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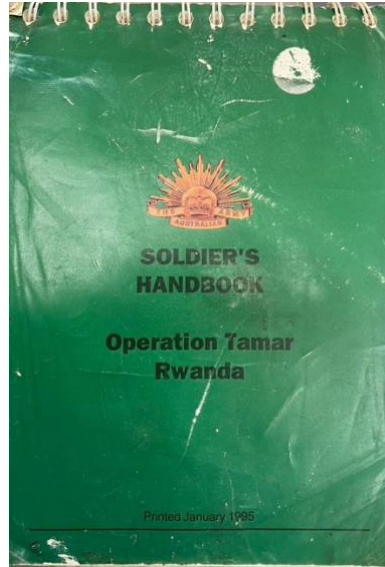
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### Forthcoming Anniversaries

**9 May 1901:** *Tasmanian troops drive Scheeper's commandos out of Craddock District, South Africa*  
**11 May 1945:** *6 Div captures Wewak, New Guinea*  
**11 May 1969:** *WO2 Ray Simpson, AATTV, awarded the VC for his actions in Vietnam*  
**12 May 1917:** *Lt Rupert Moon, 58 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions near Bullecourt*  
**12 May 1945:** *Cpl John Mackey, 2/3 Pnr Bn, awarded the VC posthumously for his actions on Tarakan Island*  
**14 May 1943:** *Hospital ship Centaur sunk by Japanese submarine off Queensland, killing 268 people. Only 63 men and one female nurse rescued by USS Mugford*  
**15 May 1945:** *Pte Edward Kenna, 2/4 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions near Wewak, New Guinea*



### Area Handbooks

Australian Defence Force (ADF) personal have frequently been issued with pocket-sized area handbooks as part of familiarisation training prior to, and as a handy reference while on, deployments.

Our forthcoming "Treasures of the Library" exhibition (15<sup>th</sup> May) will show this (the handbook for Operation Tamar in Rwanda) and some other handbooks. Our earliest geographical example is a guide to conditions of fighting in New Guinea in the Second World War. We also have similar pocket linguistic guides for languages such as French, Arabic, Hebrew and Vietnamese, reflecting the widespread experience of the AIF and 2<sup>nd</sup> AIF and their successors.

However, the handbooks for several recent ADF deployments have so far eluded us. Can you help?

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## Defence

Australia to host largest-ever Exercise Talisman Sabre: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Big challenges ahead implementing Defence review recommendations: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Exercise Croix Du Sud 2023: [\(F\)RAAF](#)

Australia's 2023 Defence Strategic Review: [\(M\)IISS](#)

Australia needs to be economically as well as strategically likeminded on critical minerals: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

ADF members may be in line for bonus payments as part of DSR: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Defence chiefs 'react' to Strategic Review's major changes: [\(M\)Contact](#)

New head of GWEO Enterprise announced: [\(M\)Contact](#)

## Navy

AEGIS radar and fire control system central to navy's future: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

New agency and new regulator to deliver nuclear submarine program: [\(M\)Contact](#)

## Army

Exercise Balikatan 2023: [\(F\)Army](#)

## Air Force

US airmen to visit Australia in June for E-7 Wedgetail training: [\(M\)AirForceTimes](#)

RAAF rescues Aussies from Sudan: [\(M>Contact](#)

## Indo Pacific

Chinese spy bases on Myanmar's Great Coco Island? Here we go again: [\(M\)LowyInstitute](#)

## Philippines

US, Philippines vow joint defense 'anywhere in the South China Sea': [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

## US

The Biden-Yoon Summit: Success or Not? [\(F\)CSIS](#)

Pentagon to spend up to \$7.2 billion on combat-proven Javelin anti-tank missiles: [\(M\)Stars&Stripes](#)

First 'secret' task orders received for Pentagon's \$9B cloud contract: [\(M\)C4isrnet](#)

## Canada

60 Seconds with LCol Craig Higgins, Op REASSURANCE in Latvia: [\(F\)CAF](#)

## NATO

Swedish Army chief on Ukraine, artillery gaps and the need for industry to 'cooperate': [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

## Ukraine

Tracking NATO's 2023 ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) flights around Ukraine: [\(F\)Suchomimus](#)

## China

A China-Russia alliance is likelier than we think: [\(M\)RUSI](#)

China's defence spending growth continues apace: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## Russia

Who Bombed the Kremlin? [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Russia has a 'serious problem, their military offensive has culminated' | William Hague: [\(F\)TimesRadio](#)

Wagner Group boss threatens to pull out of Bakhmut in graphic video blasting Russian military chiefs: [\(M\)TaskandPurpose](#)

## Military History

Joel Fitzgibbon's fight with NATO over its Afghanistan strategy: [\(F\)AspiStrategist](#)

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