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Army Supports Lantern Festival @ Kent Ridge Park

The haze on 7 October was not sufficient to deter people from attending the 9th Lantern Night Festival at Kent Ridge Park.



The SAF MDC putting up a rousing Chinese Ensemble performance

Due to its popularity in past events, the SAF's Music and Dance Company (MDC) was invited to perform at the event which featured displays by the Singapore Police Force and the launch of the "My Environment Shines Program" by the National Environment Agency.

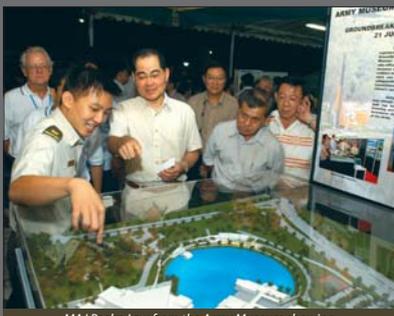


Our Army exhibits attracted a lot of attention from visitors

The Army Museum also participated by setting up an exhibition booth that showcased "Our Army's Story" and displayed various exhibits that will be showcased at the museum which will be opened next year.



Head Army Information Centre, COL Bernard Lim, receiving a plaque of appreciation on behalf of Our Army for its support from Guest of Honour, Mr Lim Hng Kiang, Minister for Trade and Industry



MAJ Psalm Lew from the Army Museum showing the Minister a model of the Army Museum, which will open end 2007

Once a Commando, Always a Commando



COL Yeo Eidik (right) with the incoming Chief Commando Officer, COL Lam Shiu Tong

COL Yeo Eidik stepped down as Chief Commando Officer, handing the appointment to COL Lam Shiu Tong at a Change of Command Parade on 4 October at Hendon Camp.

COL Yeo bid a sentimental and inspiring farewell with his speech, addressing the entire formation. He shared, "I'm

not leaving this formation. Just like any other Commando, we never leave the formation. Our bodies can leave Hendon Camp, but never will our spirits and souls leave this home. We are here because we all want to be in the Commandos. We do our best for the Commandos and our hearts are always with the Commandos. So all of you, be Commando, for Commando, with Commando. For Honour and Glory!"

The incoming Chief Commando Officer, COL Lam Shiu Tong, paid tribute to his predecessor, "COL Yeo has been an inspirational leader to the Commandos. We thank COL Yeo for his stewardship and contributions to the Formation."

COL Lam added, "It is now the duty of the new leadership, to take the Commando Formation to greater heights. My immediate focus is to consolidate the existing strengths of the Formation, and operationalise and expand the initiatives that were introduced by my predecessor. I am confident that the Commando Formation will continue to bring Honour and Glory to our Army and SAF."

British Veterans Return to Selarang



The veterans refreshing their memories with the model of the old Selarang Camp

Selarang Camp is one of the oldest Army camps in Singapore, with a rich and colourful history stretching from the pre-war days to its present-day home of the 9th Singapore Division/Infantry.

On 13 October, 113 retired soldiers from the King's Own Scottish Borderers, a unit from the British Army based at Selarang Camp in the 1950s, stopped by with their families for a trip down memory lane. These men played a part in the safeguarding of Singapore during the Emergency years.

While much of Selarang Camp is now modernised or rebuilt, a few structures such as the Officers' Mess were maintained in their original appearance. The visitors, who ranged from 60 to 80 years of age, were touched to revisit the buildings they called home back in their youth. The veterans also viewed the comprehensive heritage rooms in Selarang Camp.

Retired Brigadier-General, Allan Alstead, recalled, "We were in Singapore and Malaya fifty years ago. We served during the Emergency and the Singapore Riots. It's a bit nostalgic returning now. This place was our barracks, where we spent

three years. I arrived here in 1956 as a 19-year old Second Lieutenant as my first overseas assignment and I was very excited then. There have been huge changes here since, obviously but it's nice to see part of our barracks being retained. Our soldiers all remember the big parade square and the buildings. When we saw the model, it was just like being back there then."

Mr Alstead added, "Of course, there are a lot more buildings now because you can't be too nostalgic and not move on. You all did a great job balancing progress and preserving heritage!"



