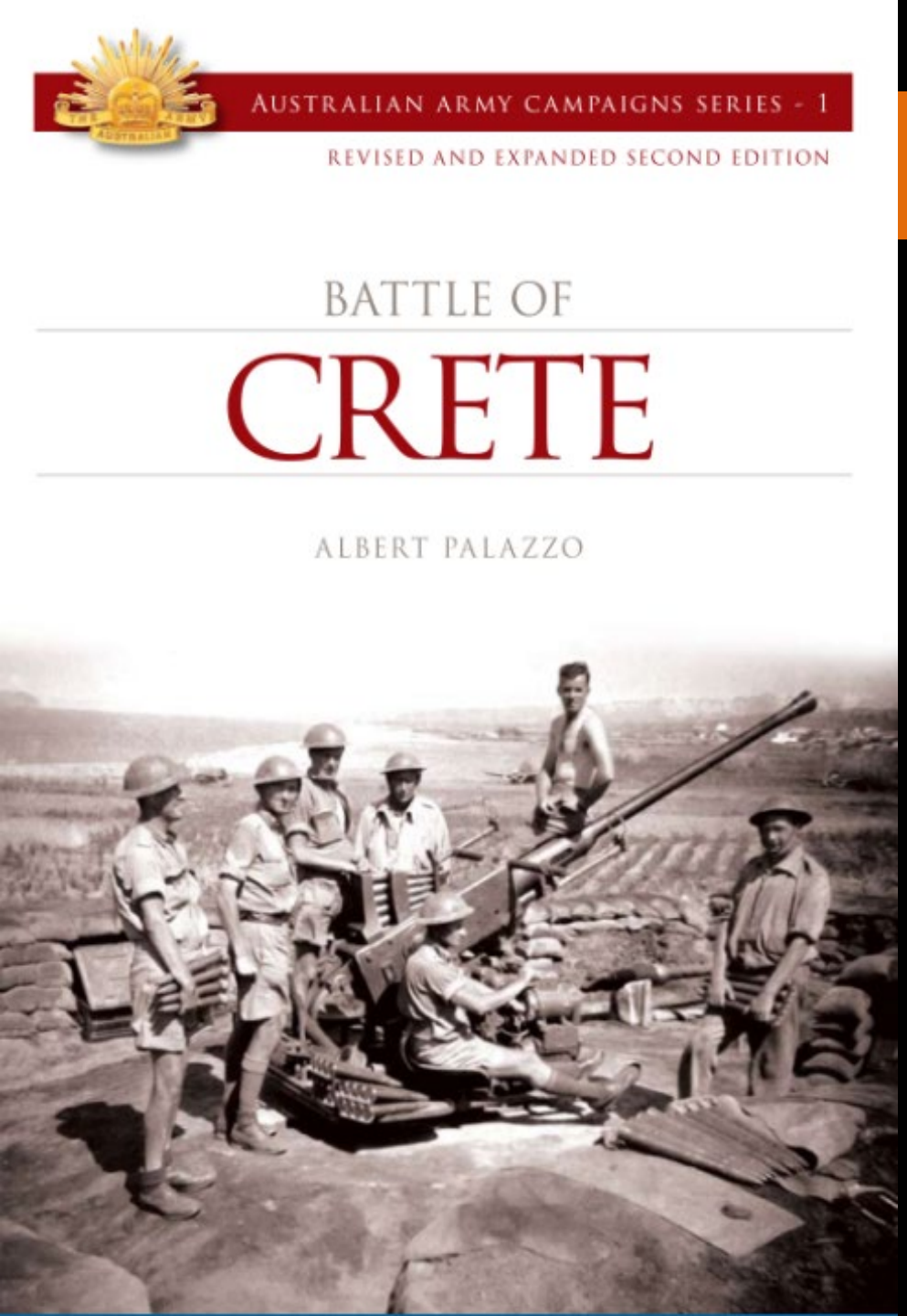


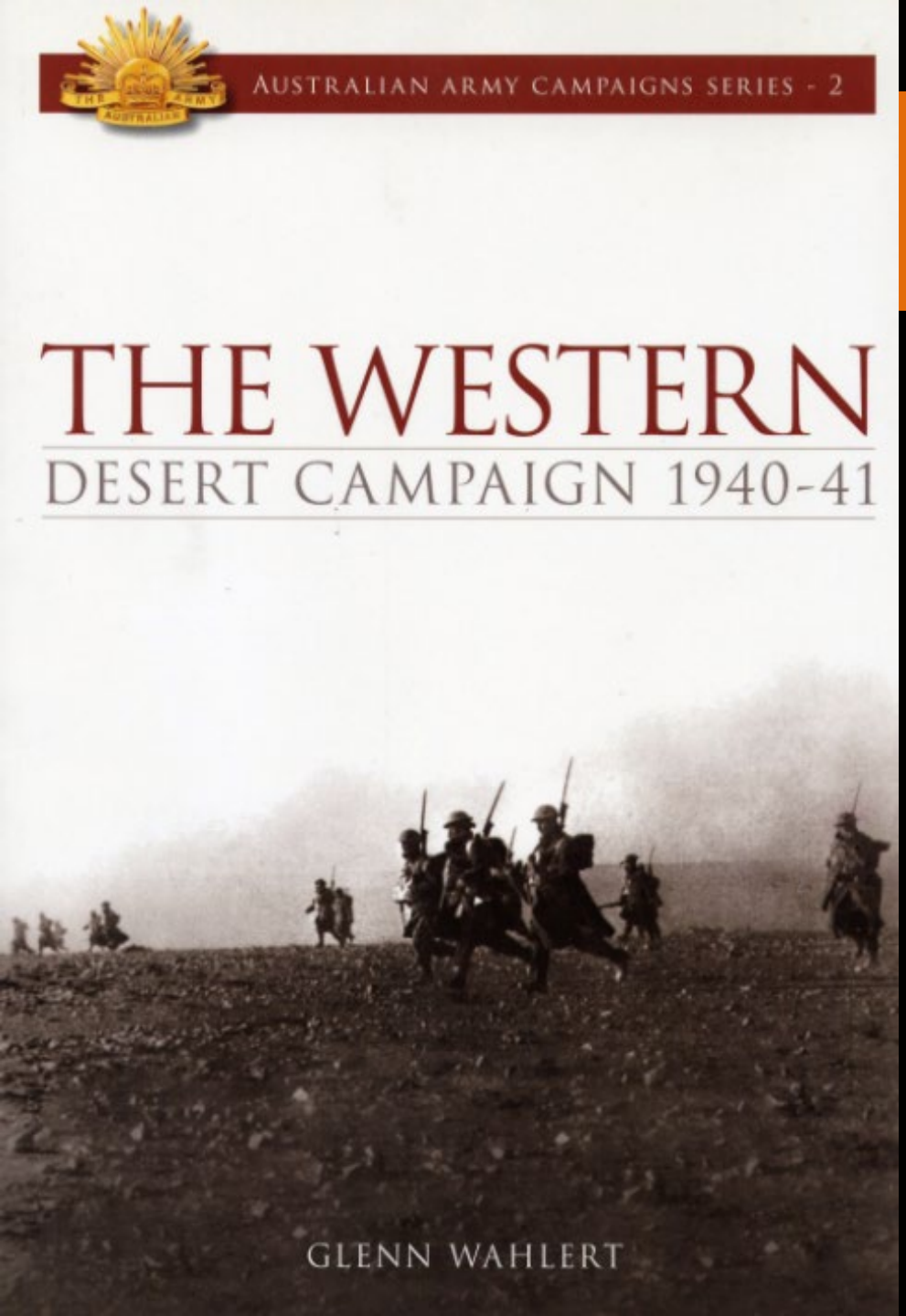
THE BATTLE OF CRETE

Albert Palazzo

This book examines the Second World War Battle of Crete between 20 May – 1 June 1941. It discusses the commanders, their decisions, the men who fought and the weapons that were used, including warfare's first aerial invasion.

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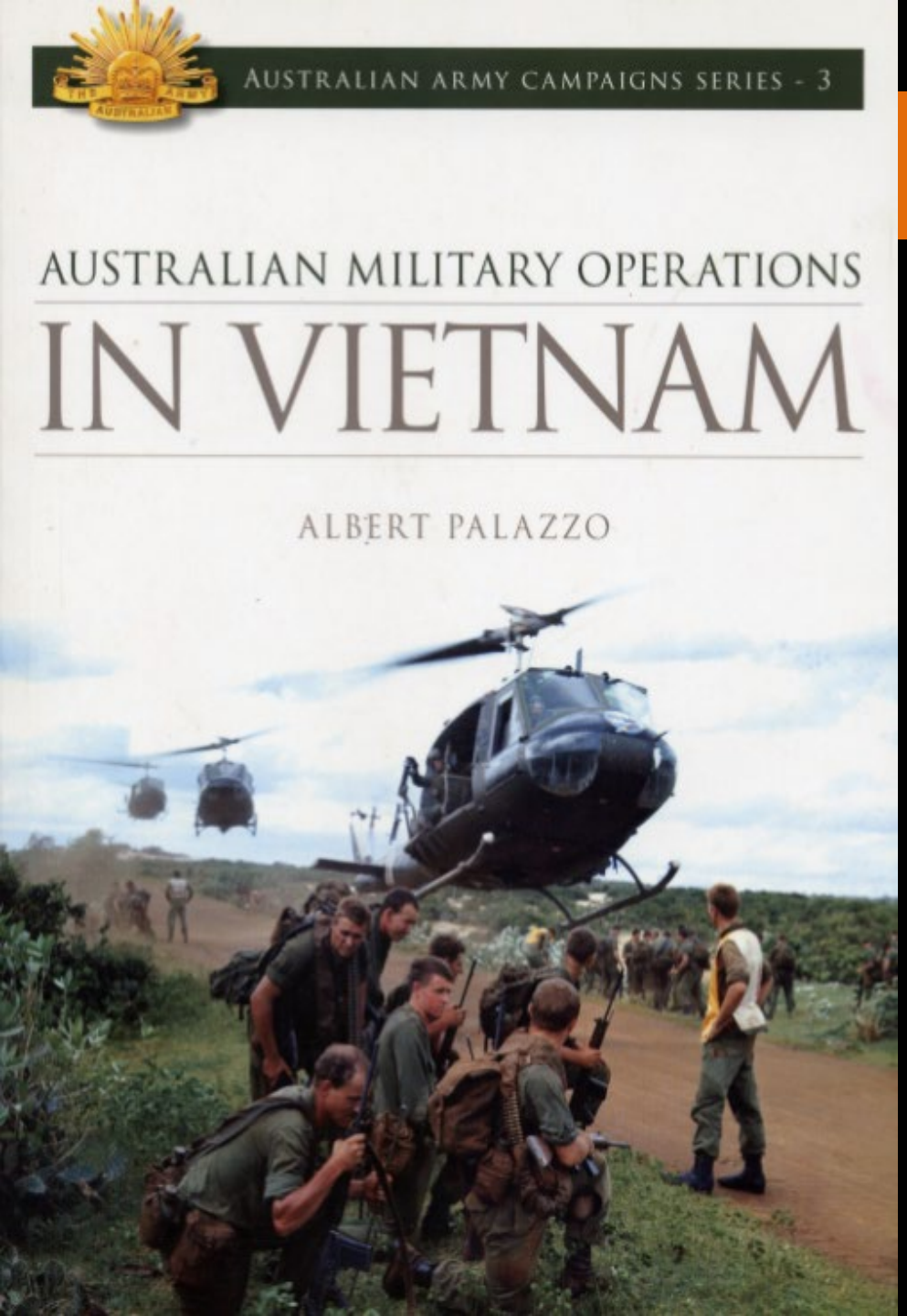
THE WESTERN DESERT CAMPAIGN 1940-41

Glenn Wahlert

This book studies Wavell's campaign against Italian forces in 1940-41 and the role of the 6th Division in the eventual Italian defeat. This book describes the leadership, detailed planning, deception, surprise, manoeuvre warfare and relentless pursuit against overwhelming odds that contributed to their success.

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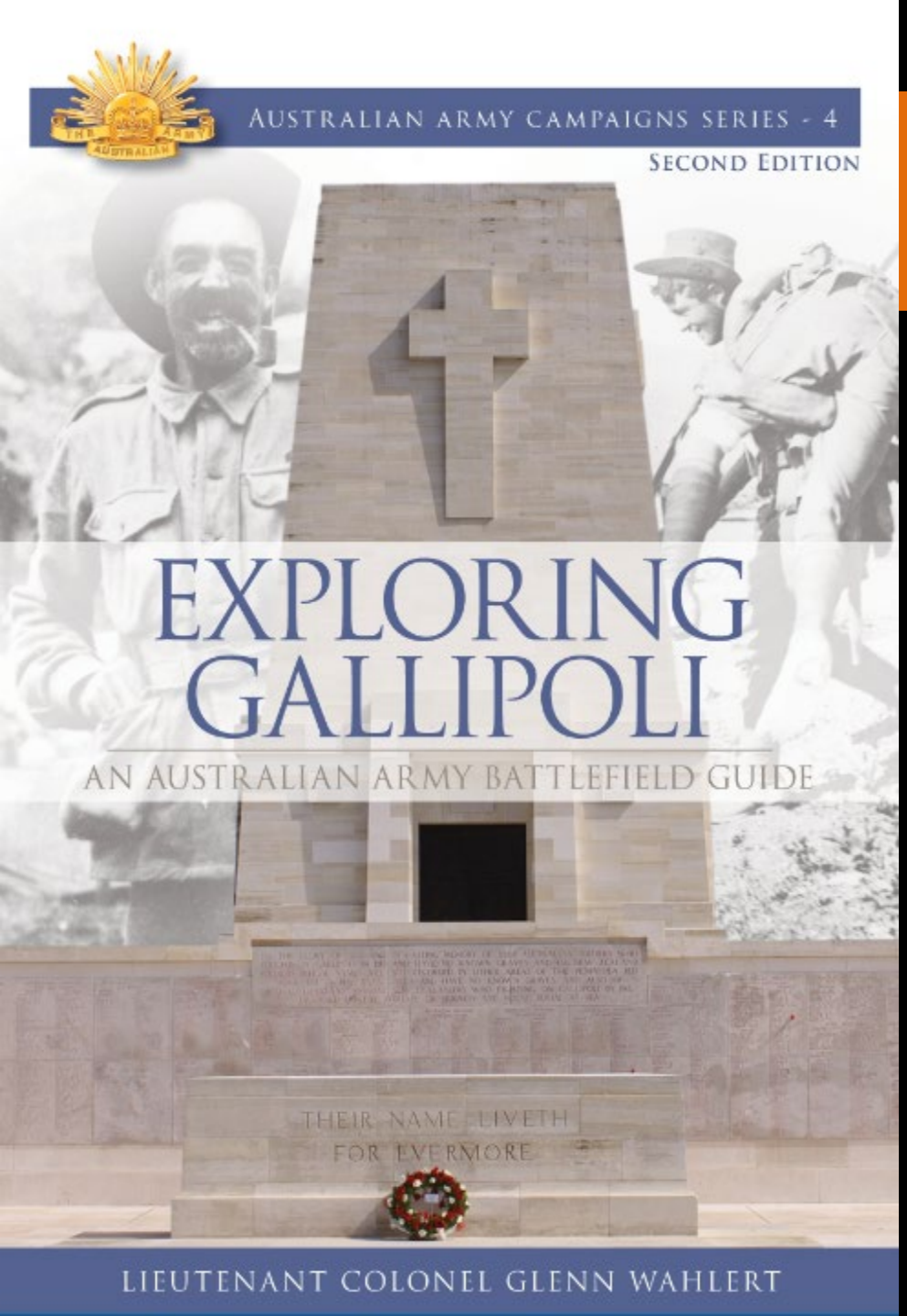
AUSTRALIAN MILITARY OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM

Albert Palazzo

This book highlights the successes and failures of the Australian Army fighting in Vietnam and extrapolates what can be learnt in the fight against insurgencies.

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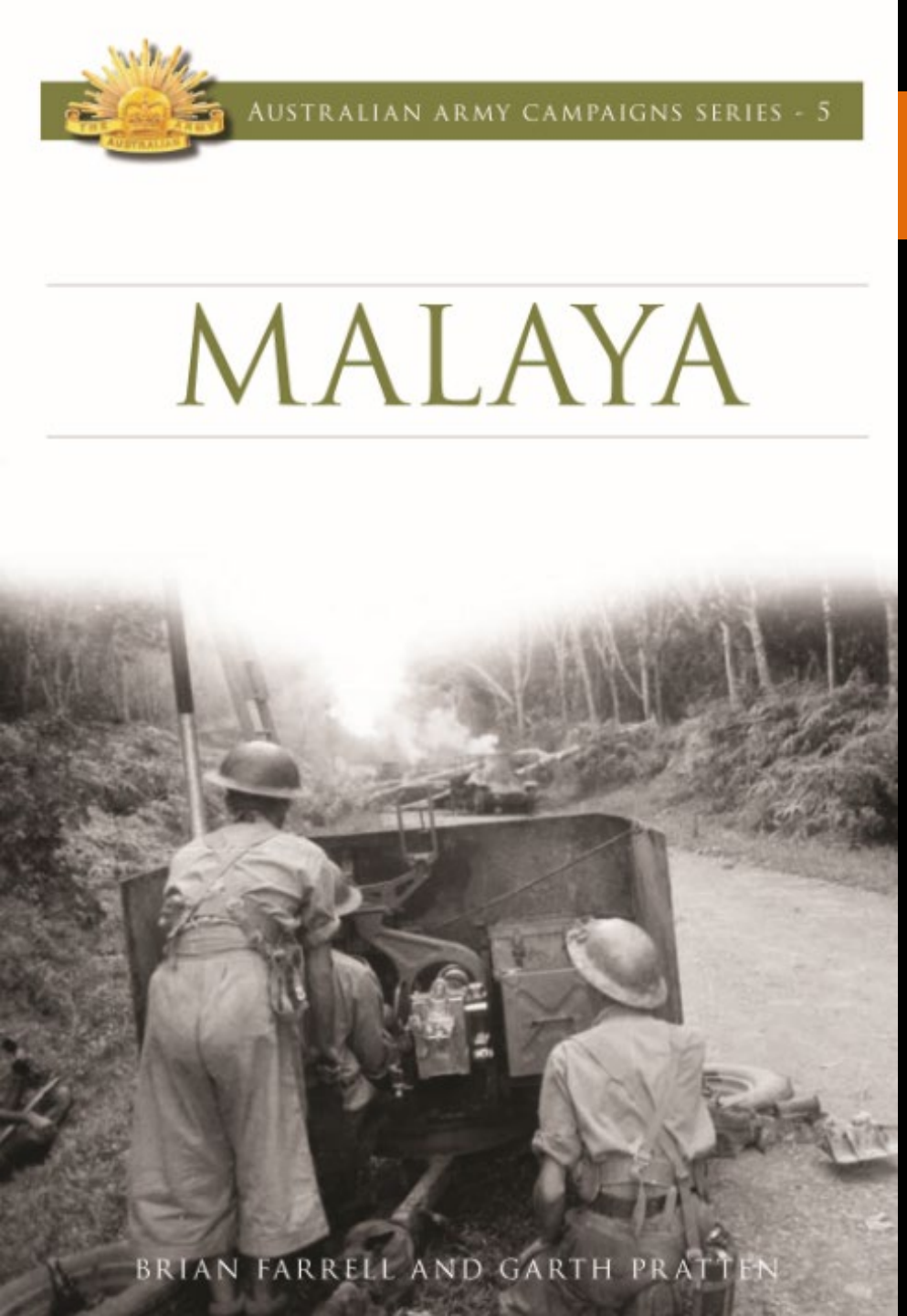
EXPLORING GALLIPOLI
An Australian Army Battlefield Guide

Glenn Wahlert

This book provides practical information for tourists in Gallipoli and a guide to First World War Anzac battlefields.

