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# RUSIA Defence Update

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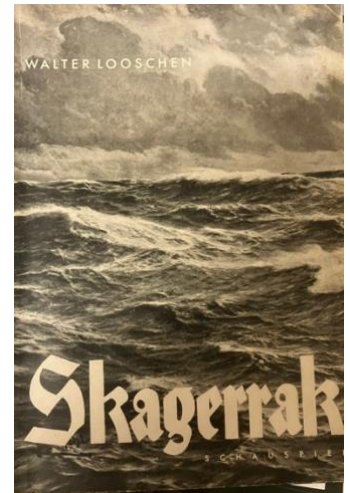
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## Forthcoming Anniversaries

**2 June 1890:** Maj Gen Alexander Bruce Tulloch founds the United Service Institution of Victoria- **Happy 135<sup>th</sup> Birthday RUSIV!**  
**2 June 1967:** 2 RAR arrives in Việt Nam  
**4 June 1900:** Victorians and Western Australians heavily engaged in a conflict at Six Mile Spruit, South Africa  
**5 June 1919:** 250 Australians land at the Port of Archangel, north Russia, with the British North Russia Relief Force  
**5 June 1941:** Cyprus reinforced by Australian soldiers  
**6 June 1969:** 5 RAR in Battle of Binh Ba, Việt Nam  
**7 June 1917:** Australians in Battle of Messines. Capt Robert Grieve, 37 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions nearby  
**8 June 1941:** 7 Div and British forces attack Vichy French during the allied Syrian campaign  
**9 June 1941:** 7 Div cross Litani River, Lebanon

## The Other Side of the Hill - Jutland

The naval battle of Jutland took place with three main engagements from 31 May to 1 June 1916, off the North Sea coast of Denmark's Jutland Peninsula. It was the largest naval battle and only full-scale clash of battleships of the First World War. The outcome ensured that the Royal Navy denied the German surface fleet access to the North Sea and the Atlantic for the remainder of the war. Germany avoided all fleet-to-fleet contact thereafter. Jutland was also the last major naval battle, in any war, fought primarily by battleships.



The battle is known as the Battle of the Skagerrak in German and this 1935 account is one of several in our library in German.

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

## Defence

Politicians, speak openly about China. Chinese-Australians won't mind:

[\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Building national preparedness: a road map for Australia and what we should learn from Finland: [\(M\)Aspi](#)

**Recommended:** Beyond Defence: ASPI's *The Cost of Defence 2025–26* looks broadly at national security spending: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

*The Cost of Defence* shows Australia risks falling behind its peers: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

The five-domains update: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

ADF investing in cyber warfare workforce: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Protecting polities: how safety fears are reshaping Australian politics: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

## Navy

Thyssenkrupp, Saab to collab on MEKO A-200 platform: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

## Army

Insights from Exercise Croix du Sud: [\(F\)Defence](#)

North Queensland warfighter: [\(F\)Army](#)

## Air Force

ADF supports Operation Solania to curb illegal fishing: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

## Asia Pacific

The case for a Pacific defense pact: America needs a new Asian alliance to counter China:

[\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

Pete Hegseth's impossible mission to reassure Asian allies at Shangri-La: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

## Indonesia

Indonesia's Prabowo, Turkey's Erdogan agree to bolster ties: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

With Macron in town, Indonesia and France inch closer on potential deals for fighter jets, subs:

[\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

## UK

'New era of threat' amid changing face of war, UK defence review to warn: [\(M\)Guardian](#)

## NATO & Europe

Germany permanently stations troops abroad for first time since WWII: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

NATO floats cybersecurity to be included in new spending target: [\(M\)Bloomberg](#)

Without the US it's all about us in European defence: [\(M\)IISS](#)

Germany investigates suspected sabotage of new warship: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

## US

The US Army is too light to win: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Army scrambles to improve drone training: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

## Middle East

Israel has used 'high-power lasers' to down 'scores' of threats to homeland: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

## Ukraine

Russia proposes new Ukraine talks, Kyiv demands terms upfront: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

## Russia

Kremlin rebuffs Zelensky's call for three-way meeting with Trump, Putin: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

## China

Pentagon chief warns of imminent China threat, pushes Asian allies to boost defence spending:

[\(M\)Reuters](#)

## Military History

Australian Army at war: Australian Army operations 1939-1945: [\(F\)AWM](#)

