

# Timeline

- 1899–1902** As part of the British empire, Australia offered troops for the war in South Africa, also known as the Boer War.
- 1900** Australians joined a multinational force sent to China to quell the Boxer Rebellion.
- 1901** 1 January: Proclamation of the Commonwealth of Australia.
- 1914** August: Australia pledged support for Britain at the outbreak of the First World War.
- 1915** 25 April: Members of the Australian Imperial Force (AIF), and troops from New Zealand, Britain, and France landed on the Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey.
- 1916–18** Australian forces fought on the Western Front in Europe, and in the Middle East.
- 1918** 11 November at 11 o'clock: the armistice began, ending hostilities.
- 1939** 3 September: the beginning of Australia's involvement in the Second World War.
- 1941** April–December: Siege of Tobruk, Libya  
December: Beginning of the Pacific War
- 1942** February: Singapore fell to Japan, and Darwin was bombed for the first time.
- 1945** 8 May: VE Day (Victory in Europe. 15 August: VP Day (Victory in the Pacific).
- 1946–51** Australians joined the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan.
- 1947–present** Since the first peacekeepers left Australia for the Netherlands East Indies (Indonesia), over 30,000 Australians have been involved in peacekeeping and humanitarian operations in many parts of the world.
- 1950–53** Australians joined the United Nations multinational force, defending South Korea from the Communist force of North Korea, China, and the Soviet Union.
- 1950–63** Australia assisted in operations in Malaya against the Malayan communists.
- 1963–66** Indonesia and Malaysia fought a small, undeclared war which came to involve troops from Australia and Britain.
- 1962–75** Australia fought alongside the United States in South Vietnam to stem the spread of communism in Europe and Asia.
- 1990–91** Australia joined the US-led, multinational task force in the Persian Gulf against Iraq following its invasion of Kuwait.
- 2003–09** Australia joined a "coalition of the willing" to invade Iraq, based on what proved to be flawed intelligence on Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction.
- 2001–present** Australia joins the US-led forces of the International Coalition Against Terrorism in Afghanistan, fighting against Al-Qaeda terrorists and the Taliban.