



Dr ROGER LEE
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OFFICIAL HISTORY OF AUSTRALIAN OPERATIONS IN IRAQ AND
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Roger Lee has been seconded to the Official History team, based at the Australian War Memorial, to research and write the Iraq volume of the Official History of Australian Operations in Iraq and the Middle East, 2001-2014. The Iraq volume will cover the build-up to the 2003 war and the period of reconstruction and mentoring up to the withdrawal in 2011.

Before moving to the AWM, Roger was the Army Historian and Head, Army History Unit, having occupied this position since 1996. Prior to this, he was the DSPPS (Directing Staff, Public Service) at the Joint Services Staff College. He held this position for three and a half years. The bulk of his Defence policy experience was in the former Force Development and Analysis Division where he was Chief Executive Office, Air-Ground Warfare. In this position, he was involved in many major capability acquisition projects, ranging from camouflage nets for the Army through to the Jindalee Over the Horizon Radar for RAAF. Before joining Defence, he worked for a number of Government Departments of which the most interesting was his three and a half years with the Department of the House of Representatives. He was working in the Reps Table Office during the crisis that is now known as 'the Dismissal' when the Governor-General brought the term of the Whitlam Government to a premature end.

Dr Lee has been interested in military history and the history of warfare for as long as he can remember, probably encouraged by a father who served in Bomber Command during World War Two (winning the DFC for his actions in saving his Halifax over the Ruhr). In particular, his interests centre on command and leadership and the evolving technologies that have so changed the face of battle. He has authored two books and numerous articles and presented several papers to international military history conferences.

Dr Lee holds a Bachelor of Arts with Honours from the University of Queensland, a Litt.B. from the Australian National University, a Graduate Diploma in Strategic Studies from Joint Services Staff College, a Master's degree in Defence Studies and a PhD from the University of New South Wales at ADFA.



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Dr Lee is happily married to Jenny and has three sons, a step son and a step daughter. One son is an artillery officer while a second is a Naval officer. None of the others show any inclination of joining their siblings in a military career.