

FROM COLONIAL TIMES TO THE GULF WAR

In its 200-year history, Australia has found itself involved in a number of wars. The years have brought remarkable victories and defeats – such as that at Gallipoli – which have been indelibly etched on the national psyche.

Australian servicemen and women have fought in fields of war as far removed as South Africa, Russia, Vietnam and the Middle East. From the Maori Wars of 1860 to the Gulf War of 1991, our forces have been drawn into conflicts seldom of our making.

On land, sea and air, battles and heroes have drifted from memory. No previous book has encompassed so much of the broad canvas of our military background, nor brought it so sharply back into focus.

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