

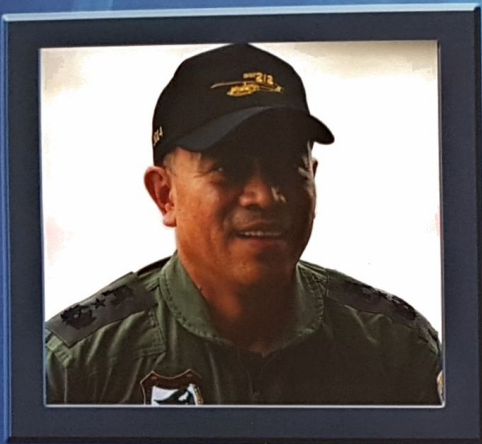
EX AIRGUARD 20th ANNIVERSARY

20 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP
THROUGH COOPERATION AND TEAMWORK



EXERCISE AIRGUARD 20TH ANNIVERSARY SPEECH

10 OCTOBER 2014



First and foremost I would like to thank Major General Hoo Cher Mou, Chief of Air force, Republic of Singapore Air Force for your presence in this momentous event. This year we celebrate the 20th year of EX AIRGUARD since its inception in 1994. This significant milestone reflects the long-standing relation that has been forged between our two air forces. Throughout these years, the bilateral relation between our air forces has grown from strength to strength.

This growing relation is also reflected at personal level. I cannot emphasize more on the importance of establishing networks at personal level. I also believe that through this personal interaction that we manage to bring our relation closer. I do hope that throughout activities such as this exercise, personnel at all levels have the opportunity to interact and know each other better. This would inevitably contribute to the overall outcome of such activities, which is to enhance bilateral relation between our Air Forces.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Republic of Singapore Air Force for their continuous support in assisting Royal Brunei Air Force in its capacity building. Apart from interactions such as EX AIRGUARD, RSAF is one of the main providers of courses for Royal Brunei Air Force. I am very grateful for the generous offer by RSAF in various vocations. I am very much looking forward in continuing and enhancing our cooperation in the future.

As we conclude our 20th EX AIRGUARD this morning, I would like to acknowledge the professionalism shown by our soldiers. I believe that this exercise has been very successful and I do hope that the soldiers have learned some useful lessons out of this. I also believe that the success is actually a testimony of our long established relation particularly when we conduct the exercise for the 20th year.

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Brig Gen (U)
Dato Seri Pahlawan
Haji Wardi bin Haji Abdul Latip
Commander of Royal Brunei Air Force



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This year marks a significant milestone in our bilateral cooperation as we commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the exercise. Since its inauguration in 1994, EX AIRGUARD has taken place on an annual basis. Over the years, we have also continued to review the framework and broaden the scope of this joint exercise, in order to meet the new demands of our changing operating environment. This is indeed a true testament to the enduring friendship and deep commitment shared between our Air Forces.

Over the years, EX AIRGUARD has continued to serve as an excellent platform for our Ground-Based Air Defence operators to forge greater operational excellence and interoperability between our Air Forces. At the professional level, it has continued to provide realistic training to hone the competencies of our operators, as they learn from one another. At the personal level, it has forged enduring bonds and friendship amongst our men and women. Yesterday, BG Wardi and I observed the Joint Field Deployment. It is very heartening to see members of our Air Forces working closely together, shoulder to shoulder, to accomplish a common mission. As we look back, it has been a remarkable twenty years of success for the EX AIRGUARD series. To commemorate this significant milestone, the RSAF has chosen several memorabilia to be sealed within the time capsule. They serve to signify the professionalism of our people and to preserve the memories of close bilateral ties that we have forged.

But the depth and breadth of our relationship goes beyond this exercise. Our Helicopter Detachment in Brunei has continued to provide realistic operational training for our pilots for the past 36 years. We are deeply appreciative of the warm hospitality and kind assistance rendered to our detachment by the RBAirF. The people from our Air Force also interact regularly at both the leadership and working levels. Last year, we strengthened our cooperation in HADR at ADMM-Plus HADR/Military Medicine Exercise hosted by Brunei. Over the years we have continued to provide strong support for each other at the Singapore Airshow and BRIDEX. We also regularly conduct exchange programmes, study visits and participate in each other's courses. Last week, I met and congratulated Cpt Awangku Abdul Aziz from the Royal Brunei Air Force at the RSAF Combined Graduation Ceremony. He has successfully completed the RSAF Transport Wings Course and was the first non-RSAF pilot to attend the graduation ceremony and dining-in. His presence at the event under scored the long-standing friendship that our Air Forces share. I am certain that Cpt Awangku Abdul Aziz and his RSAF coursemates will continue to cherish the friendship that forms the strong foundation of our bilateral ties. In the years ahead, I am confident that our friendship will continue to flourish.

At this juncture, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all past and present personnel who have contributed in one way or another to the EX AIRGUARD series over the last 20 years. Your steadfast efforts have considerably deepened the bilateral cooperation and friendship between our Air Forces. Last but not least, let me also take this opportunity to thank BG Wardi for being such a gracious host during my short stay in Brunei.

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MG Hoo Cher Mou
Chief of Air Force
Republic of Singapore Air Force



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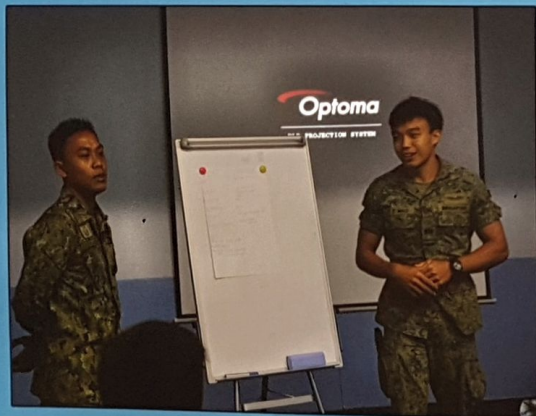
INTRODUCTION

This picture book is a compilation of archival records of photographs and articles that capture significant events and fond memories of exercise airguard over the past 20 years. Through these photographs, this book aims to capture the bilateral cooperation over the past two decades and more importantly the close working relationship the RBAirF and RSAF has forged.



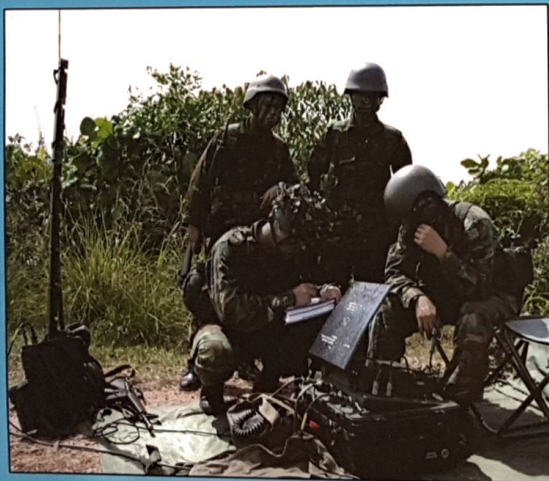
EX AIRGUARD is a series of annually conducted, alternately hosted, joint air defence exercise between the Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF) and the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF). With its primary aims of enhancing professionalism through the exchange of knowledge and experience, as well as fostering friendship, EX AIRGUARD has endured a generation, and today remains steadfast to last generations to come.

The exercise comprises of three enduring phases namely Professional Exchange, Joint Field Deployment and Post Exercise Administration.



Through professional exchange, the personnel deepen their knowledge and sharpen their skills through sharing of best practices, organised into classroom lessons, in-camp practical drills and visit to units.

The skills honed through the professional exchange phase are put into practice through joint field deployment, which is the acme of EX AIRGUARD and is a testament of our air defence interoperability.



The post exercise administration phase provide opportunities for further enhancing personal relations through various interaction programmes, visit to places of interest of the host countries, culminating with memorable closing ceremonies.

CHAPTER 1 DOWN MEMORY LANE

"MEMORY IS THE MOTHER OF ALL WISDOM"

AESCHYLUS



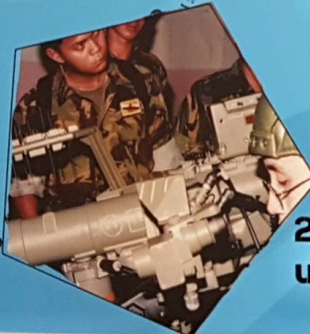
Chapter One highlights the milestones of EX AIRGUARD in the past two decades. Indeed, EX AIRGUARD has progressed significantly over the years. Today it is one of the pillars upholding the sturdy bilateral defence ties between the two countries.



