

Precision drill and daredevilry at SAF tattoo

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THE versatility of our soldiers was clearly displayed to the 40,000 spectators who saw last night's Singapore Armed Forces Military Tattoo at the National Stadium.

For, beside the precision drill and daredevil commando-style tactics, the spectators were also treated to the less regimented aspects of the army, namely the creative and humorous side.

An unusual and original performance which received much applause was the Indian Club display put up by the SAF Boys' School, in which entertainment was, literally, a flick of a switch bulb away.

For seven minutes, the entire stadium was in utter darkness as the boys from the school pranced about the field waving clubs fitted with coloured bulbs transforming it into a fairy-land.

Laughter

The motley of lights, appeared like fireflies, as the boys formed different patterns, each new design drawing louder applause than the last.

Another crowd-pleas-

er was the frog and flag dance by the Escoriaista Association and the 7th Battalion Singapore Infantry Regiment.

Laughter prevailed as 100 life-sized amphibians leapt nimbly in a bid to escape capture by a more scheming "fishermen."

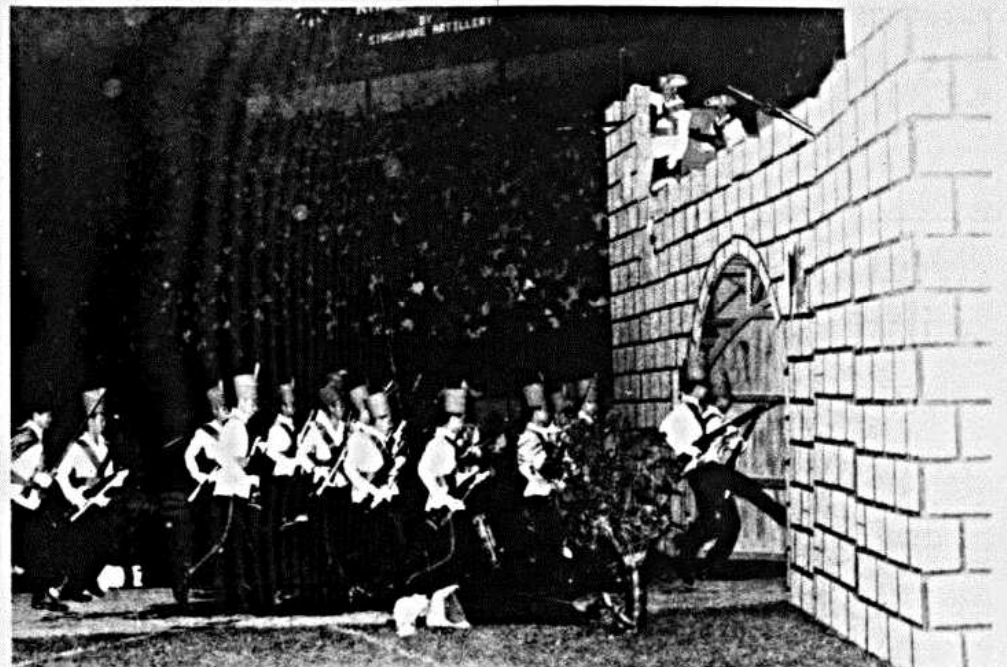
An equally interesting show was the motorcycle display by the SAF Provost Unit, whose members executed stunts like wheelbarrow riding or pyramid formation on their machines.

Effortless

And to show that they would not be at a loss without mechanisation, the SAF Riders charged into the stadium on their steeds to jump over obstacles and eliminate their enemies in one sweep of their sabres.

The tattoo also included a performance by the Sufrohals who hurled and vaulted their bodies effortlessly across the bar and over human obstacles, winning the hearts of the thrilled spectators.

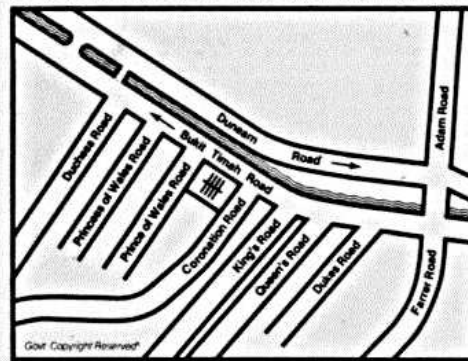
As a fitting end to the two-day tattoo, which is to mark SAF Day, a fire-and-hermeneutic war The Battle of Kallang Rear, was fought out as the grand finale.



The charge of the Kallang army into the besieged fortress of the Katong force.

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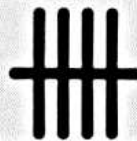
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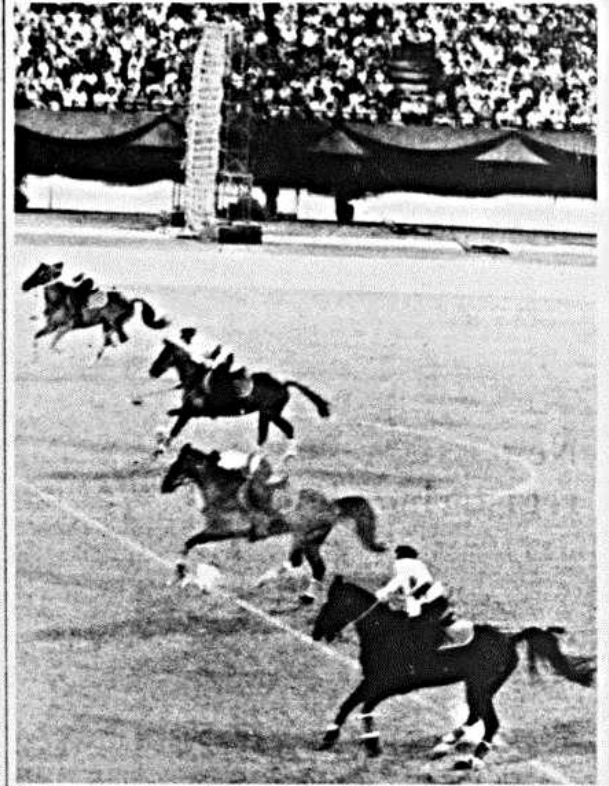
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The SAF Riders swooping down on the enemy as they display excellent horsemanship.

GEN CHOO OPENS GUARDS CAMP

THE Chief of General Staff, Major General Winston Choo, yesterday opened the 2nd Battalion Singapore Guards camp in Lim Chu Kang Road.

Gen Choo described the battalion as having the highest morale in the Singapore Armed Forces.

"In military ethos, the officers and men of the battalion have demonstrated time and again that they have a positive attitude towards their duties," he said.

The camp, the eighth standard infantry battalion camp to be built by the SAF, has a multi-purpose block for recreational, welfare and instructional activities, among other facilities.

About 3,000 guests, including the principals and students of 19 schools were treated to a static display of the equipment and weapons used by the guards and a mobile display.

Found hanged

A 38-YEAR-OLD woman, Lee Ah Nak, was found hanged in the toilet of her flat in Block 226, Lorong 5, Toa Payoh, shortly after 1.45 p.m. yesterday.

Her brother, Lee Choon Cheng, who declined to talk to the press, told police his sister had been depressed for the past few days. No foul play is suspected.

Hysteria at factory

TEN factory girls from an electronics firm in Bedok South were struck by mass hysteria on Saturday for the second day running.

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Disco night

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