

# **AUSTRALIAN ARMY AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC: 1942-45**

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**Group Captain Garry Waters** has been the Director of the Air Power Studies Centre since January 1993. He contributed to both editions of the Royal Australian Air Force publication *The Air Power Manual*, is the author or editor of six books and has written extensively on defence and air power issues.

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**Dr Peter Stanley** has worked at the Australian War Memorial since 1980, where he normally heads the Historical Records Section. He is presently Exhibition Curator for the Memorial's major commemorative exhibition, 1945: War and Peace, which will open in August 1995. Dr Stanley has published widely in the field of British and Australian imperial military history, and particularly on the social history of Australian and British Indian forces.

**Mr Henry 'Jo' Gullett, AM, MC** served as an infantry NCO in the 2/6th Battalion at the Battle of Bardia in 1941, was awarded his Military Cross as a junior officer in New Guinea in 1943 and was later a company commander attached to a British battalion for the Normandy invasion. After the war, he continued to serve Australia with distinction, first as a federal liberal politician and then as Australia's Ambassador to Greece.

**Lieutenant Colonel Glenn Wahlert** graduated from the Officer Cadet School, Portsea, in 1975. He holds degrees in History and International Relations from the University of Queensland and Deakin University and is working on his second Masters degree at the University of New South Wales. At the time of the conference, he was the Assistant Director of Research and Analysis for the Australian Army.

### Open Forum

#### **Colonel Colin Henry Grace, DSO, ED, (Retd)**

1940 Enlisted as Captain, LO HQ 7th Div  
Served in Middle East, Syria and El Alamein as Div LO  
1944/45 As CO 2/15 Bn participated in landings at Lae, Finschhafen and Brunei (OBOE 6)

#### **Major General John Raymond Broadbent, CBE, DSO, ED, (Retd)**

Feb 37 Appt LT Sydney Uni Regt  
1940 LO 20 Inf Bde and regt duties 2/17 Bn  
Served in Middle East, Syria, Tobruk, Palestine and El Alamein  
1942/43 Company Comd 2/17 Bn  
1944/45 As CO 2/17 Bn participated in landings at Lae, Finschhafen and Brunei (OBOE 6)  
Was also Beachmaster for Finschhafen landing  
1955 Comd 5 Inf Bde  
1965 Comd 2 Div

#### **Major General Ronald Lawrence Hughes, CBE, DSO, (Retd)**

Dec 39 Graduated from Duntroon and appt LT Aust Staff Corps  
Jan 40 Darwin Mobile Force  
Apr 42 GSO 3 OPS HQ 2 Aust Corps  
Aug 42 Aust Staff College  
Nov 42 Staff Offr Adv Land HQ, Brisbane  
Feb 43 LO HQ New Guinea Force  
1943/44 LO HQ 1 Aust Corps (incl LO to 162 US Regt.  
Landed with 162 Regt at Nassau Bay)  
1945 LO HQ 1 Aust Corps for Morotai  
LO HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde for Tarakan  
Regt duty with 2/3 Bn 6 Div - Coy Comd, Wewak  
1945/46 Staff Offr McArthur's HQ Tokyo  
1952/53 Comd 3 RAR Korea  
1967/68 Comd 1 Aust Task Force Vietnam  
1975/76 Comd 1 Aust Inf Div  
1977 Retired from ARA as Chief of Reserve

#### **Lieutenant Robert (Jock) Scott, (Retd)**

1939 Enlisted as private soldier 29 Bn (Militia)  
Apr 40 2/6 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Rifleman  
Served in Middle East, Libyan campaign, Greece, Palestine and Syria  
1942 Milne Bay with 2/6 Bn  
1943 Wau (SGT Intelligence Sect)  
Jun 43 Commissioned LT ex OCTU  
1944/45 2/43 Bn 9 Div as PI Comd for Finschhafen campaign Morotai and Borneo - incl Labuan  
Nov 1945 Discharged

**Major General Timothy F Cape, CB, CBE, DSO, (Retd)**

Dec 37 Appointed LT Aust Staff Corps  
Mar 39 Port Moresby Defences - 13th Hvy Bty RAA  
Dec 40 DAA & QMG HQ 8 MD  
Feb 42 Bde Major 'Sparrow Force' Timor  
Sep 42 DAAG LHQ  
Oct 42 GSO 1 OPS HQ NG Force  
Feb 43 GSO 1 AIR HQ 1 Aust Corps  
Aug 45 GSO 1 OPS Adv Land HQ  
May 54 Comdt OCS  
Dec 56 Comdt Aust Staff College  
Aug 72 Retired from ARA

**Major Henry 'Jo' Gullett, AM, MC, (Retd)**

1940 Enlisted as a private soldier 2/6 Bn  
Served in Middle East - Libya, Greece and Syria as PTE and SNCO  
1943 PI Comd with 2/6th Bn New Guinea. Awarded MC  
1944 Company Comd with Brit Regt for Normandy landing