This guide is an introduction to UNSW Special Collections manuscript and rare book sources relating to the Cold War, including material illustrating the role of technology in the conflict.

It is a selective list of resources to get you started – you can search for additional manuscripts using our Finding Aid Index and for rare books in the Library Catalogue (refine your search results by Collection > Special Collections to identify rare books).

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Manuscripts

**MSS 75 – Papers of Vice-Admiral Sir Henry Mackay Burrell**
Letter from F.H. Kelly, The Bristol Aeroplane Company Limited, 27 February 1953, including photograph taken when three Bristol Sycamore MK50 aircraft were delivered to HMAS Vengeance at Weymouth. [*The Bristol Sycamore was one of the first production helicopters to be developed in the post-World War 2 period*]

**MSS 126 – Papers of the Doug Robertson Maritime and Naval History Collection**
A comprehensive collection of notebooks, research notes, newspaper clippings and plans – together with an extended sequence of 70,000 photographs and slides - compiled and collected by Australian ship expert and naval historian, Doug Robertson (1923-1984).

Box 10/Folder 51 – Notebook entitled 'United States Navy - submarines', c. 1893-1960, including pamphlet/diagram of USS Segundo SS-398 submarine which was modernised in 1951; also newspaper cutting/image re USS Thresher, the first nuclear-powered US submarine: [*Created to find and destroy Soviet submarines, Thresher was the fastest and quietest submarine of the day. She also had the most advanced weapons system, with passive and active sonar, that could detect vessels at unprecedented range and launchers for the US Navy's newest anti-submarine missile, the SUBROC.*];

Box 28/Folder 155 – Lists of ships, notes and newspaper clippings entitled 'Rome', 'Roumania', 'Russia', 'Russia (Czarist)', including clipping of a newly launched Soviet ship;

Box 43/Folder 251 – Promotional material, notes and newspaper clippings on HMCS Provider and USSR, 1972, including brochures with photographs, articles re Soviet ships;

Box 27/Folder 151 – Lists of ships and newspaper clippings entitled 'Morocco', 'Muscat', 'Naples', 'NATO', including NATO pamphlet with images of weapons, clippings (one with diagram of arms holdings in Europe);

Box 39/Folder 225 – Notes and newspaper clippings on submarines, Australian Navy (RAN), ASR's, 1914-1980;

Box 45/Folder 262 – Promotional material, notes, magazine and newspaper clippings on NSW ferries, Australian coast guards, RN submarines and tugs [Australian], 1789-1970;

Box 56/Folder 352 – Promotional material for HMAS Perth, HMAS Queenborough, HMAS Stalwart, HMAS Stuart, HMA Submarine brochures, Support ships, Survey ships, and HMAS Swan
Boxes 95-262: Photographs and slides of Australian and overseas ships arranged by name of ship [a comprehensive selection of vessel images, including examples of many state of the art ships of their day]

Othertype Map Cabinet 3/Drawer 3/Oversize 1-7: Detailed ships plans, including: HMAS Warramunga (1943), HMAS Perth (1968), HMAS Sydney (1940)

Othertype Map Cabinet 3/Drawer 3/Oversize 8-15
Ships plans, including:
Armament cross-sections – short range (1958), medium range (1959)

MSS 187 – Papers of Damien Fenton
Box 8/Folders 56-62 – Photocopies of archival primary sources, 1958-1968, including Public Records Office, Kew; Boxes 9-11 – Notes and photocopies of archival primary sources from National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Washington, DC, USA, 1958-1973

MSS 190 – Papers of Michael Richardson
Journalist and photographer, Michael Richardson was the Southeast Asia correspondent for The Age in the 1970s, and a senior research fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore until 2009. His archive includes important primary sources on East Timor's political history and conflict, including photographs of the Declaration of Independence on 28 November 1975.

Box 12/Folder 78 – East Timor oil funds (1999-2008), including articles: ‘Russia needs a stabilisation fund’ (3p.); ‘Russia pondering ways of spending oil revenues’ (3p.)

