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#### Forthcoming Anniversaries

**19 August 1914:** Australian Expeditionary Force sails to capture German positions in the Pacific to destroy wireless installations  
**20 August 1901:** Australians capture Boer wagon train at Wolmaranstad, South Africa  
**21 August 1943:** Australians capture Komiatum Ridge, New Guinea, from Japanese forces  
**23 August 1918:** Lt William Donovan Joynt, 8 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Herleville Wood, France. Lt Lawrence McCarthy, 16 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions near Madame Wood, France  
**25 August 1942:** Diggers supported by US engineers defend Milne Bay, New Guinea, against Japanese  
**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

# RUSIV Defence Update

## Celebrating our 134th Year

*A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence*

### The US Guide to New Guinea and the Solomon Islands



This 1943 pocket-sized guide for Americans was introduced by:

“On this job some of the hardest fighting over some of the worst terrain in the world is going on. We don't need to tell you about that, nor is a long lecture needed to prove that New Guinea and the Solomon Islands are of the greatest strategic importance to the United Nations.”

“Everyone remembers only too well the grim days when the Japs spread out like a swarm of locusts over the peaceful Philippines and East Indies toward Australia, and eastward into the Pacific Islands. Determined Australian jungle fighters slowed and finally stopped them in the New Guinea mountains. Meanwhile our naval task forces hit at them in the seas of east New Guinea and the Solomons, and our marines gave them the surprise of their lives at Tulagi and Guadalcanal. Australia was saved from almost certain invasion, and protection of our vital supply lines to the South Pacific was assured.”

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

## Defence

The Quad is here to stay: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

AUKUS language contains exit clause for the US, but is that a problem? [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Hastie: what would I do as the next minister for defence: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Protecting our elections against tech-enabled disinformation: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Ice panda: navigating China's hybrid Antarctic agenda: [\(M\)ASPI](#)

Australia's new digital ID system: finding the right way to implement it: [\(M\)ASPI](#)

US, UK, Australia loosen mutual export controls: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Australia must pick a ministerial lane for counter-terrorism responsibility: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Recommended: Trump 2.0: What Donald Trump's return would mean for Australia and the world: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

A new US, Russia, China nuclear arms race spells danger: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## Navy

Anduril Australia building Ghost Shark factory in Australia: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

## Air Force

Exercise RIMPAC | P-8A Poseidon Harpoon load: [\(F\)RAAF](#)

## Papua New Guinea

A PNG view on recruitment for the ADF: yes, please: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## New Zealand

New Zealand PM wants defense shakeup, focus on 'traditional' allies: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

## Asia-Pacific

Indo-Pacific Endeavour 2024 to deepen regional partnerships: [\(M\)AsiaPacificDefenceReporter](#)

## UK

An arms embargo on Israel could be a military and diplomatic 'disaster' for UK, say experts: [\(K\)JewishChronicle](#)

## US

The US Navy's warship production is in its worst state in 25 years. What's behind it? [\(M\)Yahoo](#)  
 'Ultimate example of JADC2': Can the Pentagon keep a carrier connected on long-range voyage? [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Second Replicator tranche to include Anduril's autonomous underwater drones: [\(M\)DefenseScoop](#)

## Ukraine

How Ukraine conducted its lightning offensive into Russia's Kursk region: [\(F\)ForcesNews](#)  
 Top Ukrainian commander says his forces now control almost 390 square miles of Russia's Kursk region: [\(M\)APNews](#)

Pentagon didn't get heads-up about Ukraine's Kursk offensive: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

How are British Challenger 2 tanks being used by Ukraine? [\(F\)SkyNews](#)

## Russia

Ukraine sets up military office inside Russia: [\(M\)BBC](#)

## China

Chinese aircraft carrier *Shandong* back in South China Sea: [\(M\)USNI](#)

Did China just demote its defense ministry? [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

## Military History

Kamikaze commandos! Japanese airborne raid Okinawa 1945: [\(F\)Felton](#)

The incredible true story of the ministry of ungentlemanly warfare: [\(F\)IWM](#)

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