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We need them, but do we love them?

The catering staff here at Röhn Barracks take care of our daily meals. From early morning to late at night they man the kitchen and dining facilities to keep up our energy level for the exercise. But how well do they do the job? We have asked the customers – and here we present their judgment in this little survey.

They are fast and serve you the moment you step into their restaurant. They are also polite and smiling. But what about the food?

We asked about the three main meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner. The areas rated were the following:

- The quality of food
- The selection of dishes
- The variety from day to day.

The soldiers we asked had the possibility to give from one to four “chef hats” as shown here:



We like the breakfast

The highest rating goes to the quality of breakfast. 59% find it either good or excellent. But when it comes to the selection of breakfast dishes, most of us value it with only two hats (60%).

Lunch – a little more variety please

6% award the quality of lunch an impressive four hats, whereas 6% find the lunch quality worth only one. The rest of us are placed in between these two categories. 88% find the selection of dishes either good or acceptable (3 to 2 hats), whereas variety from day to day scores only one or two hats.

Absolutely acceptable dinner

A majority of us value dinner with two hats. 62% find the quality acceptable; similarly (67%) the selection of dishes is assessed. The same applies to the dinner variety (61%). The rest of us tend to award dinner 3 hats. Perhaps the stew served on Saturday evening would have raised the score, but it came too late for this survey.

Drinks top the list

When it comes to the selection of beverages (drinks), 71% find the selection good or excellent. There are plenty of them, there are many options and they are served at the right temperature. The best non-alcoholic bar in town.

Recommendations to the boss

We pass on two recommendations from the happy customers. They would be even more loyal and spend more time in the restaurants if music was played (in the tent), and several requested could the staff be reinforced with female service personnel.

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1st Latvian Infantry Brigade



History

The Latvian Infantry Brigade (LVA INF BDE) was established on 31 May 2004, after the Commander of the Latvian Land Forces Infantry Brigade had been designated.

Land Forces mission

Our mission is to be prepared to conduct operations related to National defense, contribute to the NATO or coalition-led operations, and provide support to civil institutions in internal environmental or industrial crisis relief activities.



Mission ahead

Our National Armed Forces vision is, until the end 2020, to develop a combat capable, self sustainable and interoperable with NATO, mechanized Infantry Brigade, which is capable to take part in national defense and commit certain brigade units to NATO – led operations.

Location

LVA BDE Headquarters (HQ) and its Headquarters Company (HHC) - are located in the city of Riga, and two light Infantry Battalions, Engineering Company and Combat Service Support Company are located 25 km outside of Riga in Camp Adazi. The total strength is around 1100 soldiers.

Soldiers of LVA BDE have participated and gained experience in international operations in Balkans (IFOR, SFOR, ALTHEA and KFOR), Coalition force in Iraq and NATO Operations ISAF, in Afghanistan.

A new challenge for LVA BDE will be the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team (OMLT) mission in ISAF, Afghanistan, starting in October 2008.

The BDE Commander's expected exercise outcome

LVA BDE Commander Colonel Dzintars Roga's expected outcome of the exercise is to widen the experience of conducting operations within a multinational environment, validate and improve Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) and approaches to

operational and tactical solutions. Additional aim is to train the BDE staff members for planning and conducting peace support operations (PSO) based on realistic scenarios and experience from Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) gained during ISAF mission in Afghanistan.

Military Situation Report Saturday, 20 SEP 2008

AUFOR II mission continues with clearing and securing key areas all over the country in order to remove terrorists from these areas and to protect the population. Simultaneously AUFOR II improves the living conditions of inhabitants with civil-military projects like providing generators for electricity, medical treatment, and support to building operations.

The approach requires a huge effort and it is dangerous. Some AUFOR soldiers have been wounded within the last days in several incidents. But nevertheless, there has been a lot of mili-

tary success: For example terrorists were successfully defeated after attacking an AUFOR patrol, improvised explosives were detected and removed before used as a bomb, caches with a high number of weapons and ammunition were found and removed, and multiple information about terrorists were gathered forming a better picture of the opposing forces.

Multinational Corps Northeast and its main subordinate units from Estonia, Germany, Latvia, and Poland will stay in AURIGA until stability and peace have been established."

Voice from the crowd

How has the exercise met your expectation so far....?



**Lieutenant Colonel
Karsten JØRGENSEN**
Danish Army

I think the most important is to find ourselves from the beginning and find out e.g. how to use computer systems. About my expectations or experience; I think it is too early to say.



**First Lieutenant
Almants NAGLIS**
Latvian Army

It is a difficult question. The exercise is interesting for me, as I am going to gain a lot of experience. I think that's all.



**Major
Dimitrios DOXOGLOU**
Greek Army

I'm not sure if I am a proper person to ask because I came here two days ago but till now for me it has been a very, very prototype exercise because I have never taken part in the exercise where subunits were trained with LCC and evaluated from the LCC level. I do not know now whether my expectations will be met, but for sure that is a very good and well organized exercise. I expect to see very good injections during the next days.

