



**Supplementary Document**  
**Major Exercises Undertaken in 2004/2005**

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### Joint Exercises

EXERCISE TITLE	DATE	DESCRIPTION/INVOLVEMENT
EU CME 04	14 May – 27 May	A European Union Crisis Management Exercise in the Northwood EU OHQ run by PJHQ who also provided the Key Nucleus Staff the remainder of the Staff came, as primary augmentees. The Exercise allowed the development of SOPs and led to the first of the five OHQs to be Validated.
CPX 04 Ex RAPID ALLIANCE	30 May- 22 Jun	Ex RAPID ALLIANCE 04 was the first enhanced US JTFEX and incorporated CJTFEX 04-2, ABCA 04 and JCIET 04. The execution phase of the exercise took place during 12-21 Jun 04 on the SE Seaboard of CONUS and constituted the largest combined joint US/UK training event since Ex PURPLE STAR 96. Ex RAPID ALLIANCE 04 incorporated lessons learnt from Op TELIC and was the highest priority UK JRRF exercise commitment for 2004.
Ex FALKLANDS FORUM	23 Sep –5 Oct	The aim of the exercise is to evaluate Commander British Forces Falkland Islands (CBFFI) in the conduct of his deterrence mission and the transition to defensive Operations within the Joint Operations Area.
Ex JOINT VENTURE 04	25 Nov – 10 Dec	The largest Tier 3 annual national exercise which practised a UK JTFHQ and its Component HQs (Mar, Land, Air, Logs and SF) in the planning and conduct of joint war-fighting operations in order to develop joint force capability. The exercise saw the JOP reach IOC and included experimentation and a TST demonstration.

## Royal Navy

EXERCISE TITLE	DATE	DESCRIPTION/RN INVOLVEMENT
TRADEWINDS 04	07 Apr – 02 May	Caribbean regional security exercise. FPGRM
VARUNA 04	09 – 14 Apr	Fr/UK/India tri-lat ivo Mumbai. Part of Fr CVBG deployment AGAPANTHE 04. 1 DD
EASTERN SAILOR 04	15 – 24 Apr	US/UK/QATAR tri-lat. 1 FF
KONKAN 04	17 – 19 Apr	UK/India bi-lat. 1 DD, 1 AO
BLUE GAME 04	25 Apr – 14 May	Major NATO ex in N. Sea & Baltic area. 2 MHC, 2 SK7, 1 FSU, Lynx
BERSAMA SHIELD 04	01 – 15 May	Five Powers Defence Arrangement exercise – Singapore hosted. 1 DD, 1 AO with COKUKMARFOR Staff in HICON role.
RED SHARK 04	02 – 15 May	Fr/UK/Saudi participation. Part of Fr CVBG deployment AGAPANTHE 04. 1 DD
CJTFFEX 04-2 (RAPID ALLIANCE)	01 – 22 Jun	Main focus of AURORA 04 deployment. Included US CSG work-up, JCIET and USMC MEU certification. 1 CVS (in LPH role), 1 LPD, 1 LPH, 3 DD/FF, 3 MHC, 1 MHSC, 3 LSL, 1 AOR, 1 AFSH, 1 AGS, 1 ATS, 1 AO, 1 SSN, 1 MCM Cdr, 2 CH47, 3 Gaz, 3 Lx7, 7 SK4, Bde TPS, 2* BatStaff + 2x 1* BatStaffs.
ALLIED ACTION 04	25 May – 08 Jun	Accreditation of COMUKMARFOR as NRF HRF(M) prior to assuming duty.
GREYSTRIKE 04	June	Demonstration of UK TLAM capability, exercised in context of CJTFEX 04-2 via satellite. 1 SSN
HICOM 04	June	Preparation for planning and executing CJTF and NRF operations across the spectrum of NATO military missions. COMUKMARFOR and COMUKAMPHIBFOR
KHUNJAR HADD 04	01 – 08 Jun	Annual US/UK/Omani tri-lat exercise. 1 FF, 1 AO
BALTOPS 04	07 – 19 Jun	US sponsored ISO Pfp exercise in the Baltic. 1 FF, 1 MHSC, 1 MHC
JMC 042	19 Jun – 03 Jul	Tier 2 Training. UK Invitex. 2 DD, 3 FF, 1 SSN, 1 MHSC, 1 FDU, 1 MCM Cdr
IRON SIREN 04	15 – 20 Jul	US/UK/UAE tri-lat in southern Gulf area. 1 FF
WESTERN RHUMBA 04	25 Jul – 16 Oct	BRF Tier 1 Field Training in Ghana. Assets also supported OP VOSPER. 1 AFSH, 1 LSL, BRF, 539 Assault Sqn RM
DEUX TRICOLORES	06 – 19 Sep	NL-Fr bi-lat Invitex in Dutch Antilles, CD Ops and NEO themed. 1 FF, FPGRM
DESTINED GLORY 04	30 Sep – 16 Oct	Major NATO validation exercise of NRF assets. COMUKAMPHIBFOR, 1 CVS, 2 DD, 1 AOR
JMC 043	23 Oct – 06 Nov	UK Invitex Tier 2 training. 1* BatStaff, 2 LPD, 1 LPH, 2 DD, 3 FF, 2 SSN, 1 AOR, 1 FDU, 4 MHC, 1 MHSC, 1 MCM Cdr
DOGU AKDENIZ 04	01 – 14 Nov	Annual Turkish Invitex. 1 FF, 1 SSN
BGIE 05-2	07 – 11 Feb	USN Battle Group In-port Exercise run on a synthetic distributed environment. UK assets' (1 DD, 1 FF) Command Teams participated via electronic confederation of MWS Southwick Park simulators with US ships' combat systems.
JMC 051	19 – 26 Feb	UK Invitex Tier 2 training. 1 DD, 2 FF, 1 AOR
MAGIC CARPET 05	19 Feb – 02 Mar	Main focus of MARSTRIKE 05 deployment. Fixed wing flying and live ordnance drops over southern

