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Forthcoming Anniversaries

10 March 1942: Japanese invasion forces land at Finschhafen, New Guinea
11 March 1951: Australians capture Chusan, Korea
16 March 1943: Flt-Lt William Newton, RAAF No. 22 Sqn, awarded the VC posthumously for his actions at Salamaua Isthmus, New Guinea
17 March 1942: Gen Douglas MacArthur arrives in Australia to assume command of the South West Pacific Area
17 March 1953: 2 RAR replaces 1 RAR in Korea

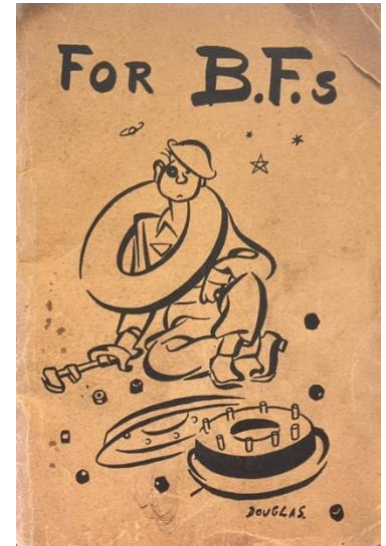
Advice for Vehicle Drivers

The first Holden, manufactured by General Motors-Holden Ltd (GMH), was the Holden 48-215, also known as the Holden FX, was launched in 1948.

Prior to 1948, GMH had produced bodies for vehicles made by General Motors in USA and UK. In 1941 GMH issued a 42-page booklet to the Australian Army called *For B.F.s* in what it described as an “unexpurgated ed.” With illustrations by Douglas of *Punch*, it showed how careless driving and servicing could damage military vehicles. It was a copy of the same title issued by Vauxhall Motors in UK.

In its introduction it said “We like to regard this little book as a means to an end. We hope you will find it amusing, but we hope also that you will not miss the serious purpose underlying the rather light-hearted style. If you become a better driver after reading it and learn to handle your car or truck with greater care and understanding – well, we shall feel we have succeeded in our purpose.”

The 164-year-old GMH ceased trading at the end of 2020.



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Navy

Australia’s Tomahawk acquisition: a strategic leap in regional power projection: [\(F\)NguoiGiaiMa](#)
Japanese Mogami frigate *Noshiro* arrives in Darwin: [\(F\)NavalNewsAustralia](#)
Tasman: comparing China’s warships to Australia’s: [\(M\)AustralianDefenceMagazine](#)

Army

ADF members injured in truck crash during flood-relief response: [\(M\)Contact](#)
Last truck load delivered: [\(M\)Contact](#)
Australian Defence Forces receive backpackable counter-explosive robots: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

Air Force

Exercise Bamboo Eagle 25 Mission ready: [\(F\)Defence](#)

New Zealand

Wargames bring NZ closer to Australia: [\(M\)USNI](#)

Singapore

Singapore raises defense budget, readies new military acquisitions: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Indo Pacific

A loss in Europe is a loss in the Indo-Pacific: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Large, crewed sixth-generation aircraft have unique value in the Indo-Pacific: [\(M\)RUSI](#)

UK

Delivering 'mass' for the British Army: Defence reviews and second echelon choices: [\(M\)RUSI](#)

The UK's accession to the Bahrain-US security agreement: [\(M\)IISS](#)

US

'5 bullet points' email now a weekly task for Pentagon civilians: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Canada

We were America's best friend: [\(M\)RUSI-ns](#)

NATO & EU

Without the US it's all about us in European defence: [\(M\)IISS](#)

Europe's air of dependence: [\(M\)IISS](#)

'Europe's moment:' EU unveils \$843B 'ReArm Europe' spending plan, as US-Ukraine relations flail: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

France shares intel with Ukraine as Macron floats nuclear umbrella: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Sweden's SE impact on NATO: [\(F\)NATO](#)

Middle East

Too close for missiles, switching to guns: how the Navy learned to fight Houthi drones: [\(M\)TaskandPurpose](#)

Ukraine

A plan for peace through strength in Ukraine: [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

The deep strike dodge: firepower and manpower in Ukraine's war: [\(M\)WarontheRocks](#)

NGA suspends Ukraine's access to commercial satellite imagery: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Russia

Russia's god of war - the political and military power of artillery: [\(M\)RUSI](#)

China & Taiwan

U.S. starts two Pacific submarine drills, Chinese surface group operating near Australia: [\(M\)USNI](#)

Military History

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