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Forthcoming Anniversaries

- 1 December 1942: Japanese aircraft sink HMAS Amidale near Timor. The hero of the battle was a young ordinary seaman, Edward Sheean, who refused to leave the ship. He had no chance of escape. Strapped to his anti-aircraft gun, he blazed away till the last.
- 1 December 1942: Australians capture Gona, New Guinea.
- 2 December 1914: First Australian military aircraft leaves for WWI
- 3 December 1854: Battle of Eureka Stockade – the last occasion when British troops quell a civil uprising in Australia
- 3 December 1914: AIF lands in Egypt
- 3 December 1954: No. 77 Sqn RAAF returns from Korea
- 5 December 1942: Australians attack Japanese on Sanananda Track
- 5 December 1950: North Koreans and Chinese reoccupy Pyongyang, Korea. HMAS Bataan and Warramunga evacuate sick and wounded from Chinnampo, North Korea. 3 RAR repels Chinese forces from position near Chongchon River, Korea

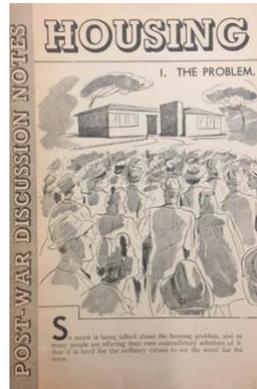
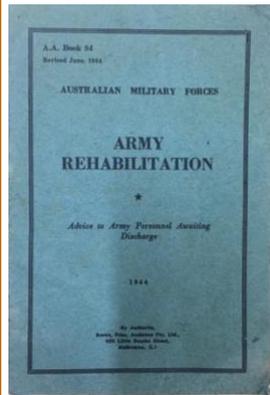
Member contributions are always welcome.

After the [Second World] War is Over

Was the Second World War a 'war to end wars' – sadly not! However, many of its participants looked forward to a better world. There was a great effort made by the authorities to prepare the armed forces for peacetime. The Army Education Service encouraged debate in its magazine *Salt*. The Commonwealth Office of Education produced the *Current Affairs Bulletin* from 1942 (it continued until 1998).

Here are examples of some other publications for servicemen and women which are in our RUSIV collection. *Army Rehabilitation* was designed to help navigate the complexities of discharge from the services. It was often revised!

Housing was one of a series of immediate post-war pamphlets issued by the Department of Post-War Reconstruction (1942-1950). It tackled the thorny problem of housing shortage, suggesting setting up discussion groups. That department was first headed by H.C. 'Nugget' Coombes. It reflected



the Australian Labor Party government's strong desire to ensure that Australians' standard of living would be greater after the war than it had been before it, as well as to avoid a repetition of the poor conditions in which many returned soldiers from the Great War lived.

Key to internet references: (M) – magazine or website; (N) - newspaper; (F) – film clip; (P) - podcast

Defence

Australia, US, UK sign initial AUKUS nuclear sub deal: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Multi-agency mass casualty training: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Recommended: Too soon to be waving the White flag on China: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

ADF personnel deployed in the Middle East introduce their podcast: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Army

BAE Systems delivers 20 M113 AS4 optionally crewed combat vehicles:

[\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

ADF and QLD Emergency Services celebrate close ties with Sunset Showcase: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Navy

Royal Australian Navy commissions replenishment ship HMAS *Stalwart*: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Lone HMAS *Sydney II* survivor identified after 80 years: [\(M\)Contact](#)

80th Anniversary of HMAS *Sydney II* sinking commemorated in Geraldton: [\(F\)RAN](#)

HMAS *Canberra* feasts on the flavours of Indonesia: [\(F\)Defence](#)

HMAS *Canberra* back home after Southeast Asia deployment: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Indo-Pacific

Policy, Guns and Money: Intelligence collaboration, ASEAN and Myanmar, Pacific cyber capacity: [\(P\)AspiStrategist](#)

Solomon Islands

Dark days for Honiara in the shadow of geopolitics: [\(M\)LowyInstitute](#)

Australia sends troops to Solomon Islands as unrest grows: [\(M\)Military.com](#)

New Zealand

Royal New Zealand Air Force: NH90 helicopter: [\(F\)NZDF](#)

Philippines

Philippines redeploys boats to shoal after Chinese blockade: [\(M\)Military.com](#)

UK

Business as usual despite accident - F-35s flying from HMS *Queen Elizabeth*: [\(F\)NavyLookout](#)

THE PARAS - Episode 1 - 480 Platoon: [\(F\)BritishArmy](#)

Military History

A fine feat of war: the taking of Mont St Quentin 1918 | Julian Whippy:

[\(M\)WesternFrontAssociation](#)

Russia

Russia won't let Ukraine go without a fight: Moscow threatens war to reverse Kyiv's pro-Western drift: [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

China

Xi's confidence game: Beijing's actions show determination, not insecurity: [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

U.S. warship again transits sensitive Taiwan Strait: [\(M\)Reuters](#)

Chinese movie about military victory over America - commissioned by Beijing - trounces new Bond film's \$119m opening weekend by taking a massive \$203m: [\(M\)DailyMail](#)

Taiwan

Taiwan, cross strait tension, and security in the Indo-Pacific: [\(M\)AIIA](#)

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