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Forthcoming Anniversaries

22 April 1941: Evacuation of Anzac Corps from Greece begins
22 April 1951: Chinese begin spring offensive against UN troops in Korea
24 April 1951: 3 RAR in Battle of Kapyong, Korea
24-25 April 1918: Second battle at Villers-Bretonneux, France
24 April 1915: British, Indian, French, Australian and New Zealand troops land on Gallipoli Peninsula
25 April 1918: Lt Clifford Sadlier, 51 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Villers-Bretonneux
26 April 1915: 4 Bn occupies Lone Pine, Gallipoli
26 April 1953: Cease fire talks between UN and North Korea commence in Panmunjon, Korea
29 April 1915: HMA Submarine AE2 sinks in the Sea of Marmara.

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Infantry Training 1902



This is at present our earliest British Infantry training manual. In the preface Field Marshal Lord Roberts wrote *inter alia*:

“The officers of His Majesty’s army are enjoined to devote their utmost attention to carrying out the system of training laid down in this manual, the aim of which is to secure, at the decisive moment of battle, the greatest development of fire, from the most effective direction, and under the strictest general control.”

The backbone of a thorough military training is the careful and gradual instruction of the individual or soldier, in every duty he may be called on to fulfil, and the development to the utmost of his mental and physical powers.

But such development is impossible unless free play is given to individual intelligence and therefore forbidden to, limit or restrict the freedom granted in these regulations to battalion and company commanders, both as regards methods of instruction and the leading of their men in action.”

Despite these words, the reliance on massed drill advocated in this pamphlet would have been fatal in the First World War. However, this manual would have several revisions prior to that conflict.

This copy belonged to Sergeant Thos. Bell of the 1st Dunfriesshire Volunteer Regiment of Militia – a unit that has disappeared due to subsequent amalgamations.

Key: (M) – magazine or website; (N) – newspaper; (F) – film; (P) – podcast

Defence

Recommended: 2024 National Defence Strategy and 2024 Integrated Investment Program:

[\(M\)Defence](#)

Australia targets major spending boost for Asia-Pacific defense: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Australian National Defence Strategy sees \$50 billion spending increase over next decade:

[\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Australia unveils ‘historic’ defense boost to 2.4% of GDP in decade, but critics say too little, too late: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

US, UK and Australia further boost defence trade cooperation: [\(M\)Defence](#)

We can do much more with the reserves: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Patience, please. AUKUS Pillar 2 is indeed making progress: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Navy

First autonomous undersea vehicle 'Ghost Shark' prototype ready:

[\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

AUKUS allies developing undersea capabilities they can field this year: [\(M\)C4isrnet](#)

Pacific

How Australia can become the partner of choice in Pacific cyber resilience: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Solomon Islands

Solomon Islands' pro-China PM retains seat as election count continues: [\(M\)Reuters](#)

Indonesia

Naval Group scores Scorpene Evolved submarine deal with Indonesia: [\(M\)AsianMilitaryReview](#)

Malaysia

Different ways of thinking: Malaysia and Australia: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

UK

UK's most lethal tank rolls off the production lines: [\(M\)Gov.UK](#)

US

The state of the Navy: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Sticker shock drags out USAF's E-7 negotiations with Boeing: [\(M\)AirandSpaceForces](#)

Ukraine

NATO pledges more advanced air defences to Kyiv: [\(M\)BBC](#)

Middle East

The number of hostages still alive in Gaza is a mystery, officials say: [\(M\)NBCNews](#)

After shooting down Iranian munitions, Jordan defiant in uncomfortable spotlight: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Iran's networks of influence in the Middle East: [\(M\)IISS](#)

China

Xi orders China's biggest military reorganisation since 2015: [\(M\)BusinessTimes](#)

China sets up powerful information warfare force to support 'military struggles': [\(M\)TheHindu](#)

Military History

British Army: Soviet Encounter (1983): [\(F\)MikeGuardia](#)

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