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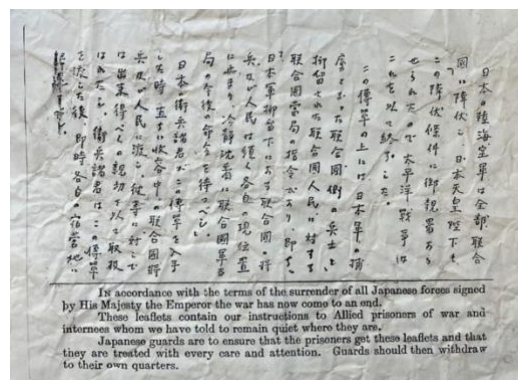
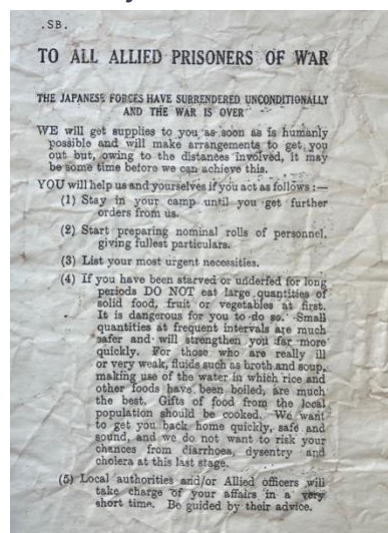
Forthcoming Anniversaries

18 August 1966: 1 Aust Task Force in battle of Long Tan. D Coy 6 RAR awarded the US Presidential Unit Citation
19 August 1914: Australian Expeditionary Force sails to capture German positions in the Pacific to destroy wireless installations
20 August 1901: Australians capture Boer wagon train at Wolmaranstad, South Africa
20 August 1941: 1st Polish (Carpathian) Bde relieves 18 Bde at Tobruk
21 August 1943: Australians capture Komiatum Ridge, New Guinea, from Japanese forces
22 August 1942: 18 Bde lands at Milne Bay, New Guinea
23 August 1918: Lt William Donovan Joynt, 8 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Herleville Wood, France. Lt Lawrence McCarthy, 16 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions near Madame Wood, France
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,

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VJ Day and Prisoners of War



Following Japan's surrender on August 15, 1945, the recovery of Allied prisoners of war (POWs) from Japan involved a multi-phased process of locating, supplying, and repatriating the liberated prisoners. This included air drops of supplies and personnel into camps, followed by the arrival of ground forces. The repatriation process was logistically complex due to the wide dispersal of POWs and their poor health.

This is Southeast Asia Command's leaflet dropped to the camps around 28th August. The side (for the Japanese) says:

"In accordance with the terms of the surrender of all Japanese forces signed by His Majesty the Emperor the war has now come to an end. These leaflets contain our instructions: to Allied prisoners of war and internees whom we have told to remain quiet where they are. Japanese guards are to ensure that the prisoners get these leaflets and that they are treated with every care and attention. Guards should then withdraw to their own quarters."

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Australia just built a jam-proof compass – and it works! [\(F\)O'Donnell](#)
Australia controls UK submarine from 10,000 miles away: [\(M\)UKDefenceJournal](#)

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Moment Chinese ships crash while tailing Filipino boat in South China Sea: [\(F\)Sun](#)

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Australian officials heading to Pacific Islands for talks: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Falepili Union Treaty sets Tuvalu's security, Australia must deliver: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

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Super carriers, smaller carriers rise across the Indo-Pacific: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

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Airborne autonomy is the next frontier in naval power: [\(M\)UKDefenceJournal](#)

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Canada's PM announces billions in defense spending to hit NATO target: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

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Trump and Putin will meet at Alaska base long used to counter Russia: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

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Uncrewed boats launch FPV drone strike on key Russian radars located on Crimea's southern tip: [\(M\)WarZone](#)

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