MSS 196 - Papers of Sir Arthur Tange

Box 1/Folder 1 – Typescripts: ‘Defence and Australian society of the late 20th century’; ‘The reorganisation of the defence group of departments - reflections ten years on’

MSS 231 – Papers of Sir General John Wilton
Wilton was a senior commander in the Australian Army who served as Chief of the General Staff (CGS) from 1963 until 1966, and as Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee (CCOSC), forerunner of the role of Australia's Chief of the Defence Force, from 1966 until 1970. In this role he had overall responsibility for Australia's forces in Vietnam, and worked to achieve an integrated defence organisation, including a tri-services academy, a joint intelligence group, and the amalgamation of separate government departments for the Army, Navy and Air Force. He served as Consul-General in New York from 1973 to 1975.

Box 5/Folder 2 – Photo album (b&w): Unison 65 (the Commonwealth Inter-Service Study, Cranwell, England) including images of RAF flying & military equipment (planes, missiles etc) display; Folder 3-Photo albums (b&w): Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation, Military Advisers (2 albums); Box 6 – Photo album (b&w): [b&w photos from the 1930s to the 1990s], including interesting images of Wilton’s visit to US, 1962; Box 7 – Photo album (b&w): Thirteenth Military Advisers Conference, SEATO, 15-18 September, 1960

MSS 284 – Papers of Histories of Commissioned Ships in the Royal Australian Navy
Photocopy and carbon typescript drafts relating to Commissioned Ships serving in the Royal Australian Navy. The collection provides technical ship data together with a brief service history of between one to seventeen pages for each vessel from launching to disposal from 1866 to 1983. This information was collected for The Australasian Military History Database (MIHILIST), produced by the Academy Library, UNSW Canberra, Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra.

Examples: Box 7/Folder 234 HMS Warrnambool (I); Box 7/Folder 235 HMAS Warrego (I); Box 7/Folder 236 HMAS Warrego (II); Box 7/Folder 237 HMAS Watcher; Box 7/Folder 238 HMAS Waterhen

MSS 322 – Papers of Frank Cain
Historian and former academic at the University of New South Wales in Canberra, specialising in intelligence, defence and foreign policy history and strategic studies, including the Cold War. Includes source materials for Cain’s ASIO: an unofficial history (Richmond, Vic: Spectrum, 1994) and Economic statecraft during the Cold War: European responses to the US trade embargo (London: Routledge, 2007).
Box 1/Folder 2 – including copied papers on establishment of ASIO, recruitment of spies from Australian military forces, Cabinet memo on long range weapons projects, Combe-Ivanov report documents (c1983), relating to the Australian-Soviet spy scandal; Box 1/Folder 3 – including Frank Cain, ‘Missiles and Mistrust: US Intelligence Responses to British and Australian Missile Research’ (undated); Frank Cain, ‘ASIO and the Australian Labour Movement – An Historical Perspective’ (undated); Frank Cain, ‘An Aspect of Post-War Australian Relations with the UK and the US: Missiles, Spies and Disharmony’ (undated); Frank Cain, ‘An Administrative History of Political Surveillance in Australia 1916-1983’ (undated); Frank Cain, ‘From Alliance to Enmity: USA Reaction to Australian Missile Technology’ (1986); Canadian Association for Security and Intelligence Studies, Conference on Security and Intelligence Needs for the 1990s: A Canadian Perspective (1989); Box 1/Folder 4 – including clippings documenting the Petrov affair; Box 3/Folder 12 – ‘W17’= copied National Archives (United States) and National Archives of Australia records relating to CoCoM (Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls) on export of computers and advanced technology, including sale of cryogenics, superconductors, Trident aeroplanes, Sigma-5 computer systems, microwave electronics etc; Box 13/Folder 59 – file ‘Moscow Letters’ (1952) and ‘Analysis of Moscow letters etc’, ie. translations of these relating to the Petrov affair, including detailed intelligence reports in English and Russian and copies of other documents associated with the scandal [material is very evocative of USSR-Australia Cold War tensions at the time]

MSS 336 – Richard Northam – Plan cabinet
This collection contains photographs, plans, cards, leaflets, booklets and miscellaneous on US and British aircrafts, mostly from WWII and the 1950-60s, including coloured posters of fighter jets and cross-section plan of Mosquito bomber [‘The de Havilland Mosquito was a British light bomber that served in many roles during and after the Second World War. Mosquito-equipped squadrons performed medium bomber, reconnaissance, tactical strike, anti-submarine warfare and shipping attack and night fighter duties, both defensive and offensive.’]

