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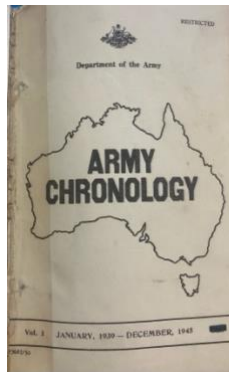
Forthcoming Anniversaries

13 January 1900: Boers attack New South Welshmen at Prieska, South Africa
14 January 1942: 8 Div inflicts heavy losses on Japanese in an ambush at Gemas, Malaya
18 January 1942: 2/29 Bn attacked by Japanese light tanks at Bakri, Malaya
20 January 1942: Six RAAF Wirraways engage 100 Japanese planes over Rabaul, New Guinea
20 January 1951: A Coy 3 RAR occupies Ichon, Kore

RUSIA Defence Update

A weekly e-newsletter relating to our security & defence

Army Chronology



The Department of the Army issued *Army Chronology* to cover the period between 1939 and 1954. Its purpose was to record – one surmises for history – the administrative decisions of the Department as opposed to decisions taken by Army commanders or the Military Board. Contents included legislative and regulatory framework, business matters, military statistics and financial matters – the ‘control’ issues rather than the ‘command’ ones.

There were only several Secretaries of the Department over that important period spanning two wars. Frank Roy Sinclair, CBE (1892-1965) was Secretary from 1941 to 1955 with E. Harding as Acting Secretary in the latter half of 1954. The first volume of the *Chronology* covered the period 1939 – 1945 – later volumes became successively briefer and covered three-month periods. The publication appears to have ceased after 1954 and very few copies seem to have survived – only one is recorded in a library.

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

Defence

Innovation for security: why Australia needs its own DARPA: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)
James Curran is wrong: ASPI is and will remain independent: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Navy

When a sonar image reveals a piece of history: [\(M\)Defence](#)

Army

Aussies buying 40 more Bushmasters for long-range fire C2: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Air Force

Faster, please: the ADF needs to catch up on uncrewed-aircraft technologies: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

New Zealand

Uncrewed aircraft systems training takes off: [\(M\)NZDefence](#)

NATO

NATO sends a fleet to guard Baltic Sea cables: [\(P\)Politico](#)
 Europe needs shared defence capabilities: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

UK

The cost of sovereignty? The future of Britain's defense industrial base: [\(M\)WarontheRocks](#)

US

In dealing with China, Trump just needs to step up his first-term approach: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)
 A new dashboard is helping the CNO keep tabs on readiness and more: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)
 Stress Test

Recommended: Can a troubled order survive a disruptive leader? [\(M\)ForeignAffairs](#)
 The Pentagon finessed its pivot to Asia. Can it last during Trump? [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

Middle East

Hezbollah leader Nasrallah was killed last year inside the war operations room, aide says: [\(M\)APNews](#)
 US military campaign against Islamic State ramps up: [\(M\)military.com](#)

Ukraine

Ukraine military-aid donors aim to set Kyiv up through 2027, Pentagon says: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)
 Ukraine has received less than half of promised US military aid so far: Zelensky: [\(M\)DefensePost](#)

Russia

Blinken warns Russia is close to sharing advanced satellite technology with North Korea: [\(M\)CNN](#)
 Russia doubled down on nuclear threats in Europe: 2024 in review: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)
 Covert sabotage masked by plausible deniability: how grey zone warfare targets sea cables: [\(F\)ForcesNews](#)

China

Chinese team controls over 10,000 drones with single computer in dazzling display: [\(F\)CCTVVideoNewsAgency](#)
 China takes aim at Philippine democracy: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)
 Taiwan Coast Guard blames Chinese-owned ship for cutting undersea communications cable: [\(M\)WarZone](#)
 Has China's secret H-20 stealth bomber broken cover? [\(M\)Air&SpaceForces](#)
 How China's new next-gen fighters could impact America's plans for NGAD: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)

Military History

That time the US Army tried to develop a missile guided by pigeons: [\(M\)TaskandPurpose](#)
 The Falklands SAS mission known as 'Op Certain Death': [\(F\)ForcesNews](#)
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