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Forthcoming Anniversaries

25 March 1924: British Special Service Squadron, with HMS Hood, HMS Repulse and four light cruisers, departs Melbourne

25 March 1917: 7 Bde captures Lagincourt, France from German forces

25 March 1945: Lt Albert Chowne, 2/2 Bn, awarded the VC posthumously for his actions at Dagua, New Guinea

26 March 1917: Capt Percy Cherry, 26 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Lagincourt

26 March 1917: Anzac Mounted Div enters Gaza in Egypt by breaking the Turkish line from the eastern flank and were then forced to withdraw when the British infantry were held up

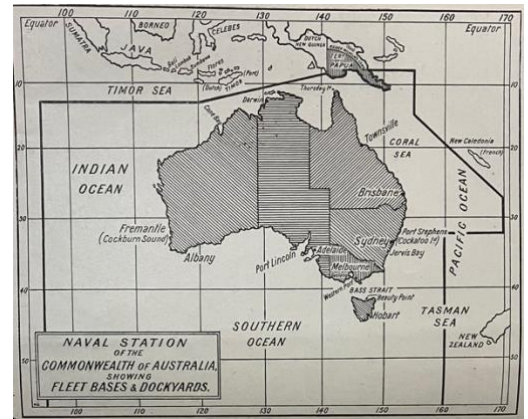
28 March 1918: Sgt Stanley McDougall, 47 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions in the Battle for Dernancourt, France

28 March 1941: HMAS Vendetta, Perth and Stuart take part in the Battle of Cape Matapan, Italy

Naval Station of the Commonwealth of Australia (1913)

Included in *The School Paper* for Grades VII & VIII of May 1913 was this map of the "Australia Station". The southern extent of this responsibility was Antarctica. The boundaries were those determined by the Admiralty. Subsequent arrangements, notably the Radford-Collins Agreement, have altered these boundaries.

The map also shows the then existing and proposed fleet bases and dockyards. They were: Townsville, Brisbane, Port Stephens, Sydney (Cockatoo Is), Jervis Bay, Melbourne (Westernport), Adelaide, Port Lincoln, Albany and Fremantle (Cockburn Sound). The plan, perhaps based on coal-fired ships, was to be amended!



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Australia to send more than 100 Boxers to Germany in historic deal:

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Australia joins 'drone coalition' agreement to aid in Ukraine war effort: [\(F\)Guardian](#)

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Faster, cheaper ways to expand Australia's maritime firepower: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Faux-Alliances: AUKUS and the Quad are no Asian NATO: [\(M\)AIIA](#)

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AUKUS nations name British-Australian vendor team to build submarines: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Punishing the Dragon – it's not about Tomahawk missiles from SSNs: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Northrop hopeful for AUKUS sub maintenance business in Australia: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Army

Testing limits: Exercise Shaggy Ridge: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Diggers experiment to innovate in US: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Air Force

ADF helps deter illegal fishing in collaboration with Vanuatu: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

New Zealand

New Zealand in AUKUS 'no guarantee,' but discussions active: Defense Minister: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Timor Leste

Timor Leste prepares to receive two new patrol boats: [\(M\)Contact](#)

UK

United Kingdom military is not AI-ready, procurement minister says: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

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Special operations seeing growing demand amid planned cuts: commander: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

House passes \$825B defense bill, racing the clock to avoid shutdown: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

EU

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Canadian Forces wants to expand offensive cyber capabilities: [\(M\)OttawaCitizen](#)

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