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## Forthcoming Anniversaries

- 5 September 1938:** US announces it will be neutral in the event of war in Europe
- 5 September 1943:** US and Australian paratroopers capture Nadzab, New Guinea
- 7 September 1951:** 3 RAR seizes bridgehead across Imjin River, Korea
- 11 September 1914:** Battle of Bitapaka – first Australian conflict of WW1
- 15 September 1943:** 26 Bde crosses the Busu river heading towards Lae, New Guinea

## Indigenous Military Service



*Thomas Bungaleen (squatting) & other crew members of HMCS Victoria receiving their rum ration ca 1861. (SLV)*

Is this the first Indigenous person to serve in an Australian defence force? Thomas Bungaleen was the son of a Gippsland headman whose family was brought to Melbourne by the Native Police in 1847. After his father's death, the boy was placed in the Merri Creek Aboriginal School

under the supervision of Assistant Protector of Aborigines, William Thomas.

In 1861, [Bungaleen](#) was bonded to work on the steamship *Victoria*, where he won approval following a trip to the northern coast in search of the missing Burke and Wills Expedition. He received no wages in the navy but was outfitted at the expense of the Board for the Protection of Aborigines. Bungaleen died in 1865 and is buried in the Melbourne Cemetery.

Her Majesty's Colonial Ship *Victoria* - Australia's first warship - was a screw sloop, completed in November 1855. Her armament was two 32 pounders, pivot guns and six 32 pdr, guns. sailed from Melbourne on the 4 August 1861 for Brisbane and points north, to search for Burke and Wills who had left Coopers Creek for the Gulf in June 1861.

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