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# RUSIV Occasional

## Celebrating our 130th Year

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### Forthcoming Anniversaries

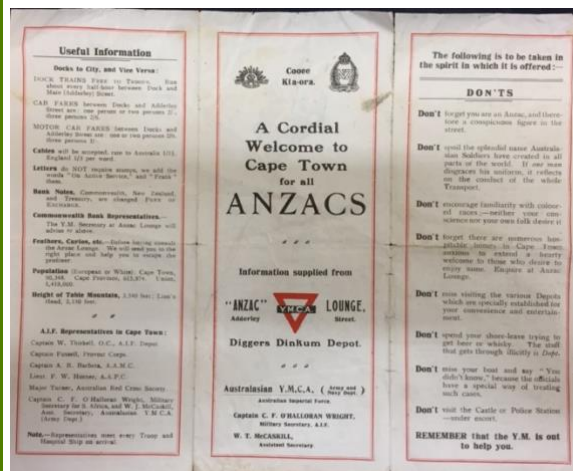
28 March 1941 – HMAS Vendetta, Perth & Stuart participate in the Battle of Cape Matapan  
29 March 1885 – NSW Contingent arrives in Sudan  
1 April 1921 – AIF disbanded  
5 April 1951 – 3 RAR crosses the 38th Parallel in Korea  
6 April 1917 – USA declares war on Germany  
7 April 1967 – Action in Vietnam for which Maj Peter Badcoe was awarded VC  
8 April 1918 – British Expeditionary Force enters Germany

### Stop Press:

Our Newsletter goes international! This Newsletter is now being made available from RUSI Nova Scotia

Member contributions are always welcome.

### South Africa & the Anzacs in the First World War



Forty-four convoys took the Anzacs to the battlefields of the Great War. Many of them transited via South Africa including the Ports of Cape Town and Durban. What was their reception like? We have some clues in our library. The flimsy flier from Cape Town, reveals that the AIF, NZEF and YMCA had combined to welcome those Anzacs lucky enough to be allowed ashore. The “Don’ts” (sic) are interesting: one says – “Don’t encourage familiarity with coloured races—neither you nor your own folk desire it”.

Convoys that called at Durban were greeted by Miss Ethel Campbell, the “Angel of Durban”. Her figure could be seen from far out to sea, flashing a message of welcome in semaphore. She carried baskets brimming with oranges, jams cooked in her kitchen, books, magazines and tobacco. The gifts were thrown up on the decks of the transports and men made sport of catching them. Those permitted to land were treated to a tour of the town, the sociable Miss Campbell their lively companion.

With help from *One Hundred Stories*  
<https://onehundredstories.anu.edu.au>



Miss Campbell hands out gift parcels

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

## Defence

Director-General ASIO’s annual threat assessment:  [\(M\)Asio.Gov](https://www.asio.gov.au)

Women in Defence and Security Network video interview - Wing Commander (Dr) Angeline Lewis:  [\(F\)ASPI](https://www.aspi.gov.au)

## Technology

Coming ready or not: Hypersonic weapons:  [\(M\)ASPIStrategicInsight](https://www.aspi.gov.au)

## Navy

HMA Ships Anzac and Sirius on another regional deployment:  [\(M\)Contact](https://www.aspi.gov.au)

Chief of Navy 2021 Priorities: [\(F\)RAN](#)

Launch of Arafura-Class OPV Enterprise: [\(M\)NavalNews](#)

## Army

Cairns businesses to build new Army watercraft: [\(M\)MirageNews](#).

## New Zealand

RNZAF delivers PPE to Papua New Guinea to help with COVID-19 response: [\(M\)NZDF](#)

## China

China's problematic solution to its water-security woes: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## Indonesia

Indonesian Navy receives first-ever locally assembled submarine: [\(M\)Janes](#)

## Malaysia

Defence White Paper (English): [\(M\)mod.Malaysia](#)

## Singapore

RSAF Clinches Outstanding Maintenance Award at the World's Premier Air Combat Exercise in the US: [\(M\)MinDefSingapore](#)

## Philippines

Manila Protests Presence of Hundreds of Chinese Ships in Contested Waters: [\(M\)RadioFreeAsia](#)

## Myanmar

Myanmar - reflections and predictions two months after the takeover: **29 March 1800 hrs AEST**  
**Zoom meeting ID 2852417834 Passcode 123456**

## UK

Royal Navy to have 24 frigates and destroyers by 2030: [\(M\)UKDefenceJournal](#).

What does the UK's integrated review mean for the Indo-Pacific? [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Defence review: British army to be cut to 72,500 troops by 2025: [\(M\)BBC](#)

## US

America's Indo-Pacific folly: adding new commitments in Asia will only invite disaster: [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

That was fast: blowups with China and Russia in Biden's first 60 days: [\(N\)nytimes](#)

## COVID 19

ADF teams injected into vaccine rollout: [\(M\)Contact](#)

America can – and should – vaccinate the world: the case for an all-out global approach to ending the pandemic: [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

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