



RUSIA Defence Update

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Forthcoming Anniversaries

4 August 1900: About 3000 Boers attack Elands River Post, mostly manned by Australians, killing most of 1500 horses, mules and oxen. Four Australians were killed in the subsequent siege

5 August 1914: The first shots of World War I were fired by a coastal artillery battery at Port Phillip Heads when the German merchant vessel SS Pfalz attempted to slip out of port before the declaration of war was made known. Pfalz was the first enemy vessel seized in Australian waters

5 August 1944: Japanese POWs break out of Cowra camp

6 August 1915: Battles for Lone Pine and Sari Bair begin at Gallipoli

7 August 1915: Allies land at Suvla Bay. Light Horse units attack at the Nek, Steele's, Quinn's and Pope's Posts, Gallipoli

8 August 1915: LCpl Leonard Keysor, 1 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Lone Pine trenches, Gallipoli

8 August 1918: Lt Alfred Gaby, 28 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions east of Villers-Bretonneux. Battle of Amiens begins

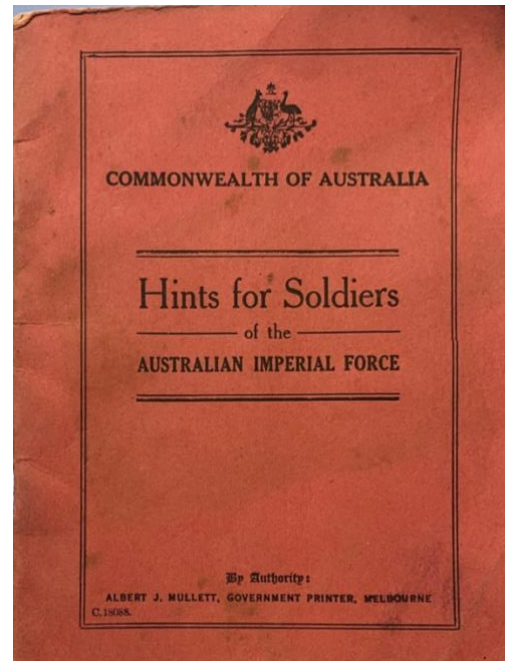
9 August 1915: Cpl Alexander Burton, 7 Bn, (posthumous award); Cpl William Dunstan, 7 Bn; Pte John Hamilton, 3 Bn; Capt Alfred Shout, 1 Bn (posthumous award); Lt William Symons, 7 Bn; and Lt Fredrick Tubb, 7 Bn, awarded VCs for their actions at Lone Pine trenches, Gallipoli



Hints for Soldiers of the AIF

More than 416,000 Australians enlisted in the First AIF, representing nearly 39% of eligible men aged 18 to 44. At 64.8%, the Australian casualty rate (proportionate to total embarkations) was among the highest of the war.

"Hints for Soldiers of the Australian Imperial Force" is a rare pocket pamphlet issued by the Commonwealth of Australia to instruct new recruits. It contained 31 pages of essential organizational data, military scale of rations, badges of rank, and structural breakdowns for infantry battalions and light horse regiments.



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Strategy

Delivering national security strategies: [\(P\)RUSI](#)

Defence

Australia will soon host a US SSN force. We need to discuss war planning:

[\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Recommended: ASPI Defence Conference 2026: in conversation with Australia's defence chiefs: [\(F\)Aspi](#)

Australia test-fires future ground-based air defense prototype:

[\(M\)NextGenDefense](#)

Australian tech helps warfighters detect drones they have never seen before: [\(M\)NextGenDefense](#)

Recommended: Is Australia ready to fight tonight? What can we do to improve readiness and deterrence? [\(F\)PrinciplesofWar](#)

Navy

Leidos to build emergency repair bay for Australia's Virginia submarines: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

Army

LTGEN Susan Coyle on delivering an objective integrated force: [\(F\)ASPI](#)

Air Force

Air chiefs take flight at Exercise Pitch Black 26 DE AU: [\(F\)RAAF](#)

'Pitch Black': why Japan's F-35s are flying 6,000KM south in Australia: [\(F\)TaiwanTalks](#)

Papua New Guinea

To soar is to serve | The Papua New Guinea Defence Force has returned to Exercise Pitch Black: [\(F\)RAAF](#)

UK

UK takes command of multinational force for Ukraine: [\(M\)GovUK](#)

US

Navy awards \$76.6 billion for Virginia, Columbia-class submarines: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Donald Trump trying to 'change the narrative away from the Iran war' ahead of midterms: [\(M\)France24](#)

We know how to protect our troops from telecom attacks. We're just not doing it: [\(M\)DefenseScoop](#)

US Navy deploys GARC uncrewed surface vessel in first live-fire training exercise: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Ukraine

Ukraine, NATO launch new funding program to counter Russian drones: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Middle East

Iran to get Chinese shoulder-launched missile systems in weeks, sources say: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Hormuz: choking the Strait: [\(M\)IISS](#)

Hamas officials say deal agreed on group's arms, gradual Israel withdrawal from Gaza: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

Drone strike at Egypt port near Suez Canal ignites new shipping risks: [\(M\)Reuters](#)

Airpower opened Iran's skies. Why hasn't it reopened Hormuz? [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Israeli far-right minister Ben Gvir says Hamas disarmament deal 'unacceptable': [\(M\)France24](#)

China

The PLA at 99: how China's military went from ragtag rifles to world-class force: [\(M\)SCMP](#)

Russia

Putin puts west on notice by bombing US Weapons hub in Ukraine? [\(F\)HindustanTimes](#)

Military History

New Zealanders in South East Asia (1965): [\(F\)ArchivesNZ](#)

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