

## Malaria in the ADF

Fourteen cases of malaria in ADF personnel were reported to the Central Malaria Registry from 1 July to 30 December 2003. Nine cases were diagnosed on return to Australia from East Timor. Six cases were new infections and 3 were relapses. One case was diagnosed in East Timor. Two cases were diagnosed on return to Australia from Bougainville. Two cases were diagnosed on return to Australia from the Solomon Islands.

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### Total malaria infections in ADF personnel in various deployments

East Timor, September 1999–December 2003	
Diagnosed in East Timor	81
Diagnosed on return to Australia	381
<b>Total</b>	<b>462</b>
Bougainville, December 1997–December 2003	
Diagnosed in Bougainville	9
Diagnosed on return to Australia	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>
Solomon Islands, July 2003–December 2003	
Diagnosed in Solomon Islands	0
Diagnosed on return to Australia	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>
Iraq, February 2003–December 2003	
Diagnosed in Iraq*	1
Diagnosed on return to Australia	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

\*This case appeared to be an infection acquired in Papua New Guinea before deployment to Iraq.

### Malaria reporting

All Health Service personnel are encouraged to notify the Central Malaria Registry promptly when a malaria casualty is detected. Informal notifications preceding a PM40 can be made by telephone.