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Forthcoming Anniversaries

- 15 May 1945:** Pte Edward Kenna, 2/4 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions near Wewak, New Guinea
- 16 May 1901:** Lt Frederick Bell, 6th West Australian Mounted Infantry, awarded the VC for his actions at Brakpan, Transvaal
- 18 May 1915:** Maj Gen William Bridges died of wounds he sustained on Gallipoli on board the hospital ship Gascon
- 19 May 1915:** Ottoman counterattack on Anzac Corps fails
- 19 May 1918:** Sgt William Ruthven, 22nd Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Ville-sur-Ancre, France
- 20 May 1915:** LCpl Albert Jacka, 14 Bn New Zealand and Australian Div, won the first Australian WWI VC for his actions at Courtney's Post, Gallipoli
- 20 May 1951:** Chinese offensive on UN Forces in Korea collapses
- 22 May 1945:** Australian troops take Buin Road, Bougainville



Recruiting Posters

Recruiting posters could be considered to be a thing of the past? Are they?

We're fortunate to have a half a dozen or so in our library. This one probably dates from the ill-fated Pentropic Army era around 1963. At that time recruiting teams - predominantly uniformed and experienced - toured drill halls (we had many then). 'New' was judged to be an exciting word. Citizen Military Force (reserve)

units did much of their own recruiting and the better units got better results.

One reading of the Defence Strategic Review is that recruiting for the three services at present is far from successful. Perhaps something could be learned from the past. Recruiting in place, particularly if it provides swift responses to enquiries may be better than a centralised alternative. Reserve units can play a significant role in getting troops for their units. University regiments can attract a wide - wider than before - range of talented youths. Closing down the university regiment of Australia's largest university may have been neat and tidy, but was it sensible? New thought is required for modern generations but some older ideas may need revisiting.

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

Defence

A higher place for space in the Defence Strategic Review: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Time to hit the books: education and training in the defence strategic review: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

How Australia and India can collaborate in the western Indian Ocean: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Australia's security in China's shadow: [\(P\)IISS](#)

Australia's 2023 Defence Strategic Review [\(M\)IISS](#)

Working with the Pacific island nations to build resilience: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Navy

Latest AUKUS outrage - buying towed array sonars from the U.S. that harm marine mammals:

[\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Australian Navy orders MASS ship protection systems: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Air Force

BAE Systems working on JORN technology: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)
Mission Crew | Air Mobility Officer: [\(F\)RAAF](#)

Indo Pacific

U.S.-China competition and Indo-Pacific security: [\(F\)CSIS](#)

Southeast Asia

The latest on Southeast Asia: [\(M\)CSIS](#)

US

The Silent Service no more? Pacific submarine fleet a key part of Pacific deterrence: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

US Abrams tanks for training Ukrainian forces arrive in Germany ahead of schedule: [\(M\)APnews](#)

UK

Royal Navy submarine files left in a pub bathroom: [\(M\)TaskandPurpose](#)

Canada

Canada seeks to join non-nuclear pillar of AUKUS alliance: [\(M\)Reuters](#)

Defence Team News: [\(F\)CAF](#)

Canadian membership in AUKUS – a time for action: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

US military now has voice-controlled bug drones: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

NATO

NATO details defense plans – and reiterates call for more member spending: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Ukraine

Ukraine's Territorial Defence Forces: the war so far and future prospects: [\(M\)RUSI](#)

Russia

The failure of Russia's missile war in Ukraine: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Weapons tracing shows Russia firing new cruise missiles at Ukraine just weeks after production: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Cyberspace

The Disconnect on undersea cable security: [\(M\)Lawfare](#)

Military History

Deep Intel on America's 12-Minute War with Libya: [\(F\)WardCarroll](#)

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