Statistics from the kitchen....

The 610th battalion is responsible for messing arrangement. There are 6 field kitchens from the 37th Armoured Infantry Brigade supporting the effort.

Daily duty time lasts from 0400 until 2100. There are 40 soldiers designated as the kitchen staff. The caloric value of each meal is some 4300 ca daily.

The staff can manage to serve up to 965 pax at a time. The daily cost of all meals for the whole exercise is about 7500 Euros.



Daily requirements:

- 4.000 rolls
- 280 breads
- 270 kilos of fruits
- 150 kilos of vegetables
- Butter 6.000 pieces of 10 gram each
- 200 kilos of sausage
- 300 kilos of potatoes
- 200 kilos of meat
- Drinks – 1.500 litres (water, tea, juices, milk)



Icebreaker pl

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Denmark	<i>No equivalent</i>	
Estonia	 Seersant	
France	 Sergent-chef Maréchal-des-logis-chef	
Germany	 Fähnrich (Offizieranwärter)	 Feldwebel
Greece	 Lochias Λοχίας	 Ephedros Lochias (conscript) Ἐφεδρος Λοχίας
Hungary	 Törzsőrmester	
Italy	 Caporale Maggiore Capo	

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Salut Sunt militar (ROU) **Merhaba**
Ahoj Som vojak (SVK) *Labas Aš es*
Hallo (Goede Dag) Ik ben een soldaat (NLO)
Gia sou Ime stratiótis (GRC)
Sveiks Es esmu karavīris (LVA)
Hi (Hello) I am a soldier of the Queen
Ahoj Já jsem voják (CZE)
Ciao Je su



Phrases part 1

Halo olen sõdur (EST)

Zdravo Jaz sem vojak (SLV)

Ben bir askerim (TUR)

su karys (LTU)

HALLO (HEJ) JEG ER SOLDAT (DNK)

Yo What's up? I'm being all I can be (USA)

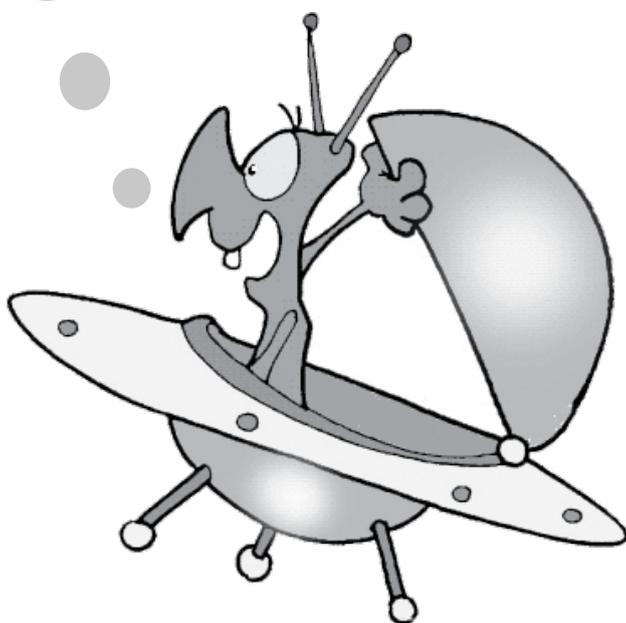
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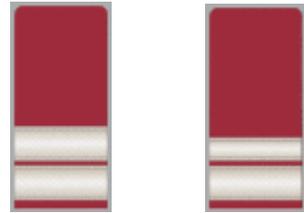
n (GBR) **Hallo Ich bin ein soldat (DEU)**

Bonjour Je suis un soldat (FRA)

is un soldat (ITA)

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Latvia	 Virsseržants
Lithuania	 Vyresnysis seržantas
Netherlands	 Sergeant der 1e klasse Wachtmeester der 1e klasse
Poland	 Sierżant
Romania	 Plutonier Sergent-major
Slovakia	 Rotný
Slovenia	 višji vodnik
Turkey	 Kıdemli Çavuş Astsubay Çavuş
United Kingdom	 Sergeant
United States	 Staff Sergeant

Brigade Commanders meet local Leaders

1st Estonian Brigade

Key Leader Engagement meeting Friday 19th of SEP 08 at 10:00 between the Batari leader in Granada and the Estonian Brigade Commander. The ice was broken, relations formed and they agreed to meet again for further discussions.



KEY ENGAGE

37th German Brigade

Key Leader Engagement meeting Friday 19th SEP 08 at 11:00 between the Mayor of Adamuz and the German Brigade Commander. The Mayor gave the Commander a warm welcome. They talked about building bilateral relations. The Mayor wanted to meet the Commander in privacy, for lunch, to come to an agreement concerning civilian and military issues.





1st Latvian Brigade

Key Leader Engagement meeting Saturday 20th SEP 08 at 13:00 between the Latvian Brigade Commander and Andres Abaz Diaz, the Senator of Almeria and political leader of the Batari minority in Almeria. They agreed to meet within a week again.



