

LOGISTICS COMPANY REPORT

December 2017

Logistics Company has achieved a lot to enhance the capability of the Battalion. The work of the soldiers has been invaluable and has provided results that were not thought possible at first glance.

Logistics Company worked hard during Exercise Talisman Sabre meeting the Battalion's logistics requirements. The Company was provided the opportunity to enhance the Battalion's anti-armour and high explosives capability. Those who deployed on the exercise were able to be qualified proving the company would come to the battle prepared. The start of July saw the 1st Brigade move into Reset. In August, Logistics Company took a well-earned rest during the extended reduced tempo period, providing the well-worn soldiers some respite before the road to December.



5 RAR receives new Land 121 platforms: Mann Vehicle Suite.



Log Coy soldier firing a 66mm Rocket during HE Weaons Training.

Following the reduced tempo period saw an increase in activity for Logistics Company. With the digitalisation and motorisation of the 5th Battalion coming ever closer it was imperative the Company remained vigilant and focused on the commander's intent. There was receipting PMVs, preparing vehicles for drivers courses, preparing the warehouses for the Commanding Officer's handover stocktake, readying vehicles to be sent to be digitised, enabling the disposal of the Battalion's legacy B-vehicle fleet of Unimogs and Land-Rovers, and beginning the receipt of the new fleet of Land 121 vehicles to name only a few of the tasks. The members of Logistics Company were

proven equal to the task at hand.

With Reset came new priorities for the Company. One of these priorities being individual courses, building our capability; our people. Logistics Company relies heavily on skilled individuals to be able to bring the warrior his weapon. The Company prepared soldiers to attend the series of Land 121 driving and maintenance courses which were required to enable the effective employment of the new platforms. In late October the 5th Battalion saw the start of the new fleet of vehicles roll into the unit, moving forward with modernising the Battalion.

Another key activity Logistics Company was able to support was Exercise Wirra Jaya, an international engagement with the Indonesian Army. Craftsman Jack Downie and Craftsman Austin Wright, both Fitter Armourers, were afforded the privilege to represent Logistics Company and the 5th Battalion in Indonesia. While imbedded into the rifle company carrying out duties as a rifleman they were able to provide support with any weapon related issues.



Log Coy Embus US Osprey on EX Talisman Sabre North.

Both soldiers performed to a great standard and have opened opportunities to future Logistics Company personnel to attend in the future.

Logistics Company has worked tirelessly to enable the Battalion's exercises and activities throughout the year. 2018 will be another challenge once the Battalion is fully motorised and has been issued all Land 121 platforms. There have been many challenges faced and overcome due to the hard working craftsmen, storemen, and drivers of Logistics Company. Logistics Company has proven they will execute the mission with skill and fighting spirit.

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