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Factsheet - Best Combat Unit: 1st Commando Battalion

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The 1st Commando Battalion has once again proven their mettle by coming up tops and clinching the Best Combat Unit award. Commandos go through one of the toughest training

regimes in the SAF, and are considered among the SAF's elite troopers, trained to fight in specialised operations.

Formed in 1 December 1969, then known as the SAF Regular Battalion, it started its humble beginnings in Pasir Laba Camp with just ten officers and 20 other specialists. On 16 July 1971, it became known as the 1st Commando Battalion and was relocated to Changi.

Our Commandos, with their professionalism and fighting spirit have excelled and played crucial roles in protecting Singapore's sovereignty. The Commandos are well trained to strike far inside enemy lines using airborne landings, helicopter assaults and sea landings. They are also experts in infiltration and reconnaissance operations.

First to go into action, and last to be out, Commandos are very adept and proficient at using a wide variety of weapons, from knives to anti-tank weapons.

Courage, tenacity, stealth and the determination to overcome adversity are hallmarks of the Commandos. These attributes have enabled some of the red berets to emerge tops in training courses such as the United States Navy Seals and the US Special Forces courses.

Behind this elite fighting force has and will always be its leaders and men. Their fighting spirit and tenacity have been instrumental in helping them clinch the Best Combat Unit award a record 19 times.

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