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## LEADERSHIP EXERCISE



**L**eadership exercise is an activity of leading a group of people or an organisation, having the ability to control and manage a certain task. In the leadership exercises, a number of challenging tasks were prepared for the Officer Cadets. It is designed to test their abilities and extract their potential to command and control the group in order to accomplish a given mission within the time constraint.

Leadership qualities of the officer cadets are assessed based on their capability in giving out commands to their respective team and complete a given mission within the time constraint. They are expected to be creative, innovative and portray good critical thinking skills in assessing a given situation, while also fully utilising resources given out to complete the mission.

After each task, an Officer Cadet is debriefed on their strengths and weaknesses. Positive qualities such as having a sense of urgency, leading by example and supporting individuals within the team to maintain their morale would be taken into account in assessing their leadership skills.

Officer cadets will need to project themselves by showing their authoritative skills to take charge, be firm and to plan properly according to the methods taught in their leadership courses learning platform for the Cadets to draw out their potential abilities and characters to be a good leader for future generation. There is no belittling on how important this exercise is, as well as the number of exercises to come, as Officer Cadet School aims to produce a quality Officer whom can lead as well as knowledgeable and skillful.

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

- John Quincy Adams  
(Sixth President of the United States (1825-1829).



# CBRE



Officer Cadets are seen in tears exiting the Smoke room.



Marching to the smoke room.



Conducting PT exercise in the smoke room.  
Lighting up the smoke tablet.

The modern era of chemical, biological and radiological explosive (CBRE) began in the First World War and as the war progressed, an advance development led to increasingly potent compounds. It has changed from conventional warfare to unconventional warfare where they have used a more sophisticated and complex way to attack their opponent. For example, the use of anthrax bio weapons by the government of Iraq during the Persian Gulf War from 1990 to 1991. OCS intake 9 had visited the CBRE Unit at Support Battalion Royal Brunei Armed Force Penanjong Garrison

where they are responsible in training RBAF personnel if any unconventional attack occurs. We were briefed about the introduction to chemical, biological and radiological warfare on how it was used in a war. In addition, basic protective gears are also taught to familiarise them of the minimal type of clothing that needs to be worn to deter any CBRE threats. By visiting the CBRE unit, we know that CBRE plays an important role in detecting any potential chemical, biological and radiological threat. Thus it is the same reason why the RBAF has introduced a CBRE Unit, as it will also strengthen its fire power support system. It is important for Brunei Darussalam to understand on how to undertake any potential biochemical threats in this new age of terror. RBAF needs to learn about CBRE as an attack that enables a resistant movement or insurgency to coerce, disrupt or overthrow the monarch by operating through or with an underground, auxiliary and guerrilla force.

# WEAPON DRILL



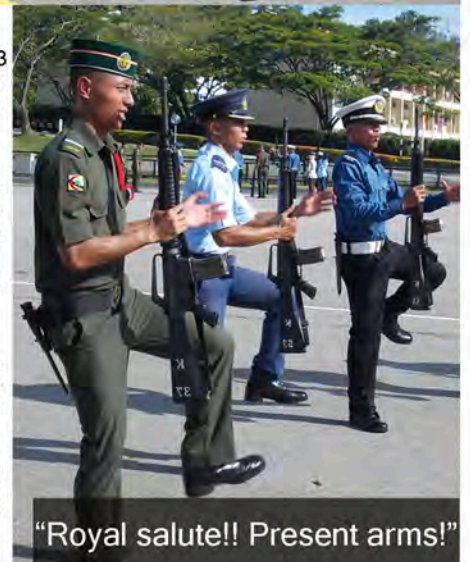
"Squad!! Shoulder arms!"

It first started off with a performance by Hadji Cheriff in the year 1893 at the Midway Plaisance of the Worlds Colombian exhibition in Chicago, Illinois. In 1899 Thomas Edison released a film entitled the Arabian Gun Twirler to make people aware of it.

From then, it has gathered recognition from the military all around the world, and not least, including Brunei. Weapon drill is drawn on to be the main event in the RBAF anniversary in which they invite other military to perform in front of Bruneians and foreigners alike. India, Indonesia, Malaysia and China are part of the participants for Tattoo 2006 and 2011 held in Brunei.

Therefore, not only does it help to create entertainment events for the locals, it also helps to boost the local economy as well as create and improve multilateral relations between countries.

OCS however practices it as a ceremonial presentation for the passing out of the Officer Cadets upon graduation. It is being upheld until now as it instills teamwork, discipline, finesse and flair to each and every one of the Officer Cadets.



"Royal salute!! Present arms!"



# DZIKIR MUNAJAT

**H**ere in OCS, future leaders are physically and mentally trained to overcome the hardships of life that will be faced in the future. Physical training is an integral part of training in OCS. Officer Cadets are expected to be fit and able to perform up to standard. However, spiritual energy is also a matter that needs to be considered, with all the intense training, one remedy that is practised in OCS alongside prayers is Dzikir Munajat.

Dzikir Munajat is a collection of popular recitations amongst the Islamic community around the world which includes the remembrance and praising of Allah, begging for his mercy and hoping for his blessing in this worldly affair. Performing Dzikir Munajat has become a habit or a shield for the officer cadet to always recite in whatever situation they are in. Dzikir munajat has great benefits to those who recite them for they are soothing to the ear and calming to the heart. It helps the reciter

feel relaxed and always be attached to their Creator. Dzikir Munajat should be practiced not only for the officer cadets, but for all Muslims. In order to achieve its purpose, every Muslim has to recite it by heart.

