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Forthcoming Anniversaries

12 July 1942: Australian troops arrive in Kokoda, New Guinea
13 July 1918: Australians counter Ottomans at Abu Tella, Egypt
15 July 1940: RSL forms the Volunteer Defence Corps
16 July 1940: HMAS Stuart and Waterhen used in screen at the bombardment of Bardia
18 July 1918: Lt Albert Borella, 26 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Villers-Bretonneux, France
19 July 1916: 5th Australian Div in the first engagement on the Western Front at Fromelles, France, suffers 5533 casualties in 24 hours of battle, one of the greatest number of casualties for an allied division in a day, yet not rated by authorities as a 'battle'
19 July: HMAS Sydney sinks Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni off Crete

Member contributions are always welcome

A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence

Propaganda Leaflet from a Short-lived Peacekeeping Force



The South Pacific Peacekeeping Force (SPPKF) was an Australian-led peacekeeping force established during the Bougainville Civil War. Hastily established to provide security for peace talks around Arawa, the force consisted of an infantry security force supported by various logistic and aviation assets,

which were deployed and air and sea from Australia. Troops were drawn from Australia, New Zealand, Tonga, Vanuatu and Fiji. The force was deployed between 4 and 21 October 1994 before being withdrawn. Further peacekeeping troops were deployed to the island in 1997 as part of the Truce Monitoring Group.



This leaflet, in Pidgin English (Tok Pisin), was designed to tell local inhabitants that Blackhawk helicopters were friendly and would do them no harm.

Key to internet references: (M) - magazine or website; (N) - newspaper; (F) - film clip; (P) - podcast

Defence

Australia increases support to Ukraine: [\(M\)MinisterforDefence](#)

Navy

HMAS *Brisbane* rescues sailors from capsized yacht: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

HMAS *Canberra* arrives for RIMPAC 2022: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Army

Darwin Squadron top end patrol: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Exercise Gauntlet Strike: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Air Force

Air Force welcomes new chief: [\(M\)Defence](#)

New Zealand

New Zealand Defence Force medical team deployed to Niue after COVID-19 outbreak: [\(M\)USNews](#)

Pacific

Chinese foreign minister's visit helped erode Pacific media freedom: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)
Wong leads new era of engagement with Pacific island states: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Singapore

Singapore Defence Minister warns of a 'Black Sea-type blockade' in the South China Sea: [\(M\)SkyNews](#)

Indonesia

Indonesia At G20 Summit Calls For 'settling Differences' Over Russia-Ukraine Conflict: [\(M\)RepublicWorld](#)

UK

60 Second Update | July | British Army: [\(F\)BritishArmy](#)
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US

Ukraine war tactics reaffirm US Army's modernization thrust, service chief says: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)
Russia-Ukraine latest updates: Putin warns of energy crisis: [\(M\)AlJazeera](#)

China

So, me old China, is our TikTok data safe?: [\(M\)SenatorPaterson](#)

Ukraine

Recommended: Ukraine at War: paving the road from survival to victory: [\(M\)RUSI](#)
Europe's fate is intimately linked to Ukraine's survival:
How is Ukraine getting Western weapons to the frontline? [\(F\)ForcesNews](#)
Russian offensive campaign assessment, July 10: [\(M\)InstituteForTheStudyOfWar](#)

Russia

How the Russian media spread false claims about Ukrainian Nazis: [\(M\)NYTimes](#)

Military History

"Appointment in Tokyo" 1945 Signal Corps film campaign in the Pacific: [\(F\)PeriscopeFilm](#)
The American invasion of Parkville: Melbourne in WW2: [\(F\)Mallis](#)