

LOGISTICS COMPANY DECEMBER 2021

Log Coy is no stranger to success but throughout the ages, we have certainly been strangers to glory. In short, the truckies, Q-wees, boffins, gun plumbers and mechanics always get the job done and get it done well. You just don't see them in the limelight, showboating, making a scene. But in 2021, the times have changed ever so slightly. This year saw the men and women of Log Coy relentlessly pursue victory in not just our daily trades but in Battalion competitions, Brigade exercises and life in general. The OC's mantra of 'Do not come last' warped in to a challenge, and in reply, we charged, winning a swimming competition, placing in X-Country, combatives and the obstacle course competition. We achieved all of this while being quite significantly undermanned, so full credit to the boys and girls. Several members of the Coy also achieved some major life milestones. A fierce dedication to the survival of the logistical race was displayed with the birth of several babies. The TQ married and the OC managed to get married and father a second child.



OC Log Coy, MAJ James Roberts, delivers Coy orders to the A2 Echelon prior to TG BOAR conducting a deliberate attack during Ex KOOLENDONG.

Our excellence and dominance culminated in 2021 on Exercise KOOLENDONG. Some of our members were farmed out to the subordinate sub-units of 5 RAR, but the majority of us formed the A2 Echelon of Task Group BOAR. This saw log assets and personnel from 7 RAR, 1st Armoured and ourselves come together at Bradshaw Training Area in a storm of sweat, dust, metal, grease, durries and stress.

It was hard going at first. I, the A2 2IC, scrambled to run a bare minimum company command post. The CSM was lost without RAINf diggers to abuse...I mean mentor, and holes to dig. The OC had to factor in the consumption of roughly 200 cigarettes per day amidst all his other duties. And the Coy Clerk became the Coy runner for just about everything and everyone. Everyone else got the job done, but were all a little sad with a fair amount of environmental adjustment to overcome. Thankfully though, within a few days, the whole team found their rhythm, a physical and social hierarchy was cemented, and once again, Log Coy (with a few Adelaide enablers this time) were back on top. For the following three weeks, the TG BOAR A2, in my learned opinion, singlehandedly led the Aussies to victory with a flawless execution of Combat Service Support. All in all the Exercise left a few of us scarred by silicon dust and the effects of boredom but ultimately reaffirmed that a hard-core, passionate and good-natured group of Loggies can achieve just about anything. A final mention must go to the RQ, who in the absence of the QM and A/QM, deployed to Bradshaw, drove more kilometres in his G-Wagon than 1 Combat Service Support Battalion combined, held together a mutinous band of young Q-wees and truckies and was somehow promoted to the rank of Mayor. Quite a feat really. Congratulations.

The end of 2021 was steady, we met our objectives and some of our Indonesian linguists, and Corporal Ter-Horst in particular, performed excellently on Ex WIRRA JAYA. Many brave souls will sadly depart Log Coy and 5 RAR at the end of this year. Most



The Log Coy Signals PI detachment on Ex KOOLENDONG. Doing the RAINf Corps proud in the A2 Echelon Command Post.

significantly, the OC Major James Roberts, who throughout 2020 and 2021 served the unit with formidable capacity, tenacity, audacity and a little bit of panache. He will remain close to 5 RAR as OPSO 1 CSSB but will certainly be sorely missed. To everyone else who is departing, thank-you for Esprit de Corps and dedication to the Tiger Battalion. Always felt, rarely heard, you will be remembered.

To all those hard-hitting soldiers and officers that remain, keep up the good fight. Always seek excellence in your trades and in competition.

2IC Log Coy
Captain Alexander Baldry