

## DELTA COMPANY

In a satisfying end to 2016, D Company was awarded the champion company for the second year in a row. The Company maintained this momentum through the end of the year and into 2017, forming the nucleus of the Ready Combat Team and remaining in Darwin for the Christmas and New Year period. Following the handover with B Company following their return from leave, D Company took some well earned leave.

There was no time to rest on return to the Battalion as the tempo was rapidly increasing with the vast majority of D Company soldiers on Support Company courses on their first day back from leave. This, combined with numerous other Battalion tasks, saw D Company conducting varied and interesting tasks at the start of the year. This has included supporting equipment modernisation trials, support at public events and running training for organisations to enhance the Tiger Battalion's exposure in the Darwin community.



CPL James Stone leads a class of Clontarf kids through their paces during a training day.

D Company has been heavily involved with engagement with the Clontarf Academy, an organisation aimed at improving the education and career prospects of young indigenous men, in the first months of the year. This has seen the Company conduct leadership activities with the Clontarf Academy. This culminated with the facilitation of a two day leadership activity for a group of young men on Robertson Barracks. In the time between this article being written and going to print D Company will have been involved in the planning and execution of a similar activity with a group of indigenous football stars who are on the cusp of selection for professional team membership.

Despite the frantic pace of the Company, we have paused to remember those who went before us.



PTE Corey Lyons from D Company leads Defence Work Experience participants through a team building activity.

On 09 March 2017 the Company conducted a service to remember 2LT Walker, SGT Smith and CPL Gilbert who were killed during OP QUINTUS THRUST in South Vietnam in 1969, amongst other key commemorative activities relating to the 50 year anniversary of the first tour of Vietnam.

The rest of the year will remain busy but rewarding with a number of key international engagements activities expected in both Australia and abroad. This will see soldiers from the Tiger Battalion working alongside our coalition partners from Indonesia, Japan and the United States of America.

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