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2 BULK PETROLEUM  
STORAGE COMPANY

ORIGINAL

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 2118  
(adapted.)

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Unit 2 Aust. Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy. Date and Time. From 7/8/43 To 30/9/43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	7 Aug. '43		<sup>af</sup> Capt. J. H. McLauchlan/designate of 2 Aust. Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy, A.A.S.C., received L.H.Q. S.M. 19577 of 5 Aug. '43, authorising raising of 2nd Aust. Bulk Petroleum Storage Company, A.A.S.C. of Hqs and one Platoon - 5 Officers, and 75 Other Ranks.	
	12 Aug. '43		Capt. J. H. McLauchlan, Lieut. H. H. Harvey and 55 O/Ranks entrained G.D.D., Wayville, S. Aust. for Vic. L. of C. Area.	
	13 Aug. '43		2 Officers, 55 O/Rs arrived Vic. L. of C. Area and established Hqs., 2 Aust. Bulk Petm Storage Coy at B.I.P.O.D., Fisherman's Bend; detached 2 Offrs. and 55 O/Rs to B.I.P.O.D.	
	14 Aug. '43		Collected W.E.T. E.2 104 - 4 copies drawn from W.E.T. Section, Melbourne. Lodged W.E.T. D.A.D.O.S., Vic. L. of C. Area.	
	15 Aug. '43		1 Officer, Lieut. J. R. C. Treleaven, marched in X W.A. L. of C. Area; detached to B.I.P.O.D.	
	17 Aug. '43		Commenced collecting W.E.T. Stores.	
	19 Aug. '43		O.C., Capt. J.H. McLauchlan, to Albury re stores.	
	20 Aug. '43		O.C., Capt. J.H. McLauchlan, returned ex Albury.	
	23 Aug. '43		1 O/R x B.I.P.O.D., Vic. L. of C. Area; detached B.I.P.O.D.	
	24 Aug. '43		1 Officer, Lieut Young, Marched in X 1 Aust. Bulk Petm Storage Coy.	

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CAPT. J. H. McLAUCHLAN  
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	24 Aug.'43		Lieut. Young arrived at Milne Bay; attached to HQs., 1st Aust. Field Squadron, R.A.E. for rations; Visit by Major Holloway, D.A.D.S.(P.O.L.), N.G.F.	
	25 Aug.'43		7 O/Rs Marched in X 1st Aust Bulk Petm Storage Coy, A.A.S.C., 1 O/R M/I x 2 Aust. Supply Res. Depot; detached to B.I.P.O.D., Fisherman's Bend.	
	26 Aug.'43		Arrival 7 O/Rs, Advance Party, at Milne Bay; attached to HQs., 1st Aust. Field Sqdn, R.A.E. for rations. Detachment advised Unit HQs re preparation of approx. 2,000 Distillate Drums for drumming of expected cargo. 1 O/R M/in x 16 Aust Fld Amb.; detached to B.I.P.O.D., F/Bend.	
	28 Aug.'43		1 O/R M/in x HQs., Aust. Base W/Shop, A.E.M.E.; detached to B.I.P.O.D., Fisherman's Bend.	
	30 Aug.'43		Detachment advised Unit HQs that U.S. Dump Truck Coy commenced gravelling of Distillate filling area and that floor plates laid for first 500 thousand gallon welded tank. Received Land Opts Secret Warning Order SD.51998 re movement to Queensland L. of C. Area. 1 O/R M/in x Vic. L. of C. W/Shops, A.E.M.E., detached to B.I.P.O.D., Fisherman's Bend.	
	31 Aug.'43		1 O/R M/in x 4 Aust. W/Shop Coy, A.E.M.E.; detached to B.I.P.O.D., Fisherman's Bend. Detachment advised Unit HQs that 350,000 gallon bolted tank nearing completion.	

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2nd AUST. BULK PETROLEUM STORAGE COY A.A.S.C.

2nd Aust. Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy.,  
Milne Bay Fortress Command  
12th Sept. '43

D.A.D.S.T.,  
Milne Bay Fortress Command

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REPORT ON DISCHARGE AND RELOADING OF TANKER "SUSQUEHANNA"

1. At 0800 hours on 11th September the tanker "SUSQUEHANNA" arrived at the Oil jetty and pumping of Distillate into the bolted emergency tank commenced at 0915 hours. A pressure of 20 lbs per square inch was maintained for the first hour and was then stepped up to 40 lbs per square inch.
2. Leaks appeared from the shell of the shore tank and engineers began tightening bolts and caulking seams. As the height in the shore tank increased leaks appeared at the flanges on each strake and from some bolt holes. Progress in stopping leaks was satisfactory and it appeared as though the shell could be made dry. The pumping rate was approximately 73,000 gallons (imperial) per hour.
3. At the completion of discharge seepage appeared from beneath the tank and it became ~~un~~ apparent that the loss of distillate through the floor was great. Hourly dips taken from time of completion of discharge indicated a leakage of one inch per hour representing 1231 imperial gallons at temperature.
4. The Distillate leaking from the bolted tank was run off into depressions and with the use of a small pump and two 400 gallon overhead tanks erected nearby the salvaging of the distillate and filling into drums was carried out. Approximately 10,000 gallons had been recovered at the time of this report.
5. At 2240 hours on 11th September the tanker "SUSQUEHANNA" returned to the wharf and at 2255 hours reloading of distillate commenced.  
The average gravitational rate of flow, together with some suction by ship's pumps was 21,477 gallons (imperial) per hour and the reloading of 300,674 imperial gallons at temperature was completed at 1300 hours on 12th September.
6. A receipt for 59,451 imperial gallons at temperature was given to the Tanker Master. This represents a calculated loss through leakage from shore tank and stock in tank which could not be drawn off by the tanker (1'6"). This stock is being drummed off on shore.

*Am. Young* Lieut.

2nd Aust. Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy.

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C/218  
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Unit 2 Aust. Bulk Petm Storage Coy Date and Time. From 7/8/43 To 30/9/43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	1 Sep.'43		1 O/R M/in x A.T.T.D., Tas. L. of C. Area; detached to B.I.P.O.D., Fisherman's Bend. Signalled Movements, Melbourne of 3 Officers, 69 O/Rs, 65 Cubic tons stores to be ready for railage, 4 Sept.'43. Detachment advised Unit HQs of installing temporary telephone line between wharf and 350,000 gallon bolted tank.	
	2 Sep.'43		1 O/R M/in x 120 A.G.T. Coy, Vic. L. of C. Area; detached to B.I.P.O.D., Fisherman's Bend.	
	3 Sep.'43		Received Movement Order MCO 4904, 2 Sep.'43 instructing 4 O/Rs and Unit stores to be loaded at Dynon Siding, 0800 hrs, 4 Sept.'43. 3 Officers, 65 O/Rs to entrain Spencer St at 1335 hrs, 6 Sep.'43 for Queensland L. of C. Area.	
	4 Sep.'43		4 O/Rs M/in from detachment x B.I.P.O.D., Vic. L. of C. Area. Stores loaded Dynon Siding 0800 hrs for Queensland L. of C. Area in charge baggage Party 4 O/Rs. Detachment at Milne Bay advised Unit HQs of move to new Camp Site (Ref. Milne Bay 1" - 1 Map ref. 407435 1" - 1 Mile)	
	6 Sep.'43		3 Officers, 65 O/Rs M/in from detachment x B.I.P.O.D. 3 Offrs., 65 O/Rs entrained Spencer St Stn 1335 hrs for Queensland L. of C. Area.	
	7 Sep.'43		O.C., Capt. J.H. McLauchlan, left train at Sydney for enquiries re stores.	