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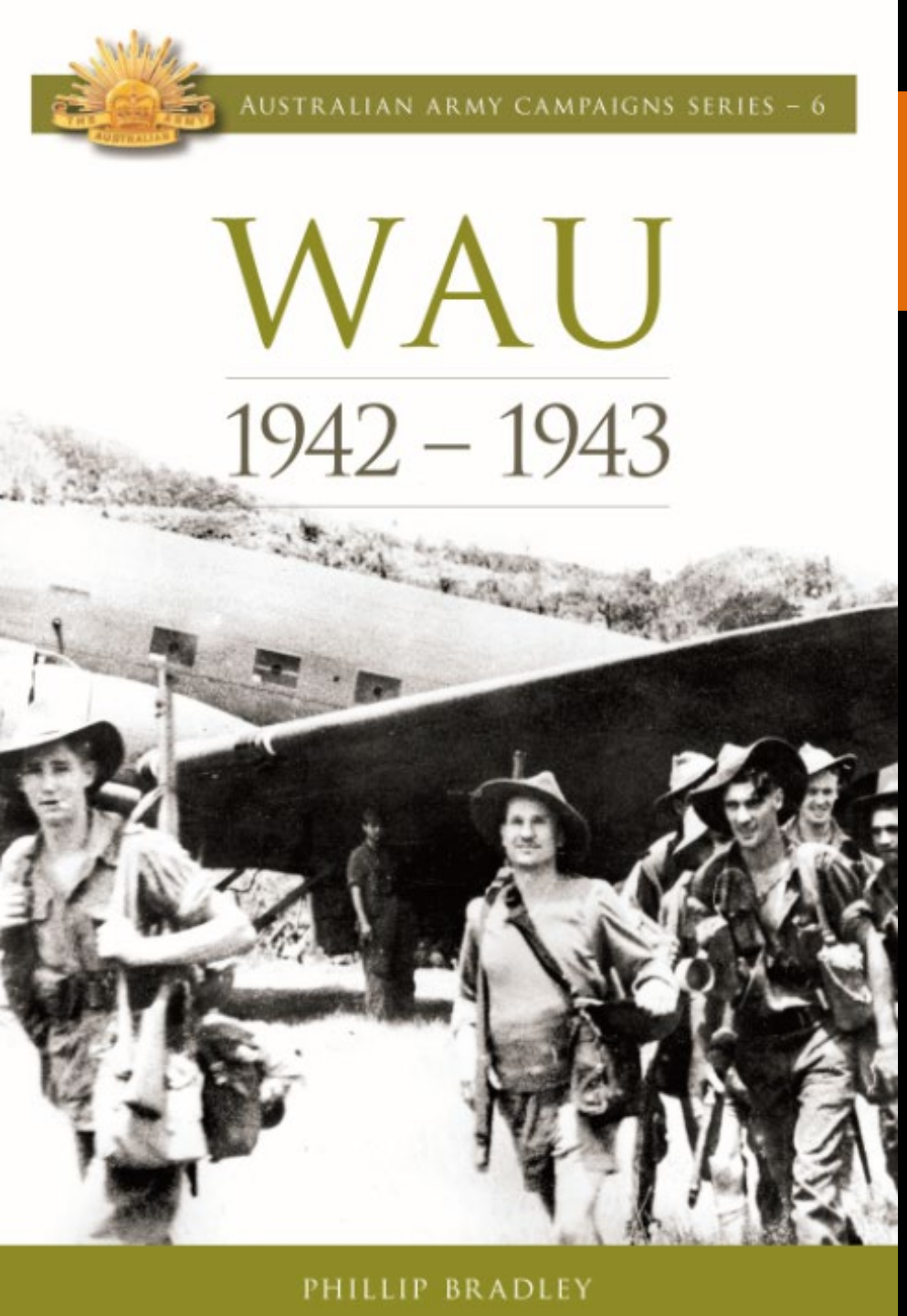
MALAYA

Brian Farrell and Garth Pratten

This book examines Australia's actions in the Pacific War to defend Malaya and Singapore during the Second World War. Australia's principal contribution was the 8th Division, however their performance was bedevilled by poor command decisions. They did however, display stubbornness in positional defence, effective and flexible small unit tactics and leadership, skill and determination in close quarter combat. The loss underlines Australia's strategic dependence on our allies.

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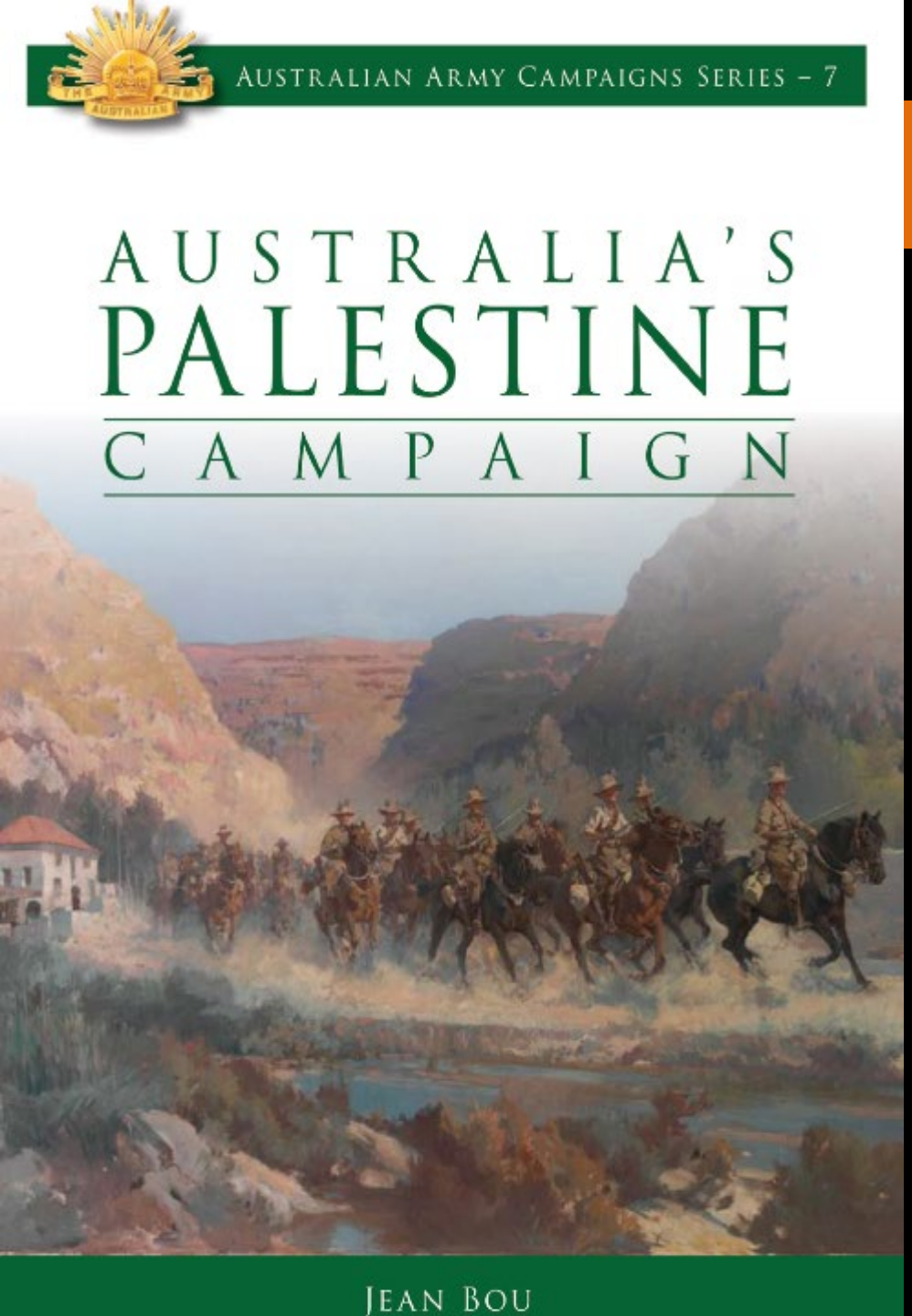
WAU
1942-1943

Phillip Bradley

This book analyses the Australian defence of Wau against two Japanese infantry battalions, 1942-43. A single Australian company defended Wau for 36 hours, allowing enough time for other Australian troops to be rushed in to assist which turned the tide in the battle. It outlines how victory was achieved and how determined leadership can play a deciding role in battle.

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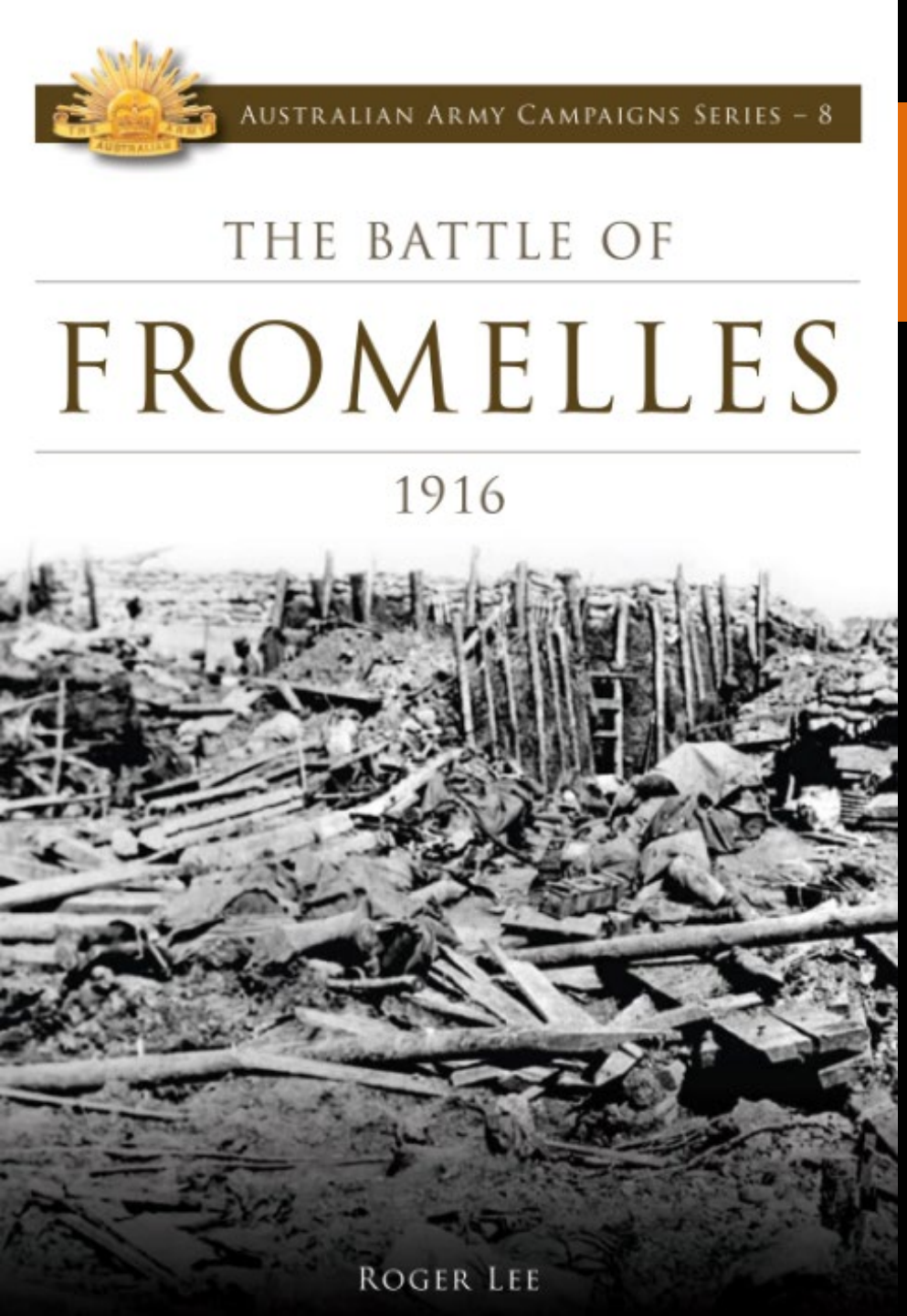
AUSTRALIA'S PALESTINE CAMPAIGN

Jean Bou

This book explores the Palestine Campaign which involved two mounted divisions against the Ottoman Empire for three years. It was Australia's longest running military endeavour of the Frist World War after the fighting on the Western Front. It was a war of relative movement and manoeuvre with cavalry and the light horse playing a prominent role.

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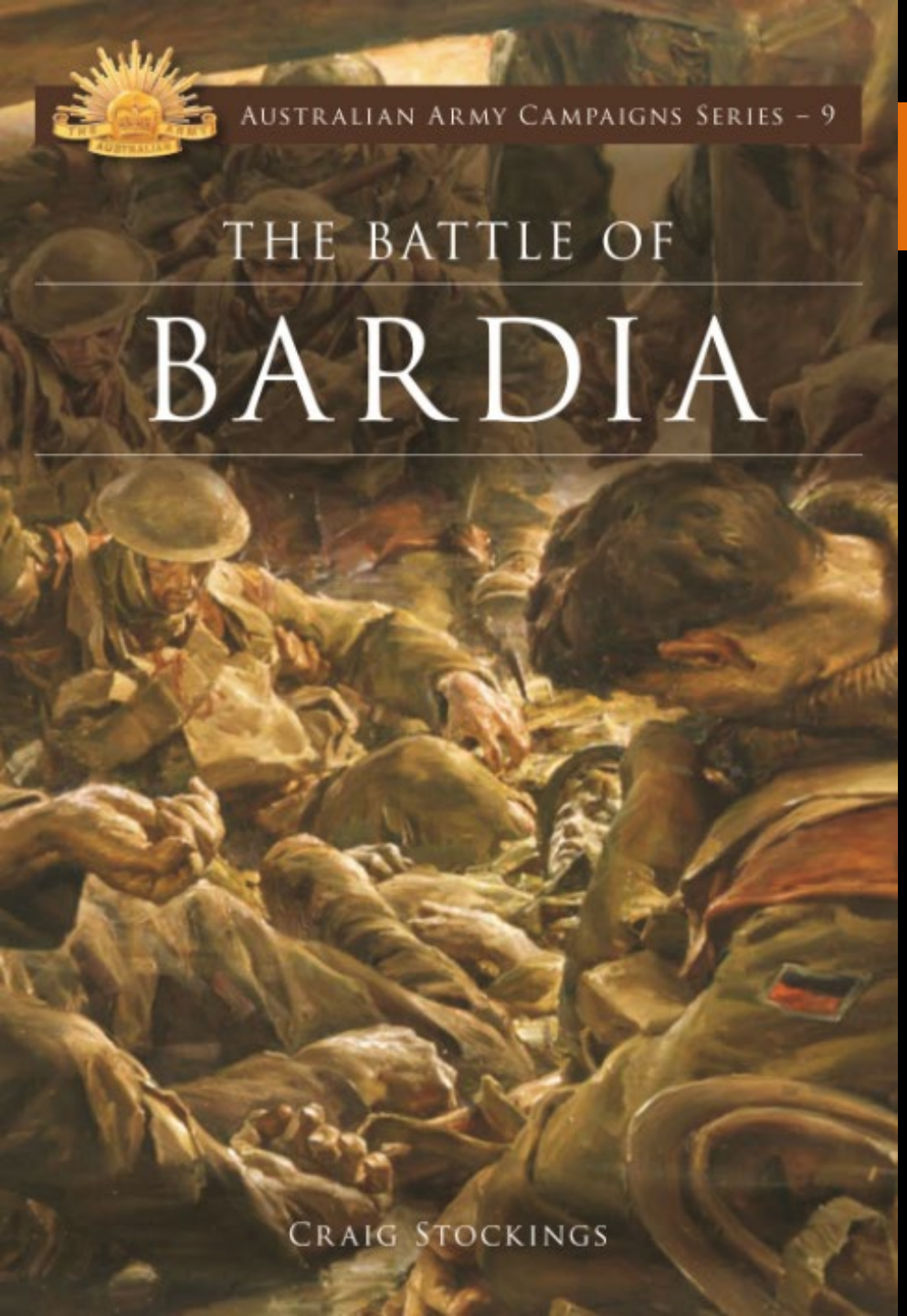
THE BATTLE OF FROMELLES 1916

Roger Lee

This book examines the 1916 Battle of Fromelles during which over 1700 soldiers were killed in 24 hours. It explores the prelude to the conflict, strategy, opposing armies, the attack, why the attack failed and lessons learned in regard to tactical, operational and strategic settings.

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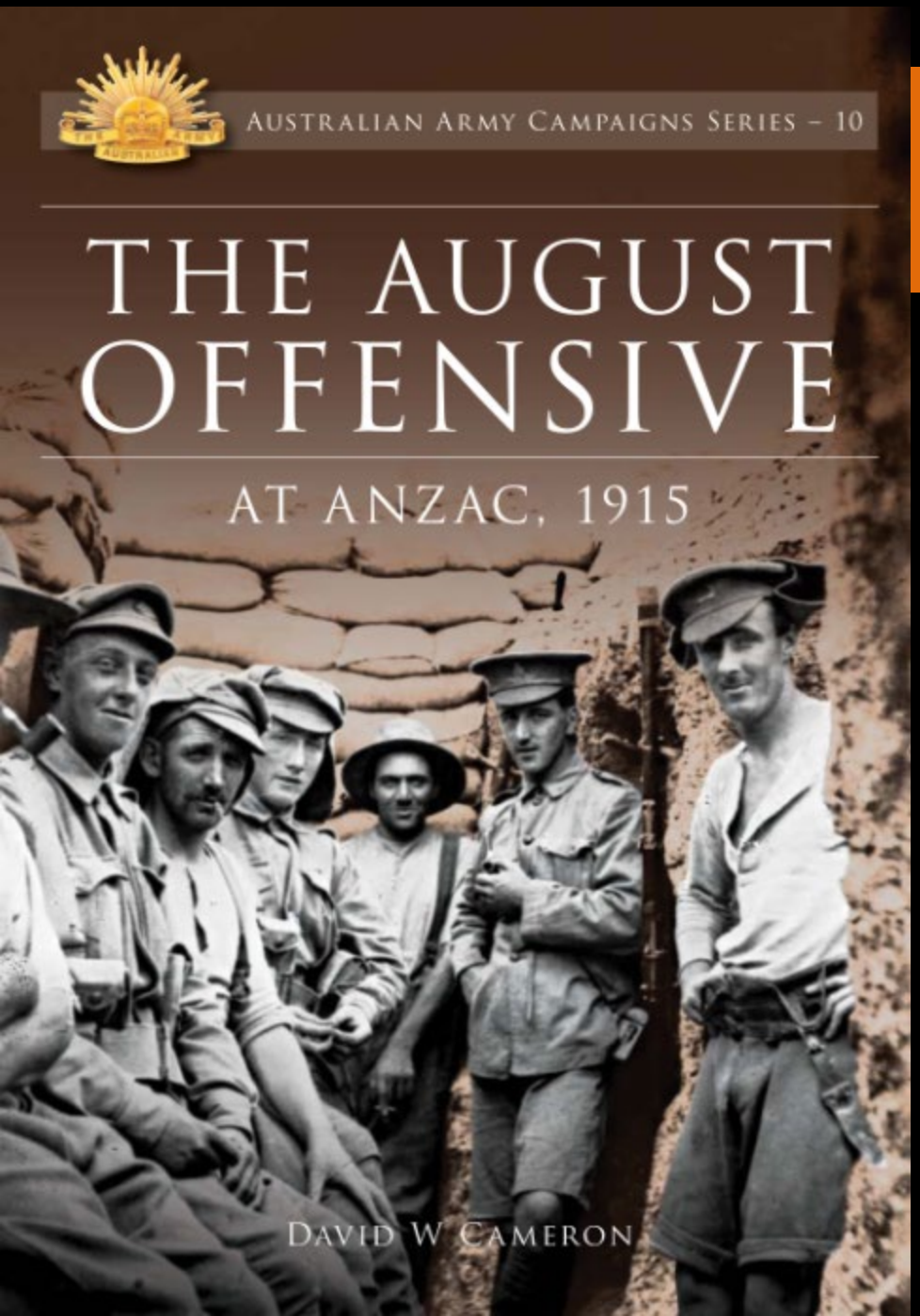
THE BATTLE OF BARDIA

Craig Stockings

This book outlines the Australian 6th Division led assault against the Italian colonial fortress-village of Bardia in Libya. It was the second battle of the First Libyan Campaign, but the first battle of the Second World War that was planned and fought predominately by Australians. The fortress fell in two days, and it was described as a remarkable victory. It was, however, overshadowed by later desert advances, the failed Greek campaign and the war in the Pacific. This book brings Bardia back into the light in regard to tactical, operational and strategic settings.

