



INFANTEER 2009

OVERVIEW OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY INFANTRY FORMATION ACTIVITIES

MILITARY SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM INTAKE

As always the South African Army Infantry Formation started off with the highlight of the Military Skills Development System intake that reported on 12 January 2009 at the South African Army Infantry School, 9 South African Army Infantry Battalion and 14 South African Army Infantry Battalion. A total of 822 members reported and have started their Basic Military Training, which they will complete in June 2009.

INTERNAL DEPLOYMENT

Regiment Westelike Provincie is presently deployed in the Madimbo area, while 15 South African Army Infantry Battalion is deployed in the Musina area. Both units will withdraw in the middle of March 2009 when the function will be taken over by the South African Police Service. This deployment ends on a high note where Lance Corporal Slinger of Regiment Westelike Provincie declined an offer of a bribe of R60 000,00 contributing to the arrest of the suspects.

Several units will be on standby as part of Op PROSPER for the elections in April 2009, while 21 South African Army Infantry Battalion is the reserve and ready to deploy in support of the South African Police Service. 21 South African Army Infantry Battalion is also the reserve, ready for deployment during the FIFA draw and Confederation Cup Competition as part of Op KGWELE.

The Infantry School provided three water bunkers to the Sedgefield area to provide water as part of Op HUMAN.

EXTERNAL DEPLOYMENT

6 South African Army Infantry Battalion is presently deployed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and will be replaced by 5 South African Army Infantry Battalion in May 2009. 15 South African Army Infantry Battalion and a company of Witwatersrand Rifles are deployed in Sudan and will be replaced by 4 South African Army Infantry Battalion. 7 South African Army Infantry Battalion is on the way to take over from 2 South African Army Infantry Battalion in Burundi and they received an excellent combat readiness report.

PREPARATION FOR EXERCISES

1 South African Army Infantry Battalion, 9 South African Army Infantry Battalion and 14 South African Army Infantry Battalion are scheduled for participation in Exercise SEBOKA in November/December 2009. Exercise YOUNG EAGLE will take place in January 2010. Exercise GOLFINHO, the SADC Brigade exercise will take place from 1 to 26 September 2009 at CTC.

EXTERNAL TRAINING

Instructors are currently presenting training in the Central African Republic (CAR) as part of Op VIMBIZELA, while Col Sereko and MWO Mushayi have just returned from the Democratic Republic of the Congo where they presented training as part of Mission THEBE.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

All Infanteers are training to participate in the SA Army Combat Rifle Shooting Competition which will take place at De Brug from 2 to 7 March 2009 and the South African National Defence Force Fittest Soldier Competition from 23 to 27 February 2009 at the SA Army Gymnasium.

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