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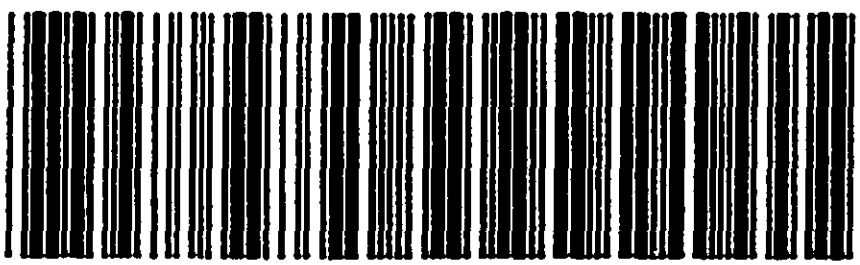
## Western Australia Line of Communication Area Adjutant General Branch (Western Command) (WA L of C Area AG Branch)

## October - December 1944



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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.
(adapted.)

*Unit* "A" Branch Western Command *Date and Time.—From* 1 Oct 44 *To* 31 Oct 44

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| PERTH | 1 Oct 44 to 31 Oct 44 | | ROUTINE ORDERS | |
| | | | HQ Western Command Nos. 275 to 352 dated 2,10,14,17,24 Oct 44 | Appendix "A" |
| | | | AMENITIES | |
| | | | Report to LHQ covering activities for month of Sep is attached | Appendix "B" |
| | | | OTHER APPENDICES ATTACHED | |
| | | | Garrison Units Western Command - Depletion & Reorganisation of | Appendix "C" |
| | | | HQ Fremantle Fortress - Reorganisation of | Appendix "D" |
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| | | | Aust Corps of Sigs - Units - Restricted WEs ) | |
| | | | % HQ 15 Aust L of C Sigs (WE<br>7 Aust Op Sec | Appendix "F" |
| | | | 47 Aust WT Sec (Lt)<br>9 Aust Line Sec | |
| | | | 5 Aust Corps AL Sec - Disbandment of | Appendix "G" |
| | | | 3 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office (AIF) - Disbanding of ) | |
| | | | 101 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type B ) - Raising of )<br>% 44 Aust Depot Cash Office (TypeB) Rottnest-Restriction of ) | Appendix "H" |

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| PERTH | 1 Oct 44 to 31 Oct 44 | | AA CANTEENS Service WA Det - Restriction of<br>AA Canteens Service Offrs Club (Type A) - Expansion of | Appendix "I" |
| | | | 21 AWAS Barracks -<br>25 AWAS Barracks -<br>250 AWAS BARRACKS - Disbandment of | Appendix "J" |
| | | | HQ Western Command - WE111/8/3 - Implementation of | Appendix "K" |
| | | | 20 AWAS Barrack - Disbanding of<br>31 AWAS Barrack - Reorganisation of | Appendix "L" |
| | | | 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy - Restricted WE | Appendix "M" |
| | | | 75 Aust Camp Hosp (Composite) - Harrimup Section | Appendix "N" |
| | | | Second Victory Loan | Appendix "O" |
| | | | AASC Units - Western Command - Reorg & Disbandment of<br>5 Aust MAC<br>124 Aust Gen Tpt Coy<br>9 Aust Aux MT Coy (LE)<br>137 Aust Gen Tpt Coy | Appendix "P" |
| | | | ½ WA L of C Area BIPOD<br>HQ 7 Aust Sup Dep Coy | |
| | | | HQ 8 Aust Sup Dep Coy<br>HQ 11 Aust Fd Baking Coy. 34 Aust Fd Baking Pl | |

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| PERTH | | | % 6 Aust AWS Trg Coy (ME) } Restriction of WEs | Appendix "Q" |
| | | | 6 Aust AWS NCO School (LE) } | |
| | | | % 4 Aust Movement Control Gp - Further Restriction of WE | Appendix "R" |
| | | | AAMC & Dental Units - Reorganisation & Disbandment of | |
| | | | 37 Aust Camp Hosp (30 beds) | |
| | | | 39 Aust Camp Hosp (30 beds) | |
| | | | 75 Aust Camp Hosp(Comp) (120 beds) | Appendix "S" |
| | | | 109 Aust Con Depot (500 men) | |
| | | | WA L of C Area Dep Med & Vet Stores | |
| | | | 10 Aust Amb Train (300 lying cases) | |
| | | | 4 Aust Mob Microradiograph Unit | |
| | | | LHQ Sub Depot of Dental Stores | |

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2 Oct. 1944.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
By BRIG O.V. HOAD
Administering Command, Western Command.

Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
Francis St.,
PERTH.

GENERAL STAFF

NIL.

ADMINISTRATION

275. CONFIRMATION SERVICE - C OF E PERSONNEL (CR. 161/1/83)

All personnel, whose names are submitted by Chaplains to COs, will be granted leave to attend Confirmation Service to be held in St.GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, PERTH on 12 Oct. 44.

276. SUMMER DRESS: (CR. 51/3/164)

Reference RO 24/44 para 263.

2. Hats will be worn turned down at all times.

277. VACANCIES FOR OFFICERS IN THE AMF: (CR. C.66/6/45)

At Appendix 'A' is a list of vacancies which exist in the various branches, services and units of the AMF.

2. Such vacancies will be brought to the notice of all Officers under Command, and Unit Commanders will submit, to reach HQ W. Comd not later than 21 Oct. 44, nominations to fill any of the vacancies listed.

3. Nominations will contain the following information :-

Number, Rank, Name, Age, Medical Classification, Unit, full details civil and military experience and qualifications, vacancy for which nominated, whether transfer is desired by the Officer.

278. DISCHARGE OF PERSONNEL TO INDUSTRY - REF GRO A.736/43 = ASO 5/7 (CR. 194/5/1338)

In all cases where LEO issue forms MPR2 for the discharge of personnel to the DAIRYING INDUSTRY, Para (c) of such forms and Para 7 of GRO A.736/43 will NOT be applicable.

2. Discharge of personnel concerned will be unconditional and subject only to the soldier's concurrence.

3. Normal action will be taken on all Forms MPR 2 received by Units where the discharge of personnel is required for industries other than dairying.

279. PREPAREDNESS FOR WAR OF UNIT PERSONNEL - ENTRIES IN RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK - AAB 82: (CR. 158/1/21)

As some confusion appears to exist regarding requirements as to the blood-grouping, X-raying and photographing of AMF personnel, the following instructions are promulgated.

Blood-grouping:

2. (a) It is essential that every member of the AMF shall have been blood grouped. The result of blood-grouping must be recorded on the member's identity discs and in his AAB 83.

(b) If no such record is available, the member must be blood grouped again and the result duly recorded in his AAB 83 and stamped on his identity discs.

X-ray:

3. (a) Except for a very small proportion of personnel to whom special circumstances applied, all members of the AMF should have been X-rayed by now, though it is possible that no entry has been made in the member's paybook or AAB 83 that he has passed an X-ray examination.

(b) Where on enquiry it appears that a member still has not been X-rayed, the deficiency will be rectified at the earliest opportunity, but in the meantime it will not prevent the member from being regarded as administratively correct A for drafting purposes.

(c) Where there is no record in a member's paybook or AAB 83 of his having been X-rayed, but the member states that he has in fact been X-rayed, his statement may be accepted without the necessity of reference to the 2nd Echelon Organisation and an entry will be made on page 16 of his AAB 83 to the following effect and signed by the Officer to whom the member makes the statement (not necessarily a medical officer) :-

| Date | Result | Signature of Officer |
|---|---|---|
| 1.1.44 (approx). | States Passed | J.JONES Lt. |

Photograph:

4. (a) From returns submitted to this HQ it appears that the great majority of members of AMF have now been photographed for identification purposes.

(b) Where on investigation it is found that a member still has not been photographed, the deficiency will be rectified when a convenient opportunity presents itself, but in the meantime it will not prevent the member from being regarded as administratively correct A for drafting purposes.

(c) Where an AAF A.256 concerning a member has been submitted to a 2nd Echelon component but has been returned without a print of his photo, no further action will be taken.

Completeness of entries in AAB 83:

5. (a) For the protection of individual members and of the Army it is essential that the entries in AAB 83 should be complete (except for photograph) and kept up to date.

(b) Formations will ensure that special checks are made from time to time in units under Command to ensure that this instruction has been complied with.

(c) In such checks particular attention will be paid to record of issues, record of leave, and medical particulars.

(d) If particulars of vaccination, innoculation etc are not already entered in member's AAB 83, and no record is available in the member's continuation paybook, it will be possible in many instances to obtain the relevant particulars from the DFO who will be in possession of his original paybook.

280. MEDICAL SERVICE, WESTERN COMMAND - ADDRESS: (CR. 140/1/335)

RO 14/44 para 152 is cancelled.

2. All correspondence will now be addressed to DDMS, HQ WESTERN COMMAND.

281. REQUEST HOUR (GRO A.492/43): (CR. 158/1/40)

In an attempt to settle, on the home front, the various problems of dependants which are normally referred to the menfolk away on service, dependants of serving personnel have been granted the privilege of direct approach to Army Authorities through the Amenities Officer (Special Duties.)

2. All ranks should be made aware of this facility and encouraged to impress upon their dependants to make use of this Service.

3. It has been found that many of the problems referred through the soldier could have been handled more expeditiously and the needless worry caused to the soldier avoided, if such had been referred direct by dependants.

4. Amenities Officer (Special Duties) may be consulted by both soldiers and dependants on any problem, including Domestic, Sickness, Child Delinquincy, Care of Children, Legal, Housing, Business and Financial worries.

282. V.O.L. EQUIPMENT FOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN TANKS, HEAVY ARMOURED CARS AND AFVs. (CR. 138/1/662)

In future Units returning vehicles, other than those specified above, to Ord. Vehicle Parks will prepare AFG.1033 listing in bulk the equipment returned with the vehicles. If one or more vehicles are being returned at any one time an AFG.1033 will be prepared summarising all the items returned as per V.O.Ls.

283. PETROL DETECTOR SOLUTION "A" (CR. 138/1/727)

Instances have occurred recently which prove that in some cases Petrol Detector is NOT being used where pumps are installed.

2. Bulk Pumps: COs/OCs responsible for Petrol Pumps will ensure that Detector is placed in underground storage, in the ratio of one ounce to 50 gals of MT Petrol, immediately prior to receiving a delivery from Pool Petroleum Pty. Ltd.

3. 44 and 4 Gal Drums: Supplies of MT Petrol received from Pool Petroleum Pty Ltd., in 4 and 44 gal drums are treated by that Firm prior to sale. E.I.P.O.D. will add Petrol Detector to contents of 4 and 44 gal drums filled by that Unit from bulk supplies.

284. ORDERING OFFICERS - TREASURY REGULATIONS 49 (1) AND OFFICERS CERTIFYING TO PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: (CR. 62/1/175)

The GOC WESTERN COMMAND has authorised the following amendment (Serial No. 8) to the list of Officers authorised to issue orders for supplies and services under Treasury Regulations 49 (1) and to sign certificates on Forms TS 4 affecting payment of accounts.

| Branch or Service | Appointment | Ordering Officer | Certifying Officer |
|---|---|---|---|
| ADD | | | |
| WA Ech & Records | O. I/C. | Maj. A.K. ELSOM | Maj. A.K.ELSOM |
| Supply & Transport | Capt POL S & T HQ. | Capt D.S. LORD | Capt D.S. LORD |
| DELETE: | | | |
| WA Ech & Records | O.C. | Lt-Col H.O.A.D. BURROWS | Lt-Col H.O.A.D. BURROWS. |

This delegation is made in favour of the particular officer mentioned above and not to any other officer who may act temporarily at any time in above appointment.

285. AMENITIES EQUIPMENT ISSUED ON LOAN TO UNITS: (CR. 41/1/246)

A census of all NON-EXPENDABLE items of Amenities Equipment issued on loan to Units by former WA L of C Area Amenities Officer and by 3 Aust Corps D.D Amenities will be made as at 30 September, 1944. Such equipment includes pianos, radios, gramophones, billiard Tables, Public Address systems.

2. Units will submit to Headquarters, Western Command (Attention DAD Amenities) a return in accordance with the following pro forma not later than 9 October, 1944. NIL returns will be submitted.

AMENITIES EQUIPMENT HELD ON LOAN.

. . . . . (Unit) . . . . . (Date)

| Article | Quantity | Date Received | From whom received | Condition |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| . . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . . |

I certify that the above equipment is held by this Unit in the condition stated.

. . . . . (Commanding)

3. A quarterly report in similar form will be submitted to reach HQ Western Command not later than 30 Jun, 30 Sep, 31 Dec, 31 Mar, by all Units holding Amenities Equipment issued on loan. Quarterly "NIL" returns will be submitted.

286. RATION SCALE - ISSUE OF TINNED EQUIVALENTS (CR. 185/1/394)

Commencing on 1 Oct 44, tinned Commodities for all personnel on "C" ration Scale and "Female" ration scale will be issued twice weekly for consumption on Tuesday and Friday, in lieu of fresh rations.

The amended scales are as follows:-

TINNED ISSUES - "C" SCALE.

| | To be issued for consumption on Tuesday. (ozs per head per day) | To be issued for consumption on Friday. (ozs per head per day) |
|---|---|---|
| **BEVERAGES** | | |
| Coffee | 1/5 | 1/5 |
| Tea | ½ | ½ |
| **CEREALS.** | | |
| Bread | | 12 |
| Biscuits | 10 | |
| Flour, Wheatmeal, or Oatmeal. | 2 | 2 |
| Rice | ½ | ½ |
| **CONDIMENTS.** | | |
| Curry Powder | 1/56 | 1/56 |
| Mustard | 1/100 | 1/100 |
| Pepper. | 1/100 | 1/100 |
| Salt | ½ | ½ |
| **FATS.** | | |
| Margarine | | 1½ |
| Tropical Spread | 1½ | |
| **FRUITS** | | |
| Dried | 1 | 1 |
| **MEAT** | | |
| Bacon (Tinned) | 6/7 | 6/7 |
| Cheese (Fresh) | 6/7 | 6/7 |
| 12 ozs. (Fish | | 4 |
| (Meat Pres | 7 | |
| (M & V | 4 | |
| (Eggs Fresh | | 3 Singles (In lieu 4 oz Meat Pres) |
| Eggs Pres | ½ | (In lieu 2 oz Meat Pres) |
| Sausages. | | 4 |
| **MILK** | | |
| Condensed (unsweetened) | 2½ | 2½ Fresh milk may be issued in lieu |
| **RISINGS.** | | |
| Baking Powder. | 1/28 | 1/28 |

| | To be issued for consumption on Tuesday. (ozs per head per day) | Friday. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **SUGARS.** | | | |
| Jam or Golden Syrup | 2 | 2 | |
| Sugar | 3 | 3 | |
| **VEGETABLES.** | | | |
| Dried Blue Peas. | 1 | 1 | |
| Tinned - Assorted | 3 | 5 | |
| Tomatoes | 2 | | |
| Pork & Beans | 3 | 3 | |
| Potatoes Fresh | | 10 | |
| Rice | 2 | | In lieu of fresh |
| Tomato Puree | ½ | | Potatoes. |
| Onions Tnd | 1 | | |
| " Fresh | | 2 | |

NOTE:- Hospital patients on "C" Scale will be issued with Bread 12 ozs for Consumption on Tuesday in lieu of Biscuits 10 ozs.

TINNED ISSUES - FEMALE SCALE.

| | To be issued for consumption on Tuesday. (ozs per head per day). | Friday. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **BEVERAGES.** | | | |
| Cocoa | ½ | ½ | |
| Coffee | 1/5 | 1/5 | |
| Tea | ½ | ½ | |
| **CEREALS.** | | | |
| Bread | 7 | 7 | |
| Flour, Whole Wheat, Oatmeal or Wheatmeal. | 2 | 2 | |
| Rice or Whole Wheat | ½ | ½ | |
| **CONDIMENTS** | | | |
| Curry Powder | 1/56 | 1/56 | |
| Mustard | 1/100 | 1/100 | |
| Pepper | 1/100 | 1/100 | |
| Salt | ½ | ½ | |
| **FATS.** | | | |
| Margarine | | 1½ | |
| Tropical Spread | 1½ | | |
| **FRUIT.** | | | |
| Dried | 1 | 1 | |
| **MEAT.** | | | |
| Bacon (tinned) | 5/7 | 5/7 | |
| Cheese (Fresh) | 4/7 | 4/7 | |
| Eggs Fresh | 3/7 (singles) | 3/7 (singles) | |
| 12 ozs. (Fish | | 4 | |
| (Meat Pres | 5 | | |
| (M & V | 4 | | |
| (Sausages | | 4 | |
| (Eggs Pres | 1 | | (In lieu of 4 ozs Meat Pres) |
| (Eggs Fresh | | | 3 Singles. (In lieu of 4 ozs Meat Pres). |

| | To be issued for consumption on Tuesday (ozs per head per day) | Friday. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MILK. | | | |
| Condensed (unsweetended) | 5 | 5 | (Fresh milk may be issued in lieu). |
| RISINGS. | | | |
| Baking Powder. | 1/28 | 1/28 | |
| SUGARS. | | | |
| Jam or Golden Syrup | 2 | 2 | |
| Sugar. | 3 | 3 | |
| VEGETABLES. | | | |
| Dried Blue Peas | ½ | ½ | |
| Vegs - Tinned Assorted | 3 | 3 | |
| Pork & Beans. | 3 | 3 | |
| Tomatoes | 2 | 2 | |
| Onions Tnd | 5/8 | 5/8 | |
| Rice | 2 | ) | In lieu of |
| Tomato Puree | ¼ | ) | fresh potatoes. |
| Potatoes Fresh | | 10 | |

287. RE-COLOURING OF WEB EQUIPMENT. (CR. 51/3/279)

Supplies of Khaki Dye are available through NAAFI Canteens Service.

2. Such dye is economical in use and, if applied under unit control, uniformity in colouring of web equipment may be achieved.

288. BOOT REPAIRS - LABELS. (CR. 32/1/274)

Supplies of Boot Repair Labels WA.F16 are NOT available and further indents will not be submitted. In lieu, units will use AF. W3387 "Equipment Label" in conjunction with AB. 66 "Delivery Note."

289. SUPPLIES - BACON TINNED. (CR.185/1/538)

Due to the scarcity of Pork supplies, the issue of Fresh Bacon must necessarily be restricted.

2. Bacon Tinned therefore will be issued for consumption on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays of each week until further notice. The initial issue will be for consumption on Monday 9 Oct 44.

3. The Scale of Issue is 5/7 oz per man.

4. Bacon Tinned will be prepared for consumption by immersing the tin - unopened in boiling water for 5 minutes. Immediately the tin is taken from the boiling water, the bacon will be extracted and browned off in the oven and served as rashers.

5. Further instructions regarding the preparation of Tinned Bacon will be issued from time to time by the Catering Corps.

290. EXPENSE STORES : RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISSUE. (CR. 215/10/41)

As from 1 Oct 1944 items Distilled Water and Atomisers or Flit Guns will be issued solely by Ordnance.

2. Stocks of Distilled Water on hand at DID's or Supply Depots at that date will be issued by ASC until exhausted.

291. BOOT REPAIRERS. (CR. 51/5/57)

A return will be submitted to reach HQ Western Command (ADOS) by 10 Oct showing particulars as below of any shoemakers with Units whether carried on W.E. or otherwise.

No. Rank. Name. Age. Med Class. Trade Group.

2. The return will show the number of boots - pairs - repaired by the unit for the week ending 7 Oct 44; also the weekly average repaired for period 1 Jul to 30 Sep. The return will not apply to AAOC units.

292. GAUGES TYRE INFLATION. (CR. 138/1/759)

When submitting requisitions for gauges, tyre inflation, it is essential that attention be paid to the type of gauge required

2. The gauge of each respective vehicle should be calibrated to register 50% higher than the maximum inflation required.

3. Gauges are available in three different ranges, as follow:

No.1. All cars, vans, etc, equipped with tyres having a maximum inflation of 36 lbs will use gauge No 1 (calibrated to read 50 lbs). Correct nomenclature Gauge No 1 0963%.

No.2. All 15 cwt and 1 ton trucks or vans having inflation range from 37 to 48 lbs will use gauge No 2 (calibrated to read to 80 lbs). Correct nomenclature Gauge No 2 0964%.

No.3. All vehicles equipped with tyres having pressure greater than 50 lbs front or rear will use gauge No 3 (calibrated to read to 140 lbs). Correct nomenclature Gauge No 3 0965%.

Irregularities in present unit holdings of gauges, tyre inflation, should be adjusted to comply with the fore-going.

293. TYRES BL (Bead Lock) as fitted to Trucks ¼-ton 4 x 4 (Jeep). (CR. 138/1/759)

Owing to shortage of tyres constructed with special beads for use with bead lock type wheel equipment, all metal bead locks fitted to wheels of the above mentioned vehicles will be removed and returned to RSD forthwith.

2. When other than Tyres BL are fitted and metal bead locks retained, the beads of such tyres are destroyed at the toe due to the difference in bead contour, so causing early tyre failure.

3. Particular care will be taken to ensure that bar tread and commercial tread tyres are not fitted to the same vehicle. Indents will show clearly the size (500 x 16), type and tread required.

294. MONTHLY CENSUS OF WATCHES - GRO 0.195/44. (CR. 215/1/615) WATCHES - ALL TYPES.

All units of Western Command Troops and 1 Aust Armd Bde Gp in possession of Watches - All Types will attach a statement to Census Returns as at 20 Oct 44 containing the following information

(a) Types.
(b) Makes and Makers registered number
(c) Quantities by types and makes.

E Bowen Lt-Col
AA & QMG. WESTERN COMMAND.

APPENDIX "A".

| Arm, Service or Unit. | Ranks. | Numbers of Vacancies. | Qualifications. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LHQ DPW & I | Maj. | 1 | Medically Class A<br>Age within the limit defined by GRO 168/42.<br>Good education & personality. | For forward posting for liaison duties with US Army. |
| AAPC. | Majs<br>Capts<br>& Lts. | Numerous vacancies. | Medically Class A or B<br>Within age limit defined by AMR & C 155 (1)<br>Qualified accountants<br>Banking experience<br>Members of Commonwealth Public Service with clerical ability<br>Officers selected for field. units should be capable of controlling troops on a HQ unit. | For posting as Field or Depot paymasters<br>Group leaders in Ledger & Accounting Sections in District Accounts Offices<br>OsC All Sections connection with pay procedure in District Accounts Offices. |
| STAFF LHQ. | Capts<br>& Lts. | Several vacancies. | Medically class A or B<br>Age preferably not under 30<br>Operational experience preferred<br>Staff experience in any Branch. | For staff postings at LHQ in "G" "A" or "Q" Branches. |
| LHQ Directorate of Public Relations | Lts | Few vacancies. | Medically A or B<br>Ages preferably within the limit defined by GRO 168/42<br>Good journalistic experience and qualifications. | Field Postings. |
| AEME | Lts. | Few vacancies. | Medically class A1<br>Ages within the limit defined by GRO 168/42.<br>Qualifications as set out in GRO 459/42. | For postings in AEME Workshops. |

| Arm, Service or Unit. | Ranks | Numbers of Vacancies. | Qualifications. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RAE (Works) | Majs<br>Capts<br>Lts | Several vacancies. | Medically Class A or B<br>Age within the limits defined by GRO 168/42.<br>Qualified at SME (Wks) together with a knowledge, in some instances, of engineer stores. | For forward postings. |
| RAE (ME & Boring) | Capts & Lts. | Few Vacancies. | Medically class A or B<br>Age within the limits defined by GRO 168/42.<br>Qualified at SME (Fd) with requisite RAE officer Academic and Technical qualifications, knowledge of road making and maintenance of mechanical plant. | Forward Postings. |
| RAE (Forestry) | Majs & Lts. | Few vacancies | Medically Class A or B<br>Age within the limits defined by GRO 168/42.<br>Qualified at SME (Fd) with Forestry or Botany qualifications and experience in Sawmilling. Surveying etc. | Forward Postings. |
| AA Amenities Service. | Lts. | Several vacancies. | Medically Class A or B<br>Age within the limits defined by AMR & O 155 (1)<br>Qualifications as detailed in notice appearing in GROs of 14 Jul 44. | |
| AA Education Service. | Lts | Several vacancies. | Medically Class A or B<br>Age within the limits defined by AMR & O 155 (1)<br>Qualifications as detailed in notice appearing in GROs of 14 Jul 44. | |

| Arm, Service or Unit. | Ranks. | Numbers of vacancies. | Qualifications. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AAOC. | Capt. | 1. | Medically Class A or B<br>Age within the limits defined by AMR & O 155 (1)<br>Knowledge of hand & machine tools together with knowledge of military correspondence. | Posting to CPO LHQ. |
| 2 Aust Tech Trg Centre. | Lt. | 1. | Medically Class A or B<br>Age preferably under 40<br>Capable of servicing every component of the following -<br>Ford, Chev & International Motor Vehicles<br>Army type motor cycles<br>Stationary engines (including Diesel)<br>and capable of delivering technical lectures, setting & correcting examination papers, supervising & training of Trade Instructors<br>and<br>Good personality and be capable of exercising command of men. | Required as Lt Instructor 2 Aust TTC. |

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

By BRIG. O.V. HOAD.

Administering Command, Western Command.

Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
Francis St.,
PERTH.

GENERAL STAFF.

295. ISSUE AND USE OF NEW VEHICLE LOG BOOKS FOR CARRIERS (ALL TYPES) AND "B" VEHICLES. (C.R. 138/1/122)

GRO G.152/1944, para 13, has been amended by adding the following words:-

"The necessary current details shall include -

(a) any record of changes of major assemblies, such as engines, gearboxes, differentials, etc., during the last 5,000 miles;

(b) all repairs and replacements carried out during the last 2,000 miles;

(c) the average fuel and oil consumption over the last 2,000 miles; and

(d) all modifications carried out;

such mileages being prior to the initial entries in the new log book."

2. Units will ensure that action is taken to include details as above in AAB 20B forthwith.

[signature] COL.
GS. WESTERN COMMAND.

ADMINISTRATION.

296. STAFF: FINANCE OFFICE. (CR. 164/10/72)

Applications are invited from personnel medically classified Class B for transfer to the Australian Army Pay Corps (District Finance Office.) Applicants must be good handwriters and have had some accountancy, bookkeeping or advanced clerical experience.

2. Applications in individual's own handwriting to be addressed to the District Finance Officer, Drill Hall, Nicholson Rd, Subiaco.

3. To be republished in the next issue of all Unit ROs Part I.

297. EFFECTIVE DATE OF RELINQUISHMENT OF TRADE-GROUPING. (CR.228/1/44)

On and after 7 Oct 44, when the relinquishment by a member of an acting or substantive trade-grouping is ordered by his CO, such relinquishment will take effect on the day on which it is communicated to the member.

2. Accordingly a CO, when ordering the relinquishment by a member of an acting or substantive trade-grouping, will ensure -

(a) That the relinquishment is communicated in writing to the member immediately it is made, and the member's written acknowledgement obtained on a copy of the communication;

(b) that the relinquishment is entered immediately in the member's paybook;

(c) that a casualty return containing particulars of the relinquishment, including the date on which it takes effect is submitted to the 2nd Echelon component for the area of service together with a copy of the written communication to the member with his written acknowledgement endorsed thereon;

(d) that the number and date of the casualty return notifying the relinquishment is entered in the member's paybook;

(e) that on promulgation of the relinquishment in Routine Orders Part II, a reference to the relevant Routine Order is also inserted in the member's paybook.

298. SERVICE OVERSEAS - RECORD OF VOLUNTEERS OF PERMANENT MILITARY FORCES. (CR. 241/1/593).

After the conclusion of the last war difficulty was experienced in determining which members of the Permanent Military Forces who had not served overseas had volunteered unreservedly for such service, with the result that the rights of certain members who had volunteered were endangered. In order to prevent a recurrence of this state of affairs, a notification will be published in formation and Permanent Military Forces unit orders half-yearly in April and October to the effect that members who wish their names to be so recorded and who have not already notified their desire to so serve and received an acknowledgement of that fact in writing, should do so.