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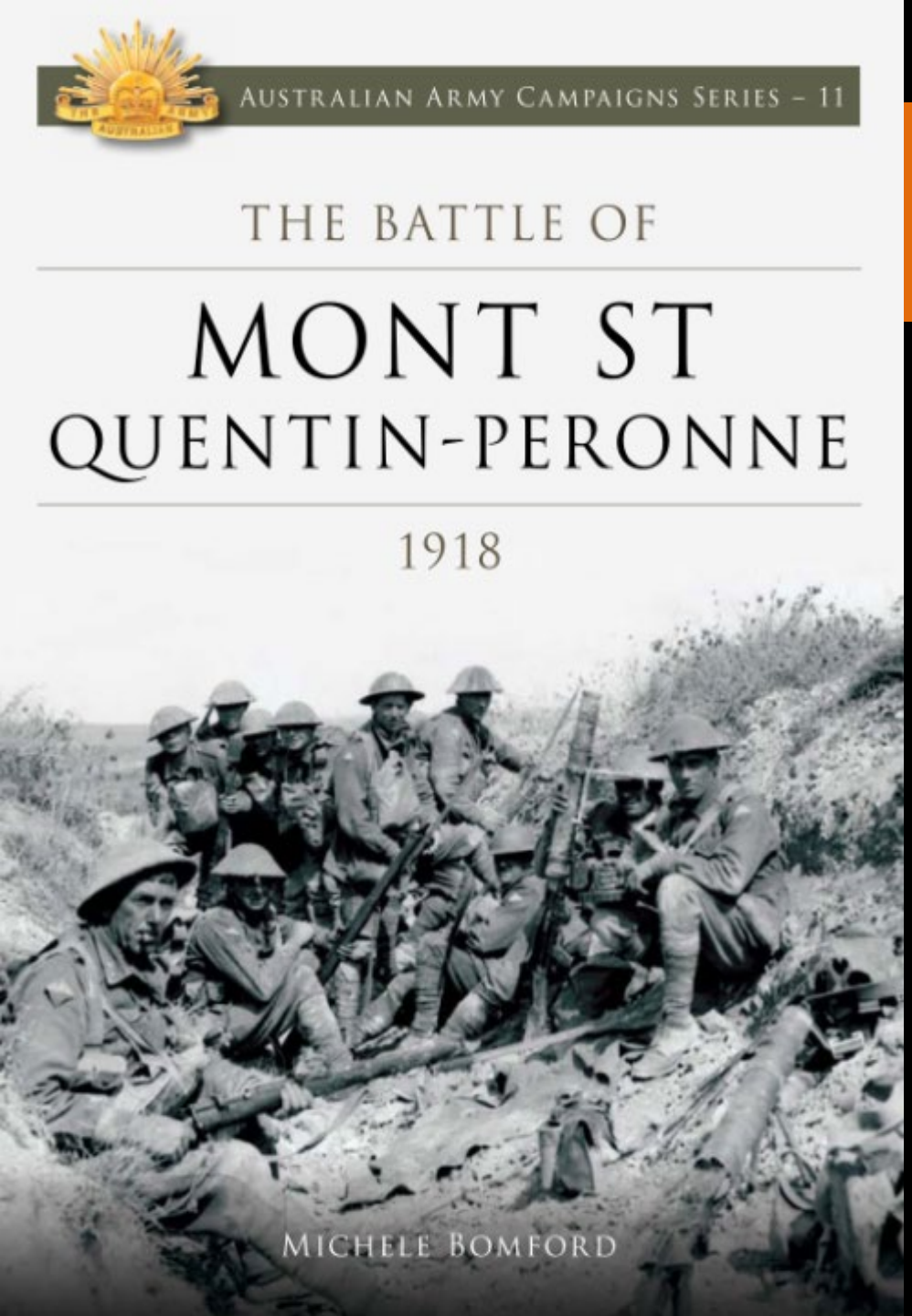
THE AUGUST OFFENSIVE at Anzac, 1915

David W Cameron

This book describes the August Offensive, or the 'Anzac Breakout' at Gallipoli which saw some of the bloodiest fighting since the landing on 25 April 1915. It explores how this devastating fighting was a result of a complex plan and overly ambitious objectives set for already fatigued troops with primitive communications and poor leadership. The fog of war was indeed a factor in this battle, and this book demonstrates the impact of not taking into account the tactical difficulties on the ground.

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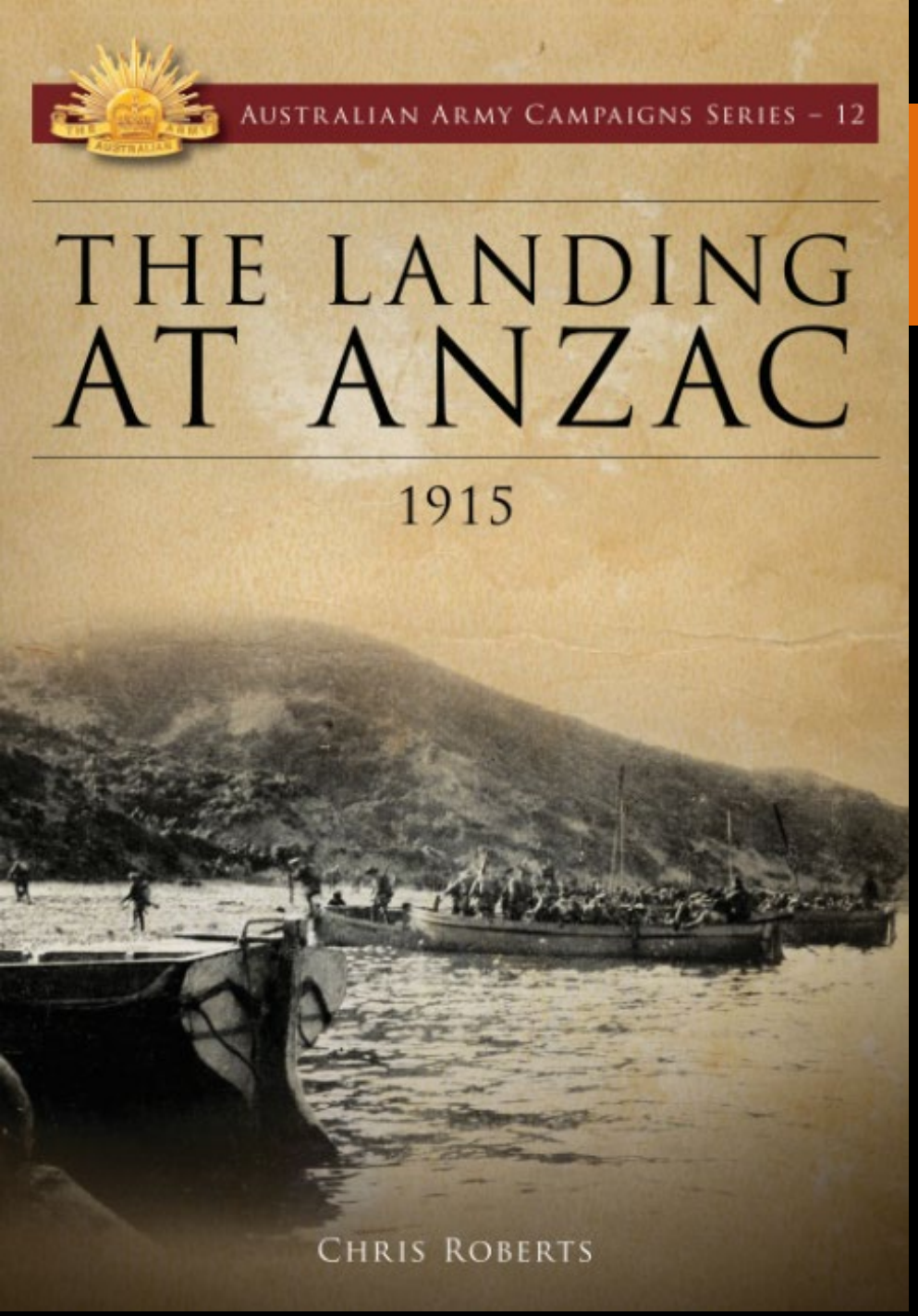
THE BATTLE OF MONT ST QUENTIN-PERONNE 1918

Michele Bomford

This book charts the extraordinary journey from the trenches facing Mont St Quentin on 31 August 1918 to the frenetic phases of the battle until the objectives were taken on 5 September 1918. This story, often told through the words of the men themselves, describes the capture of Mont and the fortress town of Peronne. It describes the ground over which the battle was fought, examines the corps and what made them socially and structurally homogenous, and covers infantry firepower, tactics, training and discipline, as well as the tenacity of their German opponent.

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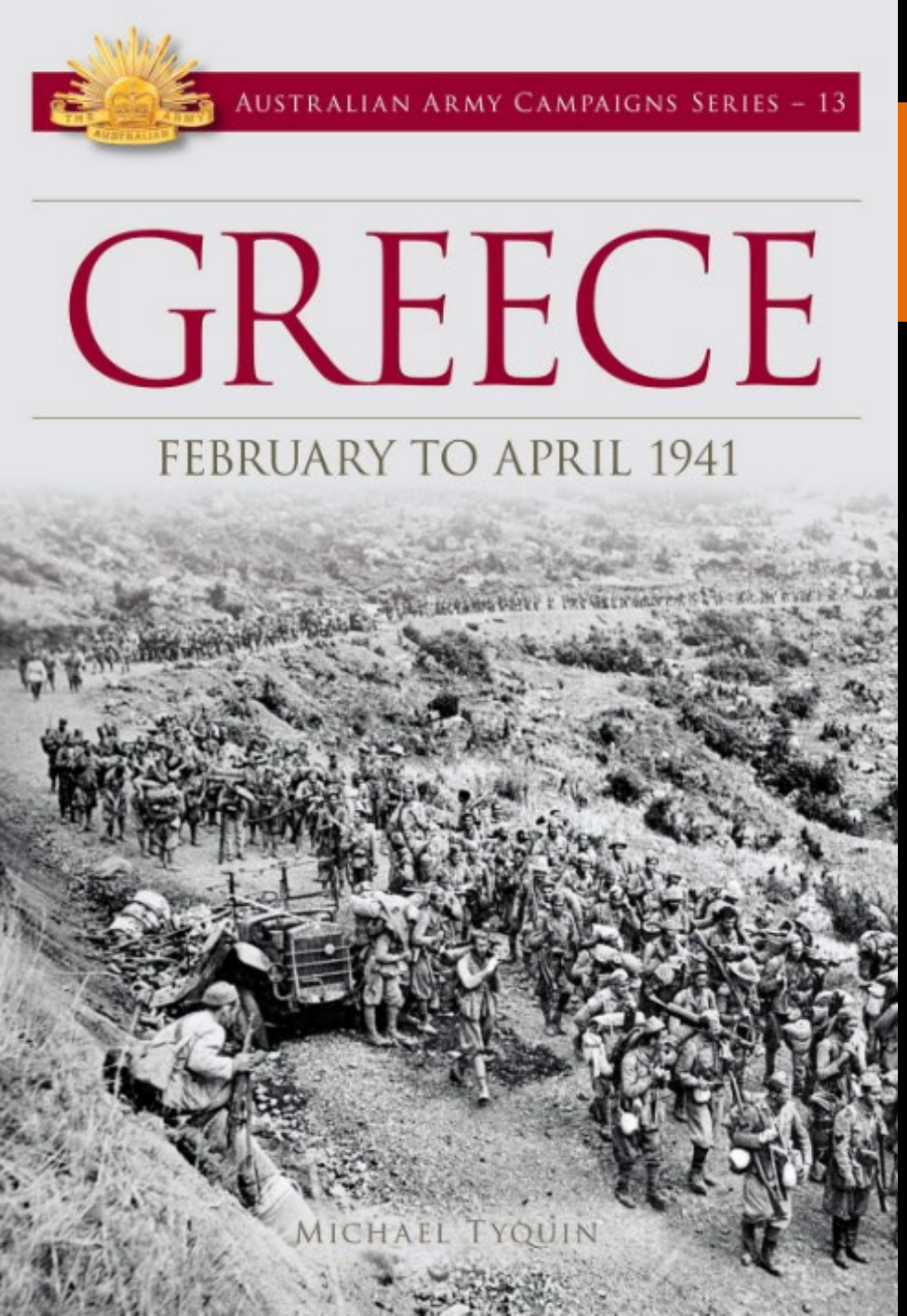
THE LANDING AT ANZAC 1915

Chris Roberts

This book challenges many of the cherished myths about the most celebrated battle in Australian and New Zealand history. Told from both the Anzac and Turkish perspective, this book questions Charles Beans' official history of the First World War and presents a fresh examination of the events from a range of evidence and participants.

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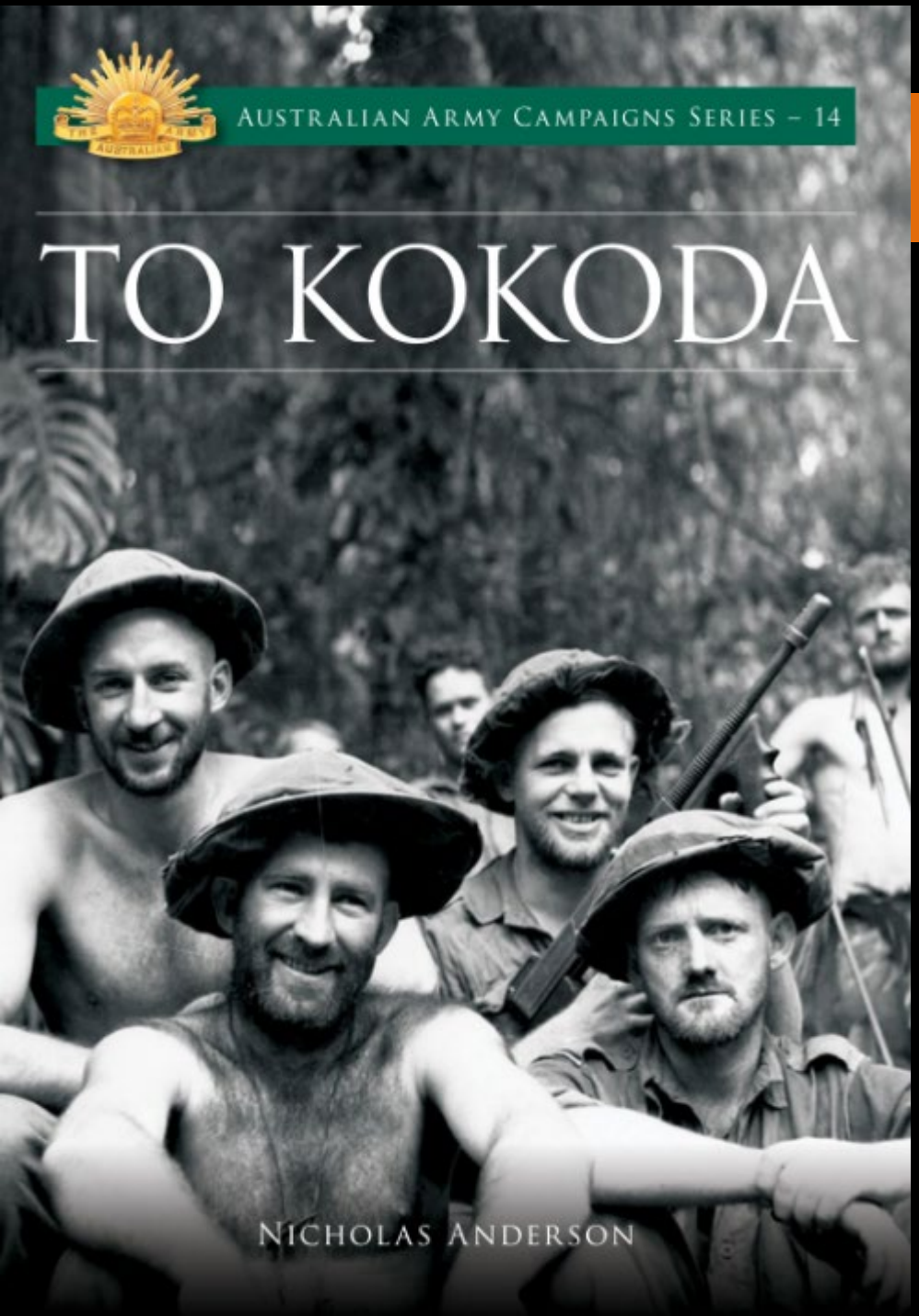


GREECE
February to April 1941
Michael Tyquin

This book covers the poorly conceived and doomed plans to assist Greece against the seemingly invincible Germans. The geographical difficulties of Greece, primitive national infrastructure and poor communication contributed to the difficulties of this campaign. The book explores the complexities and mistakes of Greece from February to April 1941. The book holds lessons for the future of strategy, tactics and history.

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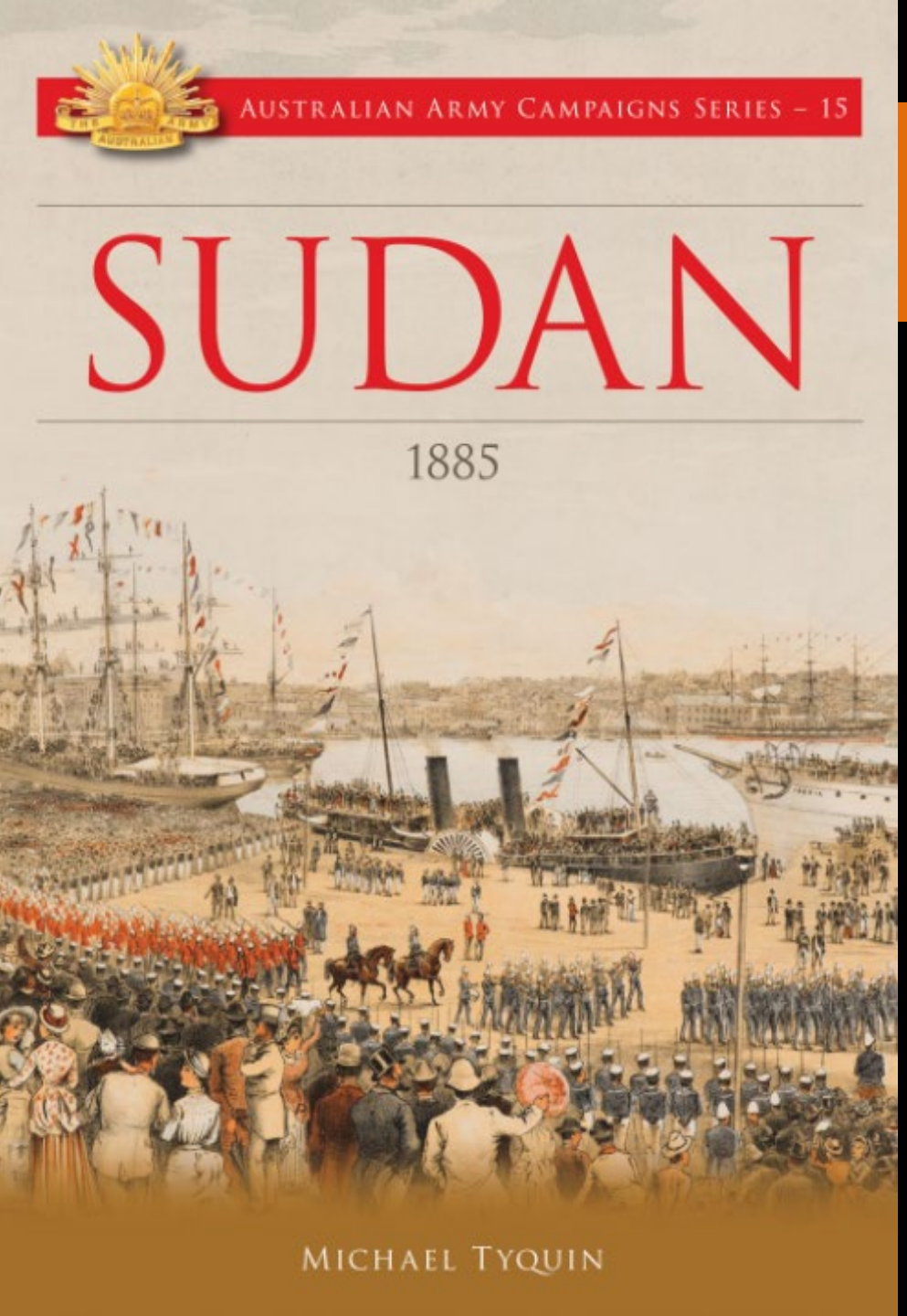
TO KOKODA

Nicholas Anderson

This book explores the protracted struggle of Australian troops to drive the Japanese out of Papua during the Second World War. The Japanese headed for Port Moresby, traversing the treacherous Kokoda Trail. The Allies and Australia recognised the danger this posed in terms of maintaining communication between Australia and the Allies. Ill prepared Australian militia battalions and AIF were sent into the jungle to face the invading Japanese. The overextension of Japanese supply lines and disaster at Guadalcanal cruelled the Japanese and were driven off by the Australians.

