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Forthcoming Anniversaries

8 January 1958: Last Australians return from Korea
9 January 1917: Light Horse captures Rafa, Egypt
10 January 1940: The first of the 2nd AIF convoys sails for the Middle East
10 January 1942: Japanese planes attack Singapore
11 January 1942: Japanese capture Tarakan, Borneo
12 January 1942: Japanese enter Kuala Lumpur, Malaya
12 January 1943: 2/9 and 2/12 Bns, supported by three tanks, attack Sanananda, New Guinea
15 January 1944: 9 Div captures Sio, New Guinea
16 January 1942: 8 Div in Battle of Muar, Malaya, the last major battle of the [Malayan Campaign](#)

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Wellington's Dispatches



The Duke of Wellington writing dispatches
David Wilkie (1785–1841)
Aberdeen Art Gallery & Museums

RUSIV Library has copies of the multi-volume *Wellington's Dispatches* – we also have a digitised version. These dispatches give a fascinating insight into the nature of operations in the Peninsular and Waterloo Campaigns during the Napoleonic Wars. They also reveal a thoughtful yet stern Arthur Wellesley, whose many concerns as commander-in-chief included the needs of his officers, the feeding of his men and endless negotiations with British, Spanish and Portuguese leaders. The Peninsular campaigns of 1808 through 1814 were a gruelling series of struggles which strained the

resources of all the major participants. The resulting battles were not the easy victories that are often imagined today, and on various occasions all the major combatants suffered defeats and lost opportunities.

You may wish to hear Hugh Grant reading Wellington's [Waterloo](#) dispatch.

References: (M) – magazine or website; (N) - newspaper; (F) – film clip; (P) - podcast

Defence

Add it to the list: three more considerations for AUKUS: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Audit of Defence estate received by government: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Navy

Even more US-Australia submarine collaboration on the horizon: [\(M\)MilitaryTimes](#)

Army

More Aussie soldiers deploy for Ukraine training: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Philippines

US - Australian military aircraft arrive in the Philippines, with some 12,000 troops ready to deploy: [\(F\)DefenseNewsUpdate](#)

Singapore

US Air Force open to Singapore fighters on Guam: [\(M\)Stars&Stripes](#)

Singapore's Navy inks modernization deals amid personnel shortage: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Indonesia

Indonesia to receive large patrol vessel from Japan as part of aid: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenseJournal](#)

UK

60 Second Update - January 2024 | British Army: [\(F\)BritishArmy](#)

US

Carrier USS *Carl Vinson* Sails with Philippine Navy in South China Sea: [\(M\)USNI](#)

U.S. Air Force Secretary urges Congress to 'do its job' and 'give us the funds needed to defend the country': [\(M\)MSNBC](#)

Canada

Middle East

Could the Israel-Hamas war lead to peace? [\(M\)RUSI](#)

'Packed with explosives': Houthis launch unmanned vessel in Red Sea, fail to strike ships, US says: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

US reaches deal to stay at Al Udeid for another 10 years, reports say: [\(M\)Stars&Stripes](#)

Ukraine

POW exchanges and Russian violations of the Geneva Convention: [\(F\)ISW](#)

New Ukrainian air defence unit shoots down 17 Russian Shahed drones: [\(F\)ForcesNews](#)

'We're out of money': US exhausts security funds for Ukraine: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

The war in Ukraine is not a stalemate: [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

Russia

Russia defence spending: Kremlin gives extra \$45 billion to military: [\(F\)AlJazeera](#)

China

China's unsafe interceptions of US military aircraft have dropped off, defense officials say: [\(M\)CNN](#)

Military History

The rare propeller aircraft that took on a fighter jet and won: [\(F\)DarkSkies](#)

The unbelievable SAS mission that remained secret for 80 years: [\(F\)ForcesNews](#)

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