



## **1ST ARMoured REGIMENT**

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To all the members of 1st Armoured Regiment past and present,

Like so many things this year, Anzac day will be unlike any that we have experienced before; however, this does not change or diminish its significance. Anzac day is a time to commemorate the service and sacrifice of those who taught us to endure hardship, to show courage, to be bold as well as resilient, and to stick together. It is in this regard that this Anzac day will provide a special significance for each and every one of us.

I was fortunate to join with many past members of the Regiment this year in commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of Operation Hammersley. This marked the third consecutive year in which 1st Armoured Regiment commemorated this milestone for significant actions from the Vietnam War. The comradeship and pride that I witnessed amongst so many of our veteran community on that day was an inspiration, and shows how, through the toughest situations and over the greatest length of time, the Anzac spirit lives on. It is a spirit that unites us regardless of Corps, service or background, and it unites us with those that no longer serve.

As we spend this Anzac Day in more isolated surroundings than perhaps we are used to, we must remember to reach out to each other and offer our support to those in need. The Regiment will reflect on the significance of the Anzac spirit forged by our predecessors in battles like Binh Ba, Coral Balmoral and Operation Hammersley, and the example it sets for future generations. Indeed this legacy extends beyond those forged in times of war to all those that have served in this great Regiment. It is because of you that we enjoy such a strong professional culture that has been built throughout our history. I hope that you are all able to reflect in your own way and take pride in your service to the nation.

Our thoughts are with all of our Regimental family this Anzac day and through these difficult times. We hope you all stay safe and well.

*Paratus,*

**Tim Orders**

Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding Officer  
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