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O. 2 AUST. BULK PETROLEUM STORAGE COY A.C.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	8 Sep. '43		2 Offrs., 65 O/Rs detrained Sth Brisbane Stn Queensland L. of C. Area 1135 hrs, reported L.T.D. - staged at 1 P.S.C., Yeerongpilly. 2 Offrs., 65 O/Rs detached to 1 Pers. Staging Camp, for rations.	
	9 Sep. '43		Lieut. Harvey reported to Adj., A.D.S. & T., Q. L. of C. Area. O.C., Capt. J.H. McLauchlan, x Sydney.	
	10 Sep. '43		Unit equipment and baggage party arrived Sth Brisbane. Equipment stored Yeerongpilly Staging Camp. Received delivery M.T. as per W.E.T.	
	11 Sep. '43		Detachment advised Unit HQs of arrival of "Susquehanna" at 0800 hrs. Discharged 360,125 imperial gallons of Distillate to "A" Tank. Leaks appeared and leaked at the rate of approx. 1" per hour. Recovery of 9,724 imp. gallons from depressions was carried out with small pump and 2 x 400 gallon tanks.	
	11 Sep. '43		Detachment advised Unit HQs that at 2240 hrs the tanker again berthed and the reloading of 300,674 imp. gallons proceeded. The difference between the quantity received from and reloaded on the tanker (59,451 imp. gals.) represents the loss by leakage plus the quantity remaining in the shore tank at the completion of operations. This was charged to Bulk Petm Storage Coy.	
	12 Sep. '43		1 O/R <del>W/L</del> , SX32555, Pte Madge, D.H., admitted to hospital and M/out to "X" list.	

STORAGE COY A A S G



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	13 Sep.'43		Signal to Movements, Brisbane ready for move by 14 Sep.'43 3 Officers, 69 O/Rs plus vehicles and stores. Detachment advised Unit HQs that at 0800 hrs fire broke out in the vicinity of Oil wharf caused by ignition of pitch being heated by Engineers, R.A.E. employed on the tarring of wharf timbers. Fire spread and ignited Distillate on surface of water in swamp between wharf and bolted tank. No damage caused.	
	22 Sep.'43		Detachment advised Unit HQs of move to new camp site - Map ref. 403437, 2007 Milne Bay : 1" series.	
	23 Sep.'43		Verbal warning from representative A.D.S.T., Q. L. of C. Area for 3 Offrs., 69 O/Rs to prepare for forward move x Q. L. of C. Area.	
	24 Sep.'43		Received HQ., Mov. Control Order No.009268 of 24 Sep.'43, advising Unit to remain on six (6) hours notice of movement as from 1200 hrs, Saturday, 25 Sept.'43.	
	25 Sep.'43		Unit stores and equipment (excluding M.T.) loaded on board H.S.2 at Hamilton Wharf, Brisbane.	
	27 Sep.'43		2 O/Rs detached to Chernside S.C.( Q. L. of C. Area) as rear party in charge of M.T. 3 Offrs., 66 O/Rs embarked on H.S.2 at Hamilton Wharf, Brisbane at 0830 hours.	
	28 Sep.'43		3 Officers, and 66 O/Rs at sea.	
	29 Sep.'43		3 Officers, and 66 O/Rs at sea.	
	30 Sep.'43		3 Officers, and 66 O/Rs at sea.	

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2 2nd BULK PETROLEUM STORAGE COY A.A. S.G.



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Unit 2 Aust. Bulk Petm Storage Coy Date and Time.—From 1 Oct. '43 To 31 Oct. '43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	1 Oct. '43		3 Officers and 66 O/Ranks at sea.	
	2 "		3 Officers and 66 O/Ranks at sea.	
			Strength 3 Offrs. and 66 O/Rs (1 Off. & 7 O/Rs attached to 1 Aust. Field Sqdn, R.A.E.)	
	7 Oct. '43		3 Officers and 66 O/Rs disembarked at Milne Bay and marched into Unit Camp at 1730 hrs. Commenced transfer of Unit Stores and Equipment ex Ship to Camp Area.	
	8 "		Completed transfer of Unit stores and equipment ex ship to Camp. 1 O/R evacuated to hospital and placed on "X" List.	
	9 "		1 O/R marched in ex hospital and struck off "X" List. 1 Officer and 7 O/Rs marched in from detachment 1 Aust. Field Squadron, R.A.E. W.3006 - Total strength 4 Officers and 72 O/Ranks.	
	10 "		Lt-Col Worrssam, Major Holloway and Capt. Morrison visited this Hqs.	
	14 "		Verbal instructions to move camp site to Map Reference 408433. 2 Trucks, 4-ton 4 x 4 jeep T.O.S. x 104 Aust. Ord. Fld Pk.	
	16 "		W.3006 - 4 Officers and 73 O/Rs total strength. 2 x 15 cwt, 4 x 4 M.Vs T.O.S. x 104 Aust. Ord. Fld Pk.	
	17 "		1 O/R marched out to 110 C.C.S. and transferred to "F" List.	
	20 "		Sig. x D.A.D.S.T. - Working parties to be supplied to 1st Aust. Fld Sqdn, R.A.E. from 25/10/43.	

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2 AUSTRALIAN PETROLEUM STORAGE COY

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Unit 2 Aust. Bulk Petm Storage Coy. Date and Time.—From 1 Oct. '43 To 31 Oct. '43

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D. 3485 / 5.30.—C. 4788.

2 AUST BULK PETROLEUM STORAGE COY

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WAR Diary

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

CAPT. J. H. McLAUCHLAN, O.C.

2 AUST. BULK PETROLEUM STORAGE COY., (A.I.F.)

A.A.S.C.

Serial No. 1/43

Paragraphs 1 - 8.

15/10/43

1. EXTRACTS:- MILNE BAY FORTRESS COMMAND

Serial 9/43, Para. 115 - INDISCRIMINATE SHOOTING

1. There is much indiscriminate shooting taking place in Milne Bay Area. This practise must cease forthwith.
2. Where indiscriminate shooting is taking place Units in the vicinity will take immediate steps to apprehend the offenders.

