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Foreword

Technology, the environment and demographics are interacting with changes in the behaviour of states and groups in cooperation, competition and conflict. The rate at which these changes are occurring is increasing, reducing the time available to adapt or respond. The Australian Army calls these changes ‘accelerated warfare.’ This environment means that the Army must be designed for change and prepared for uncertain and demanding environments. The Army must be ready now and future ready.

To meet the challenges of this environment, the Army will need to be an organisation with a continuous-learning culture. We must be professionally curious, be comfortable with the contest of ideas and have respect for other perspectives. The study and application of history are vital to this endeavour.

The 2019 Chief of Army History Conference – An Army of Influence: The Australian Army’s Connection with the Region – provided an opportunity to focus on how successive generations of the Army’s leaders have grappled with the challenges presented by our unique geographical and strategic circumstances. Understanding how these relationships and connections have been built in the past helps to provide context and direction for how they might be nurtured or built in the future.

Like all Indo-Pacific nations, Australia cannot escape geography, demographics or history. We live with the reality of a more strategically crowded region. We will need to work together with our regional partners to contribute to national and collective responses to these challenges. Our cooperation will take many forms.

On any one day, we have many people and activities overseas and host many regional partners here in Australia. We are working together in different places and contexts and perhaps with different purposes. Common to all our endeavours is the need to win and sustain trust if we are to be effective and credible – to have influence. This is done by building respectful, sincere and genuine connections between people. It is the Army’s people that make other military forces want to partner with us.

An Army of Influence helps us to consider how we might build effective relationships in the future by looking at how we have done it in the past. The book brings together the excellent scholarship from the original conference presentations and has matched it with other perspectives to broaden the intellectual discussion. As with all our books in partnership with Cambridge University Press, this book is an academically rigorous exploration of our engagement in the region that seeks to drive scholarly inquiry further and makes a new contribution to this field of academic research.

I commend all those who have contributed to creating a publication that will be of significant value to the Army as it continues to build meaningful partnerships and engage across the region.

Lieutenant General Richard M. Burr, Chief of Army

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Abbreviations

1RAR (etc.)	1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment
1RNZIR	1 Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment
AATTV	Australian Army Training Team Vietnam
ABRI	Angkatan Bersenjata Republik Indonesia (Armed Forces of the Republic of Indonesia)
ADF	Australian Defence Force
ADFA	Australian Defence Force Academy
ADMM-Plus	ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus
AFP	Armed Forces of the Philippines
AIF	Australian Imperial Force
ANA	Afghan National Army
ANZAC	Australian and New Zealand Army Corps
ANZUS	Security Treaty between Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
ARA	Australian Regular Army
ARF	ASEAN Regional Forum
ASC	Australian Staff College
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASOPA	Australian School of Pacific Administration
AWM	Australian War Memorial
BCFK	British Commonwealth Forces Korea
BCOF	British Commonwealth Occupation Force
CMF	Citizen Military Forces
COMAFV	Commander of the Australian Force Vietnam
DCP	Defence Cooperation Program
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
DORCA	Directorate of Research and Civil Affairs
DRVN	Democratic Republic of Vietnam
E-DCP	Enhanced Defence Cooperation Program
F-FDTL	Falintil – Forças Defesa Timor Lorosae
FPDA	Five Power Defence Arrangements

HQ BCOF	Headquarters, British Commonwealth Occupation Force
HQ IADS	Headquarters Integrated Area Defence System
ICCS	International Commission of Control and Supervision
INTERFET	International Force East Timor
IP Division	International Policy Division
JOCCIT	Junior Officer Close Combat Instructor Training
JTC	Jungle Training Centre
JTG	Joint Task Group
LMTT	Land Mobile Training Team
MACV	Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
MMWG	Mixed Military Working Group
NAA	National Archives of Australia
PMG	Peace Monitoring Group
PNG	Papua New Guinea
PNGDF	Papua New Guinea Defence Force
RAAF	Royal Australian Air Force
RAMSI	Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands
RAN	Royal Australian Navy
RCB	Rifle Company Butterworth
RMAF	Royal Malaysian Air Force
RSIP	Royal Solomon Islands Police
RVN	Republic of Vietnam
RVNAF	Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces
SAS	Special Air Service
SASR	Special Air Service Regiment
SEATO	Southeast Asia Treaty Organization
SESKOAD	Sekolah Staf dan Komando Angkatan Darat (Indonesian Army Command and General Staff College)
SNC	Supreme National Council
SVN	State of Vietnam
TAA	train-advise-assist
TMG	Truce Monitoring Group
TNI	Tentara Nasional Indonesia (Indonesian National Armed Forces)
UN	United Nations

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UNAMET	United Nations Mission in East Timor
UNAMIC	United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia
UNTAC	United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia
USARPAC	United States Army Pacific