2. An up to date list of all volunteers will be maintained at Command or District Headquarters.

299. W.A. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BY-ELECTION: SOUTH-EAST PROVINCE. (CR.145/1/43)

The State Chief Electoral Officer advises that a writ has been issued for a by-election for one (1) member for the South-East Province.

2. Nominations close on 2 Nov 44, and the Poll will be held on Saturday 18 Nov 44.

3. The Legislative Council (War Time) Electoral Act provides that members of Forces must be qualified and enrolled for the Province in order to be eligible to vote.

4. Such Service personnel will be able to record Postal Votes after the close of nominations and before polling day.

5. In the larger towns, postal vote officers are located at Court Houses and Municipal and Road Board Offices.

6. For the convenience of units located some distance from towns or inhabited localities special polling places may be approved by The State Chief Electoral Officer upon application by the Units concerned.

7. Applications should be addressed to Chief Electoral Office, 62 Barrack Street, Perth, and state the number of qualified and enrolled electors desirous of voting and the name of the officer or N.C.O. to act as presiding officer.

(The substance of 1 to 6 will be republished in Unit R.O's)

300. CONDONATION. (CR.130/1/90).

The following is brought to the notice of all CO's for their information and guidance.

2. Condonation or pardon by a competent military authority if held to be proved will operate to prevent a person being tried by court-martial. It may be pleaded in bar of trial.

3. Condonation means such conduct on the part of a competent authority - i.e. an authority having power to determine that the charge should not be proceeded with - as is inconsistent with subsequently trying the offender and as would make it inequitable to do so. It must be done with a full knowledge of the circumstances and may be express, or implied by conduct.

4. If a C.O. with full knowledge of all the circumstances of the misconduct releases the member from military custody, or delays in dealing with a case, and continues to employ him in his normal duty, or employs him in active operations in which he performs satisfactorily, such conduct may amount to condonation. It is in this way that a C.O. may in fact condone an offence without any real intention of so doing.

5. When a C.O. does not wish to condone an offence and exigencies of the service require that an offender should continue to be employed in his normal duties, the C.O. should make it clear to the offender that the offence is not condoned and that the charge will be proceeded with as soon as circumstances permit.

301. FIRE OFFICER - WESTERN COMMAND. (CR.83/1/232)

It is notified that the Warrant Officer acting as Fire Officer, Western Command, will be completing his tour of duty with this Command on the 31 Oct 1944. In future the orders "Standing orders for Fire Fighting Services" will apply. Attention is drawn to paras 6 and 7 of those orders.

2. Technical advice will be provided by D.C.'s.R.E. and/or the Advisory Fire Officer of 3 Aust C.R.E. (Works) Swan Orphanage Perth.

302. DISCIPLINARY POWERS OF COMDS OF SMALL UNITS OR DETACHMENTS. (C.R. 166/1/155)

GRO A356/44 having cancelled and replaced GRO A145/44, all limitations and extensions of disciplinary powers effected by this HQ in terms of the latter GRO are cancelled.

2. The following will submit to this HQ forthwith for consideration, a return disclosing the information required by para 6 of GRO A356/44:-

(a) Units with detachments commanded by Officers below field rank;

(b) units with detachments not under comd of an officer;

(c) units whose Comd is below field rank.

3. Such returns will be submitted through Service channels, in the case of units of the Services, but otherwise through Comd channels. Heads of Services and Subordinate Comds will incorporate their recommendations as to the disciplinary powers which should be exercised by the officers concerned.

4. A Comd of a detachment or small unit, below field rank will NOT impose a pecuniary penalty exceeding £3, or detention in excess of 7 days, unless his powers have been specifically extended or prior approval of the Formation Comd has been obtained.

5. Returns as per para 2 above will reach this HQ by 161200H.

303. SUGAR FOR JAM MAKING - SERVICE PERSONNEL. GRO Q.182/1944. (CR. 185/1/541)

Authority has been received for the issue of 3 Special Sugar Ration Coupons of 2 lbs each to all ranks of the Aust Military Forces, including representatives of recognised philanthropic organisations on full time duty, who are not rationed departmentally.

2. Units requiring such coupons will submit requisitions on ADS & T Western Command forthwith. Units will issue to personnel in accordance with para 1 above, and will keep a record of all individual issues as a safeguard against duplication.

3. These Special Sugar Ration Coupons will continue to be available until further notice.

304. AF W.3809 - DAILY RATION STRENGTH RETURN. (CR. 185/1/394)

As from 25/10/44 units will discontinue the practice of furnishing AF. W.3809 daily to nearest AAPC checking staff representative.

2. AF. W.3809 will be prepared daily and retained by unit until the AF. W.3810 for the current week is prepared, when all relevant AF's W.3809 will be attached to AF. W.3810, and together with forms A.B.65 submitted to the Supply Officer from whom rations were secured.

3. It will be the duty of the Supply Officer to ensure that AF's W.3809 are attached when AF's W.3810 are received from units, where D.R.O. Checking Staff personnel are not attached. In other instances D.R.O. Checking Staff personnel will police the receipt of AF's W.3809 attached to respective AF. W.3810.

4. GRO 0501/42 para 3 is amended accordingly within Western Command.

305. TROPICAL SPREAD : RECONSTITUTING TO APPROXIMATE NORMAL FRESH BUTTER. (CR. 185/1/235).

It has been ascertained during recent unit inspections that in a number of instances Tropical Spread has been issued to messes for consumption without being reconstituted.

2. Instructions for reconstituting Tropical Spread were published in R.O. 351 Serial 41/44 and are now repeated.

3. Tropical Spread is prepared for consumption by the addition of water (or, preferably, milk) and Salt. As far as practicable, the following method shall be adopted:-

INGREDIENTS:- 1 - lb Tin of Tropical Spread.
1 - Heaped Teaspoonful of Salt.
5 - Teaspoons of Water.

5 - Tins of Tropical Spread.
2 - Tablespoons of Salt.
¾ of a Cup of Water.

DIRECTIONS:- Place Spread in larger container, dissolve Salt in Water and add slowly to Spread beating briskly until all moisture is absorbed.

It is not necessary to warm the water or spread. The butter will be soft after mixing, but will harden if allowed to stand. (Where possible allow to stand overnight ).

WATER:- As for drinking purposes - All water in forward Areas must be treated before adding to the Spread.

306. MINOR WORKS AND ENGINEER SERVICES TO HIRED PREMISES. (CR. 240/1/244)

RO 31/43 para 287, sub para 1 (a) is not now applicable to works on hired premises, and the following procedure will be adopted by Units occupying hired buildings when the execution of minor works, or supply of Engineer Stores for use on hired property by Unit personnel, is required.

2. All demands will be submitted on AAF. P.26 (1 original and 2 plain copies) to the DCRE (Works) concerned, giving details of the various items requiring attention and necessity for same, particularly differentiating between proposed new work, and repairs and maintenance which might be the owners responsibility.

307. RATION SCALE: TINNED EQUIVALENTS. (CR.187/1/294)

Western Command RO. No 286 - 2 Oct 1944 is amended.

Tinned Vegetables will not be issued until further notice and fresh vegetables as per C scale will be issued in lieu of tinned vegetables referred to in pages 6 & 7 R.O. 286.

308. PAINTING OF VEHICLES. (CR.138/1/776)

All vehicles requiring repainting will be painted in a single colour, namely, Khaki green No 3, in accordance with GHQ 0278/44, paras 1, 2 and 4. Para 3 is NOT applicable.

309. PRECAUTIONS TO BE OBSERVED IN CONSUMPTION OF TINNED RATIONS. (CR.185/1/394.)

GRO Q 105/43 is repeated, and the following will be published in Unit RO's once a week during the period of issue of tinned rations:-

2. It is essential that before issue or consumption, tinned food shall be subject to rigid inspection and scrutiny by the supply service, the unit, and the individual soldier.

3. Tins which are found to be in any way abnormal in appearance or which are badly bent, rusted, swollen or leaking, will not be issued or opened by unit or individual, but will be returned to the Supply Officer for inspection and disposal.

4. When damaged supplies cannot be returned to the Supply Officer they shall be destroyed by incineration, and certificate (P735) signed by a responsible officer, forwarded to the Supply Officer as soon as possible setting out the commodities, brands and quantities destroyed.

5. All personnel especially cooks or caterers, are warned against eating or even tasting any tinned commodities which appear abnormal in smell or appearance, as poisoning with fatal results can occur.

310. MAXIMUM SPEED OF VEHICLES. (CR.138/1/468)

Attention of all Units operating vehicles is drawn to GRO Q340 of 22 Sep 44, which will be read in conjunction with this order and which prescribes a speed limit not greater than 30 miles per hour for any class of vehicle.

2. Speed limits permitted by para 1 (C) of above GRO have been co-ordinated with the civil speed limits effective in Western Australia, and the resultant maximum speeds, which will be observed in Western Command, are as set out in the Appendix to this order.

3. Attention is also drawn to ASO chapter 12, para 16. The sticker affixed to the dashboard of each vehicle, in accordance with ASO 12/16 (c) will be amended to comply with the revised speed limits.

4. It will be a Unit responsibility that drivers are made familiar with the speed limits of the particular vehicles which they are required to drive.

5. The speed limits set out in para 1 (c) of GRO 340/44 and in para 5 (f) of Standing Orders for Drivers of MV 1942, will NOT apply in Western Command.

6. Appendix "C" to ASO Chapter 12 is cancelled and the Appendix to this Order is substituted.

311. FOOD RATION COUPONS. (CR. 185/1/333)

DRO Checking Staff reports indicate that a number of Units have not been issuing food ration coupons according to the correct entitlement.

2. Attention is again drawn to the fact that local leave of 12 hours or more granted on a rest day under GRO 2593/43 para 144 is regarded as a full day and the entitlement to coupons for rest days will only be on a monthly basis, i.e. a maximum of 2 coupons per month.

312. CIVILIANS TRAVELLING IN ARMY VEHICLES. (CR.138/1/667)

Reference GRO Q694/43, the following policy in regard to the Commonwealth's responsibility is approved.

2. Civilians travelling in Army vehicles may be classified as under -

(a) Civilians performing service on behalf of and at the request of the Army, either in an honorary or paid capacity (e.g., official visitors to internment camps, persons appointed as commissioners of inquiry etc.)

(b) Distinguished visitors to whom as a matter of courtesy the Army would wish to extend transport facilities (e.g. the Minister for the U.S. visiting the Northern Territory).

(c) Civilians doing work of a kind which benefits the Army but is not done directly at the request of the Army or under control of the Army, and who could only perform their duties efficiently if transport is provided (e.g., delegate of the International Red Cross Committee).

(d) Civilian contractors such as men engaged on construction work who may need to have transport facilities if they are to discharge the terms of their contract.

3. In regard to (a), (b) and (c) above, the civilians will be carried at Commonwealth risk, in regard to civilians under (d) and similar cases, the persons carried will be required to sign an agreement relieving the Commonwealth of all liability for loss or injury while being transported in Army vehicles.

4. An appropriate form of agreement would be -

"In consideration of my being carried as a passenger in an Army vehicle, I agree to travel at my own risk and agree not to hold the Commonwealth, its servants and agents responsible for any loss or injury sustained by me while being so carried.

Date _____

Witness _____ Signature _____

5. Officers requisitioning transport under sub para 2 (d) above and similar cases will be held responsible that the form of agreement as set out in para 4 above is completed and handed to the transport office supplying the vehicle before the journey commences.

313. PRESERVATION OF WOODWORK OF RIFLES. (CR.190/1/128)

Attention of all OC's is directed to GRO 0 174/44.

2. An inspection of units by DME Small Arms on this HQ reveals that instructions given in above GRO are not being adhered to, with consequent deterioration of woodwork.

314. M.T. CENSUS RECORDS. (CR. 138/1/888)

AAF G56 M.T. Census Unit Card.
AAF G57 M.T. Census Typo Card.

The above mentioned AA Forms have been introduced and together with AAF G49 (Numerical Index Card) and AAF G51 (Census Card) are available for issue at Stationery Depot.

2. With concurrence of Stationery Officer, Western Command, all requisitions for these forms will first be submitted to ADOS Western Command for approval prior to being forwarded to Stationery Depot.

C Bowen Lt.Col.
AA & QMG. WESTERN COMMAND.

10 Oct 44.

NOTICES.

MEETING - AWAS OFFICERS. (CR.19/2/111)

Notice promulgated in RO 24/44 is cancelled.

2. AWAS Officers will attend a Meeting to be held in the Recreation Room, Swan Barracks, on FRIDAY 20 OCT 44 at 1415 hrs.

SECOND VICTORY LOAN. (CR. 161/1/79).

A meeting of all Unit Loan Officers available in Metropolitan Area will be held in Arundale Hall, corner Museum and James St at 1430 hrs Monday 16 Oct 44.

## APPENDIX "A".

### SPEED LIMITS.

No person shall drive any of the following vehicles on any road in excess of the speed shown under the following conditions:

| 1. Type of Vehicle. | 2. When passing Schools, Hospitals, turning a corner, crossing an intersection, crossing a bridge. | 3. Within a City Block of PERTH or FREMANTLE or any Municipality or TOWN. | 4. Elsewhere in Metropolitan Area. | 5. Outside Metropolitan Area and NOT in any Municipality or TOWN. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (a) Cars, motor cycles & motor cycle combinations. Trucks, ¼ ton Jeep Ambulances (except in emergency) Vans up to and including 15 cwt. | 15 M.P.H. | 25 M.P.H. | 30 M.P.H. | 30 M.P.H. |
| (b) Vans, 1 ton (except Inter) | 15 M.P.H. | 25 M.P.H. | 25 M.P.H. | 25 M.P.H. |
| (c) Trucks up to and including 1 Ton Vans 1 Ton GS Inter. Lorries & trucks GS up to and including 3 ton. Lorries and trucks 3 ton stores, machinery and search-light loaded. Lorries & trucks 7 ton, semi-trailer GS Lorries & trucks, over 3 ton, not elsewhere shown. Trucks, 10 ton (Mack) without trailer. Cars scout. Cars armoured. | 15 M.P.H. | 20 M.P.H. | 20 M.P.H. | 25 M.P.H. |

When any of above vehicles has a trailer attached, the speed is to be reduced by 5 M.P.H.

| 1. Type of vehicle. | 2. When passing Schools, Hospitals, turning a corner, crossing an intersection, crossing a bridge. | 3. Within a City Block of PERTH or FREMANTLE or any Municipality or TOWN | 4. Elsewhere in Metropolitan Area. | 5. Outside Metropolitan Area and NOT in any Municipality or Town. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (d) Tank Transporters | | | | |
| Tractor Unit only | 15 M.P.H. | 20 M.P.H. | 20 M.P.H. | 20 M.P.H. |
| Transporter unloaded | 15 M.P.H. | 15 M.P.H. | 15 M.P.H. | 15 M.P.H. |
| Transporter loaded | 13 M.P.H. | 13 M.P.H. | 13 M.P.H. | 13 M.P.H |
| (e) Tanks - | | | | |
| Light M 3 | | | | |
| Cruiser | 8 M.P.H. | 8 M.P.H. | 8 M.P.H. | 8 M.P.H. |
| Infantry (Matilda) | | | | |
| Carriers MG Universal | | | | |
| (f) Tractors Fd Arty - | | | | |
| Not towing | 15 M.P.H. | 20 M.P.H. | 20 M.P.H. | 25 M.P.H. |
| Towing pneumatic tyred fd equipment | | | | |
| Other than 25 pr short | 15 M.P.H. | 20 M.P.H. | 20 M.P.H. | 20 M.P.H. |
| Towing 25 pr short fd equipment | 10 M.P.H. | 10 M.P.H. | 10 M.P.H. | 10 M.P.H. |
| Towing steel tyred fd eqpt | 8 M.P.H. | 8 M.P.H. | 8 M.P.H. | 8 M.P.H. |
| (g) Tractors med or hy AA - | | | | |
| Not towing | 15 M.P.H. | 20 M.P.H. | 20 M.P.H. | 25 M.P.H. |
| Towing pneumatic tyred eqpt | 15 M.P.H. | 20 M.P.H. | 20 M.P.H. | 20 M.P.H. |
| Towing rubber padded eqpt | 10 M.P.H. | 10 M.P.H. | 10 M.P.H. | 10 M.P.H. |
| Towing steel tyred eqpt | 6 M.P.H. | 6 M.P.H. | 6 M.P.H. | 6 M.P.H. |

| | 1. Type of Vehicle | 2. When passing Schools, Hospitals, turning a corner, crossing an intersection, crossing a bridge | 3. Within a City Block of PERTH or FREMANTLE or any Municipality or TOWN | 4. Elsewhere in Metropolitan Area | 5. Outside Metropolitan Area and NOT in any Municipality or Town. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (h) | Tractors, trucks or Lorries towing 2 pr Tk/A equipment | 12 M.P.H. | 12 M.P.H. | 12 M.P.H. | 12 M.P.H. |
| (i) | Tractors, trucks or lorries towing 40 mm 3.7" and 3" AA equipment | 15 M.P.H. | 18 M.P.H. | 18 M.P.H. | 18 M.P.H. |

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

by BRIG. O.V. HOAD.

Administering Command, Western Command.

Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
Francis St.
PERTH.

GENERAL STAFF.

315. AMENDMENTS TO WESTERN COMMAND TELEPHONE DIRECTORY. (CR225/1/254)

Amendments to Western Command Telephone Directory issued Sep 44 are attached as Appendix "A".

2. All recipients of above directory will make necessary amendments forthwith.

C.W. Huxtable Col.
GS. WESTERN COMMAND.

ADMINISTRATION.

316. DISPOSAL OF REPUTED SICK IN METROPOLITAN AREA. (CR. 140/2/270)

A member who, being ill or disabled, is unable to report to an RAP or a Military Hospital will advise his Unit of the fact. The Unit concerned will notify DDMS who will arrange either that (1) A Medical Officer will visit the member or (2) an ambulance vehicle will transport the member to the nearest Camp Hospital.

317. SECOND VICTORY LOAN. (CR. 161/1/79)

Attention is directed to Western Command RO Serial 19 Para 211 of 26 Aug 44.

2. Units will attend forthwith to sub-paras 7 and 8 referring to reports due weekly from 2 Oct. Posted strength as at 26 Sep 44 will be included.

3. Final figures up to closing of Loan 31 Oct 44 will be submitted by 2 Nov 44.

4. Nil reports required.

318. TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE (CRO .. 30/44). (CR230/1/200)

As from 6 Oct 1944, a certificate by C.O. is required on all claims for Travelling Allowance, certifying that Subsistence Allowance has not been and will not be paid for period concerned (dates to be enumerated).

319. DESIGNATION OF UNITS. (CR.158/1/56)

Following recent amendments to the O.O.B. A.M.F. designation of the following units have been altered as shown:

(a) 3 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps

to be

Western Command Sec Int Corps.

(b) WA L of C Area Recruiting Staff

to be

Western Command Recruiting Staff.

(c) WA L of C Area RR & GDD

to be

Western Command RR & GDD.

(d) WA L of C Area Stationery Depot

to be

Western Command Stationery Depot.

320. GREEK REMEMBRANCE DAY AND THE COMING LIBERATION OF GREECE. (CR. 161/2/58)

Exigencies of the service permitting, leave may be granted to such Greek personnel and personnel of Greek origin, who may desire to attend a parade of Allied and ex-Servicemen, at Kings Park 1030 hrs, followed by a short Memorial Service in the Greek Orthodox Church at 1130 hrs 29 Oct 44 and also the Annual Reunion at Monash House 2000 hrs 31 Oct 44.

321. LEGAL SERVICE BUREAU FOR MEMBERS OF THE FORCES. (CR130/1/03)

Reference Western Command Routine Order 12/44 dated 27 July 1944.

2. Printed notices relative to the above are being distributed by Stationery Office to all units and establishments under command.

3. Copies should be securely posted and kept posted on Unit notice boards, in Officers' Messes, Sergeants' Messes, ORs Messes, Canteens and Recreation Huts, and attention of all ranks should be drawn thereto.

322. REDIRECTION OF MAIL MATTER TO GENERAL DETAILS DEPOTS. (CR.170/1/397)

It has come under notice that personnel performing postal duties at various Units when redirecting mail matter to General Details Depots, are merely showing "G.D.D.", no mention being made of place-names and/or State.

2. The co-operation of all Officers and N.C.O s concerned is requested with a view to correcting this general and consistent omission.

323. CARE AND DISPOSAL OF ARMY PROPERTY. (CR.38/1/30)

Attention is drawn to Western Command RO Serial 19 para 212 of 28 Aug 44.

2. In order that future Marching In and Marching Out inspections may be facilitated, and to provide essential data in the event of subsequent disposal of Army property, it is desired that the following action be taken in respect of camps, barracks, buildings or other property occupied, or held for occupation for Army purposes.

3. AAF's P.3 in triplicate will be completed in detail for each block, sector, etc., of camps and for each building or other appropriate grouping of other property.

4. The additional information set out hereunder will be scheduled as appendices to the relevant AAF's P.3:-

(a) Buildings:

(i) Type of construction.
(ii) Dimensions.
(iii) Type of floors.

(b) Services:

(i) Type of water service.
(ii) Type of lighting service.
(iii) Type of sanitary system.

} State particulars of items under these headings which would be available for disposal in event of cessation of Army use.

(c) Notes on condition of the improvements.

(d) Layout sketch showing position of improvements in the block, sector, etc.

5. The foregoing information will be prepared by Camp "2" Staffs in collaboration with the Units in occupation, and with such assistance from the appropriate DCRE as may be necessary.

6. One copy of each AAF P.3 and of each Appendix will be forwarded to HQ Western Command not later than 31 Oct 44.

324. ORDERING OFFICERS - TREASURY REGULATIONS 49 (1) AND OFFICERS CERTIFYING TO PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS. (CR. 62/1/175)

The GOC WESTERN COMMAND has authorised the following amendment (Serial No. 82) to the list of Officers authorised to issue orders for supplies and services under Treasury Regulations 49 (1) and to sign certificates on Forms TS 4 affecting payment of accounts.

| Branch or Service. | Appointment. | Ordering Officer. | Certifying Officer. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Supply & Transport. | O.C. D.I.D. MERRIDIN. | Lt. D.R.J. MacGregor. | Lt. D.R.J. MacGregor. |

2. This delegation is made in favour of the particular officer mentioned above and not to any other Officer who may act temporarily at any time in above appointment.

325. CLOTHING - SERVICE DRESS UNIFORMS. (CR. 51/3/263)

Reference GRO 0196/44. A temporary shortage exists in certain sizes of SD Uniforms and substitute sizes will be issued by ordnance as under :-

(a) Jackets, Service Dress.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Size 58 | may be substituted for size | 56 |
| 60 | | 55 |
| 63 | | 61 |
| 68 | | 69 |
| 71 | | 72 |
| 74 | | 65 |
| 77 | | 78 and 84 |
| 79 | | 85 |
| 87 | | 93 |
| 92 | | 86 |

(b) Trousers, Service Dress.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Size 52 | may be substituted for size | 51 |
| 58 | | 55 and 56 |
| 60 | | 59 and 61 |
| 63 | | 72 |
| 68 | | 67 and 69 |
| 71 | | 65 and 72 |
| 74 | | 70 |
| 77 | | 81 and 84 |
| 82 | | 70 |
| 87 | | 85 |
| 89 | | 73 and 80 |
| 92 | | 93 |

2. Units will continue to indent for the actual sizes required, even though it may be known that such sizes are not available, and substitute sizes will be issued. Substitution of sizes will be effected as required by Ordnance Depot.

3. In accordance with para 6 of above GRO copies of substitute size range, will be prominently displayed in all QMS Stores.

326. MEDICAL STORES - VOUCHERS RECORDING THE RECEIPT AND ISSUE OF STORES & EQUIPMENT - PREVENTION OF UNAUTHORISED ADDITIONS. (CR215/3/465)

Attention is directed to GRO 9337/43.

2. The principle outlined in respect of orders issued by Ordering Officers will be applied to all vouchers relating to the issue and receipt of Stores and Equipment at Medical Stores, Hospitals etc.

327. SALE OF STORES AND SUPPLIES. (CR. 196/1/01)

All approvals for disposal of surplus stocks of materials, including method of disposal, will be given by LHQ.

When, however, it is considered expedient to effect sales under the provisions of CRO F749/43, Comd's approval, and DFO's concurrence must be obtained prior to sale being arranged. Only in exceptional circumstances will sales to individual members of the public be considered.

2. Written request to sell will be submitted to Headquarters Western Command, for Comd's approval and DFO concurrence, and will contain:

(a) Full particulars of the stores and/or supplies for which approval to sell is sought; including statement that stores are considered surplus to Army requirements.

(b) Original purchase price (if known)

(c) Proposed selling price.

(d) Full particulars of proposed purchaser.

3. Treasury form 7 will be furnished to DFO in accordance with Treasury Regulation 32 and MFR & I 625 (i) and (vi).

The return will be based on authorities to sell received during the month vide sub-para (iii) of MFR & I 625.

It should be noted that Treasury Form 42 has been revised and is now Treasury Form 7. Treasury Form 42 may continue to be used until stock of Treasury Form 7 are available from Stationery Depot. If form 42 is used a further column will be added and headed "Authority for Sale". It should also be noted that relative issue voucher number must be quoted against each item.

4. Commencing forthwith NIL returns (when applicable) will be furnished to DFO, not later than 7th day of each month, by the following:

3 Aust CRE (Wks)
66 Aust DCRE (Wks)
67 Aust DCRE (Wks)
68 Aust DCRE (Wks)
69 Aust DCRE (Wks)
DDMS (includes M & V Stores)
COO 7 Aust AOD.
ADOS Western Command.
ADS & T.
Stationery Officer.

5. The above instructions are not intended to vary the existing instructions governing salvage Unit activities.

R.O. 89/44 of 10 Jul 44, is cancelled.

E Bowser Lt. Col.
AA & QMG. WESTERN COMMAND.

14 Oct 44.

## NOTICES.

MEDICAL MEETING. (CR.140/1/352)

Medical Officers are cordially invited by the British Medical Association (Western Australian Branch), to attend a General Meeting of the British Medical Association, which is to be held at the Perth Hospital on Wednesday the 18th October at 8.30 p.m. when Dr. J.M. Young will read a paper - "Lumbago, Sciatica, Stiff Neck, Cervico-Brachial Neuritis: some facts and fancies". "Part 2 - Stiff Neck and Cervico-Brachial Neuritis.

"APPENDIX" "A"

## AMENDMENTS TO TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
Published Sep 44.

Page 20. RECRUITING AREAS.

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| 16A | Victoria Park | M1515 |
| 16C | Narrogin | Narrogin 32 |
| 16D | Wellington St | B8695 |
| 16E | Albany | Albany 159 |
| 44A | Claremont | F3284 |
| 44C | Bridgetown | Bridgetown 123 |

Page 15. MEDICAL

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1 Aust Womens Hosp (Knutsford) F1667

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Page 17 & 18. AEME

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| ADME | Lt-Col Statham F.W. | Extn 7 |
| EME (2) | | " 5 |
| Adjt | Capt Hunt H.E. | " 6 |
| Arm & MT | Capt Hudson K. | " 8 |
| EME Tele | | " 4 |
| Rubber Insp. | Lieut Knight W.H. | " 3 |
| General Office | WO I Few Chief Clerk | " 1 |
| Major Machine Toole | Sgt Thomas J.D. | " 9 |
| Schools & Trg | Cpl Stainthorpe | " 9 |
| Duty Officer (1730 - 0800) | | B2829 |

AEME Units.

