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Forthcoming Anniversaries

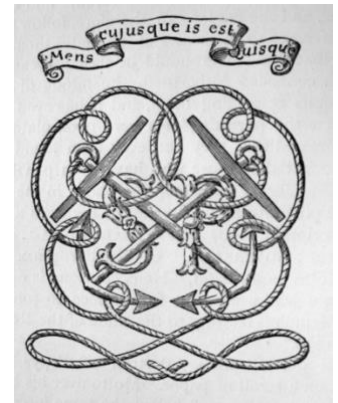
- 4 June 1900:** Victorians and Western Australians heavily engaged in a conflict at Six Mile Spruit, South Africa
- 5 June 1919:** 250 Australians land at the Port of Archangel, north Russia, with the British North Russia Relief Force
- 6 June 1944:** D Day. Allies land in Normandy. Many Australian servicemen participate
- 6 June 1959:** 5 RAR in Battle of Binh Ba, Việt Nam
- 7 June 1917:** Australians in Battle of Messines. Capt Robert Griève, 37 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions nearby
- 8 June 1941:** 7 Div and British forces attack Vichy French during the Allied Syrian Campaign
- 8 June 1945:** 19 Fd Amb and 31/51 Bn engage Japanese forces at Porton Plantation, New Guinea. Australian troops land on Bonis Peninsula, Bougainville
- 10 June 1917:** Pte John Carroll, 33 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at St

The Fouled Anchor



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The Badge of the Royal Australian Navy Bridging Train -AWM

One naval symbol, the fouled anchor, is used by many navies around the world. The symbol was used for the first time in 1601 by the Earl of Nottingham



Samuel Pepys' 'end' bookplate (Wikipedia)

who was England's Lord High Admiral. He used it in his Admiralty papers as the fouled anchor was also

in his coat of arms.

In a subsequent newsletter we will trace the history of the fouled anchor.

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

Defence

Is the Quad becoming a Potemkin alliance? [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Recommended: The cost of Defence: ASPI Defence budget brief 2024-2025: [\(M\)ASPI](#)

Navy

How the Collins submarine fleet went from near zero to hero: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

US submarine tender anchors in Australia: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Marking 110 years of silent service: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Army

Call for pitches to optimise the soldier for littoral operations: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Papua New Guinea

Aid heads to PNG after landslide: [\(M\)Contact](#)

New Caledonia

New Caledonia's capital Noumea back under control after riots, French minister says: [\(M\)ABCNews](#)

Philippines

U.S. forces train with joint forces in the Pacific, map out new capabilities: [\(F\)DefenseNews](#)

Indo Pacific

US Space Forces Indo-Pacific commander highlights key alliance at Australian Space Summit: [\(M\)SpaceForce](#)

NATO & EU

Belgium to deliver first F-16s to Ukraine this year – with strings attached: [\(M\)Politico](#)

Ukraine's Zelenskyy gets more air defense missiles from Spain to fight deadly Russian glide bombs: [\(M\)APNews](#)

UK

A World War II-era Spitfire fighter plane crashed in a field in England, killing the pilot: [\(M\)APNews](#)

US

'I don't know how this happened': a \$3B secret program undermining Biden's tech policy: [\(M\)Politico](#)

Ukraine

Ukraine's air defense woes can't be fixed by American aid: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Parliament's role in shaping Australia's support for Ukraine is vital: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Middle East

UN court order demanding that Israel halt its Gaza offensive further isolates the US position: [\(M\)APNews](#)

Russia

Poland says a fake news report on mobilizing 200,000 men was likely the work of Russia: [\(M\)APNews](#)

China

China invests \$65.4 billion in its biggest-ever chip fund to back nation's firms: [\(M\)StraitsTimes](#)

Military History

Get to Berlin! Soviet operation to stop US & British forces reaching Berlin: [\(F\)Felton](#)

The Tiananmen Papers [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

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