

DELTA COMPANY REPORT

Combat Teams Delta (CT-D) has high tempo 2024 with the sub-unit participating in regimental and brigade tactical exercises, overseas deployment to Indonesia and a deployment on Operation RESOLUTE.

There has been no time to rest from live fire progression on Ex TIGERS RUN, to the littoral campaign conducted across the Northern Territory Coastline on Ex PREDATORS RUN, force assigned to 1 CER Battle Group GOANNA. With multiple small boat operations and tactical tasks, Delta Company demonstrated its readiness and warfighting capability in the tactical environment numerous times in its build up for deployment to Indonesia.



An Air Mobile Operation for Delta Company

Over the period Aug – Sep 2024, CT-D deployed to Indonesia as Australia's representatives for two critical training activities. Ex SUPER GARUDA SHIELD 24 was the annual multinational exercise, hosted by the Indonesian National Armed Forces (TNI), involving more than 20 different nations. CT-D was supported by soldiers from 8/12 Regt, 1 Combat Engineers Regiment, 1 Combat Service Support Battalion and HQ 1 Bde, working closely with counterparts from Indonesia, the United States, Japan and the United Kingdom. CT-D integrated with 235th Combined

Arms Combat Team of the US 25th Infantry Division and conducted multiple air mobile operations across East Java. Backing it up, CT-D moved directly to Central Java and participated in the annual bilateral security cooperation activity; Ex WIRRA JAYA 24 integrating with the TNI-AD 412nd Raider Battalion. The success of the Indonesia deployment was demonstrated by our individual soldiers and their ability to integrate in the tactical environment not solely relying on their military skills, but their understanding of language and culture and taking every opportunity to speak Bahasa Indonesia, socialise and live with their international partners.

With little more than a week post return from Indonesia, Delta Company force concentrated and deployed as Task Unit (TU) 639.2.4 PREDATOR to the Kimberley Marine Park, Western Australia on OP RESOLUTE. The Task Unit provided enhanced support to the Australian whole of government disruption of Illegal Foreign Fishing and denial of Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals. After a year of enhancing our small boat operational capability, this deployment was an excellent way to recognise our soldiers for their performance during their tenure at 5 RAR and provide assurance to the battalion commander that Delta Company can provide a low signature, specialised small boat insertion and extraction force capable of conducting over the horizon tasks as a company size group in the littoral environment. A highlight of the deployment was the successful apprehension of a six-man crewed illegal foreign fishing vessel through the conduct of an interagency operation with the Australian Border Force (ABF) Vessel Cape Leveque. At the request of the ABF, TU PREDATOR inserted a small boat patrol into a densely vegetated mangrove hide, where illegal fisherman were hiding out of reach of ABF Officers. The crew was apprehended by the Delta patrol, prior to a transfer of custody of the detained vessel and crew to the ABF Cape Leveque and subsequent prosecution in Darwin.



Delta Company in Surabaya, Indonesia, during Exercise Super Garuda Shield.

As the year rounds out, I'd like to thank Delta Company Officers, NCOs and Soldiers for their service and congratulate them all on their performance throughout 2024. The reputation of Delta Company for 2024 can be summarised as just a bunch of professional, hardworking soldiers that other units want to work with.

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