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#### Forthcoming Anniversaries

**12 August 1916:** Pte Martin O'Meara, 16 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Pozieres, France  
**12 August 1918:** Sgt Percy Statton, 40 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions near Proyart, France  
**13 August 1900:** Tasmanians capture Boer leader Comdt Erasmus  
**14 August 1945:** Japanese forces surrender to Allied forces  
**15 August 1944:** RAAF bombers cover landings in southern France  
**15 August 1945:** VP Day  
**17 August 1966:** Mortar attack on Australian base at Nui Dat, Viet Nam  
**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

# RUSIV Defence Update

## Celebrating our 134th Year

A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence

### The Operation Sea Lion Edition of *My Struggle* (Part II)



In our last Newsletter we described our newly acquired copy of Hitler's *My Struggle* with its Stalag 344 rubber stamp. The copy had a small enclosure. It was a fragment of a piece of German-printed camp money. Our piece was about half of the 50 Reichspfennig note. Camp currency could be used to purchase a very limited range of items.

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

## Defence

Australian defense minister Richard Marles on AUKUS, China and industry concerns: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

UN experts urge Australia to compensate Afghan war crime victims: [\(M\)Khaama](#)

Official histories of Australian and British Intelligence: lessons learned and next steps: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

What Australia can learn from Ukraine's long-range strike weapons: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

US, Australia to expand basing cooperation, finalize PrSM and GMLRS missile production plans: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

What would a Harris presidency mean for US foreign policy and Australia? [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)  
ASIO's raise in threat level reflects changing terrorism landscape: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## Navy

HMAS Sydney fires Standard Missile-6: [\(F\)RAN](#)

New dry dock for Aussie subs an 'ongoing' discussion: Defense Minister Marles: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Australia, Canada, the Philippines, and US mount South China Sea FONOP: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Austal should stay independent of foreign frigate builders: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Greens senator calls Hunter frigate a 'black hole': [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

Aussie Collins-class subs get \$2.2B AUD sustainment pledge: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

## Army

AUKUS partners demonstrated 'real-time' AI tests at US Army's Project Convergence: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

## Air Force

Sun sets on milestone Pitch Black: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Future RAAF air combat capability (1): making the most of the Ghost Bat: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## New Zealand

Behind the scenes: dental work on a U.S. aircraft carrier | New Zealand Army: [\(F\)NZDF](#)

## Malaysia

Under Anwar, Malaysia is moving away from the West: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## Asia-Pacific

Looking back at the Biden administration's Pacific strategy: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

## UK

RAF 60 Second Update 29: From Exercise Pitch Black in Australia: [\(F\)RAF](#)

## US

Policy study calls for increasing US Marine force in northern Australia by 8 fold: [\(M\)Stars&Stripes](#)

**Recommended:** US, Australia announce additional basing and weapons plans: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Australia-based Marines ready for crisis response, regional tensions: [\(M\)MarineCorpsTimes](#)

Tomorrow's soldiers may breach minefields with robots made from decades-old APCs: [\(F\)DefenseOne](#)

## Ukraine

Zelenskyy acknowledges Ukrainian troops have entered Kursk, Russia: [\(F\)DWNews](#)

Forget NATO membership for Ukraine; instead trade it for Ukrainian sovereignty: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## Russia

Russia claims to have thwarted Ukraine's advance in Kursk: [\(M\)Guardian](#)

## China

Into the unknown: managing conventional and nuclear uncertainty in the Indo-Pacific: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Many Chinese military arrests touch on crewed spaceflight agency: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## Military History

Operation Jericho | Mosquito pilots recall spectacular WW2 Amiens Prison "jail break": [\(F\)ArmouredArchivist](#)

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