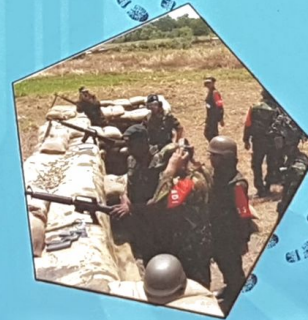
**1994: Inaugural EX AIRGUARD
using Rapier System**



**2004: 10th Anniversary
EX AIRGUARD**



**2003: First time
using Mistral System**



**2005: First time EX AIRGUARD in Brunei
Launching of EX AIRGUARD 10th Anniversary Book
Introduction of All Arms Air Defence Live Firing**



**2010: First Mistral Live Firing
in EX AIRGUARD**



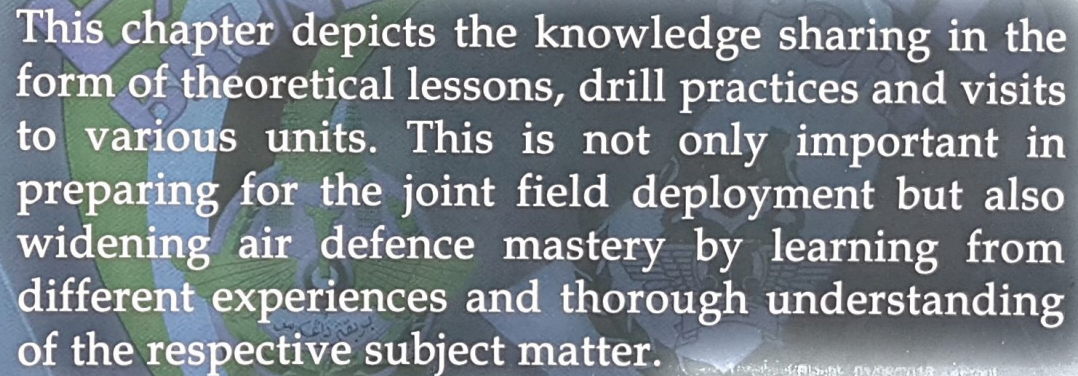
**2014: 20th Anniversary
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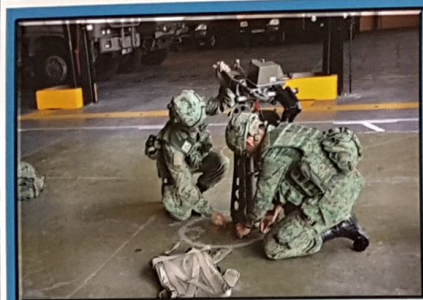
SHARING EXPERTISE

**"AN INVESTMENT IN KNOWLEDGE ALWAYS PAYS THE
BEST INTEREST"**

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



This chapter depicts the knowledge sharing in the form of theoretical lessons, drill practices and visits to various units. This is not only important in preparing for the joint field deployment but also widening air defence mastery by learning from different experiences and thorough understanding of the respective subject matter.



Practical drill training of air defence systems is an essential preparation for the field exercise to ensure effective deployment and interoperability of mix RBAirF and RSAF in each fire unit. This is also an opportunity to share best practices.



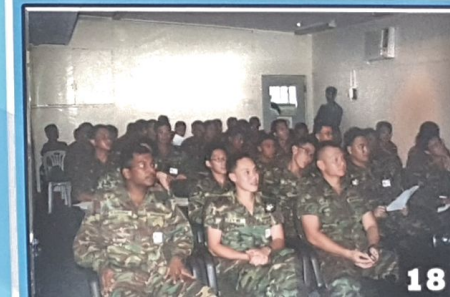
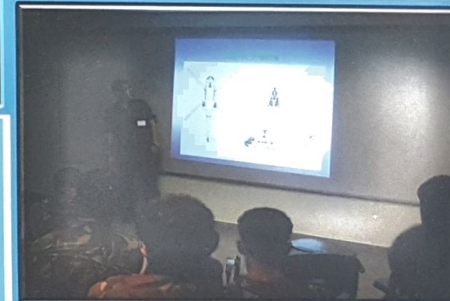
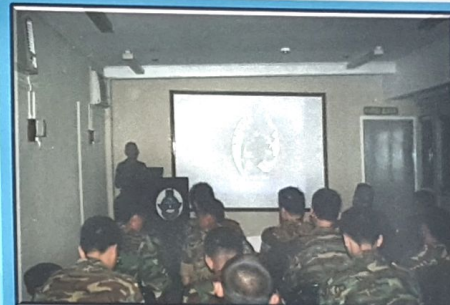


Aside from learning the drill on the Air Defence Weapon Systems, participants also learn about Portable Search and Target Acquisition Radar (PSTAR) which helps to provide early warning of air threats to the fire units deployed in the field.





Classroom lessons are conducted prior to the field exercise to sharpen the air defence knowledge and share best practices. The lessons include aircraft recognition, standard operating procedure, battle procedure and simulator training.

