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Forthcoming Anniversaries

4 August 1900: About 3000 Boers attack Elands River Post, mostly manned by Australians, killing most of 1500 horses, mules and oxen. Four Australians were killed in the subsequent siege
5 August 1914: The first shots of World War I were fired by a coastal artillery battery at Port Phillip Heads when the German merchant vessel SS Pfalz attempted to slip out of port before the declaration of war was made known. Pfalz was the first enemy vessel seized in Australian waters
6 August 1915: Battles for Lone Pine and Sari Bair begin at Gallipoli
8 August 1915: – LCpl Leonard Keysor, 1 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Lone Pine
8 August 1918: Lt Alfred Gaby, 28 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions east of Villers-Bretonneux. Battle of Amiens begins
9 August 1915: Cpl Alexander Burton, 7 Bn, (posthumous award); Cpl William Dunstan, 7 Bn; Pte John Hamilton, 3 Bn; Capt Alfred Shout, 1 Bn (posthumous award); Lt William Symons, 7 Bn; and Lt Fredrick Tubb, 7 Bn, awarded VCs for their actions at Lone Pine
9 August 1918: – Pte Robert Beatham, 8 Bn, posthumously awarded the VC for his actions at Roseieres, east of Amiens
9 August 1942: HMAS Canberra sunk in the battle of Savo Island

RUSIA Defence Update

A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence

Weapon Recognition – Afghanistan War

The 118-page illustrated pamphlet is designed for Afghan Army military soldiers to help them recognise weaponry likely to be captured from insurgents during the Afghan War. It was prepared by the US Army and entitled *Technical Specifications and availability of light weapons, portable air defense systems and guided missiles against tanks*.



Cataloguing of this item would have been difficult had it not been for the ready availability of smartphone foreign language recognition applications. This has enabled rudimentary cataloguing of items in our collection in Simplified Chinese, Russian, Japanese and other languages.

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

Defence

Talisman Sabre 2025: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Australia test-fires Precision Strike Missile for first time:

[\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Our US alliance is essential—yet we must also be more self-reliant:

[\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Espionage costs Australia more than \$12.5 billion a year: ASIO shows us the

receipts: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Australia should balance innovation and sovereignty in supply chain

security: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

The case for United Nations Peace Operations and their future: [\(F\)RUSINSW](#)

Navy

Project of Concern Summit held on Collins subs:

[\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Army

Aussie Apaches on course for delivery: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Air Force

RAAF Base Curtin a high achiever on Talisman Sabre: [\(M\)Contact](#)

5500 flight hours and 2000 sorties on Talisman Sabre: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Southeast Asia

What Singapore's first public cyber attribution tells us: [\(M\)RUSI](#)

Indo Pacific

Friends to all: no guarantee of light-touch security partnerships for Samoa: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Friends to all: Nauru-Australia security treaty brings confidence and stability: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

PACAF Chief: a more contested Indo-Pacific needs a new kind of exercise: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

UK

British Army trials drone swarm-based counter-UAS system: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

DroneShield supports US-UK Project FlyTrap: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

US

Six months later, US soft power feels effects of USAID cuts: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

US Marines train beach landings Down Under with old allies, new rides: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

After Trump's Ukraine pivot, Senate panel moves to fund more military aid: [\(M\)WashingtonPost](#)

American aircraft flying from British carrier: [\(M\)UKDefenceJournal](#)

NATO & EU

Future of the Euro-Atlantic Security Architecture Conference: [\(F\)RUSI](#)

Middle East

The promise and peril of recognizing Palestine: can a two-state solution still emerge from a one-state reality? [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

The geopolitics of the Gulf states' push for critical minerals: [\(M\)IISS](#)

Why not enough food is reaching people in Gaza even after Israel eased its blockade: [\(M\)APNews](#)

Ukraine

Ukraine to let over 60s into armed forces amid shortages: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

Russia's jet powered Shahed kamikaze drone is a big problem for Ukraine: [\(M\)WarZone](#)

Russia

Ukraine claims drone strike on oil refinery in Russia: [\(F\)ALJazeera](#)

China & Taiwan

The evolution of Chinese cyber statecraft: [\(F\)RUSI](#)

Chinese warships arrive in Russia's far east for joint Pacific naval exercise: [\(M\)SCMP](#)

Military History

The Rhodesian bush war: [\(F\)AustralianMilitaryAviationHistory](#)

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