Para. 116

1. The practice of appearing or bathing in the nude within sight of main routes will cease forthwith.

2. EXTRACTS:- MILNE BAY BASE SUB AREA, SERIAL 12/43

Para 176, BARAGA VILLAGE - OUT OF BOUNDS

1. All native gardens and villages are Out of Bounds to all troops unless on duty.
2. Trading with natives for fruit and vegetables grown in these areas is prohibited.
3. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

Serial 11/43, Para 166, BATHING NEAR WATER POINTS PROHIBITED

1. Personnel are notified that it is an offence to bathe in close proximity to water points at WAIGANI, NAOTTA, GURNEY and LAULANOK.

3. REVERSIONS:-

SK27993,	L/Cpl Gp.3	MOBLE,	A.C.	reverts to Pte Gp.3	Farrier
					17/8/43.
SK21793,	L/Cpl Gp.3	MILLAND,	H.J.	" " Pte Gp.3	H.T. Driver
					31/8/43.
SK32554,	L/Cpl Gp.3	CHAPLAIN,	W.	" " " "	" "
SK32513,	"	HARRIS,	R.A.	" " " "	" "
SK32555,	"	MADES,	D.H.	" " " "	" "
SK27920,	"	WHENAN,	L.	" " " "	" "

4. PROMOTIONS:-

SK21778,	Pte Gp.3	GREIG,	R.L.	to be Cpl Tech. Storeman	2/9/43
VL127167	Sgt	MINOGUE,	T.F.	promoted to S/Sergeant	22/9/43
VL116570	Cpl	COATS,	C.C.	" " Sergeant	25/8/43
VX68846	Cpl	AUSTIN,	M.W.	" " " "	" "

4. PROMOTIONS (Cont'd)

NK152362	Pte	STAPLETON	H.V.	Promoted to Cpl.	25/8/43.
NK170118	Pte	THOMAS	N.J.		

5. TRADE GROUPINGS:-

SX27993	Pte G.3	NOBLE,	A.C.	Graded Gp.1 Blacksmith	17/8/43.
	Farrier				
SX21780	Pte G.2	GILLIESPIE, A.L.	"	Gp.2 Carpenter	"
	Wheeler				
SX26621	Pte G.3	WALKER,	R.R.	Gp.2 Mech. M.T.	"
	H.T. Dvr				
SX22142	ditto	WILSON,	H.R.	" " "	"
SX29022	ditto	PEPALL, C.D.H.	"	Gp.3 Dyr Mech.	"
SX29979	Pte	WHINNEY,	D.J.	"	"
SX19182	Pte	DOWLING,	L.F.	Gp.3 Tinmith	10/8/43
VX124912	Pte	MARTIN,	F.T.	Gp.1 Welder	13/8/43

6. ENLISTMENT - C.M.F. TO A.I.F.

VX127417	Pte	SAGE,	J.H.	2/9/43.
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7. CONFIRMATION OF RANK:-


SX29497	A/Cpl	WAY,	E.A.S.	Rank of Corporal confirmed	2/9/43.
VX127167	A/Sgt	MINOGUE,	T.F.	" Sergeant	2/9/43.

8. GENERAL:-

The practice of wearing hats in other than the approved style will cease forthwith.

MALARIAL REGULATIONS -

These regulations will be strictly enforced. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.  
Notice of personnel is directed to Camp Hygiene regulations.

  
 Capt.,  
 O.C., 2 Aust. Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy,



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.215  
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2ND AUST. BULK PETROLEUM

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Unit STORAGE COMPANY

Date and Time.—From 1/11/43

To 30/11/43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Milne Bay Base	3 Nov. '43		1 O/R M/in ex 110 C.C.S. and struck off "X" List. Unit R/Os Part 1, Serial 2/43 issued.	
Sub-Area.	6 Nov. '43		Strength: 4 Off. 71 O/Rs	
	12 Nov. '43		1 O/R M/in ex 2/3 Aust. Con. Depot	
	13 Nov. '43		Strength:- 4 Offrs. 72 O/Rs.	
	19 Nov. '43		2 i/c M/out to Milne Bay Details Depot on leave to Mainland.	
	20 Nov. '43		Strength: 4 Offrs. 71 O/Rs.	
	22 Nov. '43		1 O/R M/out to Milne Bay Details Depot on leave to Mainland	
	26 Nov. '43		1 O/R M/out to 110 C.C.S. and Placed on "X" List.	
	27 Nov. '43		Strength:- 4 Off. 69 O/Rs.	
	28 Nov. '43		2 O/Rs M/in with Transport ex detachment to Chermiside Staging Camp, Queensland L. of C. Area.	
	29 Nov. '43		1 O/R M/in ex Milne Bay Details Depot and struck off "X" List. Advice received E.T.A. Tanker "New Zealand"	
	30 Nov. '43		1 O/R M/in ex 110 C.C.S. and struck off "X" List. Advice received from 1 Aust. Field Squadron, R.A.E. that Storage Tanks Nos. 1, 4 and 13 will be available to receive petroleum, 1/12/43 D.A.D.S.T. advised expansion of 2 Aust. B.P.S. Coy to HQ & 2 Pls. (W.E. - IV/57/2) by raising additional platoon - 1 Off. & 21 O/Rs.	

D.3485/3.39.—C.4786.

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Serial No. 2/43

Paragraphs 1 - 3

3/11/43

1. EXTRACTS:- MILNE BAY FORTRESS COMMAND

Serial 10/43, Para. 120 - POWERS OF SENTRIES AND GUARDS

1. Regulation 8A of the National Security (General) Regulations (Statutory Rules 1942, No. 374) provides that, without derogating from or restricting the existing powers or rights of sentries and guards, a military sentry or guard stationed or posted at, on, in, or in the neighbourhood or vicinity of, any prohibited place, protected area, controlled area, or any premises used by the Commonwealth, or used for defence purposes or for essential services, or any vehicle, vessel or aircraft used by the Commonwealth, or any enclosed wharf or picking-up place, or any merchant vessel lying in port, or any road, pathway or waterway, specified in an order by the Minister, which passes through or near a prohibited place or work of defence, may be armed, and may -

- (i) use his weapons against, or otherwise attack, any person who, in disregard of a warning given by a sentry or guard, approaches, enters, leaves, or passes over or in the vicinity or neighbourhood of, or attempts to approach, enter, leave or pass over or in the vicinity or neighbourhood of, that place, area, premises, vehicle, vessel, aircraft, wharf, picking-up place, road, pathway, or waterway, or who, after being arrested for so doing, escapes; and
- (ii) use his weapons against, or otherwise attack, any person attacking him or who is reasonably suspected of being about to attack him.

2. There are, however, certain principles which must guide all sentries and guards in the execution of their duty as such, and in the exercise of the right to resort to arms.

3. These principles are:-

- (a) Sentries and guards will be ordered to take any action required to ensure the safety of their posts or to defeat the activities of enemy, or suspected enemy, agents.
- (b) If necessary, they will fire upon or otherwise attack any persons threatening the safety of their posts or engaging in hostile actions.
- (c) Before firing upon any person, the sentry or guard will except in an urgent case of self-defence, challenge that person to "Halt". If that person does not halt, the sentry should challenge him again with "Halt or I fire". If he does not halt, and no other means are available for stopping him - as for example, by calling on the rest of the guard - it is the duty of the sentry to shoot.

