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Forthcoming Anniversaries

13 July 1943: Australians clear Mubo, New Guinea, of Japanese troops
15 July 1940: RSL forms the Volunteer Defence Corps
16 July 1940: HMAS Stuart and Waterhen used in screen at the bombardment of Bardia
17 July 1917: RAN forms minesweeping brigade
18 July 1918: Lt Albert Borella, 26 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Villers-Bretonneux, France
19 July 1916: 5 Div in Battle of Fromelles suffering at least 5553 casualties
19 July 1940: HMAS Sydney sinks Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni off Crete

RUSIA Defence Update

A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence

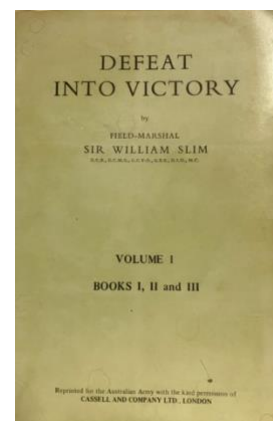
Defeat into Victory

This is an unusual edition of an extremely popular book. It was published in 1956 in two paperback volumes for the Australian Army. Its purpose was to facilitate study for the military history subject for promotion exams. These exams had a changing topic and frequently examined the Burma Campaign.

The first edition of the book was published by Cassell in London also in 1956. The book has never been out of print.

(Sir) Victor Windeyer wrote, "This is a splendid book. Were it not so good, an invitation to review it would be embarrassing; for its author is the Governor-General. As it is, the only difficulty one feels is that, in the circumstances, praise is a presumption."

Because of position Slim held from 1953 to 1960 many of the copies he signed in Australia have his inked-in corrections, making them especially valuable.



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Defence

Australia urgently needs a national security strategy: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Think about defence spending like this: when risks rise, so do insurance premiums:

[\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Recommended: Sir Stephen Lovegrove: AUKUS must succeed: [\(P\)ASPI](#)

Navy

Australian destroyer conducts South China Sea Freedom of Navigation activity:

[\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

'Catastrophic failures': Defence budget squeeze hits navy maintenance: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Army

How to fill a 155 mm hole in Australian defence industry: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Air Force

Australia to buy \$1.4B in AMRAAM missiles for air defense, aerial strike: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

Indo Pacific

Don't kid yourself, Australia: a Taiwan war would spread across the Indo-Pacific:

[\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Pacific maritime policy could mend fragmentation, increase resilience: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

UK

France, UK join forces in step toward European nuclear deterrent: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

UK closes in on build of first E-7 Wedgetail, keeps faith in program amid US Air Force cancellation:

[\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

NATO & EU

Dutch, Norwegian F-35s to guard Ukraine supply lines in Poland: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Calling out Russia: France's shift on public attribution: [\(M\)WarontheRocks](#)

Europe on American weapons purchase spree: [\(M\)UKDefenceJournal](#)

Sweden commits \$500M to artillery ammo in biggest munitions boost since Cold War:

[\(MM\)BreakingDefense](#)

US

Trump aides to discuss Ukraine weapons Tuesday after president says shipments will resume:

[\(M\)CNN](#)

US Army's HIMARS to go hypersonic: [\(M\)NextGenDefense](#)

Former Air Force chiefs sound alarm about planned F-35, E-7 cuts: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Pentagon to become rare-earth mining company's largest stockholder: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Trump caught off guard by DOD pause on Ukraine arms deliveries: report: [\(M\)MilitaryTimes](#)

Middle East

Why it's hard to know the damage the US did to Iran's nuclear program: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Ukraine

Trump evokes Russia sanctions after largest assault on Ukraine: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

Ukraine's uncrewed surface vessels are now launching bomber drones to attack Crimea:

[\(M\)WarZone](#)

Russia

Kremlin gloats about US weapons pause to Ukraine: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

China

Map tracks US Coast Guard missions near China: [\(M\)Newsweek](#)

Albanese's China visit: views from ASPI analysts: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

How China's new rare-earth export controls target the Pentagon – and the world: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Military History

Weapon vault unlocked: we get access to 100 years of the RAF's stored weaponry:

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Explore the depths of Ironbottom Sound with Bob Ballard's team, live: [\(M\)MilitaryTimes](#)

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