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#### Forthcoming Anniversaries

**19 February 1942:** Darwin bombed from 9.58am to 11.55am  
**20 February 1942:** Japanese land on Portuguese Timor  
**21 February 1918:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Light Horse Regt captures Jericho  
**23 February 1942:** Main Australian task force on Timor surrenders to Japanese  
**23 February 1956:** RAAF No.1 Sqn bombs communist terrorist camps near Kuala Lumpur  
**24 February 1902:** Boer commandos attack New Zealand soldiers at Verde, South Africa  
**24 February 1951:** 3 RAR captures Hill 614, Korea  
**26 February 1943:** Battle for Wau, New Guinea, ends  
**27 February 1942:** Attacks by Japanese aircraft damage HMAS Hobart in West Java Sea

# RUSIV Defence Update

## Celebrating our 133rd Year

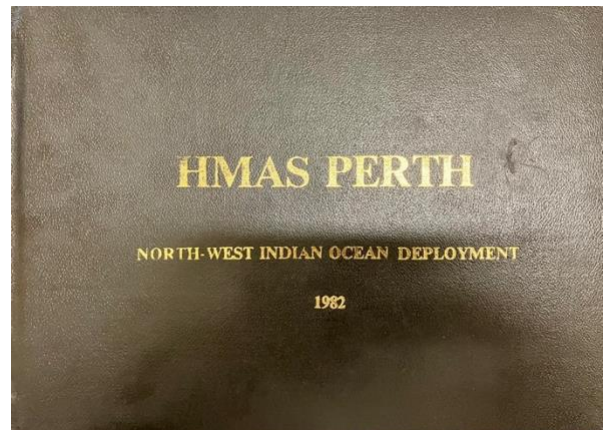
*A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence*

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### RAN Cruise Books

A Cruise Book is a record of a ship's voyage overseas. Typically, it will consist of an introduction by the ship's captain and a mix of narrative and photos. The destinations and vessels met of the voyage will be there. More importantly, it is very likely to have photos of all departments and everybody aboard.

There are several challenges in all of this. An editor, photographer and publisher has to be chosen early or 'volunteers' called for. The book is needed very soon after the voyage. The challenge for libraries like ours is that sufficient copies are printed for the crew and they rarely reach the market. That makes this copy for an Indian Ocean deployment of the DDG HMAS *Perth* not only interesting but also quite rare.



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

## Defence

Australian defense industry concern grows over export controls: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Beyond the barracks: unravelling the social and strategic ramifications of force posture pivots: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Defence understaffed and sliding further backwards: [\(M\)AAP](#)

## Navy

**Recommended:** (The late) Rear Admiral James Goldrick, Royal Australian Navy (Retired) - Seapower Scuttlebutt:

[\(F\)USNA](#)

## Army

ADF chief unaware Fijian officer handed senior Australian army role was accused of torture, parliament told: [\(M\)Guardian](#)

## Air Force

Tricky E-7 adaptations complicate U.S. Air Force, Boeing negotiations: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

## New Zealand

Australia pressuring New Zealand to upgrade Defence Force - NZDF chief: [\(M\)RNXNews](#)

Proposed savings could hit New Zealand military capabilities -NZ defence chief: [\(M\)Reuters](#)

## South Pacific

Loads and laments of the South Pacific leader: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## UK

Veteran ID cards: first veterans receive cards as phase two rollout begins: [\(F\)ForcesNews](#)

February's 60 second update: [\(F\)BritishArmy](#)

## US

Navy envisions 'hundreds of thousands' of drones in the Pacific to deter China: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

White House urges calm over Russian space weapon threat: [\(M\)MilitaryTimes](#)

Lessons from Ukraine and Israel on how America should approach new tech: [\(M\)BreakingDefense.](#)

## Middle East

U.S. conducted cyberattack on suspected Iranian spy ship: [\(F\)NBCNews](#)

Israeli forces storm the main hospital in southern Gaza, saying hostages were likely held there: [\(F\)APNews.com](#)

**Recommended:** Gaza and the end of the rules-based order: [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

## Ukraine

Ukraine's Zelenskyy signs security agreements with Germany, France: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Ukraine's reconstruction: Russia must pay: [\(F\)RUSI](#)

UK, Latvia launch effort to send thousands of FPV drones to Ukraine: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Ukrainian troops praise British Challenger 2 as 'the best tank in the world!': [\(F\)DailyMail](#)

## Russia

Ukraine war has cost Russia up to \$211 billion, Pentagon says: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

## China

We mustn't be afraid to mention China in public discussions about defence: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## Military History

Firepower history seminar - Jutland and the advent of over the horizon warfare: [\(F\)UNSW](#)