Mr Jenkinson and his wife viewing the exhibits in Selarang Hall

In another earlier visit on 5 Oct, Mr Henry Jenkinson and his wife took the same tour around Selarang Camp. Mr Jenkinson formerly served in the 1st Battalion, Cheshire Regiment, and was stationed at Selarang from 1959 to 1960 – just before the British pulled out of Singapore. He said, "We've waited 20 to 30 years for the opportunity to visit. Now that we have retired, visiting Selarang Barracks was top of the list of places to go."



Mr Alstead was a young Second Lieutenant here in Singapore for his first overseas posting.

SMP and SOL under One Roof

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School of Logistics



BG Lim signing the Commemorative Plaque

With the push of the lever on the excavator, Commander TRADOC, BG Hugh Lim, broke the ground in Kranji Camp to commence the construction of a new home for the School of Logistics (SOL) and School of Manpower Management (SMP). Held on 26 September, this event heralded a new level of integration and training in the Combat Service Support (CSS) community.

With this integration and co-location at the Army Logistics Training Institute (ALTI) premises, both schools can look forward to improved training infrastructure and sharing of best practices in instructional and learning pedagogies.

SOL and SMP are already seeing the fruits of their collaboration, with the integrated operational phase of the Advanced Logistics Officers' Course and Advanced Manpower Officers' Course which commenced in Sep 2005. In addition, SMP has, together with ALTI, developed the National Service Training System framework for HQ Coy training during the In-Camp Training. This will further enhance the effectiveness of newly-formed NS units.

The sharing of training resources by the schools will provide better optimal utilisation of all the equipment and facilities. This new premise, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities such as Satellite Interactive Labs, will add a new dimension to learning. They will propel both Schools forward to excel

and set new standards in teaching and learning. Despite the sharing of resources, both Schools will continue to retain their unique history and respective identities.

The close proximity of this new facility to the CSS Command signifies the further integration of the two Schools into a tightly-knit CSS community, working closely in peacetime and in operations. Indeed, SMP will now work closely with the Doctrine Development Section of ALTI to enhance CSS doctrine development for better synergy and results.

After the groundbreaking ceremony, BG Lim signed the Commemorative Plaque. He was joined by Commander CSS-COM, COL Ngien Hoon Ping, Assistant Chief of General Staff (Personnel), COL Lim Jit Chek, Commander ALTI / then-CO SOL, COL Loganathan and CO SMP, LTC Sim Hong Meng. BG Lim was also briefed on the unique features of the new facility.



From left: LTC Sim, COL Lim, BG Lim, COL Ngien and COL Loganathan at the groundbreaking ceremony

BG Lim commented, "The physical infrastructure is merely a shell. What goes on within the shell in terms of the dynamism, energy and creativity are what make the difference. The impact of the work performed in this building will transcend its walls - touching the lives of many CSS officers and WOSPECs. It is important that all staff and students take this physical shell and bring to life the outcomes that we desire in a next Generation Army."

Appreciating Our NS Men

The annual National Service (NS) Appreciation Dinner recognises and pays tribute to the SAF's NS Key Appointment Holders, Reservists on Voluntary Extended Reserve Scheme (ROVERS) and Volunteers who have completed their NS cycles and relinquished their appointments. This year's Appreciation Dinner, with Chief of Army (COA) MG Desmond Kuek as the Guest-of-Honour, was held at SAFRA Mount Faber on 22 September.



SSG(VOL) Terence de Souza and his spouse receiving the mementoes from COA

SSG (VOL) Terence de Souza was the former Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) of 541st Battalion, Singapore Infantry Regiment. As a civilian, he is a distributor of music CDs for Top2 Music Pte Ltd. He recalled fondly his NS days, "My NS life was memorable. One incident I still feel warm about was during an overseas exercise with my battalion. On the third day, my Commanding Officer called me and asked if it was possible to get Red Bull for the whole battalion. Mind you this was in the outfield jungle! We worked together and overcame the logistics, got everyone in the battalion two cans of Red Bull. And they were all energised and ready to train even harder!"

MAJ (NS) Koh Buck Song, the former S2 of 31st Singapore Infantry Brigade found that his civilian job of a com-



munications consultant at Southeast Asian Hill and Knowlton Singapore shared a similar skill set as his NS appointment. He explained, "An S2's roles included analysing the terrain, enemy movement and then recommending a course of action to my superior. As a communications consultant, the 'terrain' would be the potential business market, the 'enemy' would be our competitors and I'll have to evaluate these to advise my boss."

