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LETTERS

21ST Century Fascist Imperialism

I have just read your excellent and thought provoking editorial in *United Service* **66** (2), 7, June 2015 – *Fascist Imperialism: a 21st century national security challenge*. I think you have summarised the geo-political situation in a brutally honest yet insightful way, and at the same time made it concise, to the point and easily readable. What a pity our political leaders seem unable to communicate in such a lucid manner to the Australian people. I cannot recall reading anything so well analysed and penetrative on this dilemma and threat facing the world.

Bryn Evans

Wollstonecraft, NSW, 19 June 2015

Islam in Australia

I consider Captain Mona Shindy's article on Islam in Australia in 2015 [*United Service* **66** (2) 9 – 12, June 2015] to be rich in sophistry and deceptive arguments. Based on my experiences as a RAAF helicopter pilot in Egypt in 1977 and as a British Aerospace flight simulator instructor in Saudi Arabia from 1990 – 1995 and Singapore from 1997 – 1999, I became persuaded that Islam was a murderous, vicious and misogynistic ideology, at least as far as it is understood and practised by its more extreme adherents – the views of moderate Muslims is less clear. In all but a handful of cases, Shindy argues it is we who must change – not Muslims. That strikes me as a peculiar and unsettling attitude. It is, however, in line with Islam's tenets. Before again publishing what I regard as deceptive and misleading material about Islam, I ask that it be reviewed by someone who is not a Muslim but is knowledgeable about Islam. Otherwise, I believe you are publishing propaganda.

Wing Commander Hedley Thomas AM (Ret'd)

Queensland, 24 June 2015

Editor's Note: Captain Shindy's paper explains well what living in contemporary Australia is like for a Muslim and what is needed to break the terrorist cycle. For a broader perspective, it should be read in conjunction with Dr James Carmel's paper "Islam: its origin, philosophy and laws" [*United Service* **66** (1), 21 – 23, 26, March 2015] and my editorial referred to in Mr Evans' letter above.

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