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China, the French Army’s keen interest in counterinsurgency in the second half of the 1950s, and the transmission of French doctrine to the U.S. military in the early 1960s. It also discusses home-grown American counterinsurgency pioneers like General Edward Lansdale, who helped create the American counterinsurgency strategy. The book includes an essay by Professor Christian Potholm, who describes the role of the U.S. military in the evolution of counterinsurgency operations since World War II. It also provides a comprehensive overview of the evolution of counterinsurgency theory and practice since World War II, with a focus on the United States and its allies. The book concludes with a discussion of the future of counterinsurgency in the 21st century, including the challenges and opportunities posed by the rise of new actors, such as non-state armed groups, and the role of technology in shaping the future of counterinsurgency operations.
Understanding war This book examines the complex practice of counter-insurgency warfare through the prism of British military experiences in the post-war era and endeavours to unpack their performance. Throughout the twentieth century counter-insurgency assumed the status of one of the British military’s favourite topics. A wealth of asymmetric warfare experiences was accumulated after the Second World War as the small wars of decolonisation. The book offers several key contributions to the study of counter-insurgency warfare. Firstly, it provides a comprehensive overview of the historical development of counter-insurgency theory and practice. Secondly, it examines the role of past experiences in shaping British military thinking on counter-insurgency. Thirdly, it offers a critical analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of British counter-insurgency doctrine. Finally, it provides a comprehensive assessment of the current state of counter-insurgency theory and practice within the British military. The book is based on extensive research of primary and secondary sources, including official documents, memoirs, and interviews with military professionals. The book is divided into three parts: Part I: Historical Perspectives on Counter-insurgency, Part II: Theoretical and Analytical Issues, and Part III: Case Studies. Part I provides a comprehensive overview of the historical development of counter-insurgency warfare, including the British experience in Malaya, Borneo, and Northern Ireland. Part II examines the theoretical and analytical issues underlying counter-insurgency warfare, including the role of ideology, politics, and society in shaping military strategy. Part III presents case studies of British counter-insurgency operations in various contexts, including Malaya, Borneo, Northern Ireland, and Iraq. The book is intended for students and scholars of military history, security studies, and international relations, as well as for military practitioners and policymakers.