SSG(NS) Tee Quee Eng (right), formerly the RSM of 431st Battalion, Singapore Armoured Regiment, also chipped in with an anecdote, "Being an RSM is just like my civilian job! I work as an Operations Manager for a warehouse. An RSM organises work and tasks, maintains discipline and makes sure everything is in order in camp. An Operations Manager does the exact same thing for a warehouse. Except that it isn't 'men' now, but 'staff'! Quite a few of my colleagues know of my NS position and they both respect and fear this. RSMs are famous for being strict after all. To gain more respect than fear, I feel we must be able to guide and not just scold them without guidance, and first set an example for them to follow.

One highlight of my NS life was my battalion going on Exercise Tiger Balm in the United States, which happened to be my last ICT. I believe we were the first group of NSmen to see our new Apaches in action and this was a great honour."

These NSmen may be have completed their ICT cycle, but as can be seen from their ongoing enthusiasm, there is always a place in their hearts for Our Army.



Army Field Training Site Ready

The sparkling new field camp on Pulau Tekong consumed 1200 truckloads of construction material and 180 truckloads of cement mix. It took the Construction Engineer Company (CEC) from Our Army's Combat Engineers only slightly more than a year to build. At its Handing and Taking Over Ceremony on 25 September, Commander 9th Division/Chief Infantry Officer, BG Winston Toh, symbolically paid the CEC for their earth-moving efforts when he presented a plaque with an encased one-dollar coin to Chief Engineer Officer, COL Teo Jing Siong.



COL Teo (left) receiving a commemorative plaque from BG Toh

Chief Engineer Officer, COL Teo Jing Siong explained in his speech, "Sanyongkong Field Camp was conceived to allow units to train over long periods in Tekong without having to return to the mainland. This would thus increase training efficiency and reduce operating costs."

COL Teo added humorously, "In other words, it allows us to conduct overseas training without really going overseas, except for crossing the little strip of water at the end of Changi. Although it's no Hilton, it will provide a comfortable night's rest for our soldiers to recharge for the next day's training."

Named after a nearby area called Kampong Sanyongkong, the Sanyongkong Field Camp is a testimony to the professionalism and skills of our Combat Engineers. With technical assistance from the Defence Science and Technology Agency, the CEC was able to complete the project in good time. BG Toh said in his speech, "348 days ago, the only population here was mosquitoes and a few boars at night. Now, we are able to sit in the shade with fans blowing at us, with buildings all around." Indeed, the Sanyongkong field camp boasts its very own battalion headquarters, medical post and electricity generator, as well as bunks and proper toilets for five companies' worth of troops. As summed up by COL Teo, "The construction of Sanyongkong Field Camp was by no means an easy feat."



CPT Seng showing BG Toh and COL Teo around Sanyongkong Field Camp

It has been a long 14 months for the Officer Commanding CEC, CPT Seng Chor Chow. He said, "We have spent 14 months on Pulau Tekong, transforming a big plot of vegetation into a fully equipped operational base. More importantly, we have grown from a group of soldiers with little knowledge or skills to the potent construction force we are today." Indeed, COL Teo has high hopes for the CEC. He said, "I can see the CEC taking up more projects to meet our Army's future training requirements. This is a win-win situation for both the CEC and Our Army. Not only will this allow the CEC to further hone their skills, Our Army will be able to renew training facilities at minimal cost."

BIONIX II

Networking the 3rd Generation Armoured Force

42 SAR is Our Army's first networked Armoured Force – they use the BMS to coordinate the Bionix II sensor and strike assets such as the Primus and Bronco Mortar Tracked Carriers (MTCs) and Airborne Vehicles (UAVs). The BMS allows support fire from both the Primus SPH and MTC, after being able to provide support fire even upon immediate deployment. The self-propelled MTC is capable of raining a deadly hail of 120mm mortar rounds from its positions at a rate of six seconds per shot. The Primus SPH is a mobile source of heavy fire support, firing 155mm projectiles at a rate of six rounds per minute. On the other hand, the UAVs are a sensor asset that can provide real-time information on troop movements.



The Bionix IIs charging ahead

With their guns blazing, several Bionix II vehicles raced out of the smokescreen. Aided by support fire from the Primus Self-Propelled Howitzer (SPH) and the Bronco Mortar Tracked Carrier (MTC), the Bionix IIs converged on their objective in a pincer attack designed to crush the enemy force. This scene from Exercise Bold Zapper by the 42nd Battalion, Singapore Armoured Regiment (42 SAR) showcased the new Bionix II and its role in an integrated assault force.