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| HQ Fortress Wksp Fremantle. | | L2032 |
| OC | Maj Moloney F.E. | Extn 7 |
| AO | Lieut Wood H.A.J. | " 16 |
| CSM & QM | | " 35 |
| Fortress Wksp Fremantle - "A" Sec | | L2324 |
| " " " "A" Sec (Billits) | | L1830 |
| " " " "B" Sec | | L1610 |
| " " " "B" Sec Garden Is. | | L1367 |
| 6 Aust Radio Maint Sec | | F3204 |
| 15 " " " " (Rottnest extn) | | L2032 |
| 21 " " " " | extn 7 | L2032 |
| 5 Aust Base Wksp | (Wyalkatchem | 50 |
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| 5 Aust Veh Pk Wksp | (Merredin | 34 |
| WA L of C Area Wksp | UJ100, UJ126, UJ209 | |
| CO | Maj Jones L. | Extn 16 |
| AO | Capt Atterton P.N. | " 16 |
| MT Office | Lieut Blake J.H. | " 41 |
| R & I | Sgt Latham R. | " 11 |
| Orderly Room | | " 43 |
| Camp Orderly Room (1730 - 0730) | | " 42 |
| | or UJ 209. | |
| WA L of C Area Wksp MT Dot, Beaufort St. | | U2313 |
| HQ 8 Aust Watercraft Wksp Capt McRae | | L2896 |
| 8 Aust Watercraft Wksp (Wksp) | | L1368 |
| 5 Aust MT Inspection Sec | B2829, B2855 & B2869 | |
| OC | Lieut Kompe P.C. | Extn 2 |
| 5 Aust Trade Repair Control Sec | | B5449 |
| OC | Capt Hoffman A.L. | |

Page 20 & 21. WA ECH & REC.

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| WA Ech & Rec | | B3143,B3050,B3171 Extn 381 |
| WA Ech & Rec | | B4882,B5247,B9943,B2919,B2503 |
| | | Night Line B9943 |
| OC | Maj Elsom A.K. | Extn 1 |
| Adjt | Lieut Wright R.J.P. | " 10 |
| Maint of Personnel & Statistics | Capt Brown W.G. | " 21 |
| | Lieut Byrne L.M. | " 24 |
| Casualties | Capt O'Neill F.J. | " 30 |
| Casualty Section | (1710 - 0840 hrs B9943) | " 3 |
| Personnel Records | Capt Haines W.C.H. | " 16 |
| Medical " | Lieut Taylor D.H. | " 7 |
| Officers " | " Ivimey J.P. | " 22 |
| Units Clerks | | " 19 |
| AWAS Admin | Lieut Stacey F.D. | " 9 |
| Inquiries | | " 33 |
| Discharges & Wills | Lieut Smith T.E. | " 9 |
| Orderly Room | | " 18 |

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Aust Special Investigation Branch B8875

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| ADMP & DB | " | " | " " |
| 5 Aust L of C Pro Coy (Reporting of Absentees etc) | " | " | " " |

Page 12. INFANTRY

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| Lieut Sainsbury C. | " 34 |
| Aust Provision Office (E.G.) | LL170 |

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| Lieut Sainsbury C. | " 22 |
| Sgt Jones J. | " 34 |

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Page 19 — DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WA

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| Adjt | Capt Graham F. | (1730-0800 hrs W2237) | " 12 |
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| General Accounts | | (1730-0800 " W2245) | " 3 |
| General Accounts | | (1730-0800 " W2256) | " 7 |
| Fd Cog (Deceased & Discharges persons) | | (1730-0800 " W2247) | " 1 |
| Registry - Allotments | | | " 2 |
| Sorting & Balancing | | | " 14 |

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| Adjt | Capt Graham T. | " 12 |
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Page 12 — VDC HQ

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| 1 Bn VDC | Arty Barracks, Fremantle | L2032 Extn 24 |
| 2 Bn VDC | Bay View Tce, Claremont | F1572 |
| 3 Bn VDC | 438 Lord St, Mount Lawley | B7076 |

Page 3 — CHAPLAINS

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Page 5 — AMENITIES

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| Rehab. Medical Officer Capt Anderson C.W. | " 42 |

Page containing INSTRUCTIONS.

Amend para 10 to read:-

10. BREAKDOWNS of faults should be reported immediately to the switchboard Operator. if in attendance; otherwise direct to Signr, Western Command, B3143 Extn 355.

Page 7. — SIG OFFICE.

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17 Oct 1944.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

By BRIG. O.V. HOAD.

Administering Command, Western Command.
Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
Francis Street.
PERTH.

GENERAL STAFF.

NIL.

ADMINISTRATION.

328. JAPANESE LINGUISTS - TRAINING OF. (CR.158/1/64).

Applications are invited from suitable OR personnel up to the rank of S/Sgt to attend a Japanese Language Course at the University of Sydney, with a view to providing interpreters.

2. The qualifications required from applicants are as follows:-

Medical Class A1.
Under 30 years of age.
Keen to learn the Japanese language.
Good education (Leaving Certificate or equivalent).
Knowledge of a language other than English advantageous but not essential.

3. Form of application is shown below. All applications must reach this HQ not later than 28 Oct 44.

LANGUAGE COURSE - JAPANESE.

Application for selection to undergo a course of Instruction at Sydney University.

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Number: Rank:
Name:
Unit: Length of service in AMF:
Date of Birth: Medical Classification:
Educational Qualifications: (University or School).
Civil Occupation:

Signature

Date.

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CO's Recommendation and Comment:

Signature

Date.

329. RESERVE RATION ISSUE TO LADs & GDDs. (CR. 185/1/335.)

GRO Q.362/44 authorises LADs & GDDs to carry a reserve of rations sufficient to meet any likely demands.

2. These rations will be issued by DIDs on Form F71 and will be subject to check at any time by staff of AAPC. The ration will be the tinned equivalent of "C" Scale, and will be turned over by exchange with DIDs every 6 months. When issues are made by LAD or GDD from this reserve, immediate replacement will be demanded from DIDs on separate AB55 marked "Replacement of reserve Consumed."

3. The initial issue of this reserve ration will not be shown on AF. W3810.

330. RETURN OF VEHS & EQPT TO ORDNANCE. (CR. 138/1/662)

Further cases have been reported where Units have failed to comply with WA L of C Area RO 22/44 para 205.

2. It is again stressed that before any equipment on charge to a unit is returned to RSD or any Ord Depot, or transferred to another Unit, arrangements will be made for it to be inspected by an EME whose sentence will appear on the relevant G1033s.

3. Vehicles being returned to Veh Park will be accompanied by a Veh Inspection Report (G4), showing classification and signed by the Inspecting EME.

4. Wherever possible, vehicles and equipment should be passed through workshops prior to being returned to Ordnance. Units will also ensure that normal Unit maintenance has been carried out before such vehicles or equipment are sent to Workshops or returned to store.

5. COs of Units will be held responsible for ensuring strict compliance with this instruction.

331. RE-VACCINATION & INNOCULATION - GRO A305/44. (CR. 140/2/72)

Units will NOT parade members to 110 (Perth) Military Hospital for purposes of innoculation and re-vaccination.

332. AAF A46 - COMPILATION AND RENDITION OF - GRO A65/44. (CR. 140/2/270)

Units will ensure that the compilation and rendition of AAF A46 is strictly in accordance with GRO A65/44.

333. CHANGE OF LOCATION - LAD. (CR. 170/1/399)

Postal Address of LAD on and after 16 Oct 44 will be:-

Western Command Leave & Transit Depot,
Care of Military Post Office,
KARRAKATTA.

E Rowan
Lt.Col.
AA & QMG. WESTERN COMMAND.

17 Oct 44.

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GENERAL STAFF.

334. BLUE AND WHITE (SIGNALS) ARMLETS. (GR. 27-1-42)

GRO 211 of 12 Mar 1943 reads as follows:-

"(a) The blue and white (Signals) armlet will be worn by the following personnel only:-

(i) Officers of the Aust Corps of Signals and Regimental Signal Officers.

(ii) NCOs of all Arms in charge of or employed in Signals Offices and NCOs in charge of Aust Signallers.

(iii) Despatch Riders of the Aust Corps of Signals.

(iv) Aust Corps of Signals personnel engaged in the construction and maintenance of lines.

(b) The armlet will be worn on each upper arm and only while on duty.

(c) Personnel wearing blue and white (Signal) armlets who are engaged on urgent military duties will be accorded assistance in areas of congested traffic by all concerned."

2. Subordinate Commanders will ensure that the present practice of personnel, other than Aust Corps of Signals, wearing amlets, blue and white (Signals) is discontinued forthwith.

[signature] SDL.
GS. WESTERN COMMAND.

335. AAES CIRCULATING LIBRARY BOX. No. 49-I. (CR. 79-1-69)

Units will check their holdings of AAES Library Boxes. Unit in possession of above named Library Box will advise DAD (Educ) immediately.

336. WEARING OF UNIFORM DURING LEAVE WITHOUT PAY. (CR. 54-1-211)

Occupational Leave without Pay - Wearing of Uniform.

SRF - Except the articles named below which are issued for the purpose to each member who is granted Occupational Leave without pay of not less than 6 weeks duration, UNIFORM WILL NOT BE WORN by members on Occupational Leave, when actively engaged in any form of civilian employment.

The excepted articles are:-

Trousers, SD part-worn.

Jumpers WD part-worn. or jerseys, pullover; part-worn.

2. The wearing of uniform when not actively engaged in any form of civil employment is optional, except personnel released to employment in the coal mining industry who will not wear uniform whilst so released.

Other Leave Without Pay - Wearing of Uniform.

3. Uniform will be worn by members of the AMF on full time duty whenever they are in public (vide GRO A669/42 para 5).

337. ENTRIES IN AAB 83 - RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK. (CR.158-1-21)

Reference is made to para 24 of GRO A739/1943 (added by amendments to GRO's 8 Sep 44).

2. All Units will conduct a check of all AAB 83's to ascertain whether any entries have been made which are not in accordance with the instructions therein contained.

3. If any entries of unit formation names are found the names will be carefully erased or obliterated.

4. All ranks will be advised to check particulars in AAB 83 and Pay Book relating to :-

Age on enlistment.
Date of enlistment (i.e. commencement of full time duty)
Marital status.

and that if any of these are incorrect to report the fact to their unit HQ's so that necessary amendments can be effected. Where amendments are made units will submit particulars by casualty return to WA Ech & Rec.

338. AAF A 26 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS ON OFFICERS. (CR. 32-1-622)

The above mentioned AA Form A 26 is to be discontinued, and will not be required for use during war time.

339. DISPOSAL OF PERSONNEL NOT SUITED FOR FURTHER EMPLOYMENT IN UNITS. (CR. 241-14-196)

Attention is directed to GRO A415/43 regarding the disposal of personnel not suited for further employment in Unit.

2. It will be noted that the return of such personnel to GDD for disposal must be authorised by this HQ and applications for return to GDD will be submitted to HQ Western Command in accordance with subpended pro-forma:-

"To HQ WESTERN COMMAND.

DISPOSAL OF UNSUITABLE PERSONNEL GRO A415/43.

Approval is requested for the return of the under mentioned personnel to GDD for re-allotment -

(a) Army No
(b) Rank
(c) Name
(d) Age
(e) Med Class - and Disability (if any)
(f) Civil Occupation
(g) How employed in unit
(h) Trade Grouping (if any)
(i) Reasons considered unsuitable (give full details)
(j) Recommendation as to disposal.

It is certified that -

(a) There is no suitable vacancy within the WE of this Unit for absorption of the soldier.

or (in the case of W or NCO)

(b) There is no suitable vacancy within the WE of this Unit for employment in lower rank or as a private soldier.

(Use (a) or (b) as applicable)."

3. Before forwarding such applications COs will ensure that personnel cannot be employed in ANY capacity within their Units.

4. Enquiries should also be made through superior HQ, Head of Service or Corps, as applicable, to ensure that every effort is made to utilise such personnel by exchange or absorption elsewhere within the same Arm or Corps.

5. Many instances have occurred where COs have recommended the return of personnel to GDD for disposal when it was apparent that disciplinary action and/or reduction to the ranks under AR 40 219 & 224 was indicated. Such action, where necessary, will be taken promptly and, in those cases, under no circumstances will recommendations for return to GDD or transfer to another unit be forwarded unless or until all such action has been completed.

6. The extreme shortage of personnel makes it incumbent on every CO to utilise all personnel to the best advantage, and in the event of a soldier being disposed of, it is quite probable that a reinforcement or replacement will NOT be available readily, if at all.

340. ADDRESSES OF PROPHYLACTIC ABLUTION CENTRES - L OF C AREAS AND SUB-AREAS. (CR. 241-9-19A).

QUEENSLAND L OF C AREA:

(1) No 17 (N.Q.) L of C Sub-Area.
1. Cairns - 65 Grafton St.
2. Atherton - Main Street.

(2) No 1 (N.Q.) L of C Sub-Area.
1. Townsville - Flinders Street near Morris Street.
2. Oonoomba - 13 Aust Pers Staging Camp.
3. Charters Towers - Mossman & Gill Streets.

(3) No 2 (S.Q.) L of C Sub-Area.

1. Brisbane -
(a) Edward Street (opp Peoples Palace)
(b) 263 Wickham Street Valley (between Warner & Pallow Sts)
(c) Fiveways Woolloongabba (at entrance to Cricket Ground)
(d) Hostel A.D.C.S. Wickham Terrace.
(e) Leave & Transit Depot (at Main Entrance Exhibition)
2. Yorongpilly - Camp Area behind Post Office.
3. Kalinga - Camp Area behind Post Office.
4. Petris, Adjacent Railway Station.
5. Strathpine, Adjacent Railway Station.
6. Redband - Camp Area near Trade Testing Centre.
7. Toowoomba - 24 Bell Street.
8. Burleigh Heads - 7 Div P.T. Camp.
9. Warwick - Fitzroy St., off Palmerin Street.
10. 7 Aust Div Rest Camp - Redcliffe.
11. Ipswich, 174 Brisbane Street.
12. Southport, Scarborough St.
13. Tenterfield. High Street.

NEW SOUTH WALES L OF C AREA.

1. Sydney - A.D.C. Service Club Railway Square.
2. Board of Health, 93 Macquarie Street.
3. A.J.C. Hostel, 320 Sussex Street.
4. Greta (No. 1) Main Camp Entrance.
5. Greta (No. 2) Silver City Camp.
6. Holsworthy Detention Barracks.
7. Ingleburn Main Camp Entrance.
8. Liverpool, Main Camp Entrance.
9. Narellan, Main Camp Entrance.
10. Randwick Racecourse off flat. entrance to paddock.
11. Rutherford, Camp Entrance.
12. Showground, No 1 behind pay office.
13. Showground, No 2 R.E.D. Area.
14. Concord West, 113 Australian General Hospital.
15. Kenmore Goulbourn, 114 Australian General Hospital.
16. Kensington Racecourse, RAP Paddock Entrance.
17. Walgrove Camp entrance.
18. Bathurst, Russell Street.
19. Cowra, MacQuarie Street.
20. Muswell brook, William St, behind Royal Hotel.
21. Darlinghurst, 298 Victoria St.
22. Newcastle, Wolfe Street, Scott' Stores.
23. Tamworth, Bourke Street.
24. Wagga Wagga, Army Hut near Railway Station.
25. Wollongong, 108a Heira Street.
26. Hay, 14 Aust Camp Hospital.

340. ADDRESSES OF PROPHYLACTIC ABLUTION CENTRES - L OF C AREAS AND SUB-AREAS. (CR. 241-9-19A).

VICTORIA L OF C AREA.

1. Melbourne
   (a) 295 Flinders Street (opp Hosies Hotel and situated in Basement shop in Railway Buildings)
   (b) Blamey House, Collins Street.
   (c) A.D.C.S. (Craigs) Elizabeth Street.
2. St. Kilda - St. Kilda Esplanade.
3. Royal Park. G.D.D.
4. Albury - Dean St. (at rear of Central Transport Dep.)
5. Geelong - 127 Little Malop Street.
6. Darley Camp.
7. Mt. Martha Camp.

TASMANIA L OF C AREA.

1. Hobart - Argyle Street.
2. Launceston - L.T.D. Market Square.
3. Brighton Camp.
4. Launceston Hospital.
5. Royal Hobart Hospital.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA L OF C AREA.

1. Warradale Camp (at right of entrance)
2. Wayville Camp (at right of entrance)
3. Keswick Barracks.
4. Adelaide Railway Station (in square at east of station)
5. Frome Road - Adelaide Hospital Clinic.
6. Glenelg.

WEST AUSTRALIA L OF C AREA.

1. Perth - 374 Wellington Street.
2. Fremantle - 10 Elder Place.
3. Melville Camp.
4. Karrakatta Camp.
5. Northam Camp.
6. Sportman's House, King Street, Perth.
7. Claremont Camp.
8. Roe Street, Perth.

It is desired that the addresses of these prophylactic centres be given wide promulgation.

Facilities of these Army centres are available to members of all forces (Allied and Australian). Similarly, Allied Services Prophylactic stations are available to all forces.

341. SUBSISTENCE - LIVING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCE. PAYMENT TO MEMBERS WHEN ON LEAVE. (CR. 241-10-15)

Attention is again drawn to P.G.M. 106 Para 20.

Resulting from a recent check up with miscellaneous Units in the Metropolitan Area, and a subsequent check on subsistence payments to members in receipt of living away from home allowance, it was quite evident that some members had been paid the Higher Rate of Subsistence for periods when on leave.

2. Recovery of overpayments to the total amount of £47. 7. 6 involving 46 members of 12 various Units, has now been made by the raising of Debits in the paybooks of members concerned.

341. 3. O.C. Units and Unit Pay Clerks are requested to take every precaution to ensure that the correct rate of subsistence allowance is inserted on claims T.S. 5A before signing certificates and avoid a repetition of overpayments as shown in para 2.

342. DEFENCE (VISITING FORCES) ACT 1939 : CANADIAN PERSONNEL: DISCIPLINE AND POWERS OF COMMAND. (CR. 241-23-36).

By order dated 5th July, 1944 the Commander-in-Chief in pursuance of the powers vested in him by Section 9 of the Defence (Visiting Forces) Act 1939 and Regulation 9 of the National Security (Military Forces) Regulations, and all other powers him thereunto enabling, attached temporarily to the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia those members of the Military Forces of His Majesty raised in the Dominion of Canada who were placed at the disposal of the military authorities of the Commonwealth of Australia for that purpose.

2. The above mentioned members of the Military Forces of the Dominion of Canada were placed at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief by Order of the Adjutant-General of the Military Forces of the Dominion of Canada dated 23rd May, 1944. The Adjutant-General of Canada by Designation dated 20th May, 1944, was designated as the appropriate Canadian service authority by the Minister for National Defence to place the Canadian personnel at the disposal of the Australian authorities in pursuance of the Order-in-Council dated 29th April, 1943, of the Governor-General of Canada.

3. By Order-in-Council dated 22nd August, 1944, and published in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No. 168 of 24th August, 1944, made pursuant to Section 9 of the Defence (Visiting Forces) Act 1939, it is provided that the Defence Act 1903-1941 should apply to members of the Military Forces of the Dominion of Canada attached temporarily to the Military Forces of His Majesty raised in the Commonwealth of Australia subject to the following adaptations and modifications -

(a) If and whenever a qualified Canadian Officer is available, he shall be appointed a member of any Court-Martial for the trial of Canadian personnel.

(b) When a sentence of death has been passed on any member of such Canadian Forces, the approval of the Governor-General of Canada-in-Council will be obtained before confirmation of the finding and sentence, and any such sentence may be confirmed only to the extent approved by the Governor-General of Canada-in-Council.

(c) When a sentence of cashiering, dismissal or penal servitude has been passed on any member of such Canadian Forces, the approval of the Adjutant-General, National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, Canada, will be obtained before confirmation of the finding and sentence, and any such sentence may be confirmed only to the extent approved by the Adjutant-General.

(d) The punishment awarded to any member of such Canadian Forces for an offence shall not be more severe than that permitted by Canadian Military Law for the same offence.

342. 4. With reference to paragraph 3 (d), it is advised that the following punishments being more severe than those permitted by Canadian Military Law may not be awarded to members of the Canadian Military Forces:

Summary and Minor Punishments -

Reduction of Corporal or Bombardier to the ranks.
Fine (other than a fine for drunkenness not exceeding £ 16.00 or its equivalent). £A1 equals £3.53 Canadian.

Court Martial -

Imprisonment in excess of two years.
Fine (other than a fine for drunkenness not exceeding £. 16.00 or its equivalent.
Discharge (other than discharge with ignominy)
Reduction in rank of an Officer.
Forfeiture of army seniority of an Officer.

5. The effect of the Order mentioned in paragraph 1 is that every member of the Military Forces of the Dominion of Canada who is attached by that Order to the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia is subject to the Defence Act 1903-1941 as an Officer or soldier, as the case may be, in like manner and is to be treated as and has the like powers of command and punishment as members of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia serving in the Pacific theatre of war, as if he were a member of those Forces subject to the modifications in the application of the Defence Act 1903-1941 to them as mentioned in paragraph 3.

6. When it is proposed to try by Court Martial Canadian personnel attached to the Australian Military Forces in terms of the Order dated 5th July, 1944, in order to facilitate proof of the attachment, B.103s of such personnel will in all instances be obtained prior to the trial.

7. A member of the Military Forces of the Dominion of Canada is not subject to the Defence Act 1903-1941 in respect of an offence committed by him before his attachment to the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia in accordance with the Order mentioned in paragraph 1 hereof and no disciplinary action can be taken against him under that Act in respect of any such offence.

8. Action will be taken to ensure that all members of the Military Forces of the Dominion of Canada are advised immediately they become attached to the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia of the fact that they are so attached and the effect of their attachment.

343. KITCHEN REFUSE - WET AND DRY - DISPOSAL OF. (CR.205-1-17)

Attention is directed to instructions previously issued regarding disposal of Kitchen Refuse. Complaints have been received that some Units and detachments are disposing of refuse as Pig Food. Owing to possible recurrence of outbreak of swine fever, all kitchen refuse will be disposed of by incineration.

2. Under no circumstances will delivery be effected for use as pig or poultry food. COs will ensure that all personnel are suitably instructed.

344. ICE CHESTS. (CR. 215-21-78)

Canteens Service have for sale a number of Ice Chests 40" x 30" x 34" at £4/-/- each. Any Units requiring Ice Chests for use in Canteens, etc., should contact Canteens Service.

345. CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES - WOMENS' SERVICES (FULL TIME DUTY) (CR. 51-3-331)

Approval is given for issue of Jackets Tropical Grey AANS, and Skirts, Summer, Grey AANS on the following scale:-

| | Temperate | Tropical | Malarious |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jackets, tropical, grey AANS lightweight. | - | 2 | 3 |
| Jackets, tropical grey AANS drill. | 2 | - | 1 |
| Skirts, summer, grey AANS. | 2 | 2 | 1 |

Made to measure only, in temperate areas.
Made to measure optional in tropical and malarious areas.
Except in malarious areas, three to each member engaged in administrative duties other than at hospitals.

2. Members of the AANS who have received a cash allowance prior to 1 Oct 42 are entitled to the above scale of issue.

3. Dresses, summer, grey already issued to members of AANS will not be withdrawn when Jackets, tropical, grey are issued, but will be retained for use as Overalls, indoor, entries in the member's AAB 83 being adjusted accordingly. In these cases no replacement issue of overalls will subsequently be made which will have the effect of bringing the toal number of overalls and dresses to more than the number of overalls to which the member is entitled in current scales of issue.

4. Stocks of Dresses, summer, grey will be issued as Overalls, indoor.

346. CARE, PRESERVATION AND SECURITY OF STORES AND EQUIPMENT. (CR. 215-1-699)

Sufficient care is NOT being exercised by all Units in respect to Commonwealth property and Unit Commanders are reminded of their personal responsibility for all stores and equipment on charge.

2. Thefts of petrol, VOL items, blankets and clothing are too prevalent and detailed investigations into many cases have revealed that Unit security measures were NOT adequate.

3. CO's will ensure that facilities are provided for the security of POL, attractive stores, etc., and through the medium of Unit Standing Orders that all personnel concerned are conversant with requirements for the safe custody of public monies and the protection of Commonwealth property.

347. VALUABLE AND ATTRACTIVE STORES - RETURN TO ORDNANCE DEPOT. (CR. 215-1-699)

Innumerable losses and thefts in respect to valuable stores of an attractive nature have been reported recently, and under LHQ instructions holdings of certain items will be reduced to a minimum as a preventive measure.

2. All Units in Western Command will return to RSD complete holdings of the following stores, subject to approval for retention of minimum requirements as set out in Para (c):-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Watches | - | all types. |
| Binoculars | - | all types. |
| Compasses | - | all types. |
| Pistols & rods cleaning | - | all types. |

3. A minimum number of these stores may be retained by Units for:-

(i) Training requirements;
(ii) Security purposes.

Units will submit to this Headquarters NOT later than 5 Nov 44 list of items and quantities to be retained for approval. On receipt of approved list from this Headquarters, Unit will return stores to RSD in accordance with the provisions of GRO 0.232/44 para 2.

4. Other stores of an attractive nature, except the minimum number required for training purposes which could be returned to Ordnance without affecting the efficiency of the Unit, should be returned with items listed in para (b).

5. Minimum requirements approved for retention by Unit will not be issued to personnel for a greater period than that covering the particular exercise or practice. These articles will be stored in a separate strong chest secured by a lock in the QM Store, and the key will be retained by the Unit QM.

348. AUDIT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE CONTRIBUTIONS. (CR. 101-1-104).

Attention is drawn to GRO Adm 249/44 and Western Command ROs 10/44 para 89 and 22/44 para 247.

2. Units which have not already done so will, in appropriate cases, furnish NIL returns forthwith.

349. POL ACCOUNTING. (CR. 138-1-40)

Reports furnished by the AAPC Checking Staff indicate that a number of Units are not complying with the provisions of GRO 0.149/1944 in their completion of the accountancy reconciliations for the issues of POL to MT.

2. The attention of all Unit Commanders is directed to Part VI paras 42 to 50 of GRO 0.149/44 and action will be taken immediately to ensure that the procedure prescribed therein is adhered to.

3. Any adverse reports by AAPC in this respect will, in future be very seriously regarded.

350. ORDERING OFFICERS - TREASURY REGULATIONS 49 (1) AND OFFICERS CERTIFYING TO PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS. (CR. 62-1-175)

The GOC Western Command has authorised the following amendment (Serial No. 83) to the list of Officers authorised to issue orders for supplies and services under Treasury Regulations 49 (1) and to sign certificates on Forms TS 4 affecting payment of accounts.

| Branch or Service. | Appointment. | Ordering Officer. | Certifying Officer. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Add. | | | |
| Supply & Transport. | 7 Aust Sup Dep Coy. | Maj. F.J. NORRIS. | Maj. F.J. NORRIS. |
| Delete. | | | |
| Supply & Transport. | 7 Aust Sup Dep Coy. | Maj. E. ISAACHSEN. | Maj. E. ISAACHSEN. |

This delegation is made in favour of the particular Officer mentioned above and not to any other Officer who may act temporarily at any time in above appointment.

351. ORDERING OFFICERS - TREASURY REGULATIONS 49 (1) AND OFFICERS CERTIFYING TO PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS. (CR. 62-1-175)

The GOC Western Commandings authorised the following amendment (Serial No. 84) to the list of Officers authorised to issue orders for supplies and services under Treasury Regulations 49 (1) and to sign certificates on Forms TS 4 affecting payment of accounts.

| Branch or Service. | Appointment. | Ordering Officer. | Certifying Officer. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Add. | | | |
| Supply & Transport. | O & A Wing. | Lt. R. LUCAS. | Lt. R. LUCAS. |
| Delete. | | | |
| Supply & Transport. | O & A Wing. | Capt. F.L. ATKINSON. | Capt. F.L. ATKINSON. |

This delegation is made in favour of the particular Officer mentioned above and not to any other Officer who may act temporarily at any time in above appointment.