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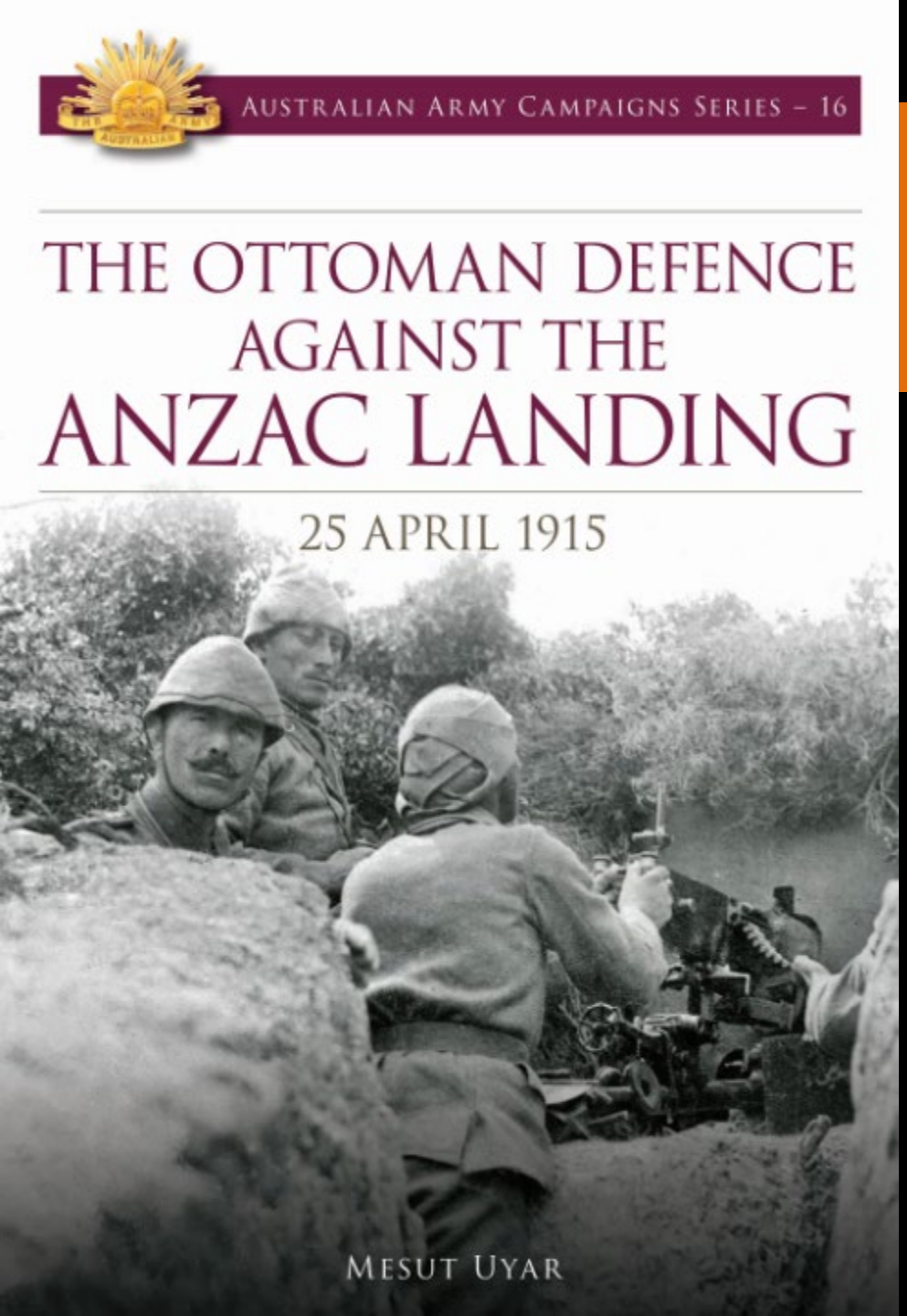


SUDAN
1885
Michael Tyquin

This book provides context for the involvement of Australia's colonial military forces in Britain's Egyptian campaigns between 1883 and 1885. The sending of the contingent was seen as an important demonstration of Australian nationalism at the time and was our first real military engagement abroad. This was a short campaign for Australia, five months overall, and as a result they had little impact on the conflict.

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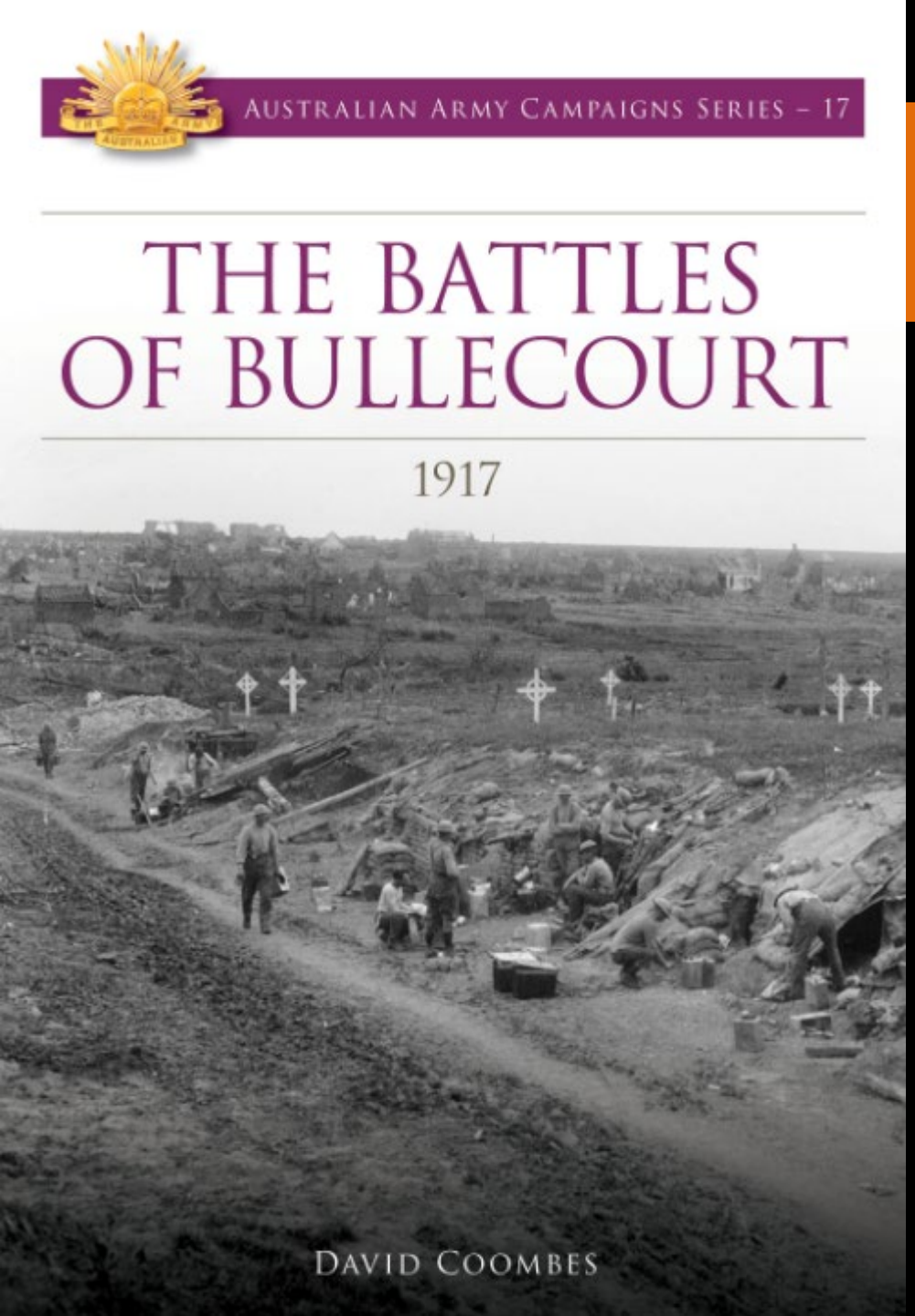
THE OTTOMAN DEFENCE AGAINST THE ANZAC LANDING
25 April 1915

Mesut Uyar

A detailed account of the landing at Gallipoli from a Turkish perspective, from previously unpublished Ottoman and Turkish sources. This book describes the Ottoman Army in detail from it's order of battle, unit structure and composition, training and doctrine, to the weapons used against the ANZACs in 1915.

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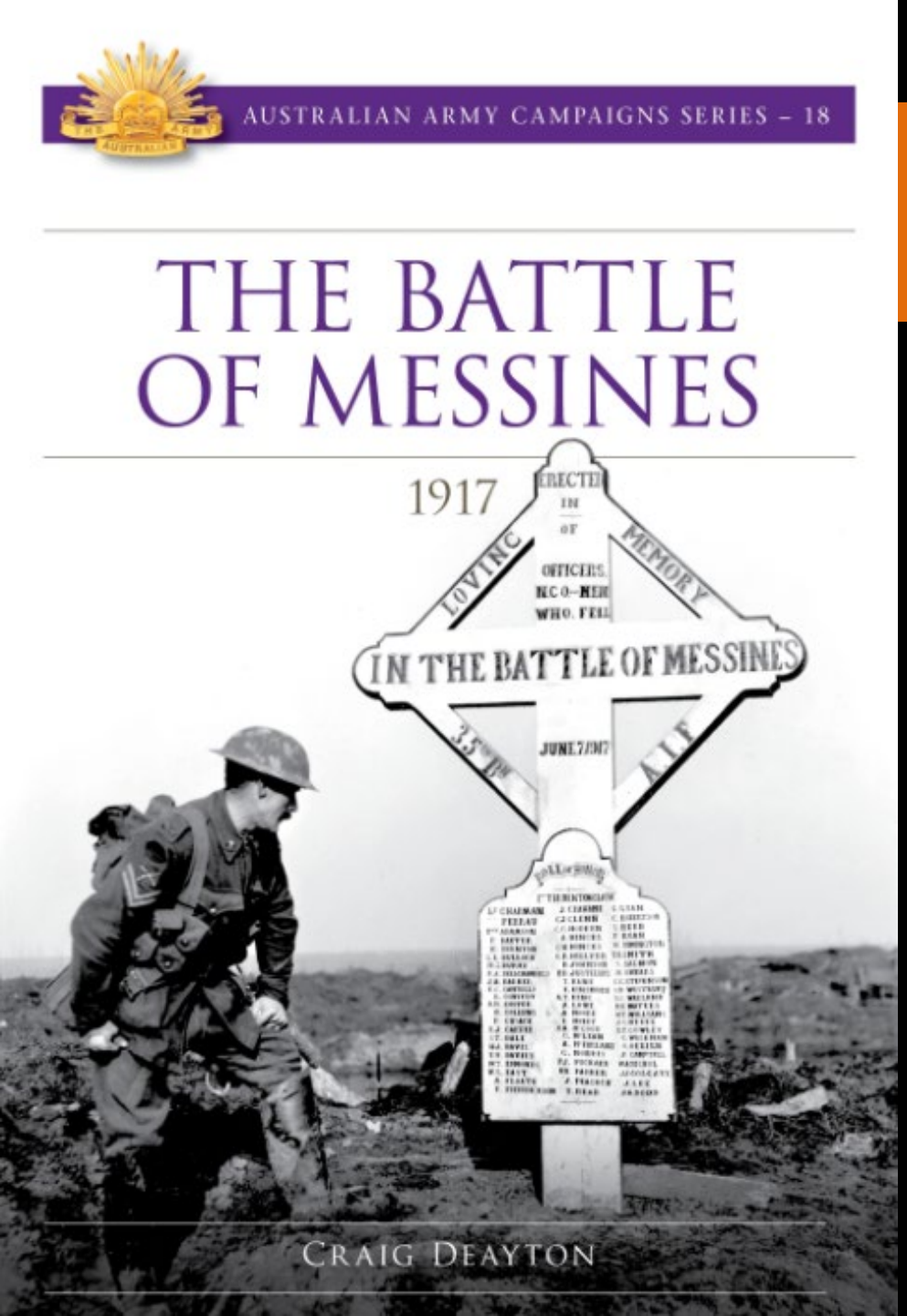
THE BATTLES OF BULLECOURT 1917

David Coombes

The Battles of Bullecourt involved Australian and British troops. The First Battle of Bullecourt marked Australia's introduction into the latest battlefield weapon, the tank, which failed dismally amid enormous casualties. Despite this, two infantry brigades from the 4th Division captured parts of the Hindenburg Line. The Second Battle of Bullecourt saw over 7000 casualties and was a hard fought battle to capture and hold parts of the enemy line. It is questionable whether this had any strategic or tactical value to the First World War.

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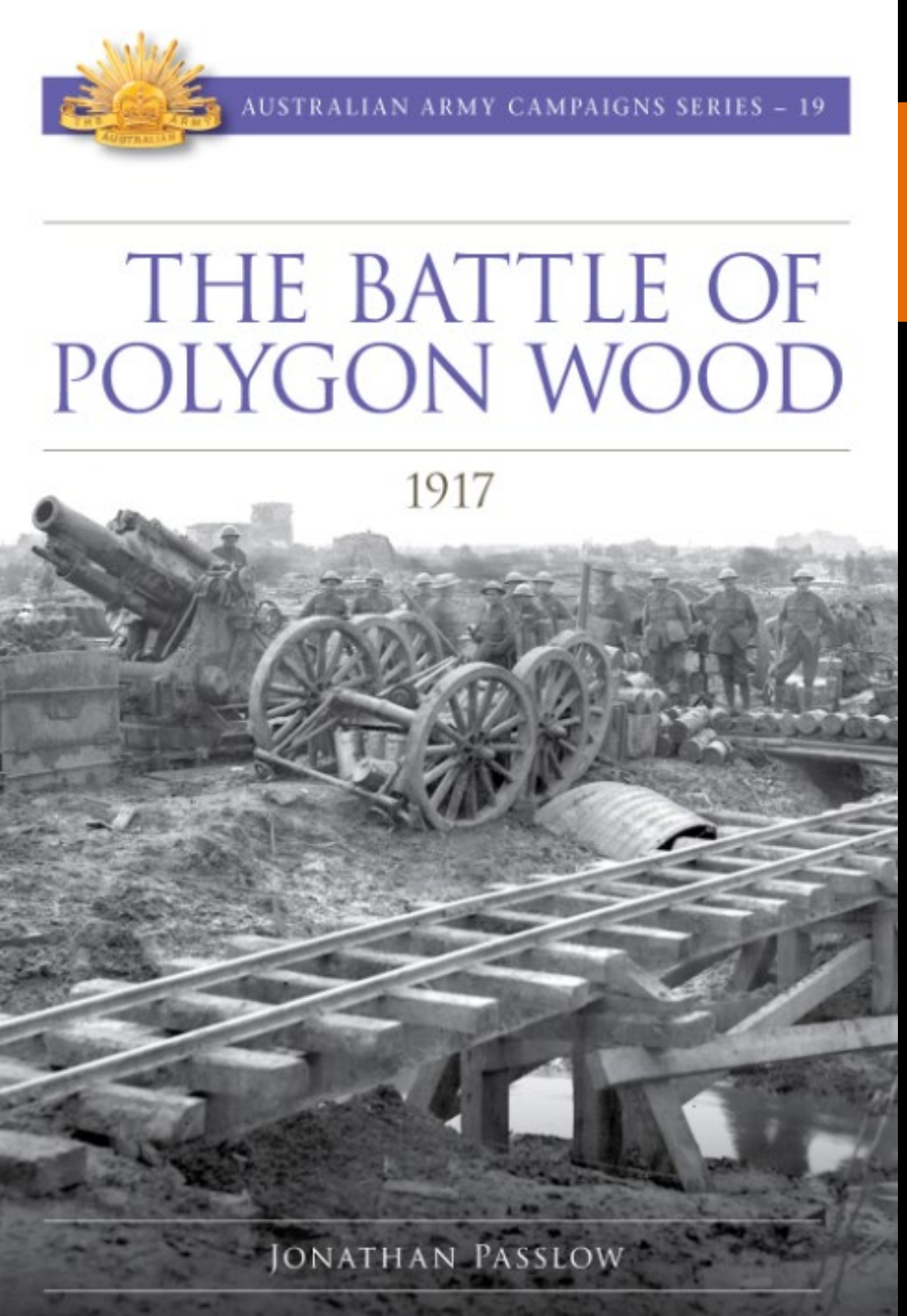
THE BATTLE OF MESSINES 1917

Craig Deayton

The Battle of Messines, 7 June 1917, began with the detonating of nineteen giant mines beneath the German frontline positions and ended with one of the strongest positions on the Western Front falling and the greatest British victory in three years. Messines was not only the first major victory, but also the first test of senior command for Major General John Monash who commanded the newly formed 3rd Division. Described as 72 hours of hell, and after a string of defeats in 1915 and 1916, Messines was the ultimate test for the Australians.

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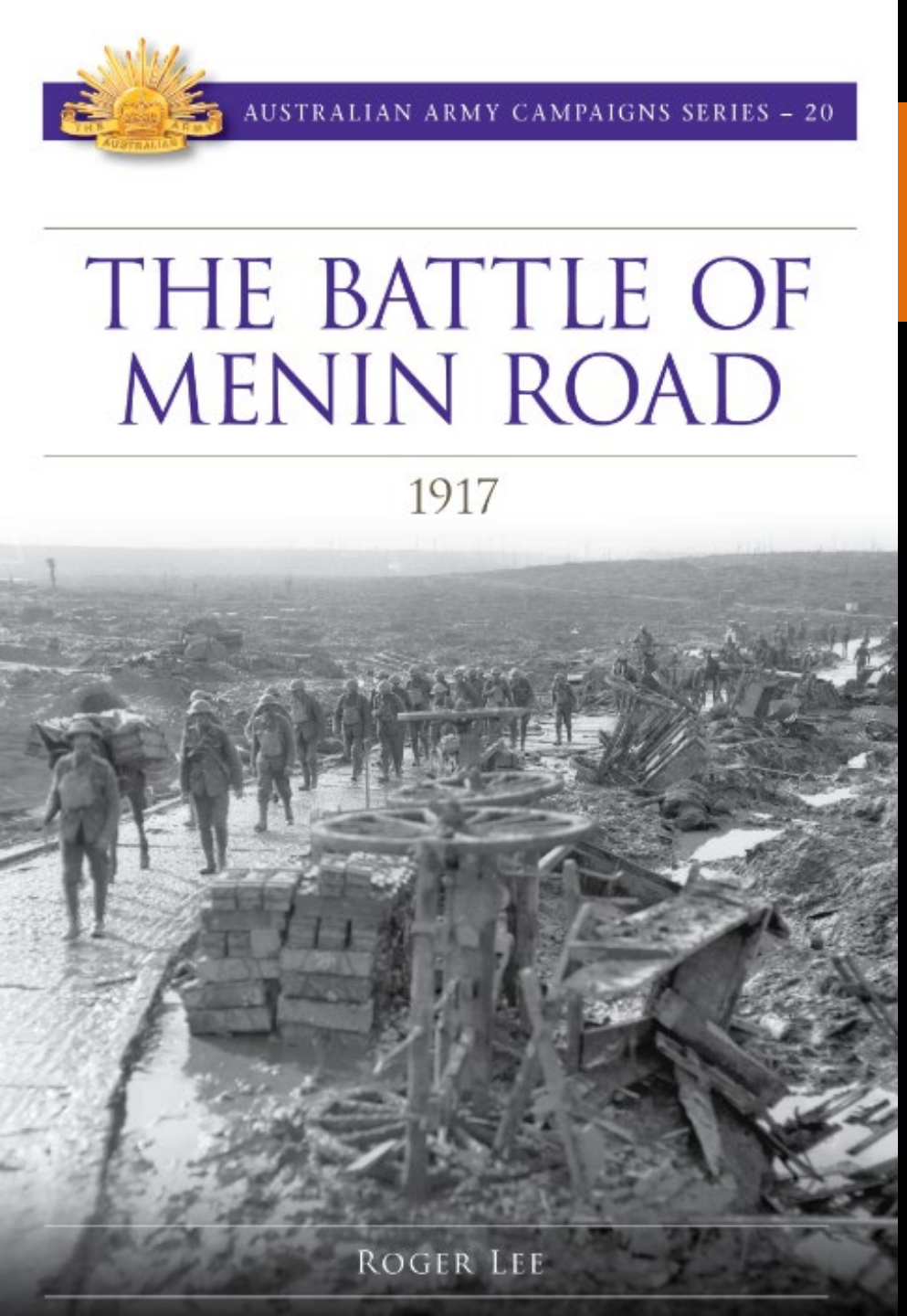
THE BATTLE OF POLYGON WOOD 1917

Johnathon Passlow

The Battle of Polygon Wood followed the Battle of Menin Road on the Western Front in 1917. Fought by the 4th and 5th Australian Divisions with the aim of taking Polygon Wood to then move towards Broodseinde Ridge. The attack was blindsided by the Germans. The battle was a success for the allies but only as a result of the desperate efforts of the 15th Brigade and a good deal of luck.