Mr Teo (left) commissioning the Bionix II

42 SAR is the first battalion in Our Army to operate the formidable Bionix II. Besides improvements to its firepower and protection capabilities, the Bionix II is also equipped with the Battlefield Management System (BMS), which is a battlefield system that allows for the tracking of friendly as well as enemy forces. Minister for Defence, Mr Teo Chee Hean, witnessed 42 SAR's demonstration on 23 October at Sungei Gedong's live firing area. This demonstration was a synchronised live-firing exercise which saw Mr Teo riding in the lead vehicle. He said, "As I was in the battalion commander's vehicle, I could see where all the other vehicles were, what they were doing. The enemy picture is being updated all the time. It also gives us the option to bring in information from Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and to call in artillery support, putting them in the same picture, well-coordinated for action."

Feedback from the crew were equally positive. 3SG Teng Po Yew, a vehicle commander in 42 SAR said, "The BMS al-



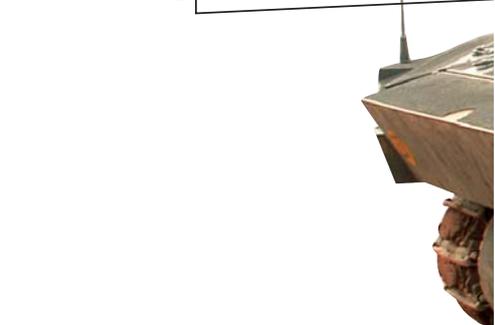
2LT Ng (left) and 3SG Teng (right) in the Bionix II

lows us to work better on the battlefield. We know exactly where we are, our allies' position and the enemy's location. Information can be relayed instantaneously through the BMS, improving situational awareness and translating into greater confidence in the field." 2LT Francis Ng, a platoon commander in 42 SAR, elaborated, "Besides knowing where we are, there's an SMS function which works just like a handphone. It can be used to send information on specific positions of enemy vehicles, allowing us to call for fire support." As such, the BMS harnesses information to improve situational awareness, reducing confusion on the battlefield, which is known as the 'fog of war'. The BMS's capability to cut through the 'fog of war' would go a long way in pre-empting fratricide, or casualties from 'friendly-fire'.

Commenting on the importance of the new Bionix to the next generation's Armoured Force, Chief Armour Officer/Commander 25th Singapore Division, BG Wong Ann Chai (right) said, "The Bionix II represents the first digitised Armoured Battalion, which will connect us better to other land forces, as well as integrate with the Air Force and Navy. It gives each commander the edge in battlefield command and control."



Increased Situational Awareness
The panoramic view offers a 360-degree round view even when the hatches are closed. This allows the vehicle commander inside to have a clear awareness of the surrounding environment. Furthermore, the push of a button, through the BMS, allows them to track enemy objects.



Be The First to Increase Situational Awareness
The Bionix II's dual-track system allows for real-time tracking of enemy target with precision.



Armour Battle Group Bionix II with various Primus SPHs (right), the MTCs and the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) which allows 42 SAR to call in and the MTC, the MTCs are capable of firing under conditions of MTCs are capable of firing star bombs on enemy targets, while the Primus support, being able to fire rounds per minute. On the MTC asset that are used to support movements.



Real-Time Information: The BMS allows for real-time tracking of both friend and foe, with friendly units marked with blue icons while enemy units show up in red. This capability allows for greater command and control of Our Army's forces, resulting in more efficient and effective deployments of our troops.

Enhanced Situational Awareness: The BMS viewing system provides 360-degree all-around coverage even when all hatches are closed. This allows the vehicle's crew to have greater awareness of the surrounding environment. Moreover, with a click of a button, the system can zoom in on specific targets.

Improved Lethality: Its main gun has been upgraded from 25mm to a 30mm Bushmaster cannon. This delivers an estimated 50% increase in penetration capability.



Better Fire Control System: The Day/ Night Thermal Sighting System is an improved version of the sighting system on the original Bionix. It includes an integrated laser ranged finder for accurate target acquisition of up to three kilometres. The dual-axis stabilisation system allows for enhanced tracking of targets and improves the overall First Round Hit Probability, which is the chance of hitting a target with the first round fired.



Enhanced Survivability: The Bionix II features an estimated 50% improved protection against conventional weapons and chemical threats. One example is the mine-protection floorboards. These can be raised in the event of a mine alert, keeping the crews' legs further away from the blast impact.