352. LOSSES AND THEFTS OF STORES AND EQUIPMENT. (CR. 215-1-559a)

Reports of Investigating Officers relating to losses and thefts of stores and equipment will in future comply with the provisions of GRO. A.343/44.

2. Attention is drawn to the necessity for the Investigating Officer bringing out the salient features in the care, protection and accounting for material and equipment when conducting their investigations. In many recent reports the responsibility for the care and protection of Commonwealth property has NOT been sufficiently probed and reported on, to prevent recurrence.

352. Common omissions from reports include:-

(a) Action taken by CO to care for property.

(b) Facilities provided for security of stores.

(c) Strength of guards and picquets and whether adequate for task.

(d) Absence of guards, etc., during off-duty periods.

(e) Presence of civilians in camp areas.

(f) Parking areas and protection of vehicles in camp areas.

3. Failure to include detailed information of this nature in reports will result in the return of the report for completion by the Investigating Officer.

4. To obviate delay and unnecessary staff work, Unit Commanders will ensure that all Investigating Officers' reports are carefully checked before submission to this Headquarters.

E Bowen Lt.Col.
AA & QMG. WESTERN COMMAND.
16. Oct 44.

## NOTICES.

WESTERN COMMAND LIBRARY: (CR.137-1-27)

The undermentioned publications have recently been added to the Library:-

| Accession No. | Title. | Author. |
|---|---|---|
| 3883. | How Strong is Japan. | Noel Barber |
| 3884. | From Tobruk to Smolensk. | Strategicus. |
| 3885. | Paratroops. | F.O. Miksche. |
| 3886. | Baden-Powell. | E.E. Reynolds. |
| 3887. | On Hitler's Doorstep. | Denis Weaver. |
| 3888. | War on Wheels. | C.R. Kutz. |
| 3889. | Birth of an Army. | A.B. Austin. |
| 3990. | Blitzkrieg. | F.O. Miksche. |
| 3991. | The Great Offensive. | Max Werner. |
| 3992. | This War Against Japan. | Ian Morrison. |
| 3993. | Dawn Like Thunder. | Roderick Macdonald. |
| 3994. | Escape from the Balkans. | Michael Padev. |
| 3995. | The Pope of the Netherlands. | E.N. van Kleffens. |
| 3996. | One Continent Redeemed. | Guy Ramsey. |
| 3997. | Wind of Freedom. | Compton Mackenzie. |
| 3998. | Charter for Britain. | Walker Taylor. |
| 3999. | The Conquest of Italy. | Lord Strabalgi. R.N. |
| 4000. | Behind Both Lines. | Harold Denny. |
| 4001. | The War Moves East. | Strategicus. |
| 4002. | The Little Ships. | Gordon Holman. |
| 4003. | Moscow Dateline. | Henry. C. Cassidy. |
| 4004. | Desert Journey. | George Rodger. |
| 4005. | Wingate Adventure. | W.G. Burchett. |
| 4006. | Giant Age of Steel. | Count Hessenstein. |

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WESTERN COMMAND

6. Nov 44.

LHQ (AUST),
MELBOURNE

AMENITIES REPORT, OCT 44

Ref LHQ 49757 of 1942.

Herewith Amenities Report for Oct 44.

1. OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| WESTERN COMMAND | Major R.W.Delves | DAD Amenities. |
| | Capt C.J.Paterson | Amenities Officer. |
| | Lieut A.G.Howell | Special Duties. |
| | Lieut A.S.Budge | Women's Services. |
| | Lieut W.McGrath | 1 Aust Armd Bde Gp |
| | ------- | Fremantle Fortress. |
| | Lieut A.R.Grainger | 118 A.G.H. |
| | ------- | 109 Aust Con Depot. |
| | Lieut G.M.Davies | 110 (Perth) Aust Mil Hosp. |
| | ------- | 7 Aust Div Concert Party. |
| | Lieut M.E.Waterworth | 1 Aust Div Concert Party. |

Capt C.J. Paterson, formerly Amenities Officer 2/1 Aust Con Depot, assumed duties at Western Command vice Capt K.W.Allen who has been released from the Army.

Lieut L.G. Phelps, Amenities Officer 109 Aust Con Depot, has been released from the Army.

The W.E. for HQ Fremantle Fortress provides for an Amenities Officer. DAD Amenities, Western Command, is interviewing likely Lieutenants with a view to making a recommendation.

During the absence of O.C. 7 Aust Div Concert Party who is in hospital in another area, S/Sgt E Dunn is acting O.C. Party.

2. INSPECTIONS BY DAD AMENITIES

During Oct, DAD Amenities visited Kungarin, 1 Aust Armd Bde Gp, Merrinup and Ack-Ack stations.

3. ORGANISATION OF SPORT

Preparations are well advanced for the opening of the Services Cricket Competition organised by A.A. Amenities Service, Western Command. The competition commences on 12 Nov 44. Three Navy teams and one RAAF team are competing with several Army Units. The variety of teams engaged, points to a most interesting series of games. Play is restricted to Sunday afternoons.

Representatives from all teams gathered for a successful wind-up to the Services Football Competition at which Brig Admin Comd attended.

An Allied Sports Council has been formed at HQ Fremantle Fortress. Australian and Allied Services are represented on this Council which has formulated plans to conduct competitive sports for men and women of the Services.

One of the best Amenities provided for the troops on leave in the Metropolitan Area are the Kitchener Park Tennis Courts at Subiaco. Attendance at these Courts in Oct totalled 562.

The good demand from the Amenities Sports Store on the loan of golf sticks and balls continues. The limited supply of golf balls that are made available to the Amenities Sports Store are set aside for this purpose.

4. ARMY CONCERT PARTIES

1 Aust Div and 7 Aust Div Concert Parties are fully engaged on itineraries arranged by A.A. Amenities Service, Western Command. A wonderful reception was given to 7 Aust Div Concert Party when it entertained New Zealand troops on the wharf at Fremantle.

5. AMENITIES SPORTS STORE

Volume of business handled by the Amenities Sports Store for the month was approximately equal to that of the previous month. Turnover amounted to nearly £1000.

Good stocks of cricket gear are held at present, quantities on hand including pads, wicket keepers' gloves and several sets of matting made over to the Store by Units no longer needing these lines and an order has been placed locally for inners for wicket keepers' gloves and these should be available soon. The limited number of bathers on hand are being rationed out. More bathers are required. Adequate quantities of volley balls, soccer balls, water polo balls and footballs are held. More Rugby football bladders, which are in demand from Naval personnel, would be appreciated. The Store has no shuttlecocks and badminton racquets and a quantity could be disposed of immediately as the Allied Sports Council have three halls ready for use to commence competitions. Tennis shoes are requested and cricket boots would find a ready sale. Tennis racquets are on the way here, but tennis nets are at a premium. Units have been advised to improvise camouflage nets to make up for the tennis net deficiency and more golf, squash and table tennis balls are needed. Fair stocks of electrical goods are being held.

6. CINEMAS

Three Mobile Cinema Plants Nos. 52, 56 & 103, have been withdrawn from service in this Area and have been packed ready for transport to the Northern Territory.

Operators from these Units have been retained here to make up deficiencies in W.E.

Disposition of Plants in this Area in Oct 44 were:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Mobile Plant No.50 | Northam Area & Garden Island. |
| Mobile Plant No.51 | Metropolitan Area(Ack-Ack Stns) |
| Mobile Plant No.53 | Boonkanbah. |
| Static Plant No.54 | Northam Camp |
| Mobile Plant No.55 | South-West & Metropolitan Areas. |
| Mobile Plant No.57 | Broome. |
| Static Plant No.58 | Bungarin. |
| Static Plant No.60 | Rottnest. |
| Static Plant No.61 | Undergoing overhaul; to be sent to 110 (Perth) Aust Mil Hosp. |

Attendances estimated by operators for the month totalled 45,5000

Programmes were shown by A.A. Amenities Service Units during the month as follows :-

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Attadale | 3 | C/fwd | 44 |
| Melville | 4 | Lady Mitchell Con Home | 1 |
| 110 (Aust) Perth Mil Hosp | 5 | Ft Swanbourne | 2 |
| Richmond | 2 | Helena Vale | 2 |
| Claremont | 2 | Spencers Brook | 4 |
| Karrakatta | 2 | Nth Fremantle Oval | 2 |
| Leighton | 1 | Workshops | 2 |
| Buckland | 2 | 118 A.G.H. | 4 |
| Salter's Pt. | 2 | 10 Grn Bn | 2 |
| Park Gun Stn | 2 | Jandakot | 3 |
| South Beach | 2 | Nicholson Con Home | 2 |
| Peron Bty | 3 | 22 Aust Hy AA) 66 AA & SL ) | 2 |
| Guildford | 3 | Garden Island | 8 |
| Marrinup | 2 | 66 AA & SL | 4 |
| 26 Emp Coy | 3 | BIPOD, Forrestdale | 3 |
| 15 Aust Mot Regt | 4 | | |
| School Harvey | 2 | TOTAL | 85 |
| | 44 | | |

## 7. CIVILIAN CONCERT PARTIES

Civilian Concert Parties maintained their good service. Concerts given in the month totalled 40, as follows :-

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Melville | 3 | C/fwd | 21 |
| 110 (Perth) Aust Mil Hosp. | 2 | Lady Mitchell Con Home | 3 |
| Richmond | 3 | Northam | 2 |
| Dunreath | 2 | Yanchep | 2 |
| Claremont | 1 | Workshops | 1 |
| Karrakatta | 1 | 118 A.G.H. | 3 |
| Pearce | 2 | 10 Grn Bn | 2 |
| Leighton | 1 | Jandakot | 2 |
| Salter's Pt. | 1 | Nicholson Con Home | 1 |
| Park Gun Stn | 1 | Werribee | 3 |
| South Beach | 2 | | |
| Peron Bty | 2 | TOTAL | 40 |
| | 21 | | |

## 8. PHILANTHROPIC BODIES

Australian Comforts Fund, YMCA & Salvation Army continue to co-operate in welfare work in the interests of the troops. Australian Comforts Fund is at present preparing for its usual issue of Christmas Hampers.

## 9. SPECIAL DUTIES OFFICER

Detailed report of the Amenities Officer Special Duties covering the month of Oct 44 is being submitted separately. It may be mentioned here, however, that the volume of work handled in Oct was considerably greater than for the previous month.

10 LOCAL PURCHASE OF AMENITIES

It is observed that other Services are making purchases on the local market which means an entry into the Army field of supply. If an arrangement could be made to obviate this competition, benefit for the A.A. Amenities Service and other Services would ensue.

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Adm Command WESTERN COMMAND.

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HQ WESTERN COMMAND
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WESTERN COMMAND ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION A254

DELETION, RESTRICTION AND REORGANISATION OF UNITS WESTERN COMMAND

GARRISON BNS

% 29 AUST GRN COY (IS)
5 AUST GRN BN (CD) DISBANDING OF
19 AUST GRN BN (CD)

10 AUST GRN BN (CD) REORGANISATION OF

1. In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10422 of 2 OCT 44, and amendments to OOB, AMF, the following deletions and reorganisation of units will be effected:-

| War Office Serial No. | | WE Ref No. | Posted Strength as at 2 Sep 44 Offrs | ORs | Total | WE Strength Offrs | ORs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 47247 | ( % 29 AUST GRN COY (IS) | | 7 | 192 | 199 | | | |
| 47244 | DISBAND ( 5 AUST GRN BN (CD) | | 15 | 328 | 343 | | | |
| 47246 | ( 19 AUST GRN BN (CD) | | 31 | 588 | 619 | | | |
| 47245 | REORGANISE AS 10 AUST GRN BN (CD) | V1/21/4 | 22 | 408 | 430 | 38 | 792 | 830 |

2. ACTION - Action will be taken by HQ FREMANTLE FORTRESS to disband and reorganise these units as indicated herein.

3. PERSONNEL -

(a)(i) OFFICERS - Particulars of officers recommended for transfer in accordance with this instruction will be forwarded forthwith to this HQ for notification to LHQ.

(ii) Officers rendered surplus by the implementation of this instruction will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of GRO A139/44 (as amended).

(b)(i) OTHER RANKS - All WOs and NCOs will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of GRO A187/44 provided however, that the reduction of acting WOs and NCOs to their substantive ranks will not be effected until their return from leave granted in accordance with part 5 hereof.

[illegible] personnel will be reduced by unit immediately on conclusion of leave and similar action will be taken with regard to Eastern States personnel by 1 AUST BASE DEPOT PERS when soldier reports to that Depot.

(ii) Personnel medically fit class "A" under 40 years of age will be transferred to the holding strength of 1 AUST BASE DEPOT PERS and made available to 2ND ECH LHQ as general reinforcements. Date of transfer will be the date on which personnel are marched out from units to LTD for en routing.

(iii) Those medically fit class "A" over 40 years of age and those medically fit class "B" will be disposed of as follows -

(a) Complete 10 AUST GRN BN (CD) to full WE Entitlement.
(b) Transferred to other units being retained in WA in exchange for

an equivalent number of "A" class personnel under 40 yrs of age. (to be of the same ranks and trades where practicable).

In regard to sub-para (b) the maximum possible number of personnel rendered surplus will be those suitable for absorption in AA, CA & SL units, which will release as soon as possible, an equivalent number of "A" class personnel under 40 yrs of age

(iv) Except as provided herein, no transfer of personnel from units being reorganised in accordance with this instruction will be made without prior authority from this HQ.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTNESS - Units will ensure that all personnel who are medically fit class "A" under 40 years of age, are administratively correct in all respects prior to being marched out on leave in accordance with para 5 hereof. A certificate to this effect will be submitted to reach this HQ not later than 23 OCT 44.

Draft Inspecting Officers appointed, will inspect drafts in accordance with previous instructions issued.

5. LEAVE - Personnel medically fit class "A" and under 40 years of age (vide paras 3(b), will be granted -

(i) All accumulated leave
or
(ii) A minimum of 24 days in accordance with GRO 598/43 if they have not taken leave during the previous six months,
or
(iii) A minimum of 12 days in accordance with GRO 598/43 if they have taken leave during the previous six months.

Leave will be anticipated if necessary, to the extent required to ensure that personnel concerned are granted the minimum period specified and will be taken either prior to movement, en route, or on arrival at 1 AUST BASE DEPOT PERS as appropriate.

6. STATISTICS & NOMINAL ROLLS -

(i) Particulars of all personnel made available as general reinforcements (vide para 3(b) will be forwarded by units concerned to WA ECH & REC and this HQ, in accordance with provisions of LHQ memo 85039 of 22 JUL 44 (copies forwarded to those concerned) as soon as personnel are marched out on leave.

(ii) Nominal rolls and other statistics required in respect of personnel transferred will be prepared for each draft immediately prior to movement. Separate detailed instructions will be issued to those concerned.

7. ORDNANCE STORES & EQUIPMENT - DISBANDED UNITS

(a) Ammunition will be returned to 9 AAD GUILDFORD under arrangements ADOS W/Cond.
(b) All stores will be checked and disposed of as per sub-paras (d) and (e) hereof.
(c) Personal arms (incl Rifles No. 4 Mk I) and equipment will be retained by all personnel.
(d) Unit equipment and vehicles rendered surplus as a result of this instruction will be returned to 7 AUST MBD or 5 AUST ORD VEH PK as appropriate under instructions ADOS W/Cond.
(e) Additional stores required for reorganised unit will be transferred from disbanding units or issued from Ordnance Depots under instructions ADOS W/Cond.
(f) Separate instructions will be issued by "Q" Branch regarding closing of Ledgers.

8. VEHICLES - DISBANDED UNITS -

Vehicles on charge will be returned under arrangements of "Q" Branch to 5 AUST ORD VEH PK BUNGARIM in the following condition -

(a) thoroughly clean
(b) complete with VOL equipment and approved AP GLOSS
(c) with Logbook complete and up to date

(d) accompanied by AAF G4
(e) MT Casualty Return (AAF G52) will be completed immediately transfers are effected.

9. GENERAL - It will be ensured that the following action is completed by units prior to disbandment -

(a) SURPLUS STATIONERY - Surplus stationery including typewriters and duplicators will be returned to WESTERN COMMAND STATIONERY DEPOT.

(ii) All copies of GO's, GRO's and ASO's will be returned to "A" Branch this HQ.

(iii) HL Passes and Rail Warrant Books will be returned to DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WA.

(b) ACCOUNTS - All outstanding accounts including accounts of Trust Funds, Officers and Sgts Messes, will be completed and a certificate to this effect will be forwarded to this HQ.

(c) POL RECORDS - Unchecked POL records will be forwarded to the DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WA.

(d) CORRESPONDENCE - All outstanding correspondence will be completed.

(e) COURTS, BOARDS ETC. - All outstanding Courts of Inquiry, investigations etc. in regard to accidents damages or losses of stores etc. will be finalised.

(f) UNIT RECORDS - Commanders of Units concerned will be responsible for the completion of unit records to the satisfaction of WA ECH & REC and DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WA.

(g) ENGINEER STORES - Surplus engineer stores will be returned to Engineer Dump MARRADONG.

(h) SUPPLIES - Surplus rations, POL, expense stores, etc. will be returned to DIDs.

(i) AMENITIES -

(a) Amenities equipment will be disposed of in accordance with GRO 494/43
(b) All goods other than sporting goods, obtained from ACF will be returned to ACF and all other amenities equipment not covered by GRO 494/43 will be returned to DAD AMENITIES, Western Command.

(j) CAMP SITE - Attention is directed to W/Comd RO 19 Serial 212 of 28 Aug 44.

(k) SALVAGE - All salvage will be returned to Salvage Depot prior to movement from present site.

(l) SECURITY - This reorganisation and movement will NOT be discussed, either in general terms or in detail, with any person who is NOT directly concerned in the carrying out of the orders issued to implement this instruction.

10. ACTION COMPLETE - HQ FREMANTLE FORTRESS will forward progress report to this HQ on 31 OCT 44. Action will be completed not later than 15 NOV 44 and report submitted.

E Bowen Lt/Col
A & AG WESTERN COMMAND

Distribution -

LIST "J" plus
Fremantle Fortress (10)
29 Gun Coy (2)
Canteens
LTD
GDD
Spares

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ WESTERN COMMAND
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HQ FREMANTLE FORTRESS - REORGANISATION OF

In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10793 of 12 OCT 44 and consequent upon the reorganisation of FREMANTLE COAST ARTILLERY in accordance with LHQ SM8062 of 31 JUL 44, HQ FREMANTLE FORTRESS will be reorganised as follows:-

REORGANISE:-

| War Office Serial No. | Unit. | W.E. | Offrs | Ors | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 49396 | HQ FREMANTLE FORTRESS | V1/2/2 | 9 | 35 | 44 |
| as | | | | | |
| 49396 | HQ FREMANTLE FORTRESS | Temporary Estab vide Appx "A" attached. | 9 | 59 | 68 |
| | Personnel required to complete to authorised temporary establishment. | | - | 24 | 24 |

2. ACTION -

Action will be taken by HQ FREMANTLE FORTRESS to reorganise on the authorised temporary Establishment as set out in Appendix "A" attached hereto.

3. PERSONNEL -

(a) Personnel required to complete HQ Fremantle Fortress to authorised temporary establishment will be provided from the present existing staffs of HQ FREMANTLE FORTRESS and FREMANTLE CA HQ (retained for this purpose in accordance with SM8062 of 31 JUL 44, Appendix "D" Serial 34).

(b) OFFICERS -

(i) Particulars of officers recommended for transfer or retention with change of posting will be forwarded immediately to this HQ for notification to LHQ.

(ii) Separate instructions will be issued by LHQ in respect of officers required to complete the HQ to the authorised temporary establishment.

(iii) Officers rendered surplus as a result of this instruction will be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of GRO 139/44.

(c) O/Rs

(i) WOs and NCOs rendered surplus will be disposed of in accordance with GRO 187/44.

(ii) The remainder will be made available to 2ND ECH LHQ for reallotment. Where practicable, personnel released will be firstly males medically class "A" under 40, and secondly medically Class "B" (Eastern States). Where it is essential to retain med. class "A" under 40, nominal roll with reasons for retention will be forwarded immediately to this HQ.

4. STATISTICS & NOMINAL ROLLS -

(a) Particulars of all personnel made available to 2ND ECH LHQ as general reinforcements will be forwarded to 7A ECH & ASC and this HQ in accordance with LHQ memo 65039 of 22 Jul 44 (copies forwarded to those concerned).

(b) Nominal Rolls in support of such statistics will be forwarded in duplicate to this HQ & WA ECH & REC and will show - Age, Med Class, TG and Trade Classification, Posting within Unit.

(5) UNIT RECORDS -

Comd HQ FREMANTLE FORTRESS will ensure that unit records are adjusted to the satisfaction of WA ECH & REC and DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WA.

(6) ORDNANCE STORES & EQUIPMENT -

Unit equipment and stores rendered surplus as a result of this instruction will be returned to 7 AUST RSD and 5 AUST ORD VEH PK as appropriate under arrangements ADOS Western Command.

(7.) ACTION COMPLETE -

HQ FREMANTLE FORTRESS will advise this HQ of Action Complete not later than 31 OCT 44.

C. Bowser Lt/Col
AA & QMG WESTERN COMMAND

Distribution -

LIST "B"
FREMANTLE FORTRESS (3)

17 Oct 44.

HEADQUARTERS FREMANTLE FORTRESS

AUTHORIZED TEMPORARY ESTABLISHMENT.

(1) Summary of ranks and trades

| Detail | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Brigadier (fortress commander and commander coast artillery) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Major (General Staff officer 2nd grade and brigade major coast artillery) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Major (Staff officer artillery 2nd grade) (anti-aircraft) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Captain (Staff-captain "A") | 1 | - | 1 |
| Captain (district officer) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Captain (staff captain "Q" and quartermaster) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Captain (intelligence officer) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Captain (adjutant, Coast artillery) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Captain (administrative officer AWAS) | - | 1 | 1 |
| Total, Officers | 8 | 1 | 9 |
| Regimental sergeant-major (warrant Officer Class I) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Master gunner (1st class)(Warrant officer Class I) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Master gunners (3rd class) Warrant officers Class II) | 3 | - | 3 |
| Equipment sergeant-major (warrant officer class II) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Regimental quartermaster-sergeant (warrant officer class II) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Total, warrant officers | 7 | - | 7 |
| Staff sergeant (clerk) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Sergeants (clerks) | 2 | - | 2 |
| Sergeants (tailoress) | - | 1 | 1 |
| Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Bombardiers or corporals | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Gunners or privates (includes 4 lance bombardiers or Lance Corporals) | 13 | 14 | 27 |
| Total, rank and file | 14 | 27 | 31 |
| Total, other ranks | 24 | 18 | 42 |
| Total, all ranks | 32 | 29 | 61 |
| **Attached -** | | | |
| AAMC | | | |
| Sergeant (hygiene inspector) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Corporal | 1 | - | 1 |
| Private (nursing orderly trade group III) - (AWAS) | - | 1 | 1 |
| AAOC - | | | |
| Warrant officer class I (conductor) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Private (shoemaker trade group III) | 1 | - | 1 |
| AACC - | | | |
| Warrant officer class II (caterer) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Corporal | - | 1 | 1 |
| Privates (trade group II) | - | 4 | 4 |

| Detail | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Attached - (Cont'd) | | | |
| AAPC - | | | |
| Sergeant | 1 | - | 1 |
| AA Postal Services | | | |
| Corporal | - | 1 | 1 |
| AA Amenities Service - | | | |
| Lieutenant | 1 | - | 1 |
| Private (clerk trade group III) | 1 | - | 1 |
| AA Education Service | | | |
| Sergeants | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Total, all ranks, including attached | 41 | 27 | 68 |

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties.

| Detail | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Trade Group II | | | |
| Draughtsman | (a)1 | - | 1 |
| Tailoress | - | (a)1 | 1 |
| Trade Group III | | | |
| Clerks | - | (b)7 | 7 |
| Driver-mechanic | 1 | - | 1 |
| Technical storeman | (c)1 | - | 1 |
| Non-specialists | | | |
| Batmen | 3 | - | 3 |
| Drivers, M.T | (c)2 | 3 | 5 |
| General duties | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Hygiene dutyman | (c)1 | - | 1 |
| Mess Orderlies | - | (a)3 | 3 |
| Motor cyclist orderlies | 2 | - | 2 |
| Telephone orderlies | - | 2 | 2 |
| Storeman | 1 | - | 1 |
| Total, rank and file | 14 | 17 | 31 |

(iii) Transport

| | |
|---|---|
| Motor cycles | 2 |
| Cars, DS | 3 |
| Truck, ¼-cut., G.S. | 1 |
| Trucks, ¾-ton, G.S | 2 |

(a) Is, or includes, a bombardier or corporal

(b) Includes a bombardier and a lance bombardier or a corporal and a lance corporal

(c) Is, or includes a lance bombardier or a lance corporal.

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HQ WESTERN COMMAND
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DELETION, RESTRICTION AND REORGANISATION OF UNITS
WESTERN COMMAND

% 9 AUST ADV AMMUNITION DEPOT - RESTRICTION OF WE

1. In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10422 of 2 Oct 44, % 9 AUST ADV AMN DEPOT will be reorganised as follows:-

Reorganise

| War Office Serial No. | | WE Ref No. | Strength as at 2 Sep 44 Offrs | ORs | Total | Authorised Restricted WE Offrs | ORs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 45454 | % 9 AUST ADV AMN DEPOT | IV/77A/2 Type B | 4 | 109 | 113 | | | |
| as | | | | | | | | |
| 45454 | % 9 AUST ADV AMN DEPOT | IV/77A/2 Type B | | | | 6 | 104 | 110 |

2. In view of the transfer of 30 O/Rs, medically fit Class A, to 14 Aust Adv Amn Depot in accordance with LHQ Signal A89603 of 30 Sep 44, the posted strength of the unit is now less than the restricted establishment, and no personnel are available for reposting by 2nd Echelon.

Personnel to replace those transferred will be posted by WA Ech & Rec through normal Echelon channels as and when available.

3. Unit will ensure that records returns AAF W3008 and W3009 are rendered in future in accordance with the restricted WE.

G. Brown Lt-Col
AA & QMG WESTERN COMMAND

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9 Aust Adv Amn Depot

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AUTHORISED RESTRICTED WAR ESTABLISHMENT FOR 9 AUST ADV AMN DEPOT

(Based on IV/77A/2 Type B)

| Detail | | HQ | Amn Coy | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Major | - COO | 1 | - | 1 |
| Captain | - IOO | 1 | - | 1 |
| Captains | - OO | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Lieutenants | - OO | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | Total Officers | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Warrant Officers Class 1 | - Clerk | 1 | - | 1 |
| | - Storeman | - | 1 | 1 |
| Warrant Officers Class 11 | - CSM | 1 | - | 1 |
| | - Storemen | 3 | - | 3 |
| | Total Warrant Officers | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Staff Serjeants | - Amn Examiner | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | CQMS | 1 | - | 1 |
| | Clerk | 1 | - | 1 |
| | Storemen | 2 | - | 2 |
| Serjeants | - Clerks | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| | Storemen | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| | Total Staff Serjeants & Sjts. | 11 | 6 | 17 |
| Corporals | - Clerks | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| | Carpenter | - | 1 | 1 |
| | Storemen | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Privates | - Trade Gp 11 - Painters | - | 1 | 1 |
| | Trade Gp 111 - Clerks | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| | Non Specialists - Batmen | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | Drivers MT | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| | Gen Duties for Messes | 3 | - | 3 |
| | Hygiene Duties | 1 | - | 1 |
| | Motor Cycle Orderly | 1 | - | 1 |
| | Storemen | 13 | 28 | 41 |
| | Total Rank and File | 35 | 39 | 74 |
| | Total Other Ranks | 51 | 46 | 97 |
| | Total All Ranks | 55 | 48 | 103 |
| Attached - | | | | |
| AAMC | - Corporal | 1 | - | 1 |
| AEME | - Cfm (Trade Gp 1) Coppersmith | - | 1 | 1 |
| | Fitter | - | 1 | 1 |
| AACC | - Serjeants | 1 | - | 1 |
| | Corporal | - | 1 | 1 |
| | Privates (Trade Gp 11) | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | TOTAL including Attached | 58 | 52 | 110 |

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DELETION, RESTRICTION AND RE-ORGANIZATION OF UNITS
WESTERN COMMAND

UNITS - AUST CORPS OF SIGS - RESTRICTED WEs

% HQ 15 AUST L OF C SIGS (ME)
7 AUST OP SEC
47 AUST WT SEC (LT)
9 AUST LINE SEC

In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10422 of 2 Oct 44 the above mentioned units will be placed on restricted WEs and will be reorganised in accordance with Appendix "A" attached and instructions contained herein.

