



THE FOURTH CAVALRY REGIMENT
ENOGGERA, QUEENSLAND



The history of THE FOURTH CAVALRY REGIMENT can be traced back to the Boer War through its affiliation with 2/14 Queensland Mounted Infantry. On 12 Aug. 1960 A Squadron 2/14 QMI was raised in Pukapunyal, Victoria, and moved to Wacol, Queensland, in early 1961. The unit was raised as an anti-tank Squadron and took part in all major field force exercises between 1961-65. In 1962/63 the unit was given the task of conducting trials on the British Trojan 432 and the American M113A1 vehicles. These trials were conducted at MT. ISA and INNISFAIL over a period of 9 months.

In 1965 the role and the unit name was changed. A Sqn. 2/14 QMI became B Sqn. 1 Cav. Regt. and the anti-tank role changed to cavalry. This new role came with the introduction into the service of the M113A1 APC's which the unit had tried and tested two years previously.

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Activities in 1974 included extensive civil assistance in the Brisbane flood disaster and subsequent clean-up. Exercise 'KANGAROO 1' in July 1974 saw the unit operating with troops from the US and NZ Armies and with US Marines from OKINAWA and HAWAII. Other exercises in 1974 were conducted with British and Malaysian Army units.

On 1st March 1975, RHQ, HQ Sqn. and B. Sqn. were raised following the approvals given in November 1973 and September 1974. THE FOURTH CAVALRY REGIMENT then commenced to operate as a complete Regiment, celebrating 11th October 1971 as its official birthday.