GS Celebrates a New Beginning

To celebrate the official inauguration of the reorganised General Staff (GS), the GS Signature Event was held at the Gombak Recreational Centre (GRC) on 13 October. Featuring a special run, team-building games rounding off with an evening of interaction by the poolside, the innovative approach to inauguration highlights the groundbreaking mindset changes GS is looking forward to as it reorganised to form five networked and overlapping communities.

The event kicked off with runners from each of the five hubs setting out from their respective hub start points and converging into one body midway through the route at Gombak. Led by Chief of Army (COA), MG Desmond Kuek, the entourage arrived at GRC to the loud cheers of the rest of the GS staff, reflecting the close links and integration among the various hubs.



GS members had fun bonding through the games

At the same time, other members of GS, including NSFs and DXOs enjoyed team-building games in a tele-match setting.

CPL Nicholas Ng of CPC was the initiator and organiser for one of the games - "Helium Stick". This game involved every member of the team using just one finger each to support an extremely thin and long tube, and moving it to the finish line in the shortest time possible. He said, "It's a game that encourages teamwork. The task seems very easy but actually involves a high level of difficulty and precision, requiring everyone to integrate and work together. I feel this is what the new GS is all about."

After the run and games, COA officially inaugurated the new GS with the managers of the five hubs and in his subse-



Placing their hands together on the plasma ball, COA, the hub chiefs and Sargeant Major of the Army together inaugurated the new GS



The event capped off with an evening of informal interaction during which GS members mingled freely

quent address, praised the efforts of the GS members thus far, "Everyone here has worked hard over the past year, to make

this reorganisation possible. We have come a long way since achieving departmental and functional competencies and are now working to integrate these vertical strengths across GS, to make sure the hubs are stronger than before. I look forward to your work that you all will put in, to make the Army a better, stronger and happier place for all of us."

A member of the organising committee, CPT Fairoz (right) of GS (Dev) summed up the event, "We had this inauguration celebration to tell people we, the GS, have already started the transformation. This celebration got everyone together, playing games that promote teamwork, to spread the message that we should stop thinking in terms of G1 to G6 and start thinking in terms of hubs and interacting across all the hubs."



Thinking Soldier

Shut up, Stop Whining and Get a Life!

Need some practical advice on work, money and life? Author Larry Winget, known as "The Pit Bull of Personal Development", hands out mental wake-up slaps in his frank and in-your-face book titled "Shut up, Stop Whining and Get a Life!"

In his book, Larry preaches on topics such as getting a real life, taking responsibility for shortcomings and transforming poor relationships. Read on for an abstract of this unconventional helping of advice!

"Shut your Mouth and Pay Attention"

You can't learn while you chat. So listen to your partner, your kids, your colleagues and your customers because lots of people know more than you do or have something valuable to tell you. On top of that, ask questions and pay attention to the answers.

The Danger of Whining

Life is filled with both great and horrible stuff. So celebrate the good and deal with the bad. Don't blame and don't whine, for it just prolongs the pain. You can't solve your problems when you are busy whining. Instead of moaning, develop a plan and carve out a problem-solving strategy. In the process you will become focused, energised and happier.

Move Beyond Laziness

Don't claim to be stupid or give other excuses for not knowing things. Get up and go to the library, surf the Internet and apply what you learn. Look into the mirror; admit the truth; you could be doing more with your life!

The Power of Planning

You are deluding yourself if you think a positive attitude is enough to kick-start your lazy butt. Motivation without a plan is like a big balloon without a tie - it'll just zip around without purpose and deflating eventually. Make a plan! Create a list of what's really important and how to make your ideal life happen. Get busy, stop trying and just do it!

Body and Soul

Don't underestimate the mind-body connection. If you are stuck in a mental, financial or emotional rut, your body may react with poor sleep, migraines, ulcers and other ailments. On a physical level, you have an obligation to guard your health. That means taking on a proper diet, plenty of exercise and rest. Sounds easy, but people are often stupid about good health. Why devour fatty foods, puff on carcinogenic cigarettes and drive while drunk?

Curing the Toxic Money Mentality

A poverty mentality built on the concept of limitation and

scarcity will not make you rich. If you have a prosperous mindset, money will be in abundance. Smile when you pay your bills, enjoy spending your money, be grateful and love your job.