2. Restricted WEs

Recommended restricted WEs will be submitted to this HQ immediately. Pending receipt of confirmation of the recommendations from LHQ no transfers to or from units will be permitted, without specific approval of this HQ ("A" Branch).

3. Personnel

(a) Nominal rolls of personnel who will be rendered surplus (if the recommendations submitted are approved) will be forwarded to this HQ in triplicate, giving the following information:- No., Rank, Name, Age, Medical Classification, Trade Classification and T.G. (if any) and (in the case of "B" Class or over 40 years of age) recommendations for reposting. Nominal rolls will be subdivided into - (i) Medical Class A under 40 (males), (ii) Other.

(b) All personnel rendered supernumerary to the recommended establishment will be made administratively correct "A" and certificate to this effect rendered to this HQ not later than 25 Oct 44. Personnel rendered surplus will, where available, be medically fit Class "A" males under 40 years of age. Compassionate etc cases will be referred to this HQ for decision as to retention or otherwise.

(c) Where it is necessary to dispose of medically fit Class "B" personnel or those "A" Class over 40 years of age, preference will be given to - (a) soldiers whose State of enlistment is other than W.A.
(b) those fit for service outside Australia.

4. Disposal of Personnel

Immediately on receipt of LHQ approval to the restricted WE separate instructions will be issued regarding the disposal of personnel rendered surplus.

5. CSO will take all necessary action to implement the foregoing and submit progress report on 25 Oct 44.

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AA & QMG WESTERN COMMAND

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## DELETION, RESTRICTION, REORGANIZATION AND RAISING OF UNITS WESTERN COMMAND

### UNITS - AUST CORPS OF SIGS - RESTRICTED WEs

| (a) | (b) | (c) | | (d) | | | (e) | | | | (f) | | | (g) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Serial | Action | UNIT War Office Serial | UNIT Designation | Strength as at 2 Sep 44 Offrs | OR | Total | War Establishment Ref. No. | Offrs | OR | Total | Personnel available for disposal Offrs | OR | Total | Remarks |
| 1 | Reorganise on authorised restricted WE Refer Col (e) | 49290 | 47 AUST WT SEC (LT) | 1 | 20 | 21 | % III/38U/1 | 1 | 18 | 19 | | 2 | 2 | (a) CSO to submit proposed restricted WEs immediately. (b) When disposal instructions are issued surplus electricians and operators who cannot be certified by their CO, after test, to be efficient in operating, will be moved to CENTRAL SIG TRG DEPOT for refresher training prior to reallocation by 2nd ECHELON LHQ. |
| 2 | do. | 45813 | 9 AUST LINE SEC | 1 | 62 | 63 | % III/38E/3 | 2 | 57 | 59 | | 5 | 5 | |
| 3 | do. | 49334 | % HQ 15 AUST L OF C SIGS (ME) | 11 | 57 | 68 | % III/37B/1 | 11 | 38 | 49 | | 19 | 19 | |
| 4 | do. | 45817 | 7 AUST OP SEC | 1 | 41 | 42 | % III/38S/1 | 1 | 27 | 28 | | 14 | 14 | |

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DELETION RESTRICTION AND REORGANISATION OF UNITS WESTERN COMMAND

1. In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10422 of 2 Oct 44, and amendment to OOB, AMF, action will be taken by 5 AUST COMD AL SEC as follows -

| War Office Serial No. | | WE Ref No. | Posted Strength as at 2 Sep 44 Offrs | ORs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 45187 | DISBAND - 5 AUST COMD AL SEC | III/82B/1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

2. PERSONNEL

(a) OFFICERS - Officer rendered surplus will be dealt with in accordance with provisions of GRO A139/44

(b) OTHER RANKS - Personnel are all medically fit class "A" under 40 years of age and will be transferred to the holding strength of 1 AUST BASE DEPOT PERS and made available to 2ND ECH LHQ as general reinforcements. Date of transfer will be the date on which personnel are marched out from units to LTD for en routing.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTNESS - O/R personnel to be transferred will report to Camp Comdt. Western Command for inspection of administrative correctness in all respects. Certificate to this effect will be submitted by Camp Comdt not later than 23 Oct 44.

4. LEAVE - Personnel (vide para 2(b) hereof will be granted -

(i) All accumulated leave
or
(ii) A minimum of 24 days in accordance with GRO 598/43 if they have not taken leave during the previous six months.
or
(iii) A minimum of 12 days in accordance with GRO 598/43 if they have taken leave during the previous six months.

Leave will be anticipated, if necessary, to the extent required to ensure that personnel concerned are granted the minimum period specified and will be taken either prior to movement, en route, or on arrival at 1 AUST BASE DEPOT PERS as appropriate.

5. STATISTICS AND NOMINAL ROLLS

(i) Particulars of all personnel made available as general reinforcements (vide para 2 (b) will be forwarded to WA ECH & REC and this HQ in accordance with provisions of LHQ memo 85039 of 22 JUL 44 (copies forwarded to those concerned) as soon as personnel are marched out on leave.

(ii) Nominal rolls and other statistics required in respect of personnel transferred will be prepared for each draft immediately prior to movement. Separate detailed instructions will be issued to those concerned.

6. ORDNANCE STORES & EQUIPMENT

(a) Personal arms and equipment will be retained by all personnel.
(b) Unit equipment and vehicles rendered surplus as a result of this instruction will be returned to 7 AUST RSD or 5 AUST ORD VEH PK as appropriate under instructions ADOS WESTERN COMMAND.
(c) Separate instructions will be issued by "Q" Branch regarding closing of ledgers.

7. VEHICLES

Vehicles on charge will be returned under arrangements of "Q" Branch to 5 AUST ORD VEH PARK NUNGARIN in the following condition -

(a) Thoroughly clean
(b) complete with VOL equipment and approved AF G1033
(c) with Logbook complete and up to date
(d) accompanied by AAF G4
(e) MT Casualty Return (AAF G52) will be completed immediately transfers are effected.

8. SURPLUS STATIONERY -

(i) Stationery, including typewriters, and duplicators will be returned to WESTERN COMD STATIONERY DEPOT.

(ii) All copies of GOs, GROs and ASOs will be returned to this HQ ("A" Branch).

(iii) HL Passes and Rail Warrant Books will be returned to DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WA.

9. CORRESPONDENCE - All outstanding correspondence will be completed.

10. COURTS, BOARDS ETC - All outstanding Courts of Inquiry, investigations etc. in regard to accidents damages or losses of stores etc. will be finalised.

11. UNIT RECORDS - Commanders of Units concerned will be responsible for the completion of unit records to the satisfaction of WA ECH & REC and DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WA.

12. ACTION COMPLETE - Comd 5 AUST COMD AL SEC will take all necessary action to implement the foregoing and will advise action complete not later than 31 Oct 44.

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AA & QMG WESTERN COMMAND

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DELETION, RESTRICTION AND REORGANISATION AND RAISING OF UNITS WESTERN COMMAND

3 AUST CORPS FD CASH OFFICE (AIF) - DISBANDING OF
101 AUST DEPOT CASH OFFICE (TYPE B) - RAISING OF
% 44 AUST DEP CASH OFFICE (TYPE B) ROTTNEST - RESTRICTION OF

1. In accordance with instructions as contained in LHQ SM10422 of 2 Oct 44, and amendments to the OOB, AMF, which have been issued, the following deletion, reorganisation and raising of units will be effected -

| War Office Serial No. | | WE Ref No. | Posted Strength as at 2 Sep 44 Offrs | ORs | Total | WE Strength Offrs | ORs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 47663 | DISBAND - 3 AUST CORPS FD CASH OFFICE (AIF) | | 1 | 7 | 8 | | | |
| 92611 | RAISE - 101 AUST DEP CASH OFFICE (TYPE B) | IV/106/2 | | | | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| 47716 | REORGANISE - on authorised restricted WE % 44 AUST DEP CASH OFFICE (TYPE B) ROTTNEST | % of IV/106/2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

2. ACTION

Action will be taken by DFO to disband, reorganise and raise these units as indicated herein.

3. Recommended restricted WE for % 44 AUST DEP CASH OFFICE (TYPE B) ROTTNEST, will be submitted to this HQ immediately. Pending receipt of confirmation of recommendation from LHQ, no transfers to or from the unit will be permitted without specific approval of this HQ ("A" Branch).

4. PERSONNEL -

(a) Officers

(i) Particulars of officers recommended for transfer in accordance with this instruction will be forwarded forthwith to this HQ for notification to LHQ.

(ii) Officers rendered surplus by the implementation of this instruction will be dealt with in accordance with provisions of CRO 1139/44 (as amended).

(b) Other Ranks

O/R personnel rendered surplus by the disbandment of 3 AUST CORPS FD CASH OFFICE (AIF) will, as far as possible be absorbed firstly into 101 AUST DEP CASH OFFICE (TYPE B) secondly into DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WA. Necessary cross posting between these units to absorb personnel in correct ranks and trades will be made forthwith.

5. ORDNANCE STORES & EQUIPMENT - DISBANDED UNIT

(a) Personal arms (incl Rifles No. 4 Mk 1) and equipment will be retained by all personnel.

(b) Unit equipment and vehicles rendered surplus as a result of this instruction will be returned to 7 AUST RSD or 5 AUST ORD VEH PK as appropriate under instructions ADOS Western Command.

(c) Additional stores required for reorganized unit will be transferred from disbanding units or issued from Ordnance Depots under instructions ADOS Western Command.

(d) Separate instructions will be issued by "Q" Branch regarding closing of ledgers.

6. It will be ensured that the following action is completed by 3 AUST CORPS FD CASH OFFICE (AIF) prior to disbandment -

(a) UNIT RECORDS - Comd of Unit concerned will be responsible for the completion of unit records to the satisfaction of WA ECH & REC and DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WA.

(b) CORRESPONDENCE - All outstanding correspondence will be completed.

(c) COURTS, BOARDS ETC - All outstanding Courts of Inquiry, investigations etc. in regard to accident, damages or losses of stores etc. will be finalised.

7. ACTION COMPLETE

DFO will take all necessary action to implement the foregoing and advise action complete to this HQ by 31 Oct 44.

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Lt-Col
AA & QMG WESTERN COMMAND

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HQ WESTERN COMMAND
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DELETION, RESTRICTION AND REORGANISATION OF UNITS
WESTERN COMMAND

AA CANTEENS SERVICE WA DET - RESTRICTION OF
AA CANTEENS SERVICE OFFICERS CLUB (TYPE A) EXPANSION OF

1. In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10422 of 2 Oct 44, approval is given for the expansion of 4 AA Canteens Service Offrs Club (Type A) and the reduction of AA Canteens Service WA Det as indicated in Appendix "A" attached.

2. DADCS will arrange for the cross posting of personnel as indicated to ensure that the essential staff for 4 AACS Offrs Club is provided without delay.

3. In view of the transfer to other areas of Canteen personnel (vide LHQ 133491 of 26 Sep and other similar directions) the number of personnel now on posted strength of AA Canteen Services, WA Det is less than the restricted WE shown in Appendix "A" and no personnel will, therefore, be immediately available to LHQ 2nd Ech.

4. Action complete will be advised to this HQ not later than 31 Oct 44.

Lt-Col
AA & QMG WESTERN COMMAND

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### AA CANTEENS SERVICE WA DET - RESTRICTION OF
### 4AA CANTEENS SERVICE OFFICERS CLUB (TYPE A) - RESTRICTION OF

| (a) | (b) | (c) Unit | | (d) Strength as at 16 Sep 44 | | | (e) War Establishment | | | | (f) Personnel available for disposal | | | (g) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Serial No. | Action | War Service Serial No. | Designation | O | ORs | T | Ref No. | O | ORs | T | O | ORs | T | Remarks |
| 1 | EXPAND | 48542 | 4 AA Canteens Service Offrs Club (Type A) to 4 AA Canteens Service Offrs Club (Type A) | 1 | 46 | 47 | IV/150AA/2 | 2 | 52 | 54 | | | | (1) Additional personnel required will be provided as follows - (a) Officer from within resources of AACS (b) OR personnel by transfer of suitable personnel rendered surplus by reorganisation of AA Canteens Service WA Detachment (2) Issue of a special WE for this Club, providing for a WE strength as per column (4) now under consideration |
| 2 | REDUCE to Auth restricted WE ref Col e | 45543 | AA CANTEENS Service WA Detachment to AA Canteens Service WA Detachment | 10 | 247 | 257 | IV/150/3 | 11 | 240 | 251 | | 7 | 7 | |

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DELETION, RESTRICTION & REORGANISATION OF UNITS WESTERN COMMAND

21 AWAS BARRACK )
25 AWAS BARRACK ) DISBANDMENT OF
% 50 AWAS BARRACK )

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1. In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10422 of 2 OCT 44 and amendments to the OOB AMF, the following disbandment of units will be effected:-

DISBAND -

| War Office Serial No. | | WE Ref No. | Posted Strength as at 2 Sep 44. Offrs | ORs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 47618 | 21 AWAS BARRACK (100 Pers) | 1V/161/2 | 1 | 14 | 15 |
| 48100 | 25 AWAS BARRACK (100 Pers) | do | 1 | 17 | 18 |
| 48249 | % 50 AWAS BARRACK (100 Pers) | do | 1 | 8 | 9 |

2. ACTION:-

Action will be taken by HQ FREMANTLE FORTRESS to disband these units as indicated herein.

3. PERSONNEL:-

Personnel rendered surplus as the result of the implementation of this instruction will be disposed of as follows -

(a) OFFICERS -

(i) Particulars of AWAS Officers will be forwarded to this HQ not later than 30 OCT 44 for notification to LHQ together with any recommendation for absorption within Fortress units.

(b) FEMALE O/Rs -

(i) All acting WOs and NCOs will be reduced to their substantive ranks in accordance with provisions of GRO A187/44, unless practicable to absorb within Fortress units at present ranks.

(ii) Personnel will be transferred to units under command HQ FREMANTLE FORTRESS in exchange for an equivalent number of male personnel who are medically fit class "A" and under 40 yrs of age.

(c) MALE O/Rs -

(i) Male personnel released in accordance with para 2(b)(ii) will be transferred to 1 AUST BASE DEPOT PERSONNEL and will be made available to 2ND ECH LHQ as general reinforcements. These personnel will be dealt with by HQ FREMANTLE FORTRESS similarly to other personnel rendered surplus in accordance with this HQ Administration Instruction AC54 of 13 Oct 44.

4. ORDNANCE STORES & EQUIPMENT -

(a) All stores will be checked and disposed of as per sub-para (d) hereof.

(b) Unit equipment rendered surplus as a result of this instruction will be returned to 7 AUST RSD under instructions ADOS W/Comd.

(c) Separate instructions will be issued by "A" Branch regarding closing of Ledgers.

5. GENERAL -

(a) SURPLUS STATIONERY - Surplus Stationery including typewriters and duplicators will be returned to WESTERN COMMAND STATIONERY DEPOT.

(ii) All copies of GO's, GRO's and ASO's will be returned to "A" Branch this HQ.

(iii) HL Passes and Rail Warrant Books will be returned to DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WA.

(b) ACCOUNTS - All outstanding accounts including accounts of Trust Funds, Officers and Sgts Messes, will be completed and a certificate to this effect will be forwarded to this HQ.

(c) CORRESPONDENCE - All outstanding correspondence will be completed.

(d) COURTS, BOARDS ETC. - All outstanding Courts of Inquiry, Investigations etc. in regard to accidents damages or losses of stores etc. will be finalised.

(e) UNIT RECORDS - Comd of Units concerned will be responsible for the completion of unit records to the satisfaction of WA ECH & REC and DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE W.A.

(f) AMENITIES -

(i) Amenities equipment and all goods other than sporting goods, obtained from ACF will be transferred to HQ FREMANTLE FORTRESS.

6. ACTION COMPLETE:-

HQ FREMANTLE FORTRESS will forward progress report to this HQ on 31 OCT 44. Action will be completed not later than 15 NOV 44 and report submitted.

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HQ WESTERN COMMAND
Swan Bks, Francis St
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HQ WESTERN COMMAND - WE III/8/3 - IMPLEMENTATION OF

WE III/8/3 for HQ Western Command has now been issued and relevant extracts forwarded to all concerned. Heads of Branches and Services will immediately review their staffs and reorganise their personnel in accordance with the provisions of the new establishment.

2. In view of the reduction in the number of units and personnel in this Comd since the draft establishment was approved, it will not be necessary in some cases for the full establishment to be implemented. In view of the extreme shortage of manpower both within the HQ and other Units under Command, it is essential that all Branches and Services reduce staffs to the minimum consistent with efficiency.

3. Head of each Branch and Service will prepare a schedule (vide pro-forma attached) showing details of O/R personnel on their respective staffs and in the remarks column will indicate whether the personnel are still required or whether any can be released for duty elsewhere. Returns will be submitted to Camp Comdt (in duplicate) by 30 Oct 44.

Civilians employed will be shown as filling appointments carrying ranks commensurate with the work being performed.

4. Attention is directed to the fact that all O/R personnel on the HQ may be Medically Class "B" or members of the AWAS, and in view of the urgent need for fit class "A" personnel (under 40 years of age) in forward areas every effort will be made to release forthwith all "A" class privates under 40 and "A" Class WOs and NCOs under 35. It is expected that all such personnel will be released or replaced by "B" Class or members of the AWAS by 30 Nov 44.

5. Camp Comdt will make a survey of the requirements of all messes with a view to reducing the staffs to a minimum. Batmen will not be allotted to individual officers, but batmen and general dutymen will be apportioned to the messes in accordance with their tasks and only sufficient provided for essential purposes. All batmen and general dutymen Medically fit Class "A" under 40 years of age will be replaced forthwith by Camp Comdt, under directions of "A" Branch.

6. Promotion of O/R staff will be dealt with in accordance with GRO A187/44. Recommendations for promotions should be submitted only in those cases where the staff concerned is thoroughly qualified for promotion and the work being performed is commensurate with the rank.

All personnel on HQ Western Command, irrespective of Branch or Service, will be regarded as eligible for promotion to fill any vacancy for which they hold the necessary qualifications. Length of Army service (particularly overseas service) will be considered rather than length of service in the particular branch or service, especially with members of the Womens Services.

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BRIGADIER
ADM COMD WESTERN COMMAND

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HQ WESTERN COMMAND

BRANCH OR SERVICE.....

Manning Chart of OR Personnel vide WE III/8/3

| WE Appointment | | Particulars of Personnel filling Appointments | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Rank | Trade or Duty | No. | Rank | Name | Age | Med Class | Disability (if A2 or B) | Remarks (to include recommendations for reposting if not required) |
| Sgt | Clerk | W123456 | SGT | BROWNE, E W | 38 | "B2" | Eyes | |
| Pte | Clerk TC.III | | | | | | | |
| | etc. | | | | | | | |

Surplus to W.E.
(Show Trade or Duty in Col 2)

Note - Where appointment not at present filled, leave blank and indicate in Col 9 if - (a) urgently required,
(b) required
(c) not required.

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DELETION, RESTRICTION AND REORGANISATION OF UNITS
WESTERN COMMAND

20 AWAS BARRACKS— Disbanding of
31 AWAS BARRACKS— Reorganisation of

1. In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10422 of 2 Oct 44 and amendments to OOB AMF, the following deletion and reorganisation of units will be effected –

| War Office Serial No. | | WE Ref No | Posted Strength as at 2 Sep 44 Offrs | ORs | Tot. | WE Strength Offrs | ORs | Tot. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 47617 | Disband–<br>20 AWAS BARRACK<br>(100 pers) | | 1 | 14 | 15 | | | |
| 48102 | Reorganise–<br>31 AWAS BARRACK<br>(100 pers) | | 1 | 10 | 11 | | | |
| | AS | | | | | | | |
| | 31 AWAS BARRACK<br>(200 pers) | IV/161/2 | | | | 3 | 28 | 31 |

2. ACTION - Action will be taken by OC's of Units concerned to disband and reorganise these units as indicated herein.

3. PERSONNEL–

(a)i. Personnel rendered surplus by the disbandment of 20 AWAS Barrack will be transferred to 31 AWAS Barrack for subsequent absorption within the new WE of that unit. Particulars of any personnel who cannot be absorbed by rank and trade, within the WE of the reorganised unit will be advised to this HQ immediately.

ii. Personnel vide Note (a) on WE IV/161/2 may be carried, if required, on strength of 31 AWAS Barracks whilst that unit is operating as LTD for Women's Services.

(b) Necessary instructions regarding the reposting of officers will be issued by this HQ.

4. ORDNANCE STORES & EQUIPMENT–

(a) Stores and Equipment, subject to physical check, on charge to 20 AWAS Barrack Account No 561 will be transferred to 31 AWAS Barrack Account No 564.

(b) Any additional stores required by 31 AWAS Barrack (reorganised) will be demanded through normal Ordnance channels

(c) OC 20 AWAS Barrack on completion of transfer of Stock revealed as held by the physical check will deal with ledger discrepancies in accordance with procedure laid down in G.R.O. 0.293/44.

Discrepancy lists and Report of Investigating Officer will be forwarded to this HQ and Unit Ledger, vouchers and other relevant records will be forwarded to Unit Stores

Accounts Section for Audit.

(d) Camp accommodation stores will be transferred to 31 AWAS Barrack under arrangements with Camp Staff Officer Karrakatta.

5. GENERAL- It will be ensured that the following action is completed by 20 AWAS Barrack prior to disbandment -

(a) SURPLUS STATIONERY- Surplus stationery including typewriters and duplicators will be returned to WESTERN COMMAND STATIONERY DEPOT.

(ii) All copies of GO's, GRO's and ASO's will be returned to "A" Branch this HQ.

(iii) RL Passes and Rail Warrant Books will be returned to DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WA.

(b) ACCOUNTS - All outstanding accounts including accounts of Trust Funds, Officers and Sgts Messes, will be completed and a certificate to this effect will be forwarded to this HQ.

(c) CORRESPONDENCE- All outstanding correspondence will be completed.

(d) COURTS, BOARDS etc.- All outstanding Courts of Inquiry, investigations etc. in regard to accidents, damages or losses of stores etc. will be finalised.

(e) UNIT RECORDS - Comd of Unit concerned will be responsible for the completion of unit records to the satisfaction of WA ECH & REC and DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE W.A.

5. ACTION COMPLETE -

All necessary action to implement the foregoing will be completed not later than 5 NOV 44, and report submitted to this HQ.

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AA & QMG WESTERN COMMAND

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DELETION, RESTRICTION AND REORGANISATION OF UNITS
WESTERN COMMAND

1 AUST FD CENSORSHIP COY (WA DET) - RESTRICTED WE

In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10422 of 2 Oct 44, the above mentioned unit is to be placed on a restricted WE of 1 Offr and 10 O/Rs.

2. It is considered, however, that the nucleus-WE of 1 Offr and 9 O/Rs approved in advanced LHQ memo GS/523-14B/WT will be sufficient for the efficient manning of the detachment and will not be exceeded without approval from this HQ. Details of the nucleus approved in advanced LHQ memo referred to are as follows:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Offrs (Capt or Lieut) | 1 |
| WOs.II | - |
| O/Rs | |
| Sgts | 1 |
| Cpls | - |
| L/Cpls TG.II | 5 |
| General Duties & Batman Driver | 3 |
| Total O/Rs | 9 |
| Total all ranks | 10 |

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75 AUST CAMP HOSP (COMPOSITE)-
MARRINUP SECTION.

W.A. L. of C. Area memo S60/1/6 of 30 Jul 43, authorised the raising of a section of 75 Aust Camp Hospital (Composite) to be located at PW Camp Marrinup.

2. Consequent upon the issue of WE IV/122E/3 (PW Camp Marrinup) providing for necessary AAMC personnel, this section of 75 Aust Camp Hosp will be disbanded and necessary action taken by DDMS and PW Camp Marrinup as follows -

(a) PERSONNEL.

(i) The following postings of AAMC personnel have already been made to PW Camp Marrinup.

| | |
|---|---|
| Capt AAMC 1. | NX200495 Capt HUME K.F. |
| Sgt AAMC 1 (Hygiene Insp) | WX10977 Sgt DOUGLAS W.S. |

To complete the W.E. entitlements the undermentioned O/R personnel will be transferred from 75 Aust Camp Hosp to PW Camp Marrinup.

| | |
|---|---|
| Sgt AAMC 1. | W232725 A/Sgt HASTINGS J. |
| Cpl AAMC 1. | W16376 Pte McSWEENEY C. |

(b) ORDNANCE EQUIPMENT & STORES -

(i) Approval is given for issue of equipment to maintain a 12 bed RAP additional to that at present in use for PW (I) and PW (G).

(ii) All stores and equipment at present on charge to 75 Aust Camp Hosp for use of RAPs detailed in sub-para (i) will be transferred to Marrinup P.W. Camp.

(c) Advise action complete to this HQ not later than 5 Nov 44.

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A.A. & Q.M.G. WESTERN COMMAND.

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To all Unit Comds and Heads of Branches & Services

SECOND VICTORY LOAN.

All concerned are reminded that subscriptions to the above NATIONAL effort close next Tuesday Oct 31.

The attention of all personnel should be drawn to the request of the Prime Minister for the maximum individual effort by small subscribers.

No sacrifice we can make will equal the sacrifices of our men who have served or of those who will serve in forward areas.

To those who desire to help but lack the necessary Pay Book or Bank credits, the Bank instalment or Paybook allotment (GRO F3C3) should be attractive.

The Federal Government guarantee of ready negotiability of Bonds dispels any possibility of hardship.

Final reports indicating Posted Strength 26 Sep., number of subscribers and total amount subscribed must be at HQ Western Comd by 2 Nov 44.

Brigadier

ADM COMD WESTERN COMMAND

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WESTERN COMMAND

AASC UNITS - REORGANISATION AND DISBANDMENT OF

In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10422 of 20 Oct 44, and SM10842 of 16 Oct 44, and amendments to OOB, AMF the following deletions and reorganisations of AASC units as shown in appendix "A" will be effected.

2. ACTION

(a) Units to be reorganised - ADS & T Western Command will take all necessary action to reorganise these units as indicated hereunder and in appendix "A" attached. Attention is particularly directed to information and action called for in remarks column of the appendix.

(b) Units for Disbandment - Units to be disbanded after movement to NSW L of C Area will be subject of separate instructions.

ADS & T will advise this HQ immediately, the date it is anticipated that each of these units will be ready for movement, (subject to Leave in accordance with para 6 hereof).

3. RESTRICTED WEs

Recommended restricted WE for % Western Command BIPOD will be submitted to this HQ immediately. Pending receipt of confirmation of recommendation from LHQ, no transfers to or from this unit will be permitted without specific approval of this HQ ("A" Branch).

4. PERSONNEL

Personnel rendered surplus by the implementation of this instruction will be dealt with as follows -

(a) OFFICERS

(i) Particulars of officers recommended for transfer or reposting in accordance with this instruction will be forwarded forthwith to this HQ for notification to LHQ.

(ii) Officers rendered surplus by the implementation of this instruction will be dealt with in accordance with provisions of GRO A139/44 (as amended).

