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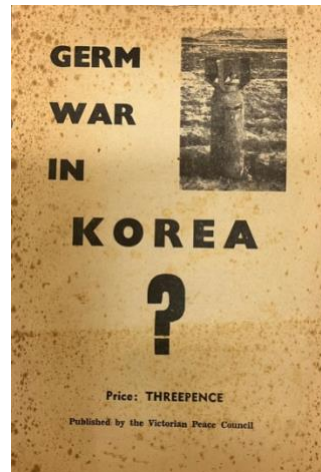
Forthcoming Anniversaries

3 February 1941: Two 6 Div brigades encircle and capture Derna, Libya
4 February 1942: Axis forces recapture Derna, Japanese demands for the surrender of Singapore rejected
4 February 1943: Japanese fall back to Wau
5 February 1917: Capt Henry Murray, 13 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Stormy Trench, north east of Gueudecourt, France
6 February 1941: 6 Div enters Benghazi
8 February 1942: Japanese invade Singapore and begin to cross the Straits of Johore clashing with 22 and 27 Bdes
9 February 1943: Japanese suffer defeat at Guadalcanal

RUSIA Defence Update

A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence

Germ War in Korea



A military library has a choice whether to collect relevant items that could be seen as containing propaganda, mistruths or opinions that might be contrary to nationally-held views.

This 14-page leaflet may be a case in point. It was issued by the Victorian Peace Council in 1952 or 1953 and alleges the use of germ warfare by the US in the Korean War, specifically the spreading of smallpox by bomb delivery. The evidence cited is strongly influenced by Wilfred Burchett.

Our library had several of Burchett's publications, many of which can cause strong responses. Should such items be in the collection?

We take the view that our collection should be uncritical and inclusive. Within our collection policy it should include enemy views as well as allied, publications of the left, right and centre of politics, books that may have been banned and, to put it bluntly, books that we don't like at all. The value of some of these should be judged by our readers and researchers.

What's your opinion?

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

Defence

The race to lead the quantum future: how the next computing revolution will transform the global economy and upend national security: [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

'More work to be done' to lower barriers to tech-sharing for AUKUS Pillar II, Australian official says: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

In mineral sands, Australian rare earth ambitions mingle with China's interests: [\(M\)NikkeiAsia](#)

Navy

Mogami warship to visit Australia as government evaluates light frigate contenders: [\(F\)NavalNewsAust](#)

First (overdue) Arafura-class OPV finally delivered: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Army

Former Army chief claims national pride is in decline amid concerns over Australian Defence Force recruitment: [\(M\)SkyNews](#)

New Zealand

RNZAF C-130H Hercules fleet retires after 60 years of service: [\(M\)NZDF](#)

Indo Pacific

Responsible cyber behaviour in the Indo-Pacific: [\(F\)RUSI](#)

Don't force Pacific Island nations to choose between us or China, says Royal Navy admiral: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

UK

Trump's Greenland 'grab' - a British problem: [\(F\)Felton](#)

US

Defense Secretary directs creation of task force to restore America's fighting force: [\(M\)USDoD](#)

NATO

Sweden to provide Ukraine with \$1.2 billion military aid package: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Going Danish: how a small Nordic country is aiding Ukraine's defense: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Denmark strengthens Arctic defense with \$2B package for naval vessels, drones: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Middle East

Iran's 'Gaza' drone makes military exercise debut: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Ukraine

Ukraine's largest drone strike on Russia – how it happened: [\(F\)KyivPost](#)

Dozens of Israeli Patriot missiles sent to Ukraine: [\(M\)WarZone](#)

Transformation under fire – an analysis of Ukraine's security sector since 1991: [\(M\)IISS](#)

Ukraine discloses new method to defeat Russian fiber-optic-controlled FPV drones: [\(M\)WarZone](#)

Russia

Will 2025 be a repeat of 1938 for Europe? [\(M\)RUSI](#)

To deal with Russia, first understand what Putin wants: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

China

Not 10 feet tall: experts say China's military faces major issues: [\(M\)AirandSpaceForces](#)

China versus America on global trade: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

Military History

The Rhodesian conflict 1970-79: [\(F\)RUSINSW](#)

3 Squadron RAAF in WW2: [\(F\)AustralianMilitaryAviationHistory](#)

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