

## **DELTA COMPANY – April 2022**

D Coy has had a busy start to the year, picking up preparations for RCB 135 where we left off at the conclusion of 2021. It commenced with the company conducting mandatory training with the rest of the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, followed by valuable JNCO training which would set the preconditions for our junior leaders this year. Once this introductory training was complete the company dived headfirst into preparing our sections for deployment to jungle operations within Malaysia.

Our soldiers developed their foundation warfighting skills ranging from individual weapon proficiency, personal equipment setup and tactical care of the combat casualty. Upon achievement of individual skills refreshers our sections commenced development of standard operating procedures that will enable both offensive and defensive actions.

The company's preparations culminated with Exercise Tigers Trial where soldiers were assessed on the individual skills they had developed, and section commanders on their ability to command their sections in complex environments. The result of this assessments was very positive and is a standard that will only be honed further through the conduct of good, challenging training.

On 1 Mar 22 the company farewelled loved ones and staged at the Battalion for their departure. Once all personnel were accounted for and all gear loaded, CO and RSM 5 RAR as well as CoS 1 BDE addressed D Coy highlighting the importance Rifle Company Butterworth has for both the ADF and Australia's national interests. The company then boarded our C-17 and endured the 5-hour flight to Malaysia.

D Coy will complete 5 days of isolation prior to commencing training in Malaysia and look forward to the opportunities and memories that are to follow. The jungle environment promises to be both challenging and rewarding for those who enter it, and will only serve to improve the combat capability of the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

LT Ellwood



**D Coy members walk out to board the C17 Globemaster for their deployment to Butterworth, Malaysia.**