Guarding the Home Team

Are your familial relationships healthy? Partners must grow continually or the bond will break. Make an ongoing effort to maintain an attractive appearance and nurture your marriage with small acts of kindness. Don't be possessive; maintain individuality and talk honestly about your problems. Cultivate shared interests but avoid modeling your world around your spouse.

Kids are a blessing and hard work. Consistent discipline teaches them the value of words, commitment and hard work. Stay connected and involved by knowing what's happening during their day. And take a reality check, no one is perfect and neither are your kids. Don't cry over exam grades but help them excel.

Life is a roller coast, risky and never dull. The large dips and curves add thrills, meaning and joy. But there's always the option of the merry-go-round instead where the music is pleasant and the turns are safe. It's your choice whether to travel in small repetitive circles or truly soar high!

CSS Hub Opens its Home

“Home of the Combat Service Support” - these words are what visitors will now see at the gates of Kranji Camp III, instead of just “ALT”. This is symbolic of Combat Service Support Command’s (CSSCOM) integration of the Maintenance and Engineering, Supply, Transport and Medical commands plus the Army Logistics Training Institute into one cohesive hub, where they can provide holistic and integrated support to Our Army across its full spectrum of missions.

Chief of Army (COA), MG Desmond Kuek, officially inaugurated the CSSCOM on October at the CSSCOM Inauguration Parade, un-



COA presenting the Letter of Appointment to Comd CSSCOM COL Ngien Hoon Ping



The mobile column showcased CSS variants of vehicles like the Bronco, modified for medical, supply and maintenance support functions.

veiling the CSSCOM logo. COA presented the Letter of Appointment to the first Commander CSSCOM, COL Ngien Hoon Ping, who subsequently presented Letters of Appointment to Chief Transport Officer COL Lim Sau Siong and Chief Supply Officer LTC Tay Ee Learn (right). LTC Tay explained the change in structure Supply and Transport has undergone. “In the past, HQ Supply and Transport had two transport battalion commanders. Now, CSSCOM puts together all the transport battalions and supply stores in the Army,



forming three transport centres and two supply hubs. We now have more leadership, from the ground to the top level, to strengthen both Supply and Transport functional areas in order to serve the Army better.”

The parade, formed by contingents from the five elements of CSS, concluded with an impressive mobile column displaying the vehicles of the Command.

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Then-Chief Army Medical Officer, COL

(Dr) Teo Kwang Joo (right), commented on how the CSSCOM strengthens the effectiveness of Our Army’s Support arms. “Our Army needs support - medical, provisions, equipment to fight during wartime. All these elements are now configured as one command during peacetime, which makes it far easier to transit into operational status. Everyone thinks integrated, trains integrated. We also have inter-posting of staff to the various components of CSS, for them to be able to work better with one another.”



Passing On The Baton

APPOINTMENT	INCOMING	OUTGOING
CARMO	COL(Dr) SEET HUN YEW BENJAMIN	COL(Dr) TEO KWANG JOO
COMMANDER ARTILLERY INSTITUTE	COL LEE NGIAN SANG	COL KOH LIN KEE
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CO BMTC School 1	LTC LOONG TEAN YUAN	LTC LIM TIONG HOCK DAVID
CO 443 SAR	LTC BOON TECK SOON	LTC ONG SOON HUAT SAM
CO 788 SIR	LTC LIM YONG LIANG	—
CO 40 SAR	MAJ TEO WEE HONG	LTC OW EL GENE, DOMINIC
CO 23 SA	MAJ HAROLD SIM TECK CHYE	LTC LAWRENCE LIM TENG CHYE
CO 1 SIGNALS	MAJ LEE PENG JOO	LTC DYASON NEIL ALAN
CO 9 AMB	MAJ SHUE PEI SOON	LTC TAN KAN WHYE
DIV SM 6 DIV	MWO QUEK SER HIANG	SWO TAN KIAN CHEW
FMN SM HQ SIGNALS	MWO CHOW TONG HWA	MWO QUEK SER HIANG
SM ARMY CSG	MWO ONG KOK LEONG	MWO CHOW TONG HWA
SSM, ALS/SOA ATI	MWO LOH CHAI GUANG	MWO HO HUAK MING
ISM OETI	1WO DRYSDALE DARREN KENNETH	—
BDE SM 26 SIB	MWO LEE CHEE FAI FRANCIS	MWO TAN SIANG THAY
BDE SM 27 SIB	MWO WONG TEONG MAN	—
BDE SM 4 SAB	MWO HO HUAK MING	MWO TAN POO YONG
BSM 1 AMB	1WO KUAH LIAP HOE	MWO TANG SOON LEONG
BSM 3 AMB	1WO HO KOK LEONG	—
BSM 6 AMB	1WO LAM CHEE KWONG	—
BSM 9 AMB	1WO CHAN YOK THONG	—
RSM SUPPLY HUB (EAST)	1WO ABDUL GAFOOR	—
	S/O ABDUL RAHMAN	—
RSM SUPPLY HUB (WEST)	1WO CHENG CHEE KWONG	—
RSM 3 SAF TPT BN	1WO RAMAN S/O KARUPPIAH	—
RSM 682 SIR	1WO TIANG TONG EE	—
RSM 778 SIR	2WO GOH CHEONG YOUNG	—
RSM 788 SIR	2WO LEONG KOK CHIN	—
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- Prizes not collected within a month of notification will be forfeited.

