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Forthcoming Anniversaries

13 April 1924: HMAS

Australia sunk outside Sydney as part of the Washington Naval Treaty British fleet reductions

13 April 1941: Cpl John

Edmonson, 2/17 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Tobruk. This is the first VC awarded to an Australian during WW2

14 April 1941: Second attack on Tobruk by Panzerarmee Afrika (Afrika Corps) fails

14 April 1943: RAAF and USAAF shoot down 21 Japanese planes over Milne Bay, New Guinea

15 April 1917: Capt James Newland and Sgt John Whittle, 12 Bn, awarded VCs for their actions west of Boursies and Lagnicourt, France. Lt Charles Pope, 11 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Louveral, France

17 April 1917: Australians in second battle of Gaza, Egypt

18 April 1942: Gen Thomas Blamey appointed Commander Land Forces, South West Pacific

20 April 1941: Anzac Corps withdraws to the Thermopylae Line, Greece.



The Australian War Museum

This is the 1922 Guidebook to the Australian War Museum – The Relics and Records of Australia's Effort in the Defence of the Empire 1914 – 1918. The museum was in the Eastern Machinery Annex of the Exhibition Building in Carlton Victoria. Admission was free: photography and dogs were prohibited and visitors were cautioned not to throw peanut shells and fruit skins on the floor.



It was preceded on the site by smaller exhibitions including a photographic exhibition which opened in August 1921. The Museum was enthusiastically received by the public and the press. In October 1921 the Melbourne *Herald* provided a glowing preview of the 'Wonderful Diggers' Museum' containing 'inspiring trophies and curious relics', the first described being Sir John Monash's portable stretcher bed and 'giant naval guns which battered the German lines'.

The exhibition closed in 1925 and moved to the Exhibition Building in Prince Alfred Park, Sydney, where it remained until 1935 as the Australian War Memorial (AWM) was planned and built in Canberra. It was opened by Governor-General, Lord Gowrie on Remembrance Day, 11 November 1941.

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Japan and Australia need a broad defence treaty: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

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Australian Army expands first-person view drone training: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

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New Zealand defense minister to help shepherd military-integration push with Australia: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

UK

First Sea Lord admits: the Royal Navy is unprepared for war: [\(F\)Warships&Warriors](#)

US

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What we know about the commando raid to recover the F-15 crew member in Iran: [\(M\)TaskandPurpose](#)

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UK deploys Rapid Sentry anti-drone system to Kuwait: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

How a dusty strip deep in Iran can be turned into A U.S. Special Operations base in hours: [\(M\)WarZone](#)

'We leave no American behind': Trump provides details on rescue of airmen deep inside Iran: [\(M\)Stars&Stripes](#)

Hegseth declares 'decisive military victory' in Iran, says U.S. is 'hanging around' to enforce ceasefire: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

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