

CHARLIE COMPANY – Dec 2019

In June and July this year, the Jackals deployed to Shoalwater Bay for the conduct of Ex PREDATORS RUN and Ex TALISMAN SABRE 19. On PREDATORS RUN, C Coy were attached to 1st Armoured Regiment and were utilised for Riverine Operations; this provided an opportunity for the soldiers to insert across open ocean into small crocodile infested creeks and through the mangroves as a complete Combat Team with Mortar PI and Engineers. After a Battle Group Urban Battle in Raspberry Creek, C Coy culminated in a live fire Combat Team deliberate attack where the company performed to a high standard and set the company up for success on TALISMAN SABRE.



C Coy members approach a riverine insertion

Charlie Company reattached to BG Tiger for TALISMAN SABRE. The company were tasked with another riverine insertion, this time by night. After the CHQ boat sunk several kilometres off shore, the soldiers attempted to hide their gleaming smiles, reset and hit the mangroves again to envelop the 6 RAR opposition. The use of coordinated attacks from unexpected terrain surprised the Brisbane soldiers paying more attention to their hair than security.



The insertion completed

From 23 September to 07 October, C Coy headed off to the US, attaching to 25th Infantry Division for a rotation to the Joint Readiness Training Centre (JRTC) in Fort Polk, Louisiana. For the Jackals, JRTC included defensive operations, air mobile operations and a direct-action task within the large urban training facilities available. The Jackals time in the US ended in the participation of a live fire exercise while attached to 3/4 Cavalry Squadron (Stryker). The live fire

exercise included US Army Cavalry, Infantry and Combat Engineers as well as a British Army Infantry Combat Team. JRTC cemented every hard won lesson Charlie had this year and as a combat team are more lethal for it.

Looking onwards Charlie Company begins preparations for their deployment to FPE-13 in Afghanistan in early 2020. This will see the company conducting multiple courses in order to upskill all the soldiers in preparation for service on operations.

Finally, the Jackals farewell MAJ Breckenridge, CAPT Woodcock-Smith, LT Ede-Jones, CPL Knox and CPL Tanner. MAJ Chris Leeds is welcomed as the new OC for C Coy leading into the training and preparation for Force Protection Element-13. We wish these members all the best and thank them for their contributions to the company.

LT Nick Borges