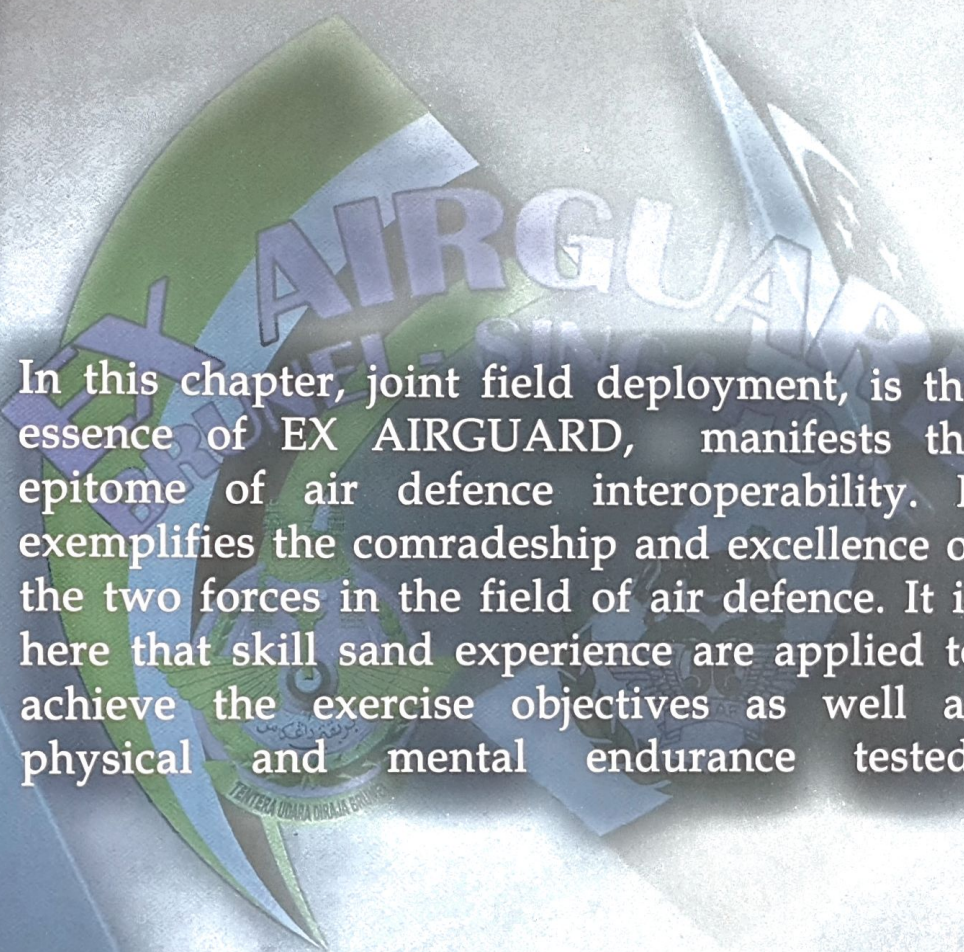


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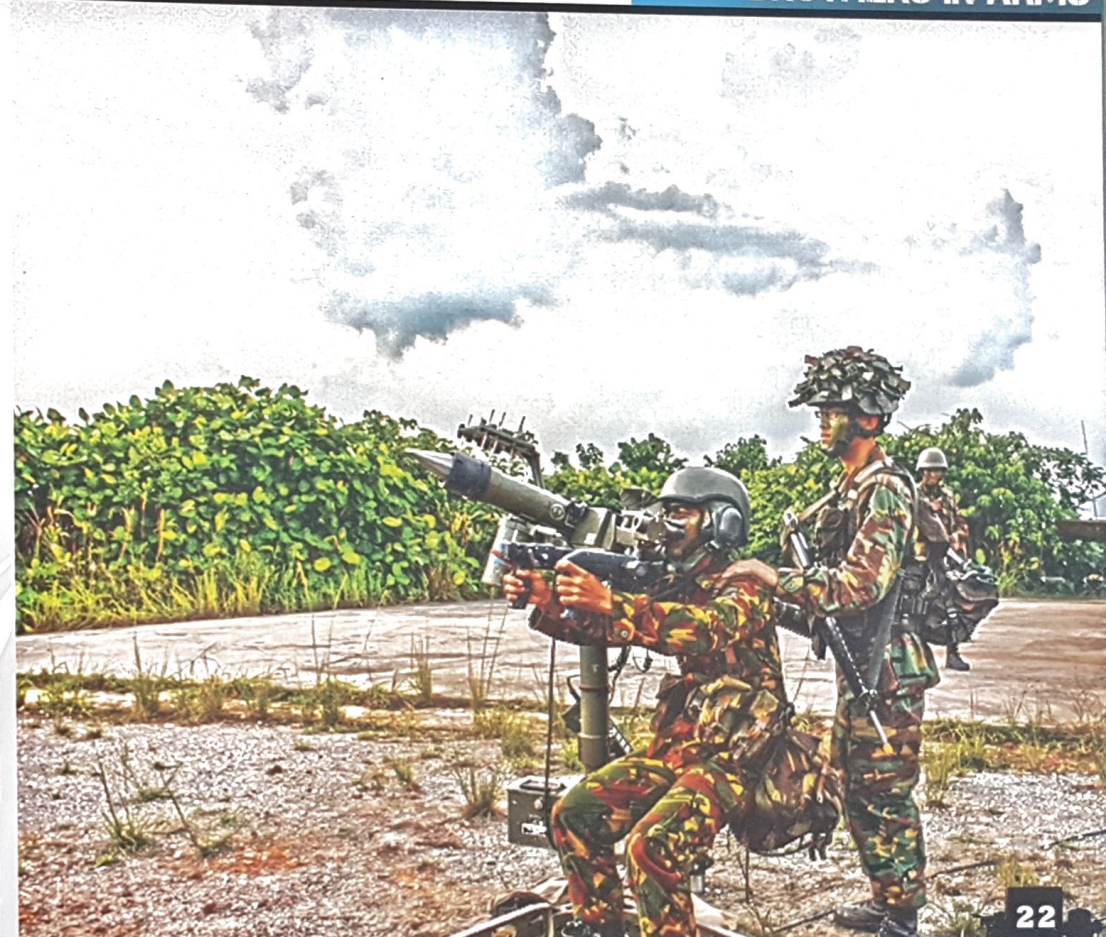
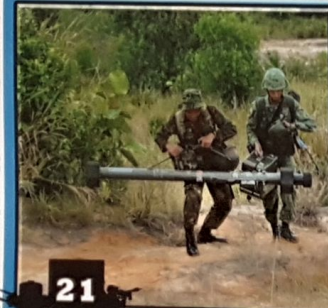
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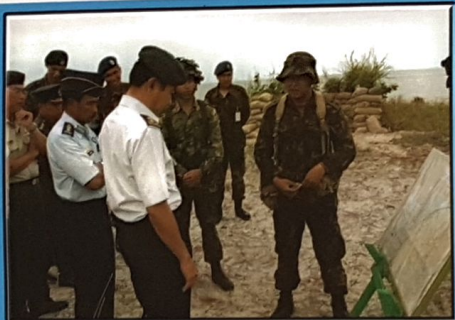
ALBERT CAMUS

The logo for EX AIRGUARD is a shield-shaped emblem. It features a green upper half and a blue lower half, separated by a white diagonal line. The words 'EX AIRGUARD' are written in large, bold, blue capital letters across the center. Below the main text, there is a smaller banner with the text 'JEMPUTER - SINERGI' in white. At the bottom of the shield, there is a small circular emblem with the text 'TENTERA UDARA DIRAJA ERANG' around it.

In this chapter, joint field deployment, is the essence of EX AIRGUARD, manifests the epitome of air defence interoperability. It exemplifies the comradeship and excellence of the two forces in the field of air defence. It is here that skill sand experience are applied to achieve the exercise objectives as well as physical and mental endurance tested.

The zenith of EX AIRGUARD is the joint field deployment where exercise participants of both countries operating together applying all their air defence knowledge and skills into practice. These include battle preparation, operational orders delivery, deployment to area of operations and engagement of targets simulated by actual aircrafts.





The visits by VIPs from both countries exemplify the importance of EX AIRGUARD in strengthening our bilateral defence relation. These visits also help to uplift morale of the troops while showcasing interoperability, teamwork and high-level of air defence skills acquired by exercise participants.





First introduced in 2005, all-arms air defence training furnishes exercise participants with knowledge and skill of engaging low-level air threats using small arms.

