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EX GROUND CONTROL

Ex GROUND CONTROL , marked the culmination of the Middle Term's training for the 9th Intake of OCS. Conducted with support from the Intelligence Training Wing and the 3rd Bn RBLF, Intake 9 took to Kg Rampayoh, Labi, to conduct a 6-day exercise practicing Counter Insurgency (COIN) operations. Key events included a prolonged and intensive public order scenario, a focused strike operation and reaction to incidents such as Suicide Bombers and Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). Intake 9 displayed advanced COIN knowledge in their understanding of the Human Terrain and the importance of winning the hearts and minds of the local population. The training puts OCdts in good stead for future operations with the UN in the Lebanon and the Philippines, where members of the RBAF are currently serving their nation and the international community in Operations Other Than War theatres.



MRA

The Officer Cadets of intake 9 had the opportunity to go through a course on multi-rope system organized by the Parachute Airborne Tactical Delivery Unit of the Royal Brunei Air Force. Held at the Royal Brunei Air Force base in Rimba, the officer cadets went through a series of classes, which covered the unit functions, and the courses they provide to other units in RBAF.



M203



The M203 or UGL (Under-barrel Grenade Launcher) is a grenade launcher that is attached under the barrel of a rifle, in this case, the M16, which means this weapon has dual function. Weighing 10 pounds, this weapon is relatively lightly designed and easy to operate. There are several types of rounds with its specific purposes and the one that is often used is the High Explosive Round (40 mm diameter). The effective maximum range of this round is 350 meters radius while the effective point of target is 150 meters. Compared to the typical Hand Grenade which has the safe zone of 5m radius, the safe zone of the High Explosive Round is 35 m and this means its blast radius is smaller than hand grenade. The main application for M203 is as a fire support against close points and cleared area targets therefore jungle area is not really suitable to be used. The design of the round is capable at blowing up close targets such as doors, breaking through windows, causing several casualties, damaging soft-skinned vehicles and destroying trenches.

EX SCORPION TRACK



A walkthrough exercise was held for the Officer Cadets of intake 9 that introduced an offensive operation that is vital in counterattacking, and especially for the upcoming exercise; Second Strike. The instructors brief the Cadets as they went on with the operations, which make the whole experience an easy one to digest. A number of key principles were introduced, that would make an ambush a quick and effective operation. From this walkthrough, the Officer Cadets are expected to know the basic foundation of conducting an ambush from selecting the perfect ambush site to sending out reconnaissance team to find and identify the most likely enemy's route to deliver and effective blow that affect its operation capabilities. Other than that, the Officer Cadets were introduced to supplementary elements of an ambush such as the use of explosives and trip flare that helps to spot the enemies in the dark of jungle, and this will be further taught in the weeks to come.

BAYONET FIGHTING

Officer cadets were equipped with bayonet attached at the end of rifle M16 A2. Bayonet fighting is the primitive way of fighting has been taught in order to fight due to the runout of ammo. They have been taught two types of enemy; standing and lying.

With the command by the instructor 'one standing enemy spotted', then the cadet warned 'ON GUARD!' followed with running towards the enemy then push aside their weapon, then stab and twist so that the enemy's inner body will tore apart especially the working heart.

On the other hand, by the command by the instructor 'one lying enemy spotted', then the cadet warned 'ON GUARD!' followed with running towards the enemy then stamp on the enemy so that the enemy won't move, then stab and twist the enemy.

This lesson has equipped the cadets on how to fight without ammunitions as well as how to fight enemy using the rifle by hitting their weakness points. By understanding this lesson, cadets were readily all the time even during their very weakness time.



"FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! Fire in the Galley! Fire Class A!" shouted by one of the Navy Cadets. It amplifies Navy Special to Service under Training Objective Two (TO2) which is Fire Fighting and Damage Control (FFDC). We conducted the fire fighting drill at FFDC simulator which simulates not only fire in a ship's compartment but also when flooded. The main objective of FFDC is to learn the basic skills on how to extinguish fire and ways to control the water getting into the punctured holes. It is important for Navy Cadets to acknowledge about FFDC as it will save crews on the ship. The FFDC experience teaches us on how to use firefighting equipments such as firefighting rigs, nozzles, hydrants, hoses and breathing apparatus. Also, it trained us how to stay calm and response quickly to a fire.



FFDC

STXM CANADA MARINE

STXM Canada Marine has developed a suite of OPV designs, ranging in size from 25 to 90 metres, with varying operational and performance capabilities, to meet the requirements of clients around the world.

Traditionally, OPV's have been designed to the same military standards applied to surface combatants, whose primary function has been to deliver a sophisticated long range weapons package using a vessel as small and as light as possible. The use of military standards for almost all material and construction, plus the tightly packed spaces, has resulted in high shipyard costs. Equipment and systems designed for high shock and low noise requirements have further increased the overall ship price. Applying this approach to the changing role of OPV's makes them unnecessarily expensive and often unsuited to their intended function.

STX Canada Marine's philosophy is to design the ship to relevant commercial standards, fit a weapons system as appropriate, as well as simplifying the ship design, material procurement and construction phases.



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The best decision thus far in my life is when I went in for the cadetship course in Officer Cadet School. Instead of pondering on what to do with my life, I applied for the course and do something about my career. I had a target in which I hope to achieve, that is to serve my country as military pilot. Nothing thrills me more than being able to fly the new upcoming Blackhawk S70i. I'm very much excited and looking forward to a successful career and to serve my country in many years to come.



Name: 19969 OCdt Md Fadullah Harun bin Hj Asmat
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First day training in Officer Cadet School (OCS) was a benchmark to where I am standing now. I found it challenging during the soldiering period; I have learnt the importance of listening to orders and not to question them, working as a team, developing knowledge on the weaponry system in Brunei and also, I learnt on how to develop leadership skills. Being in the military is all about exploring my true potential and capabilities, and it gives me the opportunity to express my opinion, creativity and confidence. Moreover, all the trainings provided in OCS are beneficial to us in order to survive in the real military world in our respective unit.



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It is an honour being in OCS as an officer cadet and serve RBAF. It is only with hard work and dedication that I manage to improve myself. I have gained valuable experience in OCS especially in developing my confidence level, characters and discipline. What I learned the most is never to give up and quit easily, because all is driven by self motivation and strive to excel.



MEET THE CADET