a month of notification will be forfeited.
- All entries must reach us by 30 September.

JUL / AUG Quiz	JUL / AUG Winners
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# CSS Shines at SUMAN Warrior



A CSS capability demonstration using a Lighter Amphibious Resupply Cargo vehicle by the ADF 17th CSS Brigade Brigade

This year's Exercise SUMAN Warrior was indeed a milestone for Combat Service Support (CSS) Command. This was the first time that a CSS-centric SUMAN Warrior exercise was held. In a short time after the recent reorganisation of Our Army, CSS Command has demonstrated the ability to take great strides in further developing its professionalism and capabilities. This was exemplified through the performance of our 60-man CSS contingent led by Commander Army Logistics Training Institute, COL Logathan. More than two hundred troops from United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia and Singapore gathered in Townsville, Australia for the exercise under the Five Power Defence Arrangements (FPDA). Hosted by ADF from 3 to 14 July, the exercise aimed to develop co-operation and interoperability between the FPDA nations.



Participants from the FPDA countries engaging in a combined map-planning exercise

## CSS In Action

In the exercise scenario, our CSS forces were part of a UN task force assisting the government of an imaginary cyclone-hit country under attack from a rogue neighbouring country. Our forces established a CSS Node and deployed forward elements to provide continuous and responsive support to the fighting forces. The task force was also to assist in the maintenance of law and order and facilitate humanitarian assistance to the affected population. The exercise was executed smoothly, with valuable lessons learnt by all participants.

Commented MAJ Bernard Sabai, Chief Instructor at Ordnance Engineering Training Institute, "This exercise has allowed us to tap the tacit knowledge of the experienced staff of different countries. This is knowledge that cannot be found in documents but are gained through interaction, both at the professional and social levels."



Neither a bird nor a plane, a land rover getting airborne with a CSS boost!

CPT Koh Yeou Chung, SO Ops Doctrine and Development at the School of Manpower, was also impressed by the exercise outcome. He said, "I believe this CSS-centric exercise is a significant step in the right direction towards strengthening the integration of the CSS community. An integrated CSS provides effective, responsive and comprehensive support for our fighting troops. This can act as an invaluable deterrent to any potential aggressor. I truly value the lessons learnt here."

## L.I.V.E at SUMAN Warrior

Commander CSS Command, COL Ngien Hoon Ping, together with Chief Army Medical Officer, COL Teo Kwang Joo, paid a visit to our CSS troops on 10 and 11 July. In his exhortation to our soldiers, COL Ngien said, "Our L.I.V.E framework should also be exemplified wherever we are and not only when we are home. What you have already done thus far with your excellent teamwork and leadership is a demonstration of our image and identity. We are here not just to learn and contrib-

ute, but also to show deterrence through our strong CSS, discipline and seriousness in our work." COL Ngien's sentiments were echoed by the participants of the exercise.



CPT Jason Chia (left), a Maintenance and Engineering Officer from HQ Maintenance and Engineering Support

Ens a prime example of leadership and learning. He shared that this exercise enabled him to gain invaluable experience. He said, "I believe that all these were achieved through exemplifying both vertical and lateral leadership amongst all in the Singapore contingent. Each member of the contingent, regardless of rank, pro-actively and positively prepared not only themselves but also one another for the various phases of the exercise. This was done through reflection sessions held almost nightly to ensure that the knowledge gained was shared with each other. It is this leadership that allowed us to project ourselves professionally, thus enabling the Army CSS flag to be carried high in Exercise SUMAN Warrior 06."

LTA Luo Wee Phing, a Transport Officer from Transport Command, felt that the exercise served to reinforce CSS's image and identity. He said, "The fact that we worked together and got along amazingly well reassured me that we can truly achieve a decisive victory should the need arise. In addition, wearing our Formation and Vocation badges for the first time evoked in all of us a deep sense of pride and identity."

MSG Balwinder Singh from Army Logistics Training Institute (ALTI) shared that he had a positive experience with this exercise. He mused, "My most memorable experience was my interaction with the soldiers from the other participating nations. Not only did I gain insights into their CSS concepts, I also had the opportunity to understand their culture. This exercise indeed has widened my horizon."

## Way Ahead for CSS Command

As summed up by Singapore Contingent Commander, COL Logathan (right), "For each member of this contingent, the experience has been an interesting, enriching and lasting one. It will lead us towards building a stronger CSS community."



2LT Nicholas Tan (right) from ALTC, and one of the soldiers earlier praised by BG Kehoe, reflected on his overseas exercise experience. He said, "This exercise has provided me a myriad of new experiences and learning opportunities. The daily interaction with members from within my contingent and among other contingents has taught me a great deal not only in military terms but also valuable life skills. To be able to represent the contingent in giving our country brief was a great honour and this exercise has been a wonderful experience that I will always treasure."



"The SAF Contingent has been a fantastically professional outfit. Right from the start, I am impressed with their conduct and bearing and the manner in which they moved around the area. I am also very impressed with the two young conscript Officers who were involved in giving the National Contingent Brief for Singapore."

These two young men whom I understood are 19-year old 2LTs, spoke with confidence, poise and authority. If that's a good indication of the standard of the young men and women in the Singapore Army of today, all I can say is that you're in very good shape."

Australian Defence Forces Brigadier-General Mick Kehoe, the Exercise Commander for Exercise SUMAN Warrior 06

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