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Forthcoming Anniversaries

11 December 1916: HMAS Sydney and Melbourne in 2nd Light Cruiser Sqn serving in North Sea
13 December 1939: HMNZS Achilles with HMS Ajax and Exeter intercept German pocket battleship Admiral Graf von Spee
14 December 1944: Australian N-class destroyers bombard Burma
15 December 1939: 2nd AIF advance party embarks for the Middle East
17 December 1967: HMAS Perth under fire off Dong Hoi, Việt Nam

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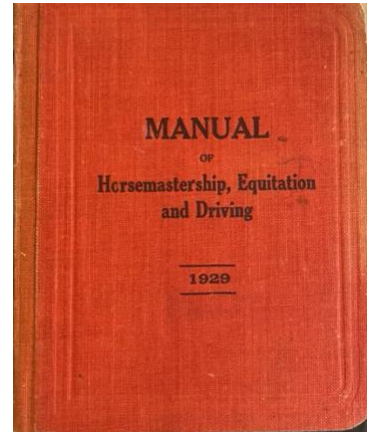
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Mechanisation

In 1929 the Australian Army reprinted the British *Manual of Horsemastership, Equitation and Driving*. This perhaps emphasised that horses remained key to Army capabilities especially in Light Horse, Artillery and Service Corps units. The issue of the replacement of the horse by mechanical transport would be a key Army question until well into the Second World War. The Military Board sought mechanisation, but lack of defence funding and the prohibition of the extension of regular units mitigated against its achievement.

The issues involved are well discussed in Captain James Morrison *Mechanising an Army: Mechanisation policy and the concersion of the Light Horse 1920-1943* (2006).



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Defence

Nuclear deterrence needs to be discussed at ANZMIN: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Simeon Boikov: Ukrainians call on Penny Wong to kick out Russian agent 'Aussie cossack' in Sydney consulate: [\(M\)TheNightly](#)

Army

First time participation in Japan-US exercise: [\(M\)Defence](#)

Navy

Chefs cook off together in Singapore for Indo Pacific Endeavour: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Army

Australia to test StrikeMaster coastal defense system with NSM missiles mounted on Bushmaster vehicle: [\(F\)MainBattleTank](#)

Air Force

Royal Australian Air Force 2024: [\(F\)TaacticalWings](#)

Cambodia

Partnership of convenience: Ream Naval Base and the Cambodia–China convergence: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

NATO

NATO to launch new cyber center by 2028: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Dutch say tight defense market leaves €750M of Ukraine aid unspent: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

UK

British Army would be worn down 'in six months to a year' in a major war, minister warns: [\(M\)SkyNews](#)

US

'Campaign mindset': Pentagon unveils new, formal strategy to defend against rising unmanned threats: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Can Trump split China and Russia? [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

Canada

The future of land warfare and the Canadian Army: [\(M\)CDAInstitute](#)

Middle East

Bridging, not hedging: Arab Gulf States' ambitions in a polarised world : [\(M\)IISS](#)

Iran's weakened position and the status of its nuclear option: [\(M\)IISS](#)

Ukraine

Bushmaster IMV in the Kursk Region: [\(F\)UNITED24](#)

Australia's secret weapon: JDAM-ERs for Ukraine: [\(G\)O'Donnell](#)

Peace through agency: how to end Russia's war in Ukraine: [\(M\)RUSI](#)

Chemical weapons use in Ukraine tests global norms to breaking point: [\(M\)RUSI](#)

Russia

After Trump's win, Russian disinformation aims to drive a wedge between the US and Ukraine: [\(M\)APNews](#)

Russian casualties reach record highs in Ukraine: [\(M\)UKDI](#)

China

China defence minister Dong Jun's reappearance stirs more intrigue amid patron Miao Hua's downfall: [\(M\)ChannelNewsAsia](#)

Military History

Sailors on USS *Carney* recall tense night of combat in fierce Red Sea fight: [\(M\)TaskandPurpose](#)

Govt urged to negotiate return of VC hero from Russian morgue: [\(M>Contact](#)

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