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Forthcoming Anniversaries

17 April 1917: Australians in second battle of Gaza, Egypt
18 April 1942: Gen Thomas Blamey appointed Commander Land Forces, South West Pacific
20 April 1941: Anzac Corps withdraws to the Thermopylae Line, Greece
22 April 1941: Evacuation of Australians from Greece begins
24 April 1918: Australians in Second Battle of Villers-Bretonneux
24 April 1944: Australians occupy Madang
24 April 1951: 3 RAR in Battle of Kapyong, Korea

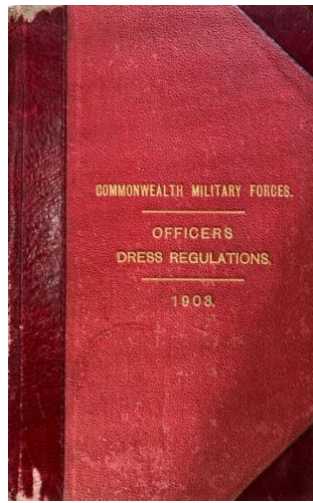
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Early Australian Army Regulations



The Australian Army formed at federation on 1st January 1901. On that day the defence forces of the states merged. Defence had been one of the primary motives for federation.

Prior to Federation, the colonies were ill-equipped to defend themselves. Each colony had its own militia consisting of a small permanent force and volunteers, but they all relied on the Royal Navy to periodically patrol the Australian coastline. People feared the colonies could be vulnerable to attack from other nations with larger populations and

military forces.

The colonies thought a united defence force could better protect Australia. This argument was strengthened by a report released in 1889 by British Major-General Sir J. Bevan Edwards. He found the colonies did not have enough soldiers, weapons or ammunition to adequately defend themselves. The report recommended a national defence force be established.

This *Officers Dress Regulations 1903* was one of the early instructions to provide for a standard national force. It was issued by Major General Edward Hutton as Commander of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth with the authority of the Minister of State for Defence, Austin Chapman.

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