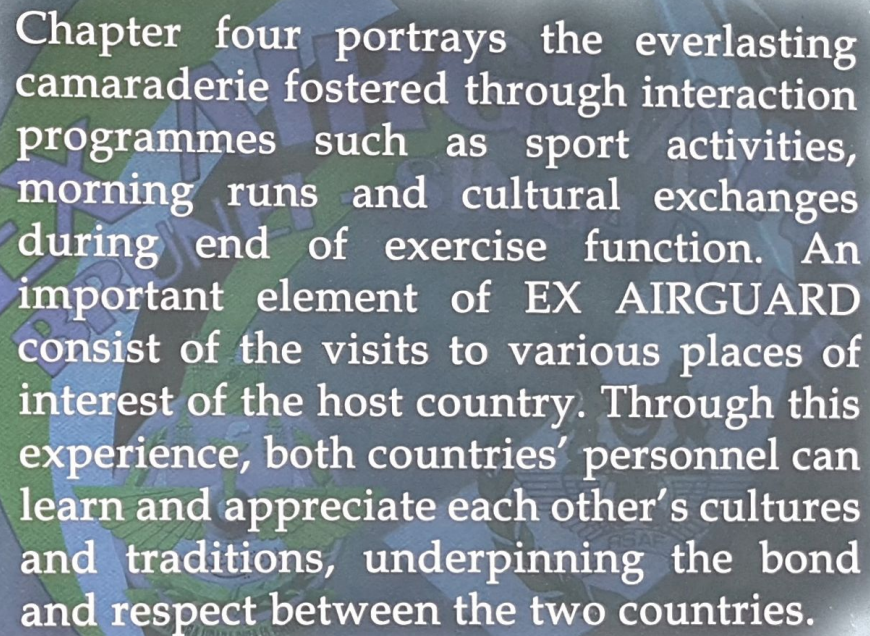


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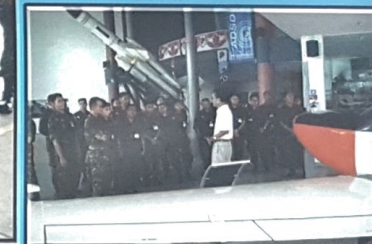
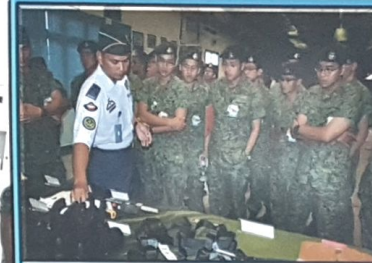
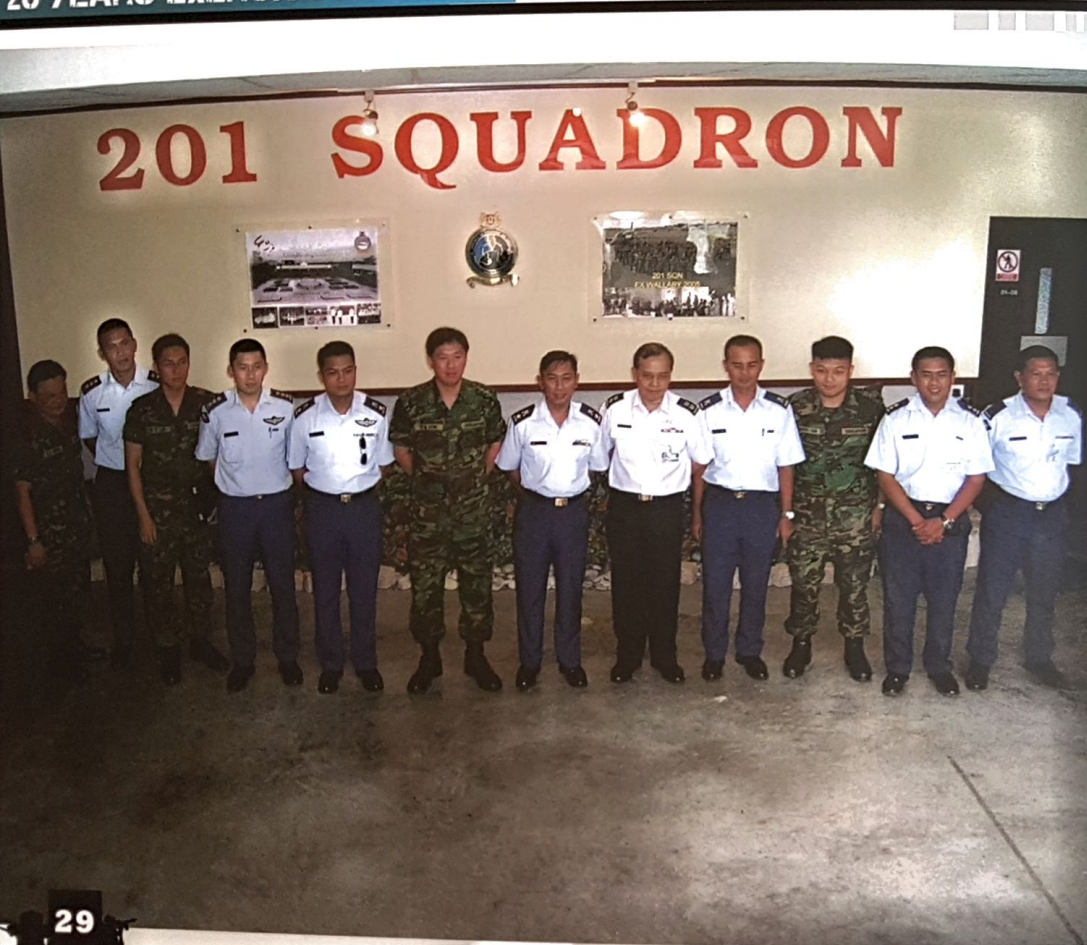
SEAMLESS BOND

"FRIENDSHIP IS A PLANT OF SLOW GROWTH AND MUST UNDERGO AND WITHSTAND THE SHOCKS OF ADVERSITY BEFORE IT IS ENTITLED TO THE APPELLATION."

GEORGE WASHINGTON



Chapter four portrays the everlasting camaraderie fostered through interaction programmes such as sport activities, morning runs and cultural exchanges during end of exercise function. An important element of EX AIRGUARD consist of the visits to various places of interest of the host country. Through this experience, both countries' personnel can learn and appreciate each other's cultures and traditions, underpinning the bond and respect between the two countries.



Visits to other units are a common feature of this exercise to widen the military knowledge and exposure of exercise participants.

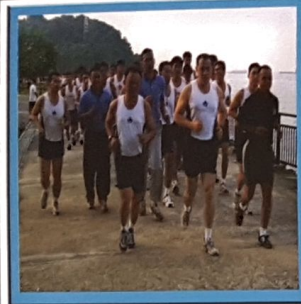


Singapore Zoo



A key feature of this exercise is the visit to places of interests of the hosting country. Aside from allowing the participants to rest and recuperate after the hard work during in-camp and field training, these visits also help to provide opportunity to appreciate each other's culture.

20 YEARS EXERCISE AIRGUARD



Sports interaction is a regular program conducted in every EX AIRGUARD to provide an opportunity to further strengthen the camaraderie among the exercise participants.



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20 YEARS EXERCISE AIRGUARD



A unique tradition of the exercise is the lively end of exercise dinner ceremony where participants get to showcase their culture as well as hidden talents while entertaining each other. These include cultural dance, group singing and magic show.



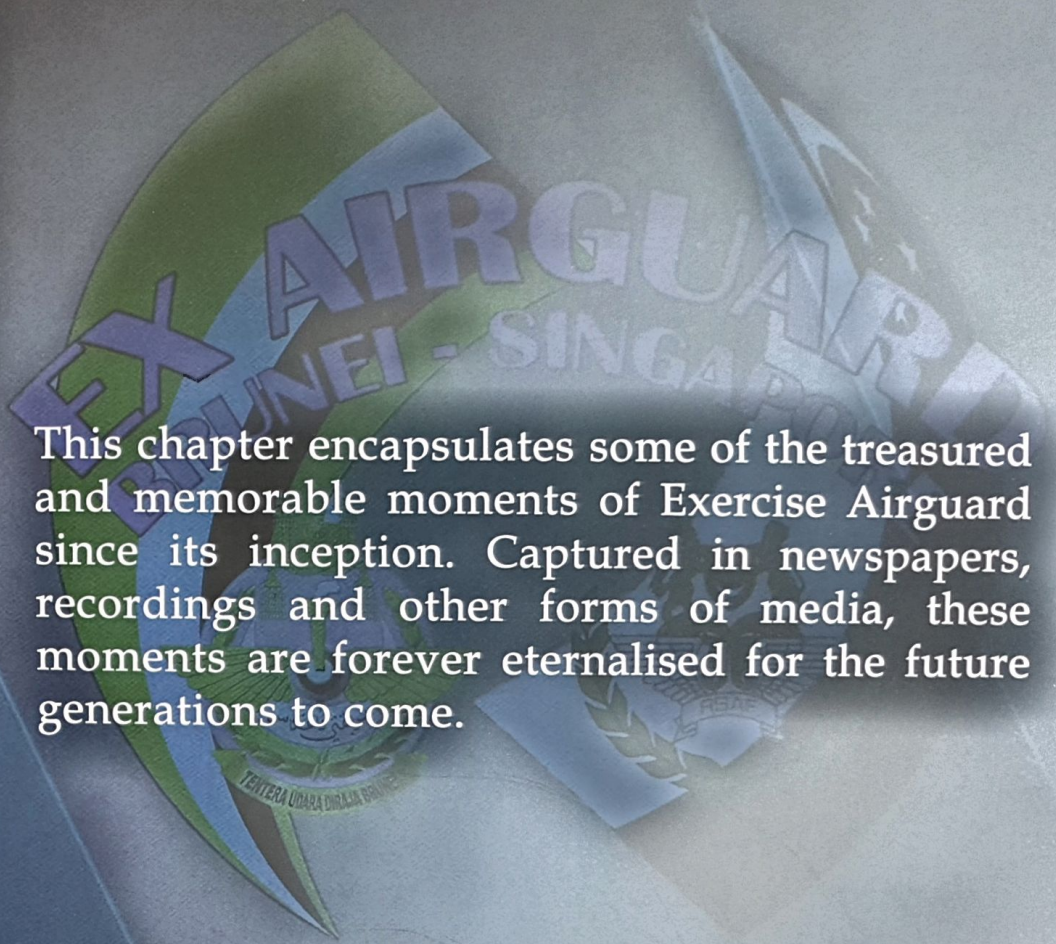
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CHAPTER 5 CHERISHED MOMENTS

"OCCASIONALLY IN LIFE THERE ARE THOSE MOMENTS OF UNUTTERABLE FULFILLMENT WHICH CANNOT BE COMPLETELY EXPLAINED BY THOSE SYMBOLS CALLED WORDS. THEIR MEANINGS CAN ONLY BE ARTICULATED BY THE INAUDIBLE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART"

M.LUTHER KING JR



This chapter encapsulates some of the treasured and memorable moments of Exercise Airguard since its inception. Captured in newspapers, recordings and other forms of media, these moments are forever eternalised for the future generations to come.

Posted: 09 Oct 1996, 0900 hours (GMT +8)
Brunei and Singapore in Third Joint Air Defence Exercise

Soldiers from Brunei and Singapore executed a missile engagement drill on a simulated air raid conducted by A4SU aircraft from the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) in an exercise conducted this morning, 9 Oct 96, at Lim Chu Kang. Present to observe the annual joint exercise, code-named EX AIRGUARD, were the Deputy Commander of the Royal Brunei Air Force, Lieutenant-Colonel (LTC) Zainal Bin HJ Harun, and the Commander of the Air Defence Brigade, LTC Richard Chua.

EX AIRGUARD aims to foster and develop close ties between the RSAF and the Royal Brunei Air Force. The exercise also provides an opportunity for regular interaction and professional exchanges among the officers and men of the two air forces. This year's 12-day exercise is the third in the AIRGUARD series to be conducted by the two air forces since its inception in Oct 94.

