

Exercise Eagle Landing '04

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"The Corps prepares to become NRF LAND COMPONENT COMMAND"

MARCH 2004 and the HQ has carried out another major exercise.

Due to the new concept of the NRF each activity became fundamental. For this reason EXERCISE EAGLE LANDING '04 evolved many times before STARTEX. This was an important exercise for NRDC-IT because it allowed us to prepare our role as NRF3 and ensured that this HQ and its Staff were successful in satisfying SACEUR's criteria for the command and control of a NATO Response Force. Within the NRF Implementation Plan the Exercise represented the conclusion of the Component Command Training period (after the National and before the Joint Force Training periods). In terms of Command Posts, Response Cell and augmentation of "external" HQs/Units and Nations, there was representation from:

- HQ ARRC based in Germany
- CAOC 7 based in Larissa (GR)
- IT Navy General Staff based in Rome
- HU HQs, both for Division CP and CIMIC Coy
- Multinational CBRN BN based in Czech Republic
- MSU CC Regt
- 1 (IT) Mech Div
- IT Logistic Bde
- IT AD Bde
- IT FRIULI Bde
- IT ISTAR Bde
- IT Eng Bde
- IT Arty Bde
- IT NBC Regt
- IT Army Aviation Regt
- NRF Battle Groups



A typical birdtable briefing during Ex Eagle Landing

Exercise "Eagle Landing 04" was planned to demonstrate the operational capability of the NRF Land Component to plan and conduct a joint, combined Crisis Response Operation. By doing so, EL04 exercised NRF roles and responsibilities at tactical levels of command in order to validate the Land NRF package and the LCC capabilities to manage the NRF. In order to achieve this, the HQ was deployed outside its own Barracks, the NRF package was deployed in the field, and EXCON was based inside Ugo Mara Barracks, in the surrounding area.

It was a Command Post Exercise driven by a MEL/MIL. The Exercise End State was clear from the start: to certify the LCC capability to manage the Land NRF3 forces.



DCOMs discuss; Maj Gen Lane (NRDC-IT) updates Maj Gen Valotto (ARRC) on the exercise operational situation



Key HQ commanders run a simulated press conference



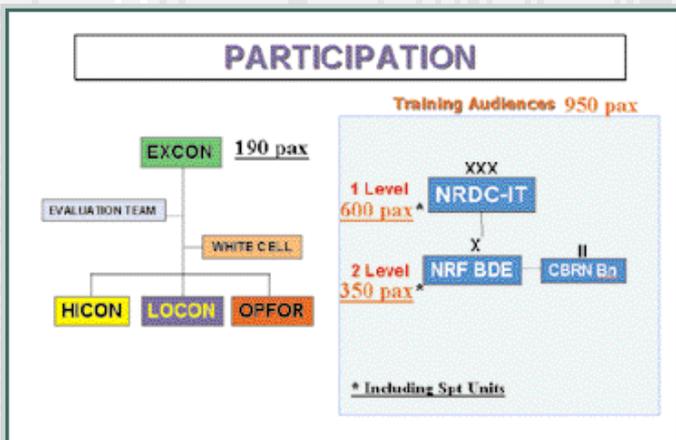
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During Part 1 of the exercise the command posts were structured according to their specific functional responsibilities and manned by HQ NRDC-IT personnel in accordance with TACSOI 11000 (HQ NRDC-IT Command Post Organisation when deployed on NRF operations).

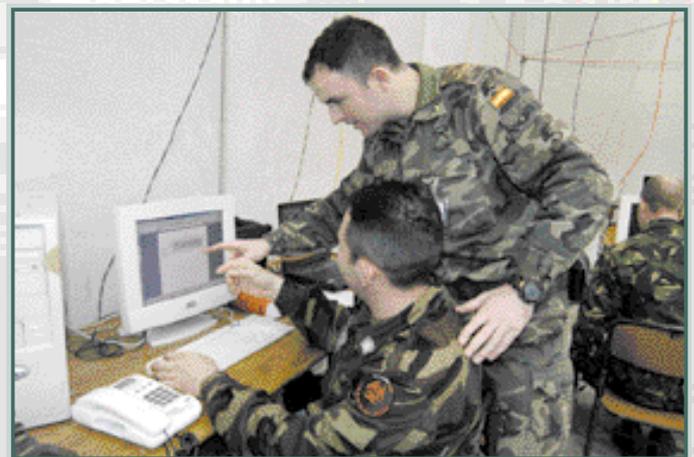


An AOCC perspective from Wg Cdr Burgess

During Part 2 the command posts were further manned, working extended hours (except for OPSCEN, activated 24hrs and one/two members for each Functional Area during the night). The assigned formations (except NRF Bde and Multinational CBRN Defence BN) and units operated as Response Cells (RCs) within EXCON. NRF Bde took part in Part 1 with 4 Battle Group CPs as RCs within EXCON: one Mountain, one Airborne, one Infantry, and one Artillery



Ex Eagle Landing 04 structure



HQ NRDC-IT staff planning



NRF commanders simulate joint planning with IOs and NGOs



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EXCON setup in Ugo MARA Barracks

Training objectives for Part 1 were:

Test internal NRF Bde tactics, techniques and procedures (TACSOP, TACSOI);

Verify Taurinense Brigade capability to undertake NRF missions (including its Info Ops, Media, CIMIC, HUMINT capabilities);

Verify the strategic (SATCOM) and tactical NRF CIS assets;

Interface with DJTF;

Develop our Effects Based Ops processes;

Develop inter component linkages;

Plan for CHOC from NRF to HRF (L);

JSE impact of Rear Operations;

Test NRDC-IT MAIN NRF task organization and internal TTP;

Verify the RSC FWD capability to manage RSOM functions.

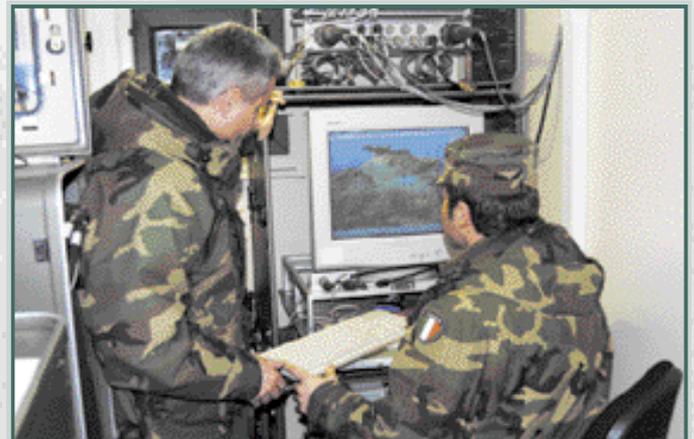


Press registration at PIC

Part 2 (LCC) objectives were:

Exercise the deployment of the appropriate CJFLCC structure for integration into a CJTF operation;

Focus on: "R2", "Information Management" and "Integrity and Delivery of NRDC-IT Processes"; practice the air/sea/land interface with ACC, MCC.



GEO Branch



CIMIC staff discussing DPRE plans



ARRC visitors in EXCON