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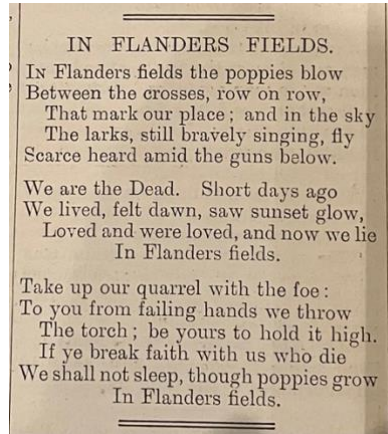
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Forthcoming Anniversaries

- 22 May 1945: Australian troops take Buin Road, Bougainville
- 23 May 1942: Kanga Force moves to Wau, New Guinea
- 24 May 1942: HMAS Nestor assists in the hunt for the Bismarck
- 24 May 1945: Lt Tom 'Diver' Derrick VC, 2/48 Bn, killed at Tarakan, Borneo
- 24 May 1969: WO2 Keith Payne, AATTV, awarded the VC for his actions in Kontum Province, Vietnam
- 25 May 1945: 7 Div, augmented by specialist units, leaves Cairns for Morotai to prepare for an invasion of Balikpapan, Borneo
- 26 May 1968: Việt Cộng attacks on 3 RAR and 1 Arm'd Regt at Fire Support Base Balmoral
- 27 May 1965: HMAS Sydney departs with 1 RAR for first voyage to Vietnam
- 28 May 1970: AATTV awarded US Meritorious Unit Citation
- 29 May 1915: Ottoman attack on Quinn's Post, Gallipoli



John McCrae's famous poem in our copy of *Punch*, 8th December 1915

In Flanders Fields

Humour is an intrinsic part of military service. It follows that humour forms an important element in a military collection. What does the RUSIV collection have in that subject area?

The bulkiest element is a bound set of *Punch* covering the extent of both World Wars. Of course, much of its content related to wartime humour. Another of our gems is a set of very realistic cartoons from the last days of the First World War by Hay Eyre from the *Sydney Daily Telegraph*. A search of our catalog will reveal many other items ranging from Gallipoli to Vietnam and beyond.

An unexpected bonus of this collection is this first appearance in print of *In Flanders Fields* written by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae. He was inspired to write it on May 3, 1915, after presiding over the funeral of friend and fellow soldier Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, who died in the Second Battle of Ypres.

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'Hard truth': Aussie army 'consuming readiness' in face of inflation, new strategic environment: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

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Pressure campaign on Biden to send F-16s to Ukraine goes into overdrive: [\(M\)Politico](#)

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