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Forthcoming Anniversaries

1 December 1942: Japanese aircraft sink HMAS Amidalé near Timor. Australians capture Gona, New Guinea

2 December 1914: First Australian military aircraft leaves for First World War
3 December 1854: Battle of Eureka Stockade – the last occasion when British troops quell a civil uprising in Australia

3 December 1914: 1st AIF lands in Egypt

3 December 1954: RAAF No. 77 Sqn returns from Korea

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

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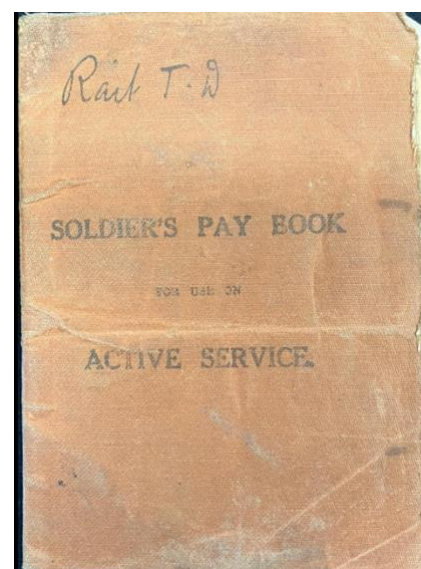
A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence

A First World War Pay Book

This is the soldier's pay book of 3598 Private Thomas Dickson Rait, 24th Battalion AIF.

Rait was born in Beeac Victoria, and worked as a station hand. He enlisted in May 1915 after having previously been rejected as too short. (He was 5'2".) He was assigned to the 24th Battalion, leaving Australia in January 1916 for service on the Western Front. His service was interrupted by bouts of gastritis for which he was hospitalised. He was posted to HQ of the 2nd Infantry Brigade. He returned to Australia in July 1917 because of his stomach ulcers caused by tuberculosis.

After the war he sought a War Service Loan to purchase a house. His war service is commemorated in Colac – and then he sadly disappears from view.



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Strategy

Cheap weapons reshape the character of war: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

Defence

Australia and economic cold war – drifting into the new paradigm: [\(M\)AIIA](#)

Australia and EU strengthen critical-minerals engagement, but challenges lie ahead: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

What a tanker's dash to Darwin says about our lamentable fuel security: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

'Part of China': Defence expert's 6G warning after Chinese ambassador proposed co-operation with Australia: [\(M\)News.com](#)

Navy

Technicians build trust during submarine upkeep: [\(M\)Defence](#)

Air Force

Operation Argos - intelligence analyst: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Indonesia

United Kingdom and Indonesia commit to maritime capability partnership: [\(M\)DefenceConnect](#)

Southeast Asia

The geopolitics of Southeast Asia's cyber-scramming crisis: [\(M\)IISS](#)

Pacific

Conversations: a Pacific eyes intelligence-sharing agreement: [\(P\)Lowy](#)

UK

The Astute gap: why Britain's best submarines are stuck in port: [\(F\)Warships&Warriors](#)

How do you rescue a stricken Royal Navy nuclear submarine? [\(F\)BFBSForcesNews](#)

Royal Navy's crucial support ships stuck in port: [\(M\)Telegraph](#)

Reserves without purpose: the hidden weakness in modern militaries: [\(M\)MilitaryStrategyMagazine](#)

US

From FREMM to frustration: the Constellation collapse: [\(F\)Warships&Warriors](#)

Canada

Canada's new Defence Investment Agency: [\(M\)IISS](#)

NATO & EU

Fragmentation, distractions weaken Europe's Indo-Pacific pivot: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Alliance maritime strategy: [\(M\)NATO](#)

Middle East

U.S.-Saudi strategic relations and the prospect of redeploying U.S. forces from Europe to the Gulf: [\(M\)DefenseArabia](#)

Ukraine

The Trump peace push and Ukraine's winter of reckoning: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

China

'Growing appetite': Chinese warships coming back to Aus, defence expert warns: [\(M\)News.com](#)

Russia

Russia's next drone-beating tech: the dandelion tank: [\(M\)TrenchArt](#)

Russia-Ukraine: turbulent diplomacy: [\(M\)IISS](#)

Military History

Strengthening Australia's northern bases to defend against China? [\(F\)TalkingTactics](#)

How did Britain fight a guerrilla war in Malaya? [\(F\)IWM](#)

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