		Oman with Omani Air Force, USAF and USN aircraft. 1 CVS, 8 FA/2, 8 GR7
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Army

EXERCISE TITLE	DATE	DESCRIPTION/ARMY INVOLVEMENT
<b>Ex Sponsored by HQ LWC</b>		
MEDMAN	Apr – Oct 04	Land training BG FTX in Canada
ROCKY LANCE	Feb - Apr 04	Coy Desert FTX in Oman
DRUIDS DANCE	Mar – Oct 04	FTX on SPTA
GRAND PRIX	Mar – Oct 04	Unit Ex in Kenya (battalion level) series - of 6 weeks each
POND JUMP WEST	May – Sep 04	Infantry BG training in Canada (battalion level)
PANTHER CUB	Sep – Oct 04	Jungle WF training in Belize (company Level)
<b>Ex Sponsored by HQ ARRC</b>		
ARRCADE WARRIOR	Sep 04	CPX
ARRCADE FALCON	Sep 04	Multinational Ex ARRC SIGEX
ARRCADE FUSION	Nov 04	Multinational Ex Warfighting CPX/CAX
<b>Multinational Exercises</b>		
SUMAN WARRIOR	Sep-Oct 04	NATO/Multinational Ex. FPDA Ex.
STEPPE EAGLE	Aug 04	NATO/Multinational Ex. PFP in Kazakstan.
CARPATHIAN RIDE	Sep 04	NATO/Multinational Ex. PFP in Romania.
ABCA 04 (incl in Ex RAPID ALLIANCE)	Jun 04	US led coalition CPX within JTFEX 04

