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# RUSIV Defence Update

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## Forthcoming Anniversaries

- 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 1900:** Australians in action at Jafontein
- 12 February 1900:** Victorians engage Boers at Pink Hill, Cape Colony
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- 13 February 1965:** 1 SAS Sqn advance party departs Perth for Borneo
- 14 February 1942:** Vyner Brooke sunk off the Banka Island, 62 nurses survive only to be shot by Japanese. Sr Vivian Bullwinkel (Statham) fakes death to survive



## First World War Christmas Cards

This set of four Australian postcards were sold in France for Christmas 1916. The artist was the Melbourne-born cartoonist and illustrator Cyril Leyshon White who was probably born in 1896. He was a private in the 6th Field Ambulance. He was awarded a Military Medal for his service on Gallipoli during the Lone Pine Bombardment when at Brown's Dip Advanced Dressing Station he continued to dress and evacuate patients during the bombardment. He was especially conspicuous being under shell fire the whole time. In 1919 he was attached to the École National des Beaux Arts in Paris and later to the Glasgow School of Art.

He served in the Army once more during the Second World War as a lieutenant in the 17<sup>th</sup> Garrison Battalion at Tatura guarding POWs and internees.

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## Defence

- Community praise for Defence flood response: [\(F\)Defence](#)
- France, Australia to jointly send new ammunition to Ukraine: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)
- Making the most of AUKUS's second pillar: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## Navy

Why Australia's nuclear submarines should have vertical missile launchers: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#).

## Army

- Leader Follower truck convoy: [\(F\)Army](#)
- Officials visit Australian soldiers training Ukrainian troops: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

## Air Force

Air traffic control | FLTLT Brittany Knowles: [\(F\)RAAF](#)

RAAF joins in Exercise Cope North: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

## New Zealand

New Zealand defense priorities could slow after resignation of PM Jacinda Ardern: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

RNZAF farewells Orion fleet after 55 years: [\(M\)Contact](#)

## US

Marines reactivate Guam base to boost Pacific footprint: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

US hypersonic missile passes test, puts 'exclamation point' on development program: [\(M\)Stars&Stripes](#)

## Canada

Australia and Canada are ideal Indo-Pacific partners: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## Fiji

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## Philippines

The transformation of the U.S.-Philippines alliance: [\(M\)CSIS](#)

## UK

Government admits to decades of underfunding for the British Army: [\(F\)SkyNews](#)

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Tier one or tier two force - is the British Army still among the best? [\(F\)ForcesNews](#)

RAF chief admits to failings in positive discrimination case against white men: [\(F\)SkyNews](#)

## Ukraine

Ukraine war: Russia planning 24 February offensive, Ukrainian defence minister says: [\(M\)BBCNews](#)

Making Ukrainian victory possible: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Ukraine's uncrewed raid on Sevastopol and the future of war at sea: [\(M\)RUSI](#)

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## China

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The D-Day ship nobody wants: [\(F\)Felton](#)

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