

DELTA COMPANY DECEMBER 2021

Since the last update Delta Company had a break from field In April and May for a period of time and moved into a block of Joint Task Group (JTG) rotations, support courses, COVID Lockdowns and leave. This involved many soldiers gaining qualifications that made them eligible to move across to Support Company and at the end of this mid-year period D Coy along with the remainder of the Battalion undertook a reshuffle. Once this period was over D Coy switched its focus to Exercise Koolendong which consisted of combat team level live fire and air mobile operations for a combat team attack on a deep objective in Bradshaw Training Area. This was the biggest event for D Coy in 2021 operating with 1st Armoured Regiment and the US Marines consisting of one of their Infantry Platoons from Animal Company and the Marines also providing air support from Cobra attack helicopters and providing lift from MV-22 Ospreys.



A Delta Company soldier conducting Air Mobile Operations with MV-22 Ospreys on Exercise Koolendong 2021.

Post Ex Koolendong it was a short 5 week turn around before conducting Ex Wirra Jaya which D Coy undertook a partnering exercise with over 200 Indonesian National Force (TNI) for a period of 3 weeks. The training consisted of urban operations conducted in the Close Training Area near Robertson Barracks, Combat Shooting and Live Fire Ranges at Kangaroo Flats. This culminated with an overnight trip to Mt Bundy Training Area which was a Battle Group Assault on the Urban Training Facility. After returning to Robertson Barracks and having a BBQ we saw the TNI off from the Gary Holmes Club with a new found understanding of operating with the TNI and new friends. We now turn our focus to the end of year holiday period and preparations for deploying to Malaysia for Rifle Company Butterworth (RCB) 135.

There were many other efforts, achievements and outside factors that had an effect on D Coy at different points of the year. The soldiers showed excellent resilience and strength when coping with the loss of one of their own, which is commendable. Overall it has been a busy year with many challenges, but it can be said that the very junior D Coy has developed a lot and is in a very good position to move into what is shaping up to be another busy year in 2022.

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