*I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) say, "Whoso- ever of you sees an evil, let him change it with his hand; and if he is not able to do so, then [let him change it] with his tongue; and if he is not able to do so, then with his heart – and that is the weakest of faith." It was related by Muslim.*

## L118 LIGHT GUN

### Specification of L118 Light Gun

Weight	1,858 kg (4,100 lb)
Length	8.8 m (28 ft 10 in)
Barrel length	37 calibers[1]
Width	1.78 m (5 ft 10 in)
Height	2.13 m (7 ft)
Calibre	105 mm (4.1 in)

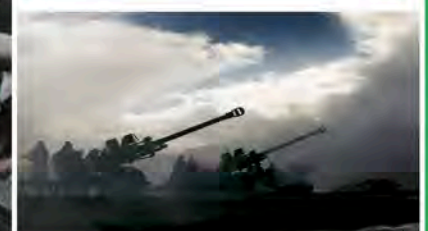
Breech vertical sliding block with electric firing mechanism

Recoil	Hydropneumatic
Elevation	-5.625° (-100 mils) to 70.3125° (1,250 mils)

Traverse	360° (6,400 mils) on its platform
Top traverse	5.625° (100 mils) left or right

Rate of fire	6-8 rounds per minute
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Muzzle velocity	max 708 m/s (2,320 ft/s)
Maximum range	17,200 m (18,800 yd)



Artilleries have been earmarked as the engines of war for decades as they are the main driving force of one's attack. The L118 105mm Howitzer is one that have been used in wars throughout history such as the Western Sahara war, Sierra Leone civil war, Afghanistan war and Yugoslav wars; and is still serving today's armies, leading their line on attack.

It is still produced until today as it is very practical to use and easy to operate while also needing less or only basic weapon skills and knowledge in order to operate.

Not only does it cut training costs, it provides value for money, as it is both powerful and at the same time mobile.

Previously inaccessible areas of these heavy artillery systems may now be accessed as it may be mounted or towed on a vehicle with the options of carrying it by helicopter or dropping it off by parachute. Moreover, the ammunition may be easily carried and transported from one place to another, as they are not as bulky as other heavy artillery ammunitions.

Brunei would reap the full potential and benefit of this artillery system, as it is very applicable to the general landscape of the land with the appropriate weather for it to fully operate at its highest standard.

It would therefore be very beneficial for Brunei to acquire such artillery system in its possession as it would make their attack more mobile and widen its range of fire particularly around its national boarder, both on land and sea.



Officer Cadets preparing for sailing.

Sails used to be mounted on ships to provide people in the past with mobility and a means of transport. Now it has transformed into a world renowned sport that is competed in the olympics. It is a challenging yet a fun sport where consistent concentration and the right tactics are needed in order to take control of the sail.

Officer Cadets of Intake 9 are currently undergoing training at the Watermanship centre in Serasa Beach for a 4-month sailing course. The main purpose of this course is to master the techniques of sailing, it is not just about having the ability to sail the boat, the officers need to learn the tactics, read the wind and understand the direction of the wave. The ability to manipulate the surrounding is very much related to the military skills that are being taught in one of the training programmes conducted, notably navigation.



Individuals that are fully equipped with excellent navigational skills would be able to take full advantage of the natural surroundings to achieve their objective.

# SAILING

# MEET THE CADET

Name: 50254 OCdt (U) Mohammad Saifulariffin Bin Hj Adis  
 D.O.B: 09th February 1989  
 Highest qualification: B.A. Programme Major in Malay Linguistic

Bio:  
 First six weeks of training has both transformed me physically and mentally. I believe my potential has grown throughout the regimental training programme that I was exposed to everyday. In my opinion, obtaining optimum physical fitness is crucial for an Officer as I share the same perspective of the Commander of the Royal Brunei Land Force, in which he believes that optimal physical fitness contributes to half of leadership capabilities. Hence to me, with having as aforementioned potential, I can be a competent leader taking full control of the front line and is willing to tackle any task.



Name: 50239 OCdt (L) Bahrum Bin Hj Suhaili  
 D.O.B: 06th October 1987  
 Highest qualification: B.A. Major in Brunei Studies

Bio:  
 I have completed my 6 weeks militarisation one of it has transformed me from a civilian into a more responsible individual who appreciates the value of time. Duties and responsibility given to me during my time as the intake duty cadet have taught me the importance of time management, discipline, teamwork and respect. However, above all these qualities, I believe pioussness and leadership are most important in giving command to your subordinates. This is why I believe the core values of the Officer Cadet School meets my perspective and find that it is the best institution that will guide me to achieve my dream to be one of the best fleet commander in the Royal Brunei Navy.



Name: 21711 OCdt Norazimah bte Haji Othman  
 D.O.B: 09th May 1988  
 Highest qualification: B.A. in Usuluddin

Bio:  
 The militarisation process have changed me for the better in performing my duties more effectively and professionally while also being versatile at the same time. It had changed me to slack less and fully utilise the time I have in hand as I have now learnt that every second is valuable in order to perform my duties effectively. Moreover, it helps me to understand the roles and duties that non-commissioned personnel play and run. This has taught me a valuable lesson and would be keen on practicing a participative leadership style in order to achieve organisational goals.

