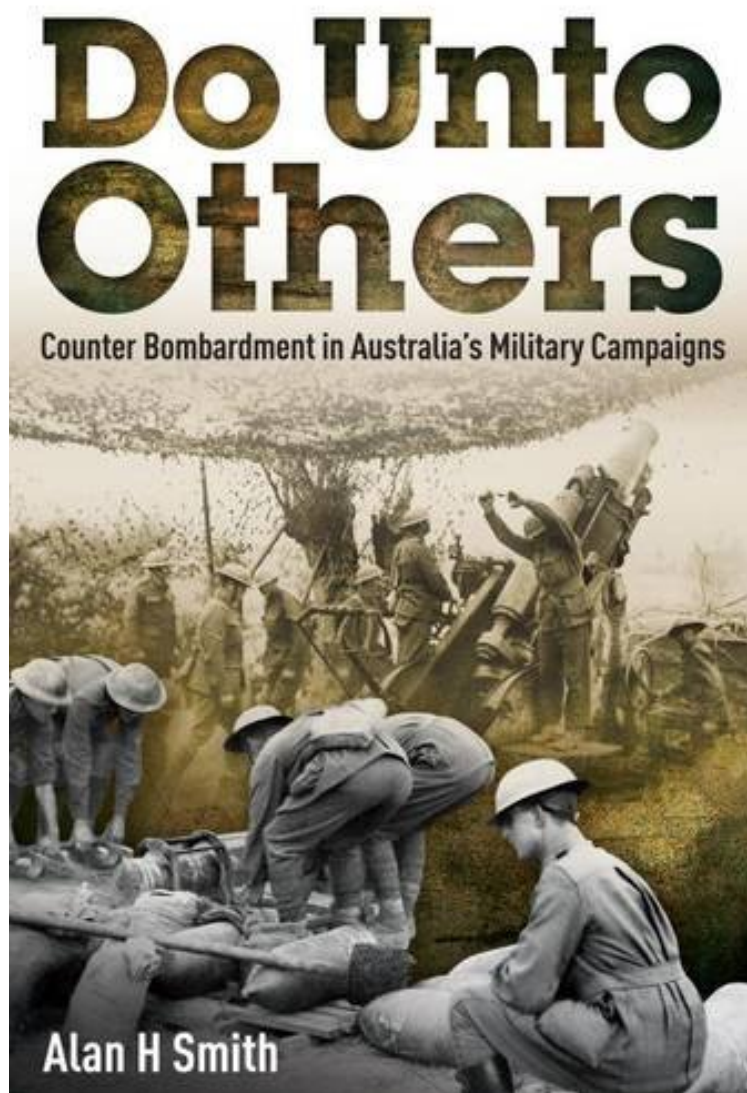


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topic. It focused mainly on the history of counter bombardment in Australia's military campaigns from WWI to Vietnam. The book followed how the engagement tactics used for counterbattery fire evolved and it mentioned technical innovations as they came into use but didn't have enough detail of exactly how the techniques worked, how long it took to locate and to deliver return fire, etc. That's probably fine for most people but for me it was a bit of a drawback since I was (am) interested in not just the history but also in the mechanics of counterbattery fire. The book did a good job stressing the importance of survey for artillery fire plus how GPS and modern computers have changed survey functions. The author seemed far more enamored with the use of acronyms than any other military history book I've ever read. Often acronyms were given once then used very sparingly throughout the book while others were given early and then not used until much later in the book (at which point I had forgotten what the acronym was supposed to represent). The commonly-used acronyms were not a problem nor were those that were used regularly throughout the book. Maybe some of the ones I perceived as uncommon are actually common to those familiar with the Australian military but some seemed to be used just to obfuscate matters (i.e. TEWT - Tactical Exercise Without Troops, given once then used only one time later in the book). My review was on the Kindle version of the book. I started reading on the PC but quickly moved to a Kindle as I found eye strain became a factor quicker on the PC than I expected. I borrowed my daughter's Kindle and gave it a try. The Kindle was a much easier read for the text portion but the maps and figures were much smaller and the zoom options are more limited on the basic Kindle than they are on the PC. Also, it was also easier to report typos and incorrect info to the publisher via the PC. And I have to say that quality control on Kindle books is not nearly as good as on printed matter. I rarely find more than one or two typos in printed material if I find any. With the Kindle version I finally gave up after reporting eight errors and seeing no response from the publisher (still no response five months later). It cannot be that difficult to correct simple typos in the electronic version and re-release the book! 10 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Extremely scholarly By Jetpack If you have any interest in knowing about Australian counter battery fire, how to do it and the surveying/signal activities necessary, this is the work for you. While I have a strong interest in military history, this was too detailed for me. 8,561 locations long. I picked it up while it was free.

Since 1899, the significant role Australian gunners have played in supporting the Australian Military Forces' campaigns has been well-documented. They have gallantly and whole-heartedly supported Australian, British, New Zealand and Indian armies in both World Wars, the Korean and Borneo Confrontation Wars and most recently the Vietnam War. *Do Unto Others* is a comprehensive account of the history of counter bombardment, including the development of Australian techniques, equipment and procedures through the campaigns up until Vietnam, with references to the techniques and actions of the British and American artillery included where appropriate to place the Australian experience in perspective. It is also the story of the brave men behind the artillery and their outstanding efforts and results across these varied campaigns.

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