

Colonial Captivity during the First World War

With the outbreak of war in 1914, an estimated 30,000 German civilians and soldiers in African and Asian colonies were violently uprooted and imprisoned. Britain's First World War internment of German settlers seriously challenged the structures that underpinned nineteenth-century imperialism. Through its analysis of this internment, this book highlights the impact that the First World War had on the notion of a common European 'civilising mission' and the image of empire in the early twentieth century. Mahon Murphy examines the effect of the war on a collective European colonial identity, perceptions of internment in the extra-European theatres of war, and empires in transition during war. Policymakers were forced to address difficult questions about the future rule of Germany's colonies and the nature of empire in general. Far from a conflict restricted to European powers, the First World War triggered a world-wide remaking of ideas, institutions and geopolitics.

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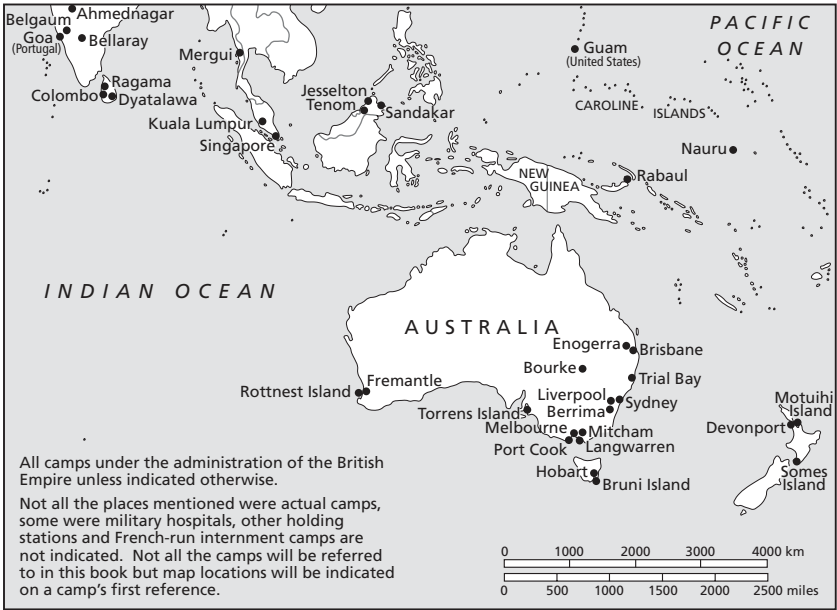
Abbreviations

BA	Bundesarchiv, Berlin-Lichterfelde
B.E.Ö.K	Bundesvereinigung Ehemaliger Österreichischer Kriegsgefangener
BLO	Bodleian Library, Oxford
DHPG	Deutsche Handels und Plantagen Gesellschaft
DKG	Deutsche Kolonialgesellschaft
ICRC	The International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva
LSE	London School of Economics Archives
RKA	Reichskolonialamt
RKB	Reichskolonialbund
TNA	The National Archives, Kew, London
TNAA	The National Archives of Australia



Map 1 Locations of internment camps in Africa and India with numbers indicating camp locations. Redrawn from the original found in Hamburgischer Landesverein vom Roten Kreuz, Ausschuß für Deutsche Kriegsgefangene, *Karte von Großbritannien, Italien, Japan und den überseeischen Ländern: in denen sich Kriegs- oder Zivilgefangene befinden sowie Bestimmungen über den Postverkehr* (Friedrichsen, Hamburg, 1917).

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Map 2 Locations of internment camps in Australia and New Zealand and the South Pacific.
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Map Key (taken from original)