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Lord Kitchener's Memorial Service(s)

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Forthcoming Anniversaries

19 July 1916: 5th Australian Division attacks at Fromelles suffering 5525 casualties in a one-night battle. The identification of their bodies continues to this day
19 July 1940: HMAS Sydney sinks Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni off Crete
20 July 1943: HMAS Hobart hit by torpedoes off San Cristobal
21 July 1900: 300 Australians ambushed by Boers at Elads River, South Africa
22 July 1919: Australians in attack at Archangel, North Russia
23 July 1916: Battle of Pozieres begins, Lt Arthur Blackburn & Pte Jon Leak, 9th Battalion, awarded VCs
24 July 1900: Captain Neville Howse, Medical Corps, awarded VC, Vredfort, orange Free State
26 July 1945: Allies issue Japan with the ultimatum to surrender
30 July 1916: HMAS Pioneer bombards Dar-es-Salam, Tanzania



Horatio Herbert Kitchener, 1st Earl Kitchener, KG, KP, GCB, OM, GCSI, GCMG, GCIE, PC (24 June 1850 – 5 June 1916) was one of the British Army's most famous officers.

Kitchener's experiences were very numerous. His culminating achievements were in the early direction of the First World War and particularly in the raising of Kitchener's New Army of over two-and-a-half-a-million men. The New Army first went into action in September 1915 at the Battle of Loos.

He died as Secretary of State for War by drowning as HMS *Hampshire* hit a German mine near the island of Orkney en route to Russia.

Kitchener had visited Australia in January 1910 when he was invited to review Australia's military capabilities. He was at the time Commander-in-Chief of the British.

We have Orders of Service of two of the Australian Memorial Services for the Field Marshal. The first, was held at St Paul's Cathedral on 13th June 1916 and the one illustrated was held at the Exhibition Building on the 18th June. There were several other ceremonies held throughout Australia.

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

Launch of Our RUSIV Ethics Essay Competition

The filmed launch of our ethics essay competition by Major General (Ret'd) Greg Garde, AO, RFD, QC can be viewed at: [\(F\)Launch](#)

Defence

Recommended: Which past is prologue? Heeding the right warnings from history:
[\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

As Australia's strategic environment changes, foreign policy funding must change too:

[\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Ethics

On the toxicity of the 'Warrior' Ethos: [\(M\)WavellRoom](#)

Navy

Behind the scenes look at a simulated hospital exercise on board HMAS *Canberra*: [\(F\)Defence](#)
Navy trains alongside US, Japan and South Korea in warfighting exercise off NSW Coast: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Army

Peacekeeping in Korea continues: [\(M\)Contact](#)

Air Force

First F-35A pilots graduate as part of Exercise Rogue Ambush: [\(F\)Defence](#)

Military History

Australia's Mighty Shipbuilding Effort (1941): [\(F\)BritishPathe](#)

China

Why has China's PLA started sending 'grandpa fighter jets' to test Taiwan's air defences?:

[\(M\)SouthChinaMorning Post](#)

Crafting a way ahead for effective Australian deterrence against Chinese threats:

[\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

UK

Japan's navy and UK Carrier Strike Group, toward a new Anglo-Japanese alliance? [\(F\)HUFHack](#)

US

Does America really support democracy – or just other rich democracies? Washington's fight against autocracy will fail if it leaves out the poor: [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

UK Carrier Strike Group Suez Canal transit: [\(F\)NavyLookout](#)

Access denied: the costs of keeping the Afghan War out of the media spotlight: [\(M\)Usma](#)

Will Afghanistan be America's second Vietnam – or something worse? [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

The US needs a 'Digital Marshall Plan' to counter China's Digital Silk Road: [\(M\)TheHill](#)

The Hearts-and-Minds Myth: America Gets Counterinsurgency Wrong: [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

Canada

Defence Team News | 9 July 2021: [\(F\)CanadianArmed Forces](#)

Losing the narrative? The Struggle of the Canadian Armed Forces to shape its image [\(M\)NATOAssocCa](#)

The war inside the Canadian Armed Forces: In the wake of multiple exits by senior leaders after untested allegations of misconduct, fixing its badly broken justice system is now the most important mission facing the beleaguered military: [\(M\)Macleans](#)

COVID-19

Humans now testing the US Army's catch-all COVID vaccine: [\(M\)ArmyTimes](#)

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