SEP / OCT Quiz

Q: What does TES stand for?
A: Tactical Engagement System

SEP / OCT Winners

- MSG TAY SOCK LAN NRIC: SXXXX825G
- CPT (NS) LAWRENCE LEONG NRIC: SXXXX938G

Exercise Agni Warrior: Steel Tempered With Fire

The overhead sun dazzled brightly as the first salvo of projectiles impacted on the faraway hills. Preceded by the loud roars of the artillery guns, the projectiles kicked up a storm of dust, which could be seen from afar. The soldiers responsible for this formidable display of Our Army's firepower were from 256th Battalion, Singapore Artillery (256 SA). They were in Devlali, India for a bilateral exercise codenamed Exercise Agni Warrior with the Indian Artillery.



Our Army's formidable field howitzers



Fire! The guns in action

In this exercise, 256 SA fired the recently introduced Improved Conventional Munition (ICM) rounds, which can deliver about 60 'bomblets' in one round. They are about six times more effective than the conventional High Explosive projectile. Indeed, 256 SA firing the ICM projectiles is strong testimony to their skill and professionalism.

Cementing Bilateral Ties

Commenting on the artillery bilateral exercise between the two armed forces, Chief of Artillery, COL Lim Yoon Boon said, "Agni Warrior is the fruit of the positive relationship that



COL Leong giving a brief on the advantages of the training ground



The NSmen of 256 SA out in the field

we have with the Indian Army." COL Leong Kwok Lung, acting Commander 9 Div Artillery, further elaborated, "This is the first time in Exercise Agni Warrior that we have a combined task force. This means that we are both integrated in movement and deployment, leading to closer cooperation between the Indian forces and ours." Indeed, this was affirmed by

interesting learning how the Indian Artillery guns worked!" There was also plenty of interaction between senior officers from both armies. Commander 9 Div/Chief Infantry Officer, BG Winston Toh and COL Lim paid a courtesy call on the Indian Army's Commandant of the School of Artillery, Lieutenant General B S Pawar, on 11 October. Together, they visited the live-firing range, where LG Pawar had the chance to fire our Field Howitzer 88.

guns of both armies – Our Army's Field Howitzer 88 (FH88) 155mm guns (FH88s) and the Indian Army's Field Howitzer 77 155mm guns.

Dr Ng also took the opportunity to pay a courtesy call on Lieutenant General B S Pawar. They discussed various issues, including the use of the facilities at Devlali for our artillery training.



From left: COL Lim, BG Toh and LTC (NS) Chua interacting with senior Indian officers

Commanding Officer 256 SA, LTC (NS) Chua Chong Kheng, "It was a good experience working with the Indian Army, because we learnt a lot from them. Not only did we learn more about their culture and structure, but we also had many good exchanges on a personal level. They visited our guns and we visited theirs, making for a great learning lesson. It was quite

Dr Ng in India

The men's morale were boosted when Second Minister for Defence, Dr Ng Eng Hen, visited them during the live-firing

Well Done, 256 SA!

BG Toh applauded 256 SA's strong performance in the exercise and their contributions to national defence when he said



2M sharing a lighter moment with the NSmen of 256 SA



Well done, 256 SA!

exercise. Accompanied by senior officers, including BG Toh and COL Lim, Dr Ng got up close and personal with the big

to the men, "You have contributed a lot to our country and 9 Div. I've always enjoyed working with NSmen, as you are reliable and can always be counted on to deliver."