

# LOGISTICS COMPANY REPORT – JULY 2020

2020 has proven to be a flexible yet highly productive year with COVID-19 allowing Log Coy to take time to focus on key areas of governance following a high tempo period of operational commitments. With members returning from various operations within the MER Log Company has been able to remediate a number of training shortfalls qualifying members in a number of specialist skills to increase the employability and force protection of the company. Log Company resumes training exercises in August with deployment to Mount Bundy Training Area to conduct integration training with 1 Combat Service Support Battalion(1 CSSB) and Marine Rotational Force Darwin (MRF-D) elements.

CAPT Cody Duffield , 2IC

## Technical Support Platoon

This year, Technical Support Platoon (TSP) has provided support to many activities including the return of elements from Iraq and Afghanistan and support to OP Bushfire Assist and OP COVID-19 Assist. Whilst supporting these elements, the workshop has maintained the Battalion's vehicle capability through the craftsman persisting with a high workshop tempo throughout the first half of the year.



TSP Vehicle Section conduct the removal of a PMV power pack.

CPL David Gardiner

## Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Operations Section

The Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Operations Section (EMEOPS) has managed the external repair and servicing of a large quantity of Battalion vehicles this year with a large portion of Battalion vehicles being serviced by the Brigade Service Station (BSS).



CFN Darcy conducts technical maintenance of SPT Coy weapons prior to Ex Tigers Run.

CFN Graeme Bush

## Vehicle Mechanic Section

The Vehicle Mechanic Section (VMS) took a big hit due to COVID-19 restrictions, with the requirement for social distancing meaning a halving of the workforce. Luckily, the decrease in Battalion vehicle use has been greater than the decrease in the VMS work capacity. This has provided an opportunity to catch up on maintenance, reduce backlog and increase the battalion's vehicle fleet capability.

LCPL Steven McLennan and CFN Perry English

## Electrical and Instrument Repair Section

This year the Electrical and Instrument Repair (EIR) section has had a focus on Protected Mobility Vehicle (PMV) climate control systems, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Vehicles (SRV) and the new Land 121 fleet. In particular the maintenance of the command post modules has ensured communications reliability across the Battalion's fleet.

CFN Benjamin Fuller and CFN Stephen Flynn

## Recovery Section

This year Recovery Section (RS) has overseen the integration of the Recovery Vehicle 45M which has had limited use due to the restrictions of COVID-19. Activities later in the year will likely see this new recovery asset put to use in various training areas.

### General Engineering Section

General Engineering Section's (GES) year started off with the usual technical inspections and repairs to workshop items before OP COVID-19 Assist required the attachment of elements to Companies to support various ready battle group and OP COVID-19 Assist commitments. During the slower periods in trade, we cleaned up the GES bays, armoury and conducted Supply Customer Account (SCA) remediation. The section has conducted a few recoveries through the deployment of Forward Recovery Teams, something which has provided some variety to the normal schedule.

CFN Carl Holmes

### Repair Parts Store

The Repair Parts Store (RPS) section has had a busy start to the year with the introduction of the new automated data capture unit. This has enhanced the ability of the section to work in the store by allowing storeman to conduct Military Integrated Logistics Information System (MILIS) processes at the touch of a fingertip on a portable device. The RPS adapted well to workplace changes during COVID-19, in which our workforce was split in half. During this time, both teams were able to continue effectively provide capability to the workshop.

Within the RPS, there has been a restructuring of the warehouse. Class nine stores have been located together by the vehicle, weapon and equipment type and new 'ready use kit' bin packs have been setup for field so that at short notice, stores can be made available for field or deployment.

CFN Liam Haverty



PTE Shearer, Dist Platoon, conducts stocktaking with a MILIS in the Q Store.

### Distribution Platoon

Distribution Platoon (DP) has managed well with the changes due to COVID-19. The Platoon has maintained all Main-Q store functions and assisted with the 1 BDE courses for the ewHX77 logistic truck, the PMV and the Mercedes G-Wagon.

PTE Aleck Whiting