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#### Forthcoming Anniversaries

**10 February 1964:** The aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne and the destroyer HMAS Voyager collided with the loss of 82 lives

**11 February 1916:** RAN Bridging Train assumed responsibility for the maintenance of bridges across the Suez Canal at Serapeum

**12 February 1912:** Commonwealth Naval Forces commenced building of a naval training depot at HMAS Island Vic, commissioned as Flinders Naval Depot in September 1920

**14 February 1884:** HMVS Victoria steam gunboat, Capt A.B. Thomas, RN, sailed from Portsmouth for Australia

**15 February 1942:** Singapore surrendered to the Japanese

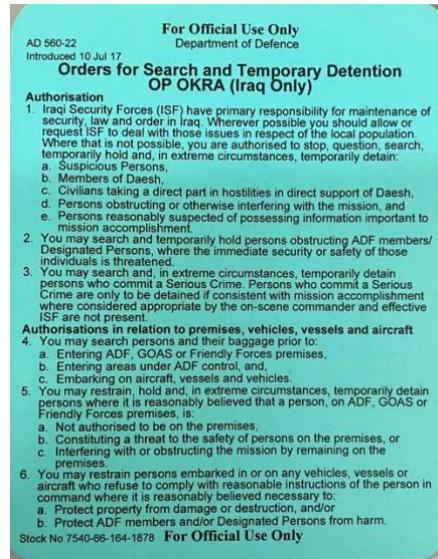
**17 February 1803:** Cdr Matthew Flinders, RN, HMS Investigator, found a fleet of 60 Malayan proas fishing in the Gulf of Carpentaria, of about 25 tons



# RUSIA Defence Update

*A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence*

## Rules of Engagement Cards



Operation OKRA in Iraq. This operation, established in 2014, was Australia's commitment to the US-led multinational Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve, formed to secure a lasting defeat of the violent extremist group Daesh.

The card covers procedures for search and temporary detention. These personnel were required to understand and comply with the complex conditions outlined on the card. There was also a companion card – Orders for Opening Fire.

Military Rules of Engagement (ROE) are directives that define when, where, and how forces may use force, balancing mission objectives with international law and civilian protection. These rules, which vary by nation and mission, cover targeting, self-defence and non-combatant treatment. ROE are essential for compliance with principles like proportionality and distinction, are often classified and typically issued to soldiers as pocket cards.

The card illustrated was issued to Australian defence personnel in 2017 for

Key: (M) – magazine or website; (N) – newspaper; (F) – film; (P) – podcast

## Defence

Managing, but never eliminating, security threats: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Defence sites for disposal after Australia audits military land holdings: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Defence land policy should reflect mobilisation and reserves planning: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## Navy

Reinvigorating Australia's Naval Reserve: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

Navy: Life On Deck - HMAS Collins: [\(F\)RAN](#)

## Army

Chief of Army | start of year message 2026: [\(F\)Army](#)

## Singapore

Airbus, Singapore gains certification for A330 MRTT automatic air-to-air refueling: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Singapore is in line to get its first F-35 fighters later this year: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

## Indonesia

Boeing abandons Indonesia F-15 bid: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Indonesia selects Italian M-346 trainer jet: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

## Canada

Mark Carney is wrong about the rules-based order: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

Harvard professor: Mark Carney's speech was a big deal: [\(F\)HarvardKennedySchool](#)

## US

America needs a nuclear non-proliferation policy ... again: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Trump calls for new nuclear pact as US-Russia treaty expires: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

## NATO & EU

Nuclear deterrence in shifting Euro-Atlantic security architecture: [\(F\)RUSI](#)

"We monitor your nukes," Norway PM Stoere slams U.S. claims on NATO contributions in Oslo speech: [\(F\)DRMNews](#)

Europe's 'first dedicated drone carrier': Portugal readies unmanned systems warship: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

Polish FM Sikorski's bold Oslo speech reveals Northern Europe defense secrets: [\(F\)DWSNews](#)

Dutch King responds after Donald Trump's statements on NATO allies: [\(F\)RoyalTV](#)

## Middle East

Netanyahu tells US envoy Palestinian Authority won't be part of post-war Gaza governance: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

## Ukraine

Russia resumes night strikes on major Ukrainian cities, ending brief reprieve agreed between Putin and Trump: [\(M\)CNN](#)

## Russia

Cost constraints on the US-Russia strategic nuclear balance after New START: [\(M\)IISS](#)

## China

X's pro-China takedown highlights a bigger transparency gap: [\(M\)Aspi](#)

## Military History

Why Marshall fired 600 officers before America even entered the war: [\(F\)WW2Memoirs](#)

Lancaster vs Halifax: what went wrong? [\(F\)RedWrench](#)

Operation Blackleg - secret Falklands War underwater mission: [\(F\)Felton](#)

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