MSS 346 – Papers of Herbert S. Johnson
Box 1/Folder 1 – including Correspondence to Dr Frank Cain, 9 November, 1995; Correspondence to Mark Godfrey (US News and World Report), 3 March, 1995; Hiroshima Witness - an American Combat Infantry Soldier’s Story by Herbert Johnson, 1994 with added note to Dr Cain (Includes ‘Illustrations and Maps’).

MSS 355 – Papers of John McCarthy
Comprising photocopies of Australian government documents relating to World War II and research material for various publications by the historian and academic John McCarthy.

Box 13/Folder 68 – Photocopies of Australian government documents: Russia, November 1941-February 1946, including discussion of proposed post-war military assistance as offered by Joseph Stalin

MSS 366 – Papers of John Coates
During his long and distinguished military career Coates held various staff and command appointments both in Australia and overseas, including Commandant of the Royal Military College, Duntroon, 1983, Head of the Australian Defence Staff, Washington, 1984-1987, Assistant Chief Defence Force (Policy), 1987-1989 and Chief of the General Staff, Australian Army, 1990-1992. After retirement, he became a Visiting Fellow at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University College, Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra.

Othertype Map Cabinet 4, Drawer 10/Oversize 6 – Enlarged copies of maps from ‘An atlas of Australia’s wars’, by John Coates (South Melbourne: Oxford University Press, 2006, 2nd ed.):

‘The post-World War II period’: ‘The Malayan Emergency and confrontation’, including: Map 131a ‘Malaya: a guerrilla’s paradise’; map 131b ‘Main terrorist areas’; and map 131c ‘Federal priority operations, 1955-59’

MSS 371 – Papers of Brian Beddie
Papers and reference material assembled by Professor Brian Beddie relating to Australian defence policy and administration, including coverage of the Cold War (1985-1991). A former diplomat, and academic specialising in international relations, Beddie was co-founder of the Politics Department at ANU, and foundation Professor in Government in the Faculty of Military Studies, Duntroon.

Including: Boxes 1-11: Foreign Affairs and Trade round-up, 1987-1989, including coverage of the Cold War, disarmament and peace movements; Boxes 12-22 – Defence news summary, 1982-1991, including coverage of the Cold War, disarmament and peace movements; Box 31/Folders 4-5 - Defence Committee minutes 1944-1951, CRSA2031

MSS 374 – Papers of Peter Hastings
Prominent Australian journalist Peter Hastings (1920-1990) was editor of the Bulletin (1962-64), and foreign affairs writer for the Australian (1966-70) and the Sydney Morning Herald (1970-74, 1976-90).

Box 12/Series 6/Folders 11-13 – press clippings on foreign relations and defence; Box 19/Series 10/Folders 1-2 – intelligence activities: press articles (including articles by Peter Hastings), papers, journals (topics: Australian Cryptographic Organisation, Special Wireless Unit, World War 2 intelligence activities, Defence Signals Division, ASIS, SIGINT; Box 19/Folder 3 – DSD book: Material relating to intelligence activities and proposal for history of Australian signal intelligence during World War 2 including: correspondence with DSD, book outline, reference material; Box 19/Folder 4 – Intelligence activities: Central Bureau intercept, Des Ball; Box 23/Series 13/Folder 1 – source material on nuclear weapons including telegrams, press clippings (+ schematic map of nuclear weapons in Europe), news service reports, and excerpts from published material

Rare Books

The security trap : arms race, militarism and disarmament : a concern for Christians
Jose-Antonio Viera Gallo
Rome : IDOC International, 1979
viii, 266 p.
Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (JX1974.7 .S43 1979)

Brighter than a thousand suns : the moral and political history of the atomic scientists
Robert Jungk 1913-
London : Gollancz in association with R. Hart-Davis, 1958
350 p.
Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (QC773 .J813 1958)

No immediate danger : prognosis for a radioactive earth
Rosalie Bertell 1929-
London : Women's Press, 1985
x, 435 p. : ill
Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (RA569 .B4 1985)

Nuclear handbook 1960, Part 1
‘Restricted’; Cover title.; ‘Notified in AAOs for 30th April, 1960’; ‘Issued by command of the Military Board’
Canberra : Army, 1960
159 p. : ill ; 22 cm.
Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (U264 .N82 1960)
Military communications
Cointrin, Switzerland : Interavia Data, 1988
2 v.
Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (UA940 .M53 1983)

