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### **Preface**

This volume describes the Australian peacekeeping missions that began between 1947 and 1982 and follows them through to 2006, which is the end point of this history. Although it is Volume I, this volume had been published last, and completes the six-volume Official History of Australian Peacekeeping, Humanitarian and Post—Cold War Operations. The history is a comprehensive account of all Australian peacekeeping missions from 1947 to 2006, except for the missions in East Timor between 1999 and 2006, which are the subject of a separate series. In addition, the history covers all post—Cold War operations (those that fall outside the definition of peacekeeping) up to 2006, except for those in Iraq and Afghanistan, which are also the subject of a separate history. The missions that began after 1988 are described in Volumes II to V. Volume VI tells the story of Australian overseas emergency relief missions from 1918 to 2006.

The four decades of peacekeeping that occupy most of this volume represent a long apprenticeship, as the world community developed the concept of peacekeeping from its humble beginnings in 1947. As has often been noted, peacekeeping as we know it is not mentioned in the United Nations (UN) Charter. That document, written in 1945 and dominated by the need to avoid the imperialist aggressions that had led to the Second World War, failed to foresee the nature of post-war conflicts and the range of ways in which military personnel and police might contribute to their settlement. At times the Cold War made it hard for the Security Council to reach agreement on issues before it, yet it was not the most significant factor in the emergence of peacekeeping. Disputes in which permanent members of the Security Council were ranged on either side only occasionally – given the permanent members' power of veto in the Council – led to the deployment of peacekeepers (Greece and, to some extent, Korea are exceptions). But there was another class of disputes regarding which some action – not always effective – was possible. These were disputes resulting from decolonisation.

In 1992 a previous Australian official historian, Peter Edwards, commented that in the decades after 1945 'two great movements' had dominated international relations: the Cold War and decolonisation.¹ In the long view of history, the latter might well come to be judged as the more significant. At the end of the Second World War, almost a third of the world's population lived in non–self-governing colonies; today, according to UN estimates, fewer than two million people do so. That is an astonishing shift, and one that was entirely foreseen by the drafters of the Charter, who devoted three chapters (XI to XIII) to establishing the necessity of and means for decolonisation. What the drafters did not, perhaps, foresee was the number of conflicts that would arise from the process and the degree to which Chapters VI and VII, the two chapters of the Charter intended to provide a response to international conflict, would fail to provide the tools necessary to deal with them. This volume describes some of the results.

Edwards, Crises and Commitments, pp. 376-7.



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Although the League of Nations had deployed at least one force that could be described as peacekeeping (see chapter 1), such precedents seem to have been almost forgotten after the Second World War. The result was that UN peacekeeping was more or less invented on the ground in Indonesia, in 1947 and 1948, and developed steadily in other theatres over the succeeding years. The conflict in Indonesia, like those behind the overwhelming majority of peacekeeping operations described in this volume, was a result of decolonisation, as the Dutch sought to restore their position as colonial power after 1945, while the Indonesian Republicans sought (and obtained) independence (see chapters 2 to 5).