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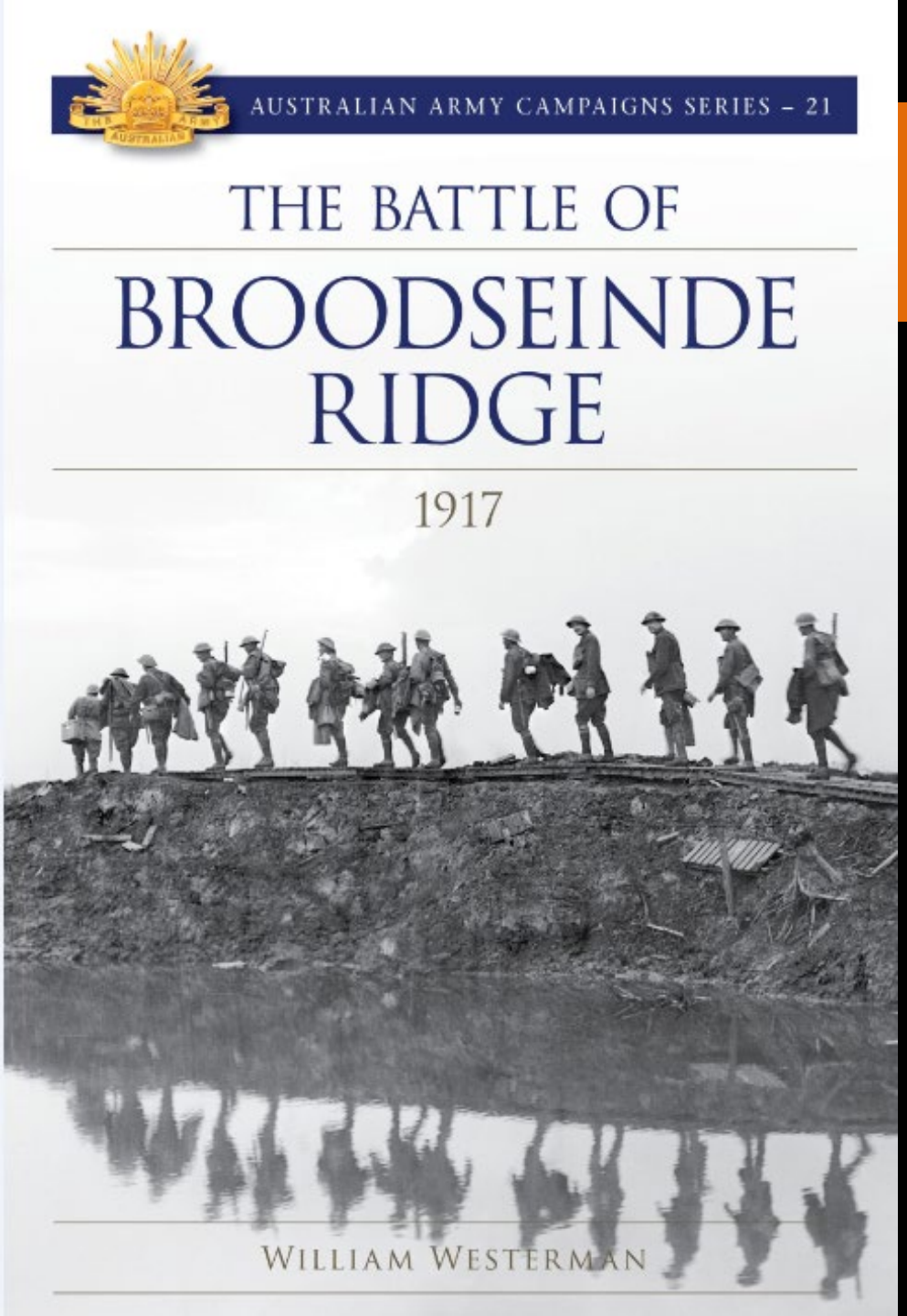
THE BATTLE OF MENIN ROAD 1917

Roger Lee

A book on the Third Ypres Campaign and the battle fought by the Australian First and Second Divisions in the Battle of Menin Road. It was a well planned, well conducted attack that saw all objectives achieved. Referred to as a classic example of how a well prepared and well supported infantry can take and hold ground. But also an example of why this operational method was too slow and ineffective on the Western Front.

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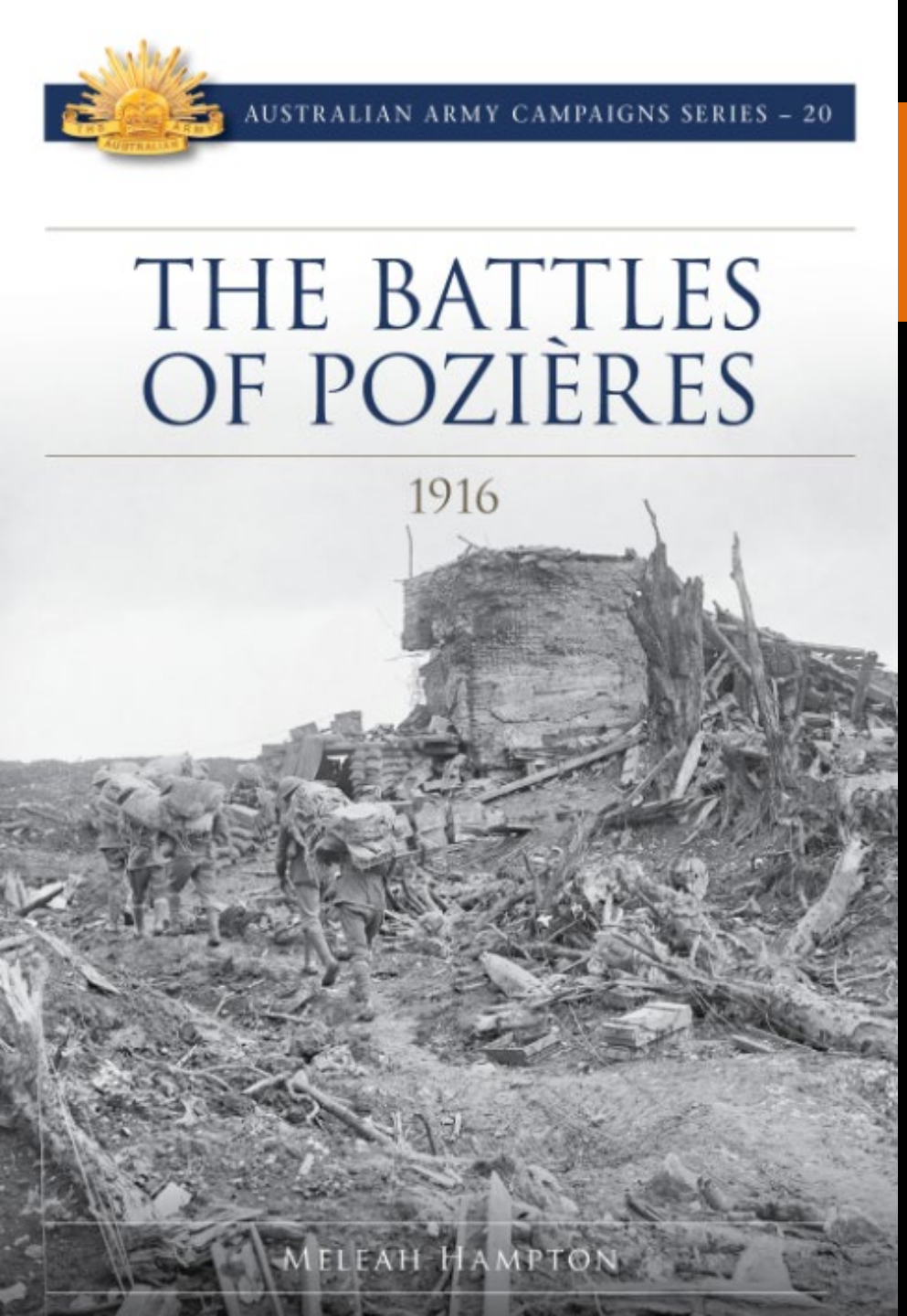
THE BATTLE OF BROODSEINDE RIDGE 1917

William Westerman

The Battle of Broodseinde Ridge (the Third Battle of Ypres), 4 October 1917, was a powerful display of how effective the British Army could be in taking and holding ground if its objectives were limited, weather was favourable and firepower overwhelming. Three Australian Divisions and the New Zealand Division fought side by side. The book provides a narrative of this battle within the broader campaign and analyses the plan and combat arms that executed this battle.

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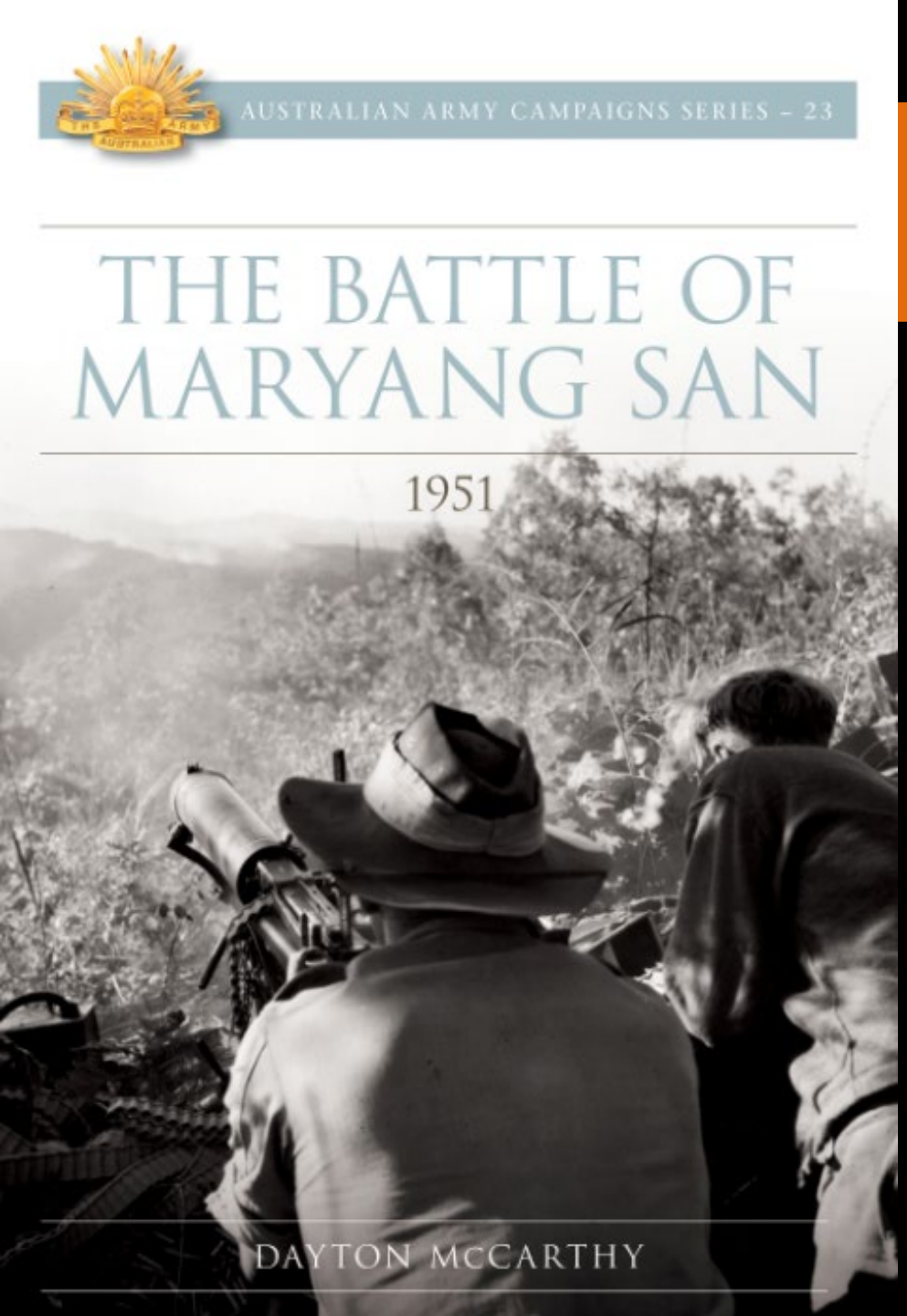
THE BATTLE OF POZIERES 1916

Meleah Hampton

The First World War Battle of Pozieres has long been regarded as a costly battle that produced little meaningful gain. It was the most intense artillery bombardment the Australians had experienced with the 1st Anzac Corps advancing only two miles and suffering 23,000 casualties. However, the first phase of this battle was a success in securing the ruins of Pozieres and the German second line. Follow up operations failed to capitalise on this success and made little headway.

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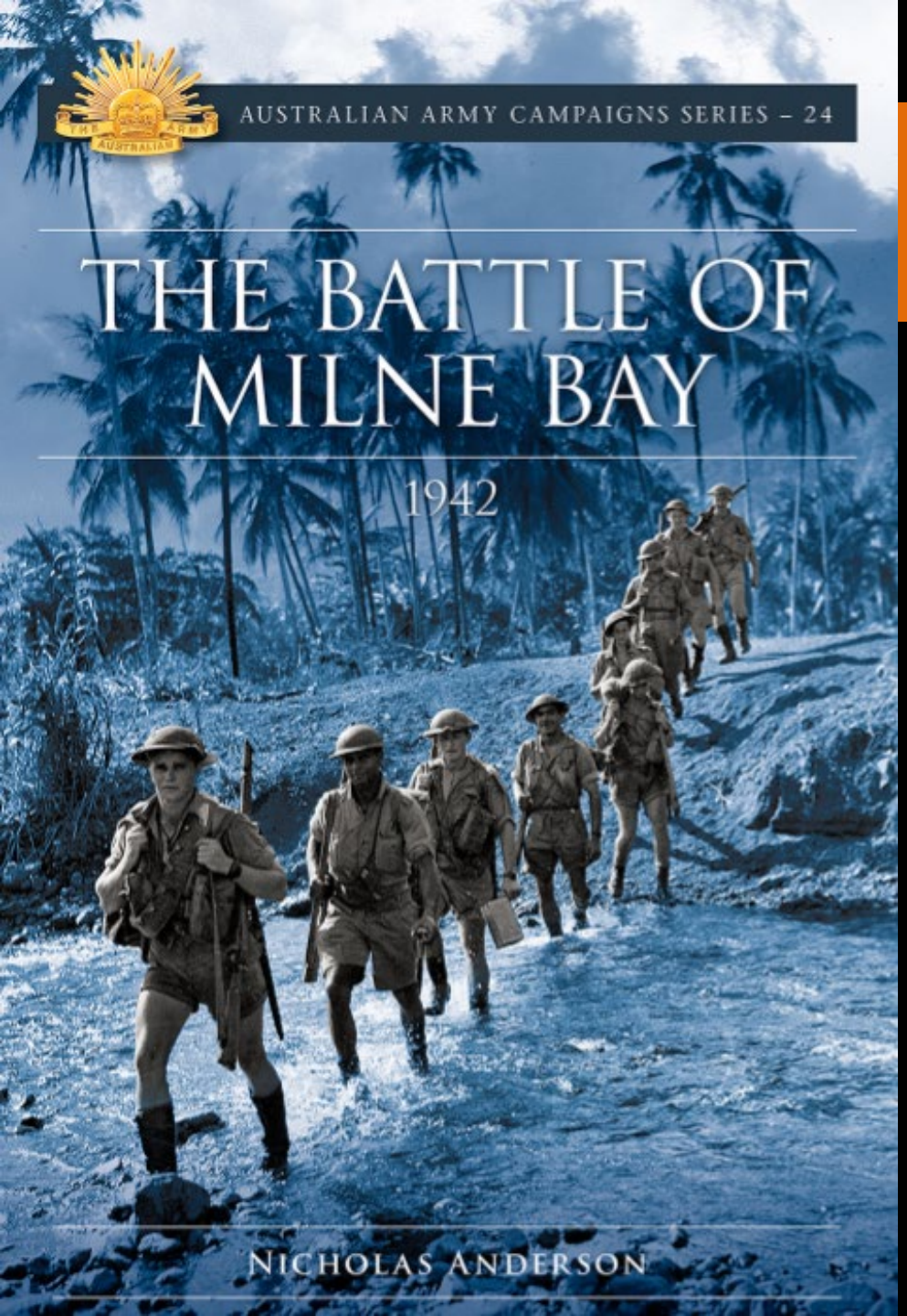
THE BATTLE OF MARYANG SAN 1951

Dayton McCarthy

The Korean War was Australia's first foray into the Cold War as a minor power and fought by the newly formed Royal Australian Regiment (RAR). This book describes the actions behind the Battle of Maryang San for which a battle honour was awarded. 3RAR manoeuvred across difficult terrain to destroy Chinese forces three times their number, widely regarded as one of the RARs greatest battlefield accomplishments. While the battle had little impact on the outcome of the war, it is valuable in understanding the use of ground, small unit leadership, combined arms and the role of aggression in close combat.

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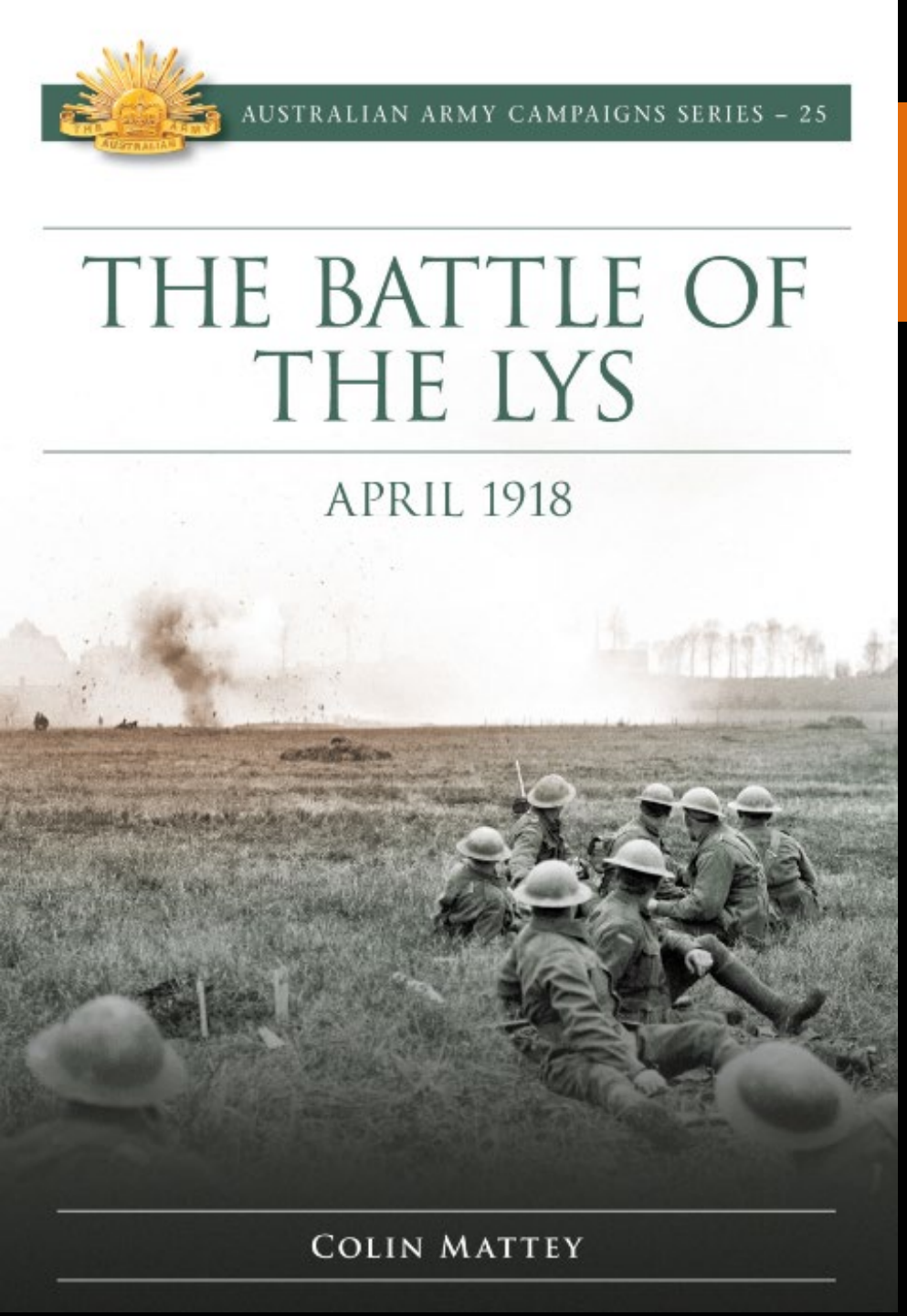
THE BATTLE OF MILNE BAY 1942

Nicholas Anderson

The Battle of Milne Bay was a Second World War battle against the Japanese to protect Port Moresby. The book examines the strategic value of Port Moresby and the role that Milne Bay played in protecting this. The Allied airbase that was constructed in secret was discovered by the Japanese and they despatched a taskforce to destroy and occupy the base. Australian soldiers and militia fought to protect the base and helped shift the balance of the Pacific War to the Allies' favour.