Thirty five officers and men from the Air Defence Squadron of the Royal Brunei Air Force led by their Exercise Contingent Commander, Major (MAJ) HJ ZainalAbidin bin HJ Yaakub, arrived in Singapore on 3 Oct for the exercise. The participating RSAF contingent is made up of some 40 officers and men from the 165th Squadron, Air Defence Brigade led by their Commanding Officer, MAJ GohTeckSeng.

The troops are presently in the operations phase of EX AIRGUARD. The soldiers' field deployment marks the high point of the exercise, where two composite Rapier missile fire units are deployed on an air defence mission. The troops had earlier completed the initial phase of the exercise, familiarising themselves with each other's operating procedures. EX AIRGUARD ends on 14 Oct.

In addition to EX AIRGUARD, the Royal Brunei Armed Forces and the Singapore Armed Forces also conduct other joint exercises such as EX FLAMING ARROW, an infantry exercise; EX MAJU BERSAMA, a battalion manoeuvre exercise; EX BOLD SABRE, an armour exercise; EX BOLD CASTLE, an engineer exercise; and EX PELICAN, a naval exercise.

Posted: 26 Nov 1997, 0900 hours (GMT +8)
Singapore and Brunei in Joint Air Defence Exercise

Rapier System Description
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Factsheet - Rapier System Description

40 personnel from the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) are participating in a 13-day annual bilateral air defence exercise with 30 of their counterparts from the Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAF). Codenamed AIRGUARD, this is the fourth exercise since the series began in



1994. Today, Commanding Officer, Operations Wing, RBAF, MAJOR Napiah Bin Haji Paijan and Commander, Air Defence Brigade, RSAF, Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Chua, witnessed their troops execute a simulated missile engagement using the Rapier surface-to-air missile (SAM) system on a simulated air raid conducted by RSAF's A4-SU Super Skyhawks.

The exercise, which began on 19 Nov, started with the troops familiarising themselves with each other's operating procedures. They then proceeded to deploy the Rapier SAMs for an air defence mission. The troops will come together for an exercise debrief, and social activities before the exercise ends on 1 Dec.

The conduct of joint exercises such as EX AIRGUARD, in which personnel of the two air forces jointly plan and execute combined air defence operations provide for greater exchange of professional experience and expertise. It also enhances inter-operability and mutual understanding between the two armed forces.

Posted: 24 Nov 1998, 0900 hours (GMT +8)
Singapore and Brunei in Joint Air Defence Exercise

About 30 officers and men from the Royal Brunei Air Force joined their 35 counterparts from the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) in a 13-day annual bilateral air defence exercise in Singapore from 16 to 28 Nov 98. Codenamed Exercise (EX) AIRGUARD 5/98, this is the fifth exercise in the series since its inception in 1994.

Conducted in three phases, the exercise aims to enhance the two air forces' interoperability through joint planning and execution of air defence operations. The initial phase (from 16 to 22 Nov 98) enabled the troops to familiarise themselves with each other's operating procedures. The second, operations phase (from 23 to 25 Nov 98) is the high point of the exercise with the troops executing an engagement drill employing the Rapier Surface-to-Air Missile (SAM) system against a simulated attack by RSAF A-4SU Super Skyhawks. This event was witnessed by the Commanding Officer Operations Wing, Royal Brunei Air Force, LTC(U) Hj Muhammad Rashid Bin Asut and the Commander Air Defence Brigade, RSAF, LTC Richard Chua this Tue morning, 24 Nov 98. The last phase (from 26 to 28 Nov 98) will allow the exercise participants to share their experience and views on the exercise.

EX AIRGUARD, together with the other bilateral exercises and professional exchanges between the SAF and Royal Brunei Armed Forces, underscore the close defence ties between Brunei and Singapore.

Posted: 24 Nov 1999, 1000 hours (GMT +8)
Singapore Conducts Air Exercise with Brunei

75 men from the Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAF) and the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) are training together in an annual air defence exercise from 16 to 27 Nov 99. Codenamed Exercise AIRGUARD, this is the sixth exercise in the series, which began in 1994.

The exercise began with the Orientation and Familiarisation phase. This was followed by the Joint Field Deployment phase which allows the officers and men to put their skills and knowledge to the test. This morning, RSAF's Commanding Officer, 165 Squadron, Air Defence Brigade, MAJ Cheng Siak Kian and RBAF's Commanding Officer, Operations Wing, LTC (U) Hamid bin Nayan, witnessed an engagement drill where both sides defended the objective against simulated attacks from RSAF's A4SU Super Skyhawks using Rapier Surface-to-Air Missile (SAM). A debrief, which allows participants to share their views and experiences on the exercise, will be conducted tomorrow.

Exercise AIRGUARD, together with other bilateral exercises and professional exchanges, strengthen the close and warm defence relationship between Singapore and Brunei and enhance the friendship and rapport between the two armed forces.

Posted: 25 Oct 2000, 0900 hours (GMT +8)
Singapore and Brunei in Joint Air Defence Exercise

The Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) is conducting a bilateral air defence exercise, codenamed EX AIRGUARD, with the Royal Brunei Air Force (RB Air Force) from 16 to 28 Oct 2000. This morning, the Commander of Air Defence Brigade, RSAF, Colonel Richard Chua and the Commanding Officer of Air Regiment, RB Air Force, Lieutenant Colonel (U) Napiah Bin HjPaijan, witnessed a joint engagement drill using the Rapiers Surface-to-Air Missile against a simulated air attack at Lim Chu Kang.

EX AIRGUARD 7/00 is the seventh in the series of annual air defence exercises between the RSAF and the RB Air Force since its inception in 1994. This year, about 100 personnel from both air forces are participating in the exercise, which involves the sharing of operational procedures and experiences, and the conduct of actual air defence missions.

EX AIRGUARD has enhanced the professionalism of the two air forces and has contributed significantly to the warm ties between Singapore and Brunei.

22 Mar 2002, 0900 hours (GMT +8)

Singapore and Brunei Participate in Air Defence Exercise

The Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) and the Royal Brunei Air Force (RB Air Force) are conducting a bilateral air-defence exercise code-named EX AIRGUARD from 11 to 23 Mar 2002. The 13-day exercise is the eighth in the series and is held annually in Singapore.

This year's exercise focuses on the joint planning of combined air defence operations, and will involve about 80 personnel from both air forces engaging in actual air defence missions. Personnel from both air forces will also be sharing their knowledge and experience in operational procedures.

EX AIRGUARD enhances the close defence relationship between Singapore and Brunei.



Posted: 21 Jul 2003, 1000 hours (GMT +8)
Singapore and Brunei Participate in Air Defence Exercise

The Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) and the Royal Brunei Air Force (RB Air Force) are conducting a bilateral air defence exercise code-named EX AIRGUARD from 21 July to 1 August 2003. The 12-day exercise is the ninth in the series which is held annually in Singapore. The last exercise was held in March 2002.

This year's exercise will involve 64 personnel from both air forces. Highlights include the conduct of actual air defence missions as well as a segment to familiarise participating personnel with the two air forces' operating procedures. EX AIRGUARD is a reflection of the close defence relationship between Singapore and Brunei.

17 Sep 2004, 1700 hours (GMT +8)
Singapore and Brunei Mark 10th Anniversary of Bilateral Air Defence Exercise

The Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) and the Royal Brunei Air Force (RB Air Force) are conducting a bilateral air defence exercise, code-named EX AIRGUARD from 13 to 27 Sep. First started in 1994, this year's exercise is the tenth in the annual Airguard series.

To mark the tenth anniversary of EX AIRGUARD, Chief of Air Force of RSAF, Major-General Lim Kim Choon and Commander of the Royal Brunei Air Force, COL Haji Mahmud bin Haji Saidin, were both present this afternoon to officially open EX AIRGUARD, and to unveil a commemorative plaque for the occasion. They were also present to observe the conduct of the exercise later in the afternoon.

Ex Airguard is a reflection of the close defence relationship between Singapore and Brunei. This year's tenth anniversary celebration marks the longstanding history of



RSAF Chief of Air Force, MG Lim Kim Choon and Commander of Royal Brunei Air Force, COL Haji Mahmud bin Haji Saidin, observing the conduct of EX AIRGUARD, a bilateral air defence exercise between Singapore and Brunei.

Pelancaran buku kenangan

TUTONG, Rabu - Pemerintah Tentera Udara Diraja Brunei, Kolonel (U) Dato Paduka Haji Mahmud Haji Saidin dan Ketua Tentera Udara Republik Singapura, Mejar Jeneral Lim Kim Choon hari ini melancarkan Buku Kenangan 10 tahun "EXERCISE AIR GUARD" di Padang Tembak Binturan.

