



# RUSIA Defence Update

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## Forthcoming Anniversaries

**15 June 1901:** Sgt James Rogers, South African Constabulary, awarded the VC for his actions at Thaba'Nchu, Orange Free State

**16 June 1943:** A RAAF Huson, piloted by Flt Sgt D.T Barnard, sank the German submarine U97 off Cyprus  
**16 & 17 June 1968:** HMAS Hobart and four USN ships Attacked in error by US 7<sup>th</sup> Air Force fighters in Vietnamese waters

**21 June 1940:** Lt V.A.T. Smith (a future chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee) led an attack on Schanhorst in a Swordfish aircraft off the coast of Norway

**22 June 1893:** Vice Adm Sir George Tryon, former Flag Officer Commanding Australian Station, lost his life when his flagship HMS Victoria was rammed by HMS Camperdown off Tripoli. Tryon was found to be at fault.



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## Five Miles in Gaza - 1941

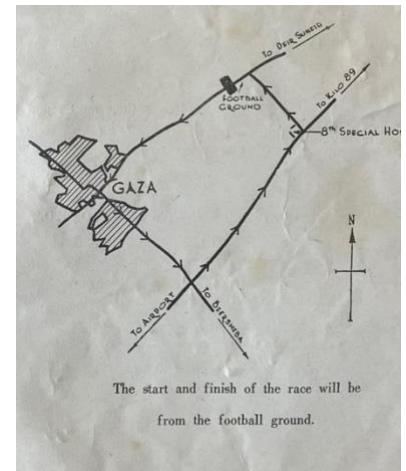


Having recently been relieved from defending the besieged port town of Tobruk in October, the 26<sup>th</sup> Brigade relocated to Gaza, Palestine, where they underwent rest, training, and reorganization throughout November. The AIF Cross Country Championship was held in Gaza on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1941. The event featured a massive field of 336 entries from surrounding camps.

A team from the 6th Australian Division Petrol Company won. It included Driver Banks, Corporal W. Craig, Driver W. Richardson, and Driver J. Norton. The individual winner, Driver H. Richardson was from the same unit.

Trophies were presented by Brigadier R. W. Tovell, commanding officer of the brigade. Captain Frank Hurley's film of the event is at [AustralianWarMemorial](#).

It would be interesting to compare the route taken with current Gaza conditions!



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