POWERS OF SENTRIES AND GUARDS (Cont'd)

- (d) The sentry will use his intelligence and sense of responsibility in choosing whether he will shoot or not, and he must be careful not to allow any suspected person to approach so close that he can be rushed and overpowered.
- (e) Guards of enemy prisoners of war.  
An enemy prisoner of war attempting to escape may be fired upon, but a previous summons to surrender will be given if possible.
- (f) Guards of members of the forces in custody.
- (i) An escort or guard is not justified in using his weapons merely for the purpose of preventing another member from escaping from custody and if he so uses his weapons he may render himself, as well as any officer or NCO under whose orders he acted, liable to be charged with murder, manslaughter or incitement to murder.
- (ii) If a member in custody attempts to escape, the escort or sentry will immediately raise the alarm and give chase. He may call upon any passer-by to assist him in apprehending the escapes.
- (iii) An escort or guard may be justified in using his weapons when a member in custody resorts to violence. In such circumstances an escort or guard may meet force with force, but care must be taken to use no more force than is necessary to overcome the violence offered. Hence, even when violence is offered to an escort or guard, it will only be as a last resort that the use of weapons will be justified.

4. Orders for guards and sentries will be framed in conformity with the above and guards and sentries will be suitably instructed as to their powers and duties.

Para. 135 - MECHANICAL VEHICLES

1. Many instances of reckless and careless driving of mechanical vehicles and driving at excessive speed are occurring.
2. These and other improper practices in relation to mechanical vehicles frequently constitute a menace to other vehicles and to the safety of personnel and are responsible for undue wear and tear on vehicles and tyres. Accordingly they must cease.
3. Personnel when driving mechanical vehicles will maintain the strictest road discipline and drive at such a speed and in such a manner that their vehicles are completely under control and they are in a position to meet any emergency that may arise.
4. The maximum speed permitted for vehicles in the MORSEY Area is 20 mph. In other areas the maximum speed permitted will be 20 mph unless and until other maximum speeds, whether higher or lower, have been fixed by the Comds of those areas. Personnel will not drive at the maximum speed where the circumstances render that speed unsafe.

MECHANICAL VEHICLES (Cont'd)

5. The following specific provisions will be observed:-

(a) An officer will not drive a mechanical vehicle except -

- (i) when under driving instruction;
- (ii) for the purpose of maintaining his efficiency as a driver;
- (iii) when operationally necessary;
- (iv) when no driver is available;
- (v) to rest the member normally driving the vehicle.

Subject to the foregoing, no member will drive a mechanical vehicle unless authorised by competent authority to do so.

(b) When driving a mechanical vehicle the driver will not permit more than one person to sit beside him on the front seat.

(c) Drivers of mechanical vehicles will not when approaching road corners change to lower gear ratios for purpose of reducing speed but will, when necessary, reduce speed by the application of the foot brake.

(d) No mechanical vehicle will be left unattended except in an authorized military parking area.

(e) Personnel will not drive mechanical vehicles with tail boards swinging free. If the load is such that the tail board cannot be closed up, it will be secured in a horizontal position either with the chain provided or by rope.

(f) Wheel chains will not be carried on front bumper bar of mechanical vehicles. They will be carried only in lockers or other suitable containers.

(g) The use of wheel chains on dry roads is forbidden. Wheel chains will be used only when conditions so require.

(h) Motor cycles will be fitted with efficient silencers. Personnel will not modify silencers unless authorized by competent authority to do so.

(i) Except for operational reasons in forward areas -

- (i) pillion riding on motor cycles is forbidden;
- (ii) a load of more than 20 lbs will not be carried on motor cycle rear carriers.

6. Speed traps will be operated by Provost personnel in various areas.

7. Provost personnel will report without delay offences against this Order.

8. It will be the responsibility of COs to ensure that the members of their units are made fully conversant with the requirements of this Order, to continually impress upon members the necessity for strictly adhering to the same and to enforce the provisions of the Order by taking disciplinary action in respect of breaches.

9. When Provost personnel are required as witnesses, units will notify them promptly of the time and place of hearing.

Para. 136 FORWARDING ARTICLES TO MAINLAND

1. No member shall, except in the course of his duty, despatch, or cause to be despatched to Australia :-

- (a) any property issued, distributed, or sold by, or belonging to, the Commonwealth or any part of the Defence Force of the Commonwealth or any Allied Country or Force.
- (b) any captured enemy document, equipment or property;
- (c) any article sold, distributed or supplied by Australian Defence Canteen Service or any Allied Force's Canteen, or any similar institution, or any AMF recognised philanthropic organization;
- (d) any tobacco or cigarettes.

2. A member proceeding to Australia on leave or temporary duty will not take with him more tobacco or cigarettes than is reasonably required to meet his personal requirements during his period of absence from New Guinea.

3. Other members proceeding to Australia will not take with them more tobacco or cigarettes than is reasonably required to meet their personal requirements whilst in transit to the mainland.

4. It will be borne in mind continuously that :-

- (a) one of the reasons for rationing tobacco and cigarettes in Australia is to ensure that adequate supplies are available for troops in operational areas; and
- (b) tobacco and cigarettes supplied to troops in New Guinea are excise free which represents a substantial saving to all concerned.

5. (i) The despatch or carriage of tobacco or cigarettes to Australia in breach of this order may result in :-

- (a) troops in forward areas not being adequately catered for owing to a consequential general shortage of supplies; and
- (b) the withdrawal of the privilege of freedom from excise duty, resulting in troops in all areas being required to pay mainland prices.

(ii) It is therefore in the interest of all concerned to strictly adhere to the provisions of this order.

6. Disciplinary action will be taken in respect of all disclosed breaches of paras 1, 2 and 3 of this order and where tobacco or cigarettes are intercepted in transit to Australia, the same will be confiscated and, after disciplinary action has been completed, donated to the Red Cross Society.

7. The attention of franking officers is drawn to the pre-franking requisites in relation to parcels or packets, the detailed procedure for franking the same and the action to be taken in regard to prohibited articles (vide App "A" to LHQ Field Censorship Instruction No 4 and paras 5 (g) and 6 (b) of App "B" thereto).

8. The attention of Unit Censors is drawn to their duties in relation to censorship of parcels and packets as prescribed in para 9 (b) of the abovementioned instruction.



Para. 153 - PISTOLS, POSSESSION AND LOSS OF

1. Pistols of any type or description shall not be sold, purchased or exchanged.

2. On or after 15 Apr 43 it will be an offence for any member of the AMF to have in his possession or custody any pistol other than one issued to him by Army authority or where he has the permission referred to in para 3 hereof.

3. Permission may be granted by a Formation Comd to any member to have in his possession a pistol other than one issued to him; such permission to be in writing, signed personally by Formation Comd.

4. All ranks in possession of pistols not issued to them or not provided for under the last para will forthwith surrender the same to the QM or HQ Orderly Room of their unit.

