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Forthcoming Anniversaries

24 August 1942: Allied naval fleet inflicts heavy damage on Japanese ships east of the Solomon Islands

25 August 1942: Australians supported by US engineers defend Milne Bay, New Guinea, against Japanese

26 August 1942: RAAF 75, 76, 30 and 22 Sqs in action at Milne Bay, Kokoda and Buna. Japanese forces advance to Isurava on the Kokoda Track, New Guinea

27 August 1918: LCpl Bernard Gordon, 41 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Fargny Wood, France

28 August 1945: Australian destroyers enter Tokyo Bay

29 August 1919: Sgt Samuel Pearce, Sadler-Jackson's Bde, awarded the VC for his actions with British forces in north Russia

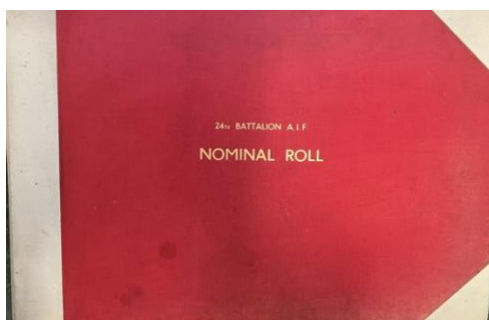
29 August 1942: Pte Bruce Kingsbury, 2/14 Bn, awarded the VC posthumously for his actions at Isurava, New Guinea



RUSIA Defence Update

A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence

Roll of the 24th Battalion AIF



The 24th Battalion was an infantry battalion raised in Victoria in May 1915 for service in the First Australian Imperial Force (AIF). Part of the 6th Brigade and 2nd Division, it fought at Gallipoli, the Somme, Bullecourt, Ypres, and Mont St Quentin before being disbanded in

May 1919.

This is, in all probability, the original and official embarkation Nominal Roll of the 24th Battalion. Most such Rolls are held in National Archives or the Australian War Memorial.

It lists, in regimental number order both those originally enlisted into the unit and the subsequent reinforcements – to the last, the 20th Reinforcement in 1917. As well as names, numbers and ranks it has age, trade or calling, marital status, address at enrolment, next of kin & address, religion, date of joining and previous service in the Australian Military Forces (the Militia) at enlistment date. There is also a record of initial pay.

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