The nuclear barons
Peter Pringle
James Spigelman 1946-
London : Sphere, 1983
578 p.
Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (QC792.7 .P74 1983)

Modelling military conflict : a conceptual model
Gregory Kemp Whymark
D. L Hoffman (David L.)
Canberra, A.C.T : University College, The University of New South Wales, Dept. of Computer Science, Australian Defence Force Academy, 1990
25 leaves
Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (U167 .W59 1990)

Australian army manual of land warfare
Darlinghurst, N.S.W. : Headquarters Training Command, 1977-
8 v.
Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (UD 155 .A8 1977)

What is science for?
Bernard Dixon
284 p.
Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (Q172.5 .D58 1976)

An Introduction to guided weapons
London : War Office, 1957
52 p. : ill. ; 19 cm.
Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (UG630 .I57 1957)

Australia's ships of war
John Bastock
Sydney : Angus & Robertson, 1975
xvii, 414p : ill.
Limited edition 750 copies
Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (VA713.B37)

Navy Australia, an illustrated history
George Odgers
1 v.
Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (VA713.O34 1989)

The Royal Australian Navy: the first seventy-five years
Phillip Belbin, Ross Gillett
Brookvale, N.S.W : Child & Henry, 1986
xiii, 278 p. : ill. (some col.)
Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (folio VA713.B45 1986)
Defence in transition : Australian defence policy and the role of air power 1945-1954
John Malcolm McCarthy 1933
Five year defence policy, 1947-1952 -- Sir Donald Hardman and the organisation of the RAAF 1952-1954 --
Australian air power and defence 1950-1954
Defence papers (Australian Defence Studies Centre) ; no. 2
Canberra : Australian Defence Studies Centre, 1991
1 v.
Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (UG735.A8 M3 1991)

USSR air fleet
John Stroud 1919-
Aeronautics, Military -- Soviet Union; Airplanes, Military
London : Published for the A.T.C. Gazette by the Rolls House Publishing Company, 194-?
1 sheet (fold)
Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (UG635.R8 S7)

Anti-armour
Australia. Australian Army,
Development of armour and armour defeating weapons -- --Historical background -- --Anti-armour ammunition --
--Armour types -- Weapon systems -- --Direct fire weapons -- --Artillery -- --Mines and obstacles -- Employment
and fire control of anti-armour weapons -- --Siting -- --Pursuit -- Defensive operations -- --Area defence -- --
Delaying defence
Training information bulletin ; no. 60
Sydney : Headquarters Training Command, 1985
1 v. (various pagings) : ill. ; 21 cm.
Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (UF628 A9 1985)

The wild blue : the story of American airpower
John F Loosbrock
‘The best from Air Force Magazine’ -- Into the air -Kitty Hawk -Kill Devil Hill -War -Wright Brothers -- World War I
-Spad -Fokker -Nieuport -Sopwiths -DH-4 -Air Corps -B17 -Rickenbacker -- Growing years -Eagle boats -PW-8 -
7th Balloon Company -B-25 Stratofortress -Barling Bomber -Bombers against battleships -- Airpower comes of age
-Navy flying boats -Day my parachute let me down -- War with Japan -Pearl Harbor -Midway -Henderson Tower -Action in the Solomons -Old 26 comes home -Piggy back on a bomb -China -Hump route -Military Air
Transport Service -Balikpapan -Air in the Southwest Pacific -Miracle at Tacloban Strip -From Kansas to Tokyo -
Our power to destroy War -- War with Germany -Sweeps over France -Hell over Bizerte -Air-ground cooperation
Fortress -Operation Overlord -B-17 -P-51 Mustangs -- Postwar Air Force -Berlin air lift -MiG alley -Science and
airpower -- Korean War -Air war in Korea -UD X Corps -SAC B-29 -F-86 Sabrejet -F-51 Mustangs -MiG-15 -
YAKS -Electronics -Great lessons of Korea -German warfare -- Modern Airpower -Air bridge to freedom -B-36 and
the deterrent force -- Aerospace force -USAF doctrine and national policy -Purpose of war -Race for the ICBM -
Nature of nuclear warfare -Survival in the nuclear age -Last flight of the X-2 -Air and space are indivisible -
Challenge of the vertical frontier
New York : G.P. Putnam's Sons, c1961
xix, 620 p.
Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (UG633 .W54 1961)