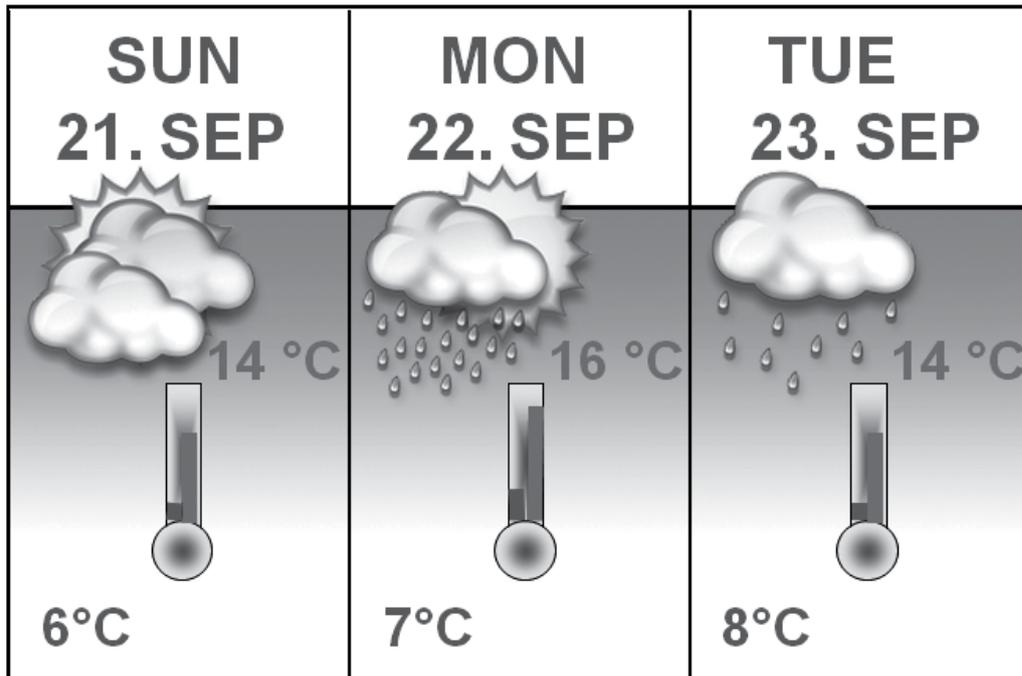
LEADER MENT

7th Polish Brigade



Key Leader Engagement meeting Friday 19th SEP 08 at 15:00 between the mayor of Bazenda and Uebada D.A. Lobo and the Polish Brigade Commander. On the agenda was finished projects, water problems and trash removal in the area. The mayor said the soldiers did a good job. The Commander and D.A. Lobo agreed to schedule another meeting next week.

Weather forecast for Wildflecken



A new soldier was on sentry duty at the main gate. His orders were clear; no car was to enter unless it had a special sticker on the windshield. A big Army car came up with a general seated in the back. The sentry said, "Halt, who goes there?" The chauffeur, a corporal, says, "General Wheeler." "I'm sorry, I can't let you through. You've got to have a sticker on the windshield." The general said, "Drive on!" The sentry said, "Hold it! You really can't come through. I have orders to shoot if you try driving in without a sticker." The general repeated, "I'm telling you, son, drive on." The sentry walked up to the rear window and said, "General, I'm new at this. Do I shoot you or the driver?"

A young naval student was being put through the paces by an old sea captain.

"What would you do if a sudden storm sprang up on the starboard?"

"Throw out an anchor, sir," the student replied.
 "What would you do if another storm sprang up aft?"
 "Throw out another anchor, sir."
 "And if another terrific storm sprang up forward, what would you do then?" asked the captain.
 "Throw out another anchor, sir."
 "Hold on," said the captain. "Where are you getting all those anchors from?"
 "From the same place you're getting your storms, sir."

A soldier stationed in Afghanistan recently received a letter from his girlfriend back home. It read as follows:

"Dear Ricky,
 I can no longer continue our relationship. The distance between us is just too great. I must admit that I have cheated on you twice, since you've been gone, and it's not fair to either of us. I'm sorry. Please return the picture of me that I sent to you.
 Love, Becky....."
 The soldier, with hurt feelings, asked his fellow soldiers for any snapshots they could spare of their girlfriends, sisters or ex-girlfriends. In addition to the picture of Becky, Ricky included all the other pictures of the pretty girls he had collected from his buddies. There were 57 photos in that envelope.... along with this note:
 "Dear Becky,
 I'm so sorry, but I can't quite remember who the hell you are. Please take your picture from the pile, and send the rest back to me. Take Care,
 Ricky"

Free time

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Dear reader! If you know any good jokes (in English) we would appreciate very much if you sent them for publishing. Use the e-mail address presented below or type one of our names in the LAN system to reach our small team.

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Thank you.

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