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Forthcoming Anniversaries

22 January 1941: Tobruk surrenders to Australians
22 January 1942: Australians in Battle of Parit Sulong, Malaya
22 January 1942: Lt Col Charles Anderson, 2/19 Bn, awarded VC for actions near Akri, Malaya
22 January 1943: Australians capture Sanananda, New Guinea
23 January 1942: Japanese land on Rabaul, Kavieng and Bougainville
23 January 1943: Japanese ground resistance in Papua crushed
25 January 1944: 7 Div drives Japanese from Shaggy Ridge
26 January 1942: 2/18 Bn sets ambush for Japanese north of Jemaluang, Malaya
26 January 1944: Air raid on Rabaul destroys Australian planes on the ground and in the air
27 January 1941: Fighting in Derna, Libya, between Australians and Italians. Full mobilisation of militia forces ordered in Australia

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Signalling



This is the earliest military Signalling training manual in our collection. The manual was issued by the War Office and available to the public. It was sold and used in Australia – the small label indicating the wide stock held by E.W. Cole of the famous Book Arcade in Bourke St Melbourne. The owner, J.J. (?) Cosgrove, probably served in the pre-war Militia and it appears that his service did not include the First World War.

Some years after 1907 the Australian Army acquired some rudimentary radio sets for use at a high level such as communication between formations. Some of these sets and their operators played a key role in the landing at Gallipoli in 1915.

An Australian Corps of Signallers was formed on 12th January 1906. It remained as a self-contained unit until 1911 when it was merged with the Australian Engineers. On 1st January 1925 the Australian Corps of Signals was formed and all signals units were separated from the Australian Corps of Engineers.

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Defence

Australia to commence missile manufacturing and acquire more long-range strike missiles: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Navy

House members send warning to White House over AUKUS, attack submarine procurement: [\(M\)USNI](#)

Australia's disappeared surface combatant fleet: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Army

Australia reveals why it isn't sending grounded Taipan helicopters to Ukraine: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Predator sea patrol keeps our borders safe: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Ukraine community farewells SA-based soldiers: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Air Force

RAAF F-35s in US for debut Red Flag exercise: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Indonesia

Indonesia's presidential frontrunner falters in debate but could win election: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

Asia Pacific

Long-range strike capabilities in the Asia-Pacific: implications for regional stability: [\(M\)IISS](#)

UK

No contracts yet: UK's plan for thousands of drones for Ukraine in 'very early stages': [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

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Where might the US station its B-21 bombers to deter China? [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Canada

Ottawa clamps down on university research partnerships with China, Iran and Russia: [\(M\)GlobeandMail](#)

Middle East

Missile attacks across Middle East raise tensions as Iranian forces killed in strike on Syria: [\(M\)SBSNews](#)

Ukraine

US, France to lead artillery coalition for Ukraine: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Shark Tank Kyiv? Investors hunt 'war-winning' tech in Ukraine: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey join forces for Black Sea mine countermeasures coalition: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

France to give Ukraine more cruise missiles, plans security pact: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Russia

Russia's nyet to White House offer bodes ill for nuclear arms treaty: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

China

Expect a Chinese show of force against Taiwan soon, says INDOPACOM head: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

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