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Forthcoming Anniversaries

20 July 1943: HMAS Hobart hit by torpedoes from Japanese submarine I-11 while en route to Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu

21 July 1942: Japanese submarine I-11 torpedoed the merchant vessel Coast Farmer south of Sydney

22 July 1942: The Japanese submarine I-24 torpedoed the merchant ship William Dawes off Tathra Heas, NSW

24 July 1959: HMA submarine Telemachus returned to Sydney after whales were tagged from the vessel

25 July 1944: US submarine Sawfish sank the Japanese submarine I-29, the last survivor of the midget submarine attack on Sydney Harbour

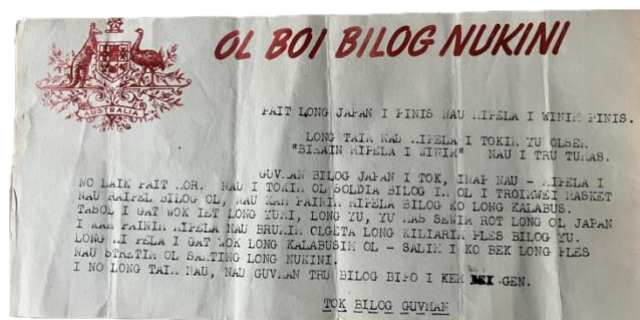
27 July 1917: Lt A.R. Little, an Australian serving in the RNAS, shot down 15 German aircraft over France between 8 April & 27 July in a Sopwith triplane



Propaganda Leaflet 1945

Tok Pisin is spoken widely in Papua New Guinea. While it started as a pidgin based mostly on English with German, Portuguese, and local language influences, it has evolved into a Creole (a first language for its speakers).

This is the leaflet dropped throughout Papua New Guinea. It addresses all of the New Guinea people and signs off with an authoritative "tok bilong guvman" or "a government announcement".



Key: (M) – magazine or website; (N) – newspaper; (F) – film; (P) – podcast

Defence

Pine Gap's influence in the Australia-US relationship has diminished: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Polar security: strategic competition at the ends of the Earth: [\(M\)Aspi](#)

Northern Australia's strategic operating system: industry, infrastructure and national resilience: [\(M\)Aspi](#)

Navy

AUKUS SSN plus - improving Australia's submarine capability: [\(F\)Strategy&AnalysisCentre](#)

Rolls-Royce starts reactor plant expansion for UK, Australian nuclear submarines: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

Army

Australian and New Zealand Armies renew Plan ANZAC: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Air Force

MQ-28 Ghost Bat becomes first loyal wingman to join multinational exercise: [\(M\)DroneFront](#)

Exercise Pitch Black 2026 | Australia's premier air defence exercise is back in the Top End! [\(F\)AviationPhotographyDigest](#)

Pacific & Southeast Asia

Ten years on, can ASEAN finally put the South China Sea ruling to work? [\(M\)Lowy](#)

Japan

Australia should welcome Japan's intelligence restructure: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

UK

Storm Fighter: UK christens drone wingman program, unveils new designs: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

NATO & EU

EU chief announces 'drone deal' with Ukraine: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

NATO and the five percent: [\(P\)IISS](#)

US

DHS network intrusion was twice ruled a false positive before breach confirmed: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Pentagon announces multiyear deals to buy thousands of affordable cruise missiles: [\(M\)Air&SpaceForces](#)

Pentagon announces testosterone screening for troops 30 and older: [\(M\)TaskandPurpose](#)

Hegseth ordered a new study of women in combat. Critics say it's built to reach one conclusion: [\(M\)WarHorse](#)

Middle East

US and Iran exchange strikes for the third day: [\(F\)France24](#)

US clears nearly \$2 billion in precision weapons for Saudi Arabia: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

As the war rekindles, what options are left to the US and Iran? [\(F\)France24](#)

US launches new round of strikes against Iran: [\(M\)MilitaryTimes](#)

Israeli firm wants to convert commercial ships into floating drone bases: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

A naval failure in the Strait of Hormuz: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Ukraine

Nine European allies join Ukraine in new anti-ballistic coalition: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Ukraine getting license to build Aster 30 anti-missile interceptors: [\(M\)WarZone](#)

Ukraine lands armed robot ashore in Russian-held territory via drone boat: [\(M\)WarZone](#)

Auterion, Ukrainian drone-maker Skyfall to supply 50,000 FPVs: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Russia

Russian troops survive just 20-30 minutes on Ukraine's front lines, CIA director says: [\(M\)MilitaryTimes](#)

The West must tell Russians the truth about the war: [\(M\)CipherBrief](#)

Military History

Scrapping British history - UK has preserved no battleships or aircraft carriers: [\(F\)Felton](#)

The 32nd ID's nightmare: the Battle of Buna, WWII: [\(F\)ArmyUniversityPress](#)

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