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Forthcoming Anniversaries

22 September 1917: Pte Reginald Inwood, 10 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Polygon Wood, East of Ypres, Belgium

22 September 1943: 9 Div lands at Scarlet Beach, New Guinea, to begin the assault on Finschhafen

23 September 1942: Gen Thomas Blamey appointed C-in-C of Allied Land Forces in New Guinea

24 September 1914: Australians occupy Madang, New Guinea

25 September 1917: Australians in the attack on Polygon Wood, Belgium

25 September 1918: Anzac Mounted Division captures Amman, Jordan

25 September 1942: Australians' counter-offensive on the Kokoda Track, New Guinea. HMAS Voyager grounded and destroyed at Batamo Bay, Timor

26 September 1917: Sgt John Dwyer, 4 MG Coy, awarded the VC for his actions during the third Battle of Ypres, Belgium

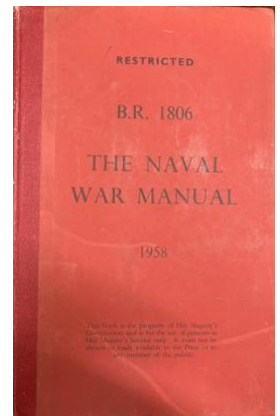
28 September 1917: Pte Patrick Bugden, 31 Bn, awarded the VC (posthumously) for his actions at Polygon Wood

28 September 1919: British Archangel Expedition, with Australian volunteers, withdraws from North Russia

The Naval War Manual

This 1960 reprint of the UK *Naval War Manual 1958* was primarily intended for the education of junior Naval Officers. Its aim was to give them some basic knowledge of the position of the United Kingdom in the world; of the defence organisation of the United Kingdom and how it fitted in with the defence organisations of the other members of the British Commonwealth and with those of its Allies; of the Principles of War; and of the nature of Maritime Warfare.

In more recent times it has been replaced by *The Fundamentals of British Maritime Doctrine* (1995), described as an unclassified manual introducing the purpose and intent of the British Royal Navy and its role in peace, crisis and war based upon the principles of England's foreign and domestic policies. This book pieces together the various elements that go into military action. The doctrine is based upon lessons of history and connects that history with current policy and technology.



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The ambitious SunCable project hinges on good neighbours and secure seas: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

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Albanese's narrow path to keeping Trump happy on AUKUS: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

A bingo card guide for Anthony Albanese's speech to the United Nations: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

This is not the time to lower scrutiny of Australian unis' deals with China: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Australia will store, maintain USMC Ospreys: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Foreign policy is local: why Australia's Foreign Arrangements Scheme matters: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Navy

Australia and Brunei strengthen defence ties: [\(M\)Defence](#)

Army

Next-level tank training: 'world's only full-crew' Abrams simulator arrives in Australia: [\(M\)NextGenDefense](#)

Papua New Guinea

Australia-PNG: when mutual defence becomes mutual embarrassment: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

Philippines

I spent five days observing a joint military exercise between Australia and the Philippines. Here's what I learned: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

Indo Pacific

Australia's trusted tech moment in the Pacific: don't let the 5G lesson go to waste: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)
Pacific nations care about survival and prosperity, not contests for influence: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

UK

How the UK is changing its special forces for a modern world: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)
Britain to open huge £400m military drone factory: [\(M\)UKDefenceJournal](#)

US

A rescue guide in the search for a US Indo-Pacific strategy: [\(M\)Lowy](#)
Senators question legality of strikes on alleged drug boats in Caribbean: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

NATO & EU

Russian drone over Romania is an early test of NATO's 'Eastern Sentry' operation: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)
British P-8 Poseidon flies unusual overland mission along Polish border: [\(M\)WarZone](#)
Want to enhance Baltic deterrence? Start with traffic redesign: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Middle East

Israeli strike in Qatar jeopardizes normalization in the region: experts: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)
Netanyahu's 'super-Sparta' vision braces Israel for isolated economic future: [\(M\)Guardian](#)
The lies America tells itself about the Middle East: [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)
Israel's attack on Qatar has shaken the Gulf: [\(M\)IISS](#)

Ukraine

Ukraine eyes drone 'kill zone' to stop Russian attack: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

Russia

With drone incursion, Russia pushes against the thickest part of NATO's shield: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)
British spy chief says he sees no evidence Putin wants to negotiate peace in Ukraine: [\(M\)APNews](#)

China

Large stealth flying wing appears at Chinese test base: [\(M\)WarZone](#)

Military History

From Boer War general to United Nations founder: the untold Jan Smuts story: [\(F\)Tekweni](#)

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