



Camp Columbia
The History of Dutch Australian American
WWII Collaboration

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Camp Columbia Heritage Association Inc.

- **Heritage listing (set in motion)**
- **Preserve and catalogue remaining elements and artifacts found on site.**
- **Improve accessibility for visitors to the historic sites.**
- **Have a visual display on the site.**
- **Make the historical significance of the site more widely known. .**
- **Thru collaboration: Australia, Netherlands, USA**

We thanks the RHSQ for their support.



Historic Overview of the Site

- **Area Aboriginal hunting ground. Camp at Goodna.**
- **Police Magistrate Dr Stephen Simpson established Border Police Station in 1842 (Wolston House).**
- **In 1884 Reserve gazetted for QDF at Wolston for a long rifle range.**
- **The Superintendent of the Woogaroo Asylum was also the Acting Police Magistrate for the district.**
- **1880s military exercises (400 volunteers) at the Asylum. Superintendent also the QDF Captain**
- **WW II Camp Columbia**



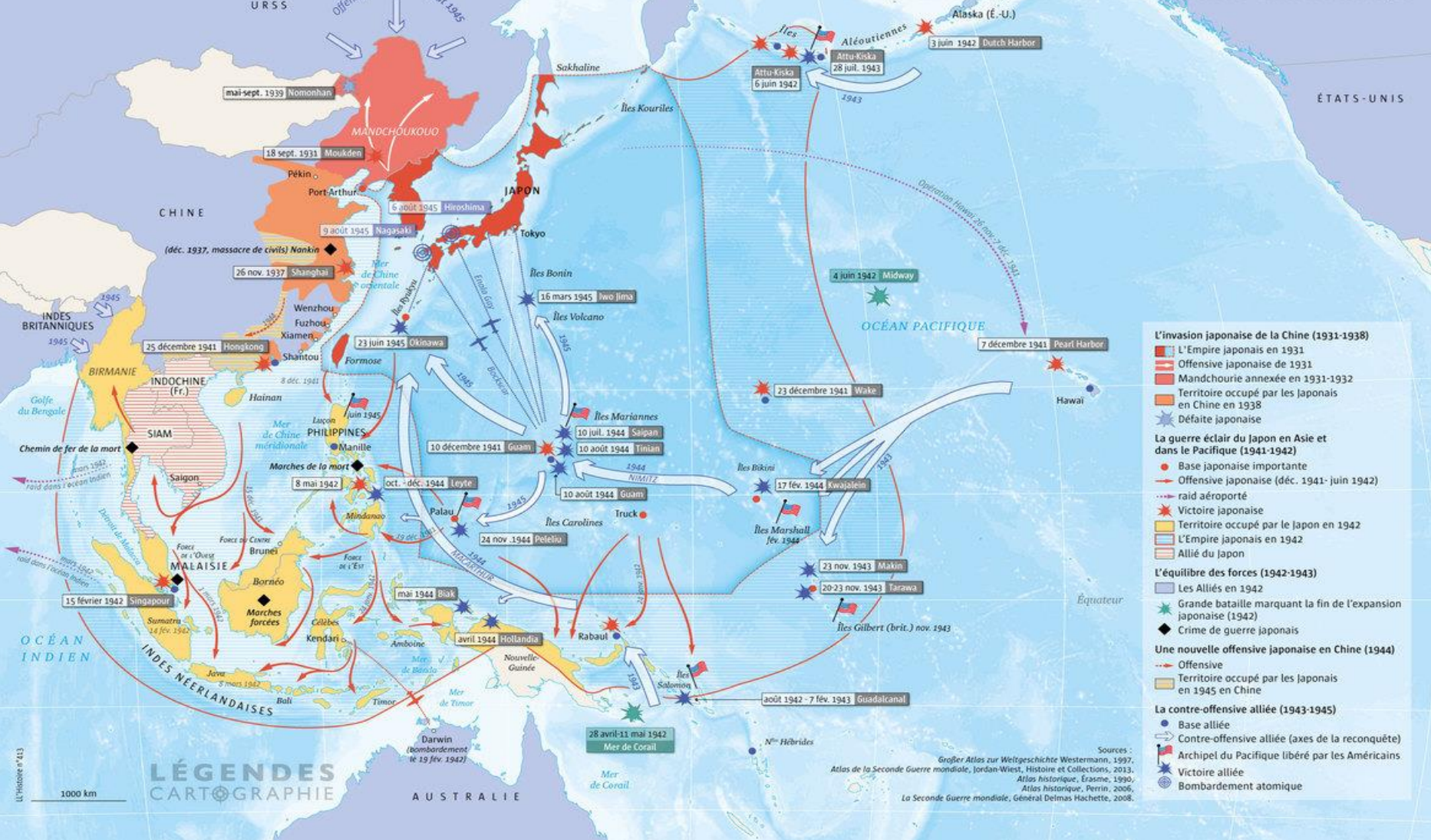
War in SE Asia & Southwest Pacific

- **Pre-war Dutch, NEI and Australian diplomatic exchanges.**
- **American-British-Dutch-Australian (ABDA) Command.**
- **NEI Occupation – 20.000 Dutch to Australia.**
- **MacArthur SWA Command - Camp Columbia**
- **Netherlands East Indies Government-in-Exile.**
- **Truth telling.**

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La seconde guerre mondiale en Asie et dans le Pacifique



- L'invasion japonaise de la Chine (1931-1938)**
- L'Empire japonais en 1931
 - Offensive japonaise de 1931
 - Mandchourie annexée en 1931-1932
 - Territoire occupé par les Japonais en Chine en 1938
 - ★ Défaite japonaise
- La guerre éclair du Japon en Asie et dans le Pacifique (1941-1942)**
- Base japonaise importante
 - Offensive japonaise (déc. 1941 - juin 1942)
 - raid aéroporté
 - ★ Victoire japonaise
 - Territoire occupé par le Japon en 1942
 - L'Empire japonais en 1942
 - Allié du Japon
- L'équilibre des forces (1942-1943)**
- Les Alliés en 1942
 - ★ Grande bataille marquant la fin de l'expansion japonaise (1942)
 - ◆ Crime de guerre japonais
- Une nouvelle offensive japonaise en Chine (1944)**
- Offensive
 - Territoire occupé par les Japonais en 1945 en Chine
- La contre-offensive alliée (1943-1945)**
- Base alliée
 - Contre-offensive alliée (axes de la reconquête)
 - ★ Arrière du Pacifique libéré par les Américains
 - ★ Victoire alliée
 - Bombardement atomique

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Columbia is the female national personification of the United States.