## Royal Air Force

EXERCISE TITLE	DATE	DESCRIPTION/RAF INVOLVEMENT
TORPEDO FOCUS 04-1	17-22 Apr 04	Heavy Weapons training for Lossiemouth GR4 wing in USA.
TLP 04-3	19 Apr – 14 May 04	NATO tactical leadership training programme, Florennes, Be. 4x F3; 4x Jaguar; 2 x GR7.
ELITE 04	30 Apr- 15 May 04	Suppression of Enemy Air Defences exercise in Germany. 6 x GR4; 1 x E-3D; 2 x DA20; RAF Regt.
UAE ATLC 04-1	1-26 May 04	Advanced Tactical Leadership Course Al Dhafra UAE. 2x GR4.
MAPLE FLAG 37-1	3-28 May 04	COMAO training Cold Lake. 8x F3; 8x GR7.
RAPID ALLIANCE 04	31 May – 22 Jun 04	8x F3; 8x Gr7; 7x FA2; 1 x E-3D; JFAC.
CLEAN HUNTER 04	14-26 Jun 04	NATO air exercise in Northern Region. 8 x Tornado GR4; 2 x Hawk; 10 x Jaguars; 1 x VC10; 4x F3; 1 x E-3D; RAF Regt.
JMC 04-2	19 Jun – 6 Jul 04	Joint Maritime Course off Scotland. 6x GR4; 8 x Jaguar; 6 x GR7; 2 x MR2; 6x GR7;
CAJUN COMBAT 04	20 Jun – 3 Jul 04	AD training east Coast of USA. 9 x F3.
TORPEDO FOCUS 04-2	28 Jun- 9 Jul 04	Heavy Weapons training. 8 x GR7
RIMPAC 04	6-20 Jul 04	ASW 2 x MR2.
NOMAD 04	12-30 Jul 04	Multinational Air Defence ex in North Sea. 6 x Tornado F3; 1 x E-3D.
COPE THUNDER 04-1	15-30 Jul 04	COMAO training. 9 x Gr4; 1 x E-3D.
EMPIRE CHALLENGE 04	1-10 Aug 04	Interoperability and connectivity demo.
RED FLAG 04-3.1	15-27 Aug 04.	Major air exercise with USAF at Nellis AFB, NV. 9x GR4; 2 x Hercules; 1 x R1; 1 x Tri*; JFAC
DRAGONS NEST 04	23 Aug – 1 Sep 04	Tri-Lateral ex with Hungary and Sweden. 5 x F3
TLP 04-4	30 Aug – 24 Sep 04	NATO tactical leadership training programme, Florennes, Be. 2x F3; 2x GR4.
NATO AIR MEET 04	2-16 Sep 04	NATO Sqn interoperability training in Konya, Turkey. 4x Jaguar; 2 x DA20.
TORPEDO FOCUS 04-3	4 Sep – 10 Oct 04	Heavy Weapons training. 9x GR4.
BERSAMA LIMA 04	5-25 Sep 04	FPDA Ex. 1 x Tri*.
FLYING RHINO 04	6-17 Sep 04	Joint air/land training with 1(UK) Div in Czech Republic. 8 x Harrier GR7.
JOINT VENTURE (JT ESTIMATE EX) 04	13-17 Sep 04	Tier 3 Ex. JFAC
SPHINX 04	27-30 Sep 04	AD ex with Egypt. 8x F3.
DAPEX 04	28 Sep – 8 Oct 04	EAG sponsored interoperability Ex. 6x F3; RAF Regt.
AIR WARRIOR 05-01	7-22 Oct 04	CAS training USA. 9x GR7.
RED FLAG 05-1.1 & 1.2	9-23 Oct 04	Major air exercise with USAF at Nellis AFB, NV. 9x GR4; 1 x E-3D; 1 x R1; JFAC.
SAXON SHIELD 04		EW SEAD Ex at Spadeadam. 8x GR4; 4 x F3; 6 x Jaguar; 1 x E-3D; 1 x R1.
TLP 04-5	11 Oct – 5 Nov 04	NATO tactical leadership training programme, Florennes, Be. 2 x GR4; 1 x

		DA20.
JMC 04-3	23 Oct – 6 Nov 04	Joint Maritime Course off Scotland. 2 x MR2; 1 x E-3D.
VIRTUAL FLAG 05-1	24 Oct - 4 Nov 04	SIMEX, E-3D mission crew.
UAE ATLC 04-2	20 Nov – 15 Dec 04	Advanced Tactical Leadership Course Al Dhafra UAE. 6 x F3
TLP 04-6	22 Nov 17 Dec 04	NATO tactical leadership training programme, Florennes, Be. 2 x GR4; 4 x F3; 2 x GR7.
JOINT VENTURE 04	29 Sep – 10 Dec 04	JFAC
TLP 05-1	10 Jan – 4 Feb 05	NATO tactical leadership training programme, Florennes, Be. 2 x GR4; 2 x FA2.
SNOW GOOSE 05-1	13 -28 Jan 05	Artic weather training Norway. 8 xJaguar.
AIREX 05	16-30 Jan 05	CPX for NRF. 2 x GR7; JFAC.
VIRTUAL CUCKOO 05	17-28 Jan 05	4x GR4; 4 xF3.
ASWEX (FINCASTLE TROPHY 04)	14 Feb 5 Mar 05	1 X MR2
MAGIC CARPET 05	19 Feb 4 Mar 05	Major Ex. 9 x F3; 10 x Jaguar; 1 x E-3D; 2 x VC10; 7 x FA2; JFAC.
JMC 05-1	23 Feb – 3 Mar 05	Joint Maritime Course off Scotland. 2 x MR2.
TLP 05-2	28 Feb – 25 Mar 05	NATO tactical leadership training programme, Florennes, Be. 4 x GR4; 1 x DA20.
UAE ATLC 05-1	12 Mar – 27 Apr 05	Advanced Tactical Leadership Course Al Dhafra UAE. 3 x GR4.
JOINT RED FLAG 05	19 Mar – 2 Apr 05	Combined Joint Ex. 9x GR4; 9 x F3; 1 x E-3D; 1 x Hercules; 1 x R1; RAF Regt; JFAC.
AIR WARRIOR	27 Mar – 17 Apr 05	CAS Trg. 10 x Jaguar.