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THE ANNUAL INTER-UNIT .22 REVOLVER
SHOOTING COMPETITION, A COMPETITION
WHERE CADETS COMPETE AGAINST
MARKSMEN FROM OTHER UNITS TO FIGHT
FOR HONOUR AND GLORY IN THEIR UNIT'S
NAME, AND ALSO ONE OF THE MANY INTER
UNIT COMPETITIONS HELD YEARLY AT THE
HOME TEAM ACADEMY.

EACH UNIT IS ALLOWED TO SEND UP TO 2 TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION, WHERE THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE TO GO FOR A PRELIMINARY SHOOT WITH THEIR TEAM MEMBERS TO DETERMINE IF THEIR TEAM WILL PROCEED TO THE FINAL ROUND, THE TOP 10 MALE AND FEMALE MARKSMEN WILL ALSO BE SELECTED TO GO FOR THE FINAL ROUND OF INDIVIDUAL SHOOTING TO DETERMINE THE TOP 10 MALE AND FEMALE MARKSMEN OF THE YEAR.

THIS YEAR, ANDERSON SECONDARY SCHOOL NPCC UNIT SENT 2 TEAMS (MALE & FEMALE) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION, I WAS HONOURED TO BE PART OF THE BOYS TEAM TOGETHER WITH RYAN CHOO, CLEMENT LEE, KOH JUN AN AND SOO JUN NENG. THE GIRLS TEAM CONSISTED OF JOCELYN TAN, GERMAINE PANG, LING LI WEN, TAN ZHU JIA AND MARCIA ZHANG. THE PRELIMINARY ROUND REQUIRED US TO FIRE A TOTAL NUMBER OF 24 ROUNDS ON 2 DIFFERENT TARGETS, FIRSTLY 8 ROUNDS IN A SHORT DURATION OF 20 SECONDS ON A FIGURE 2 TARGET THAT IS IN THE SHAPE OF A HUMAN BODY AND PLACED 15 METERS AWAY, SECONDLY 8 ROUNDS IN 30 SECONDS ON A NRA TARGET WHICH IS PLACED 9 METERS AWAY AND LASTLY 8 ROUNDS ON A NRA TARGET PLACED 15 METERS AWAY. BOTH OF OUR TEAMS TRIED OUR BEST BUT WE FELL SHORT BY A FEW POSITIONS TO QUALIFY FOR THE FINAL ROUND.

FORTUNATELY, I WAS GOOD ENOUGH TO QUALIFY FOR THE FINAL ROUND WITH A SCORE OF 152/200, 8TH POSITION IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND.

THE FINALS WAS HELD ON 8 JULY 2016 AT THE HOME TEAM ACADEMY RANGE. IT WAS A FRIDAY AFTERNOON, WITH HOPES TO DO WELL AND NOT LET MY OFFICERS AND SQUAD MATES DOWN, I PICKED UP THE REVOLVER...

ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T MANAGE TO GET A BETTER POSITION THAN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND, OUR TEACHER OFFICERS, CADET INSPECTORS AND SQUADMATES STILL CONGRATULATED ME AND TOLD ME THAT THIS IS NOT THE END YET, FROM THIS COMPETITION, I LEARNT THAT EVEN THOUGH SOMETIMES YOU CAN'T ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS, YOU CAN STILL WORK HARD AND PERSEVERE ON TO BRING YOURSELF NEARER TO ACHIEVING IT, AND WHO KNOWS? MAYBE ONE DAY, YOU MIGHT JUST ACHIEVE IT! I WOULD LIKE TO END OFF WITH A QUOTE: "FAILURE IS OFTEN A STEPPING STONE TOWARDS SUCCESS".

