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Forthcoming Anniversaries

3 May 1917: HMAS Sydney battles Zeppelin L43 in the North Sea
4-8 May 1942: Battle of the Coral Sea
5 May 1915: 2nd Aust Bde & NZ Bde deploy to Cape Helles, Gallipoli
5 May 1945: VE Day
6 May 1942: The last US troops surrender at Corregidor
7 May 1915: a German U-boat sinks the RMS Lusitania, killing 1,198 people
9 May 1941: U-110 is captured by the RN together with its encryption equipment
11 May 1945: 6th Division captures Wewak, Papua New Guinea
13 May 1942: US troops replace New Zealanders on Fiji
13 May 1943: Australian commitment in British North Africa campaign ends at Tunisia
14 May 1943: Hospital ship Centaur sunk by Japanese submarine off Queensland, killing 268 people. Only 63 men and one female nurse rescued by USS Mugford
15 May 1942: POWs moved to Thailand from Singapore to work on the Burma Railway. Australians reinforce Port Moresby, Papua.
16 May 1945: 9th Division lands at Brunei

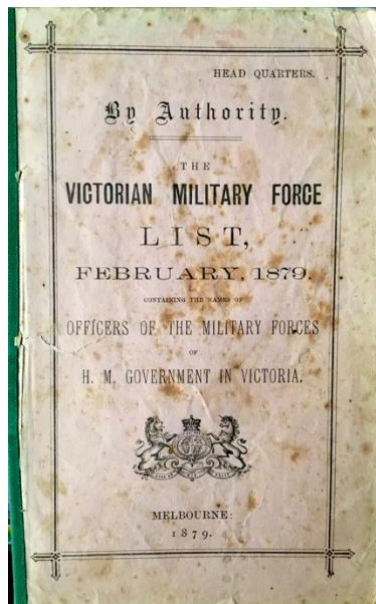
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Military Lists



Military Lists (often irreverently termed Stud Books) are important and authoritative references to military officers of the forces. They can be either Gradation Lists (giving the seniority of officers by rank) or Staff and Regimental Lists (giving the appointments held on the Staff or in each unit. They most often give full names, dates of birth and dates for appointment or promotion. They are printed with government authority and reveal valuable snapshots of the forces. Not all editions were distributed to public libraries.

Our collection of these lists has been built over many years and, whilst far from complete, is one of the best in Australia. It encompasses the Victorian Military Forces (our earliest, 1879, is shown here), Victorian Navy, Australia Army, Australian Imperial Force, Royal Australian Navy & Royal Australian Air Force. We have good Army coverage of both the First and Second World Wars. We also have a few British Lists.

These Lists may be seen as dull, but their authoritative status makes them indispensable to professional historians and family researchers.

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

The peaks and troughs of ANZUS at 70: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)
Afghanistan: where imperial hubris goes to die: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Technology

‘Aerial Minefields’? Russia Tests Miniature Kamikaze Drones in Syria: [\(M\)NationalInterest](#)

Cyberspace

Spy chiefs look to declassify intel after rare plea from 4-star commanders: [\(M\)Politico](#)

Navy

Arunta the 'pride of the fleet': [\(M\)DefenceNews](#)

Air Force

RAAF Base Williamtown: [\(F\)RAAF](#)

Military History

The Polish invention that changed the Second World War: [\(F\)Felton](#)

NZ Sappers Heritage Material: [\(M\)NZSappers](#)

Pacific

Step Up or Be Overrun: China's Challenge for the Pacific: [\(P\)ANU](#)

Indonesia

The KRI *Nanggala* tragedy: old subs are getting pushed to the limit: [\(M\)Forbes](#)

China

China boosts Djibouti presence: more investments and naval base capable of docking aircraft carriers: [\(M\)FutureDirections](#)

Japan's quiet pushback against China: [\(M\)FutureDirections](#)

How not to win allies and influence geopolitics: China's self-defeating economic statecraft: [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)

China's actions, not Australia's words, are the problem: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Singapore

Singapore, Malaysia re-affirm defence ties: [\(N\)StraitsTimes](#)

Singapore's A330 MRTTs reach full operational capability: [\(M\)FlightGlobal](#)

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Calls for a new Royal Yacht to be commissioned and named after Prince Philip: [\(M\)ForcesNews](#)

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