

DELTA COMPANY– November 2022

Delta Company hit the ground running this year, with the first company to deploy overseas to Rifle Company Butterworth (RCB) on a three month rotation from February to May 2022. The new environment was challenging to some, for many, it was their first time outside Australia.

During this period, Delta undertook two field exercises in the Jungle. SGT Bernhardt (10 Platoon) described it as “an inoculation towards both surviving and thriving an extremely, hot, dense and wet environment”.



10 Platoon at Sik National Park

The terrain combined with the local fauna and flora made the environment difficult to operate in. However, Delta Company quickly learned the value of insect repellent and importance of checking sensitive areas for leaches and ticks quickly.

We followed this with conducting cultural immersion activities whilst in Malaysia. This included a guided tour of Penang and Kuala Lumpur, visiting cultural landmarks such as unique temples and monuments of war from WW2 and the Malaysian Emergency. “The conducting cultural immersion, RCB was the most exciting opportunity I had this year” PTE Wing (12 Platoon). Battlefield History tours were conducted and visited key battlefield sites where previous Australian soldiers had fought bravely. This gave an immense appreciation of the uniqueness of jungle operations. One of the tours conducted was the Trong Ambush site, south of Butterworth. This was the first Australian Ambush

conducted by Australian Forces in Malaysia. The Platoon ambush destroyed a company sized element which included five vehicles, a logistics attachment and a two star Japanese General. Delta Company are believed to be the first Australians to ever return to the site since it was sprung in WW2.

In the past time; D Coy travelled around Malaysia and sent members overseas on representational Kanchanaburi, Thailand, and Sandakan for ANZAC Day. SGT Douglas said “This was a big day for Delta Company, representing Australia overseas is a great opportunity, especially in a country with so much history”.



D Coy after completion of EX Tigers Rising



D Coy representatives at Sandakan (ANZAC DAY)



12 Platoon at Sik National Park

Delta Company pounced on opportunities to conduct reality based training which saw a large progression of ranges being conducted. Three weeks were dedicated to conducting; high explosive, combat shooting and manoeuvre ranges in Pulada (Malaysia). Once we returned we continued training at the MTR for marksmanship and combat shooting. This culminated with Delta Company providing a combat shooting package in support of 1 Brigade which saw more than 700 people complete and a variety of international partners taking part. SGT Smith (11 Platoon) said this was “this year’s highlight and it was great to get back on the tools”.

In the second half of the year Delta Company participated in both Exercise TIGERS RUN and PREDATORS RUN. Delta, at this time well accustomed to arduous training thrived in both exercises. The open terrain of Mount Bundy Training Area provided a different challenge for Delta Company. Maximising the shift in 5 RAR capabilities, in the lead up to both exercises we conducted a large volume of training with Charlie Company and developed SOPs for operating in the littoral environment. This led to multiple operations conducted at;



SGT Douglas and CPL Nutt conducting Combat Shooting



WO2 Potter and MAJ Sargeant provide demonstration of littoral manoeuvre

Gunn Point, Tiwi Island and at Dundee Beach. We worked closely with Regional Partners, specifically the First Philippine Scout Ranger Regiment; a Special Operations Force, to build interoperability and close friendships.

With Covid-19 still playing a bit impact, Delta Company successfully managed to conduct a large range of international engagement throughout the year. This led to many highlights, from operating in different environments to developing Australia’s interoperability overseas. Delta Company experienced a high temp year which saw some great opportunities.

LT Freeman

From the OC:

“I have been fortunate to command Delta Company since mid-2021 and can honestly say the activities and actions we conducted in training overseas and in Australia were

only successful due to the hard work and excellent attitude across all ranks. Our soldiers demonstrated their resilience on Ex PRED RUN this year where they didn't sleep for three days in very trying environmental conditions, no one dropped out and they showed that they are the real deal. I am extremely grateful for the lessons they have taught me and their dedication to the battalion. This appointment has been my career highlight and I thank all the officers and soldiers who served in Delta Company during 2021/22 for this opportunity."