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## Australians At War (2008 edition)

From the Boer War to the present conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, Tony Macdougall's graphic history, **Australians At War** published by **The Five Mile Press** on 11 March 2008, documents our historic and current involvement in battles and wars around the globe.

The powerful narrative chronologically recounts Australians' role on land, sea and air including the first skirmishes in the *Boer War* to the campaigns of the ANZACS in Gallipoli and France, to the Second World War, and conflicts in Korea and Vietnam.

So current, this substantially updated new edition of one of Australia's top selling pictorial histories covers Australia's last decade of service in Somalia, Cambodia and the Persian Gulf, and current operations in Timor, Afghanistan and the Middle East.

Bursting with statistics, maps, political posters, first hand accounts and nostalgia, the book takes the reader on a journey through each historic war, setting the scene and political context alongside the action. Some 300 photographs and maps and colour plates from the archives of the Australian War Memorial, Canberra and private archives magnificently illustrate the book.

Steering clear of technical jargon, the author captures the spirit of Australian fighting men and women as they forged a reputation throughout the world for courage.

"The subject has fascinated me since boyhood, and was intensified by my family's involvement in the wars." says Tony Macdougall. "An uncle died on Gallipoli, another uncle was wounded in Flanders and my father was an officer in Italy from 1943-1945.

"**Australians At War** has been rewritten and updated to remind Australians of aspects of their past that are in danger of being forgotten," continued Tony Macdougall.

Subsequently, the book is a moving tribute to the nation's 100,000 war dead, killed on battlefields far from home, and acknowledges those who are on peacekeeping duty in remote corners of the world.

Tony Macdougall was born in Melbourne and now lives in country NSW near Canberra. He has written more than 20 non-fiction books since 1969, including the best-selling *Great Treasury of Australian Folklore*, and *Australia: An Illustrated History*, both part of his 'Australia Trilogy', and was Editor-in-Chief of the 8 volume *Australian Encyclopedia* from 1993 -1996.

### **Australians At War (2008 edition) by A K Macdougall**

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