

Glossary

BCOF	Abbreviation for the British Commonwealth Occupation Force. After the Second World War Australian troops occupied parts of Japan as part of BCOF.
Contingents	A body of troops forming part of a larger unit.
Federated nation	Federation is the process whereby a group of states come together to form a single nation. Australia became a federated nation in 1901 when the formerly self-governing colonies combined to form the Commonwealth of Australia.
Gallantry	Another word for bravery
Macintosh sheet	A cloth waterproofed with rubber.
Mention in Despatches	To be mentioned in despatches is to have one's name appear in an official report, written by a superior officer and sent up the chain of command, in which the soldier's brave or otherwise meritorious actions in the face of the enemy are recorded.
Primus stove	A portable stove that burns vaporised oil or gas as its fuel.
Veldt (also spelled veld)	Open grassland in South Africa.

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