MILITARY FACILITIES 1942 - 1945

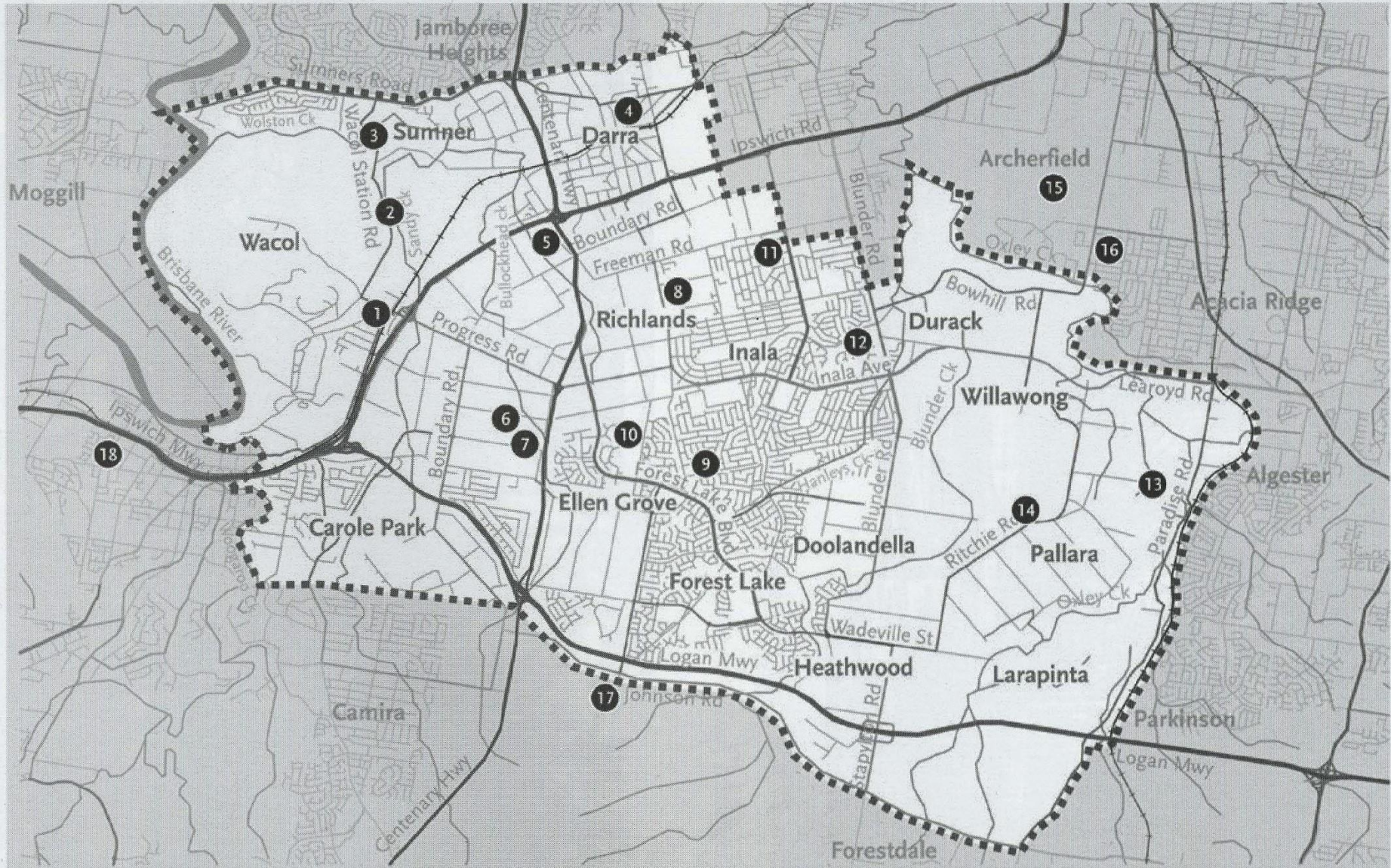


Fig 31: Military facilities in the region 1942-1945

Source: Margot Korhonen



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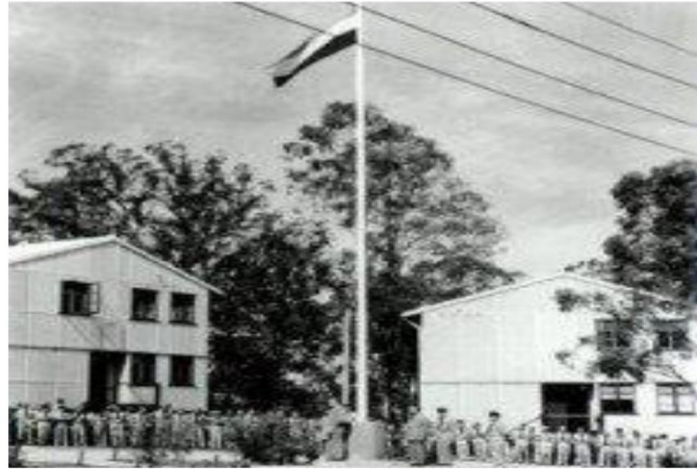
In Brisbane:

January 16, 1943 the Sixth United States Army was formed.

15 March, 1943 the United States Seventh Fleet was formed (1/3 Dutch).

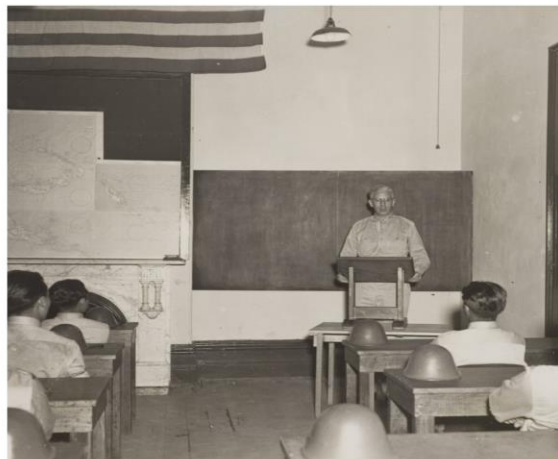


Dutch at Camp Columbia - 1944-1947





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UQ Archaeological Research Camp Columbia





Historical remnants Camp Columbia





Artefacts found at Camp Columbia





Wacol Migration Camp





Truth telling

- Australian Govt. had ongoing problems with the coloured people from NEI.
- The Dutch imprisoned Indonesian political prisoners in Australia. This was illegal and the Dutch were forced to release these prisoners.
- These Indonesian harnessed support for a free Indonesia – Black Armada.
- Dutch were adamant to recolonise NEI - increasingly opposed by Australia.
- Australia wanted a mandate over Timor and DNG. Dutch & Americans refused.
- Dutch conducted two war campaigns in Indonesia.
- Senseless killing of Dutch, Indos, Chinese, Moluccans (Bersiap) by Indonesians.
- Australia played a key role in the negotiations of a free Indonesia.
- Stranded NEI women - ruling High Court -Started end of the White Australia Policy.



Thank You

For more information

CCHA Website

<https://campcolumbia.com.au/>