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Forthcoming Anniversaries

26 August 1942: RAAF 75, 76, 30 and 22 Sqns in action at Milne Bay, Kokoda and Buna. Japanese forces advance to Isurava on the Kokoda Track, New Guinea

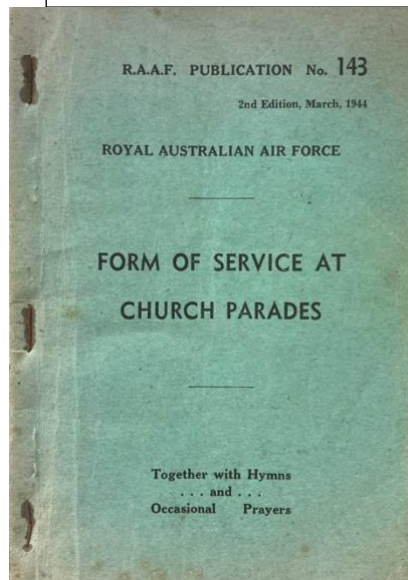
27 August 1918: LCpl Bernard Gordon, 41 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Fargny Wood, France

28 August 1942: Australians at Milne Bay hold against a heavy Japanese attack

29 August 1919: Sgt Samuel Pearce, Sadlier-Jackson's Bde, awarded the VC for his actions with British forces in north Russia

29 August 1942: Pte Bruce Kingsbury, 2/14 Bn, awarded the VC posthumously for his actions at Isurava, New Guinea

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Church Parades in the Second World War

Religion was an important factor in the Second World War. Church parades, frequently compulsory, were a feature of service. However, in 1946, this historic ritual was abolished by at least the British Army.

The support of most churches gave moral justification for the conflict, impetus to recruiting and remained a significant source of charitable aid. While the bulk of the soldiers of the AIF were not overtly religious, they seemed to welcome the ministry of chaplains and Christian service organisations, and a significant minority were active Christians. The war fostered an ecumenical spirit among many soldiers, but the divisive referendum campaigns deepened sectarianism in the churches at home. Returning soldiers found spiritual refuge in service clubs rather than churches, and despite the Christian origins and influences on Anzac Day, the legacy of Anzac in Australia is now both deeply spiritual and secular.

Ecumenical spirit was less evident in Australian forces – separate Forms of Service, such as this RAAF example, were carefully defined for each of services.

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Australia, Hong Kong join forces on drone defense system that mimics how wolves hunt:

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Space surveillance telescope reaches crucial milestone: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Ditch AUKUS Pillar One. It involves Australia too much in US strategy:

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Air Force

Where the F-35 program stands: big upgrades, long future: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

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New Zealand soldier admits to attempted espionage: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

New Zealand military to get MH-60R naval helicopters, Airbus A321XLR transport aircraft:

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Indonesia

Jakarta's Rafale deal and what it means for Canberra: [\(F\)NguoiGiaiMa](#)

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Australia, Philippines launch military drills near South China Sea: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Southeast Asia's evolving defence partnerships: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

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If China's tactic is blockading Taiwan, the US Navy needs lots of frigates. It's not getting them: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

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Israel approves settlement project that could divide the West Bank: [\(M\)APNews](#)

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Putin wants rest of Ukraine's Donetsk as part of ceasefire: Zelenskyy: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Ukraine sinks Russian cargo ship In Caspian Sea: [\(M\)WarZone](#)

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Russia's Su-57 is so broken... it's too scared to fly over Ukraine: [\(F\)MilitaryShow](#)

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Why Putin smiled broadly as he left his Alaska encounter with Trump: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

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