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Forthcoming Anniversaries

5 February 1917: Capt Henry Murray, 13 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Stormy Trench, north east of Gueudecourt, France
7 February 1941: Two 6 Div brigades capture Benghazi, Libya, from Italians
8 February 1942: Japanese invade Singapore and begin to cross the Straits of Johore clashing with 22 and 27 Bdes
11 February 1864: Capt Charles Heaphy, Auckland City Volunteers, receives first colonial VC for his actions during the Maori Wars
12 February 1900: Victorians engage Boers at Pink Hill, Cape Colony
12 February 1942: 64 nurses escape during the fall of Singapore on board SS Vyner Brooke
13 February 1965: 1 SAS Sqn advance party departs Perth for Borneo

RUSIV Defence Update

Celebrating our 133rd Year

A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence

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The 1924 Visit of the British Special Service Squadron



H.M.S. "Hood" & H.M.S. "Delhi" at Princes Pier, Port Melbourne.
HMS Hood & Delhi, Princes Pier Melbourne March 1924
(RUSIV Library)

In 1924 the British Government decided on a round-the-world show the flag cruise by the Royal Navy. It consisted of the pride of the fleet, HMS *Hood*, the battle cruiser HMS *Repulse* and several light cruisers. *Hood* was the world's most powerful battleship.

The Squadron visited several Australian ports causing a sensation

among the population. The visit to the nation's capital (Melbourne) attracted 500,000 ship visits when Australia's population was 6 million.

Both *Hood* and *Repulse* were sunk in historic circumstances in the second World War.

RUSIV will commemorate this event in conjunction with the British Consulate, Naval, Maritime & Military History associations at a free talk and exhibition at the Shrine of Remembrance at 2 pm on Tuesday 19th March

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Defence

Army and Navy adopt new trades training system: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Navy

Royal Australian Navy resumes regional presence deployments: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Transparent sea: AUKUS looks to AI, quantum in hunt for Chinese submarines: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Army

Duntroon cutting officer training time by a third: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Air Force

F-35s fly back from Nevada: [\(F\)Contact](#)

Exercise Sea Dragon 2024 in Guam: [\(M\)Contact](#)

New Zealand

With Australia, New Zealand to explore AUKUS 'opportunities,' closer to joining?

[\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Building an Australia-New Zealand alliance fit for the 21st Century: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Indo-Pacific

The EU and the Indo-Pacific: partners for a more stable and prosperous world: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

EU

Ukraine support package worth €50bn agreed by EU leaders: [\(M\)BBCNews](#)

US

Pacific Fleet chief Paparo on China's big lesson from Ukraine: win quickly: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

The Senate is headed for a crucial test vote on new border policies and Ukraine aid: [\(M\)APNews](#)

Middle East

US launches airstrikes in Iraq, Syria: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Red Sea challenges give naval planners more to ponder about future warfare: [\(M\)IISS](#)

A Houthi missile got within a nautical mile of USS Gravelly on Tuesday: [\(M\)MilitaryTimes](#)

Ukraine

Ukraine claims its sea drones sank a Russian warship. Moscow says Patriot missiles downed its plane: [\(M\)APNews](#)

Russia

Russian military thought and doctrine related to non-strategic nuclear weapons: change and continuity: [\(M\)IISS](#)

China

Chinese hacking operations have entered a far more dangerous phase, US warns: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Chinese embassy confronts Australian cyber ambassador who accused Beijing of cyber attacks: [\(M\)ABCNews](#)

Military History

Field Marshal Sir Thomas Blamey a career of challenges, conquests and controversies:

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