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Forthcoming Anniversaries

- 17 December 1967: HMAS Perth under fire off Dong Hoi, Viet Nam
- 19 December 1918: War Service Homes Act passed providing home loans to military personnel who served overseas
- 20 December 1915: Evacuation of Anzac and Suwla complete
- 21 December 1916: Australian Light Horse captures El Arish, Egypt
- 22 December 1916: Light Horse march on to Magdhaba, Egypt

RUSIV Defence Update

Celebrating our 134th Year

A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence

Christmas for the Troops



Christmas was on a Tuesday in 1945. *Guinea Gold* was still being published (probably in Rabaul) and it continued to be so well in to 1946 – there were tens of thousands of Australian troops waiting to return home, mostly in Morotai. The greetings included ones from the PM (now Chifley), Maj Gen ‘Red Robbie’ Robertson and perhaps more significantly Bluey and Curley.

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

Defence

Indo Pacific Endeavour 2024 wrap up: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Navy

With first test fire, Aussies joins tiny Tomahawk club with US, UK: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)
Australian Navy successfully test-fires Tomahawk missile: [\(F\)RAN](#)

Army

Australian Army chief diagnoses three key challenges to the army profession: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)
The implications of emerging changes in land warfare for the focused all-domain defence force: [\(M\)Aspi](#)
Why Australia is upgrading to the world’s most advanced tank: [\(F\)TalkingTactics](#)

Air Force

Royal Australian Air Force received new F-35A stealth jets after a year delay: [\(F\)GlobalDefense](#)
CAF & WOFF-AF End of Year Message 2024: [\(F\)RAAF](#)

Philippines

US signs long-sought intelligence sharing deal with the Philippines: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

NATO

NATO chief warns that Putin wants long-term confrontation with Europe: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

UK

British troops test laser weapon as cheap option to fry drones: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Annual Chief of the Defence Staff Lecture 2024 with Admiral Sir Tony Radakin: [\(F\)RUSI](#)

US

Biden approves national security memo on China, Iran, North Korea and Russia ahead of Trump's return: [\(M\)APNews](#)

The Army is too top-heavy: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Canada

Arctic seabed warfare against data cables: [\(M\)RUSI-NS](#)

Middle East

US A-10s, B-52s, target dozens of ISIS sites in Syria: [\(M\)TaskandPurpose](#)

A-10s are being spotted in Syria. Here's how they're being used: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

US strikes 75 ISIS targets in Syria after Assad regime collapses: [\(M\)MilitaryTimes](#)

'Wait and see': as Syrian regime falls, Middle East and US officials watch warily for what comes next: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

The fall of the House of Assad: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

How Assad's fall hurts Russia and Iran: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Israel seeks to defang Syria, as 350-plus strikes destroy military sites and equipment: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Deep intel about the rebel takeover in Syria: [\(F\)WardCarroll](#)

Ukraine

Austin announces \$1B in new Ukraine aid, warns against abandoning Kyiv: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Kerch Bridge targeted: novel Ukrainian tactics & strategic implications: [\(F\)KvivPost](#)

How Trump can end the war in Ukraine: [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

How Ukraine took out Russia's Khalino Air Base with advanced tactics: [\(F\)KvivPost](#)

Russia

Russia's military found a surprisingly simple way to buy US chips: [\(M\)Bloomberg](#)

Russia's biggest weapon storage is almost depleted: [\(F\)MilitaryShow](#)

China

US monitoring Taiwan Strait while China mobilizes warships, balloons nearby: [\(M\)DefenseScoop](#)

Military History

Built in Australia: HMAS *Castlemaine* & the Bathurst Class Corvettes: [\(F\)DrClarke](#)

They know practically nothing: the AIF's learning between Gallipoli and the Western Front: [\(F\)WesternFrontAssociation](#)

Dressing for success at 70,000-feet aboard the U-2 Dragon Lady: [\(M\)TheWarZone](#)

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