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Forthcoming Anniversaries

5 August 1914: The first shots of World War I were fired by a coastal artillery battery at Port Phillip Heads when the German merchant vessel SS Pfalz attempted to slip out of port before the declaration of war was made known. Pfalz was the first enemy vessel seized in Australian waters
6 August 1915: Battles for Lone Pine and Sari Bair begin at Gallipoli
6 August 1950: HMAS Warramunga leaves for Korea
7 August 1915: Allies land at Suva Bay. Light Horse units attack at the Nek, Steele's, Quinn's and Pope's Posts, Gallipoli
8 August 1915: LCpl Leonard Keysor, 1 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Lone Pine trenches, Gallipoli
8 August 1915: Lt Alfred Gaby, 28 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions east of Villers-Bretonneux. Battle of Amiens begins
9 August 1915: Cpl Alexander Burton, 7 Bn, (posthumous award); Cpl William Dunstan, 7 Bn; Pte John Hamilton, 3 Bn; Capt Alfred Shout, 1 Bn (posthumous award); Lt William Symons, 7 Bn; and Lt Fredrick Tubb, 7 Bn, awarded VCs for their actions at Lone Pine trenches
9 August 1942: HMAS Canberra sunk in the battle of Savo Island
11 August 1900: HMS Protector leaves Sydney for China
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 Proyard, France

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Celebrating our 134th Year

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

In 1940 the Germans decided they wanted to have an English language copy of *Mein Kampf* published to distribute in Britain after Operation Sea Lion. They used a rough draft translation of *Mein Kampf* by James Murphy to form 90% of main body and translators in the NSDAP to create a final volume. When Sea Lion was abandoned, it was decided to distribute the copies to POW camps that held English-speaking captives. Our copy was sent to Stalag 344 (later called Stalag VIII-B) and rubber-stamped there. It was probably brought back to Australia by one of these prisoners pictured.



Australian prisoners of war (POWs) at Stalag VIII B (later Stalag 344). AWM

This copy was donated by Mr Ken Watson, a keen supporter of our Library. A copy of the book (without the POW camp stamp) sold in UK last year for £1200 with the only other copy recorded in the British Library. You can see the contents of this extremely rare and valuable '[Operation Sea Lion Edition](#)' here.

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