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World War Two Lord Mayors Fund NSW

Forthcoming Anniversaries

- 22 January 1942:** Lt-Col Charles Anderson, 2/19 Bn, awarded VC for actions near Akri, Malaya
- 23 January 1942:** Japanese land on Rabaul, Kavieng and Bougainville
- 25 January 1942:** Japanese land at Lae, New Guinea
- 25 January 1944:** – 7 Div drives Japanese from Shaggy Ridge
- 26 January 1942:** 2/18 Bn sets ambush for Japanese north of Jemaluang, Malaya
- 26 January 1945:** Borneo death march begins
- 27 January 1941:** Fighting in Derna, Libya, between Australians and Italians. Full mobilisation of militia ordered in Australia
- 30 January 1968:** First Battle of Saigon begins Operation Coburg for 2 and 7 RAR



During the Second World War there were many organisations aiming to provide the troops with comforts. To bring together their exertions some states set up omnibus funds to do this more effectively. This is a 1940 flyer for the NSW Lord Mayors Fund. It coordinated the efforts of RSLs, Country Women's Association, YWCA, Salvation Army, Women's Voluntary Services and others.

At the time the flyer was issued, over 1 million articles had been handled and packed. They had distributed enough tobacco for 3 million cigarettes and made 1.5 million as well. 5 tons of knitting wool had been made into socks, scarves and mittens. Four and a half miles of flannel had been made into underwear and pyjamas. Over 20,000 Christmas hampers had been sent to the troops.

The 4-page ephemeral leaflet tells quite a story!

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Army

Farewell for soldiers deploying to train Ukrainians: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Australia to get first US Black Hawk helicopters this year: [\(M\)Bloomberg](#)

Air Force

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US

Nimitz carrier strike group operates in South China Sea: [\(M\)ComdUS7thFleet](#)

Rep. Joe Courtney: to make AUKUS work, Congress should look to the past: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Canada

In northern Ukraine, Canadian-donated armoured vehicles are a key line of defence: [\(M\)CBC](#)

UK

Ukraine war leaves British Army 'very uncomfortable' with Future Soldier capabilities: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

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Japan

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South Africa

South Africa 'plays China and Russia' card against US with joint naval exercise: [\(M\)SouthChinaMorningPost](#)

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Ukraine Contact Group meeting caps off deluge of new arms pledges, but no German Leopards: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Russia

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China

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