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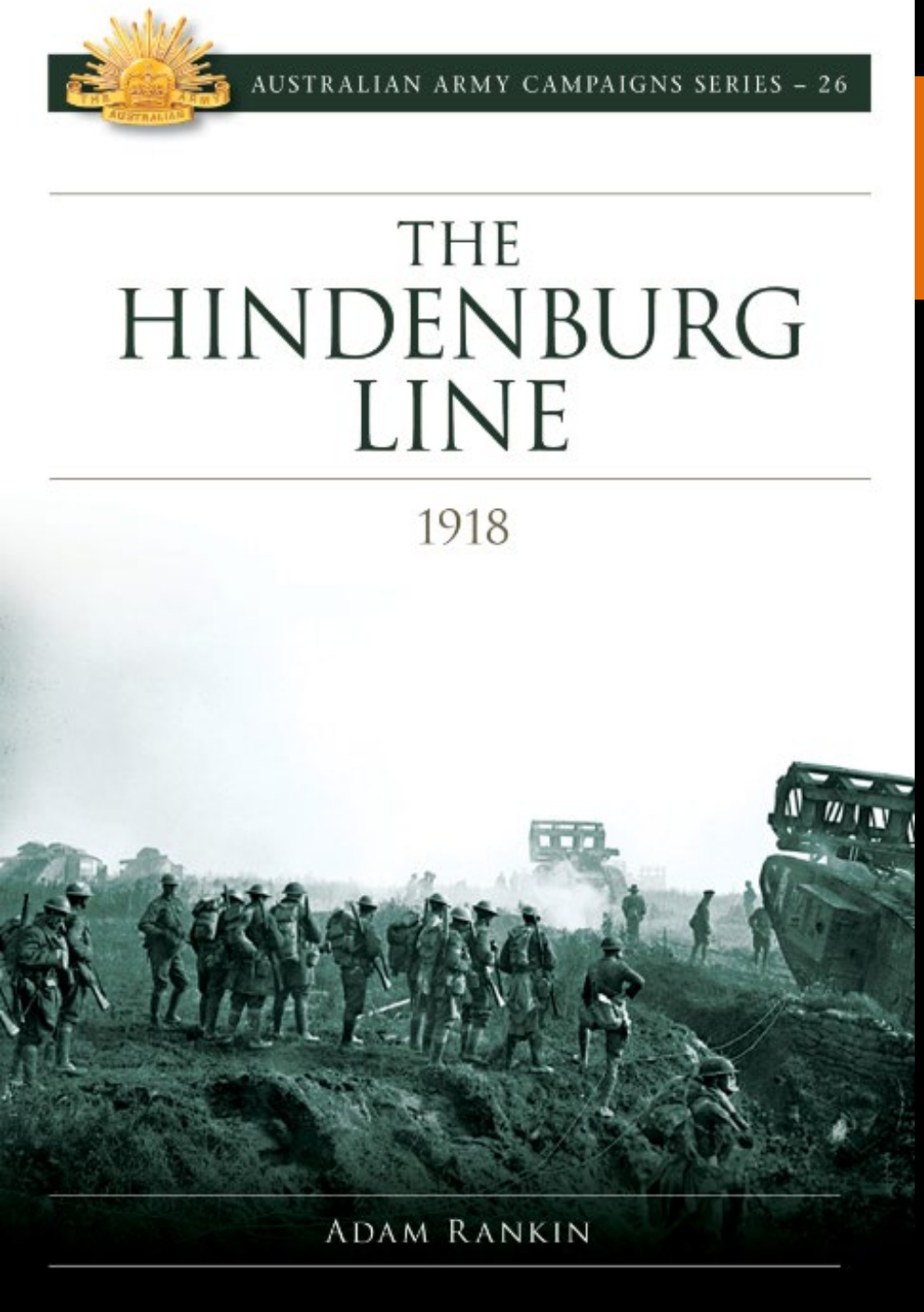


THE BATTLE OF THE LYS
April 1918
Colin Mattey

A book describing the battle to save the town of Hazebrouck and focuses on the role of the 1st Australian Division in halting the surging German thrust towards the town in 1918. This action was also crucial to the survival of the British Expeditionary Forces and Allied war effort in 1918.

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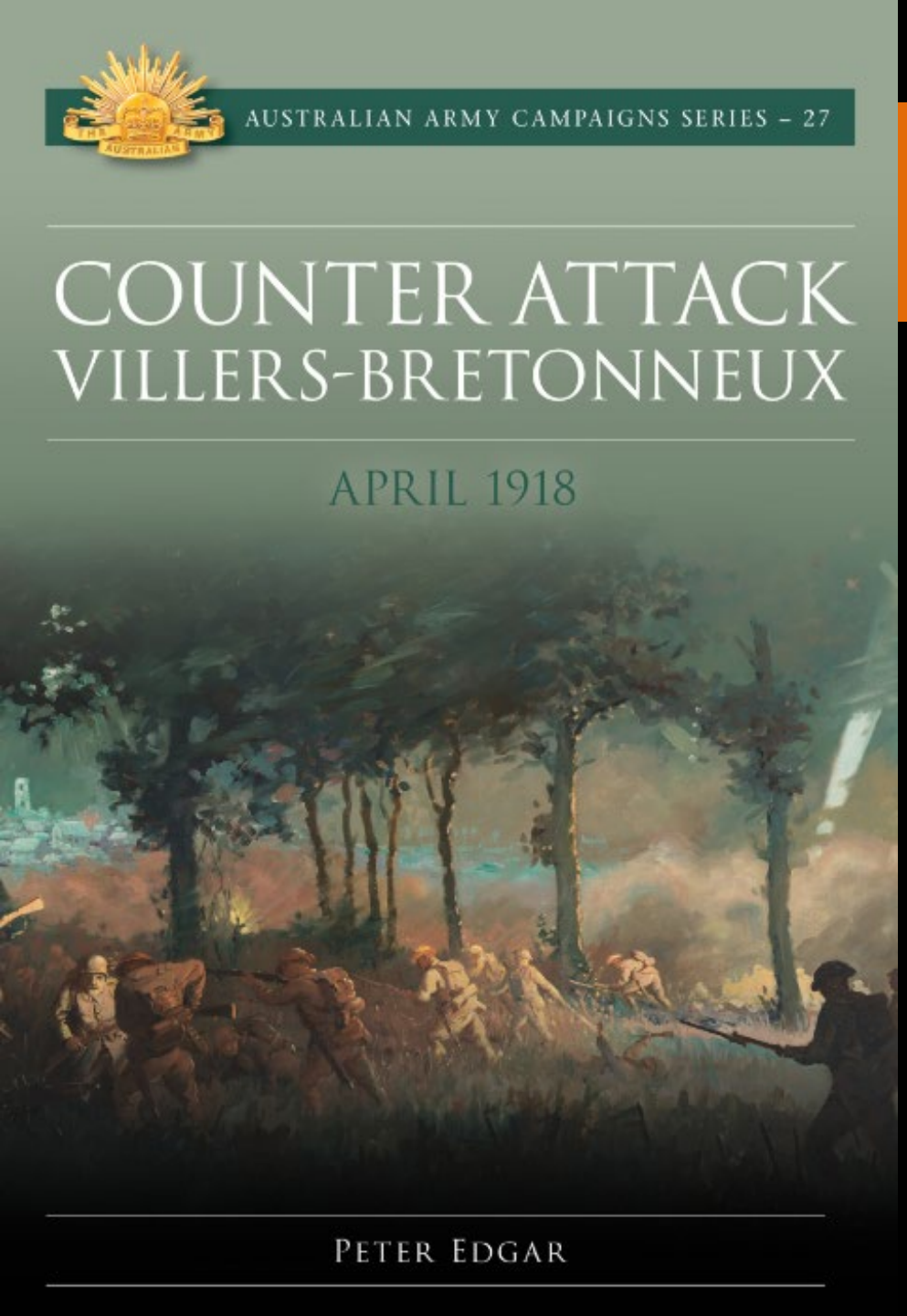
THE HINDENBURG LINE 1918

Adam Rankin

This book describes the two fiercely fought set-piece battles that saw Fourth Army break through the German line in 1918, the Hindenburg Line. Australians were pivotal in capturing Montbrehain, and working closely with British and Allied troops on the Western Front.

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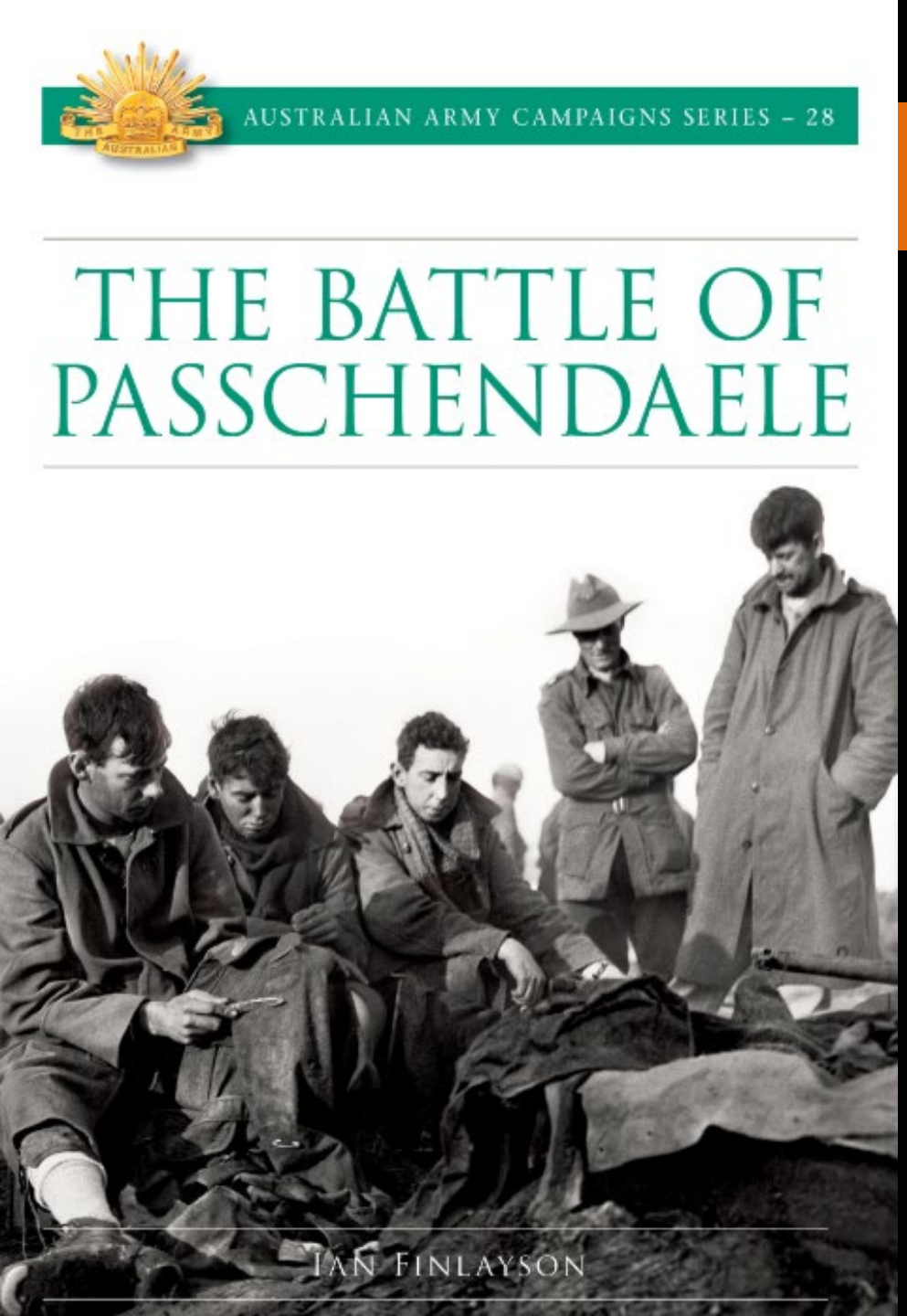


COUNTER ATTACK, VILLERS-BRETONNEUX
April 1918
Peter Edgar

The brutal 1914 German invasion of Belgium and France had gained a large portion of both countries. Over three and a half punishing years the Allies were slowly pushing the Germans back but in March 1918, Germany launched a massive spring offensive. Resting in the Ypres sector after the horrors of the Passchendaele campaign, the Australians were among the first sent south to try to block the enemy. After an unprecedented fortnight of advance, Germany's goal was to capture the town of Villers-Bretonneux, key to the major railway junction of Amiens.

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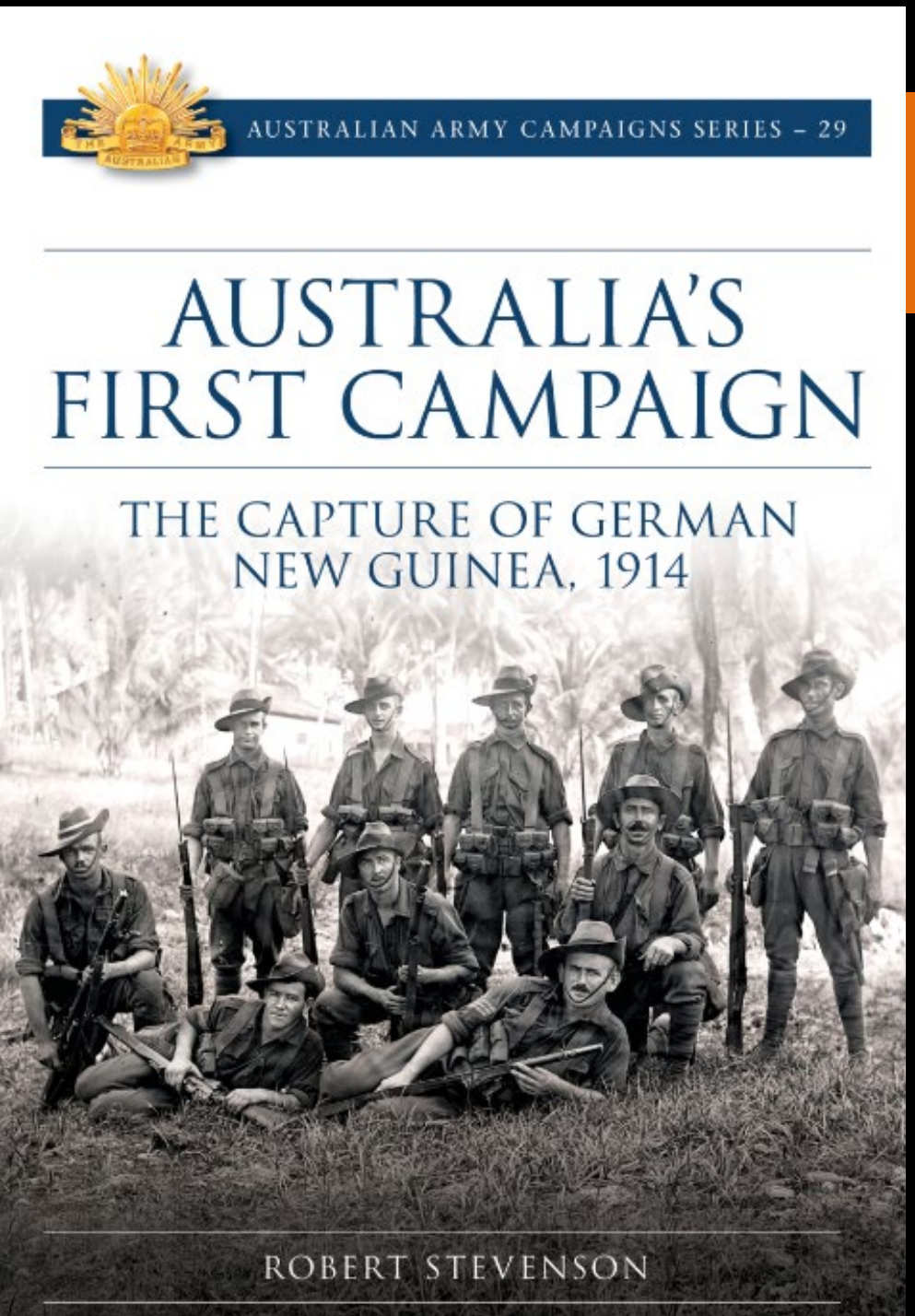
THE BATTLE OF PASSCHENDAELE

Ian Finlayson

The Battle for Passchendaele began on 12 October 1917 and was one of the epic struggles of the First World War. British Field Marshal Douglas Haig allocated II ANZAC Corps to capture Passchendaele village, with Major General Monash's 3rd Australian Division and the New Zealand Division leading the attack. For both divisions the battle was a bloody debacle.

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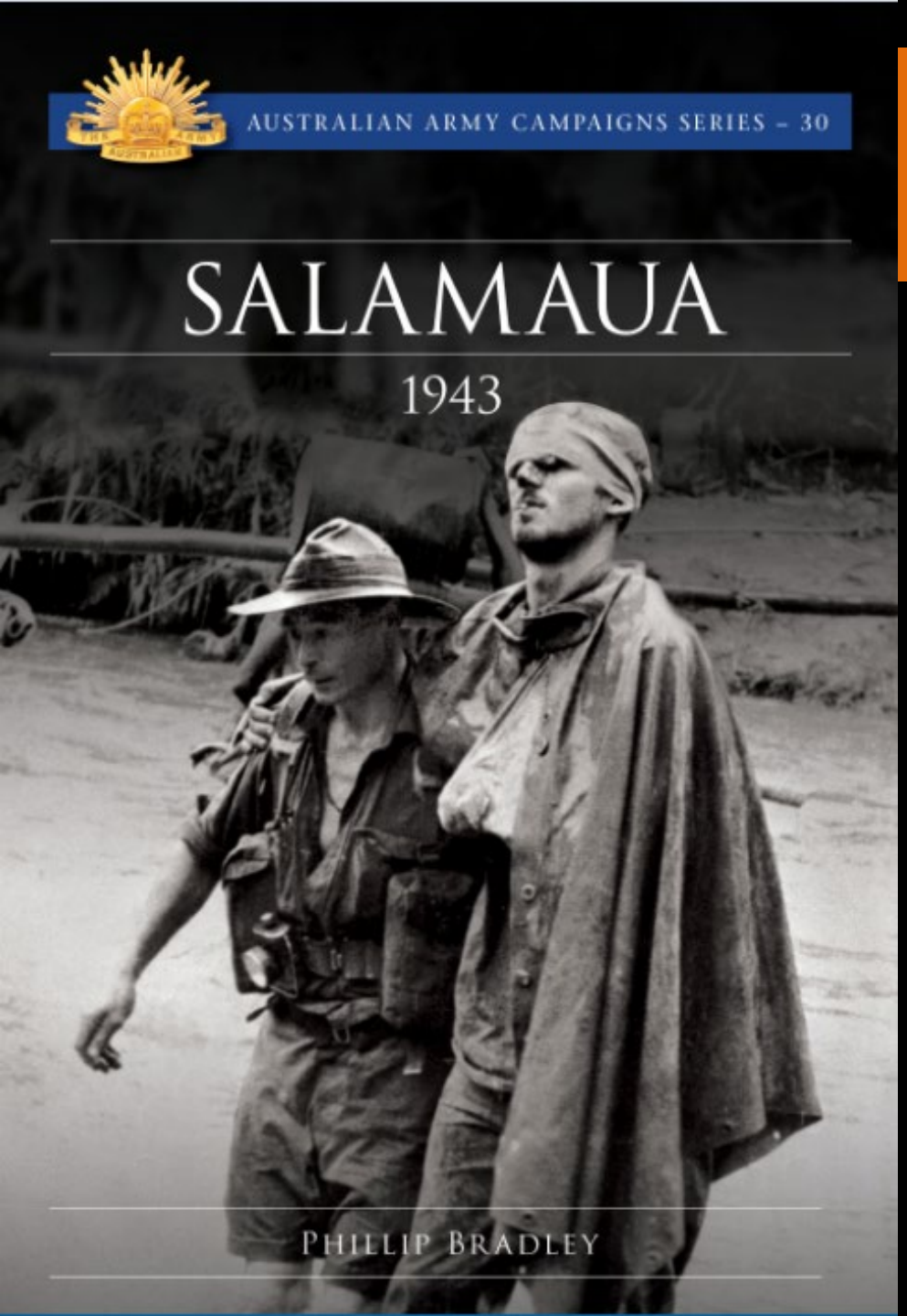
AUSTRALIA'S FIRST CAMPAIGN
The Capture of German New Guinea, 1914

Robert Stevenson

The Australian campaign to seize German New Guinea in 1914 is one of the forgotten episodes of the First World War. Preceding the Gallipoli landings by seven months, this remarkably successful amphibious operation was the very first of its kind undertaken by the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Army. The campaign was also everything the Gallipoli campaign was not. The New Guinea operations were planned and executed by Australian officers, the fighting was short, sharp and successful, and it was a highly effective use of military force, achieving its operational objectives at a remarkably low cost and serving Australian strategic interests in a direct and tangible way.

