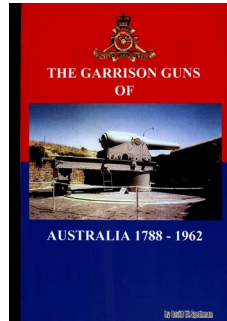# THE GARRISON GUNS OF AUSTRALIA 1788-1962

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Synopsis:

This is a book about the various types of guns that were mounted in Australia's fixed defences during 113 years of the colonial period followed by the 61 years of the Commonwealth period, and where they were mounted up until the demise of the fixed defences in 1962.

This work has been divided into two parts; Part I covers the Colonial Period from 1788 to 1901, which is broken down into six sections with the various types of gun grouped into each section. Part II covers the Commonwealth Period from 1901 to 1962 where all of the guns listed are arranged from the largest down to the smallest calibre.

Author's Bio:

David's interest in Colonial defence began in the early 1960's when he joined the then Australian Sea Cadets Corps; the unit he joined was named "T.S. Paluma" after one of Queensland's colonial gunboats. This interest increased with a lift-out in the "Sunday Mail" in 1963 entitled the "Russians are coming" which was about the effect that the Russian war scare of 1885 had on Queensland. From there he had to know more, unfortunately in those days there was very little published information on Australian Colonial Forces. Initially he was interested in the colonial warships but this increased to include all aspects of the Colonial Military Forces including the Fortifications at the various ports, which were in effect anti-ship defences which were supported by the colonial Warships, defensive torpedoes (mines) and the field force on land.
"The Garrison Guns of Australia 1788 – 1962" is the result of some of this research.