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## Forthcoming Anniversaries

**22 June 1893:** Vice Adm Sir George Tryon, former Flag Officer Commanding Australian Station, lost his life when his flagship HMS Victoria was rammed by HMS Camperdown off Tripoli. Tryon was found to be at fault

**26 June 1916:** – Pte John Jackson, 17 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions southeast of Bois Grenier, France

**26 June 1945:** In what will become the largest combined military seaborne operation in Australian history, an invasion fleet of more than 200 ships carrying 7 Div begins leaving Morotai for Balikpapan

**28 June 1918:** Cpl Phillip Davey, 10 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Merris, France

**28 June 1945:** Pte Leslie Starceovich, 2/43 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions near Beaufort, British North Borneo



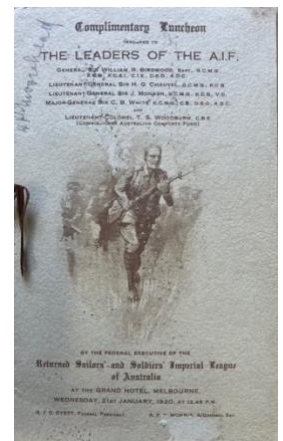
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## Luncheon for the Leaders of the AIF

Field Marshal Sir William Birdwood toured Australia in 1919–1920 to immense public acclaim. As the beloved former commander of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) during the First World War, he was widely revered as the "Soul of Anzac". A series of luncheons civic receptions and reunion banquets for the leaders of the AIF was held across Australia honoring returned commanders of the Australian Imperial Force, most notably General Sir William Birdwood.

This copy of the menu for the Melbourne luncheon in January 1920 was signed by the principal attendees – Birdwood, Monash, Chauvel, White, Brand and others, making it a valuable relic. The venue was the Grand Hotel, soon to be renamed the Windsor.

Because of his popularity, Birdwood was backed by the King for the position of Australia's Governor-General. Ultimately, however, this did not come to pass as the Australian Prime Minister insisted the position be held by an Australian.



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