



RUSIA Defence Update

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Forthcoming Anniversaries

29 April 1915: HMA Submarine AE2 sinks in the Sea of Marmara, Turkey
30 April 1918: 2nd Light Horse Regt attacks Es Salt, Egypt
30 April 1941: Rommel attacks Australians at Tobruk
30 April 1967: 7 RAR arrives in Việt Nam for its first tour of duty
1 May 1941: Allies complete evacuation of Greece
1 May 1942: Townsville placed on invasion alert
1 May 1945: 26 Bde lands at Tarakan to capture airfields to support operations in the Borneo area
2 May 1915: 11th Battalion attacks Gaba Tepe, Gallipoli
3 May 1917: Australians in second attack on Bullecourt sector of Hindenburg Line.
 HMAS Sydney battles Zeppelin L43 on North Sea



First World War Victory March - London

On 3rd May 1919, over 12,000 troops from British Dominions (Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and Newfoundland) marched through London in a major victory parade. Led by 5,000 Canadian troops, the procession honoured Commonwealth forces, passing through central London to celebrate their contribution to the Allied victory before returning home.

The march began at Hyde Park, moved down Constitution Hill, and passed locations like Australia House on the Strand. Included contingents from Canada, Australia (led by Gen Monash), New Zealand, South Africa, and Newfoundland. Over 100,000 people watched the parade, which included tanks, guns, and captured German war trophies.

Our copy of the programme details the participants. Lt Gen Chauvel led the marching Australians with Brig-Gen Coxen leading a representative group of Light Horsemen. A Battery represent Australian artillery. Our five divisions were led by Maj Gen Glasgow, Maj Gen Rosenthal, Brig-Gen McNicholl, Maj Gen Sinclair Maclagan and Brig-Gen Stewart respectively, each accompanied by a battalion representing the division, its arms, services and accompanying troops.



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Defence

CDF ANZAC Day address 2026: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Australia awards contracts for counter-drone tech based on lasers, interceptors: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Air Force

Australia receives first next-gen jammer pods for EA-18G Growlers: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

Exploding shells may turn the Apache helicopter into a drone hunter: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Asia Pacific

Thales expands tactical comms for Malaysian Armed Forces: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Turkish firms boost defense ties with Malaysia in missiles, comms and AI: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

UK

Mobilisation and training for war: preparing to break glass: [\(M\)RUSI](#)

US

Air Force can't quit the A-10 Warthog, extends service into 2030: [\(M\)TaskandPurpose](#)
 Pentagon's Munitions Acceleration Council identifies 14 'critical' weapons for 2027: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)
 Everything new we just learned about the Trump Class battleship program: [\(M\)WarZone](#)
 The Pentagon replicated a Ukrainian-style drone attack in Florida. Now it's changing its counter-drone strategy: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

NATO & EU

71 years without a military strategy, Germany just wrote one: [\(M\)EUObserver](#)
 IAMD Conference 2026: confronting the evolving missile threat in Europe: [\(F\)RUSI](#)
 NATO eyes Swedish-Canadian jet for AWACS role in shift away from Boeing: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)
 Special address: civil defence as total defence: [\(F\)IISS](#)

Middle East

Iran's targeting of our THAAD/TPY-2 radars is a 'big freaking deal': [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)
 The Gulf War: hidden vulnerabilities and strategic failures: [\(M\)RUSI](#)
 Three's company: trio of US carriers operating in Middle East for first time in decades: [\(M\)MilitaryTimes](#)
 US Navy ordered to 'shoot and kill' alleged Iranian mine-laying boats amid ceasefire: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)
 Israel, Lebanon extend ceasefire as Iran peace talks stall: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)
 Trump rules out striking Iran with nuclear weapon: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

Ukraine

In a first, Ukraine's drone force launches interceptor drone from USV to destroy Shahed: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Russia

Chilling war tactics Russia doesn't want you to see: [\(F\)BFBSForcesNews](#)

China & Taiwan

Holding out: Japan rearms impressively, but Taiwan can't count on it: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)
 When war reaches the human mind, Australia must set the rules: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Military History

Shocking Iran-Israel joint bombing operation: [\(F\)Felton](#)
 Curator's lens: *Coming Out on the Somme* by Will Dyson: [\(F\)AWM](#)
 Gallipoli 2026 | The landings: [\(F\)NZDF](#)
Recommended: Women and war: the hidden history of ANZAC Day: [\(F\)ANU](#)

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