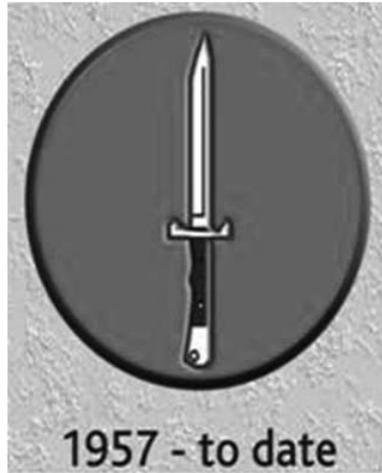


School of Infantry and Tactics, Quetta

SI&T being the premier institution for training junior leadership of Pakistan Army, which prides itself to be the custodian of infantry combat culture. It's main focus is on integrated / combined arms training parameters.

Emblem of The School of Infantry and Tactics: Initially, the School's emblem featured a bayonet fixed on a red coloured Roman shield and remained in vogue till 1956. Later, in 1957 round shaped emblem was adopted; the bayonet retained its central place on round shield.



After independence from British rule, the Infantry School was established at Kakul in 1947. Colonel N J G Jones, MBE was appointed the first Commandant of the School on 12 January 1948. The School was moved to its present location at Quetta in 1948 and was assigned the responsibility of weapons training only. Tactical training was organized under the Command and Staff College Quetta.

The Institution continued to function as "INFANTRY SCHOOL" till the end of 1956. In January 1957, the School was reorganized and the tactical wing from the Command and Staff College was amalgamated in it. Consequently,

the School was renamed as “THE SCHOOL OF INFANTRY AND TACTICS”. In 1981 a Research and Development Wing was added to the School. The wing is responsible for conducting trials on infantry weapon systems, reviews, tactical doctrines and updating all military publications. Since its inception this wing has made substantial contributions to the Army in general and the School in particular. When Pakistan began participating more effectively in United Nation Missions, a need was felt to impart pre-departure training to the officers and men proceeding on such assignments. In order to meet this requirement, Peace Keeping Training Cell was added to the School in 1994. The cell is responsible for educating officers of Pakistan Army and friendly countries in duties related to employment under aegis of United Nations.

Location: The School is located five kilometres north-east of Quetta, the capital city of Balochistan Province. Quetta. Located at a height of over 5000 feet above sea level, it is surrounded by barren mountains with several peaks towering to a height of over 10,000 feet.



Courses: The School conducts number of courses in a year with a duration varying between 4 to 22 weeks. Details are as under:-

Officers Courses

- Mid Career Course- 20 weeks duration (6 weeks Junior Staff Course, 13 weeks tactics leg and 1 week Nuclear Biological and Chemical Defence Training)

Young Officers Course

- Weapons Portion- 9 weeks (4 weeks Small Arms, and 5 weeks Heavy Weapon Course)
- Tactical Portion- 12 weeks (8 weeks Basic Infantry Course for Infantry and Other Arm officers,5 weeks Advance Infantry Course for Infantry Officers only)

Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) and Non Commissioned Officers (NCOs) Courses

- Junior Non Commissioned Officers Course- 13 weeks (4 weeks weapon,9 weeks tactical portion)
- Anti Tank Guided Missile Course- 6 weeks
- Advance Leadership Course- 8 weeks
- Nuclear Biological and Chemical Defence Instructors Course

Combined Course

- Mortar Course- 6 weeks (Officers, Junior Commissioned Officers, Non Commissioned Officers)
- Sniper Course- 4 weeks (Officers and Non Commissioned Officers)

Specialised Course

- United Nations Peace Keeping Course- 6 weeks
- In situ training (2 x weeks) of units earmarked for United Nations Peace Keeping at their respective locations.

Source: Official Website, School of Infantry and Tactics, Quetta <http://www.sitquetta.edu.pk/index.htm>