

## Researching Australian military service: First Gulf War, 1990–1991

### Overview

Australian military history overview: First Gulf War, 1990-1991 [[www.awm.gov.au/articles/event/gulf](http://www.awm.gov.au/articles/event/gulf)]

### Nominal rolls

- Preliminary Gulf War Nominal Roll [[www.dva.gov.au/commemorations-memorials-and-war-graves/nominal-rolls/preliminary-gulf-war-nominal-roll](http://www.dva.gov.au/commemorations-memorials-and-war-graves/nominal-rolls/preliminary-gulf-war-nominal-roll)] created by the Department of Veterans' Affairs lists Australian Defence Force personnel involved in that conflict. It includes all personnel involved in the hostilities and associated operations in the Persian Gulf between August 1990 and September 1991.
- Frederick Kirkland, *Operation Damask: being a record of Australia 's participation prior to, during and after the Gulf War, Iraq–Kuwait 1990–1991* (Cremorne, NSW: Plaza Historical Service, 1991). The nominal rolls are on pp. 168-207.

### Personal service records

These files are held by the Department of Defence, Service and Personnel Records [[www.defence.gov.au/records/](http://www.defence.gov.au/records/)].

### Where they served

As it is not yet 30 years since official records for this conflict were created, files are still unavailable for public access (for more information see the *Archives Act 1983* [[www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/cth/consol\\_act/aa198398/](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/cth/consol_act/aa198398/)]).

### Official history

Official histories are a detailed chronological record of all services and all theatres of conflict.

David Horner, *Australia and the new world order: from peacekeeping to peace enforcement: 1988-1991* (Cambridge University Press, 2011) Volume 2 of *The Official History of Peacekeeping, Humanitarian and Post-Cold War Operations* includes a description of Australian commitments in the Gulf crisis and First Gulf War (1990-91).

### Medals and awards

Refer to our research guides:

- Campaign and service medals [[www.awm.gov.au/research/guide/campaign-medals](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/guide/campaign-medals)]
- Australian military honours and awards [[www.awm.gov.au/research/guide/honours](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/guide/honours)]

### Where to look for photographs and other items

- Collections Search [[www.awm.gov.au/advanced-search](http://www.awm.gov.au/advanced-search)] provides access to digitised images of photographs and other items held by the Memorial.
- Trove [[trove.nla.gov.au](http://trove.nla.gov.au)] can search photographs and other images held by a range of major Australian libraries, archives and other cultural institutions.