Buku ini mengandungi imbasan latihan berkenaan antara tahun 1994 hingga tahun 2004. Upacara pelancaran itu disaksikan oleh peserta-peserta latihan "11th EXERCISE AIR GUARD." - *Mastoris*



LAUNCHING OF COMMEMORATIVE BOOK



The launching ceremony for the "EXERCISE AIR GUARD" 10 Years Commemorative Book was held yesterday at Binturan Firing Range. The book which contains flashbacks of the exercise held between 1994 and 2004 was jointly launched by the Commander of Royal Brunei Air Force, Colonel (U) Dato Paduka Haji Mahmud bin Haji Saidin, and the Chief of Air Force, Republic of Singapore Air Force, Major General Lim Kim Choon. Also present were the participants of "11th EXERCISE AIR GUARD". Photo and text by *Mastoris*

23/08/2005

S'pore, Brunei in air exercise

Report by Arthur Wong | Photo Courtesy of MINDEF



Chief of Air Force, Major-General (MAJ-GEN) Lim Kim Choon (left) meets his Bruneian counterpart, Commander of the Royal Brunei Air Force, Colonel (COL) Dato Haji Mahmud bin Haji Saidin as part of his observance trip to Brunei.

About 70 personnel from the Republic of Singapore Air Force and the Royal Brunei Air Force are taking part in a bilateral air defence exercise from 15 to 26 Aug.

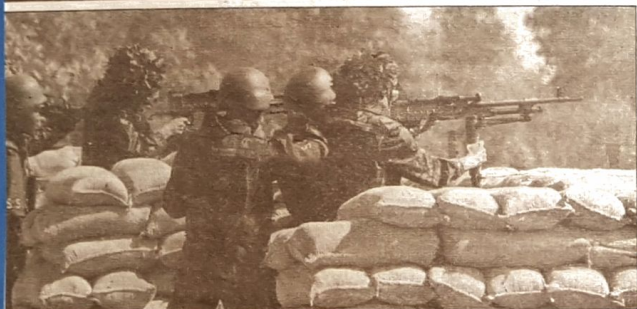
Held in Brunei for the first time, the 12-day Exercise Airguard is the eleventh in the series.

It is an excellent opportunity for the two air forces to strengthen their inter-operability and further enhance the close relationship between the two armed forces.

The Chief of the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF), Major-General (MG) Lim Kim Choon, is in Brunei from 22 to 24 Aug to observe the conduct of EX Airguard.

While in Brunei, MG Lim will also call on Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, Pehin Major-General Dato Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd Yussof, and his counterpart, Commander of the Royal Brunei Air Force, Colonel Dato Haji Mahmud bin Haji Saidin.

LIVE FIRING EXERCISE



Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF) for the first time is hosting the joint air defence "Exercise AIR GUARD", an annual training run held since 1994 in the Republic of Singapore by the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF). The 11th exercise involves the Air Regiment of RBAirF and the RSAF Air Defence System Division. It commenced on August 15 and will end on August 26. An air defence live firing exercise was recently held at the Field Firing Area in Binturan Range to test the skill of both nations' air defence personnel. Pix: Mastoris

Posted: 19 Aug 2006, 0800 hours (GMT +8)
Singapore And Brunei Conduct Air Defence Exercise

The Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) and the Royal Brunei Air Force are conducting their annual air defence exercise, code-named EX AIRGUARD, from 19 Aug to 4 Sep 06 in Singapore. The 17-day bilateral exercise, which is the twelfth in the series, will see about 75 personnel from both the two air forces deploying missile and radar systems to provide air defence protection of vital installations against simulated air attacks.

The defence relationship between Singapore and Brunei is longstanding and close. Exercise Air Guard provides an excellent opportunity to help enhance the interoperability and close co-operation between the two air forces and reflects the close and longstanding defence relationship between Singapore and Brunei.



Izam Said Ya'akub
BRUNEI-MUARA

ROYAL Brunei Air Force and the Republic of Singapore Air Force have once again convened for the Exercise AirGuard 13/07, which opened yesterday at the Berakas Garrison.

The opening was officiated by the Royal Brunei Air Force Commander, Brigadier General Dato Paduka Hj Mahmud bin Hj Saidin and Singapore's Chief of Air Force, Major General Ng Chee Khern.

This is the 13th such exercise to be conducted between the two Air Forces. This year marks the second time Brunei is hosting the event, which was initiated in 1994.

This year's exercise will involve a total of 70 personnel — 36 from Brunei Darussalam's Air Regiment, and the rest from the 18 Divisional Artillery Battalion from Singapore.

The exercise consists of a series of phases. The first, the familiarisation phase, includes joint lessons, AC recognition and discussion on Task Safety Analysis. This began yesterday and ends today.

The second phase is All Arms Air Defence, which sees the use of small arms in Air Defended Area and Field Deployment. Live sorties flown by Royal Brunei Air Force aircraft will simulate air to ground strikes on assets protected by the AirGuard Forces during the field deployment Exercise held at Bukit Agok from August 22 to 29.

Meanwhile Phase Three falls under administration and includes visits to interesting places, sports interaction and Post Exercise Meeting.

Lt Col Hasme Hj Abd Wahab from RBAF said that the primary objectives of the Air Guard exercise is to foster a closer working relationship and enhance air defence knowledge and experiences between Republic of Singapore Air Force and Royal Brunei Air Force Personnel.

The sharing of new ideas and experiences in the Exercise AirGuard 13/07, should possibly enhance the



ALL ARMS AIR DEFENCE FIRING
13TH AIR GUARD EXERCISE -PHASE 2

Bukit Agok, Thursday 23 August 2007
- The Second phase of 13th Air Guard Exercise between Royal Brunei Air Force (TUDB) and Singapore Air Force (SAF) begin today with the live firing of small arms by more than 50 personnel from both units.

The firing took place at the Air Regiment Firing Range Bukit Agok this morning. The second phase involves All Arms Air Defence & Forward Deployment and live sorties flown by TUDB that will simulate air-to-ground strikes on assets protected by the AIRGUARD Forces during the deployment exercises. Small arms used throughout this phase were M16 Heavy Barrel (HBAR) gun and General Purpose Machine Gun (GPMG).

The objectives of this second phase are to (1) Foster closer relationship between the two units through bilateral air defence operations, (2) Sharing knowledge, methods and techniques of small arms air defence, (3) Training and practise in engaging aerial target (IMP target), (4) Effective engage fast moving target by using small arms, and (5) To demonstrate the proper conducts of All Arm Air Defence live firing training.

This 11 days exercise was jointly open by the Commander of TUDB, Brigadier General Dato Paduka Hj Mahmud bin Hj Saidin and the Chief of Air Force, Republic of Singapore Air Force, Major General Ng Chee Khern, at the hangar of No 38 Squadron TUDB, Berakas Garrison on Monday 20 August 2007.

Enhancing Interoperability and Friendship

- EX AIRGUARD 08

EX AIRGUARD, a bilateral exercise between the RSAF and the Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF), was conducted in Singapore from 14 - 28 Apr 08.

The annual exercise saw the participation of a total of 70 personnel from the two air forces with six Mistral air defence missile systems, a P-STAR (Portable Search and Target Acquisition Radar), two F-16D Blk 52+ Fighting Falcon aircraft and two AH-64D Apache attack helicopters in simulated operational scenarios. RSAF Exercise Director, LTC Teo Ping Siong, found the exercise successful in fostering bilateral ties between the two air forces. Said LTC Teo, "For this year's exercise, crews from both the RSAF and the RBAirF were organised into mixed-crew Fire Units from the start of the exercise. With the increased interaction, personnel from both air forces got to understand each other better, both operationally and culturally." RBAirF Exercise Director, MAJ ZainalArifinSulaiman, was equally pleased with the results of the exercise, "We were able to learn a lot from each other in terms of interoperability and cultural exchanges, while enhancing the mutual understanding among the personnel of the two air forces.

In addition, the AH-64D helicopter, deployed in this exercise for the first time, also allowed us to gain new insights and experiences by injecting more realism." Said CPL Benny Chuen, a Full-time National Serviceman Air Defence Weapons Operator, "The exercise provided an opportunity for us to share experiences with RBAirF and allowed personnel from both air forces to forge strong friendships and build camaraderie." Since its inauguration in 1994, EX AIRGUARD has provided an excellent opportunity to enhance interoperability and the long-standing bilateral relations between the RSAF and the RBAirF. The two air forces interact regularly through bilateral exercises and professional exchanges.

