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#### Forthcoming Anniversaries

- 3 April 1900:** Victorian Bushmen arrive in East Africa
- 4 April 1885:** NSW contingent in action in Sudan
- 4 April 1918:** First battle of Villers Bretonneux, France with the 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion defending against a German attack
- 5 April 1950:** 3 RAR crosses 38th Parallel, Korea
- 6 April 1917:** US declares war on Germany
- 6 April 1942:** 42nd US Div arrives in Australia as part of US build up in the Pacific region
- 6 April 1952:** 1 RAR arrives in Korea
- 7 April 1918:** Lt Percy Storkey, 19 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Bois de Hangard, France
- 7 April 1967:** Maj Peter Badcoe, AATTV, awarded the VC posthumously for his actions in Vietnam. This was the first VC awarded to an Australian during the Vietnam War
- 8 April 1918:** Repatriation Department established

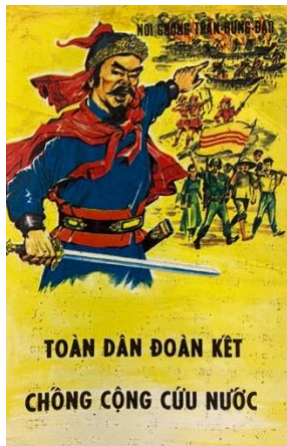
# RUSIV Defence Update

## Celebrating our 132nd Year

*A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence*

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### Propaganda Leaflets



This flimsy 2-sided leaflet in Vietnamese was dropped from the air on a Vietnamese village (Long Điền) for a First Australian Task Force (1 ATF) Cordon & Search operation in February 1968 called Operation Clayton.

The leaflet was prepared by the Psyops (psychological operations) detachment of the 1 ATF. The flamboyant figure, the 13<sup>th</sup> century Vietnamese hero Prince Trần Hưng Đạo is shown exhorting the villagers to unify under the national flag to defeat the communists.

The sequence of events was to form a cordon around the village under the cover of darkness, drop the leaflets and search the village.

The search of over 5000 villagers found 30 Việt Cộng suspects and some South Vietnamese draft dodgers and deserters.

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'SSN AUKUS': How the US and UK plan to get nuclear-powered subs to Australia: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

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5 RAR Section Attack at Operation Kudu: [\(F\)Army](#)

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New Zealand defence minister says military needs more resources amid growing challenges: [\(M\)Reuters](#)

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The latest on Southeast Asia: [\(M\)CSIS](#)

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