In Indonesia, the conflict was over the question of independence. In a series of other decolonisation conflicts, the fact of independence was agreed, but the nature and borders of the resulting state or states were in question. Korea, a former Japanese colony, was 'temporarily' partitioned between Soviet and US occupation zones; as the resulting tensions flared towards outright war, peacekeepers were briefly deployed in a fruitless attempt to avoid conflict (see chapter 6). In 1947 the British granted independence to India, but at the last minute partitioned it into two new states, India and Pakistan. Conflict then developed over which of these two should incorporate the large princely state of Jammu and Kashmir, leading to long and entirely unsuccessful attempts by the United Nations to settle the issue peacefully (see chapters 7, 8, 17 and 18). In 1948, after the British washed their hands of their former League of Nations Mandate of Palestine, the United Nations partitioned the territory between Arab and Jewish areas and then was forced to deal (again, generally ineffectually) with the resulting conflicts as Israel's Arab neighbours refused to accept the partition. The complex set of peacekeeping operations that have resulted from this unending conflict occupy nine chapters of this volume (chapters 9, 10, 20-23 and 30-32). Britain was also the former colonial power in Cyprus, but in this case made serious efforts when Cyprus achieved independence in 1960 to establish political structures that would safeguard the rights of the minority Turkish population. Conflict nevertheless broke out, and the United Nations has had peacekeepers in Cyprus since 1964 (see chapters 13, 14, 19 and 29). The following year, another British colony, Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), unilaterally declared its independence, but without granting full political rights to the large majority black population. Britain never accepted the legality of Rhodesian independence, but it was only after a long civil war that peace was negotiated in 1979. The peacekeeping force that resulted was a Commonwealth rather than a UN force but was, once again, helping settle the conflicts arising from decolonisation (see chapters 24 to 27).

Australia contributed peacekeepers to all of these: for 35 years in Kashmir, 53 years in Cyprus, and more than 60 years in the Middle East, as well as shorter deployments in Indonesia, Korea and Rhodesia. In addition the volume describes some smaller-scale Australian missions, some technically peacekeeping, some not, in the Congo (chapter 11), West New Guinea (chapter 12), Yemen (chapter 9), Uganda (chapter 28) and Lebanon (chapter 32).

In none of these was the number of Australian peacekeepers high (the largest single deployment was of 150 soldiers in Rhodesia), but the longevity of some of the operations has meant that Australia made a significant contribution over time. In addition, these were the years in which the very idea of peacekeeping was being invented and elaborated. Obviously, the development of peacekeeping was by its nature a collaborative effort by many people from many nations. Yet, as chapter 15 attempts to show,

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Australians played a distinctive role that is worth recording. The volume continues the story of Australian peacekeeping in Cyprus and the Middle East to 2006, but for the most part ends in the mid-1980s. A few years later a variety of factors, including the optimism occasioned by the end of the Cold War, would lead the international community into a series of larger and more complex peacekeeping operations than those described here. In the early 1990s and again around the turn of the century, Australia made notable contributions to these contributions described in later volumes in this history. But the operations described here – some long, some short; some successful, some not – representing a long period of learning and experimentation, were a necessary apprenticeship for all that was to follow.

Dr Peter Londey began work on this volume at the Australian War Memorial (AWM) in April 2004, some four months before the project formally began, and by the time he moved to the Australian National University (ANU) in January 2008, he had drafted about a third of the chapters. At ANU, he had a heavy workload in the Centre for Classical Studies and could make only slow progress in completing the volume. In February 2015 the Department of Defence, through the AWM, provided additional funds to assist the completion of the project, and as a result Dr Londey was released to spend six months on the project full-time. In addition, Dr Rhys Crawley was engaged to work on the project for sixteen months while, following the completion of Volume IV, the Official Historian, Professor David Horner, was able to work on Volume I. Authorship is indicated at the beginning of each chapter, although often other members of the team had some involvement. Chapters were also written by two research assistants: Dr Matthew Glozier (chapters 12 and 28) and Daniel Flitton (chapter 11). Dr Steve Bullard, author of Volume VI, contributed to chapter 32 and Appendix C, and Dr Christine Winter, research assistant, was co-author of chapter 13.

The volume is therefore the outcome of a collaborative effort by members of the Official History team over a period of thirteen years. As most of the research for this volume took place at the same time as Professor Horner and his team were researching the other volumes of the series, inevitably we owe a debt of gratitude to the same group of good colleagues that he warmly acknowledged in those volumes. These include Dr Bob Breen (author of Volume V and a co-author of Volume IV), when he was working at ANU, Dr Steve Bullard (author of Volume VI) of the AWM, and Dr John Connor (co-author of Volume III), when he was at the AWM in the early stages of the project. We are also grateful to our loyal and capable research assistants, Dr Jean Bou (later a co-author of Volume IV), Daniel Flitton, Dr Matthew Glozier, Dr David Hay, Dr Rosalind Hearder, Dr Garth Pratten (later a co-author of Volume IV), Miesje de Vogel (later a co-author of Volume IV) and Dr Christine Winter. Towards the end, we benefited from the additional work of three dedicated research assistants: Dr Margaret Hutchison, Dr Tristan Moss and Dr Tom Richardson.