Strengthening Ties and Defending the Airspace - EX Airguard



EX Airguard involved highly realistic and challenging aircraft sorties for the Mistral Fire Units to train against.

Dispersed amidst the uneven terrain of the SAFTI Live-Firing Area, various well-camouflaged mistral firing units and a PSTAR detachment were stationed in preparation for a mock engagement with AH-64D Apache helicopters. This was the set-up for EX Airguard 09, a bilateral exercise between the Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF) and the RSAF. Held from 30 Mar - 13 Apr

realistic air defence training for GBAD operators, through tactical control by the PSTAR Detachment, with live sortie engagement. PSTAR Detachment Commander for the exercise, 2LT Jes Chng, was pleased with the results of the exercise.



"EX Airguard has given our detachment an opportunity to learn beyond what unilateral exercises can offer as we gain an understanding of the operations and culture of another armed force."

Apart from handling the realistic and challenging sorties that the Apache

09, this segment of the annual exercise continued to provide an effective platform to foster bilateral relations and improve interoperability. Exercise Director for this year's EX Airguard, LTC Teo Ping Siong, described the exercise outcome, "The exercise was very successful as all objectives were met. The flight profiles flown



by the Apaches were very realistic and challenging for the Ground-Based Air Defence (GBAD) operators. Additionally, simulated opposition ground forces were also deployed to attack the Fire Units to test the vigilance of the crew in terms of field security."

The main purpose of the exercise was to foster closer ties between the RBAirF and the RSAF through the organisation

of mixed crew deployment training comprising officers, specialists and operators from both sides. Fire Unit 2nd In-Charge of one of the mistral crews, 3SG Desmond Soh, experienced first-hand the benefits of the mixed crew setup. "We were able to work together in harmony despite our different backgrounds, seeing beyond differences so as to forge great friendships during this 2 weeks of exercise," quipped 3SG Soh. His crew's Fire Unit In-Charge, CPL Mohd Adini Bin Haron, from the RBAirF agreed as he said, "I enjoyed working with the RSAF personnel as we learnt and shared experiences with one another. There was much cooperation and we gained a good understanding of each other's military capabilities and culture."

On top of the mutually beneficial interactions and promotion of bilateral relations, the exercise also provided

helicopters flew, the mixed crew firing units from 18 Divisional Air Defence Artillery Battalion (18 DA Bn) and the RBAirF also needed to remain vigilant for simulated opposition ground forces. Head of Exercise Delegation for the



40-man Air Regiment RBAirF Contingent, CAPT Peter Bin Ulat, felt that the exercise and its activities had indeed enhanced bonding and camaraderie within and between the two air forces. "This year, some new activities were introduced in the exercise, particularly the team building event which enhanced cooperation and teamwork between the two sides."

EX Airguard 09 highlights the close and long-standing relationship that Brunei and Singapore share. The air forces of the two countries interact regularly through professional exchanges and exercises.



CPL Adini (left) and 3SG Soh (right) preparing for a mock assault by the Apaches.

AIR REGIMENT PERSONNEL HEADS OFF TO SINGAPORE FOR THE 17TH AIR GUARD EXERCISE

By Royal Brunei Air Force

BERAKAS GARRISON, Monday 31 October 2011 - Fourty member delegation from the Air Regiment, Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF) will be conducting a joint Air Defence exercise called EX AIR GUARD 17/11 with members of their Air Defence counterparts, 18 DA BN, RSAF in Singapore from the 31st Oct - 14th Nov 2011.

The head of contingent, 555 Major (U) Habil bin Adol and participating members which consists of officers, specialists and Air Defence operators flew to Singapore onboard the C-130 for the 14-day exercise.

Prior to their departure, the handing over of the national flag took place at 38 Squadron Air Regiment in Berakas Garrison where a farewell and doasalamat ceremony was held. On hand to officiate the handover was the Guest of Honor, Deputy Commander of the RBAirF, Colonel (U) Ali bin Sabar. This was followed by the recital of the doasalamat.

Also present to bid farewell were officers of the RBAirF as well as family members of the participants. Since its inauguration in 1994, EX AIRGUARD has expanded its scope with the introduction of the Mistral Air Defence System and has been conducted between the Air Regiment, RBAF and 18DA BN RSAF on an annual basis, with the two organizations alternating as hosts. This year represents the 17th time that EX AIRGUARD has been conducted, with the previous exercise Air Guard having been held in Brunei late last year. The aim of the exercise is to foster closer ties between RBAirF and RSAF as well as to provide realistic air defence training for Ground Based Air Defence (GBAD) operators.

EXERCISE AIR GUARD 18/12 OFFICIALLY BEGINS

RIMBA, Thursday 1 November 2012 - A 28 member delegation from 18 DA BN Republic Singapore Air Force (RSAF) will be conducting a joint Air Defence exercise called EX AIRGUARD 18/12 with members of the Air Regiment, Royal Brunei Air Force from the 1 November till 14 November 2012.

Led by the head of contingent, Major Tan Ban Huat, the participating members from Singapore, which consist of officers, specialists and Air Defence operators, arrived yesterday at Rimba Air Force Base. The Opening ceremony which took place today at the Royal Brunei Air Force Base started with a parade consisting of members from 18 DA BN RSAF and Air Regiment RBAF and ended with a simulated air attack. On hand to officiate the opening was the Commanding Officer of the Air Regiment, Lt Col (U) Abdul Rahman bin Hj Durahman.

Since its inauguration in 1994, exercise Air Guard has expanded its scope with the introduction of the Mistral Air Defence System and has been conducted between the Air Regiment, RBAF and 18DA BN RSAF on an annual basis, with the two organizations alternating as hosts. This year represents the 18th time that exercise Air Guard has been conducted, with the previous EX AIRGUARD having been held in Singapore late last year. The two week long exercise will consist of air defence theory and practical lessons, leadership and sports interaction activities and finally cumulating with a 3 day field exercise.

The Aim of the exercise is to foster closer ties between RBAirF and RSAF as well as to provide realistic air defence training for Ground Based Air Defence (GBAD) operators from both sides.



EX Airguard

EX Airguard, an annual bilateral air defence exercise between the RSAF and the Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF), was conducted from 1 to 14 Nov 12 in Brunei. During the exercise, then COS-AS, BG Wong Huat Sern, visited the participants of EX Airguard 12 and called on COMD Royal Brunei Land Force, BG Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Yusof bin Haji Abd Rahman, and COMD RBAirF, BG (U) Dato Seri Pahlawan Jofri bin Haji Abdullah.

As part of the exercise, the RSAF and RBAirF personnel jointly defended the airspace against simulated aerial attacks. Through mixed crew deployment training involving personnel from both air forces, EX Airguard allowed the participants to share their knowledge with one another and gain a greater understanding of each other's military capabilities and culture.



BG Wong and senior RBAirF personnel visiting the field deployment



BG (U) Dato Seri Pahlawan Jofri with MG Ng

RBAirF Chief's Farewell Visit

The Commander of the Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF), BG (U) Dato Seri Pahlawan Jofri bin Haji Abdullah, conducted his farewell visit to Singapore from 3 to 4 Dec 12. During his visit, he called on Minister for Defence, Dr Ng Eng Hen, and CAF, MG Ng Chee Meng.

The visit underscores the strong bilateral relations between Singapore and Brunei. Both countries' air forces interact regularly through professional exchanges and bilateral exercises such as EX Airguard.

EXERCISE AIRGUARD 18/12 CONCLUDED

RIMBA, Saturday 10 November 2012 - Ex Airguard 18/12, which is a bilateral exercise conducted between Royal Brunei Air Force (TUDB) and Republic Singapore Air Force (RSAF) was officially concluded this morning during the official closing ceremony at the TUDB Headquarters' Parade Square. Presence as the guest of honour during the ceremony was Col (U) Haji Hamzah bin Sahat, Deputy Commander of TUDB.

The highlight of the closing ceremony was the handing over of the EX AIRGUARD banner to the Singaporean contingent signifying the passing over of the hosting of Ex Airguard which will be held in Singapore next year.

Ex Airguard is an annual exercise which is hosted alternately between Brunei and Singapore. This year, TUDB is given the honour to conduct the exercise in Brunei.

The aim of this exercise is to increase level of relationship, cooperation and interoperability between TUDB and RSAF through realistic military air defence. During the course of the exercise, both troops from TUDB and RSAF deployed the missile air defence weapon system and conducted AAAD live firing at Bukit Agok.



