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Forthcoming Anniversaries

- 26 September 1917:** Sgt John Dwyer, 4 MG Coy, awarded the VC for his actions during the third Battle of Ypres, Belgium
- 26 September 1943:** – Japanese counter-attack on Finschhafen, New Guinea
- 27 September 1942:** Japanese withdrawal begins over the Owen Stanley Ranges, New Guinea
- 27 September 1950:** 3 RAR arrives in Pusan, Korea, to join 27 British Commonwealth Bde
- 28 September 1917:** Pte Patrick Bugden, 31 Bn, awarded the VC (posthumously) for his actions at Polygon Wood
- 28 September 1919:** British Archangel Expedition, with Australian volunteers, withdraws from North Russia
- 29 September 1918:** Maj Blair Wark, 32 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions from Bellicourt to Joncourt
- 30 September 1918:** Pte John Ryan, 55 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions against Hindenburg Line defences
- 1 October 1918:** Allied cavalry, including Australian Light Horse regiments, enter Damascus, Syria

Juvenile Books on War



There are several hundred books and pamphlets on war in our collection that are designed for juvenile readers. Many are Australian titles outlining aspects of wars and campaigns in which we have participated.

The item illustrated is an issue of The School Paper from Victoria, for Grades VII and VIII, 2nd November 1914. It tells of the loss of Submarine AE1 and has a stirring poem commemorating its loss.

THE MISSING SUBMARINE AE1

They heard no clamour of battle,
No charging squadron's cheers;
No murderous Maxim's rattle
Was dinned in their dying ears;
For wrapped in the ocean boundless
Where the tides are scarcely stirred –
In deeps that are stilled and soundless, –
They perished, unseen, unheard.

The submarine was lost on 14 September 1914. Its wreck was located in December 2017.

Key to internet references: (M) – magazine or website; (N) - newspaper; (F) – film clip; (P) - podcast

Defence

- Australia should join the moratorium on anti-satellite missile tests: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)
- Australia's semiconductor moonshot: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)
- Despite progress, major challenges lie ahead for AUKUS: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)
- ASPI Explainer: Rare Earths - with Dr John Coyne: [\(F\)ASPI](#)

Navy

- Lockheed Martin to produce 12 more MH-60R SEAHAWK helicopters for the Royal Australian Navy: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Army

Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Programme 2022 in East Arnhem Land: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Air Force

Mission Pegase 2022 concludes: [\(M\)AustralianDefence](#)

New Zealand

NZDF joins largest Pacific military exercise in decades: [\(M\)1news](#)

Indonesia

Indonesia reduces projected defence spending for 2023: [\(M\)Janes](#)

Pacific

China strategy in Pacific islands a cause for US concern: [\(M\)AlJazeera](#)

US

USAF to unveil B-21 Stealth Bomber in December: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

UK

UK leader vows to keep military aid flowing to Ukraine: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

HMS *Albion* tests land, sea and air capabilities off English coast: [\(F\)ForcesNews](#)

Britain revises its defense plans in light of Russia's war: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Ukraine

Ukraine has shot down 55 Russian warplanes, U.S. general says: [\(M\)Politico](#)

Ukraine warns of 'nuclear terrorism' after strike near plant: [\(M\)AssociatedPress](#)

China

Xi doubles down on support for Putin: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Russia

A shift to Asia won't solve Russia's economic woes: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Russia draws a 'red line' on US providing weapons to Ukraine: [\(F\)TheSun\(UK\)](#)

Why is Vladimir Putin so obsessed with Ukraine? [\(F\)Guardian](#)

Winter is coming, and Putin is failing: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Cyberspace

Criminal or state actor, there are major lessons in the Optus cyber breach: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Military History

British Royal Bodyguards: [\(F\)Felton](#)

The Royal Flying Corps on the Western Front : [\(F\)WesternFrontAssociation](#)

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