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AAP Australian Associated Press
AASM Australian Active Service Medal

ACCMTTU Australian Component Commonwealth Military Training Team –

Uganda

ACMFO Australian Contingent Multinational Force and Observers

ACOPS Assistant Chief of the Defence Force (Operations)

ACOS Assistant Chief of Staff
ACT Australian Capital Territory
ADA Australian Defence Attaché
ADB Australian Dictionary of Biography
ADF Australian Defence Force
ADL Armistice Demarcation Line
AEC Australian Electoral Commission

AFP Australian Federal Police

A/g Acting

AG Attorney-General

AGD Attorney-General's Department

AGPS Australian Government Publishing Service

AHO Army Headquarters

AIC Australian Instructional Corps
AIF Australian Imperial Force

Air Cdre Air Commodore

AJWE Australian Joint Warfare Establishment

ALP Australian Labor Party

ANC African National Congress (South Africa)

ANU Australian National University

Anzus Australia, New Zealand and United States Security Treaty

AO area of operations
AP Assembly Place

APC armoured personnel carrier
ARA Australian Regular Army

AS Assistant Secretary; also Australia (the Nato-allocated abbreviation

generally used in military circles)

ASC Australian Contingent/Component (commonly referred to as

Australian Services Contingent)

ASCSR Australian Contingent Southern Rhodesia
ASEAN Association of South-East Asian Nations
ASIO Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

ASM Australian Service Medal

Ausmin Australian-United States Ministerial Consultations

Australian Air Contingent

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Australian civilian police (Cyprus)

AVM Air Vice-Marshal

AWM Australian War Memorial
AWOL absent without leave

BBC British Broadcasting Corporation

BCOF British Commonwealth Occupation Force

Brig Brigadier

BSAC British South Africa Company BSAP British South Africa Police

Capt Captain

CBE Order of the British Empire
CDF Chief of the Defence Force
CDFS Chief of the Defence Force Staff

Cdr Commander Cdre Commodore

CENTO Central Treaty Organization
CFL Cease Fire Line (Kashmir)
CGS Chief of the General Staff

CHOGM Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting

CIA Central Intelligence Agency (US)
CIS Commonwealth Investigation Service
CJOP Chief of Joint Operations and Plans

Cmdr Commander

CMF Commonwealth Monitoring Force; also Citizen Military Forces

CMO Chief Military Observer

CMTTU Commonwealth Military Training Team – Uganda

CNN Cable News Network
CNS Chief of Naval Staff
CO Commanding Officer

Col Colonel

Col (OA) Colonel (Operations Analyst)
Comasc Commander Australian Contingent
Comops Combined Operations (Rhodesia)

COMPOL Commonwealth Police
COO Chief Operations Officer

COS Chief of Staff

COSC Chiefs of Staff Committee

CPD Commonwealth Parliamentary Debates

Cpl Corporal

CSM Conspicuous Service Medal
CTO Compensatory Time Off
CUP Cambridge University Press

CV curriculum vitae

DAFP Documents on Australian Foreign Policy
DCAS Deputy Chief of the Air Staff
DCGS Deputy Chief of the General Staff

DDG Deputy Director General

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DEA Department of External Affairs
DFA Department of Foreign Affairs

DFAT Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

DFC Distinguished Flying Cross

DG Director General

DGPS-A Director General, Personnel Services – Army
DI Director, International (Australian Federal Police)
DIMA Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