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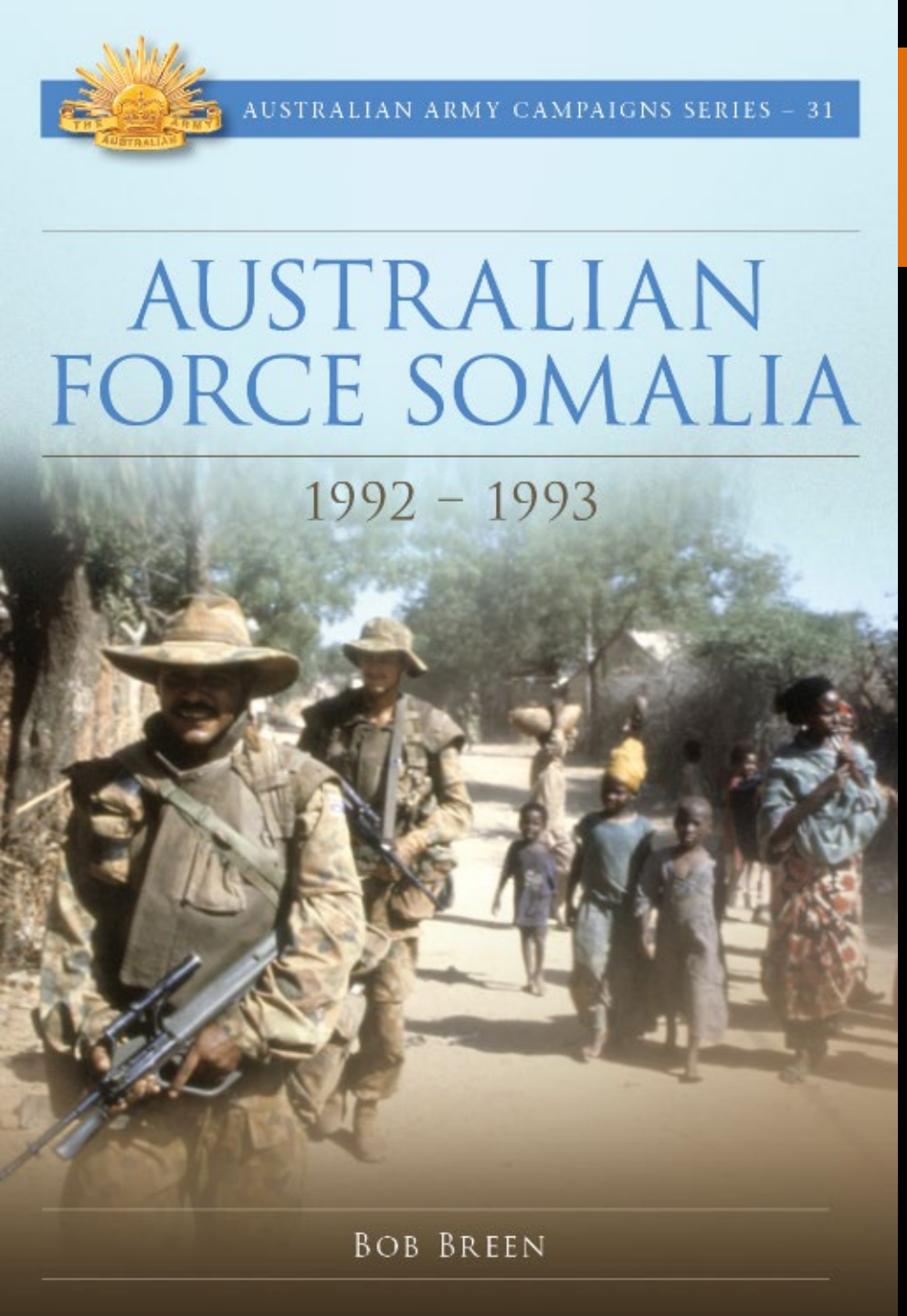
SALAMAUA 1943

Phillip Bradley

Between the end of the Kokoda campaign in January 1943 and the start of the New Guinea offensives at Lae in early September, the Australian Army was engaged in some of the most intense and challenging fighting of the war. Following the defeat of the Japanese offensive against Wau, it was decided to carry the fight to the Japanese force at Salamaua but what started as platoon level actions in April and May 1943 soon developed into company, battalion and brigade level operations for control of the dominating ridge systems around Salamaua.

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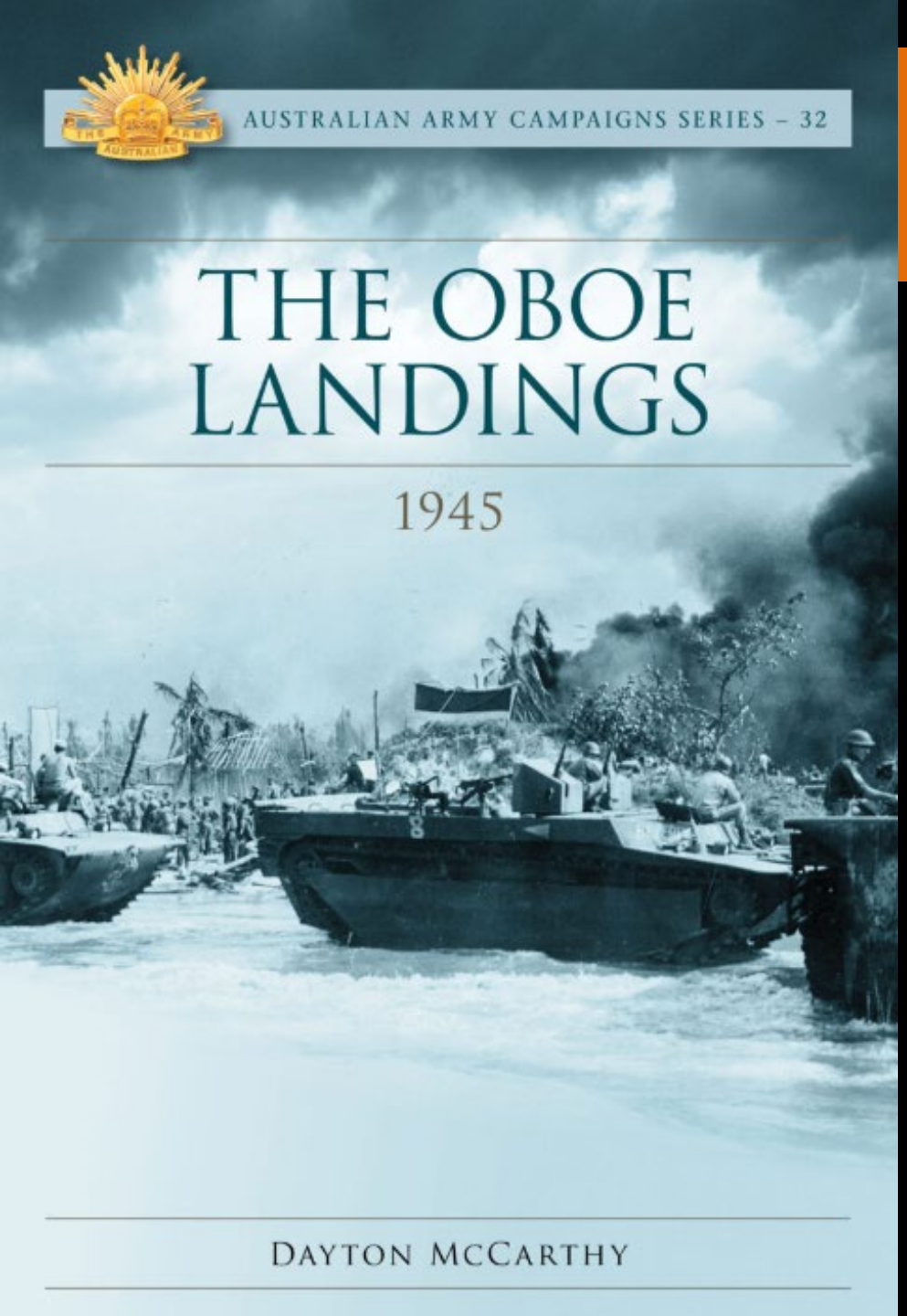
AUSTRALIAN FORCE SOMALIA 1992 – 1993

Bob Breen

In 1992, civil war, drought and economic collapse left four million Somalis destitute, displaced and starving. Twenty-six nations sent their young men and women to make sure that food reached those who needed it. Australia joined the international 'coalition of the willing' with the Australian Force Somalia comprised of a 1,000-strong battalion group. Opposing the US-led Unified Task Force were Somali warlords and their militia armies that had been pillaging humanitarian aid and terrorising the Somali population during a bloody civil war. Australian Army units will serve in troubled parts of the world in the future. The lessons learned from the 'unforgiving school of trial and error' in Somalia in 1992/93 will be invaluable.

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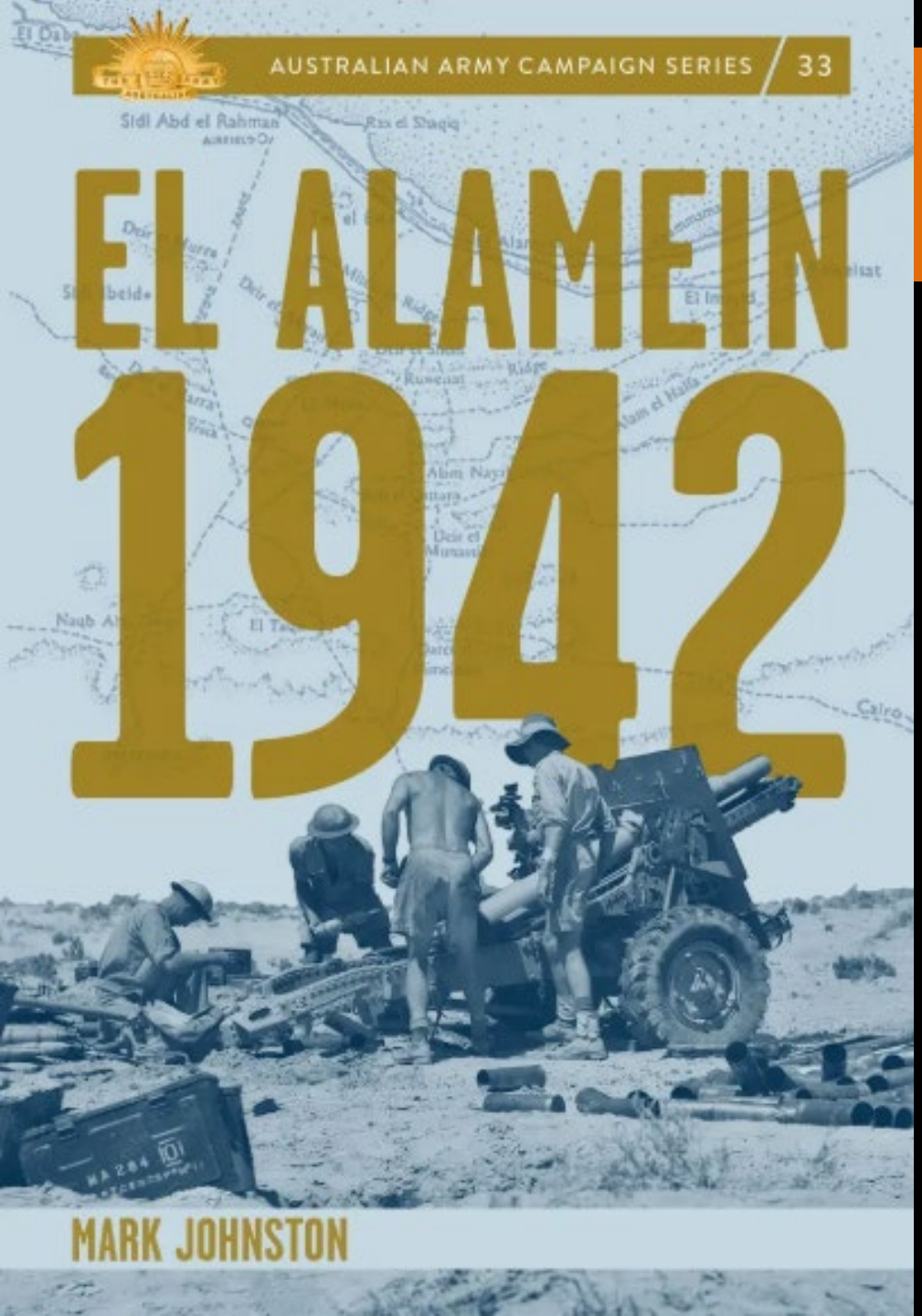
THE OBOE LANDINGS 1945

Dayton McCarthy

This book describes the planning and execution of the three Oboe landings: Oboe 1 on Tarakan, Oboe 6 on Brunei and Oboe 2 on Balikpapan. Although the political and strategic context is covered, this book focuses on operations and tactics, and demonstrates how the Oboe operations benefited from amphibious expertise developed in the Pacific theatre during the Second World War.

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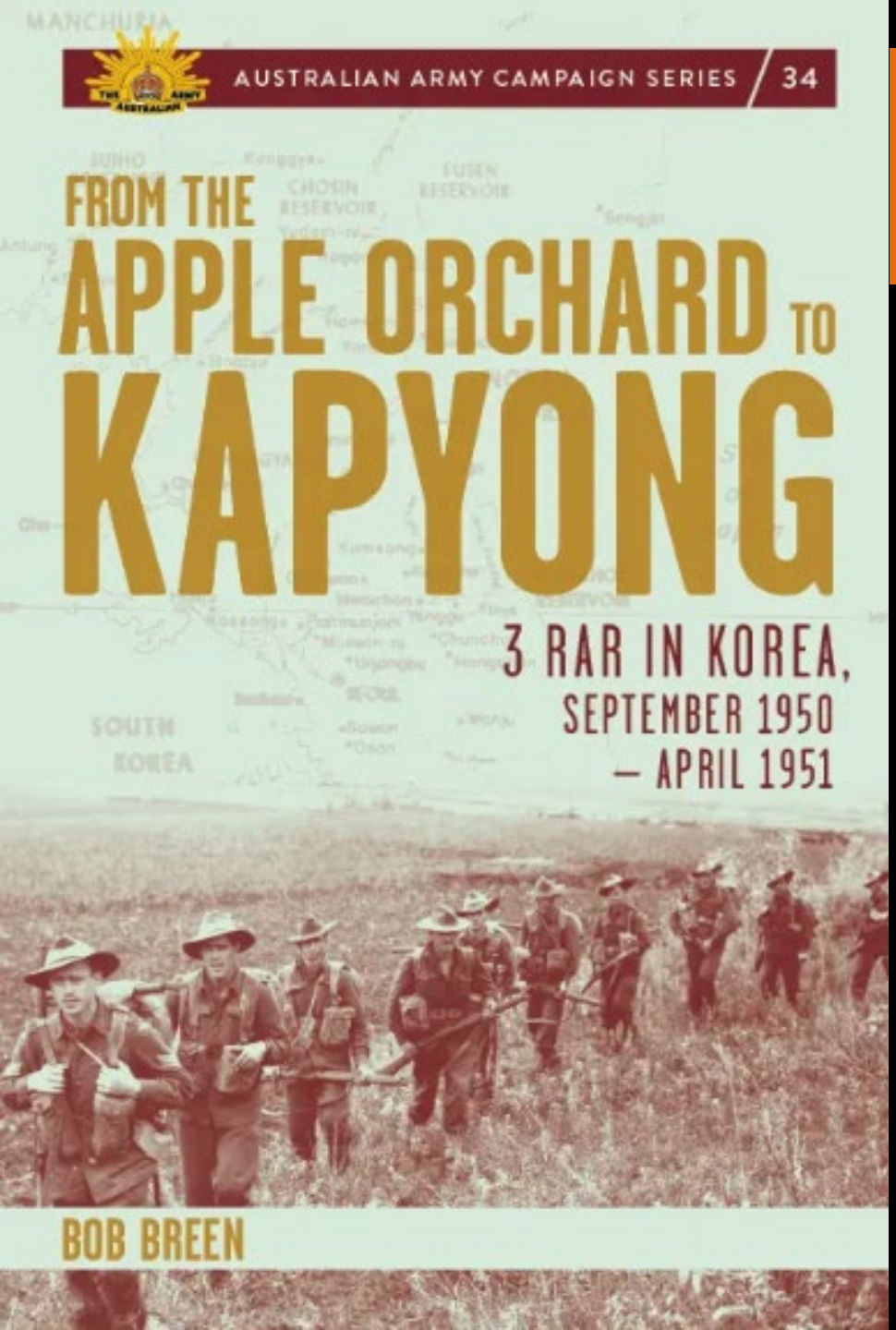
EL ALAMEIN
1942

Mark Johnston

El Alamein explores the pivotal role of the 9th Australian Division from July to November 1942 in one of the Second World War's most decisive battles, detailing its contributions to victory and the strategic decisions that shaped the campaign. The book examines leadership, battlefield tactics, and the harsh realities of desert warfare while highlighting lessons in military coordination that remain relevant today.

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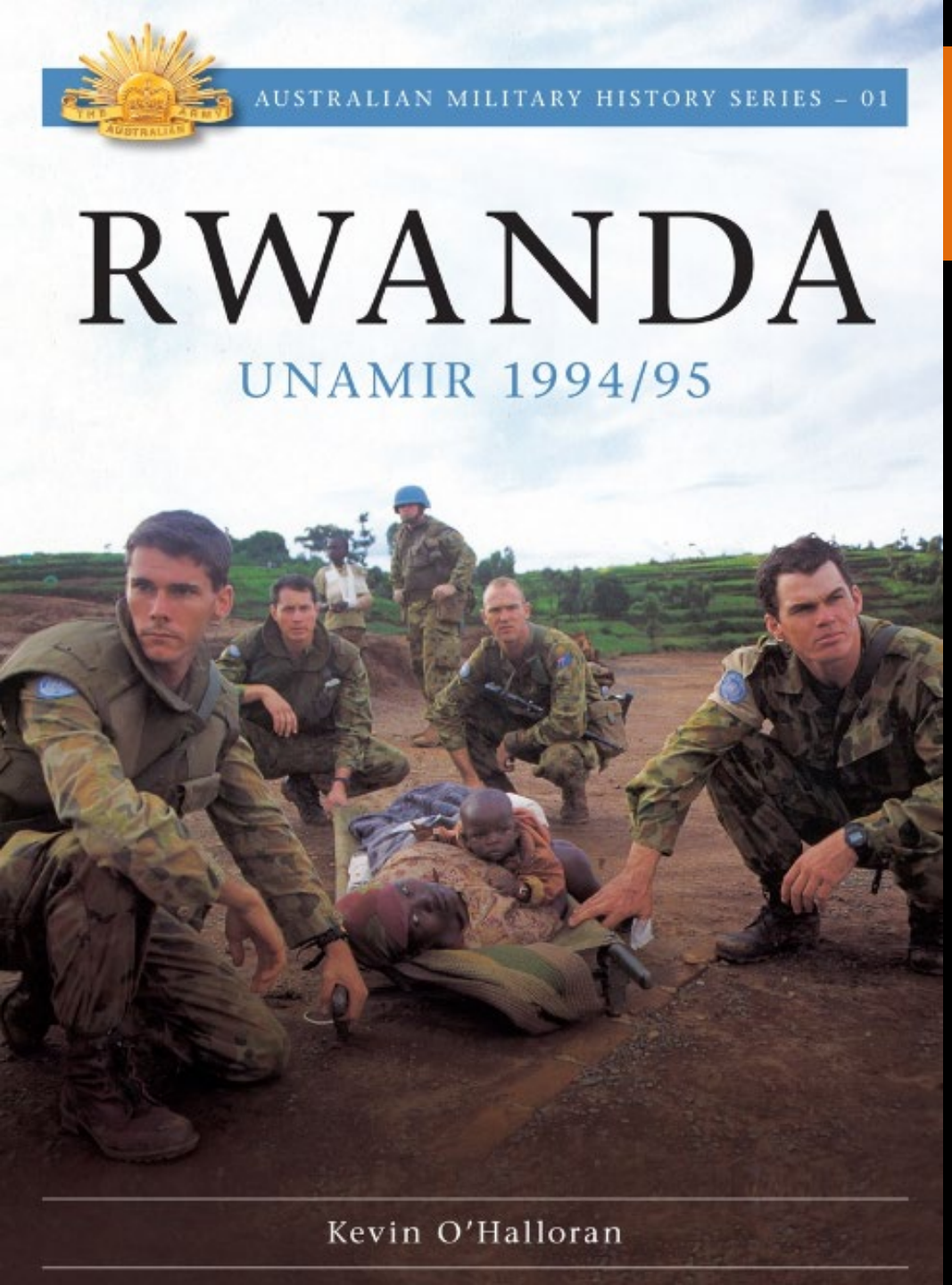
FROM THE APPLE ORCHARD TO KAPYONG
3 RAR in Korea, September 1950 – April 1951

Bob Breen

From the Apple Orchard to Kapyong tells the riveting story of how a young Australian infantry battalion, 3 RAR, held the line against overwhelming Chinese forces at the Battle of Kapyong in Korea, 1951. Drawing on firsthand veteran accounts and military insight, it reveals how this battle shaped the ethos, leadership, and legacy of the modern Australian Army. It's a powerful blend of history, reflection, and hard-won lessons still relevant to today's soldiers.

