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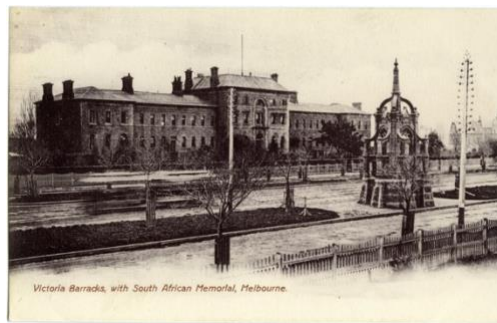
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A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence

Forthcoming Anniversaries

8 August 1900: NSW and Victorian contingents depart Sydney for Boxer War in China
8 August 1915: LCpl Leonard Keysor, 1 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Lone Pine trenches
8 August 1918: – Lt Alfred Gaby, 28 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions east of Villers-Bretonneux. Battle of Amiens begins
9 August 1915: Cpl Alexander Burton, 7 Bn, (posthumous award); Cpl William Dunstan, 7 Bn; Pte John Hamilton, 3 Bn; Capt Alfred Shout, 1 Bn (posthumous award); Lt William Symons, 7 Bn; and Lt Fredrick Tubb, 7 Bn, awarded VCs for their actions at Lone Pine
9 August 1918: Pte Robert Beatham, 8 Bn, posthumously awarded the VC for his actions at Rosières, east of Amiens
9 August 1942: HMAS Canberra sunk in the battle of Savo Island
12 August 1916: Pte Martin O'Meara, 16 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Pozieres
12 August 1918: Sgt Percy Statton, 40 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions near Proyart, France
14 August 1952: B Coy 3 RAR launches Operation Buffalo to capture Hill 75, Korea

Melbourne's Military Barracks



The Barracks with the Boer War Memorial in its original location (City of Melbourne Collection)

Victoria Barracks is an important building on St Kilda Road. *The Age* of 24 June 1862, referring to the buildings' commencement five years earlier, commented:

Structures of this character are seldom distinguished by beauty of design, nor can those we are alluding to be considered an exception to the rule. Utility has certainly not been sacrificed

for ornament, nor comfort for display. The most recent erections are, however, far more pleasing to the sight than the earlier portions, and when the buildings are completed, and the plantations adjacent are grown up, we may expect that a further improvement in external appearances will be effected.

We have fewer details of Melbourne's earlier military barracks, located in Spencer St. These barracks were constructed around 1852 for the British 40th Regiment and were described as a range of galvanised iron buildings, forming three sides of a square.

Another (and temporary) barracks was improvised for the 12th Regiment in August 1854 in the "Immigrants' Home" buildings which had been erected a year or two earlier on the east side of St Kilda Road, near the Yarra.

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Defence

'Worst' security threats prompt review: [\(M\)AAP](#)

Australia must speak carefully and carry a big enough stick in the South China Sea: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Former Defence officials map path for Australia's first climate-security risk assessment: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

ADF & QLD Police join teams on Exercise Austral Shield 2022: [\(F\)Defence](#)

RIMPAC 2022 comes to a conclusion: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Defence Strategic Review: [\(M\)Defence](#)

Navy

Canberra's crew get acquainted with landing craft: [\(M\)Defence](#)

HMAS Canberra flight deck operations with VMM-363 MV-22B Ospreys:
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Army

Exercise RIMPAC 22 2 RAR sniper mission: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Air Force

Air to Air footage over the Australian outback: [\(F\)AviationPhotographyDigest](#)

17 nations pitch in for Pitch Black: [\(M\)AirForce](#)

New Zealand

New Zealand will continue to cooperate with 'more assertive' China, Ardern says: [\(M\)Guardian](#)

Pacific

Opening of Exercise Longreach 2022, ensuring readiness for high-risk weather: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Australia must do more to secure the cables that connect the Indo-Pacific: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Malaysia

Malaysia receives first maritime patrol aircraft upgraded with US funding: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

UK

60 Second Update | August: [\(F\)BritishArmy](#)

Topping Out Ceremony | 61 Whitehall Renovation Update: [F\)RUSI](#)

US

All 38 Ship at RIMPAC 2022: [\(F\)NighthawkVeterans](#)

US, Indonesian (and Australian) soldiers hold drills on Sumatra amid China concerns:
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Ukraine

A ticking time Bomb – demining Ukraine: [\(P\)KyivIndependent](#)

BMP-T Terminator failure - Ukrainian expert states reasons! [\(F\)DefenseUpdates](#)

China

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Russia

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