DIO Defence Intelligence Organisation

DJLOP Director of Joint Logistic Operations and Plans

DJOPS Director of Joint Operations
DoD Department of Defence

DOMREP Mission of the Representative of the Secretary-General in the

Dominican Republic

DPA Difficult Post Allowance

DPKO United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations

DSO Distinguished Service Order
DSS Defence supplementation staff

ECAFE Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East EDMS Electronic Document Management System

EHC evacuation handling centre

EIMAC Egypt-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission

EOKA National Organisation of Cypriot Fighters (Ethniki Organosis Kyprion

Agoniston)

EU European Union

FAS First Assistant Secretary
FDL Forward Defended Locality

Flt Lt Flight Lieutenant FO Foreign Office (UK)

FRELIMO Frente de Libertação de Moçambique FRUS Foreign Relations of the United States GAA General Armistice Agreement

Gen General

GOC General Officer Commanding

Gp Capt Group Captain HJK–IMAC See IJMAC

HMAS Her Majesty's Australian Ship H of R House of Representatives

HQ Headquarters

HQADF Headquarters Australian Defence Force
ICRC International Committee of the Red Cross
IDETF Inter-Departmental Emergency Task Force

IDF Israel Defense Forces
IED improvised explosive device
IFOR Implementation Force (Bosnia)

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IJMAC Israel–Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission (formally the

Hashemite Jordanian Kingdom-Israel Mixed Armistice

Commission - HJK-IMAC)

ILMAC Israel-Lebanon Mixed Armistice Commission

Inf Infantry

International Force East Timor

IP International Policy Division, Department of Defence

IRCIVPOL Irish civilian police (Cyprus)

Ismac Israel–Syria Mixed Armistice Commission

JIO Joint Intelligence Organisation

JMCC Joint Movement Control Centre

JOC Joint Operations Command; also Joint Operations Committee

(Rhodesia)

JTF Joint Task Force

KMAG Korean Military Advisory Group LCAUST Land Commander Australia

L Cpl Lance Corporal
Leut Lieutenant (Navy)
LHQ Land Headquarters
LO Liaison Officer

LOC Line of Control (Kashmir)
LSF Logistic Support Force
Lt Lieutenant (Army)
Lt Cdr Lieutenant Commander
Lt Col Lieutenant Colonel
Lt Gen Lieutenant General

MAC Mixed Armistice Commission
MAE medical assessment element

Major Major

Maj Gen Major General

MBE Member of the Order of the British Empire

MC Military Cross

MEA Minister for External Affairs

medevac medical evacuation

MFA Minister for Foreign Affairs
MFO Multinational Force and Observers
MILEX Military Executive Board (Indonesia)

Milob Military Observer

MINURSO United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

MNF Multinational Force

MP Military Police; also Member of Parliament

MSA Military Subsistence Allowance

MSF Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders)

MUP Melbourne University Press/Publishing

MV motor vessel

NAA National Archives of Australia
NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organisation

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NCO	non-commissioned officer
NEI	Netherlands East Indies
NGO	non-government organisation
NRA	National Resistance Army (Uganda)
NSW	New South Wales
NT	Northern Territory
NTR	nothing to report
OAM	Medal of the Order of Australia
OBE	Officer of the Order of the British Empire
OGB	Observer Group Beirut
OGE	Observer Group Egypt
OGG	Observer Group Golan
OGL	Observer Group Lebanon
OGS	Observer Group Sinai
OIC	Officer-in-charge
ONA	Office of National Assessments
Onuc	United Nations Operation in the Congo (Opération des Nations Unies au
	Congo)
OP	Observation Post
OUP	Oxford University Press
P5	Permanent members of the UN Security Council (China, France, Great
	Britain, USA, USSR)
PB	Patrol Base
PF	Patriotic Front (Rhodesia/Zimbabwe)
PJHQ	Permanent Joint Headquarters (United Kingdom)
PKI	Communist Party of Indonesia (Partai Komunis Indonesia)
PKO	peacekeeping operation
PLO	Palestine Liberation Organisation
PM	Prime Minister
PM&C	Prime Minister and Cabinet (Department of the)
PNG	Papua New Guinea
POG	Peace Officer Guard
POL	Petrol, oil and lubricants
Pte	Private
PTSD	post-traumatic stress disorder
Qld	Queensland
RAA	Royal Australian Artillery
RAAF	Royal Australian Air Force
RACT	Royal Australian Corps of Transport
R Adm	Rear Admiral
RAF	Royal Air Force
RA Inf	Royal Australian Infantry Corps
RAN	Royal Australian Navy
RAR	Royal Australian Regiment
RA Sigs	Royal Australian Corps of Signals
U	
RASR	Regular Army Special Reserve

