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Forthcoming Anniversaries

12 February 1900: Victorians engage Boers at Pink Hill, Cape Colony
12 February 1942: 64 nurses escape during the fall of Singapore on board SS Vyner Brooke
13 February 1965: 1 SAS Sqn advance party departs Perth for Borneo
14 February 1942: Vyner Brooke sunk off Banka Island, 62 nurses survive only to be shot by Japanese. Sr Vivian Bullwinkel (Statham) fakes death to survive
15 February 1942: Singapore falls. Maj-Gen Gordon Bennett hands over command of 8 Div and escapes Singapore by sampan
16 February 1951: Australians and Chinese battle for Hill 327 in Korea
19 February 1942: Darwin bombed from 9.58am to 11.55am
20 February 1942: Japanese land on Portuguese Timor

RUSIV Defence Update

Celebrating our 133rd Year

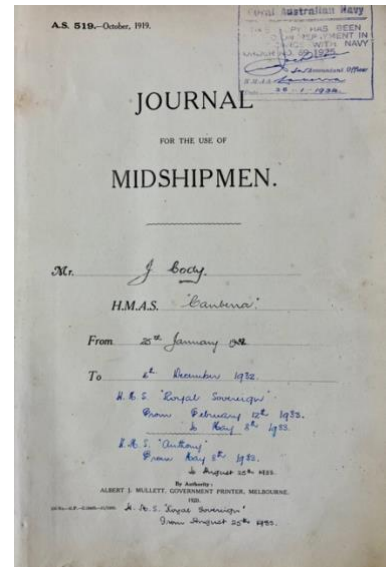
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Royal Navy – Soviet Navy – Jodrell Bank Telescope

This Midshipman's Journal of J. Cody was kept while he served in HMAS *Canberra*, HMS *Royal Sovereign* (twice) and HMS *Anthony* from 1932 to 1933. The journal was an essential part of a midshipman's training – it was both a diary and an exercise in charting & illustration and Cody, perhaps somewhat tardily, kept it up as required. Ships' captains review the journals and commented on their contents, often critically.

HMS *Royal Sovereign* was a battleship constructed during the First World War but completed in 1916 too late to see action in the Battle of Jutland. She was armed with four turrets of twin 15-inch guns. She continued in service in the Second World War but was a slow (23 knots) ship, limiting her usefulness. She was transferred to the Soviet Navy in 1944 and renamed as the *Arkhangelsk*. The Soviets reluctantly returned her to Britain in 1949 when she was scrapped. Her elevation mechanisms from her main gun turrets were later reused in the 250-foot radio telescope at Jodrell Bank, Cheshire built in 1955–1957.



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Recommended: Reducing risks, cost and time to acquire our AUKUS attack submarines:

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Australia sends sailors to Guam for US Navy nuclear submarine training: [\(M\)Stars&Stripes](#)

Army

AUKUS trial tests autonomous robotic vehicles in South Australia: [\(M\)ArmyTechnology](#)

Aussies award Lockheed, Boeing \$830M AUD support deals for Black Hawk, Apaches, Chinooks: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

PNGDF officer appointed deputy commander Townsville brigade: [\(M\)Contact](#)

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Australia joins Japan-United States exercise for first time: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

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New Zealand's defense minister talks strategy, supply chains and AUKUS: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Pacific

Australians know about 'Fibre to the Premises', but what about 'Fibre to the Pacific'? [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

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Inside the operations room of a £1.4bn Royal Navy Type 45 destroyer: [\(F\)ForcesNews](#)

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Netherlands halts F-16 sale to US firm, will send to Ukraine instead: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

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