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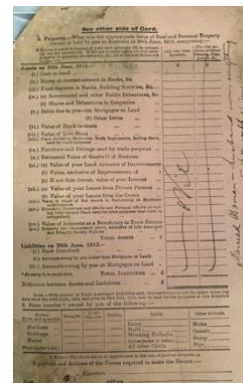
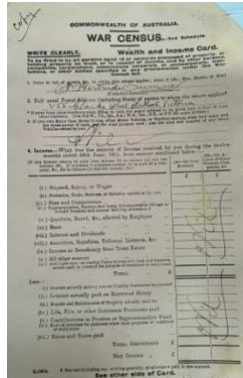
Forthcoming Anniversaries

- 24 March 1924:** British Special Service Squadron with HMS Hood, HMS Repulse and four light cruisers departs Melbourne
- 24 March 1942:** Japanese air fleet bombs Port Moresby, Papua
- 25 March 1945:** Lt Albert Chowne, 2/2 Bn, awarded the VC posthumously for his actions at Dagua, New Guinea
- 26 March 1917:** Capt Percy Cherry, 26 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Lagincourt, France
- 28 March 1918:** Sgt Stanley McDougall, 47 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions in the Battle for Dernancourt, France
- 31 March 1921:** Formation of the Royal Australian Air Force

RUSIA Defence Update

A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence

The 1915 War Census



In 1915, Australia conducted a special War Census to assess the nation's resources and manpower for the First World War, with the goal of organizing the country for a total war effort. It was done in accord with the *War Census Act 1915*.

It was a brief but invasive census. As well as asking for complete income details (including rates and taxes paid), it sought a complete list of assets and liabilities, livestock (including cattle, mules, camels, sheep and pigs).

This form - the Wealth and Income Card - was completed by a wife - she declared zero income assets and liabilities, noting that all was owned by her husband

In a November 1915 report by the Commonwealth Statistician, it was found that of 775,419 who were classed as fit, 41% were single men, 2, were widowers, and 57% were married men.

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

Defence

Saul Eslake with Rowan Moffitt: Questions for Australia's Defence in a Changed World

Recommended: An address by the Hon Peter Dutton MP, Leader of the Opposition: [\(F\)Lowy](#)

The ADF reserve system is obsolete. We need a dramatically expanded force: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Navy

Australia's NSM revolution: strengthening naval deterrence and local production: [\(F\)NguoiGiaiMa](#)

Aussies buy \$125 million-worth of Mk-48 torpedos to help counter 'future threats': [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Army

Support for Ex Tropical Cyclone Alfred: [\(M\)Defence](#)

Air Force

MC-55A Peregrine: Australia's new eye in the sky unveiled: [\(F\)NguoiGiaiMa](#)

Long Range Anti-Ship Missile certified for RAAF use: [\(M\)Contact](#)

New Zealand

New Zealand Defence Force looks to cut some civilian roles: [\(M\)USNews](#)

UK

UK to accelerate military planning to support Ukraine, No 10 says: [\(M\)Guardian](#)

US

Hegseth 'disestablishing' Office of Net Assessment, Pentagon's strategic analysis specialists: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

U.S. Marines arrive for Australian rotational deployment; Marine South East Asia Unit drills in Singapore: [\(M\)USNI](#)

Putin and Trump will speak on Tuesday about the war in Ukraine: [\(M\)APNews](#)

Boeing wins Air Force's next-gen fighter contract: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

NATO & EU

Europe can still prevent a Russian victory: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Canada

Shipbuilding procurement project FUBAR: [\(F\)EspritdeCorps](#)

Canada orders JORN: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Canada's Carney meets with European allies as Trump targets his country's sovereignty and economy: [\(M\)APNews](#)

Ukraine

Ukraine: the mirage of peace: [\(M\)IISS](#)

Recommended: Rose Gottemoeller: an unfolding peace process in Ukraine: [\(F\)Lowy](#)

Middle East

Ceasefire shatters as Israel pounds Gaza with wave of deadly strikes: [\(M\)CNN](#)

U.S. and Iraqi forces conduct airstrike that kills ISIS Chief of Global Operations in Al Anbar, Iraq: [\(F\)Military Times](#)

Russia

The impending collapse of Russia sanctions: the cost of inaction: [\(M\)RUSI](#)

China

China's outsized advantage in its critical maritime infrastructure protection: [\(M\)IISS](#)

Military History

Three silly words that helped destroy Nazi Germany: [\(F\)CalibanRising](#)

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