

## BRAVO COMPANY – November 2022



OC B COY giving orders to the PL COMD of the AFOP Special Forces and his own PL COMD

After returning back to Australia after executing the Joint Australian Training Team – Philippines, Bravo Company got a well-deserved two week break before getting back onto the training wagon. First up was Tigers Run, this saw the company complete conduct and amphibious landing at Gunn Point before heading into to gorgeous scenery of Mount Bunday. Tigers run saw the Platoons conduct a number of tasking's including clearances, blocks, ambushes and area defences. This initial training period allowed the PLs to consolidate and enhance their training throughout the year, though some individuals needed it more than others. Honouree mention goes to LT 'Obi' Haddock whose distance description of "it's very, very far

away" managed to confuse an entire CP. The final task of Company was a Cordon and Clear of the UOTF. This was a co-ordinated manoeuvre of 21 and 23 PL denying any movement out of the UOTF while 22 PL cleared. While the initial clearance was a success and OBJ 'Big Hat', which suspiciously looked like a SPT COY LT wearing an Akubra, was secured. During the day 21 PL held the route in, while 22 and 23 PL held the UOTF and got bamboozled when the enemy party decided to drive past and wave, using the age old deception art of 'act like you belong'. Though after five days of field B COY was able to call End Ex, and all rejoiced. This was not to last, as the next exercise was only two weeks away, Predators Run.

The final exercise of the year was here, Predators Run, the culminating exercise for the Brigade and Battalion. The beginning of the exercise saw CT-B, attached to 1 CER, assault and secure the airfield, with a troop of Abrahams for 1 Armoured in support. While the mission was a success and CT-B successfully conducted their night assault, it was not over yet. Post securing of the field saw CT-B support the FPOL of the US Marines BN through their position, a command and control heavy tasking. This ended Phase 1 of Bravos tasking's, for the rest of Predators Run they were to be back with BG Tiger, clearing the eastern region of Bunday of any 7RAR troops. While unfortunately, or fortunately, there was minimal action during the initial movements of the BG there were a few action filled moments. The primary was of 22 PL getting removed from the arena due to artillery fire. The smooth words however of LT Haddock managed to convince the DS he would have only lost 1 PMV and not all of them. The common sense reasoning of that "if one saw an artillery shell land amongst your position, you're going to fuck off pretty quickly", managed to convince the DS. The final days of the exercise had the Combat Team attach a PL from the Philippines Special Forces, and then participate in the BG dismounted clearance of a suspected enemy position. While the overnight clearance went without a hitch, it would have been better if the 'enemy' hadn't decided to leave the position. This concluded EX PRED RUN and after 10 days of field the Coy could go home.



21 and 22 PL conducting their amphibious movement to Gunn Point for EX Tigers Run.

The end of the year has seen the majority of the company away on support courses, with many young aspirants reaching for the lofty heights of Support Company. Though 2023 looks to be a busy year for Bravo Company, there is no doubt that they will take in stride and excel at anything thrown their way.

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