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Commemorative Brochures

Forthcoming Anniversaries

- 19 September 1943:** Australians take Kaiapit, New Guinea, from Japanese
- 20 September 1917:** 2Lt Fredrick Birks, 6 Bn, awarded the VC (posthumously) for his actions during the attack on Menin Road, Belgium
- 21 September 1916:** No 2 Squadron AFC reaches France
- 22 September 1917:** Pte Reginald Inwood, 10 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Polygon Wood, East of Ypres, Belgium
- 23 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
- 25 September 1918:** Anzac Mounted Division captures Amman, Jordan
- 25 September 1942:** 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



We have been lucky enough to have formed a considerable collection of commemorative brochures. They often provide interesting information about key community events that is otherwise unrecorded.

We have two programmes for Victorian events to mark the passing of Field Marshal Earl Kitchener in 1916 – this public National Memorial Service at the Exhibition Building in Carlton and a service held at St Paul’s Cathedral.

Kitchener held a special place in the Australian defence community. At the invitation of Prime Minister Alfred Deakin, Kitchener visited Australia in 1909 to inspect the existing state of defence preparedness of the Commonwealth and to advise on the best means of providing Australia with a land defence. Kitchener’s report, submitted in February 1910, recommended the introduction of compulsory military training which was immediately adopted, as was the establishment of the Military College, Duntroon. Kitchener visited Seymour as part of his review and recommended the local area as an ideal site for light horse training, leading to the founding of Puckapunyal Military Area.

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Defence

AUKUS will deliver the potent military Australia needs: Marles: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Navy

Lawmakers highlight ‘urgency’ to train Aussie submariners as AUKUS celebrates one year: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Army

Army Helicopter transformations: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Air Force

Australia's first MQ-4C Triton unveiled: [\(M\)Contact](#)

New Zealand

New Zealand is about to receive new REMUS 300 drones: [\(M\)NavalNews](#)

Papua New Guinea

Australia's Operation KIMBA wraps up: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Indonesia

Transformation and development in Indonesia: a 50-year view: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Pacific

Shuttle diplomacy to the Queen's funeral an opportunity for Australia and the Pacific: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

US

US Air Force warns of aging fighters, poor purchasing efforts: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Army wants to double or triple some arms production as Ukraine war continues: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

UK

UK's Ministry of Defence: Russia intensifies missile terror against Ukraine amid setbacks on frontline: [\(M\)Ukrinform](#)

Ukraine

US weighs escalation risk as Ukraine asks for longer-range missiles: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

U.S. announces \$600 million in new military aid for Ukraine: [\(M\)Axios](#)

See what Russians left behind after being run out of city: [\(F\)CNN](#)

China

Joe Biden repeats claim that US forces would defend Taiwan if China attacked: [\(M\)Guardian](#)

Russia

Here's what we know about the state of Russia's military: [\(M\)Vox](#)

Problems with Russian T-72B3 tank: [\(F\)RedEffect](#)

Cyberspace

Enhancing cyber capabilities through AUKUS: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Military History

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