(b) O/Rs - MALE

(i) All WOs and NCOs will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of GRO A187/44 provided, however, that the reduction of acting WOs and NCOs to their substantive ranks will not be effected until their return from leave granted in accordance with para 6 hereof.

WA personnel will be reduced by unit immediately on conclusion of leave and similar action will be taken with regard to Eastern States personnel by 1 AUST BASE DEPOT PERS when soldier reports to that Depot.

(ii) Personnel medically fit class "A" under 40 yrs or age will be transferred to the holding strength of 1 AUST

BASE DEPOT PERS and made available to 2ND ECH LHQ as general reinforcements. Date of transfer will be the date on which personnel are marched out from units to LTD for enrouting.

(iii) Those medically fit class "A" over 40 yrs of age, and those medically class "B" will be transferred to other AASC units being retained in WA in exchange for an equivalent number of "A" class personnel under 40 years of age (to be of the same ranks and trades where practicable.

Crossposting of such personnel within AASC units will be arranged forthwith by ADS & T. Particulars of personnel who cannot be so exchanged will be advised to this HQ ("A" Branch) at the earliest possible date. Nominal roll, by Units, will show -

| No. | Rank | Name | Age | Med Class | Trade classification & TG (if any) | Nature of disability (if A2 or "B") | Recommendation for reposting |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

In absorbing "B" Class or overage personnel, preference will be given to those resident in WA.

(iv) On completion of action required by preceding subparas, further instructions regarding the disposal of the surplus personnel will be issued.

(v) Units will ensure that the personal and regimental documents of all personnel crossposted or rendered surplus are completed in all respects before transfer. OsC will be held personally responsible for any breaches of this instruction.

(vi) Personal Arms and equipment will be retained by all personnel transferred.

(c) O/Rs - FEMALE - AWAS personnel will be absorbed in units remaining in WA.

Male personnel medical Class "B" and Medical Class "A" over 40 years of age rendered surplus by this instruction will be absorbed in AASC units in preference to members of the AWAS.

The latter will then be absorbed in units other than AASC under instructions of this HQ ("A" Branch) on receipt of nominal roll giving full particulars of qualifications (military and civil).

5. ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTNESS - Units will ensure that all personnel who are medically fit class "A" under 40 years of age, are administratively correct in all respects prior to being marched out on leave in accordance with para 6 hereof. A certificate to this effect will be submitted to reach this HQ not later than 31 Oct 44.

Draft Inspecting Officers appointed by this HQ will inspect drafts in accordance with instructions to be issued. Drafts will normally be inspected before leave is granted.

6. LEAVE - Personnel medically fit class "A" and under 40 yrs of age (vide para 4(b)(ii) will be granted -

(i) All accumulated leave
or
(ii) A minimum of 24 days in accordance with GRO 598/43 if they have not taken leave during the previous six months,
or

(iii) A minimum of 12 days in accordance with GRO 598/43 if they have taken leave during the previous six months.

Leave will be anticipated if necessary, to the extent required to ensure that personnel concerned are granted the minimum period specified and will be taken either prior to movement, en route, or on arrival at 1 AUST BASE DEPOT PERS as appropriate

7. STATISTICS & NOMINAL ROLLS -

(i) Particulars of all personnel made available as general reinforcements (vide para 4 (b) will be forwarded by 137 Aust Gen Tpt Coy to WA Ech & Rec and this HQ, in accordance with provisions of LHQ memo 85039 of 22 Jul 44 (copies forwarded to those concerned) as soon as reorganisation is completed.

(ii) Nominal rolls and other statistics required in respect of personnel transferred will be prepared for each draft immediately prior to movement. Separate detailed instructions will be issued to those concerned.

8. REMOUNTS

Remounts surplus to requirements of 9 Aust Aux HT Pl have been disposed of in accordance with instructions issued by DAQMG, Western Command.

9. UNIT RECORDS

Commanders of Units concerned will be responsible for the completion of unit records to the satisfaction of WA Ech & Rec and District Accounts Office, WA.

10. SECURITY

This reorganisation and movement will not be discussed either in general terms or in detail, with any person who is NOT directly concerned in the carrying out of the orders issued to implement this instruction.

11. Progress report will be submitted by ADS & T to this HQ on 10 Nov 44 and action will be completed by 25 Nov 44.

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Lt-Col
AA & QMG WESTERN COMMAND

25 Oct 44

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| (a) Serial No. | (b) Action, & by whom taken | (c) UNIT War Office Serial No | (c) UNIT Designation | (d) Reduced or Permissible Strength WET | (d) WE Ref No | (d) O | (d) ORs | (d) T | (e) Posted Strength as at 16 Sep 44 O | (e) ORs | (e) T | (f) Pers required if any O | (f) ORs | (f) T | (g) Pers available for re-allotment O | (g) ORs | (g) T | (h) REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | NSW L of C Area DISBAND on arrival: | 45841 | 5 AUST MAC (less one pl) (AIF) | | | | | | 6 | 147 | 153 | | | | 6 | 147 | 153 | Action to be taken in accordance with previous instructions issued. (Unit warned for movt. LHQ SD89C64 of 28 Sep 44 & W.Comd SD911.) |
| | | | | | | | | | 6 | 147 | 153 | | | | 6 | 147 | 153 | |
| 2 | ADS&T W.COMD REORGANISE | 47134 | 124 AUST GEN TPT COY (four Tpt Pls | | | | | | 10 | 359 | 369 | | | | | | | Unit will be completed to WE strength by transfer of suitable personnel from 137 AUST GEN TPT COY (see Serial 6) |
| 3 | AS | 47134 | 124 AUST GEN TPT COY Comprising:- HQ | | 1V/39A/1 | 6 | 47 | 53 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Five Tpt Pls | | 1V/39B/1 | 5 | 305 | 310 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | One RDI | | 1V/39F/1 | | 31 | 31 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Wksp Pl (HQ & three sec) | | 1V/39G/3 | 1 | 65 | 66 | | | | 2 | 89 | 91 | | | | |
| | | | | | | 12 | 44 8 | 460 | 10 | 359 | 369 | 2 | 89 | 91 | | | | |
| 4 | ADS&T W COMD REORGANISE | 47136 | 9 AUST AUX HT COY (IE) | | | | | | 3 | 128 | 131 | | | | | | | Pers most suitable for work at Harrimup to be retained. Remainder to be absorbed as far as possible in S&T Units in exchange for "A" Class under 40. |
| 5 | AS | 47136 | 9 AUST AUX HT PL | | 1V/42A/1 | 1 | 67 | 68 | | | | | | | 2 | 61 | 63 | |
| | | | | | | 1 | 67 | 68 | 3 | 128 | 131 | | | | 2 | 61 | 63 | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | HSW L of C Area DISBAND on arrival: | 45834 | 137 AUST GEN TPT CCY (MF) | | | | | | 10 | 383 | 393 | | | | 10 | 383 | 393 | Suitable pers to be transferred to 124 AUST GEN TPT CCY in order to complete that unit to strength vide Column (d) |
| | | | | | | | | | 10 | 383 | 393 | | | | 10 | 383 | 393 | |
| 7 | ADS&T W COMD REORGANISE AS | 47143 | HQ L OF C AREA BIPCD | | | | | | 6 | 244 | 250 | | | | | | | ADS&T to submit proposed Restricted WE immediately |
| 8 | | 47143 | HQ W COMD BIPCD | | | 6 | 129 | 135 | | | | | | | | 115 | 115 | |
| | | | | | | 6 | 129 | 135 | 6 | 244 | 250 | | | | | 115 | 115 | |
| | ADS&T EASTERN COMD REORGANISE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | | 48246 | HQ 7 AUST SUP DEP CCY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pers required to complete units to WE strength to be transferred from surplus pers of sup pls, Serials 19-26 incl. |
| 10 | | 48859 | 51 AUST SUP DEP PL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | | 48860 | 52 AUST SUP DEP PL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | | 48861 | 53 AUST SUP DEP PL | | | | | | 11 | 117 | 128 | | | | | | | |
| 13 | | 48862 | 54 AUST SUP DEP PL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | REORGANISES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | | 48246 | HQ 7 AUST SUP DEP CCY | | 1V/4C/2 | 3 | 14 | 17 | | | | | | | | | | Pers required to complete units to WE strength to be transferred from surplus personnel of sup pls, Serials 19-26 incl. |
| 15 | | 48859 | 51 AUST SUP DEP PL | | 1V/4CA/2 | 2 | 30 | 32 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | | 48860 | 52 AUST SUP DEP PL | | 1V/4CA/2 | 2 | 30 | 32 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | | 48861 | 53 AUST SUP DEP PL | | 1V/4CA/2 | 2 | 30 | 32 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | | 48862 | 54 AUST SUP DEP PL (less "B"&"C" secs) | | 1V/4CA/2 | 2 | 18 | 20 | | | | | 5 | 5 | | | | |
| | | | | | | 11 | 122 | 133 | 11 | 117 | 128 | | 5 | 5 | | | | |
| | A.D.S.&T. EASTERN COMD REORGANISES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | | 48247 | HQ 8 AUST SUP DEP CCY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | | 48864 | 56 AUST SUP DEP PL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | | 48865 | 57 AUST SUP DEP PL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | | 48866 | 58 AUST SUP DEP PL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | | 48867 | 59 AUST SUP DEP PL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | | 48868 | 60 AUST SUP DEP PL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | | 48869 | 61 AUST SUP DEP PL | | | | | | 15 | 228 | 243 | | | | | | | |
| 26 | | 48870 | 62 AUST SUP DEP PL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | REORGANISE AS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | | 48247 | HQ 8 AUST SUP DEP CCY | | 1V/40/2 (TS) | 3 | 15 | 18 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | | 48865 | 57 AUST SUP DEP PL | | 1V/40A/2 | 2 | 30 | 32 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | | 48866 | 58 AUST SUP DEP PL | | 1V/40A/2 | 2 | 30 | 32 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | | 48867 | 59 AUST SUP DEP PL | | 1V/40A/2 | 2 | 30 | 32 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | | 48868 | 60 AUST SUP DEP PL | | 1V/40A/2 | 2 | 30 | 32 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | | 48869 | 61 AUST SUP DEP PL | | 1V/40A/2 | 2 | 30 | 32 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 33 | | 48870 | 62 AUST SUP DEP PL | | 1V/40A/2 | 2 | 30 | 32 | | | | | | | | 33 | 33 | |
| | | | | | | 15 | 195 | 210 | 15 | 228 | 243 | | | | | 33 | 33 | |
| | INST L OF C AREA DISBAND on arrival: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | A.D.S&T to advise HQ Western Comd. date when units ready for movement to NSW L of C Area |
| 34 | | | HQ II AUST FD BAKERY CCY | | | | | | 2 | 7 | 9 | | | | 2 | 7 | 9 | |
| 35 | | | 34 AUST FD [illegible] REG PL | | | | | | | 28 | 28 | | | | | 28 | 28 | |
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WESTERN COMMAND

6 AUST AWS TRG COY (HE)
6 AUST AWS NCO SCHOOL (LE) } RESTRICTION OF WEs

In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10422 of 2 Oct 44, the above mentioned units will be placed on restricted WEs in accordance with Appendix "A" attached.

2. RESTRICTED WEs -

Recommended restricted WEs will be submitted by respective units to this HQ immediately. Pending receipt of confirmation of the recommendations from LHQ no transfers to or from units will be permitted, without specific approval of this HQ ("A" Branch).

3. DISPOSAL OF PERSONNEL

Immediately on receipt of LHQ approval to the restricted WEs, separate instructions will be issued regarding the disposal of any personnel rendered surplus.

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26 Oct 44

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6 Aust AWS NCO School
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## DELETION, RESTRICTION, REORGANISATION AND RAISING OF UNITS WESTERN COMD

### % 6 AUST AWS TRG COY (HE)
### % AUST AWS NCO SCHOOL (LE)

| (a) | (b) | (c) | | (d) | | | (e) | | | | (f) | | | (g) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Serial | Action | UNIT War Office Serial | Designation | Strength as at 2 Sep 44 Offrs | ORs | Total | Authorised restricted WE | Offrs | ORs | Total | Personnel available for disposal Offrs | ORs | Total | Remarks |
| 1. | Reorganise on authorised restricted WEs Refer Col (e) | 47619 | % 6 AUST AWS TRG COY (HE) | 3 | 28 | 31 | % of V/71A/1 | 3 | 27 | 30 | | 1 | 1 | Refer para 2 of instruction |
| 2. | do. | 48251 | 6 AUST AWS NCO SCHOOL (LE) | 2 | 8 | 10 | % of V/70A/2 | 2 | 11 | 13 | | | | |

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% 4 AUST MOVEMENT CONTROL GP - FURTHER RESTRICTION OF W.E.

In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10422 of 2 Oct 44, % 4 AUST MOVT CONT GP (Type B) will be reduced to a restricted WE as follows:-

| War Office Serial No | | Posted Strength as at 16 Sep 44 Offrs | OR | Tot. | WE Ref No | Authorised Restricted WE. Offrs | OR | Tot. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 45119 | % 4 AUST MOVT CONTROL GP (TYPE B) | 19 | 59 | 78 | | | | |
| | % 4 AUST MOVT CONTROL GP (TYPE B) | | | | % of 111/3H/2 | 16 | 52 | 68 |

Details of authorised restricted WE by ranks and trades are set out on appendix "A" attached.

2. Personnel rendered surplus will be disposed of as follows -

(a) Offrs - Officers rendered surplus will be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of GRO 4139/44.

(b) O/Rs. - Nominal roll of personnel rendered surplus will be forwarded to this HQ ("A" Branch) forthwith.

Personnel made available will be Med Class "A" under 40 yrs of age, if available.

On receipt of roll, further instructions as to disposal will be issued.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTNESS - Unit will ensure that all surplus pers are administratively correct in all respects immediately and certificate to this effect will be submitted to reach this HQ not later than 3 NOV 44.

4. UNIT RECORDS - Unit records will be completed to the satisfaction of WA ECH & REC and DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WA.

5. ACTION COMPLETE - 4 Aust Movement Control Gp will advise this HQ of action complete not later than 5 Nov 44.

L Bowen Lt Col

A A & Q M G WESTERN COMMAND

26 Oct 44

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APPENDIX "A" to HQ WESTERN COMMAND S71/1/13 of 21 Oct 44

# AUTHORISED RESTRICTED WAR ESTABLISHMENT

## % 4 AUST M.C. GP - WE III/3H/2

### (I) Summary of Ranks

| Detail | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lieutenant-Colonel | (AQMG Mov & Tn) | 1 |
| Major | (DAQMG Mov) | 1 |
| Major | (DAD Tn) | 1 |
| Staff Captains | (Mov) | 3 |
| Captains | (MCO) | 3 |
| Lieutenants | (MCO) | 7 |
| | TOTAL OFFICERS | 16 |
| Warrant Officer Class I | | 1 |
| | TOTAL WARRANT OFFICER | 1 |
| Staff Sergeants | | 3 |
| Sergeants | | 12 |
| | TOTAL STAFF SERGEANTS & SERGEANTS | 15 |
| Corporals | | 16 |
| Privates | | 20 |
| | TOTAL RANK AND FILE | 36 |
| | TOTAL OTHER RANKS | 52 |
| | TOTAL ALL RANKS | 68 |
| ATTACHED | | |
| Lieutenant (AWAS) RTO | | 1 |
| Sergeants (AWAS) RTO | | 2 |
| | TOTAL ALL RANKS INCLUDING ATTACHED | 71 |

### (II) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

| | |
|---|---|
| TRADE GROUP II | |
| Checkers - Railway and Dock | 3 |
| TRADE GROUP III | |
| Clerks | 22 (a) |
| NON-SPECIALISTS | |
| Drivers M.T. | 4 |
| Motor Cycle Orderlies | 2 |
| Orderlies | 5 |
| TOTAL RANK AND FILE | 36 |

(a) Includes 16 Corporals

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HQ WESTERN COMMAND
Swan Bks, Francis St,
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DELETION, RESTRICTION & REORGANISATION OF UNITS
WESTERN COMMAND
AAMC & DENTAL UNITS - REORGANISATION AND DISBANDMENT OF

In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10422 of 2 Oct 44 and SM10882 of 13 Oct 44, the following deletions, restrictions and reorganisations of units will be effected in accordance with Appendix "A" attached.

2. ACTION

Action will be taken immediately by DDMS and DADDS to disband, restrict and reorganise units in accordance with instructions contained herein.

3. RESTRICTED WE

(a) Recommended restricted WE for ⅝ LHQ Sub Depot of Dental Stores will be submitted by DADDS to this HQ immediately. Pending receipt of confirmation of proposed restricted WE from LHQ no transfers to or from the unit will be permitted without specific approval of this HQ ("A" Branch).

(b) Ranks and Trades of authorised WE of 75 Aust Camp Hosp (Comp) (120 beds) (12 Offrs, 65 O/Rs) will be as shown in Appendix "B" attached.

4. PERSONNEL

Personnel rendered surplus by the implementation of this instruction will be dealt with as follows:-

OFFICERS - Particulars of officers (AAMC and AANS) available for reposting will be forwarded to LHQ (DGMS) as soon as possible with copy for information to this HQ ("A" Branch).

O/Rs -

(i) Suitable personnel (other than Medically Class "A" under 40) will be transferred to 75 Aust Camp Hosp (Comp) (120 beds), to complete that unit to full WE entitlement.

(ii) The remainder will be disposed of as follows -

(a) All male personnel medically fit class "A" under 40 years of age will be transferred to 1 Aust Base Depot Personnel and made available to 2nd Ech LHQ as general reinforcements. Similar action will be taken in respect of Medically Class "A" personnel released in accordance with sub para (b)

Instructions for concentration, movement and inspection of these drafts will be issued as soon as details of those available are notified to this HQ ("A" Branch).

(b) AAMWS personnel and male personnel medically class "B" or medically class "A" over 40 years of age will be exchanged, where practicable, for male personnel medically class "A" under 40 years of age, who will be withdrawn from units remaining in WA. Personnel exchanged will be, as far as practicable, of the same rank and trade.

Necessary transfers between medical units concerned will be effected forthwith under directions of DDMS. Schedule of such transfers will be forwarded to this HQ ("A" Branch).

(c) Nominal roll, showing - No., Rank, Name, Unit, Age, Med Class, Disability (if A2 or B) Trade classification and TG (if any) with recommendation for reposting, will be forwarded to this HQ forthwith in respect of any personnel who cannot be so exchanged, and further instructions regarding disposal will be issued.

(iii) All WOs and NCOs rendered surplus will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of GRO A187/44 provided, however, that the reduction of acting WOs and NCOs to their substantive ranks will not be effected until their return from leave granted in accordance with para 6 hereof. WA personnel will be reduced by unit immediately on conclusion of leave, and similar action will be taken, with regard to Eastern States personnel, by 1 Aust Base Depot Pers when soldier reports to that Depot.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTNESS

Units will ensure that all surplus personnel who are medically fit class "A" under 40 years of age, are made administratively correct in all respects forthwith. A certificate to this effect will be submitted to reach this HQ not later than 6 Nov 44.

Draft Inspecting Officers appointed will inspect drafts in accordance with instructions to be issued. Inspections will normally take place before personnel are granted leave in accordance with para 6 hereof.

6. LEAVE

Personnel medically fit class "A" and under 40 years of age (vide para 4 (b)) will be granted -

(i) All accumulated leave,
or
(ii) A minimum of 24 days in accordance with GRO 598/43 if they have not taken leave during the previous six months.
or
(iii) A minimum of 12 days in accordance with GRO 598/43 if they have taken leave during the previous six months.

Leave will be anticipated, if necessary, to the extent required to ensure that personnel concerned are granted the minimum period specified and will be taken either prior to movement, en route, or on arrival at 1 AUST BASE DEPOT PERS as appropriate.

7. STATISTICS AND NOMINAL ROLLS

Nominal rolls and other statistics required in respect of personnel transferred will be prepared for each draft immediately prior to movement. Separate detailed instructions will be issued to those concerned.

8. ORDNANCE STORES & EQUIPMENT

(a) 37 Aust Camp Hosp will transfer Stores and Equipment as required to 75 Aust Camp Hosp to provide for increase in ME.

(b) All units affected by reorganisation will return surplus equipment to RSD.

(c) OC 37 Aust Camp Hosp will ensure than on closure of Account No. W97 a report in accordance with GRO A348/44 in respect to discropancies revealed, is submitted to this HQ and that unit ledger vouchers and other relevant records are forwarded to Unit Stores Accounts Sec for audit.

(d) Adjustment of holdings of camp accommodation stores will be effected through Camp Staff Officers concerned.

9. UNIT RECORDS

Commanders of Units concerned will be responsible for the completion of unit records to the satisfaction of WA Ech & Rec and District Accounts Office, WA.

10. GENERAL

The following action will be taken by 37 Aust Camp Hosp prior to disbandment -

(a) Surplus Stationery - Stationery, including typewriters and duplicators, will be returned to WESTERN COMMAND STATIONERY DEPOT.

All copies of GOs, GROs and ASOs will be returned to this HQ ("A" Branch)

HL Passes and Rail Warrant Books will be returned to District Accounts Office, WA.

(b) Accounts - All outstanding accounts including accounts of Trust Funds, Officers and Sgts Messes, will be completed and a certificate to this effect will be forwarded to this HQ.

(c) Correspondence - All outstanding correspondence will be completed.

(d) Courts, Boards etc. - All outstanding Courts of Inquiry, Investigations etc in regard to accidents damages or losses of stores etc. will be finalised.

(e) Unit Records - Comd of Unit concerned will be responsible for the completion of unit records to the satisfaction of WA Ech & Rec and District Accounts Office WA.

(f) Amenities -

(i) Sporting equipment will be disposed of in accordance with GRO A494/43. All other amenities equipment, other than goods obtained from ACF, will be transferred to DAD Amenities.

(ii) Goods obtained from ACF will be returned to ACF.

11. ACTION COMPLETE

DDMS will forward progress report to this HQ on 10 Nov 44. Action will be completed not later than 20 Nov 44 and report submitted.

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Lt-Col
AA & QMG WESTERN COMMAND

26 Oct 44

Distribution -

List "B", plus
DDMS (7)
DADDS (2)

APPENDIX "B" ISSUED WITH HQ WESTERN COMMAND
C71/1/13 of 26 OCT 44

| (a) Serial No | (b) ACTION | (c) UNIT War Office Serial No | (c) UNIT Designation | (d) Strength as at 2 Sep 44 Off | (d) O/R | (d) Tot | (e) W.E. Ref No | (e) Off | (e) O/R | (e) Tot | (f) Personnel Available Off | (f) C/R | (f) Tot | (g) REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | DISBAND | 47147 | 37 Aust Camp Hosp (30 beds) | 5 | 18 | 23 | | | | | 5 | 18 | 23 | Pers to be absorbed as far as possible in 75 Aust Camp Hosp |
| 2 | BRING TO WE STRENGTH | 47149 | 39 Aust Camp Hosp (30 beds) | 5 | 17 | 22 | 1V/65/2 | 6 | 17 | 23 | | | | |
| 3 | REORGANISE | 47153 | 75 Aust Camp Hosp (Comp) (120 beds) | 6 | 46 | 52 | 1V/65/2 | 12 | 65 | 77 | | | | Authorised Est. to be as shown on Appx. "B" |
| 4 | REORGANISE | 45352 | 109 Aust Con Depot (500 men) | 10 | 74 | 84 | 1V/66H/1 | 8 | 65 | 73 | 2 | 9 | 11 | |
| 5 | REDUCE AND RE-DESIGNATE | 45303 | WA L of C Area Dep Med & Vet Stores | 3 | 32 | 35 | 1V/68D/2 | 3 | 25 | 28 | | 7 | 7 | Redesignate "Western Command Dep Med & Vet Stores" |
| 6 | REDUCE | 45341 | 10 Aust Amb Train (300 lying cases) | 3 | 32 | 35 | 1V/72/2 | 3 | 15 | 18 | | 17 | 17 | Reduce to 100 lying cases |
| 7 | DELETE from OCB | 48280 | 4 Aust Mob Micro-radiograph Unit | | | | | | | | | | | Unit not raised. No action required. |
| 8 | REDUCE | | LHQ Sub Depot of Dental Stores | 1 | 3 | 4 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | C/R surplus already tsfd (vide Landforces A94214 of 23 Oct 44. Nucleus W.E. to be submitted by DADDS |

APPENDIX "A" -issued with Western Comd S71/1/13 of 26 Oct 44.

## AUTHORISED WE FOR 75 AUST CAMP HOSP (120 beds) (vide LHQ SM10422, Appendix "C")

### (i) Summary of ranks

| Detail | | No. |
|---|---|---|
| Major | | 1 |
| Captains | | 2 |
| | Total Officers | 3 |
| Company Sergeant Major (Warrant Officer Class II) | | 1 |
| | Total Warrant Officers | 1 |
| Company Quartermaster Sergeant | | 1 |
| Staff Sergeant (dispenser) | | 1 |
| Sergeants - | | |
| Clerks | | 1 |
| General Duties | | 1 |
| Nursing Duties | | 1 |
| | Total Staff Sgts and Sgts | 5 |
| Corporals | | 26 |
| Privates | | 33 |
| | Total rank and file | 59 |
| | Total other ranks | 65 |
| | Total all ranks | 68 |
| Attached | | |
| AANS - Captains | | 2 |
| Lieutenants | | 7 |
| | Total all ranks including AANS | 77 |

### (ii) Distribution of Rank and File by Trades and Duties

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Trade Group I | | |
| Hospital Cooks (a) | (b) | 6 |
| Trade Group III | | |
| Clerks | (b) | 5 |
| Nursing Orderlies | (c) | 23 |
| Non Specialists | | |
| Batmen | (d) | 4 |
| General Duties | (e) | 12 |
| Storemen for - | | |
| Dispensary | (f) | 1 |
| Pack Store | (b) | 4 |
| Linen Store | (f) | 2 |
| Stewards Store | (f) | 1 |
| Red Cross Store | | 1 |
| | | 59 |

(a) Includes cooks for personnel
(b) Includes 4 corporals
(c) Includes 9 corporals
(d) One replaceable by 3 AAMWS
(e) Includes 2 corporals
(f) Includes or is a corporal

Note: The above WE is arrived at as follows :-

| | | Offrs | ORs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| WE IV/65/2 (120 beds) | | 15 | 34 | 49 |
| Less | AANS (Lieutenants) | 3 | | |
| | AAMC (Sgt) | | 1 | |
| Plus | Cpls | | 20 | |
| | Ptes | | 12 | |
| | Total | 12 | 65 | 77 |

# WAR DIARY ~~or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~.

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Army Form C. 2118. (adapted.)

*Unit* "A" BRANCH HQ WESTERN COMD. *Date and Time.—From* 1 NOV 44 *To* 30 NOV 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| PERTH | 1 Nov 44 to 30 Nov 44 | | ROUTINE ORDERS | |
| | | | HQ Western Command Nos. 353 to 417 dated 2,6,10,16,18,22 & 27 Nov 44 | APPENDIX "A" |
| | | | AMENITIES | |
| | | | Report to LHQ covering activities for month of Nov is attached | APPENDIX "B" |
| | | | OTHER APPENDICES ATTACHED | |
| | | | 4 Aust Fd Survey Coy (AIF) - Restriction of | APPENDIX "C" |
| | | | % 5 Aust Vet Hosp (AIF) - Disbanding of | APPENDIX "D" |
| | | | CAMP "Q" Staffs - Reorganisation & Disbanding of | APPENDIX "E" |
| | | | 3 Aust Remount Squadron - Reduction in Strength | APPENDIX "F" |
| | | | % D Sub HQ Aust Kit Store - Expansion of<br>6 Section Aust Kit Store - Disbandment of | APPENDIX "G" |
| | | | Western Command Stationery Depot (Type B) - Reorganisation of | APPENDIX "H" |
| | | | Western Command BIPOD - Reduction of | APPENDIX "I" |

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| PERTH | | | UNITS - Aust Corps of Sigs - Restricted WEs | APPENDIX "J" |
| | | | Reorganisation - LHQ Hy Wireless Gp | APPENDIX "K" |
| | | | Area Comd Northern Sector WA - Disbanding of | APPENDIX "L" |
| | | | Town Majors (3rd Class)- Raising of | |
| | | | Mob Armoury Wksp Secs AEME - Raising of | APPENDIX "M" |
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2 Nov. 44.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By BRIG. O.V. HOAD.

