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A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defenceist and other skills.

Forthcoming Anniversaries

24 October 1945: United Nations charter ratified
25 October 1945: 9th Division attacks Axis forces at El Alamein
25 October 1944: HMAS Shropshire in the Battle of Surigao Strait
25 October 1950: 3 RAR in Battle of Broken Bridge, Korea
25 October 1951: Ceasefire talks resume at Panmunjon, Korea
26 October 1942: Pte Percival Gratwick, 2/48 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at El Alamein
26 October 1956: 2 RAR in action against communist terrorists at Sungei Siput, Malaya
27 October 1900: New South Welshmen in successful fight against De Ref's Boers at Rensbury Drift, South Africa
28 October 1901: Victorian troopers capture Boer Comdt Porgeiter
28 October 1916: First Australian conscription referendum lost

Books by RUSIV Members



Colonel Jim Wood, ED (1937-2017) was an active contributor to RUSIV over many years. Born in Sydney he became one of the early members of 1st Commando Company qualifying as a green beret, parachutist and in commando other skills. Among his military appointments were

Commanding Officer of Melbourne University Regiment (1979-1981) and Colonel Project Officer at Army Command and Staff College, Queenscliff.

Jim was the author of *The Forgotten Force: Australia's Military Contribution to the Occupation of Japan 1945 - 1952* (1998) and *Chiefs of the Australian Army: Higher Command of the Australian Military Forces 1901-1914* (2006). He also published his work on Mobilisation which he researched as a Defence Fellow. All these items are in our library.

Major E.W.O. Perry appointed Jim as his literary executor and passed his military library to him on his death. Dr Colleen Wood, Jim's wife, passed these valuable and irreplaceable books on to our RUSIV Library, greatly improving our collection.

Key to internet references: (M) - magazine or website; (N) - newspaper; (F) - film clip; (P) - podcast

Defence

Recommended: Under pressure: the present and future of international order: [\(M\)LowyInstitute](#)
Australia-Singapore comprehensive strategic partnership lives up to its billing: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)
Can the 'natural partnership' between Australia and Singapore survive great-power rivalry? [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Parliament ponders the way Australia goes to war: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

The real costs of Australia's defence budget 'blowout': [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

The US national security strategy and what it means for Australia: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Opportunities for Australia in Biden's national security strategy: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Navy

HMA Ships *Adelaide* and *Anzac* depart for Indo-Pacific Endeavour 2022: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Army

Soldiers on Exercise Wirra Jaya take to urban live fire training: [\(F\)Defence](#)
Where does armour sit among the government's defence priorities? [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Air Force

Defence to investigate claims ex-RAAF pilots trained Chinese: [\(M\)AustralianAviation](#)

New Zealand

NZDF explores C4I options for new Bushmasters: [\(M\)AustralianDefence](#)

ASEAN

Internal divisions spell the end of ASEAN as we know it: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Philippines

Moscow says Manila should honour deal to buy military helicopters: [\(M\)AlJazeera](#)

US

The U.S. Marine Corps has a choice: transform or die: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

UK

UK says Russian aircraft fired missile near British spy plane over Black Sea: [\(M\)Reuters](#)

Ukraine

Four non-nuclear ways Putin could escalate the Ukraine war: [\(M\)TheHill](#)

Japan

Japan and Australia PMs to focus on closer military ties: [\(M\)USAbcNews](#)

China

Xi's CCP congress speech indicates a major push towards military intelligentisation:
[\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Russia

Putin imposes martial law on annexed regions; 'Battle for Kherson' could be imminent as civilians told to flee: [\(M\)Cnbc](#)

Military History

A tiny island with battleship guns beat Japan for 15 days all alone: [\(F\)DarkSeas](#)
Sicily - nearing the end (1943): [\(F\)BritishPathe](#)

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