

DELTA COMPANY REPORT

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The highlights of 2017 for Delta Company were Exercises Southern Jackaroo, Talisman Sabre and Wirra Jaya.



LCPL Barbera on Ex Talisman Sabre.

Exercise Southern Jackaroo for Delta Company was an experience and opportunity to be able to interoperate with not one but three foreign armed forces. This exercise was a multi-national Exercise that consisted of the Japanese Ground Self Defence Force, United States Marine Rotational Force Darwin (MRF-D) and the 25th Infantry Division (United States Army).

Delta Company had a variety of objectives to meet and achieve, with one platoon attached to the Japanese Ground Self Defence Force; working alongside them executing set objectives. The Japanese force worked extremely

well alongside the company, developing long-lasting relationships. Exercise Southern Jackaroo finished off with Live Fire Section Attacks and culminating in a Combat Team Defensive Live Fire Exercise.

Delta Company then participated in Exercise Talisman Sabre North 2017, a highlight for the Reaper Company. Delta Company in conjunction with MRF-D MV-22 Osprey helicopters, led and executed Air Mobility Operations clearing and securing multiple objectives culminating in an Urban Clearance. The main mission of the exercise was to first seize and then later hold a key strategic position in this case being an airfield.

Delta Company started the exercise with a mission to secure the airfield at Mt Bundy training ground using MV-22 Ospreys that were departing from RAAF base Darwin to the airfield. Once the company landed each platoon was given a task to clear areas surrounding the airfield IO for Bravo Coy with US Marine attachment's (MRF-D) to establish security. Throughout the exercise Delta Coy were given various objectives to accomplish in the effort to clear the Area of Operation (AO) of enemy by utilising dismounted patrols. This effort was culminated into an urban clearance which was accomplished successfully.

After Delta Company had successfully completed Exercise Talisman Sabre and had returned from a leave break, the company looked to regain their focus to finish off strong for the final challenge ahead; Exercise Wirra Jaya 2017 in Indonesia.

In September, Delta Company and attachments deployed and arrived in Bandung Airport west of Ciputat, location of the Indonesian Infantry Centre; where the Indonesian 201st Mechanised Infantry Battalion were waiting for our arrival.

Exercise Wirra Jaya was an opportunity to develop relations with the Indonesian Army by participating in various activities that developed rapport whilst also providing friendly competition. The activities focused on each nation's soldiers demonstrating basic soldiering skills and to provide basic insight for our Indonesian counterparts our capabilities. These activities included, but not limited to; Mechanized Operations, Urban Clearances, Combat Shooting.



D Coy Section completes winning obstacle course run.

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operations. Platoons were exchanged between the TNI and Delta Company to demonstrate interoperability. Although the language barrier proved a major hurdle, the urban objective was successfully cleared and secured.

Exercise Wirra Jaya provided a good experience and insight into the Indonesian Army and their abilities to operate on a Mechanised Platform.

Overall, Delta Company has enjoyed a busy and productive year. Exercises Southern Jackaroo, Talisman Sabre and Wirra Jaya were great experiences for the soldiers and officers of the Company and 2018 is shaping to be just as busy and exciting.

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