History of the Office of the Secretary of Defense
Steven L. Rearden 1946-
M. Condit -- VOL.1. -- 17 September 1947 -Strategy of containment -State of the armed forces -Road to
unification -National security act of 1947 -- Unification act on trial -Progress and problems -1949 amendments --
Office of the secretary of defense -Forrestal's staff -Evolution of staff responsibilities -Changes under Johnson -
Public relations front -- Staff agencies -Munitions board -Research and development board -Nonstatutory staff
agencies -Military liaison committee -- OSD and the national security structure -National security council -
Relations with the state department -National security resources board -Joint Chiefs of Staff -Intelligence
community -- Challenge of communism: Greece, Turkey and Italy -- Israel and the Arab states -Partition of
Defence and Australian industry: proceedings of the First National Conference, World Congress Centre, Melbourne, Victoria, 22 March 1995
Institution of Engineers, Australia.
Contents: Customer's perspective of naval shipbuilding in Australia -- Navy and industry -- Army and industry from the Army perspective -- RAAF and industry -- RAAF and industry - an aircraft manufacturer's perspective -- Naval engineering - keeping the ships afloat - Integrated logistic support - the lessons & the future -- Role of the Royal Australian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers -- RAAF Engineering - keeping the weapons platforms in the sky - Supporting the fleet - a contractor's view of meeting RAAF requirements
Journal of the Society of Military Engineering; v. 1 no. 1
North Melbourne, Vic.: Society of Military Engineering, 1995
viii, 122 p.: ill.
Canberra, Academy Library Main Collection (UG 122 .I57 1995)

Spotlight on red spy rings: a factual statement of the evidence proving the existence of an international spy ring
Communism -- Australia; Espionage, Soviet; Espionage, Soviet -- Australia
Carnegie Vic.: Renown Press, 1954?
47 p.: ports.; 22 cm
Available at Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (DU 113.5 .S65 S69 1954)
Petrov's 25,000 dollar story exploded : the devastating answer to Petrov's 'Moscow gold' story as presented to the Petrov Commission
28 p. : ill ; 21 cm.
Available at Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (DU113.5 .S65 S5 1955)

The Australian Security Intelligence Organization : an unofficial history
Frank Cain 1931-
Australian Security Intelligence Organization -- History; Intelligence service -- Australia -- History; Internal security -- Australia; National security -- Australia
Richmond, Vic : Spectrum Publications 1994
x, 292 p. : ill
Available at Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (JQ4029.16 C35 1994)

Beneath the city streets : a private inquiry into the nuclear preoccupations of government
Peter Laurie
Civil defence -- Great Britain
Harmondsworth : Penguin, 1972
302 p. : ill, maps
Available at Canberra, Academy Library Special Collection (UA929.G7 L34 1972)
Academy Library titles

**Sukhoi Su-27, Su-30, Su-33, Su-34, Su-35 : famous Russian flanker**
E. Gordon author.
Dmitrii Komissarov (Dmitrii Sergeevich), author, translator.
Manchester, England : Crécy Publicationing Ltd, 2019
719 pages : illustrations (chiefly color) ; 29 cm.
Canberra, Academy Library New Book Display (UG1245.R8 G77 2019)

**NATO and Warsaw Pact submarines since 1955**
Eugene M. Kolesnik 1945-
Poole : Blandford
1987
[160] p. : ill
Canberra, Academy Library Main Collection (V 857 .K6 1987)

**War in space**
Christopher Lee
London : Hamilton, 1986
Canberra, Academy Library Main Collection (UG 1530 .L43 1986)

**Britain's cold war bombers**
Tim McLelland author.
Place of publication not identified : Fonthill Media Limited, 2013
336 pages, 32 unnumbered pages of plates : illustrations (black and white, and colour) ; 26 cm.
Canberra, Academy Library Main Collection (UG1242 .B6 M45 2013)

**The technology trap : science and the military**
Timothy Garden
x, 148 p. : 24 cm.
Canberra, Academy Library Main Collection (U 42 .G37 1989)

**Soviet air defence missiles : design, development and tactics**
Steve. Zaloga
Coulsdon, Surrey : Jane's Information Group, 1989
384 p. : ill
Canberra, Academy Library Main Collection (UG 743 .Z34 1989)

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