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Forthcoming Anniversaries

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, New Guinea 27 August 1918: LCpl Bernard

Gordon, 41 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Fargny Wood, France

28 August 1945: Australian destroyers enter Tokyo Bay 28 August 1919: Sgt Samuel Pearse, Sadlier-Jackson's Bde, awarded the VC for his actions with British forces in north Russia

28 August 1942: Pte Bruce Kingsbury, 2/14 Bn, awarded the VC posthumously for his actions at Isurava, New Guinea 30 August 1915: 2Lt Hugo Throssell, 10LH, awarded the VC for his actions at Hill 60, Gallipoli

31 August 1918: Pte George Cartwright, 33 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Rood Wood, France. Mont St Quentin, France, captured by allied forces

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A Map Reading Manual



This recently donated British 1912 manual on map reading has the ownership signature of Captain Henry Bowen Walters. At the time, he was a reservist officer in the Australian Intelligence Corps of the 3rd Military District, in Melbourne. John Monash was a fellow member of that corps.

Walters (1874-1955) joined the Lands Department as a draughtsman in 1902 – he was also a qualified architect and surveyor. In 1912 he was appointed a Survey Officer for the Royal Australian Engineers.

When war broke out he joined the 48th Infantry Battalion in the AIF. He served in the

Tropical Force and became Officer Commanding the Madang Garrison. He caught malaria and returned to Australia, finishing the war as a commander of the troopships *Morea* and *Bulla* as they returned soldiers to Australia.

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

Defence

National security, disinformation and the media: A conversation with David E. Sanger: (F)ASPI

Government set to announce new top cyber spy: <u>(M)CapitalBrief</u> AUKUS ITAR changes not much help for Pillar 2 tech: US Studies Centre experts: <u>(M)BreakingDefense</u>

Australian Defence contingent onboard JS Noshiro: (F)Defence

Navy

Royal Australian Navy tests the Swiss army knife of missiles: (M)AspiStrategist

Army

Army's newest battlefield helicopters have arrived: (F)Army

New Zealand

Putting the NZ back into ANZUS: Why a fleeting reference means a lot: (M)AspiStrategist

Indo-Pacific

The Great Game in the Pacific Islands: <u>(M)Lowy</u> France's underappreciated air power in the Indo-Pacific: <u>(M)AspiStrategist</u>

Philippines

China 'dramatically' alarmed by US missile deployment: Philippines: (M)DefenseNews China Coast Guard vessels collide with Philippine Coast Guard vessels due to dangerous and illegal maneuvers: (M)PCG After ship collisions, experts say China testing Philippine resolve, US ties: (M)BreakingDefense

India

India's relationship with Russia: (M)IISS

NATO

NATO and its Indo-Pacific partners should cooperate to increase arms output: (M)AspiStrategist

UK

The strategic defence review must put training at its heart: (M)RUSI

US

Navy finishes first control room on aircraft carrier designed to operate MQ-25: (M)BreakingDefense

The US tried to fix its foreign military sales system. Did it work? (<u>M)DefenseNews</u> Air Force announces new Pacific exercise to test how it would fight China: (<u>M)DefenseOne</u>

Middle East

US military presence in Syria carries substantial risks—but so does complete withdrawal: (M)DefenseOne

Russia

Russian marines capture group of Ukrainian soldiers in Russia's Kursk region, says RIA: (M)Reuters

A massive fire rages for a third day at a Russian oil depot targeted in a Ukrainian drone attack: (M)APNews

Moscow sees one of Ukraine's largest drone attacks as fighting rages in Kursk and eastern Ukraine: (\underline{M}) <u>APNews</u>

Military History

Canberra's military base that never was: <u>(F)CanberraRaiwayMuseum</u> Return to Anjo: revisiting Truscott, Australia's secret WWII airbase: <u>(F)DavidSmith</u>

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