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A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence

Forthcoming Anniversaries

28 June 1918: Cpl Phillip Davey, 10 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Merris, France
28 June 1945: Pte Leslie Starcewich, 2/43 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions near Beaufort, British North Borneo
30 June 1941: Enemy dive-bombers sink HMAS Waterhen during a shuttle run to Tobruk
1 July 1942: Kanga Force raids Japanese outposts at Heath's Plantation, New Guinea
1 July 1945: 7 Div troops land over the beaches on the outskirts of Balikpapan
2 July 1942: 7 Bde embarks for Milne Bay
2 July 1950: No. 77 Sqn RAAF escorts US bombers in Korea
4 July 1918: Battle of Le Hamel – Monash's masterpiece. LCpl Thomas 'Jack' Axford, 16 Bn, and Pte Henry Dalziel, 15 Bn, are awarded VCs for their actions at Hamel Woods

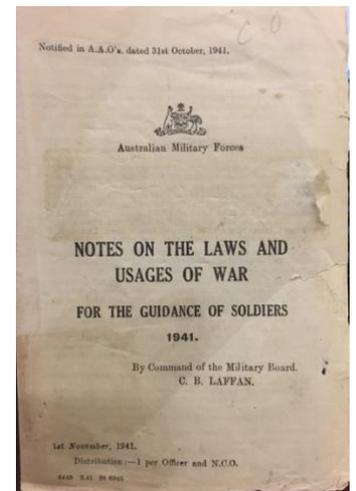
Notes on the Laws and Usages of War

This flimsy 4-page 1941 leaflet was issued to all officers and NCOs in the Army in the Second World War. The information it contained was not new – a fuller set of instructions was contained in the (Australian) Manual of Military Law (1941). It covered the protections of the Geneva Conventions of 1864, 1906 & 1909, principally:

- relief to the wounded without any distinction as to nationality;
- neutrality (inviolability) of medical personnel and medical establishments and units; and
- the distinctive sign of the red cross on a white ground and its protections.

It also contained a guide to POWs, what to reveal if captured and the proper use of a white flag. In somewhat contrived language, it also stated that "The giving over of a place to pillage is forbidden".

Both RUSI Victoria and RUSI NSW hold a copy of this rare leaflet.



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Defence

Can Australia get nuclear-powered submarines this decade? [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)
 Australia needs to streamline its India defence strategy: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)
 Will the Quad deliver on its promises? [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Navy

More than subs: an undersea warfare system for the RAN: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)
 Re-dedication Ceremony for AB Thomas Welsby Clark (HMAS Sydney): [\(F\)RAN](#)

Army

Army's [#RICO](#) Autonomous Leader Follower trucks: [\(F\)Army](#)
 Brain-robotic interface demonstration: [\(F\)Defence](#)
 Australia's Army: a future ready land force: [\(M\)ArmyResearchCentre](#)
 Army gets two extra Chinook helicopters: [\(M>Contact](#)

First APCs on their way to Ukraine: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Air Force

Exercise Diamond Storm 2022 | Control and reporting units complete the picture: [\(F\)RAAF](#)

Two F-35A arrivals bring fleet to to 50: [\(M>Contact](#)

New Zealand

Hercules and Air Force personnel return from mission in support of Ukraine: [\(M\)NZDF](#)

Antarctica

Australia's Antarctic Interests: [\(F\)RUSITas](#)

US

Former U.S. military pilot admits acting as paid agent of China and lying on national security background forms: [\(M\)USDoI](#)

Canada

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China

Is this China's rival to western aircraft carriers? [\(F\)ForcesNews](#)

Kevin Rudd: understanding how China sees the world: [\(F\)AsiaSociety](#)

Ukraine

The return of industrial warfare: [\(M\)RUSIUK](#)

Recommended: Russia's war in Ukraine: fighting for Ukrainian sovereignty and global order: [\(F\)ASPI](#)

Half Russian separatist force in Ukraine 'dead or wounded': [\(F\)BBCNews](#)

Finally! Ukraine used Australia M113AS4 armoured personnel carriers to fight Russia: [\(F\)"USDefenceNews"](#) [note -this site is unlikely to be from US

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Almost 500 tonnes of humanitarian aid delivered to DPR residents – top brass: [\(M\)TASS](#)

Russia warns Lithuania of consequences over rail transit sanctions: [\(F\)BBCNews](#)

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