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Forthcoming Anniversaries

22 July 1919: *Australians in attack at Archangel, North Russia*
22 July 1942: *Japanese advance on trails towards Port Moresby. Pte Arthur Gurney, 2/48 Bn, awarded posthumous VC for actions at Tel El Eisa, Egypt*
23 July 1916: *Battle of Pozières, France, begins. Lt Arthur Blackburn, and Pte John Leak 9 Bn, awarded VCs*
24 July 1900: *Capt Neville Howse, NSW Army Medical Corps, awarded the VC for his actions at Vredefort, Orange Free State, the only VC awarded to Australian medical personnel*
24 July 1945: *Pte Frank Partridge, 8 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions on Bougainville*
25 July 1916: *Pte Thomas Cooke, 8 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Pozières*
26 July 1942: *2/28 Bn attacks Miteriya Ridge during the El Alamein campaign, only to be overrun by Germans because Allied armoured support could not get through enemy lines to support them*
28 July 1916: *Sgt Claud Castleton, 5 MG Coy, awarded the VC for his actions near Pozières. He died during the action*
29 July 1942: *Japanese retake Kokoda*

RUSIV Defence Update

Celebrating our 134th Year

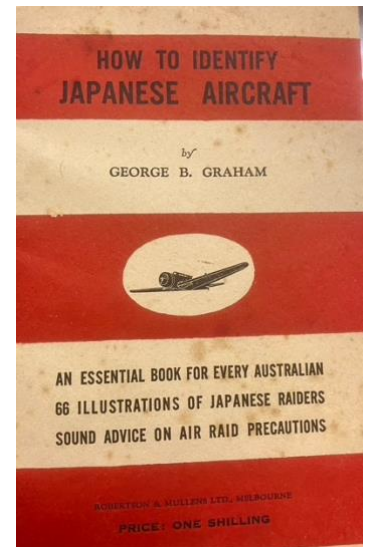
A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence

Identification of Japanese Aircraft

The shock of the fall of Singapore reverberated throughout all the Australian community in early 1942. Many expected Japanese attacks on the mainland and the large February attack on Darwin reinforced their fears. Would aircraft undertake further bombing raids? The following attacks from Mossman to Broome magnified their fears.

This 1942 Melbourne published 24-page leaflet sought to inform the public by showing the silhouettes of the principal Japanese aircraft. It was eagerly sold to the newly formed volunteer Air Observer Corps and to the wider public.

The outlines of 12 aircraft are shown, including the Zero. Perhaps ironically, the silhouette of the only Japanese aircraft to fly over Melbourne, Sydney and other southern ports, the Yokosuka E14Y "Glen", was not included.



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

Defence

What Australia can learn from Europe in addressing hybrid threats:

[\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

The Australian Amphibious Force WADER 24: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Aussies splash out \$140M AUD for tactical drones:

[\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

AUKUS is more than submarines: its advanced capabilities pillar will also require fundamental shifts: [\(M\)JustSecurity](#)

Australia and Japan should consider a security division-of-labour in the Pacific: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Testing the climate for AUKUS: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

Army

More Australian Army Black Hawks arrive: [\(F\)AviationPhotographyDigest](#)

15 new Bushmasters ordered for HIMARS regiment: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Air Force

Exercise RIMPAC 2024 Torpedo Exercise: [\(F\)Defence](#)

New Caledonia

A surprising litmus test for New Caledonia's independence parties: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

Asia-Pacific

US renews call on China to stop aggressive actions in disputed sea: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

The other Indo-Pacific space power: a case for Franco-Australian cooperation: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

US close to sending \$2 billion in security aid across the Indo-Pacific: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

NATO

NATO's collective power – and Australia's role: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

UK

New UK government orders review of 'hollowed out' armed forces: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

UK will not help Ukraine hit targets in Russia, defence secretary says: [\(M\)Guardian](#)

US

Marine rotational force joins allied troops in Australia for monthlong littoral combat training: [\(M\)StarsandStripes](#)

Aussie passive radar becomes first kit delivered for AIR6500 missile defense system: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Space Force's Saltzman sees 'room' for space capabilities in AUKUS Pillar II: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Canada

First woman becomes commander of Canadian Armed Forces: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Ukraine

Preliminary lessons from Ukraine's offensive operations, 2022–23: [\(M\)RUSI](#)

Ukraine rushes to create AI-enabled war drones: [\(M\)Reuters](#)

Middle East

U.S. shuts Gaza floating pier project after 20 days of use: [\(M\)TaskandPurpose](#)

China

Small eagle, big dragon: China's expanding role in UN peacekeeping: [\(M\)RUSI](#)

Russia

Russia attempts fifth drone attack on Kyiv in two weeks, Ukraine's military says: [\(M\)Reuters](#)

Military History

Australian Army Flying Museum: [\(F\)AustralianMilitaryAviationHistory](#)

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