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Forthcoming Anniversaries

- 11 March 1845:** First Maori War begins
- 11 March 1951:** Australians capture Chusan, Korea
- 12 March 1900:** Australian Forces arrive in Blomfontein, South Africa
- 16 March 1943:** Flt-Lt William Newton, RAAF No. 22 Sqn, awarded the VC posthumously for his actions at Salamaua Isthmus, New Guinea
- 17 March 1942:** Gen Douglas MacArthur arrives in Australia to assume command of the South West Pacific Area
- 18 March 1941:** 16 Bde arrives in Greece
- 18 March 1943:** Japanese Admiral Yamamoto dies as his plane crashes after being shot down near Bougainville
- 18 March 1945:** The last Japanese stronghold, Bacon Hill, New Britain, is captured by Australians

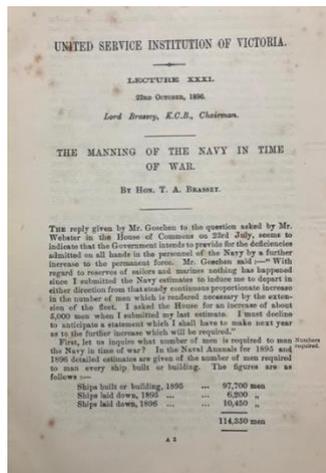
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Governors & RUSI Victoria



In the earlier days of the United Service Institute of Victoria (as it was then called) one Governor of Victoria took an active role in our talks. In 1896 Lord Brassey, KCB (1836-1918) chaired our thirty-first talk. The speaker was his son, Hon Thomas Allnut Brassey and his topic *The Manning of the Navy in Time of War*. It was duly published in Vol V, No VII of our *Journal*, noting that our Hon Secretary was Captain John Monash. Thomas succeeded to the Earldom and died in 1919.

Lord Brassey was a naval enthusiast of the first order. He took up his Governorship by sailing to Melbourne in his luxury steam yacht *Sunbeam*, much later to become donated as a hospital ship in the First World War. Brassey wrote a five-volume work on the British Navy (1882) – we have the copies that belonged to Sir Frederick Sargood's (1834-1903), Victoria's first minister of defence. He also founded Brassey's - a prolific defence publishing house for many years, but now defunct.

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