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Forthcoming Anniversaries

20 January 1942: Six RAAF Wirraways engage 100 Japanese planes over Rabaul, New Guinea
20 January 1951: A Coy 3 RAR occupies Ichon, Korea
22 January 1941: Tobruk surrenders to Australians
22 January 1942: Lt Col Charles Anderson, 2/19 Bn, awarded VC for actions near Akri, Malaya
25 January 1944: 7 Div drives Japanese from Shaggy Ridge
26 January 1944: Air raid on Rabaul destroys Australian planes on the ground and in the air
27 January 1973: Conclusion of hostilities in Việt Nam

RUSIA Defence Update

A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence

Changi Education Centre 1942-1945



The AIF Con. Depot Selerang Barracks, POW Camp Changi, 1942 Leslie Greener

This was the location of the AIF Education Centre established at the instigation of Brig. H. B. Taylor. It was painted in the camp by Captain H.L. Greener, Intelligence Officer, HQ 8th Div. The centre opened within days of the 8th Division entering captivity as prisoners of war of the Japanese

Its aim was to provide all ranks with the opportunity to study and derive benefits from adversity. Under these Casuarina trees men lay listening to the weekly concerts of recorded classical music presented by George McNeilly, a YMCA officer, who made a great contribution to the Camp's life.

A limited reproduction was made and proceeds from its sale went to the AIF

Malayan Nursing Scholarship Fund which is still being maintained as the official war memorial of the A.I.F. Malaya "dedicated to those who served with the 2nd AIF Malaya and did not return".

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

Defence

AUKUS: Beyond submarines, a blueprint for allied Industrial Integration: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)
Preparing Australia for Trump's return: do more, spend more, risk more: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Navy

Virginia, we have a problem: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Air Force

Australia acquires F-35 APEX armor piercing ammunition from Nammo: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Indonesia

The Quad should help Indonesia achieve underwater domain awareness: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)
Indonesia initiates \$450 million BrahMos deal with India: [\(M\)DefencePost](#)
Joining BRICS, Indonesia sticks with multi-alignment strategy: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Asia Pacific

A looming police shortage in the Pacific: drug use can cripple a male workforce: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

The case to keep guns out of police hands in Solomon Islands: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

Can Malaysia drive ASEAN like the pony express? [\(M\)Lowy](#)

NATO

Allied Chiefs of Defence meet with NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte: [\(M\)NATO](#)

UK

Blasts in Kyiv as UK's Starmer inks 'landmark' 100-year accord: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

US

US limits on AI chips split EU: [\(M\)Politico](#)

This Navy SEAL doctor is a big reason US troops carry tourniquets in combat today: [\(M\)TaskandPurpose](#)

USAF's 'aircraft shelter gap' with China creates a flaw in deterrence: [\(M\)AirandSpaceForces](#)

Can the Pentagon's China stance last under Trump? [\(F\)MilitaryTimes](#)

What Pete Hegseth's hearing tells us about Trump's plans for the Pentagon: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Middle East

Some Israeli soldiers refuse to keep fighting in Gaza: [\(M\)APNews](#)

Gaza ceasefire: what's next? [\(P\)RUSI](#)

Ukraine

Russian forces bypass a key stronghold in a bid to cut off its supplies, a Ukrainian officer says: [\(M\)APNews](#)

Russia

Inside Russia's plan to build autonomous drone swarms: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Russia signs comprehensive strategic partnership with Iran: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

China

Chinese scientists simulate 'hunting' Starlink satellites in orbit: [\(M\)SCMP](#)

China resumes work on Yellow Sea island, amid Korea's political turmoil: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Chinese scientists have dabbled in undersea cable-cutting tech: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

China unveils 'Crimson Skyblade' in nuclear fusion quest for unlimited clean energy: [\(M\)SCMP](#)

China's plan to rule the heavens: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Five One-Chinas: the contest to define Taiwan: China's plan to rule the heavens [\(M\)Lowy](#)

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That time an airman accidentally prevented a nuclear apocalypse: [\(M\)TaskandPurpose](#)

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