



RUSIA Defence Update

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Forthcoming Anniversaries

11 August 1900: HMCS Protector leaves Sydney for China

12 August 1916: Pte Martin O'Meara, 16 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Pozieres, France

12 August 1918: Sgt Percy Statton, 40 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions near Procyart, France

14 August 1945: Japanese forces surrender to Allied forces

15 August 1944: RAAF bombers cover landings in southern France

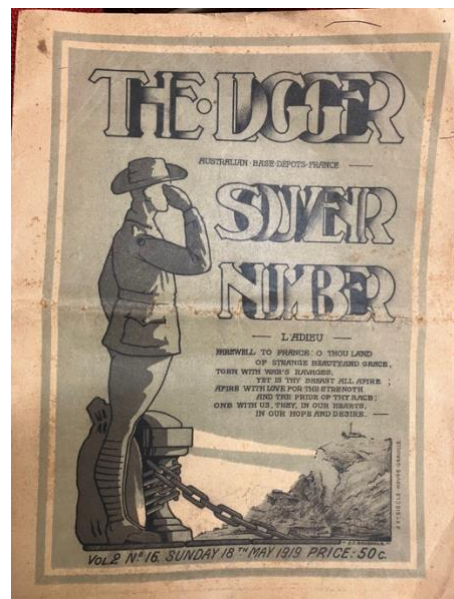
16 August 1918: Australian Flying Corps squadrons conduct raids on enemy forces on the eastern side of the Somme, France



Australia Service Newspapers of the First World War

During the First World War, Australian service newspapers, unit magazines, and local home-front press played a crucial role in maintaining morale, sharing frontline accounts, and publishing casualty lists. These publications ranged from unofficial "trench journals" created by troops to mainstream national dailies influenced by wartime censorship.

This is the final issue of *The Digger*, published in May 1919 at the Australian Base Depots France where soldiers were gathered waiting for repatriation.



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

Strategy

Learning from Ukraine: semi-autonomy can deliver combat mass: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Defence

James Paterson on the greatest risks to delivering the defence agenda: [\(F\)ASPI](#)

Mass without mass: scaling military effect in the future force: [\(F\)ASPI](#)

Fault Lines – Scarborough Shoal, South Korea at RIMPAC, shipriders: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Paterson at ASPI's Defence Conference: break the bad defence news to the public: [\(M&F\)AspiStrategist](#)

Defence industry is deterrence – and alliance supply is conditional: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

RUSI of NSW strategy report August 2026: [\(F\)RUSINSW](#)

Deterrence, lethality and the pace of innovation: CDF Admiral Mark Hammond on innovating for survival in an unforgiving world: [\(M\)DefenceConnect](#)

Army

Australia's newest drone fighter weighs less than a rifle, fits in one hand: [\(M\)NextGenDefense](#)

Counter-drone tech tested on Aussie exercise: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Air Force

RAAF KC-30A completes historic first refuelling from MMU MRTT aircraft: [\(F\)RAAF](#)

Forged for the fight - Pitch Black 26 ✈️: [\(F\)RAAF](#)

Australia commits to buying secretive AIM-260 JATM missiles, first non-US user: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#).

UK

Bridging crewed and uncrewed: building a hybrid air force: [\(F\)RUSI](#)

UK builds new trench networks to modernize army training: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

NATO & EU

Denmark begins extended military conscription in response to Russia, Trump: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Explosive drone found next to Ukrainian An-124 in Germany signals a new threat reality: [\(M\)WarZone](#)

NATO defence spending: navigating the noise: [\(M\)IISS](#)

US

US has too few interceptors to deter war with China, experts say: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Why Trump's Israel normalization demand may kill the Saudi nuclear deal: [\(M\)WarontheRocks](#)

Why we should fight: and where Trump went wrong: [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

US used 'virtually all' long-range precision missiles during Iran war, sources say: [\(M\)MilitaryTimes](#)

Ukraine

Recommended: Everyone is learning the wrong lessons from Ukraine's drone war: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Middle East

Turkey, Saudi, Pakistan: attack on one nation deemed an attack on all: [\(F\)France24](#)

Iran issues warning to Gulf states: US must desist or you'll be hit hard: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Iran and the US say a Strait of Hormuz deal is close, but one or both would have to back down: [\(M\)APNews](#)

Russia

How North Korean forces are bolstering Russia's war against Ukraine: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

After Putin: Russia's coming succession crisis: [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

Instrumentalised migration and Russia's 'disposable agents': [\(M\)RUSI](#)

Military History

The Explosion of HMS *Barham*: [\(F\)BattleGuide](#)

Malaya patrol: [\(F\)AWM](#)

Soldiers on the Bendigo Great War Honour Roll: [\(F\)BendigoSoldiers](#)

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