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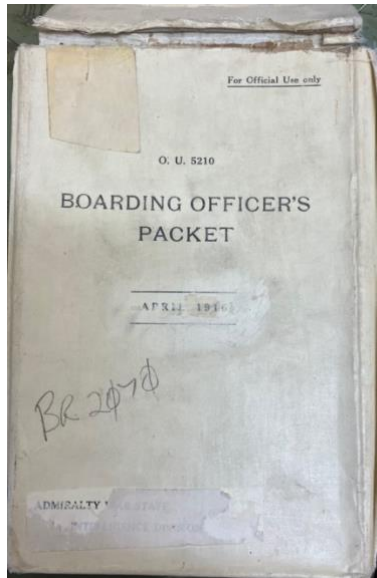
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Forthcoming Anniversaries

- 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
- 26 June 1956:** Communist terrorists ambush Australians near Sungei Siput, Malaya
- 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
- 30 June 1941:** Enemy dive-bombers sink HMAS Waterhen during a shuttle run to Tobruk
- 30 June 1942:** Australians raid Salamaua, New Guinea
- 1 July 1945:** 7 Div troops land over the beaches on the outskirts of Balikpapan
- 2 July 1945:** – 25 Bde joins 18 and 21 Bdes in Borneo
- 2 July 1950:** RAAF No. 77 Sqn escorts US bombers in Korea

Boarding Officer's Packet



A Boarding Officer's Packet is a naval document carried by the party when it investigates a suspicious vessel. It consists of a selection of cards in a water-resistant packet. The cards have a list of questions in a range of languages to put to the crew of the boarded vessel.

Our packet dates from 1917 and most of its Royal Navy contents were renewed in 1939. A RAN card in Vietnamese was a later addition.

In the ADF there is a special allowance for members of boarding parties and an extra one for officers of flag rank.

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