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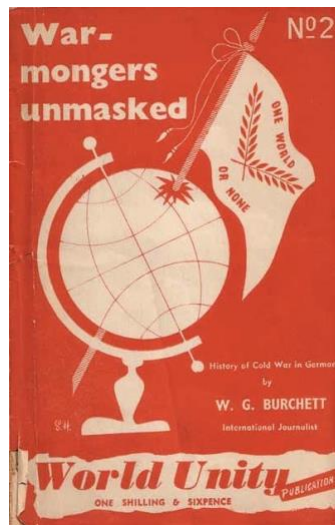
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Forthcoming Anniversaries

- 1 May 1941: Allies complete evacuation of Greece
- 1 May 1942: Townsville placed on invasion alert
- 1 May 1945: 26 Bde lands at Tarakan, to capture airfields to be used to support operations in the Borneo area
- 2 May 1915: Australians of the 11th Battalion attack Gaba Tepe, Gallipoli
- 3 May 1917: HMAS Sydney battles Zeppelin L43 on North Sea
- 3 May 1917: Australians in second attack on Bullecourt sector of Hindenburg Line
- 5 May 1915: 2 Aust Bde and the New Zealand Bde redeploy to Cape Helles, Gallipoli
- 5 May 1942: Battle of Coral Sea ends
- 5 May 1945: VE Day
- 9 May 1901: Tasmanian troops drive Scheeper's commandos out of Craddock District, South Africa

Wilfred Burchett



Wilfred Burchett (1911-1983) was an Australian left-wing writer. His close relationship with communism meant that he was frequently reviled.

For those Australians who fought in the Korean war, Burchett was a traitor. He had a close relationship with North Korean and Chinese authorities.

A controversial charge against Burchett claims that he participated in and edited the "confessions" that were extracted from British and American POWs in the course of interrogations concerning alleged UN germ warfare weapons. Other POWs claimed Burchett used direct threats or told them news from the outside world that was intended to break down their morale.

Burchett was also very friendly to the North Vietnamese regime during the Vietnam War.

Many find his writings repugnant. Why do we include some of them in our collection? The simple answer is that the library is unbiassed: we find *Mein Kampf* and many other items repugnant but necessary parts of our collection.

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Army

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New Zealand

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US

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UK

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