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## Forthcoming Anniversaries

**5 December 1950:** North Koreans and Chinese reoccupy Pyongyang, Korea. HMAS Bataan and Warramunga evacuate sick and wounded from Chinnampo, North Korea. 3 RAR repels Chinese forces from position near Chongchon River, Korea

**7 December 1915:** Evacuation of Anzac and Suva forces begins from Gallipoli

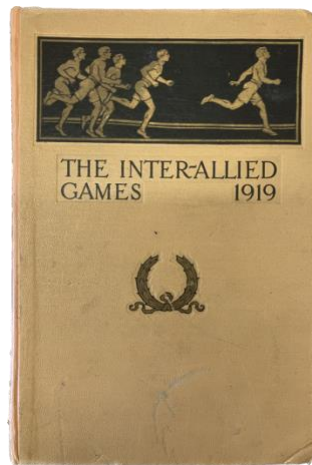
**7 December 1941:** Siege of Tobruk ends after 242 days at a cost of 3009 Australian casualties and 942 POWs. Japanese carrier planes attack Pearl Harbour, Guam, the Philippines, Singapore and Kotu Bahru

**8 December 1941:** US and Great Britain declare war on Japan. Japanese invade Malaya & Hong Kong

**9 December 1941:** Japanese sink battleships HMS Repulse and Prince of Wales

**11 December 1916:** HMAS Sydney and Melbourne in 2nd Light Cruiser Sqn serving in North Sea

## The Inter-Allied Games



The Inter-Allied Games – billed as the Military Olympics – were held in Paris from 22 June to 6 July 1919 hosted by General Pershing, the Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Force. Eighteen allied nations participated: USA, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czecho-Slovakia, France, Greece, Guatemala, Hedjas, Italy, NZ, Portugal, Roumania and Serbia. Marshal Foch & Gen Pershing officiated at the opening.

Competitors had to have served during the war. Selection was a national responsibility.

The sports were: baseball, basketball, boxing, cross country, fencing, soccer, American football, rugby, golf, horse-riding, rowing, shooting (rifle & revolver or pistol), swimming, tennis, track & field, tug-of-war, water polo, wrestling and hand-grenade throwing!

The grenade used was the standard French F1 weighing about 550g – the American chaplain Fred Thompson won with the remarkable throw of 74.929m!

Australian teams trained in UK. They did well in the swimming and rowing events. After the games the specially built Pershing Stadium in Bois de Vincennes was given to the French. It was closed in 1960.

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