

FOREWORD

Dear readers,

in this issue of the magazine we say goodbye to Maj Gen MONRO, our first Deputy Commander, wishing him all the best for his future life as he is retiring from the Army next year, and we welcome his successor Major General Roger LANE.

Nowadays NATO Response Force (NRF) is the centre of gravity of many activities within the Alliance and our Corps is focused on it as we assume the responsibility of Land Component Command (LCC) for NRF3, that will be certified IOC on October 2004. Some of the training activities that the Corps conducted during 2003 were already NRF oriented and we will continue preparation throughout 2004. NRF is already a reality as the first elements of NATO's new Response Force (NRF) demonstrated their capabilities in a mock crisis response operation held in Turkey on 20 November.

Please continue to send us your comments or observations order to provide you a better magazine every time.



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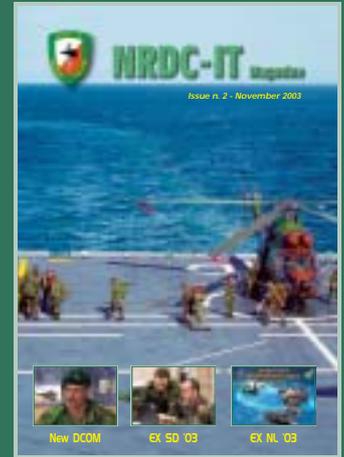


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