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Australians in North Russia 1919 Reading List

This is a selected list of works on 'Australians in North Russia 1919'.

An Allied expeditionary force, including some Australian volunteers, was landed at Murmansk in March 1918 to support the weakening Russian front against Germany. The front was reinforced by further landings at Archangel in August 1918. In supporting the White Russians, the force became involved in operations against the Bolsheviks. To extract the force after the Armistice and after the Russian winter, the North Russia Relief Force was raised in UK, again including Australian volunteers, arriving in North Russia in June 1919. All British forces were evacuated by September 1919. Two Australians were awarded a Victoria Cross for actions in North Russia: Corporal Arthur Percy SULLIVAN and Sergeant Samuel George PEARSE.

The books listed below are available in the Institute's Ursula Davidson Library. The call number (*i.e.* compactus shelf address) follows the citation in each case.

BURNESS, Peter **The Australians in Russia, 1919** *Sabretache* (Journal of the Military Historical Society of Australia) 1976 August p.266 Call No: J030 SABR 1976

BURNESS, Peter **The Forgotten war in north Russia** *Defence Force Journal* Volume 22 May/June 1980 p.31-41. Call No: J030 ADFJ 1980

CHALLINGER, Michael (2010) **Anzacs in Archangel: the untold story of Australia and the invasion of Russia 1918-19** (Melbourne: Hardie Grant Books) Call No: 570.02 CHAL 2010

CHAMBERLAIN, W. M. **The Australians in Russia 1919** *Sabretache* (Journal of the Military Historical Society of Australia). 1968 July p. 1-4 Call No: J030 SABR 1968

COATES, John (2006). **An atlas of Australia's wars**, 2nd edition (Oxford University Press: Melbourne) Call No. A503.2 COAT 2006. [There is an excellent concise summary of The North Russian Intervention at p. 112 and a map of its exploits at p. 113 (Map 42a). The atlas is on permanent display in the Reading Room]

FRASER, Bryce M. (2019) **The extended war on the Eastern Front, 1918-1925: the Russian Intervention** *United Service* Vol. 70, No. 1 (March) , pp. 8 – 12 Call No. J030 US 2019 [This paper provides a summary of the campaign in its wider context]

GREY, Jeffrey **HMAS Swan in Russia** *Sabretache* (Journal of the Military Historical Society of Australia). 1984 April/June p.12-18 Call No: J030 SABR 1984

MUIRDEN, B. W. (Bruce W.) (1990) **The Diggers who signed on for more: Australia's part in the Russian wars of intervention, 1918-1919** (Kent Town, South Australia: Wakefield Press) Call No: 570.02 MUIR 1990

QUINLIVIAN, Peter (2006) **Forgotten valour: story of Arthur Sullivan VC, shy war hero** (Sydney: New Holland) Call No: 570.01 QUIN 2006

WIGMORE, Lionel (editor), (1986) **They dared mightily** (Canberra, ACT: Australian War Memorial) Call No: 503.2 WIGM 1986 [One-page biographies of Australians awarded the Victoria Cross.

North Russia: page 132 (Samuel George PEARSE and Arthur Percy SULLIVAN. 1914 – 1918: page 29.]

Additional sources:

IRONSIDE, Edmund, Sir (1953) *Archangel, 1918-1919* (London: Constable) Call No: 570.02 IRON 1953. [Australian forces mentioned: p. 162, 163, 164-165, 180]

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