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#### Forthcoming Anniversaries

7 June 1917: *Australians take part in the Battle of Messines, Belgium*  
8 June 1941: *7th Division attacks Vichy French in Syrian Campaign*  
8 June 1953: *Pannujon Negotiators sign agreement on POWs*  
10 June 1945: *9th Division lands at Brunei Bay, Labuan and Muar Island, Borneo*  
12 June 1900: *NSW Mounted Rifles & WA Mounted Rifles involved in Capture of Diamond Hill, Pretoria*  
12 June 1901: *5th Victorian Mounted Rifles contingent trapped at Wilmanrust, South Africa*  
13 June 1901: *Australians involved in Battle for Jezzine, Syria*  
13 June 1945: *Australians capture Brunei*  
14 June 1917: *First Australian AFV in action at Beersheba*

# RUSIV Occasional

## Celebrating our 131st Year

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

Member contributions are always welcome.

### Digitising our Map Collection



*A Gallipoli map, like one in our collection, currently on sale in Germany for €4500*

Our library holds a small but significant military map collection. It is in several forms: paper (or sometimes plastic) maps and charts and maps on CDs or DVDs. Our earliest ones are from the First World War, supplemented by the Second World War, Korean War and Vietnam War.

They are prominently allied maps, though a lesser number were captured from our opponents. The most valuable are maps marked for a particular engagement which are much more likely to be unique.

At present, most of our map holdings have not appeared on our online catalogue. One of our volunteers has almost completed a detailed preliminary listing which we intend to upload to the catalogue, together with digitised versions a small number of our rarest items, such as the maps used at the landing at Gallipoli. This will make the maps accessible to world-wide audience. Digitising is costly and is presently funded by a state government Veteran's Grant. Grant applications are necessary and time-consuming task, but help us to achieve our aims of preservation and access to our collection and increasing our membership.

Please remember that recent RUSIV Lunchtime Addresses you may have missed are available on DVDs  
Key to internet references: (M) - magazine or website; (N) - newspaper; (F) - film clip; (P) - podcast

## Defence

Australia needs asymmetric options to counter coercive statecraft: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Australia's largest warfighting exercise - Talisman Sabre: [\(F\)Defence](#)

## Technology

Revealed: Chinese weapon scientist has been working at the heart of Cambridge University's crucial research into new battlefield material: [\(N\)DailyMail](#)

Military drones may have attacked humans for first time without being instructed to, UN report says: [\(M\)IndependentUK](#)

## Navy

Hypohystericalhistory's guide to the Hobart Class Destroyer: [\(F\)Hypohysterical](#)

## Army

Artillery live fire during Exercise Barce: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Defence spends \$37m on private helicopter hire after troubles with its own \$15bn chopper program: [\(N\)GuardianAustralia](#)

Planning to not lose: the Australian Army's new philosophy of war: [\(M\)ArmyResearchCentre](#)

War crimes investigation stymied by embassy closure: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Swift deployment of combat communication networks: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Are Australia's new armoured vehicles too heavy?: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## Air Force

China's long-range missiles highlight RAAF's strike shortcomings: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

## Military History

43rd Engineers US Army in Australia & New Guinea during WWII: [\(F\)Ozatwar](#)

Declassified photos of the loading of Enola Gay: [\(M\)AlternateWars](#)

## New Zealand

New Zealand Defence Force: Canterbury flooding support: [\(F\)NZDF](#)

## China

Identity politics with Chinese characteristics: How the CCP's Quest to Define "China" Shapes Beijing's Agenda: [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

The Taiwan Temptation: Why Beijing Might Resort to Force: [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

## UK

British Army retires Warrior Infantry Fighting Vehicle (IFV): [\(F\)Matsimus](#)

HMS *Queen Elizabeth* and CSG21 Road Map to South China Sea 2021: [\(F\)MilitaryTV](#)

60 Second Update | June | British Army: [\(F\)BritishArmy](#)

## US

US Soldiers Expose Nuclear Weapons Secrets Via Flashcard Apps: [\(M\)Bellingcat](#)

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