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PERTH.

GENERAL STAFF

353. ISSUE OF NEW VEHICLE LOG BOOKS: (CR. 138/1/122)

Supplies of AAB 200 for Motor Cycles are available for issue.

2. Unit entitlements in accordance with GRO G.152 of 28 Apr. 44 Appendix "A" will be included in the Stationery requisition to reach Western Command Stationery Depot by 7 Nov. 44. The prescribed date for change to new Log Books will be 15 Dec. 44.

[signature]
COL
GS. WESTERN COMMAND.

ADMINISTRATION

354. COURTS MARTIAL: (CR. 151/5/168)

On 24 Oct. 44 an officer who was on leave in Perth was tried by General Court-Martial on the following charge: 'When on active service drunkenness, in that he in Hay Street, Perth on 12 Oct. 44 was drunk'. The officer was convicted and sentenced to be severely reprimanded and fined Five pounds.

355. EVIDENCE BY MEDICAL OFFICERS OF TREATMENT OF SOLDIERS FOR VENEREAL DISEASE: (CR. 241/8/39)

The Army policy in relation to the medical history of a member of the forces is based on the view that a member should not be discouraged from obtaining treatment by the fear that the information so obtained may thereafter be used against him in civil proceedings. It is essential that the member should have faith in the Army treating his medical condition as completely confidential.

2. In accordance with this policy neither the official Army medical records of the member nor the name nor identity of the medical officers who treated the member should be disclosed or made available and if a subpoena is issued, the officer named in the subpoena should be instructed to claim privilege - not only in relation to the documents but in respect of any information he may have received in his medical examination or treatment of the member.

356. AMENITIES BULK STORE - TEMPORARY CLOSURE: (CR 82/1/288)

In view of Royal Agricultural Society holding its Annual Show at W.A. Ground on 13 Nov. 44 Amenities Bulk Store will be closed on that day.

357. GUNS MACHINE BREN: (CR. 106/4/188)

Hooks, Sling, Universal are available for issue on the scale of 2 per Gun Machine Bren .303in MK.1 and MK.11.

2. The Hook is similar in principle to the Hook, Sling, Bren Gun and has a swivelled loop through which is passed the end of either a Rifle or SMG Sling. Two hooks are used with each Bren LMG, one being hooked to the butt swivel whilst the other is hooked to the loop of the bipod sleeve screw.

3. Hooks are to be indented for as under :-

| V.A.O.S. | Vocab No. | Nomenclature |
|---|---|---|
| C.1 | C.A.A. 7400 | Hooks, Sling Universal. |

358. WELFARE A.W.A.S: (CR. 19/2/125)

Units will forward the following information to Headquarters Western Command, in respect of any proposed movement or transfer of AWAS personnel, on duty to locations within the Command Area :-

(i) Name of Unit
(ii) Date of proposed movement
(iii) Number of AWAS personnel involved in movement
(iv) From (location)
(v) To (Location)
(vi) (a) Type of accommodation at new location (e.g. butted, prefabricated huts, tentage etc.)
(b) Adequacy of accommodation in respect of SAL's recreational etc.
(vii) Name and rank of AWAS Administrative Officer, WO or NCO appointed to assist in matters of Welfare and Welbeing of AWAS personnel at new location.

2. The above information will reach Headquarters W. Comd at least 48 hours prior to date of proposed move.

359. A&P F.204 - PERSONAL EQUIPMENT CARD - AMENDMENT: (CR. 215/1/699)

Due to the recent LHQ instruction to the effect that Pistols and Rods cleaning, Pistol, will no longer be an article of personal equipment for Units situated on the mainland of Australia and in Tasmania, amendment of A&P F.204 is necessary.

2. Units will ensure that supplies of A&P's F.204 at present held and subsequent receipts from Stationery Depot are amended by deleting these items.

360. RATION SCALE : TINNED EQUIVALENTS: (CR. 185/1/306)

Western Command RO No. 307 - 10 Oct. 44 is cancelled.

2. The issue of fresh vegetables in lieu of tinned vegetables for consumption on Tuesday and Friday of each week, on which days tinned commodities are consumed, will cease with the issue for consumption on Friday 3 Nov. 44.

3. Tinned vegetables will be issued for consumption on Tuesday 7 Nov. 44 and for each Tuesday and Friday thereafter in accordance with scales laid down in Western Command RO No. 286 - pages 6 & 7.

361. ORDERING OFFICERS - TREASURY REGULATIONS 49 (1) AND OFFICERS CERTIFYING TO PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: (CR. 62/1/175)

The GOC Western Command has authorised the following amendment (Serial 85) to the list of Officers authorised to issue orders for supplies and services under Treasury Regulations 49 (1) and to sign certificates on Forms TS.4 affecting payment of accounts.

| Branch or Service | Appointment | Ordering Officer | Certifying Officer |
|---|---|---|---|
| ADD | | | |
| Supply & Transport | ADS & T<br>56 Aust Sup Depot Pl. | Lt-Col C.E.JONES<br>S/Sjt GALET | Lt-Col C.E.JONES<br>For local purchase of supplies whilst holding the appointment of NCO i/c DID |
| Engineers | 66 Aust DCRE (Wks) | Capt. L.F.SAND-WELL | Capt L.F. SAND-WELL |
| DELETE: | | | |
| Supply & Transport | ADS & T | Lt-Col H.F. O'NEILL | Lt-Col H.F. O'NEILL |
| Engineers | 66 Aust DCRE (Wks) | Major A.G.SLOANE | Maj. A.G.SLOANE |

2. This delegation is made in favour of the particular officer mentioned above and not to any other officer who may act temporarily at any time in above appointment.

362. CONTAINERS ELECTROLYTE: (CR. 215/9/139)

The attention of all units is drawn to the fact that the above Containers are in very short supply. CO's of all units will see that all Containers are carefully handled and promptly returned to 7 Aust RSD Bushmead.

363. RETURNABLE CONTAINERS : EMPTY 4 & 44 GALLON P.O.L. DRUMS: (CR. 138/1/40)

In future empty drums for return to BIPOD will be consigned or delivered to "BIPOD - FORRESTDALE". The practice of addressing drums to "BIPOD - MADDINGTON" will be discontinued.

364. STANDARDISATION OF VEHICLES IN W.A. (CR. 138/1/1158)

With the exception of Technical types, which include 7 ton Semi-Trailers, Dodge, Transporters, Carriers, Tractors etc., all units of Western Command will be equipped with Ford and Chev makes of vehicles, and BSA (W.D.) motor cycles only.

2. Vehicles of other makes (non-standard) in charge of units will be returned to 5 Aust Ord Veh Park and Ford,

Chev and BSA vehicles (Standard Types) issued in replacement as available.

3. Ford, Chev and BSA which are 1939 or earlier models will be returned to 5 Aust Ord Veh Park and similarly replaced.

4. Units will submit to ADOS forthwith indents (G997s) and RSVs (G1033's) both clearly endorsed "Standardisation of Makes."

5. Immediate issues will not be possible in entirety. As vehicles pass through Wksps and become Class 1 (ready for issue) units will be advised by ADOS of date and method of collection.

6. Units when collecting a "Standard type" vehicle will if practicable return at the same time a "Non-standard type" for which an approved copy of G.1033 will already be held. On return the "Non-standard" vehicle will be accompanied by a G.4, a copy of which will be attached to G.1033.

7. It is emphasised that upon a vehicle being transferred, returned to Veh Pk or received into unit, G52 (Casualty Return) will immediately be submitted to ADOS in duplicate. AASC units will submit in addition two copies to ADS & T. Units will ensure that G52's are endorsed with correct authority, and show engine number bracketed immediately beneath the Army number vide WA L of C R.Order Serial 57 Para 786 of 3 Aug. 43.

8. LHQ information has been received that with the exception of 125 Aust Gen Tpt Coy and 138 Aust Gen Tpt Coy, all units of Western Command will be equipped with 4 x 2 vehicles instead of 4 x 4 vehicles as per War Establishment. (LHQ memo B64969 refers). Action will be taken by all other units to submit indents (G997s) and RSV's (G1033's) to enable existing 4 x 4 vehicles to be replaced with 4 x 2 vehicles. Separate instructions will be issued where necessary, to units holding Trucks ¼-Ton 4 x 4 Jeep.

9. In future all units being entitled to Trucks 15-Cwt. 4 x 2 GS (Aust) will show such entitlement under Serial No. 6037A in Monthly Census of Warlike Stores (M.T. Vehicles.)

L Bowser Lt-Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G. WESTERN COMMAND

2 Nov. 44

## NOTICES

**UNITED NATIONS FAIR - TUG O'WAR CONTEST:** (C.L. 28/1/59)

Applications are invited from branches, services and units for teams for a Tug O'War Contest at the United Nations Fair on the University Hockey Grounds, Nedlands, on the afternoon of Sat 9 Dec. 44.

2. Conditions are : Team of ten men plus coach; total weight 130 stone; best of three straight pulls on the ground in issue boots (no spikes); duration of each pull 1½ minutes.

3. Applications showing appropriate names for teams are to reach D&D Amenities, Western Command, by Tues 28 Nov.44.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

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GENERAL STAFF.

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ADMINISTRATION.

365. ARMISTICE DAY - SATURDAY, 11th NOVEMBER, 1944. (CR. 161-2-47)

It is advised that Armistice Day, 11th November, 1944, will be observed as in previous years.

2. Arrangements will be made to co-operate in any ceremony which may be arranged by the respective State Governments, in connection with the observance of Armistice Day provided that no expenditure will be incurred without the prior approval of LHQ.

3. The two minutes' silence and suspension of work on 11th November, 1944, will be observed throughout all offices of the Department of the Army and where practicable by all members of the Forces.

4. Approval is given for the wearing of poppies of reasonable size by all ranks on Armistice Day.

5. Service Dress without decorations or medals will be worn by members attending Armistice Day ceremonies.

6. Subject to service requirements and departmental interests not being detrimentally affected, returned soldiers of the 1914/18 war who are now members of the Australian Military Forces may be granted leave on the morning of Armistice Day for such period as is required to attend Armistice Day ceremonies.

366. CLOTHING - APRONS, BUTCHERS. (CR. 51/3/204)

Approval is given for issue of Aprons Butchers to all Units, where butchers are provided for on WEs, on the scale of 2 per butcher.

2. WETs have been amended accordingly and Units concerned should submit indents for entitlements in accordance with para 1 above.

367. FEMALE RATION SCALE - MIXED MESSING. (CR 185/1/394)

Attention is drawn to W.A. 1 of C Area R.O. 14/43 para 186 and Western Comd R.O 25/44 para 286.

2. The Female Ration Scale was introduced to ensure adequate nutrition of female personnel. Where the messing of female with male personnel is in operation, care will be taken, by the member responsible for catering within the Unit, to ensure that any items in the Female Ration Scale, which are not included in Ration Scale "C", are not pooled by kitchen staffs to the detriment of female personnel.

3. COs or OsC are held responsible that female personnel receive their full entitlement of the following commodities, in particular:-

| Commodities. | Female Scale. | Scale "C" (Male). |
|---|---|---|
| EGGS. | 6 per week. | 3 per week. |
| MILK. | 1 pint per day. | ½ pint per day. |

4. The foregoing scales may be subject to periodical and local amendment, but the principle involved will be adhered to.

368. MAILS - DELIVERY OF. (CR. 65/1/359)

Letters, parcels, etc. for 7 AMOD will be transmitted direct to NEDGARDIE and not through Midland Junction.

L. Bowen

Lt.Col.
A.A. & QMG. WESTERN COMMAND.
6.. Nov 44.

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369. FUNCTIONS OF AUST ARMY CATERING CORPS: (CR. 85/1/222)

The attention of all Commanders is drawn to the considerable importance of the function fulfilled by the Catering Corps.

2. It is essential that the highest standard of efficiency and morale should be attained at all times, and in order to achieve this end it is imperative that every member of the forces should receive rations that are so prepared and served as to be adequate, nutritious, palatable, attractive and economical.

3. It is therefore directed that Commanders of all grades will give personal attention to the correct feeding of the personnel under their Command and ensure that personnel of the Aust Army Catering Corps under their Command are given all possible assistance and encouragement in discharging their responsibility for utilising the rations issued to the best advantage.

4. Commanders will also take steps to impress on all ranks the necessity for conservation of food and ensure by personal inspections that the supplies are not be misused or wasted.

[signature] Lt-COL.
GS. WESTERN COMMAND.

ADMINISTRATION

370. MAINTENANCE OF PERSONNEL: (CR. 158/1/65)

The practice of Units making direct contact with Records Liaison Officer at GDD for the purpose of obtaining Reinforcements or having a particular unallotted member posted to a specific unit, will cease forthwith.

2. Requests for Reinforcements will be made by Units in the normal manner, per medium of AFW 3009. Where the request is considered to be of an urgent nature, application may be made direct to W.A. Ech & Rec. Units will ensure that this concession is not abused.

3. Where, through shortage of Reinforcements through Echelon channels, the efficiency of the unit is seriously impaired, HQ Western Command should be advised through normal Formation and service channels.

371. PERSONNEL IN STATIC INSTALLATIONS SERVING IN OTHER THAN HOME STATES - "B" CLASS MALE: (CR. 229/1/2438)

In accordance with LHQ policy, Medically Class "B" personnel in Static installations, serving in other than Home States, will be exchanged as soon as practicable with a similar number in their Home States.

2. All Units will therefore submit to this HQ, not later than 15 NOV.44, a return of all Med Class "B" personnel whose next-of-kin reside in other States, Nominal Rolls of such personnel will show :-

| Army No. | Rank | Name | Home Address | Marital Condition | Age | Trade Classification and Posting | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

3. Any special considerations or reasons, for or against the return of the soldier to his Home State, should be given in the remarks column.

4. Notifications of deletions or additions will be advised as they occur but Units will cease sending to this HQ individual representations for exchange, except in exceptional circumstances.

372. EXPENDABLE MEDICAL STORES: (CR. 215/8/465)

On and after Nov. 13 Units situated south of the Swan River, which have previously obtained Medical Stores from 37 Aust Camp Hosp, will requisition for these stores from 122 Aust Special Hospital.

373. REQUEST HOUR (GRO 25/44 para 281): (CR. 158/1/40)

Approach of serving personnel to Amenities Officer (Special Duties) must be through Unit HQ in the first instance.

374. DRESS - AWAS: (CR. 19/2/127)

Attention is drawn to GRO 761 para 6 which reads:

"Hair will be kept neat and above the collar".

2. Disciplinary action will be taken if this is not adhered to. To be repeated in Unit Routine Orders.

375. DISPOSAL OF EFFECTS OF PERSONNEL REPORTED DEAD, MISSING AND PRISONER OF WAR: (CR. 69/1/124)

A limited supply of books AFW 3190 is now available for distribution to HQ of Units on application to Stationery Depot.

2. HQ of Units will requisition for one copy only, to ensure an equitable distribution.

376. CHRISTMAS MAILS FOR OVERSEAS: (CR. 170/1/106)

The Director General, Posts & Telegraphs advises that Christmas mails for overseas should be posted as hereunder:

| Class of Article | Destinations concerned and related dates for postings. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | United Kingdom. | Middle East | U.S.A. | Canada |
| Surface Mail | Immediately | Immediately | Immediately | Immediately |
| Air Mails | 20 Nov. | 26 Nov. | - | - |
| Airgraphs | 1 Dec. | 7 Dec. | 7 Dec.ø | 7 Dec. |
| Air letters ("Air Letter Service) | 4 Dec. | 11 Dec. | 11 Dec.ø | 11 Dec. |

ø To members of Forces only.

2. To be republished in Unit Routine Orders.

377. UNAUTHORISED ISSUES: (CR. 215/15/532)

Units requiring unauthorised stores will submit an Indent, AF G997, marked Special, in triplicate to ADOS.

2. When the issue is approved, the triplicate copy of the Indent will be signed by the Officer approving and will be filed by the Unit concerned as an authority for the holding of the stores. This authority will be produced to Unit Auditors as and when required.

378. EXTINGUISHERS FIRE TETRACHLORIDE REFILLS: (CR.138/1/1082)

Units will conduct an immediate check of all fire extinguishers on Unit vehicles and where replacements are necessary, submit indents (AF G997) under Section LV6 - MT1 to ADOS in the normal manner.

2. C.Os of Units will give a detailed account on indent why charges have been used. WA L of C Area Routine Order Serial No. 24/44 Para 229 refers.

L. Bowen Lt-Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G. WESTERN COMMAND

10 Nov. 44

NOTICES.

MEDICAL: (CR. 140/1/201)

All Medical Officers are cordially invited to attend a General Meeting of the British Medical Association (Western Australian Branch), to be held at the Perth Hospital on Wednesday the 15th November at 2030 hrs.

2. Address to be by Major J.D.PALANDRI.

MEETING - AWAS OFFICERS: (CR. 19/2/111)

AWAS Officers will attend a Meeting to be held in the "Theatrette" Swan Barracks on FRIDAY 24 Nov. 44 at 1415 hrs.

2. Any matter to be included in the Agenda will be submitted to AWAS HQ by 20 Nov. 44.

KOOKABURRA MILITARY CONCERT PARTY: (CR. 82/1/287)

All ranks HQ Staffs are invited to a Concert to be given by KOOKABURRAS MILITARY CONCERT PARTY in Assembly Hall Pier St, on Wednesday 22 Nov. 44 commencing at 2000 hrs.

2. The same performance will be given on Thursday 23 Nov. 44 commencing at 2000 hrs to which all ranks D.F.O. and D.R.C. and other Branches and Services outside HQ Staffs are invited.

3. If desired members may bring either wives or one friend.

4. Branches to advise D&D Amenities W.A. Ground Perth by 1700 hrs on 17 Nov. 44 in order that admission tickets may be issued. As seating accommodation is limited it may be necessary to allot seats on a pro rata basis.

SECOND VICTORY LOAN: (CR. 161/1/79)

Hereunder are details of subscriptions by personnel of Western Command with awards of pennants.

Subscribers = 1051  Amount = £37,400

"AA" Section = under 25 Personnel

Aust Audit Staff (W.A.)  Special Award

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Subscriber Pennant with Gold Star | Subscribers | 100% |
| Per Capita Pennant with Silver Bar | Per Capita Amount | £82.5 |

68 Aust D.C.R.E.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Subscriber Pennant with Gold Star and Silver Bar. | Subscribers | 68.42% |
| | Per Capita Amount | £13.68 |

P.W.C.C. W.12

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|---|---|---|
| Per Capita Pennant with Silver Bar and Gold Star. | Per Capita Amount | £43.75 |
| | Subscribers | 50% |

"A" Section - 25-100 Personnel

1 Aust Armd Tpg Ord Fd Pk.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Subscriber Pennant with Gold Star and Silver Bar. | Subscribers | 53.33% |
| | Per Capita Amount | £22.66 |

39 Aust Camp Hospital

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Per Capita Pennant with Silver Bar and Gold Star | Per Capita Amount | £47.14 |
| | Subscribers | 21.42% |

"B" Section - 100-200 Personnel

HQ Fremantle Fortress

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|---|---|---|
| Subscriber Pennant with Silver Bar | Subscribers | 55.04% |
| Per Capita Pennant with Gold Star | Per Capita Amount | £11.92 |

"C" Section - 200-300 Personnel

B.I.P.O.D.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Subscriber Pennant with Silver Bar. | Subscribers | 25.66% |

W.A. Ech & Rec.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Per Capita Pennant | Per Capita Amount | £7.45 |

"D" Section over 300 Personnel

District Accounts Office.

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|---|---|---|
| Subscriber Pennant with Silver Bar | Subscribers | 33.03% |
| Per Capita Pennant | Per Capita Amount | £6.45 |

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# AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

## ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

## BY BRIG. O.V. HOAD

## Administering Command, Western Command.

Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
Francis St.,
PERTH.

## GENERAL STAFF

NIL.

## ADMINISTRATION.

379. ACTING LANCE NCO APPOINTMENTS: (CR. 176/1/138)

Until otherwise instructed no further appointments of acting lance-sergeants, acting lance-bombardiers or acting lance-corporals will be made.

2. Where any member is at present holding an acting lance appointment, his CO will either :-

(a) appoint him to appropriate lance appointment (subject to para 3 of this memo), or

(b) terminate his acting lance appointment.

3. In connection with lance appointments attention is drawn to :-

(a) the limitations imposed by paras 3 (b) and 3 (d) of GRO A693/43 which vary the authority for the appointment of paid and unpaid L/Bdrs and L/Cpls contained in AMR & O 201 (2), and

(b) the fact that, although the provisions of AMR & O 201 have not been varied in respect of L/Sgts,

(i) no appointments of paid L/Sgts can be made as no such provision is contained in any existing WE's.

(ii) as the appointment of unpaid L/Sgt confers the substantive rank of Cpl, such an appointment may be made only if the member is being posted to, or already fills, a vacancy for Bdr or Cpl on the WE of the Unit.

4. It is advised further that the grant to a member of the appointment of acting Lance sergeant will not itself have operated to confer upon him any substantive rank higher than that already held by him.

380. VACANCIES FOR OFFICERS IN R.E: (CR. 66/6/45)

A number of postings exist in the Corps of R.E which it is considered can be filled by Officers NOT possessing all the technical qualifications hitherto required. Consequently it is intended to arrange special courses at LHQ SME for training as potential R.E Officers, suitable candidates for such appointments.

2. Applications are invited from Officers possessing civilian experience in -

(a) Engineering
(b) Architecture
(c) Quantity surveying
(d) Building construction.

3. Applications, forwarded through normal channels, are to reach this HQ NOT later than 10 Dec. 44.

381. DRESS, AWAS: (CR. 19/2/127)

Summer Dress may be worn with or without tie, button to be worn on top of right turn back of frock.

2. In view of the fact that over the past few weeks there have been many losses of Gloves, this article of issue will not be worn or carried during the Summer Months.

3. Personnel will be required to pay for Gloves lost due to negligence.

382. DRESS - UNIT COLOUR PATCH - HQ WESTERN COMMAND: (CR. 51/3/189)

Approval has been given for the allotment to HQ Western Comd of the colour patch approved for HQ W.A L of C Area.

2. The necessary amendment to GRO 0.149/42 is to be promulgated at an early date.

383. EXTRA MESSING ON CHRISTMAS DAY: (CR. 185/1/169)

Approval has been given for the expenditure, from public funds, of an amount not exceeding 1/- per member, additional to the normal ration scale, for extra messing on Christmas Day 1944, for personnel actually in the Field and in Camps, Forts, Garrisons, Hospitals, and also - for troops in transit if rationed by the Department.

2. In order to utilise this grant the amount of 1/- will be treated as a special addition to the normal 1½ per day for supplementary rations, and will, therefore, be dealt with in accordance with GRO 764/43 i.e. purchases will be made by Units from Canteens wherever possible and will be paid for in the normal way.

3. Where Units are not in receipt of Supplementary Allowance, Regimental Funds will be used and will be reimbursed up to the amount of 1/- per member, where this has been expended.

In this regard, the following procedure will be observed:-

(a) All purchases to be made by Units from AA Canteen Service will be by cash withdrawn from Unit Regimental Trust Funds. Where insufficient funds are available in the Regimental Fund, the Trust Account may be overdrawn to the extent of the estimated allowance of 1/- per man of Unit strength.

(b) On or before 7 Jan 45, CO's and OC's Unit will lodge the following certificate with the Depot or Formation Paymaster servicing the Unit :-

"I certify that (i).....members of the AMF were rationed with .....(UNIT) on 25 Dec 44 and that £..... was spent on Extra Christmas Rations.

(ii) that the abovementioned members were not entitled to supplementary ration allowance in respect of that day.

Please credit the allowance due to this Unit to the following Unit Trust Account.

Trust Account No ..... Unit .....

Fund .....

.....
CO or OC Unit. "

4. Subject to shipping and availability of supplies, the Canteens Service is making arrangement for provision of suitable items to meet anticipated demands, but it should be appreciated that the general situation in Australia in regard to foodstuffs is such that the range of items available is of necessity very limited. However, every effort will be made to meet all reasonable requirements, and in order that the best possible service may be given, Units will submit demands on Canteen Services not later than 30 Nov. 44.

5. If it is desired to augment the Christmas Ration still further, Commanding Officers of Units might give consideration to expending portion of the amount standing to the credit of the Regimental Funds on extra commodities.

6. Should operational reasons render it necessary the extra Christmas messing day may be provided on a day other than 25 Dec and an appropriate note made in the certificate referred to in para 3(b) above.

7. The following commodities will be available as Christmas Fare from Canteens Service :-

Turkey
Chicken
Christmas Cake
Christmas Puddings
Christmas Ham
Almonds and Raisins (Mixed)
Raisins
Dried Figs
Tinned Cream
Tinned Fruit
Asparagus Tips
Ideal Milk.

384. CLOTHING - TROUSERS K.D: (CR. 51/3/164)

Approval is given for temporary issue of Trousers K.D. to personnel located in North West portion of the State NORTH of GERALDTON.

2. Prior to movement to areas SOUTH of GERALDTON, Trousers K.D. will be withdrawn from personnel issued in accordance with para 1 above, and returned to R.S.D. for reconditioning.

385. EXPENDABLE STORES - SCALE OF ISSUE - BARIUM CARBONATE (RAT POISON) (CR. 205/1/122)

Approval is given for issue of Barium Carbonate, as a Rat Poison, at the rate of 1-lb per 1000 all ranks for 28 days.

2. Units requiring supplies will indent on appropriate DIDs.

386. CLOTHING - WOMEN'S SERVICES: (CR. 51/5/72)

Shoes, Leather Tan Women's Sizes 2 and 2½ (all fittings) will NOT be held by Units other than LTD and Recruit Trg Coy. Any stocks at present held will be returned immediately to RSD.

2. For future initial or replacement issues Units will submit indents, marked URGENT, in the normal way to ADOS and indicate on indent whether the Shoes are required for initial or replacement issue. Sizes 2 and 2½ only will be shown on these indents.

387. STANDARDISATION OF VEHICLES IN WA - M.T. SPARE PARTS: (CR. 138/1/1158)

Consequent upon the action resultant from Western Command Routine Order Serial No. 30, para 364, it will be necessary for Units with M.T. Spare Parts holdings to take the following action.

2. Where "Non-Standard vehicles have been returned in exchange for "Standard" vehicles, "Non-Standard" M.T. Spare Parts no longer required will be returned to 7 Aust RSD NUNGARIN, and replacement "Standard" spare parts when required indented for through the ADOS in the normal manner.

388. CENSUS OF WARLIKE STORES - M.T. VEHICLES: (CR. 138/1/888)

With reference to Western Command Routine Orders Part 1, Serial 30, para 364 (Standardisation of vehicles in W.A.)

2. All Units will effect immediate amendment to W.E. entitlement. In future M.T. Census returns will show Vans and Lorries etc. in lieu of Trucks 4 x 4 (e.g. 6030E in lieu of 6037 and 6037A, and 6065E in lieu of 6065).

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# AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

## ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

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## GENERAL STAFF

NIL.

## ADMINISTRATION.

389. EASTERN STATES LEAVE: (CR. 129/1/75)

A return is required to reach this HQ by 25 Nov. 44, showing the numbers of personnel eligible for Eastern States leave, with detailed information as set out in sub-joined pro forma:

NAME & CONSTITUTION - EASTERN STATES PERSONNEL

| UNIT | 1 - 6 months | 7 - 12 months | 13 - 18 months | Over 18 months |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |

390. ENTRIES IN A.B. 83 - RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK: (CR. 158/1/21)

Reference is made to para 24 of GRO A739/43 (added by amendments to GROs - 8 Sep. 44).