5. All ranks having pistols in their possession are held personally responsible therefor and will immediately report the loss of such pistol.

6. The loss of a pistol is to be regarded as an offence for which the offender is to be tried by Court-Martial, unless the Formation Comd otherwise directs. In all cases of loss of pistols, the offender will be charged and a Summary of Evidence, which will be forwarded to this HQ, will be taken.

7. When a member is charged with losing by neglect any equipment on issue to him, the onus lies upon him of proving that he has taken all reasonable precautions.

8. All ranks will exercise the highest possible standard of care both when the pistol is carried on the person, which should be done when possible, and at all other times. Members should make arrangements for the proper safe custody and/or guarding of pistols when not in use.

2. EXTRACTS:- MILNE BAY BASE SUB-AREA R/Cs PT I.

Serial 11/43, Para. 153 - CENSORSHIP (3)

1. Parcels and Packets

(a) The regimental number, rank and name of the sender, but NOT the Unit will be shown on the parcel or packet.

(b) Parcels and packets should be left open and passed to Officers for franking under unit arrangements. A declaration of contents shall be attached loosely to the outside cover and signed by the sender.

(c) The franking officer will check contents with the declaration and discuss discrepancies (if any) with the sender, remove any prohibited articles, amend, sign and file and be prepared to produce on request, the declaration, and frank the left hand bottom corner of the package.

(d) Parcels and packets must not contain :-

- (i) Letters
- (ii) Photographs, except those taken in accordance with GHO 3645/42.
- (iii) Ammunition, shells, grenades, cartridges, fuses, detonators or any explosive or other similar article.
- (iv) Weapons of a dangerous character, such as knives etc.
- (v) Captured War material.



CENSORSHIP (Contd)

- Parcels and packets must not contain :-
- (d) (vi) Any clothing, equipment, text book or rations issued by the AMF or any Allied Force.
  - (vii) Diaries or note books.
  - (viii) Australian or Allied canteen supplies, comforts issue etc.
  - (ix) Tobacco or cigarettes, whether purchased on the mainland or obtained in New Guinea.

2. Currency

(a) It is prohibited that cash or currency notes should be transmitted from New Guinea to the mainland.

(b) Postal notes, up to the value of \$5 per fortnight, may be purchased from all Field Post Offices.

(c) Larger amounts may be paid to any Field Cash Office and instructions given for payment of the amount to any firm or person in Australia.

Serial 1/43, Para. A.8 - INFORMATION REGARDING

LOCATION OF GRAVES

1. It has been noticed that letters of condolence sent to next-of-kin by Commanding officers, Chaplains and others have, in some cases, disclosed the location of particular units by referring specifically to the place of burial of deceased members.

2. Letters of condolence to next-of-kin and others from Commanding Officers, Chaplains and others will refer only to the actual burial service and contain no information regarding the location of the grave. (GRO A.270/43).

Serial 1/43, Para. A.10 - UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF

EQUIPMENT

1. Attention has been directed to the unauthorised disposal of AMF equipment to members of the Allied Forces and civilians and the unauthorized receipt of Allied equipment by barter and otherwise by members of the AMF.

2. Members are forbidden to part with, dispose of, or exchange by barter or otherwise, any item of AMF equipment or to receive by barter or otherwise any item of Allied equipment without the consent of the Commanding Officers of their units. Such consent will only be given on the direction of superior authority or when the exigencies of the service render it necessary and reference to superior authority is impracticable.

3. Disciplinary action will be taken against members unlawfully disposing of AMF equipment or unlawfully in possession of Allied equipment, charged being laid under AA 17, AA 18(4) or AA 40, whichever is appropriate. (GRO A.716/43).

Serial 1/43, Para. A.11 - DRESS

1. NEW GUINEA Force Orders Nos 277 and 413 of 1942 and 140 and 271 of 1943 are cancelled.

2. No further issues of shorts will be made to personnel in NEW GUINEA.

3. A member issued with American Gaiters may wear same in lieu of gaiters S.D.

DRESS (Cont'd)

4. (i) Officers and WOs Class I may wear Sam Browne belts (without shoulder straps) or belts web;  
(ii) WOs Class II may wear belts, waist, brown, leather or belts web;  
(iii) All other ranks may wear belts web.
5. Hats will be worn by all ranks except that Officers and Drivers M.T., at their option, may wear, in lieu, caps Officers pattern and SD respectively.
6. Safari jackets may be worn only by those ranks who:  
(a) have returned from service with the AIF out of Australia or are now serving in New Guinea as members of the A.I.F.; or  
(b) have had such articles issued to them by Ordnance.
7. Personnel will wear the right arm colour patch of their unit on the RIGHT hand side of and in the centre of, the Hat Band.
8. The practice of personnel engaging in sport with the upper portion of the body bare will cease and a singlet or other article of clothing will be worn over the portion of the body.
9. Notwithstanding that personnel wear other types of identity discs, all ranks will wear the identity discs issued to them.
10. COs will be responsible for ensuring that members of their units are made fully conversant with the requirements of this order and will take all necessary measures to bring about strict compliance therewith. Disciplinary action will be taken by COs in respect of breaches of this order.

3. EXTRACTS:- NEW GUINEA FORCE ORDERS

Serial 42/43, Para. 408 - TIME FOR REVEILLE

1. To minimize the danger of malarial infection from the activities of the Anopheline mosquito prior to sunrise, all units will ensure that, except for special reasons, reveille is not sounded earlier than one quarter hour prior to sunrise.
2. Particular attention will be given to this order in view of the introduction of daylight saving time.
3. Where for special reasons reveille is sounded before sunrise, troops will not be permitted to perform their ablutions until sunrise and unit commanders will ensure that, in the meantime, the provisions of New Guinea Force Order A407/43 is strictly complied with.

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(J. W. McLauchlan)

Capt.,

O.C., 2 Aust. Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy.

14 JAN 1944

## WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.211b  
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 2 AUST. B.P.S. Coy

Date and Time.—From 1 Dec. '43 To 31 Dec. '43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	1 - 6 Dec. '43		No entry	
	7 Dec. '43		Commenced Drum filling 80 Octane through temporary plant.	
	8	"	Major Holloway, P.O.L. Officer, S & T Services, N.G. Force visited this HQ.	
	9	"	Conference - Major Holloway, N.G.F.; Major Haines, U.S. Army; Major Yonker, U.S. Army; and Lieut. Griffin U.S. Army with O.C. re distribution POL between A.I.F. & U.S. Army and 'Y' Tanker schedules.	
	10	"	S.S. "Magnolia" berthed 1900 hrs. Commenced discharge 1945 hrs.	
	11	"	Temporary installation completed for commencement of bulk filling Road Tankers - Aviation Gas and M.T.80.	
	13	"	Storage Tank No.5 completed. 1 Off. (Lieut Glover) M/in ex Milne Bay Details Depot.	
	14	"	S.S. "Magnolia" completed discharge 2300 hrs. 2,021,685 Imp. galls. Av. Gas.	
	15	"	1 O/R marched out to 110 C.C.S. S.S. "Magnolia" sailed ex Trafalgar Wharf 0630 hrs.	
	16	"	1 O/R. marched in ex 110 C.C.S. (Pte. Marshall. A.R.)	
	20	"	1 O/R. (Pte. Whenan) marched in ex 110 C.C.S. Storage Tank 2 completed.	
	24	"	1 O/R. (Pte. Noble, A.C.) marched out 110 C.C.S.	
	28	"	Tanker "Mobiloil" berthed 1645 hrs. - discharging.	
	29	"	Tanker "Mobiloil" completed discharge 1300 hrs. - 1,601,651 Av. Gas. Imp. Galls.	

