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Forthcoming Anniversaries

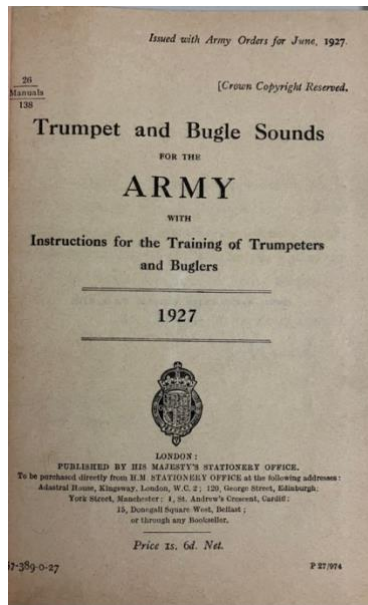
- 20 May 1915:** – LCpl Albert Jacka, 14 Bn New Zealand and Australian Div, won the first Australian WWI VC for his actions at Courtney's Post, Gallipoli
- 20 May 1941:** Germans conduct first mass (240 soldiers) paratroop assault. The 2/4th Bn was part of the composite allied force at Heraklon on the north coast of Crete
- 20 May 1951:** Chinese offensive on UN Forces in Korea collapses
- 24 May 1942:** HMAS Nestor assists in the hunt for the Bismarck
- 24 May 1969:** WO2 Keith Payne, AATTV, awarded the VC for his actions in Kontum Province, Vietnam
- 25 May 1945:** 7 Div with specialist units leaves Cairns for Morotai to prepare for an invasion of Balikpapan, Borneo
- 26 May 1968:** Việt Cộng attacks 3 RAR and 1 Armed Regt at FSB Balmoral

RUSIV Defence Update

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Military Music



Music has played a significant role in the military since time immemorial. Homer's Iliad, is essentially an epic song about war. The topic extends from the sheet music of wartime, POW choirs, music in psychological operations, military bands and ceremonial music and the tactical trumpet and bugle calls formerly used in battle,

A soldier' day was traditionally regulated by music telling him when to get up, when to eat when to be on parade or when to retire to bed.

Perhaps our most tragic item is the story of the band of the 2/22nd Battalion AIF most of whom were originally members of Salvation Army bands who had enlisted in 1940. They were captured in Rabaul - only one of them survived the war.

Well over 350 items in our military library can be found by the simple search term 'music'.

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

Defence

Budget: 10-year defence spending up 11 percent from 2022 plan: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Aiming at countering small drones, ADF faces challenges: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Defence budget 2024-25: Nuclear-powered submarines distort spending patterns: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Let AUKUS be AUKUS: is it time to separate submarines from advanced capabilities? [\(M\)AIIA](#)

An examination of AUKUS: [\(P\)RUSI](#)

Navy

What has the AUKUS alliance accomplished in the last year? [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Army

Army Aviation Command: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Air Force

RAAF head announces wingman testing for Ghost Bat drone: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Pacific

Business is converging with organised crime in the Pacific islands: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Philippines

Exercise Balikatan turns up the heat: [\(M>Contact](#)

UK

General Sharon Nesmith appointed new Vice Chief of the Defence Staff: [\(M\)Gov.UK](#)

US

Kermit Roosevelt Lecture – given by General Randy George, Chief of Staff of the United States Army: [\(F\)RUSI](#)

Ghost Shark and Manta Ray: Australia and US unveil undersea drones: [\(M\)CNN](#)

NATO

NATO Chiefs of Defence discuss the strengthening of NATO's defence plans: [\(M\)NATO](#)

Ukraine

Ukraine, Russia race to shield battle tanks from exploding drones: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

In Ukraine, Russia is beginning to compound advantages: [\(M\)RUSI](#)

Middle East

US-built Gaza pier could start operating in next few days: [\(M\)MilitaryTimes](#)

Blinken delivers some of the strongest US public criticism of Israel's conduct of the war in Gaza: [\(M\)APNews](#)

Russia

Putin replaces defense minister at key moment in the Ukraine war: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Three reasons Russia dismissed Sergei Shoigu, its longtime defense minister: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

China

Can Australian diplomacy temper Chinese bravado? [\(M\)EurekaStreet](#)

Unsafe and provocative actions by the Chinese military: [\(P\)AIIA](#)

Military History

Lost Soldiers of Fromelles – Naming the Dead | Prof Margaret Cox: [\(F\)WesternFrintAssociation](#)

The Japanese 'Invasion' of Australia: [\(F\)Felton](#)

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