

CHARLIE COMPANY REPORT APRIL 2019



A Charlie Company soldier scanning arcs from a Bushmaster PMV on EX PREDATORS RUN 18.

The Charlie Company Jackals have once again been performing strongly through late 2018 and early 2019. At the end of 2018 we farewelled many in the chain of command. Including the OC MAJ Andrew Raven to become the 5 RAR OPSO, the CSM WO2 Dan Kerwin becoming the Unit Welfare Officer, LT Baldry, LT Cole, SGT Slaviero and SGT Tun along with many other soldiers and JNCOs. We wish all these members good luck in their future postings and thank them for their tireless efforts supporting Charlie Company in 2018.

Late 2018 saw the Jackals busy with exercise KOOLENDONG, PREDATORS RUN and Tully Sub Unit Training back to back. This busy exercise period paid off seeing Charlie Company Sections perform very well in the Tigers Cup Section competition. Furthermore the Company had strong performances in sports week as well as the Battalion fittest and strongest soldier competitions.

The Battalion Ball was the culminating event of 2018 being the first time the Battalion was all in one location in around six months. This was a very enjoyable night for all members of the company both current and former serving. This night enabled the current 8 and 9 Platoon commanders LT Ede-Jones and LT Bannon to meet, have some drinks and share stories with a former commander and a former member of these platoons. The following day after the ball saw the Battalion hold a manning parade and Charlie Company gain some brilliant soldiers and NCO's from around the battalion.

2019 looks to be an exciting and busy year for Charlie Company as we prepare for exercises in Mt Bundy, Shoalwater Bay, Bradshaw and Louisiana USA. This in total will see the Company out of Darwin for around 5 months of 2019. These exercises will no doubt challenge the company but are exciting opportunities for us to demonstrate to both Australians and multinational partners the high standards of Charlie Company and continue to build on our legacy.

Additionally for 2019 we welcome a new OC, MAJ Matthew Breckenridge, a new CSM, WO2 Andrew Grant and two new Platoon Sergeants. The company is looking forward to taking on the year's challenges, already setting the standard early on by winning the Battalion tug-of-war competition.



L-R: Brian Budden (9 PI member 1966-67), LT Bannon (OC 9 PI), Roger Wainwright (OC 8 PI 1966-67) and LT Ede-Jones (OC 8 PI).

LT Luke Ede-Jones