

Malaria in the ADF

Twelve cases of malaria in ADF personnel were reported to the Central Malaria Register in the period 1 January – 30 June 2004.

One case was diagnosed in East Timor, and 4 were diagnosed on return to Australia from East Timor. Two were relapses from previous infection.

There were no further cases from Bougainville. A thorough audit of the data has been conducted and a detailed breakdown of the malaria numbers from the military operations in Bougainville are included elsewhere in the journal.

Seven cases were diagnosed on return to Australia from the Solomon Islands.

One case was acquired in mainland Papua New Guinea by an ADF member on leave.

Total malaria infections in ADF personnel in various deployments

East Timor, September 1999 – June 2004	
Diagnosed in East Timor	82
Diagnosed on return to Australia	386
Total	467
Bougainville, December 1997 – June 2004	
Diagnosed in Bougainville	5
Diagnosed on return to Australia	59
Total	64
Solomon Islands, July 2003 – June 2004	
Diagnosed in Solomon Islands	0
Diagnosed on return to Australia	9
Total	9
Iraq, February 2003 – June 2004	
Diagnosed in Iraq*	1
Diagnosed on return to Australia	0
Total	1

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

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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 (07 3332 4836) or by e-mail (Nathan.Elmes@defence.gov.au).