D.3481/5.59.—C.4786.

*J. M. Puchlan* MAJOR  
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## WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

Unit 2 Aust. B.P.S. Coy.

Date and Time.—From 1 Dec. '43 To 31 Dec. '43.

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D. 3485/5.59. — C. 4786.

John J. Ganchlan  
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

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Serial No. 4/43

20/12/43

1. EXTRACTS:- M.G.F. ORDERS

G.447/43 - GREEN ENVELOPES

1. The practice of enclosing unfranked mail in an outer envelope addressed to the Base Censor (otherwise than in a green envelope) will cease forthwith.

2. Even when Green Envelopes are in short supply, no authority exists for personnel to forward mail to the Base Censor in order to avoid Unit Censorship.

3. All such letters sighted in future will be returned to the unit concerned.

A.456/43 - DRESS

1. MGF Orders A407 and 429 of 1943 are cancelled.

2. No further issues of shorts will be made to personnel in NEW GUINEA.

3. The following dress will be worn at all times :-

(a) Slacks and shirt or safari jacket. Shirts or safari jackets will be worn with long sleeves fastened at the wrists and buttoned in all respects except at the collar where the button may be left undone;

(b) Boots and socks, with anklets or gaiters 3D or puttees short.

PROVIDED THAT :- In the Moresby Base Sub Area (excluding the L. of C. from TERAPO to SUNSHINE) between the hours of sunrise and sunset (which hours will be fixed by Formation Commanders and published in Routine Orders) -

(i) Personnel who are now in possession shorts may wear them until worn out, in lieu of slacks;

(ii) Officers only may, at their option, wear shoes;

(iii) Sleeves may be worn rolled up;

(iv) Members of organized working parties whilst actually engaged in strenuous work may, when specifically permitted by their CO to do so, work with the upper portion of the body bare.

(B) In any other area a Formation Commander may, in his discretion, empower COs to permit members of authorized working parties whilst actually engaged in strenuous work between the hours



of sunrise and sunset (which hours will be fixed by Formation Commanders and published in Routine Orders) to work with the upper portion of the body bare or with sleeves rolled up.

(C) No general permission to dispense with articles of uniform will be given by COs pursuant to either (A) or (B) of this proviso. Definite orders must be given by COs on each occasion.

4. A member issued with American gaiters may wear same in lieu of gaiters SD.

5. (i) Officers and WOs Class I may wear Sam Browne belts (without shoulder straps) or belts web.

(ii) WOs Class II may wear belts, waist, brown, leather or belts web.

(iii) All other ranks may wear belts web.

6. Hats will be worn by all ranks except that at their option:-

(a) officers and warrant officers may wear, in lieu, caps, officer pattern;

(b) drivers MT may wear, in lieu, caps SD.

7. Safari jackets may be worn only by those other rank who:-

(a) have returned from service with the AIF out of Australia or are now serving in NEW GUINEA as members of the AIF; or

(b) have had such articles issued to them by Ordnance.

8. Personnel will wear the right arm colour patch of their unit on the RIGHT hand side of, and in the centre of, the hat band.

9. Notwithstanding that personnel wear other types of Identity Discs, all ranks will wear the Identity Discs issued to them.

10. COs will be responsible for ensuring that members of their units are made fully conversant with the requirements of this order and will take all necessary measures to bring about strict compliance therewith. Disciplinary action will be taken by COs in respect of breaches of this order.

## 2. EXTRACTS:- MILNE BAY FORTRESS COMMAND ORDERS

### 34/43 - ENTRY GRAVES - DESECRATION

1. Disinterment of buried Japanese by unauthorised persons or other desecration of Japanese graves is forbidden. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

## 3. EXTRACTS:- MILNE BAY BASE SUB-AREA ORDERS

### 32/43 - USE OF TYRE CHAINS ON ROADS

NEW GUINEA FORCE Order 514/42 is cancelled and the following order substituted:-

Chains will only be used on wheeled transport when conditions demand their use. The use of chains on roads during dry weather is forbidden. Disciplinary action will be taken against drivers of vehicles for any breach of this Order (MNF A.314)

### A.32/43 - PILFERING

1. Pilfering of army stores has reached such serious

(3)

proportions that it is interfering with supplies to troops in forward areas. Offences of this nature may even result in the lives of troops becoming endangered unnecessarily.

2. Commanding Officers will take steps to ensure that all precautions are taken by all concerned to eliminate this serious form of offence, and all ranks are to be warned that, as from the date of this Order, any member of the forces concerned in such offences will be dealt with by Court Martial and awarded severe penalties.

3. The attention of all members of Courts Martial will be drawn to A.M.R. & O 558 (3) which reads:-

"When attention has been called in Orders in the command to which the offender belongs to the unusual prevalence of the offence of which he has been found guilty, a Court Martial should also have regard to the fact that such warning has been issued."

#### A.91/43 - RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK - AAB 93

All ranks will be informed that loss, destruction or defacement of an AAB 93 by wilful act or by negligence, or the unauthorised alteration of any information contained therein is an offence in respect of which a charge will be under A.A.40.

#### NOTICES

#### UNIT REGIMENTAL FUND

1 Nov. '43	Amount standing to credit of fund	Nil
30 " '43	Receipts during month of Nov. '43	24: 6: 5d.
	Expenditure during month of Nov. '43	Nil

#### FIRE ORDERS

Attention of all ranks is drawn to Unit Fire Orders.

#### APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF RANK

NK139675	A/Sgt	HILERS	E.W. Rank of S/Sgt confirmed	12.10.43
SK26650	L/Cpl	WELLINGTON	A.V. Promoted A/Cpl	12.10.43
SK26517	Pte	SHAKESHAFT	K.W. Promoted A/Cpl	12.10.43
SK26612	Pte	MURRAY	A.H. Promoted A/Cpl	12.10.43
SK36283	A/Sgt	SEBERRY	N.W. Rank of Sgt Confirmed	12.10.43
SK32509	A/Cpl	CROSSMAN	G.F. Rank of Cpl Confirmed	12.10.43
VX66694	Sgt	TOOHY	J.L. Promoted Acting W/O II	25.8.43

#### TRADE GROUPINGS

SK26650	A/Cpl	WELLINGTON	A.V. Relinquished G.3 H.T. Dvr	12.10.43
SK26517	A/Cpl	SHAKESHAFT	K.W. " "	12.10.43
SK26612	A/Cpl	MURRAY	A.H. " G.2 Cook	12.10.43
SK32508	Pte	BENNETTS	T.L.M. " G.3 H.T. Dvr	16.10.43
			Graded Gp. III Clerk	16.10.43
NK170118	Pte	THOMAS	N.J. Relinquished G.3 Dvr	25.8.43

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Serial No. 3/43

Paragraphs 1 - 6

8/12/43

1. EXTRACTS:- GENERAL ROUTINE ORDERS

A.734/43 - PREVALENCE OF THEFT OF MILITARY STORES AND SUPPLIES

1. The offences of stealing and fraudulent misapplication of stores and supplies from military depots, installations, transportation services and even from fellow soldiers have increased to an extent which renders immediate and effective remedial action necessary.

