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Forthcoming Anniversaries

31 August 1918: Battle of Mont St Quentin, France. This battle, with battalions from each Australian state, pushed the German forces back to their last defensive position, the Hindenburg Line. Pte George Cartwright, 33 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Rood Wood, France.

1 September 1900: Tpr John Bisbee and Lt Guy Wylly, both 1 Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen, awarded VCs for their actions at Warin Bad, South Africa

1 September 1918: Pte William Currey, 53 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions near Peronne, France. Sgt Albert Lowerson, 21 Bn; Lt Edgar Townner, 2 MG Bn; and Pte Robert Mactier, 23 Bn (posthumously); awarded the VC for their actions at Mont St Quentin

2 September 1918: Cpl Maurice Buckley, 13 Bn (posthumously); Cpl Arthur Hall, 54 Bn; and Cpl Lawrence Weathers, 43 Bn; awarded VCs for their actions near Peronne, France

3 September 1915: Lt William Dartnell, Royal Fusiliers, awarded the VC for his actions near Maktou, British East Africa (now Kenya). Dartnell moved to Australia and is buried here
4 September 1942: Cpl John Alexander, 2/9 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions during the Japanese evacuation of Milne Bay



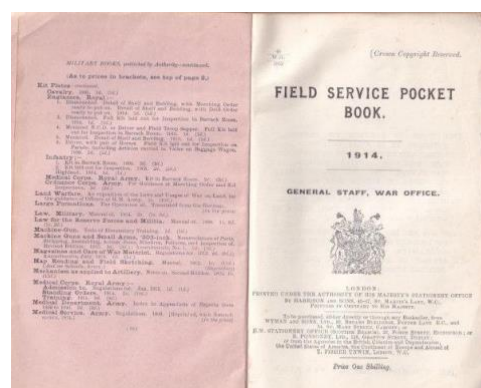
British Field Service Pocket Books

The British Field Service Pocket Book (FSPB) was an essential official military handbook issued by the British War Office to officers, warrant officers, and senior non-commissioned officers during the early 20th century and the First World War.

It contained clear rules for daily military life, including marches, camp cooking, sanitation, and water supply.

The book covered map reading, field sketching, communications, and overseas operations. It also provided instructions on field engineering, explosives, bridging, demolitions, and transport logistics by road, rail, and sea. Guidelines also spanned small arms, ammunition supply, discipline, pay, and court-martial procedures.

FSPBs were issued from 1912 to 1938. Field Service Pocket Book As the Second World War approached, revised Australian sections were also printed.



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Strategy

‘West Asia’, not the Middle East: it’s time for Australia to reset its strategic compass: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Intervention opportunity framework: preserving strategic choice in an era of accelerating competition: [\(M\)Aspi](#)

Defence

Foreign AI is unavoidable. Australia’s challenge is in application:

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Navy

Australia identifies future defense precinct site for AUKUS sub sustainment: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Anti-nuke group ICAN Australia raises safety concerns over Henderson site:

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Air Force

We flew an autonomous plane thousands of kilometers across Australia: [\(F\)RAAF](#)

Indonesia

India and Indonesia are developing Sabang as a port, not a base: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Building on the Jakarta Treaty, Australia and Indonesia deepen cooperation: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Indo-Pacific & Southeast Asia

Trump didn't cause America's retreat from Asia – he's the symptom: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

On Myanmar, ASEAN should brace for the long road ahead: [\(M\)IISS](#)

UK

Operation Paper Tiger - Britain's useless aircraft carriers: [\(F\)Felton](#)

NATO & EU

What Europe needs next in beyond-visual-range air-to-air missiles: [\(M\)WarZone](#)

US

New White House strategy clarifies military tech priorities: undersea, outer space and AI: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

FBI disables China-linked hacking tools used against US agencies: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Middle East

The end of the American Middle East: Iran and the last gasp of a failed order: [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

Trump says Strait of Hormuz demined, warns of 'zero tolerance' for new mines: [\(M\)France24](#)

Ukraine

UK provides Ukraine classified long-range SCALP missile blueprints: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Less than meets the eye: Britain, France let Ukraine make Storm Shadows: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Ukraine's new USV can act as 'mothership' for interceptor drones: [\(M\)NextGenDefense](#)

Ukrainian drone operators "destroyed" U.S. brigade during exercises in Germany: [\(M\)Militaryny](#)

Russia

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How Ukraine is bringing the war home to Russia: [\(M\)Conversation](#)

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