



Aviation Commissioned Officer Skill Development: How Changes in Force Structure and Key Aviation Publications Have Impacted the Junior Officer's Skills

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