2. The use of terms such as "pilfering", "scrourging", etc., to describe such offences tends to obscure their gravity and may cause them to be somewhat lightly regarded. On the contrary, such offences must be viewed very seriously and offenders will render themselves liable to severe punishment.

3. The impression may exist that an isolated instance of theft of military stores and supplies, though a mean and despicable act, does not involve any appreciable weakening of the war effort. Such an impression, if it exists, is completely erroneous. The cumulative effect of such thefts affects seriously the maintenance of the troops in the field, dislocates the supply organization at all points, involves grave waste of man hours, and is, in fact, equivalent in result to that of directly treasonable activity.

4. These considerations impose an obligation of honour upon all members to do their utmost to prevent theft and to assist in every way in the bringing to justice of offenders.

5. Commanding officers will ensure that all losses of government property within their units are promptly investigated and, where theft or fraud is suspected, that the APM or DAPM of the formation concerned is promptly advised. Attention is directed to GPO A.392/43.

6. Whenever the evidence establishes against a member a prima facie case of stealing, fraudulent misapplication or improper possession of government property or the property of a comrade, his commanding officer will apply to superior authority for trial by court-martial of the member concerned. Charges will be laid under AA 17 or AA 18(4) or AA 40, whichever is appropriate. A charge under AA 40 of being improperly in possession of public property or the property of a comrade will, whenever justified by the evidence, be laid as an alternative to a charge under AA 17 or AA 18(4).

7. The attention of all officers appointed as presidents or members of courts-martial trying the offences mentioned in this order is directed to AMR & O 558(3) and MML (Aust Ed.), p.64, para 82 (Sentences in case of unusual prevalence of offences).

8. As a general rule, no suspension or remission is to be made in respect of any award or sentence imposed upon a member for any offence mentioned in this order.

A.739/43 - RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK - A.A.B. 83

Para. 22 : The loss, destruction or defacement of an AAB.83 by a wilful act or by negligence or the unauthorized alteration of any information contained therein is an offence in respect of which a charge will lie under AA 40.

F.747/43 - REMITTANCES FROM MEMBERS

Para 1. The attention of all ranks is drawn to the arrangements which exist for a member to send a remittance of cash or undrawn pay to any person resident in Australia or to another member (wherever serving).

2. These arrangements provide that remittances may be made through Army Channels by members who are serving in localities where money order or banking facilities for remittances are not available with reasonable convenience.

3. Remittances through Army channels are effected by the member completing a remittance form (WF 131 or WF 131a) and handing the form to the pay sergeant or paymaster, together with the cash (in the case of a remittance of cash) or the member's pay book (for entry of the debit in the case of a remittance of undrawn pay).

4. A member sending a remittance should take particular care to see that full details are clearly and legibly set out on the remittance form. This applies especially to the name and address of the person to whom the remittance is to be sent.

5. The member will ensure that he obtains a receipt from the pay sergeant or paymaster for any cash handed over.

NOTE:- Cash remittances will not be accepted from members whilst in New Guinea L. of C. Area.

G.769/43 - QUALIFYING FOR PROFICIENCY PAY

1. G.O F.660/43 provides that entitlement to proficiency pay depends, inter alia, upon the passing of a prescribed examination. A soldier will be deemed to have passed the prescribed examination when he -

- (a) has been certified by his C.O. as being in all respects proficient in performing the duties of his appointment, and
- (b) has passed the tests applicable to soldiers of the category to which he belongs.

NOTE:- The tests applicable to soldiers of this Unit are:-

(a) T.O.E.T. for Gas as specified in "Gas Training (Aust.) 1942", Sec.15 and

(b) Small Arms Test with Rifle. The standard required is classification as a second class shot.

O.775/43 - COMBAT TYRES AND METAL HEADLOCKS

Para 8 - Maintenance Instructions:-

Maintenance of combat tyres on vehicles is prescribed as follows:-

(a) Tyre inflation pressures will be kept inflated to correct pressures prescribed in appropriate Mechanization Circulars.

(b) After an emergency deflation, a combat tyre will be reinflated to its correct pressure at the earliest possible moment



Maintenance Instructions (Cont'd)

- (c) Any combat tyre that has been deflated and run for more than:-
- (i) twenty consecutive miles, or
  - (ii) seventy-five miles in the aggregate,

will be removed and inspected by skilled AEME personnel to see if it is fit for further use. When it is necessary to remove a tyre from the wheel, the rim nuts or cap screws will not be unscrewed unless the tyre is completely deflated; otherwise, an inflated tyre may easily blow the wheel apart, causing severe injury or death. Rim nuts or cap screws will be painted red to denote danger.

(d) When replacement of a combat tyre becomes necessary, care will be taken to see that the casing and the tube of the replacement tyre are of the correct size and marked COMBAT, as in para 3 above.

(e) A rubber flap of correct size and type will be fitted in combat tyres using the segmental type of beadlock.

2. EXTRACTS:- N. G. FORCE ORDERS

A.420/43 COURTS OF INQUIRY ON ILLEGAL ABSENTEES

1. By Statutory Rule 245, dated 29 Sep.'43, Australian Military Regulation 278A was made, providing for an alternative method of investigation into illegal absence for twenty-one days or more, to that of holding courts of inquiry under AMR 276.

2. As dependants' allowance and allotment payable in respect of a member absent without leave can only be suspended under War Financial (Military Forces) Regulation 54 after a Court of Inquiry has declared the member an illegal absentee, Courts of Inquiry will continue, notwithstanding the making of AMR 276 A, to be held UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE under AMR 276 in all cases in respect of members absent without leave for twenty-one days or more.

A.426/43 : TRADE GROUPED PERSONNEL

1. IMQ has directed that trade grouped personnel rendered surplus by reason of disbandment or reorganisation of Units will retain their specialist pay whilst employed either in lower trade categories or as non tradesmen, until an opportunity occurs for their absorption in their correct trade grouping.

2. This is to be strictly enforced and Units which have personnel in the above category posted to them, will ensure that no relinquishment of specialist pay is undertaken.

3. If any such relinquishments have been effected, immediate action will be taken to reinstate specialist pay, as from the date of relinquishment.

