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# RUSIA Defence Update

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## Forthcoming Anniversaries

**17 March 1942:** Gen Douglas MacArthur arrives in Australia to assume command of the South West Pacific Area

**17 March 1953:** 2 RAR replaces 1 RAR in Korea

**20 March 1917:**

Lt Frank McNamara, 1 Sqn AFC, receives the only VC awarded to an Australian airman in WWI for actions in Palestine

**20 March 2003:** Coalition invasion of Iraq begins

## Deployment Briefs



Briefing material issued to service personnel prior to deployments overseas has a long history. Our collection holds examples of booklets for Australians and US personnel for campaigns in the Pacific and for basing in UK and Australia during the Second World War. We also have country briefs for use by the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan.

A US Navy site states that “the goal of deployment programs is to ensure the readiness and safety of each military member and to improve the quality of life of each family member”.

This 2005 Brief includes geographical and cultural material as well as details of contributions by local police and organisations from other nations. It seems to be designed to meet the needs of those on the mission rather than information for their dependents left at home, though other guides were issued to fill that need.

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

## Defence

Australia needs to manufacture change to ensure national security: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

For a waterbombing reserve, adapt ADF aircraft: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## Navy

New Australian submarine industrial base strategy calls for \$30 billion AUD investment: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

It's time to ditch Virginia subs for AUKUS and go to Plan B: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Societal resilience is the best answer to Chinese warships: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Australian MASS shipsets assembly starts for RAN: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

## Army

## Air Force

More than ever, airpower will depend on sharing data. Watch Sweden: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Wedgetail 2.0: Australia's \$900M plan to dominate the skies: [\(F\)NguoiGiaiMa](#)

## New Zealand

Helicopter force projection: [\(F\)NZDF](#)

## Indo Pacific

Freedom of navigation mission protects Indo-Pacific: [\(M\)Defence](#)

## UK

How accelerated uncrewed surface vessel innovation is reshaping naval combat: [\(F\)BFBSForcesNews](#)

Ex-RAF chief calls for Sky Shield fighter jet protection patrols over Ukraine: [\(F\)BFBSForcesNews](#)

British public opinion on foreign policy: President Trump, Ukraine, China, Defence spending and AUKUS: [\(M\)Aspi](#)

Trump's America cannot be trusted. What should we do? [\(M\)RUSI](#)

## US

Secret Space Force payloads monitor China's satellite surveillance network, official says: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Experts fear cascade of nuclear proliferation as Trump shakes alliances: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

US military's mini space shuttle returns to Earth after secret mission: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

## NATO & EU

US Bomber Task Force boosts Nato with deterrence missions across Europe: [\(F\)BFBSForcesNews](#)

NATO to ask allies for 30% capability boost, top commander says: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Potential European mission in Ukraine: key military factors: [\(M\)IISS](#)

A nuclear Poland? Logistics, political challenges ahead of potential Warsaw deal: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

## Ukraine

Russian forces walked inside a gas pipeline to strike Ukrainian troops: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Ukraine feeling impact of U.S. arms, intel pause: [\(M\)WarZone](#)

The consequences of curtailing US aid to Ukraine: [\(F\)ISW](#)

Ukraine-US talks on ending war with Russia start in Saudi Arabia: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

## Russia

Russian forces closing in on Ukrainian troops in Kursk, official says: [\(M\)NBCNews](#)

## China

Chinese navy transit: opinions in The Strategist: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

China's navy sends a steady drumbeat of ships around Australia: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

First sighting of China's huge invasion barges - quick analysis: [\(F\)Sutton](#)

## Military History

Dive! Australian submariners at war. Presented by Mike Carlton: [\(F\)MHHV](#)

How the Claymore mine changed the battlefield forever: [\(M\)TaskandPurpose](#)

Operation Desert Storm | hour-by-hour: [\(F\)IWM](#)

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