RBAirF

Colonel (Rtd) Zainal Abidin

"My predecessor Lieutenant Colonel (Rtd) Hj Taha and me were very keen to conduct EX AIRGUARD in Brunei as we saw the need to reciprocate after Singapore conducted the exercise for a decade. I also envisaged to include conducting Mistral Missile Live Firing in this exercise "

Major (U) Suhaimi

"EX AIRGUARD is more than just a bilateral exercise, it is a platform of friendship, cooperation & knowledge exchange. EX AIRGUARD is a shared heritage of tradition, professionalism and comradeship"

Major (U) Habil

"EX AIRGUARD represents our commitment for integrated air defence diplomacy, and it benefits in strengthening our friendship. The 20 years of cooperation has no doubt given us a lot of positive experience in our exercises and social interaction."

Warrant Officer 1 (Rtd) Abd Rahman

"Experience gained from EX AIRGUARD can be practiced in our unit training in Brunei"

Warrant Officer 1 (Rtd) Yunus

"Exchange of knowledge between personnel of the two forces during EX AIRGUARD helps to improve our work performance and expertise in Air Defence"

Warrant Officer 1 (Rtd) Zaini

"Hopefully EX AIRGUARD will always be conducted to bolster the defence tie between Brunei and Singapore "

Warrant Officer 1 (Rtd) Alias

"....we can make new friends....learn how they conduct exercises and bring back useful knowledge to be applied in our unit exercises."

Warrant Officer 2 (U) Rosdy

"With bilateral EX AIRGUARD we can widen our knowledge on air defence. This is particularly important for us as an air defence unit"

Warrant Officer 2 (Rtd) Zahari

"[EX AIRGUARD] must continue....it gives a lot of advantages to both countries particularly sharing of experiences"

Warrant Officer 2 (U) Jeffrydin

".....a good exercise as both sides can share respective views and experience."

Staff Sergeant (Rtd) Zulkarnain

"The annually alternately hosted EX AIRGUARD between Brunei and Singapore is a good platform for exposure in air defence"

Sergeant (Rtd) A. Salihi

"The bilateral EX AIRGUARD must continue as a platform to enhance relationship between Singapore and Brunei"

RSAF

COL (NS) Loh Kean Wah

"During the visit to the joint field deployment, it was heartening to see members of both forces working hand in hand as a fire unit. I am sure that both the RBAirF and RSAF personnel have learnt a great deal from each other, and hopefully these lessons can be applied in their daily tasks."

LTC Teo Ping Siong

"EX AIRGUARD has been useful for the RSAF over the years. Through the professional exchanges with our RBAirF counterparts, we have learnt more about each other's' best practices in GBAD operations."

MAJ Lee Wancai

"Apart from being an excellent platform for professional exchange and enhancing interoperability, EX AIRGUARD has allowed me to forge new and close friendships with my RBAirF peers."

CPT Chng Liting

"EX AIRGUARD has given our detachment an opportunity to learn beyond what unilateral exercises can offer as we gain an understanding of the operations and culture of another armed force."

1WO Leong Wai Kong

"The 20th Anniversary of the exercise signifies the importance of this strong working relationship and I believe there are many more great years ahead for Ex AIRGUARD."

1WO Lim Song Guan

"It is great to work side by side with friends from the RBAirF. My participation in EX AIRGUARD over the years has been meaningful and amazing. Through the exercise, it has strengthened the bonds and friendship that I share with my RBAirF counterparts."

3WO Toh Jin Liang

"EX AIRGUARD signifies the strong friendship between the GBAD communities from both our Air Forces. This aids us to grow professionally and strengthens our interoperability."

3SG (NS) Jonathan Teo

"EX AIRGUARD was an eye-opening exercise for me and my peers. We were able to observe how our air defenders from RBAirF conduct their operations and learnt valuable lessons from them."

CFC (NS) Lim Zhengwei

"I feel that EX AIRGUARD is an enriching and meaningful opportunity for us to exchange our knowledge on GBAD operations with our RBAirF counterparts."

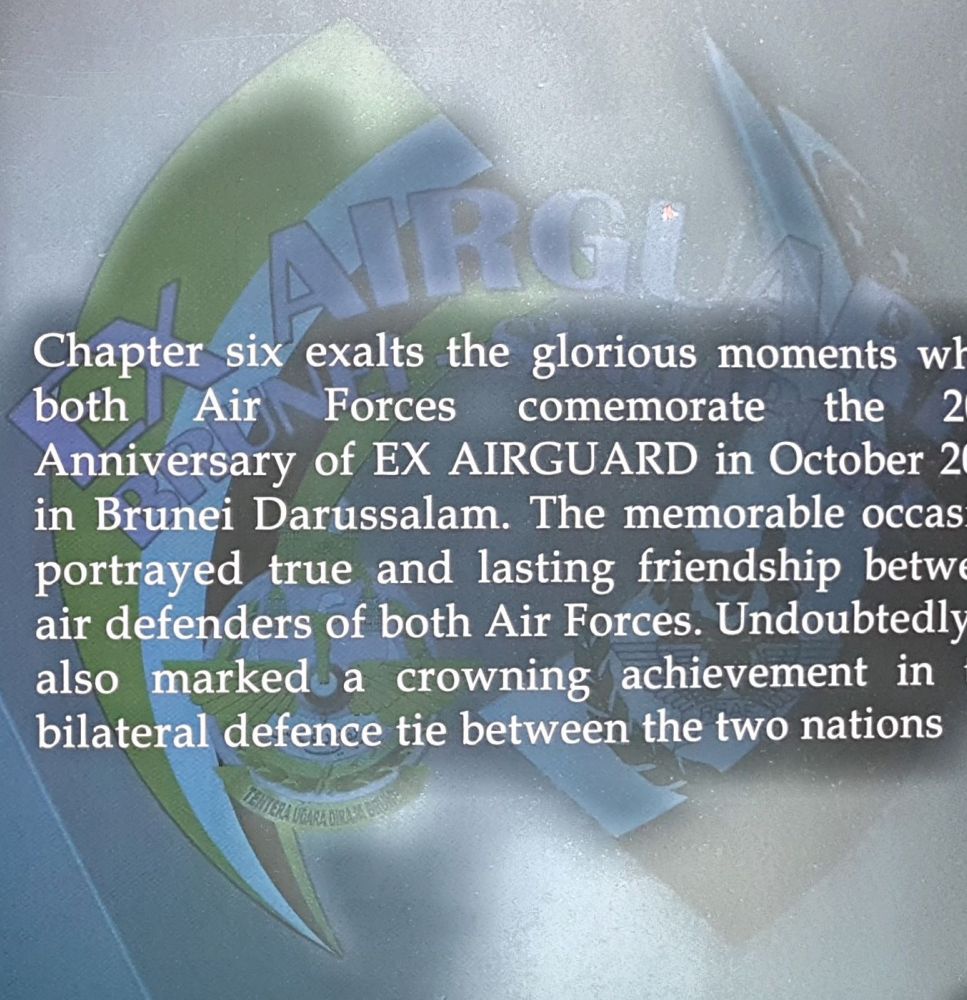
CFC (NS) Leonard Chan

"I got to forge a strong friendship with my counterparts through the field deployment. The exercise has definitely been an enriching experience for a first-timer like me."

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

"YESTERDAY IS BUT TODAY'S MEMORY,
AND TOMORROW IS TODAY'S DREAM"

KHALIL GIBRAN



Chapter six exalts the glorious moments when both Air Forces commemorate the 20th Anniversary of EX AIRGUARD in October 2014 in Brunei Darussalam. The memorable occasion portrayed true and lasting friendship between air defenders of both Air Forces. Undoubtedly, it also marked a crowning achievement in the bilateral defence tie between the two nations



The 20th anniversary of EX AIRGUARD was celebrated on the 10th October 2014 at Rimba Air Base, Brunei Darussalam. The highlight of the event was the signing of 20th EX AIRGUARD anniversary parchment and launching of EX AIRGUARD time capsule by Commander RBAirF and Chief of Air Force RSAF.



CONCLUSION





For twenty years, EX AIRGUARD embodies the true spirit of brotherhood and professionalism, a vivid and vibrant illustration of comradeship and military excellence.

Embraced resolutely, it has always been a crucial source of strength to the bond between the two Air Forces, and beyond that contributes towards the promotion of regional peace and stability.

First Exercise Airguard in 1994





EX AIRGUARD, an avenue for warm exchange of air defence proficiency, richly benefits the airmen from both air forces. Mutual sharing of competencies results in the ensuing flawless interoperability, proven in the field, the zenith of a bilateral exercise.

A plethora of activities nurture lifelong friendship, cementing an unbreakable bond. EX AIRGUARD is here to stay.







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