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# RUSIV Defence Update

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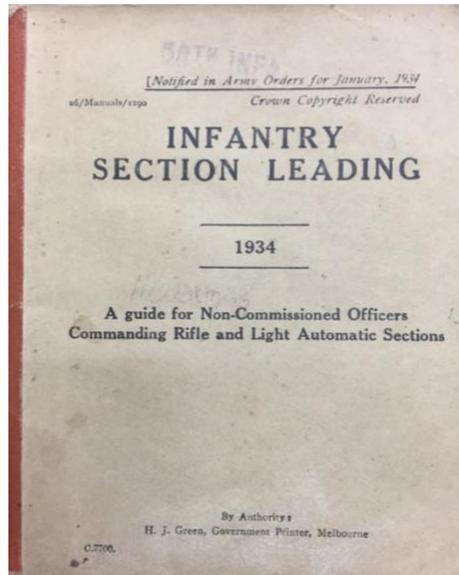
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### Forthcoming Anniversaries

**7 December 1915:** Evacuation of Anzac and Suva forces begins from Gallipoli  
**7 December 1941:** Siege of Tobruk ends after 242 days at a cost of 3009 Australian casualties and 942 POWs. Japanese carrier planes attack Pearl Harbor, Guam, the Philippines, Singapore and Kotu Bahru  
**8 December 1941:** US and Great Britain declare war on Japan. Japanese invade Malaya  
**9 December 1941:** Japanese sink battleships HMS Repulse and Prince of Wales  
**11 December 1916:** HMAS Sydney and Melbourne in 2nd Light Cruiser Squadron serving in North Sea  
**11 December 1952:** 1 RAR conducts Operation Fauna, Korea  
**13 December 1939:** HMNZS Achilles with HMS Ajax and Exeter intercept German pocket battleship Admiral Graf von Spee  
**14 December 1944:** Australian N-Class destroyers bombard Burma

Member contributions are always welcome.

### Infantry Section Leading 1934



Until well into the Second World War, the Australian Army used British Army doctrine at all levels. This 1934 pamphlet of 103 pages is a good example, printed in Australia with permission. This copy was issued to the 58th Battalion (Essendon Rifles) a Militia unit in the 3rd Division.

The 1930s were lean days in the Australian (and British) Armies. An infantry rifle or light automatic section had a maximum size of 7 men with the expectation that either could operate in conflict with as few as one NCO and 2 or 3 men. There were two rifle and two light automatic sections to a platoon and four

platoons to a company. Three rifle companies and a support company made up a battalion.

The pamphlet has a very much First World War flavour. The bayonet and wire receive strong emphasis. Artillery can provide creeping barrages. Tanks are treated cautiously. There is no mention of radio communications. There is a segment devoted to 'special types of fighting' including a section on how to tackle 'uncivilised enemies'. Jungle is not mentioned – it's 'bush' in Burma – and there are a few words about desert and mountainous country.

The pamphlet may have helped with future fighting in North Africa but it had little to say of use against the Japanese.

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## Defence

ADF and Fiji Military work together in Exercise Coral Warrior 2021: [\(F\)Defence](#)  
Australia's geography could be our greatest strategic asset: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## Army

Royal Australian Artillery: future capability: [\(F\)Army](#)  
New Australian Army aviation command established: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

## Navy

HMAS Warramunga in rough seas: [\(F\)RAN](#)  
HMAS Brisbane takes part in five nation maritime exercise: [\(F\)Defence](#)

## Air Force

Wings Over Illawarra Airshow 2021: [\(F\)Defence](#)

RAAF C-17A Globemaster - Ex Diamond Storm 19 mission over Northern Territory: [\(F\)AMG](#)

End of Era | F/A-18A/B Classic Hornet raw footage: [\(F\)RAAF](#)

## Indonesia

Has Jokowi fallen for Putin's line on Russia's benign utility to Indonesia? [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## Solomon Islands

Solomon Islands province Premier Daniel Suidani says Australian intervention 'not helpful':

[\(M\)AbcNews](#)

Repeating history? Australia's new intervention in Solomon Islands: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

ADF supports Pacific Islands family in times of crisis: [\(F\)RAN](#)

## New Zealand

'Killer robots' may be coming. New Zealand wants to stop them: [\(M\)WashingtonPost.](#)

New Zealand: no longer Australia's Pacific security partner? [\(M\)LowyInstitute](#)

## Indonesia

Spike in incursions highlights joint Australian and Indonesian interests in combating illegal fishing: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## US

US needs Indo-Pacific Force 'enhancements,' Global Posture Review finds: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Army would have 5 'Core Tasks' in a Pacific Conflict: [\(M\)DefenseOne.](#)

The uncomfortable reality of the army's role in a war over Taiwan: [\(M\)WarontheRocks](#)

## UK

Leaked crash video of British F-35B shows jet dropping off carrier ramp: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Exercise Khanjar Oman | Enduring Friendship: [\(F\)BritishArmy](#)

Ranger Regiment: What we know about Army's new elite force: [\(M\)Forces.Net](#)

## Military History

A personal account from the attack at Krithia. Gallipoli, 1915: [\(F\)WesternFrontAssociation](#)

## Russia

Russia sends missiles near Pacific islands claimed by Japan: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

## China

Dutton: war with China would be 'catastrophic' and mustn't be allowed to happen:

[\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)