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# RUSIV Defence Update

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### Juvenile Books on War

#### Forthcoming Anniversaries

**3 October 1918:** Lt Joseph Maxwell, 19 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions near Bearevoir line, France

**4 October 1917:** Sgt Lewis McGee, 40 Bn, and LCpl Walter Peeler, 3 Pnr Bn, awarded VCs for their actions east of Ypres, Belgium

**5 October 1918:** Last Australian action of WWI captures Montbrechain, France

**5 October 1951:** 3 RAR takes Hill 317, Korea

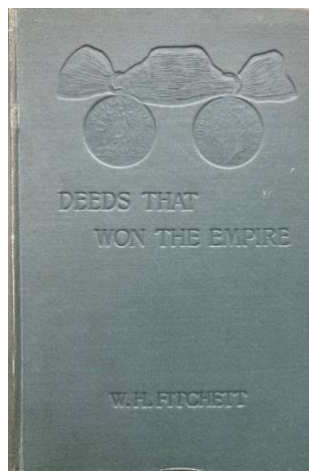
**8 October 1915:** Gen William Birdwood receives notification to evacuate Gallipoli

**9 October 1917:** Australians in Battle of Passchendaele, Belgium

**9 October 1950:** UN forces invade North Korea by crossing 38th Parallel

**10 October 1919:** Peace Treaty ending the First World War signed

**11 October 1943:** 2/27 Bn captures John's Knoll, New Guinea, severing Japanese lines of communication



Of the several hundred books on war in our collection that are designed for juvenile readers, several have been best-sellers. The book illustrated, W.H. Fitchett's *Deeds that Won the Empire: Historic Battle Scenes* is a good example: the one was published in 1901. The copy came from the collection of one of our major donors, the late Major E.W.O. (Warren) Perry MBE, ED.

William Henry Fitchett (1841-1928) was an Australian journalist, minister, newspaper editor, educator and founding president of the Methodist Ladies' College, Melbourne. What really brought him before the general public was a series of articles which were published in *The Argus* under the title of Deeds that Won the Empire. They were collected and published in book form in Melbourne in 1896 and in London, in 1897. The book eventually ran into 35 editions and about 250,000 copies were sold.

The book summarises many British battles, emphasising those of Wellington and Nelson. The book was placed by the Admiralty in all warships' libraries, adopted as a holiday-task book in some great English public schools and printed in Braille.

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## Defence

Australia, Singapore commence Exercise Trident: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Balancing the offensive and defensive in the AUKUS innovation agenda : [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Why the US nuclear umbrella underpins non-proliferation: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## Air Force

Air Force resupplies Lord Howe Island with essential goods and supplies: [\(F\)Defence](#)

## New Zealand

New Zealand Defence Force: Mental Health Awareness Week 2022: [\(F\)NZDF](#)

## Indonesia

Indonesia touts KF-21 fighter jet need, but is mum on laggard payments: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

## Pacific

The US comes back to the South Pacific: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

What to expect from Biden's summit with Pacific island leaders: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Operation Render Safe: [\(F\)NZDF](#)

The future of public broadcasting is in danger in Solomon Islands: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

The US pivot towards Pacific regionalism: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## US

Next-generation attack subs will be designed with maintenance in mind: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

## UK

We have to be prepared for war with Russia | Sir Richard Shirreff: [\(F\)TimesRadio](#)

Despite economic woes, UK leaders tout massive defense-spending hike: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

## Ukraine

**Recommended:** Success denied: finding ground truth in the air war over Ukraine: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Explaining the tactics behind Ukraine's rapid counter-offensive: [\(F\)ForcesNews](#)

**Recommended:** NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg holds a press briefing at NATO headquarters: [\(F\)DWNews](#)

Putin annexes Ukraine regions in Europe's biggest land grab since WW2: [\(F\)BBCNews](#)

## China

Beijing's plan to crush Taiwan under the 'wheels of history': [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Satellite images reveal Chinese expansion of submarine base: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

## Russia

Putin's war, and his rule, are in trouble: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Russian reserves are 'low grade' & 'don't want to go to war': [\(F\)ForcesNews](#)

Russia admits errors made in mobilization: [\(F\)DWNews](#)

Over 194,000 Russians flee call-up to neighboring countries: [\(M\)APnews](#)

## Cyberspace

New approaches needed to prevent another Optus-level data breach: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

AUKUS - Cyber Security: [\(F\)RUSINSW](#)

## Military History

**Recommended:** Bletchley Park Tour [documentary in full]: [\(F\)PA3DMI](#)

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