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ROE rules of engagement

RPG Ruchnoy Protivotankovyy Granatomyot (handheld anti-tank grenade

launcher)

RSF Rhodesian Security Forces
RSM Regimental Sergeant Major
RV rendezvous position (Rhodesia)
RWAU Rotary Wing Aviation Unit

SAM surface-to-air missile

Seato South-East Asia Treaty Organization

SFOR Stabilisation Force (Bosnia)

Sgt Sergeant

Sitrep situation report
SLA South Lebanon Army
SMH Sydney Morning Herald
SO1 Staff Officer Grade 1
SO2 Staff Officer Grade 2

Spr Sapper

Sq Ldr Squadron Leader

TACAN Tactical Air Navigation (system)

TMT Türk Mukavemet Teşkilâti (Turkish Cypriot militant organisation)

TNI Tentara Nasional Indonesia (Indonesian National Army)

TRNC Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus
UANC United African National Council
UDI Unilateral Declaration of Independence
UKNA United Kingdom National Archives
UN United Nations (Organisation)

United Nations Advance Mission in East Timor

United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone
Unbro
United Nations Border Relief Organization
Unci
United Nations Commission for Indonesia

Uncip United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan

Uncivpol United Nations Civilian Police

United Nations Command Military Armistic Commission Korea

UNCOK United Nations Commission on Korea

Uncurk United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of

Korea

United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

UNDP United Nations Development Program
UNEF United Nations Emergency Force

United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

UNGA United Nations General Assembly

UNIFIL United Nations Committee of Good Offices
UNHCR United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNIFIL United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

UNIIMOG United Nations Iran–Iraq Military Observer Group
UNIPOM United Nations India–Pakistan Observation Mission

UNLA Uganda National Liberation Army

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UNMCTT United Nations Mine Clearance Training Team
UNMEE United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

Unmiss United Nations Mission in South Sudan
Unmo United Nations Military Observer

Unmogip United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan

United Nations Observation Group in Lebanon

UNOSOM United Nations Operation in Somalia UNPA United Nations Protected Area (Cyprus)

UNPROFOR United Nations Protection Force

UNRIP United Nations Representative in India and Pakistan

UNRWA United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in

the Near East

Unsco United Nations Special Coordinator

Unscob United Nations Special Commission on the Balkans
Unscop United Nations Special Committee on Palestine
UNSCR United Nations Security Council Resolution

UNSF United Nations Security Force
UNSW University of New South Wales

United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

United Nations Transition Assistance Group
United Nations Temporary Commission on Korea
United Nations Temporary Executive Authority
United Nations Truce Supervision Organization
United Nations Yemen Observation Mission

UQP University of Queensland Press USI United States of Indonesia

USSR Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
VCDF Vice Chief of the Defence Force

VIP very important person

VOC United East India Company (Vereeigde Oost-Indische Compagnie); also

known as the Dutch East India Company

WHO World Health Organization

WNG West New Guinea WNGO Warning Order

WO1 Warrant Officer Class 1 WO2 Warrant Officer Class 2

Zanla Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army

ZANU Zimbabwe African National Union
 ZAPU Zimbabwe African People's Union
 ZIPRA Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army

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