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From 22 March till 26 March the 31 squadron will participate 2 exercises on Belgian territory. The first exercise is named 'Green Hill', the second one bares the name 'Able Gain'.

GREEN HILL

The Air and Land Force of Defence will carry out low-level flight-exercises above the province Luxembourg. During this exercise the ground objectives are in two operation zones, one west and one northwest of Bastogne. The flights at low altitude are part of the 'Green Hill 2004 Exercise', a CAS (Close Air Support)-exercise, where 'Forward Air Controllers' (observers on the ground) guide the planes to their target.

The goal of this exercise is the training and maintenance of the skills of the groundobservers and pilots.

A zone northwest of Bastogne stretches out between the square Lavacherie - Warempage - Champlon - Hubermont. The western zone is situated between Bonnerue - Remagne - Sainte-Marie-Chevigny - Blanchipont. In airspace of 15 nautical miles (\pm 30km) around these zones, the planes will descend progressive towards their target to an altitude of 250 feet (80m).

ABLE GAIN

The exercise 'Able Gain' is an exercise where pilots of different countries temporary execute missions from another base. This year the base is Kleine Brogel, Belgium. The 31 squadron takes part in this mission. These are other expected participants:

2 x Tornado, IDS German AirForce, Jbg33
 2 x Tornado, IDS Italian AirForce, 6st
 2 x F-16 Royal Netherlands AirForce, 312Sqn
 2 x F-15E United States AirForce, 48FW 'LN'

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