3. EXTRACTS:- MILNE BAY BASE SUB-AREA ROUTINE ORDERS, PART I

G.26 - USE OF GRENADES, HAND, JAPANESE, TYPE 91

1. This grenade is in common use by the Japanese and quantities have been captured and used by our troops. Tests indicate that the grenade has certain characteristics which may lead to injury in the hands of inexperienced personnel. These characteristics are:-

(a) The delay fuse, marked 4/5 seconds, has been known to burn in much less time. Some tested fuses burned in 3 seconds.

USE OF GRENADES, HAND, JAPANESE, TYPE 91. (Cont'd)

(b) While the delay fuse is burning, a considerable quantity of black smoke is emitted through the escape hole at the base of the fuse tube, and small fragments of the delay fuse are sometimes forced out. At night or even at dusk or dawn, a definite glow from this hole can be seen.

2. The following precautions will be taken if the grenade is used:-

(a) it will be thrown immediately after the head has been struck;

(b) when striking the grenade, the hand will be kept well clear of the escape hole at the side of the fuse tube.

A.39 - A.A. EDUCATION SERVICE - PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

1. Attention is drawn to the fact that members of the AMF who are pursuing courses of study by correspondence may wish to present themselves for public examination, the majority of which are held in November and December each year.

2. Such members should be instructed to consult a full time Education Officer, who will assist in arranging examinations and supervision.

3. Commanding Officers and Officers in charge of Units will facilitate the holding of examinations so far as conditions of service permit.

A.40 - REMITTANCE OF UNDRAWN PAY AND CASH

1. It is anticipated that there will be a heavy demand by members to avail themselves of the opportunity of sending Remittances to residents in Australia, as Xmas gifts, and members are therefore requested to remit early.

2. Remittances forwarded through Paymasters and received by District Accounts Office, NEW GUINEA on or before 12 December 1943 will be paid by 25 December 1943.

NOTE:- Minimum Remittance £5. Smaller amounts should be forwarded by postal note in registered letters.

4. EXTRACTS:- MILNE BAY FORTRESS COMMAND ROUTINE ORDERS, PART I

A.66/43 - NATIVE GARDENS AND VILLAGES - OUT OF BOUNDS

1. All native gardens and villages are out of bounds to all troops unless on duty.

2. Trading with natives for fruit and vegetables grown in these areas is prohibited.

3. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

5. DRESS:- 1. It has become apparent that proper attention is not being paid to the matter of dress, and the correct way in which uniform should be worn. The main points noted have been as follows:-

(a) men not wearing shirts although not engaged in strenuous work.

(b) shirts being worn outside trousers.

(c) shorts being worn with socks or no hose of any sort.

(d) dirty sandshoes instead of boots.

DRESS (Cont'd)

- (e) dirty boots. In many cases it is obvious that boot polish has not been applied for long periods.
- (f) hats made to look disreputable, worn at any angle on the head, and in a number of cases made to resemble civilian hats commonly known as a "pork-pie".

2. These are only some of the irregularities which have been noted, and the G.O.C.-in-C. directs that action is to be taken forthwith by all Officers, Warrant and NCOs and members of the Provost Corps to check all irregularities in dress. Strict disciplinary action will be taken where necessary to ensure that all members are correctly and tidily dressed at all times in accordance with HQ Force Order A.456/43.

3. C.Os of units will be held personally responsible that members of their units are correctly dressed at all times.

(M.G. Force Order A.449).

6. SALUTING - M.G. Force Order A.450

1. There is a noticeable slackness in saluting by troops situated in rear areas, and steps are to be taken by all concerned to effect an improvement in this regard.

2. Failure on the part of officers and other ranks to salute as required can only be taken as an indication that there is a lack of pride on the part of the individual both in himself and in his Unit.

NOTICES£1,000 FOR WRITERS - A.B.Cs COMPETITION FOR RADIO SCRIPTS

1. The A.B.C. announces a writers' competition, with prizes totalling £1,000, for original literary work dealing with Australian life, history or characters. The competition calls for novels, plays, documentary features, short stories, poems and discussions.

2. Nationals of all English-speaking countries are eligible to compete. The following prizes will be awarded:-

NOVEL		DOCUMENTARY FEATURE		POEM	
First Prize	£150	First Prize	£60	First Prize	£25
Second Prize	£75	Second Prize	£40	Second Prize	£10
PLAY		SHORT STORY		DISCUSSION	
First Prize	£100	First Prize	£50	First Prize	£40
Second Prize	£ 70	Second Prize	£30	Second Prize	£25
Third Prize	£ 40				

3. SPECIAL BONUSES - In addition to the above prizes, the Commission will award special bonuses. There will be a bonus of £100 for the work (in any section) that is considered to be the outstanding contribution to broadcasting.

To encourage new writers in radio there will be a bonus for the best work purchased in each section (not a prize-winning entry) by a writer who has had none of his work either published or broadcast. The bonuses are as follows:-

Novel	£60	Play	£40	Documentary Features	£35
Short Story	£20	Poem	£10	Discussion	£20

4. Entries for the novel will close on September 1944. Entries for the other sections close on June 30 1944. Entry forms with full conditions of the competition, may be obtained from the A.B.C. Box 487, G.P.O., Sydney.

VACANCIES FOR DIPLOMATIC STAFF CADETS, DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

1. Applications for temporary appointment as Diplomatic Staff Cadet are invited from British subjects (male or female) who on 1st January 1944, will have reached the 17th but not the 25th anniversary of their birth.

2. Applicants must have matriculated or hold the Leaving or Senior Public Certificate. A University degree in Arts, Commerce, Law or Economics is desirable but not essential.

3. Applicants will be required to undergo a competitive examination in the following subjects:-

English Essay, Precise, Current Australian and International Affairs, and General Knowledge on questions of History, Geography, Economics, Social Questions and Politics.

Success at the examination does not confer the right to temporary appointment, selection being made following personal interview of a determined number successful at the examination. In the final selection the preference provisions of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act will be applied.

4. Successful applicants will be engaged for two years during which time they will receive remuneration of £274 per annum if an adult or £256 per annum if a minor (subject to cost of living adjustments), plus an allowance towards University Costs, and will be required to undertake at their own expense, an approved course of University study. At the end of the course, applicants will be further examined and, on a satisfactory certificate, will receive a temporary appointment to the Department of External Affairs. The question of permanent appointment to the Commonwealth Public Service will receive consideration at a later date.

5. Any eligible member of the A.M.F. who desires consideration may avail himself of the opportunity of completing an application and forwarding it direct to "Secretary, Department of External Affairs, Canberra." Applications must reach the secretary by 9 Dec. '43.

NOTE:- Pro Forma application forms available at Orderly Room.

"XMAS HAMPER"

The A.C.F. will be distributing Xmas Hampers to all Australian troops in New Guinea. These Hampers are all donated and in each one will be a card on which the name and address of the donor will be written. It would be appreciated if all personnel would acknowledge to the donor receipt of their Hamper.

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