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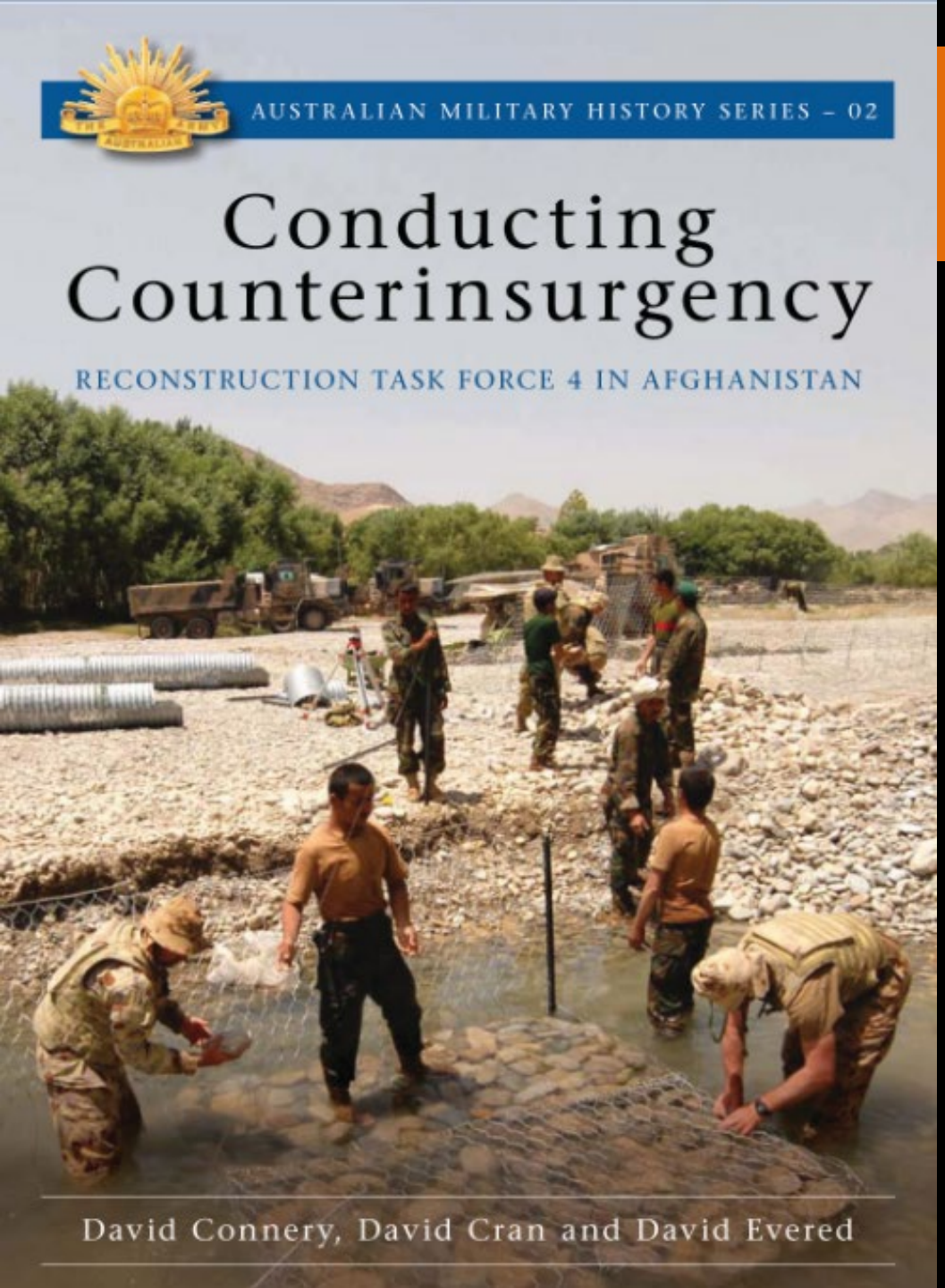
RWANDA
UNAMIR 1994/95

Kevin O'Halloran

A detailed account of what happened during the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR) in 1994-95. This book looks specifically at how Australians and other nations were constrained by UN Peacekeeping Rules of Engagement. This included having to witness massacres but being limited to only assisting the wounded.

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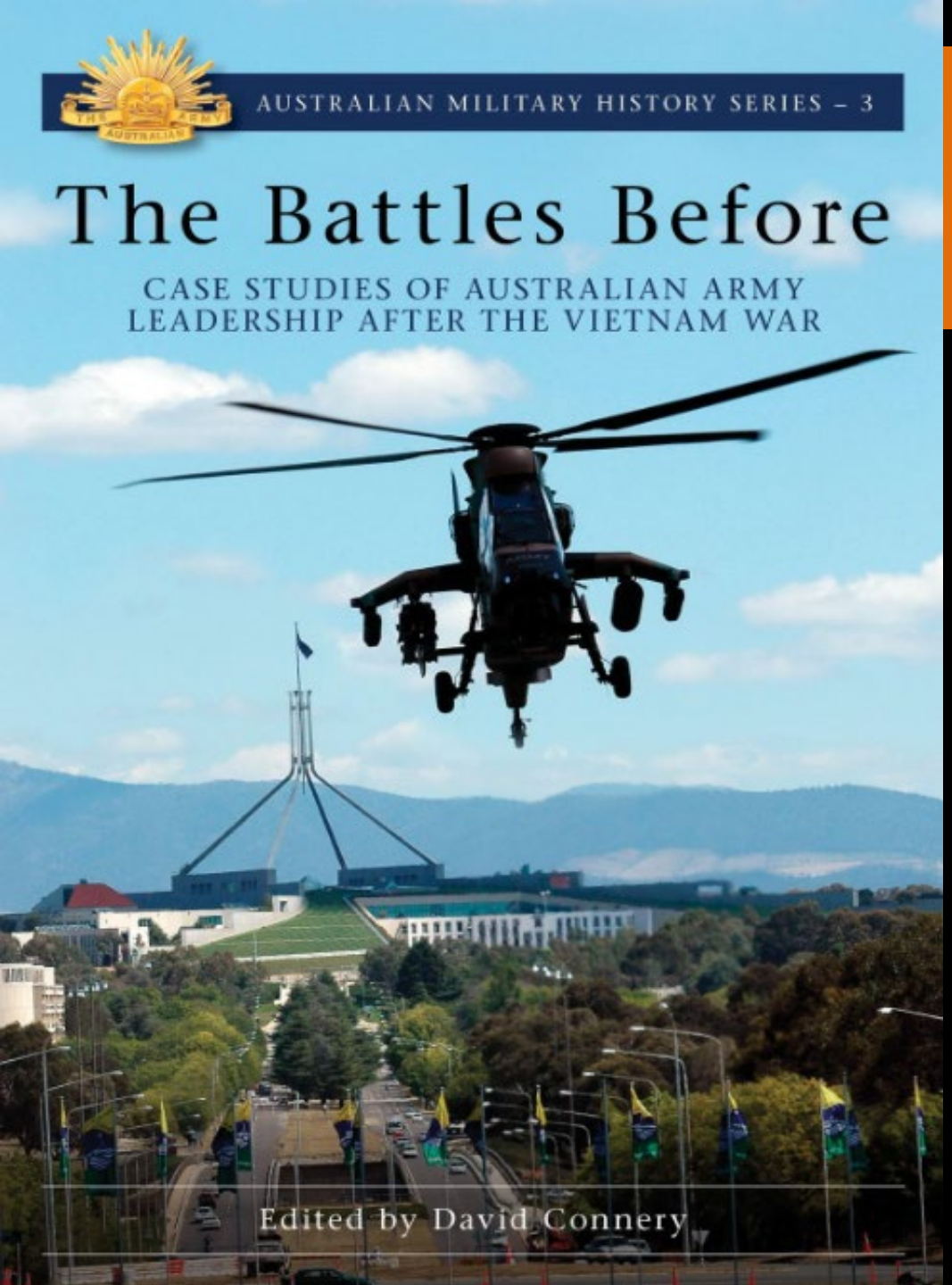
CONDUCTING COUNTERINSURGENCY
Reconstruction Task Force 4 in Afghanistan

David Connery, David Cran and David Evered

Reconstruction Task Force 4 was deployed to Afghanistan in 2008 as part of Operation Slipper. The area of operation was the Uruzgan Province in Central Afghanistan and the mission was to help bring stability and security to the region. This book uses the experiences of officers and soldiers to illustrate principals that apply to counter insurgency operations.

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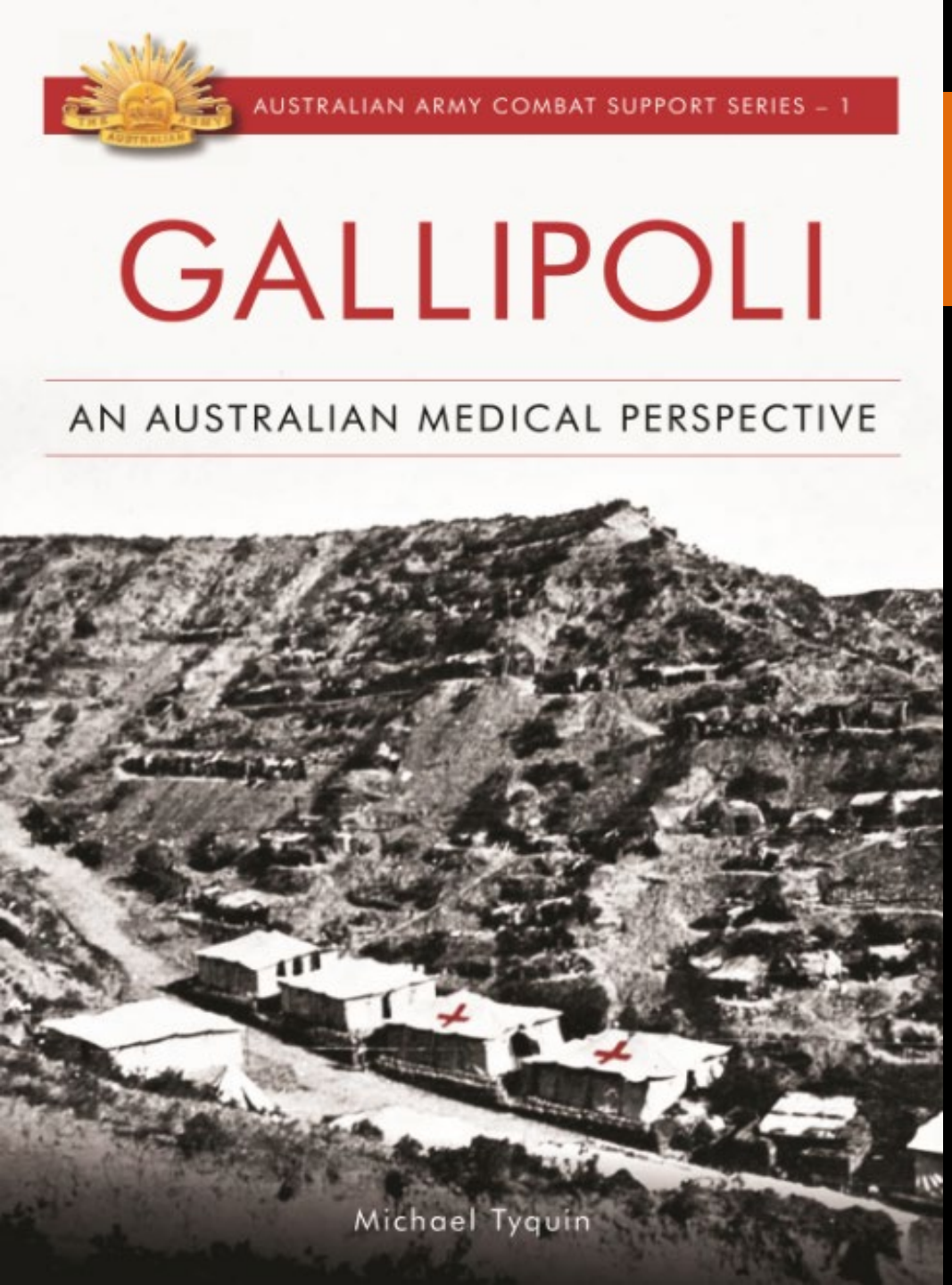
THE BATTLES BEFORE
Case Studies of Australian Army Leadership after the Vietnam War

David Connery (Editor)

This book examines the role of senior leaders throughout the history of the Australian Army in relation to preparing for war, political and public pressures, and preparing for the future. The book uses five case studies that focus on strategic leadership and how the Army has grappled with political, strategic, economic and cultural change.

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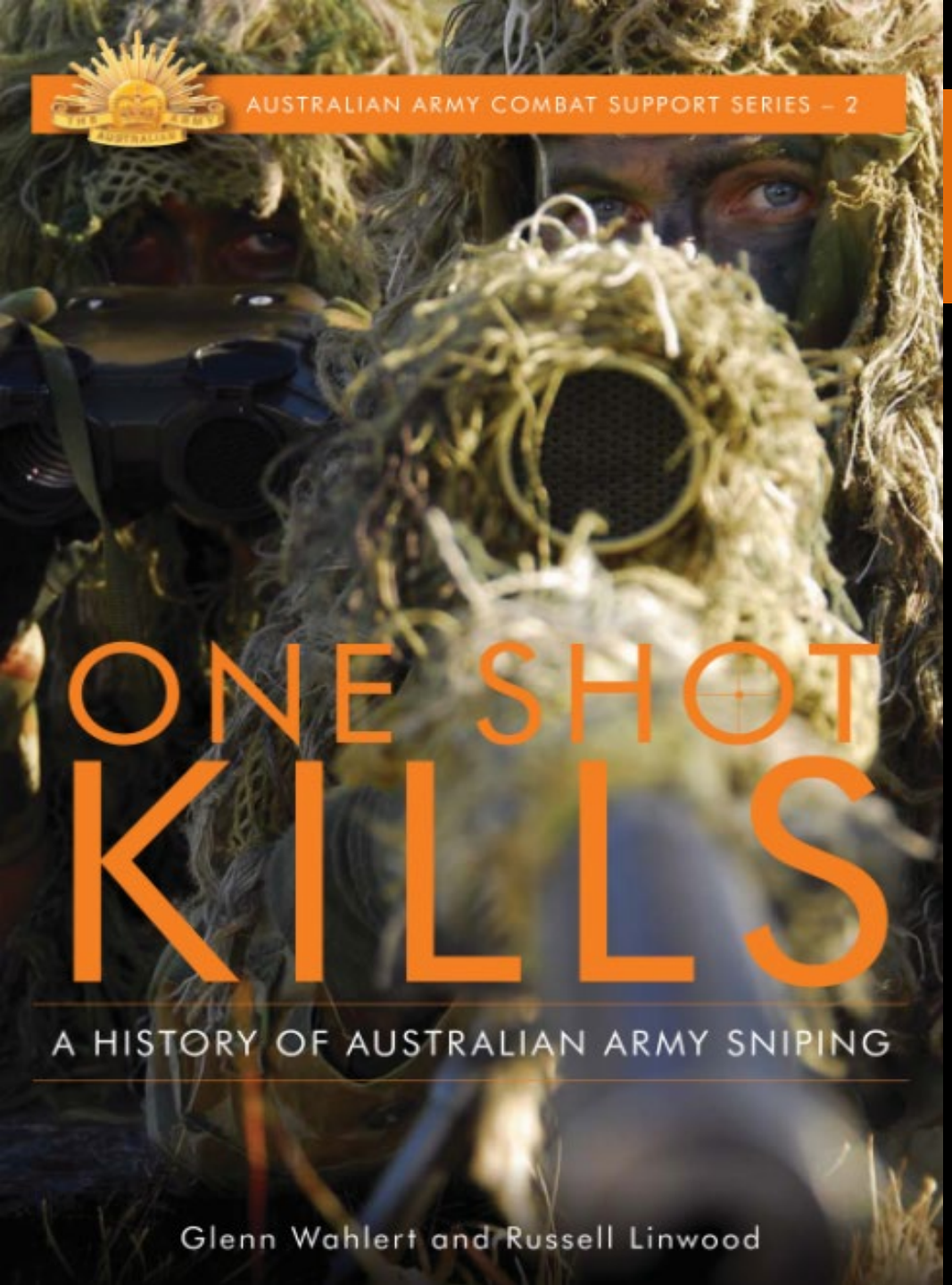


GALLIPOLI
An Australian Medical Perspective
Michael Tyquin

A different perspective on the experiences in Gallipoli, this book explores the Australian Army Medical Services, a newly formed organisation made up of volunteers and a small cadre of professionals. The Australian Army Medical Corps (AAMC) gave aid to, and received aid from all allied forces. The book explores the complexities and mistakes of Gallipoli through the eyes of the infant AAMC.

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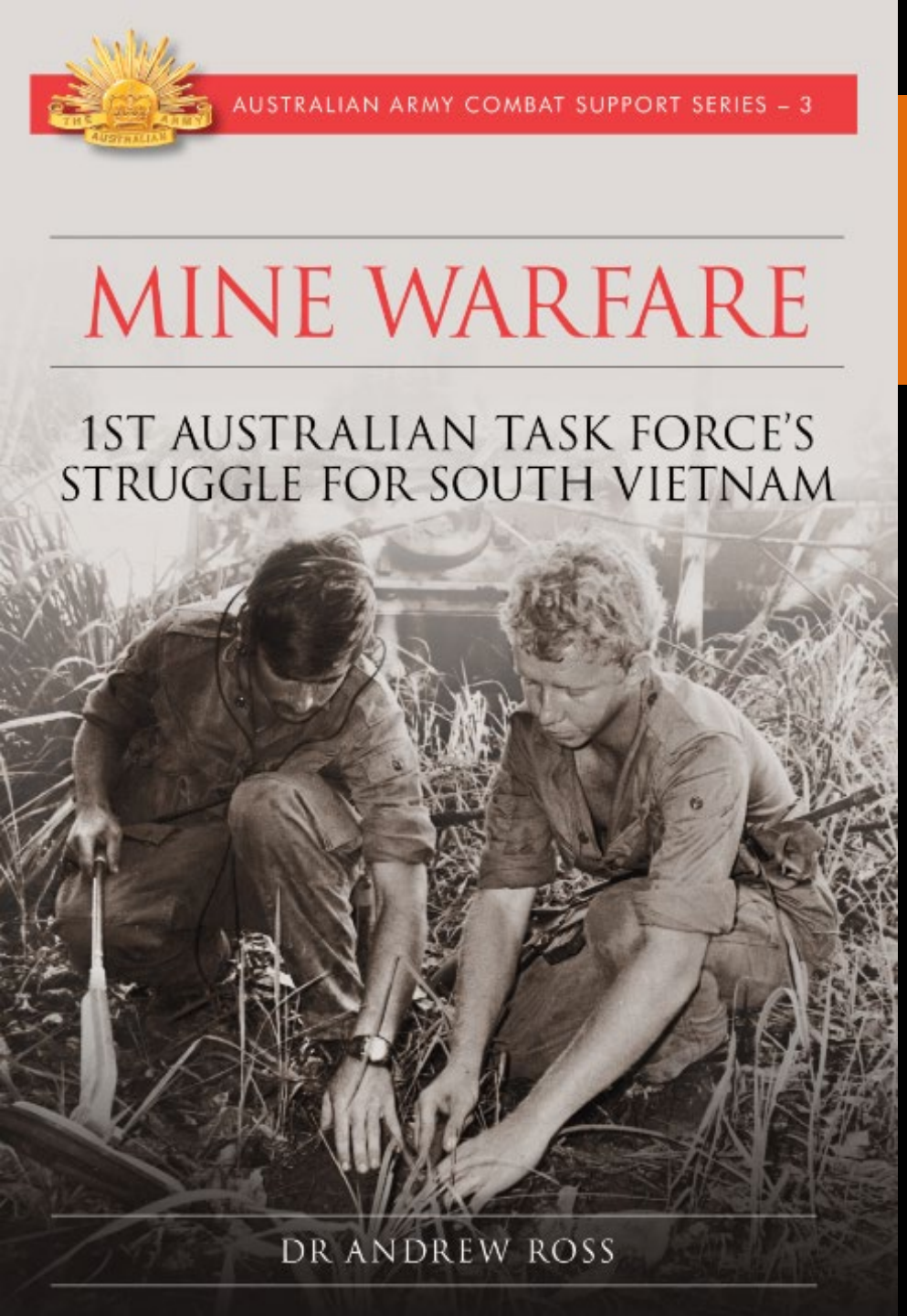
ONE SHOT KILLS
A History of Australian Army Sniping

Glenn Wahlert & Russell Linwood

This book offers a history of the training of snipers in the Australian Army, the roles they have played in every major theatre of war, the development of the modern snipers combat weapon system and the role of technology, and looking to the future of military sniping.

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MINE WARFARE
1st Australian Task Force's Struggle for South Vietnam

Andrew Ross

Mine warfare, in its various forms, is a favoured weapon used by insurgents against government forces. By June 1966, when the 1st Australian Task Force (1ATF) arrived in Phuoc Tuy Provence, South Vietnam, the Viet Cong and People's Army of Vietnam forces were well entrenched in the provence and used mines extensively. The mine campaign risked few enemy lives and was a powerful statement to everyone, including civilians, that the Viet Cong were still in the war and not a spent force. The intense patrolling practised by 1ATF inevitably put its men in close contact with enemy mines.

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