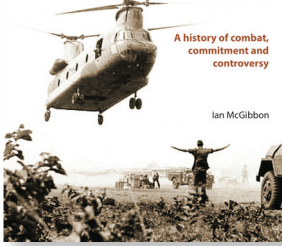


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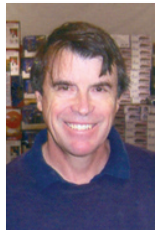


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- The war's troubled aftermath, culminating in the Prime Minister's apology to veterans in 2007

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