

BRAVO COMPANY REPORT – JULY 2020

After the success of initial exercise activity at the start of the year, Bravo Company continued preparations in support of the Ready Battle Group.



Five Platoon conduct a special Dawn Service as part of ANZAC Day 2020 commemorations in Malaysia.

5 Platoon were thrown into the full range of exercise activities in conjunction with our sister battalion, 7 RAR, focusing on dismounted tactics as part of Rifle Company Butterworth 129 in Malaysia. 5 Platoon also had the opportunity to create their own shrine of remembrance as part of the respects paid during ANZAC Day 2020, a sobering reminder of

the service men and women that went before us in similar environments.

4 and 6 Platoon shifted focus to contingency operations, conducting training activities that focused on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), Defence Aid to the Civil Community (DACC) and Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations (NEO). As ever,

Bravo Company demonstrated the importance of not fighting alone, working alongside other 1 BDE and 17 Sustainment BDE units at every opportunity. Soldiers and officers of the

company had the chance to apply their trade with members of Bravo Company, 1st Military Police Battalion, 8 Close Health Company and 1 Combat Engineer Regiment. The highlight came from Exercise Tigers Rescue, a NEO activity conducted on Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin. Thanks to the support of role players from Delta, Support and Logistics Company, platoons from Bravo Company were put to the test in dealing with scenarios replicating the extraction of Australians from foreign countries during a NEO.



Bravo Company personnel working with 1 Combat Engineer Regiment conducting method of entry drills.



Four Platoon taking part in Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations training.

The emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic brought a wave of new challenges for the military, with Bravo Company being no exception. Isolation, social distancing and working from home meant that creativity was required to maintain training in a newly constricted world. Individual physical training programmes were provided to soldiers while

they reminisced about getting back to the gym again when they reopened! It also saw Professional Military Education conducted over video conferencing, to discuss the Army's place in the world and to better prepare for the changes required to continue with training with prolonged restrictions due to Covid-19.

With things returning to the 'new normal', Bravo Company are set to roll out on Exercise Tigers Run and Exercise Koolendong, a joint activity with the US Marine Corps later this year.

'Cry Havoc!'

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