RUSIV Defence Update
Celebrating our 134th Year

A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence

Forthcoming Anniversaries

2 September 1918: *Cpl Maurice Buckley, 13 Bn (posthumously); Cpl Arthur Hall, 54 Bn; and Cpl Lawrence Weathers, 43 Bn; awarded VCs for their actions near Peronne, France*

2 September 1945: *Liberation of Singapore and release of POWs followed by Japanese surrender to Allied forces*

3 September 1939: *Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand declare war on Germany*

4 September 1939: *Militia mobilised after Governor-General Lord Gowrie proclaims "existence of war"*

4 September 1942: *Cpl John Alexander, 2/9 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions during the Japanese evacuation of Milne Bay*

4 September 1943: *20 Bde lands 18 miles east of Lae, New Guinea. It is the first large-scale, seaborne invasion by Australian troops since the landing at Gallipoli*

5 September 1943: *US and Australian paratroopers drop near and capture Nadzab, New Guinea*

Clive Caldwell - *Guinea Gold*

Clive Robertson Caldwell, DSO, DFC & Bar (1911 –1994) was the leading Australian air ace of World War II. He is officially credited with shooting down 28.5 enemy aircraft in over 300 operational sorties, including an ace in a day. In addition to his official score, he was ascribed six probables and 15 damaged.

The comic strip is from the Australian edition of *Guinea Gold,* the newspaper for troops in New Guinea , dated March 21, 1943.

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

Defence

Australia offers US a vast new military launchpad in China conflict: (M)Stars&Stripes
Let's take a close look at how we protect our undersea cables: (M)AspiStrategist

Navy

HMAS *Broome* (II) decommissioning: (F)RAN
The surface fleet review - strategic and practical implications: (M)RUSINSW

Army

Gunners come to grips with new howitzer: (M)Contact

Air Force

Stealth Bombers at RAAF Base Amberley: (F)AviationPhotographyDigest

Strengthening international ties on Exercise Red Flag: (M)Contact

New Zealand

Defence Minister Judith Collins today announced Commodore Garin Golding, Brigadier Rose King and Air Vice-Marshal Darryn Webb as the chiefs of the Navy, Army and Air Force respectively: (M)NZDF

Pacific

China's failed first attempt to stymie the Pacific Policing Initiative: (M)AspiStrategist

Indonesia

Indonesia and Australia sign defense agreement: (M)APNews

The politics of subsea cables in Indonesia: navigating great power competition: (M)PRIO

Women are underfunded in the Pacific: (M)Lowy

Indonesia pledges closer defence ties with Australia one day – military drills with China the next: (M)Lowy

Canada

New ways of downing drones showcased in Canada – from lasers to ultrasonic waves: (F)BFBSForces

NATO

How NATO can help end the Ukraine war: (M)RUSI

US

Air Force Raptors hone combat skills over South China Sea alongside Singapore fighters: (M)Stars&Stripes

Air Force wants to expand enlisted airmen exchanges with Australia: (F)DefenseNews

Old-school soldiers prove they can still beat tech-heavy troops: (M)DefenseOne

Ukraine

US to send $125 million in new military aid to Ukraine, officials say: (M)MilitaryTimes

Palianytsia: how Ukraine will look to use its new long-range missile drone: (F)BFBSForces

Zelensky to present peace plan to Biden, Harris, Trump: (M)TheHill

Middle East

Mapped: U.S. rushes warships to Middle East in show of force to Iran: (M)AXIOS

Military History

Defending Australia - Gull Force: (F)Felton

The 1st US fighter squadrons in New Guinea in World War 2: (F)ZenosWarbirds

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