AN ARMY OF INFLUENCE
EIGHTY YEARS OF REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT

The importance of regional cooperation is becoming more apparent as the world moves into the third decade of the 21st century. *An Army of Influence* is a thought-provoking analysis of the Australian Army's capacity to change, with a particular focus on the Asia-Pacific region.

Written by highly regarded historians, strategists and practitioners, this book examines the Australian Army's influence abroad and the lessons it has learnt from its engagement across the Asia-Pacific region. It also explores the challenges facing the Australian Army in the future and provides principles to guide operational, administrative and modernisation planning.

Containing full-colour maps and images, *An Army of Influence* will be of interest to both the wider defence community and general readers. It underscores the importance of maintaining an ongoing presence in the region and engages with history to address the issues facing the Army both now and into the future.

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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.

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<td>HQ BCOF</td>
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<td>SEATO</td>
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ABBREVIATIONS

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