2. All Units will conduct a check of all A.B.s 83 to ascertain whether any entries have been made which are not in accordance with the instructions contained therein.

3. If any entries of Unit formation names are found the names will be carefully erased or obliterated.

4. All ranks will be instructed to check particulars in A.B. 83 and Pay Book relating to -

Age on enlistment;
Date of enlistment (i.e. commencement of full time duty);
Marital Status;

and if any of these are incorrect to report the fact to their Unit HQs so that necessary amendments can be effected. Where amendments are made Units will submit particulars immediately by casualty return to W. ECH & REC.

391. DOGS - PERSONNEL FOR HANDLING OF: (CR. CG1/1/2)

Applications are invited through normal channels from suitable OR personnel with experience in the handling of dogs.

2. (a) Applicants must have had experience with Dogs in -

(i) Care and handling

(ii) Training and exercising

(iii) Feeding and general hygiene

(iv) First aid and elementary veterinary duties.

(b) Must have experience or be suitable for training in -

(i) Map Reading - Knowledge of conventional signs ability to compare map and ground intelligently; to measure distances on the map; to set a map by ground and sun; knowledge of grid system and description of points by map reference and vice versa; recognition of ground and feature from the map.

(ii) Knowledge of own and enemy mines and booby traps.

3. Successful applicants will be classified as "Dog Handlers" with a Trade Grouping NOT yet finalised.

4. (a) Applications should consist of Regimental Number, Rank, name, present Trade Grouping (if any) and/or posting within Unit, Present Unit, together with particulars as required in para 2.

(b) Applications should be forwarded to reach this HQ through normal channels not later than 30 Nov. 44.

392. CONFIRMATION OF ACTING WARRANT AND NON-COMMISSIONED RANK: (CR. 176/1/318)

General:

1. It has been found that non-compliance by Units with the principles laid down in GRO 4686/42, para 3, is causing considerable hardship, particularly in the case of members of Units which are subsequently disbanded.

2. It is considered that a period of three months' probation should be ample to enable a CO to finally determine the suitability of a member to hold substantive rank, and that, unless paras 13, 14, 15 or 16 of GRO 4686/42 apply, the fact that a CO has permitted a member to retain acting rank for a period in excess of three months may be taken in general as indicative of the member's qualifications to hold equivalent substantive rank.

Acting rank held continuously for six months to be confirmed:

3. In accordance with LHQ memo 156026 of 10 Nov. 44 the CO of each unit having on its posted strength any acting warrant or non-commissioned officer who has held such acting rank continuously for a total of six months (whether in one or more than one unit) will on 1 Dec. 44, unless the provisions of paras 13, 14, 15 or 16 of GRO 4686/42 apply -

(i) Submit to this HQ a recommendation for the promotion of any such acting warrant officer to substantive rank.

(ii) Submit to W. Sch & Rec a casualty return promoting any such acting non-commissioned officer to substantive rank.

4. Casualty returns in relation to any such promotion will quote the authority of LHQ memo 156026 (and in the case of Warrant Officers the relevant authority from HQ Western Comd), and will be given effect to notwithstanding the provisions of GRO 4187/44.

Confirmation or termination of acting rank held for 3-6 months:

5. On 1 Dec. 44 the CO of each Unit having on its posted strength any acting warrant or non-commissioned officer who has held such acting rank continuously for a total period of more than three months, but less than six months (whether in one or more than one Unit) will, unless the provisions of paras 13, 14, 15 or 16 of GRO 686/42 apply -

(i) terminate such acting rank, or

(ii) confirm such rank (in the case of acting NCOs) or apply to this HQ for the confirmation thereof (in the case of acting warrant officers.)

Personnel on "X" List:

6. In the case of personnel who are on "X" List on 1 Dec. 44 the instructions contained in paras 3, 4 and 5 above will, if applicable, be implemented by the CO of the first Unit to which the member is subsequently posted from "X" List.

Proposed amendment to GRO 686/42:

7. (a) GRO 686/42 is to be amended in the near future and will provide that, unless paras 13, 14, 15 and 16 apply, whenever acting rank has been conferred it will be either confirmed as substantive rank or be terminated on the expiration of three months from the date of appointment, unless sooner confirmed or terminated.

(b) This amendment will be anticipated and Units will submit promptly to M. Estb & Rec a casualty return recording such confirmation or termination. In the case of confirmation of acting warrant rank, the approval of this HQ must first be obtained and quoted as authority on the casualty return.

(c) The attention of COs is directed to the undesirability of making appointments to acting rank when promotion to substantive rank is justified and permissible.

This instruction is not retrospective:

8. (a) It is realised that in the past many members, who have held acting rank for considerable periods but have not had such rank confirmed, have been reverted to their substantive rank on marching out of their Units or on disbandment of Units etc.

(b) It is impossible at this state to make any retrospective provision for such personnel, but special cases of extreme individual hardship may be submitted through normal channels to this HQ for submission to LHQ for consideration. In such event relevant particulars of the member's service will be submitted together with the recommendation of the member's present CO and superior commander (if any). Wherever possible a statement by former COs explaining why the acting rank held was not confirmed will be attached.

393. POSTAGE ON MAIL MATTER FOR TAS L OF C AREA: (CR.170/1/151)

As a result of the discontinuance of Army Direct Bag Service from Army Post Office LHQ Melbourne, to HQ Tasmania, all mail matter addressed to Tas L of C Area passes through the Civil Post Office.

2. Postage will be prepaid on all such mail matter by the affixing of the correct postage stamps.

394. EXPENSE STORES - SCALE OF ISSUE - MOSQUITO SPRAY:
(CR. 215/10/41)

Approval is given for general issue of Mosquito Spray on the following scale :-

Malarious Areas - 9 galls per 100 men per 28 days

All other Areas - 6 " " 100 " " 28 "

2. Expense Store scale of issue is to be amended accordingly.

395. ISSUES OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT TO PERSONNEL - RECORDS OF:
(CR. 51/3/356)

Attention is drawn to the provisions of GRO 0.369/44. All Units under Command will report to this Headquarters by 30 Nov. 44 that Unit action to implement this order is complete or any reason for non-compliance.

2. Certain aspects of GRO 0.369/44 have been clarified recently and attention is drawn to the following points :-

(a) Personal equipment means the items listed in the Appendix to GRO 0.347/44 and excluding issues to members of ANS and Army Women's Services. Only items listed will be regarded as personal equipment and entered on AF F.204 and written off in accordance with GRO 0.369/44.

Equipment issued to members of ANS in accordance with E2-500 Scale No. 17 and to Army Women's Services generally in accordance with GRO 0.554/43 Scale "D" will be regarded as personal equipment for the purposes of GROs 0.347/44 and 0.369/44.

(b) Equivalent other patterns e.g. rifles, No. 4 Mk I, web equipment patt. '08, bandolier equipment, will be treated as Unit equipment, not as personal equipment. In cases where equipment of nomenclature (or patterns) other than that prescribed in the Appendix to GRO 0.347/1944 is issued to members, such equipment will not normally be transferred with the member. If it is transferred, AF G.1033 will be used in accordance with GRO 0.232/44.

396. P.O.L. ACCOUNTING - VEHICLES IN WORKSHOPS, AND ON TRANSFER:
(CR. 138/1/40)

With a view to overcoming difficulties in checking the accounting records for POL in respect of vehicles delivered to, and operating in workshops, and where vehicles are transferred between Units, the following instructions will be complied with by all Units and workshops, with the exception of 5 Aust Ord Veh Pk., which will continue to operate under W. L of C Area Adm Instruction Q13 of 23 Feb, 44 as amended on 28 Apr. 44 and on 1 Jun. 44 :-

2. Delivery of Vehicles to Workshop: The Unit AF G.2 will accompany the vehicle to the workshop. On arrival the tank will be dipped and the quantity of petrol in the tank will be acquitted to the Unit on the AF G.2 which will be completed to show the mileage recorded at the time of dipping. The AF G.2 will be returned to the Unit with the Unit driver.

3. Operation in Workshop: A further AF G.2 will be prepared by the workshop forthwith using as its opening entry the mileage and petrol figures of the acquitted Unit AF G.2. Any issues of petrol while the vehicle is in the workshop will be

charged to the workshop on the [illegible]F G.2, and also on job card [illegible] vehicle running tag. The same [illegible]F G.2 will be used for road testing the vehicle. When the job is completed the tank will again be dipped and the quantity of petrol in the tank and the mileage at that time will be inserted as closing entries on the workshop [illegible]F G.2.

4. Delivery to Units: When the Unit driver reports to the workshop for delivery of the vehicle upon completion of repairs, he will bring with him an [illegible]F G.2 prepared by the Unit for the purpose. The closing entries on the workshop [illegible]F G.2 will be inserted as the opening entries for the new Unit [illegible]F G.2, which will accompany the vehicle on its return to the Unit.

5. Transfer of Vehicles Between Units. Where a vehicle is transferred from one Unit to another (other than 5 Aust Ord Veh Pk.,) the final [illegible]F G.2 of the quitting Unit will be endorsed by the receiving Unit with the petrol in the tank, ascertained by dipping and the speedometer reading at that time. The [illegible]F G.2 will be returned to the quitting Unit to enable the completion of [illegible]F G.5, up to date of transfer. The receiving Unit will prepare its commencing [illegible]F G.2, using as its opening entries, the closing entries which appear on the quitting Unit's [illegible]F G.2. The receiving Unit's [illegible]F G.5 will be commenced from the date of receipt to the end of the month.

6. Vehicles transferred to Vehicle Park: Upon transfer of a vehicle to 5 Aust Ord Veh Park, whether by road or by rail, the vehicle will in all cases be accompanied by an [illegible]F G.2, which will be prepared specially for the journey; and which will be retained at the Vehicle Park, in accordance with [illegible] of G Area Adm Instruction 013/44.

7. The intention of the foregoing instructions, is to facilitate checking of POL accounting records by DFO checking staff, and to avoid the complications arising from a Unit being called upon to account for use of petrol over which it has no control. Full co-operation by the Unit staffs concerned is therefore essential.

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[illegible] & QMG. WESTERN COMMAND
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# AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

## ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

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## GENERAL STAFF

NIL.

## ADMINISTRATION.

397. CHIROPODIST - SERVICES OF: (CR. 241/9/80)

Units which require the services of a Chiropodist, and who have no member on strength trained in Chiropody, will notify their requirements in duplicate to DDMS Western Command, who will arrange for the provision of the required service.

398. CONSERVATION OF RUBBER: (CR. 138/1/759)

The importance of correct type inflation has been previously stressed both in GROs and DME Tech Instns, especially in regard to its cause and effect in relation to actual rubber conservation.

2. When a nail penetrates casing and tube, the resiliency of the rubber prevents the tyre from becoming deflated immediately and may take several days to deflate.

3. Schrader valves inserts are well know causes or slow leaks due to their fragility and dust being allowed to penetrate valve. It is essential that valve caps be fitted to all valves to prevent this failure.

4. All drivers will inspect tyres for nails and faulty valve springs in the daily maintenance to prevent the destruction of tyres by being run in a semi-deflated condition, thus causing casing separation and tyre failures.

5. Appendix 'A' shows list of alterations and additions to tyre inflation pressures as laid down in DME Mech Circ 324 of Feb. 42. All Units will immediately make the necessary amendments to all copies of Mech Circ 324 held.

399. EQUIPMENT BEING RETURNED TO ORDNANCE DEPOT: (CR. 215/1/494)

In future all stores to be returned to Ordnance Depot covering No. 1 and No. 3 Sub Depot equipment, will be returned to RSD, NURRERIN, with the exception of Tyres and Tubes, which will still be returned to RSD MIDLAND JUNCTION. All No.2 Sub-Depot stores, that is, Clothing and General Stores, will be returned, as usual, to MIDLAND JUNCTION.

400. GLOVES LEATHER TAN WOMEN'S: (CR. 51/3/331)

All faulty stocks of Gloves Leather Tan Women's held by Units are to be returned to RSD MIDLAND JUNCTION by 30 Nov. 44.

401. OVERALLS KHAKI WOMEN'S: (CR. 51/3/331)

Overalls Khaki Women's will not be worn by M.T. AWAS personnel when performing maintenance duties.

2. Trousers and Blouses Khaki drill are issued for this purpose.

402. CLOTHING - THEATRE ORDERLIES IN HOSPITALS: (CR. 51/3/347)

Approval is given for issue of 2 prs Trousers, Cooks to each operating theatre orderly on WE of CCS's, General Hospitals, Military Hospitals, Orthopaedic Hospitals and Special Hospitals.

2. WET's of Units concerned are being amended accordingly and indents may be submitted in anticipation.

403. SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE (REFERENCE GRO 344/44): (CR. 241/10/15)

The following points are promulgated with a view of amplifying the instructions contained in GRO 344/44.

(1) Subsistence Allowance at the prescribed rate will be deducted from subsistence allowance paysheets for each day during which the allowance is not payable.

The following certificate will be given by certifying officers on the relative Travelling Allowance claim;

"I certify that subsistence allowance has not and will not be paid for period claimed."

(2) In the case of Officers and Warrant Officers Class 1 living at home, subsistence allowance which is normally paid per medium of the paybook, viz. 3/- per day in the case of Officers and 1/- per day in the case of Warrant Officers, will be adjusted on the relative travelling allowance claim. The daily rate of travelling allowance will NOT be reduced by the deduction of the daily rate of subsistence allowance; adjustment of the amount not payable under the provisions of GRO 344/44, will be effected by deduction from the computed amount, at full travelling allowance rate as prescribed for rank, of the travelling allowance claim.

(3) As regards Officers and Warrant Officers Class 1 living in camp, field allowance drawn per medium of the paybook will be adjusted on the travelling allowance claim as for subsistence allowance viz. field allowance will not be payable for the day of leaving camp but will be paid for the day of return. The amount not payable being deducted from the computed amount, at full travelling allowance rate as prescribed for rank, of the travelling allowance claim.

(4) MEMBERS ABSENT FROM THEIR HQ OVERNIGHT, BUT FILE SPENT AT CAMPS DURING THE PERIOD OF SUCH ABSENCE.

Travelling allowance payable will be computed as follows :-

Total period absent from H.Q.
Less total period spent at camp.

Difference payable as travelling allowance at the daily rate prescribed for rank. Adjustment of subsistence allowance will be effected in accordance with provisions of para 4 of GRO 344/44 and para 1 above.

(5) OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS CLASS 1 ABSENT FROM THEIR H.Q. OVERNIGHT BUT TIME SPENT AT CAMPS DURING THE PERIOD OF SUCH ABSENCE

Travelling allowance payable will be computed as follows :-

Total period absent from H.Q.
Less total period spent at Camp.

Difference payable as travelling allowance at the daily rate prescribed for rank.

2. As Officers and Warrant Officers Class 1 are entitled to field allowance when rationed and quartered by the Department, adjustment of subsistence and field allowance will be effected as follows :-

An Officer or Warrant Officer will not qualify for the payment of subsistence allowance on the day of departure from his H.Q. but it will be payable through paybook for the day of return to his normal station.

Field allowance will not be paid for any day on which a member marches into rations and quarters, but it will be paid per medium of the paybook for all subsequent days during which Army rations and quarters are availed of, including the day of marching out of camp.

Adjustments necessary for any day during which an Officer or Warrant Officer does not qualify for subsistence or field allowance, will be made by reducing the amount of the travelling allowance claim as in para 2 above.

Lt-Col.
A. & Q.M.G. WESTERN COMMAND.
22 Nov. 44

## APPENDIX "A".

### TYRE INFLATION PRESSURES: (Ref DME Mech Circular No. 324 of Feb. 42)

It is essential that the undermentioned additions and alterations be added to the current DME Mech Circular 324, thus ensuring that Unit vehicles are operating on the correct tyre inflations as laid down by DME.

2. Alterations and additions are as follow :-

| TYRE SIZE | STD OR NS. | TYPE OF VEHICLE | Inflation Front | Inflation Rear |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10.50 x 16 | S | Amb Ind Type | 45 | 60 |
| 7.00 x 20 | S | " " " | 35 | 45 |
| 9.00 x 20 | S | 3-ton 6 x 6 Breakdown | 45 | 65 |
| 7.50 x 20 | S | 6 x 6 GMC | 55(38) | 55(38) |
| 10.50 x 20 | RF | Quod 4 x 4 | 28 | 44 |
| | | Quod Arty No. 18 Fd Spec | | |
| 9.00 x 16 | S | 15-cwt GS 4 x 4 Steel Body | 35 | 48 |
| 9.00 x 13 | S | Sand Buggy 8-cwt 4 x 2 | 18 | 18 |
| 7.00 x 16 | S | Van 1-ton G3 | 40 | 44 |
| 9.00 x 13 | S | 40-mm Bofors Gun | 20 | 24 |
| 12.00 x 20 | S | 3.7 AA Guns | 75 | 80 |
| 14.00 x 20 | S | AFC Armd Comd LHQ memo 10/44 | 80 | 90 |
| 10.50 x 16 | S | Amb 3-ton Canadian 4 x 4 | 40 | 40 |
| (11.00 x 20 | S | Trucks Mack Diesel 10-tons | 70 | |
| (14.00 x 20 | S | | | 90 |
| 14.00 x 20 | Combat | Staghound Cars Armd Hvy | 75 | 75 |
| 13.50 x 20 | S | Tractor Arty Matador | 60(36) | 70(50) |
| 11.00 x 20 | S | BL 155 mm | 70(50) | |
| 8.25 x 20 | Combat | White Scout | 50 | 65 |
| 9.25 x 16) | RF | Canadian Scout | 25 | 25 |
| 9.00 x 16) | " | | | |
| 10.50 x 20 | Std | Tractor Arty Aust No.8 | 50 | 70 |
| 10.50 x 20 | S | " " " Quod | 50 | 70 |
| 9.00 x 16 | RF | 15-cwt 4 x 4 Bty Staff Metal Van | 25 | 25 |
| 9.00 x 16 | RF | 15-cwt 4 x 4 Bty Wood | 25 | 25 |
| 9.00 x 13 | S | Car 6 seater Utility | 24 | 24 |
| 9.00 x 13 | S | 6-pdr guns | 40 travelling<br>60 shooting | |
| 9.00 x 18 | S | Mobile Laundry Trailers | 65 | 65 |
| 10.50 x 18 | S | Mobile Laundry Trailers | 70 | 70 |
| 10.50 x 18 | S | Ford MI semi trailer 7-ton | 70 | 70 |

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# AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

## ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By BRIG. W.N. TINSLEY

Administering Command, Western Command

Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
Francis St.,
PERTH.

## GENERAL STAFF

404. PASSENGER CARRYING CAPACITY AND SEATING OF PERSONNEL IN ARMY VEHICLES: (CR. 138/1/124)

The attention of all Units is drawn to GRO 0420 of 17 Nov. 44, the provisions of which will be rigidly adhered to.

2. Unit Commanders will ensure that personnel being carried in Army Vehicles are seated in accordance with Standing Orders for Drivers of Mechanical Vehicles, para 10(b) as amended.

3. Instances have been noted where the above instructions are not being carried out. Unit Commanders will take disciplinary action against offenders.

405. COMMAND LIBRARY: (CR. 137/1/27)

As from 27 Nov. 44 the Command Library will be attended during the following periods :-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mondays to Fridays | | 0930 - 1000 |
| | | 1130 - 1200 |
| | | 1430 - 1500 |
| | | 1600 - 1630 |
| Saturdays | - | 1000 - 1100 |

2. At times other than stated above the services of the librarian will be made available by personal arrangement with S/Sgt BARNES (librarian) PABX extension 290.

[signature] COL.
GS WESTERN COMMAND.

## ADMINISTRATION

406. CPL PROJECTIONIST A.E.S. (CR. 79/1/27)

Applications are invited from "B" Class personnel having experience with 35mm and/or 16mm Sound Projectors for appointment as Cpl projectionist in Educ Section HQ WESTERN COMMAND.

2. Applications marked "Attention D.D Education" must reach HQ WESTERN COMMAND by 10 Dec. 44.

407. LEAVE CHRISTMAS 1944: (CR. 129/1/115)

Subject to operational requirements and such parades as may be deemed necessary for administrative purposes, Christmas Day, 1944, will be observed as an additional rest day.

2. Sufficient personnel will be retained on duty to enable all Headquarters to function.

3. Personnel retained for duty on Christmas Day, 1944, may be permitted to take Tuesday, 26 December, 1944, as a rest day in lieu.

4. A half-day's local leave will not be granted under para 148A of GRO A.598/1943 in the week in which a member has an additional rest day under this instruction.

408. NOMINAL ROLL OF DRAFT (AAF MOB 3) & NOMINAL ROLL OF REINFORCEMENT DRAFT (AAF 232) GRO A384/44: (CR. 158/1/21)

The attention of all Units is directed to the above-quoted GRO and the importance of strict compliance with the instructions issued therein. The interpretation placed on para 10 by a number of Units is causing considerable confusion in the recording of casualties.

2. INTER-UNIT TRANSFERS: In the use of the revised AAF Mob 3 as Casualty Return for inter-Unit Transfer attention of Units is directed to Appendix "B" Table "A" "B" and "C" of GRO A.384/44.

3. Units will continue to submit AF's W3010 and W3011 for casualties such as: March out direct from Unit to leave without pay, evacuation to Hospital, promotions, change of next-of-kin, change of address of next-of-kin, change of name, etc.

409. COTTESLOE HOSTEL: (CR. 82/1/314)

Reference W.A. L of C Area RO Pt I Serial 25/44, para 237.

2. Members of Army Women's Services who are accommodated at Cottesloe Hostel will, during their stay, sleep at the Hostel and not elsewhere.

410. SUPPLY OF M.T. PETROL TO UNITS - SEMI ROTARY PUMPS: (CR. 138/1/916)

With reference to Western Command Routine Order Part I Serial 3/44 para 31 of 20 Jun. 44.

2. Units at present NOT drawing supplies of MT Petrol from a Bowser Pump will make requisition on DIDs for a Semi-Rotary Pump.

3. Semi-Rotary Pumps will in the first place be obtained from Ordnance by Sup Depot Coy HQ and transferred per medium G1033, on request of DIDs to Units concerned.

4. Should a Unit move from its present location, Semi-Rotary Pump will be returned to D.I.D. and transfer effected through Sup Depot Coy HQ.

5. Indents submitted by Units vide Routine Order 3/44 as above will be cancelled.

411. CO-ORDINATION OF TRANSPORT: (CR. 138/1/253)

In the interests of economy and in order to derive the maximum use from MT Vehicles already making regular trips to or from the country, it is desired that information in accordance with the pro forma, see Appendix "A", be submitted to ADS & T as soon as possible.

412. VEHICLE LOG BOOKS - AB 20B: (CR. 138/1/122)

The attention of all Units is directed to the fact that much valuable information is being lost to workshops, owing to insufficient detail being transcribed from the old log book when a new log book is taken into use.

2. Old log books are also being lost or mislaid, and it is desired to stress the fact that they must be retained as Unit records.

3. Attention of all concerned is directed to GRO 152/44, para 13, as amended in GRO Adm 352 dated 29 Sep. 44.

413. ISSUE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT TO PERSONNEL - RECORDS OF: (CR. 51/37/356)

In amplification of Para 3 of GRO 0.369/44, the word "transferred" includes members detached temporarily, the words "transferor Unit" include Units which march out members on temporary detachment and the words "transferee Unit" include Units which march in members on temporary attachment.

2. The effect of this is :-

(a) That the Unit responsible for issuing and entering AF's F.204 (paras 5 and 6 of GRO refer), will take on charge as at 1 Nov. 44, if this has not already been done, all equipment in possession of members on its posted strength on that date (including all members attached) and -

(b) That Units which, prior to 1 Nov. 44, marched out members on temporary attachment without having forwarded AF G.1033 in respect of personal equipment transferred with the member, will forward relevant AF G.1033 to the appropriate Unit if they have not already done so.

3. An amendment to GRO 0.369/44 para 19(b) (iii) deleting AF's F.25 may be anticipated.

414. ORDERING OFFICERS - TREASURY REGULATIONS 49 (1) AND OFFICERS CERTIFYING TO PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: (CR. 62/1/175)

The GOC WESTERN COMMAND has authorised the following amendment (Serial 86) to the list of Officers authorised to issue orders for supplies and services under Treasury Regulations 49 (1) and to sign certificates on Forms T8.4 affecting payment of accounts.

| Branch or Service | Appointment | Ordering Officer | Certifying Officer. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ordnance | Whilst carrying out duties of OC 4 Aust Local Purchase Office. | Lt. M. MEAD | Lt. M. MEAD |

415. TRAVEL BY SERVICE AIRCRAFT: (CR. 26/[illegible]/3)

RAAF report that recently weights of personnel and baggage have exceeded the declared weights at the time of booking, resulting in baggage weights having to be adjusted at the airfield by leaving behind various effects to avoid overloading.

2. A few pounds excess may not appear important individually but when 20 or more passengers are involved, the overweight becomes considerable.

3. RAAF point out that in future personnel whose weights exceed the booking render themselves liable to have their names removed from the Manifest and off-loaded from the aircraft.

4. RAAF propose, in future, to weigh all personnel and baggage, and it is therefore essential that correct weights be advised when applying for air passage.

5. The maximum baggage allowance by Service Aircraft is 50 -lbs.

416. MECHANICAL VEHICLE CENSUS CARD - AAF G51: (CR. 138/1/888)

Upon receipt of an M.T. vehicle Units will prepare an AAF G51 (Census Card) in duplicate. One copy will be forwarded to ADOS with AAF G52 (Casualty Return) and one copy will be held for reference.

2. RO 26 para 314 of 10 Oct. 44 and RO 30 para 364 of 2 Nov. 44 refer.

417. VISITS TO ORDNANCE INSTALLATIONS: (CR. 157/2/287)

The Army Ordnance installations in this Area are in charge of their respective C.O.O's and no officer or other person has any right of entrance therein unless with the permission of the C.O.O. or as provided for by Regulations. C.O.O's will not grant this permission without prior approval of ADOS who is responsible to the Commander for the management of all Ordnance installations in the Area.

2. Visitors will not be allowed to go around the establishments and storehouses without the permission of the C.O.O., nor will they be allowed to go independently about the premises; they will remain with the person who may be directed to attend them. A visitor's book will be kept at each Ordnance Depot in which visiting officers will record the date, reasons for visit, and signature.

E. Bowen
Lt-Col.
A. & Q.M.G. WESTERN COMMAND
27. Nov. 44

NOTICES

TENNIS - KITCHENER PARK: (CR. 82/1/259)

Units are reminded that facilities, including shoes and racquets are available at Kitchener Park Tennis Courts, Cnr Roberts Rd & Axon St., Subiaco. Troops located in the Metropolitan Area or on leave will make direct contact with Mr. Herbert Edwards, Telephone W.1179, at Courts. Units wishing to use Courts for teams or inter-unit matches will contact D.A.D. Amenities, Telephone B.5587.

VACANCY FOR LIBRARIAN (FEMALE) STATISTICIAN'S BRANCH, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, CANBERRA. (CR. 177/1/67)

Applications are invited from members of the Women's Services for the following position :-

| Position, Salary Scale and Division. | Locality | Salary | Closing date for Receipt of applications. | To whom Application must be forwarded. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| £ Librarian (Female) £238-304, Third Division, Research Section. | CANBERRA | £265 to £331. | 7th December, 44 | The Secretary Department of the Treasury, CANBERRA. |

2. Applicants should hold a University Degree, and should indicate the extent of their qualifications in the following :-

Experience and training in library work, particularly cataloguing and reviewing of publications.
Competence in economics and/or mathematics.
Knowledge or foreign languages.

3. Advancement beyond £256 per annum (£283 actual) shall be subject to evidence to the satisfaction of the Public Service Board of proficiency of the occupant in the duties of the office, justifying such advancement.

4. Preference will be given to former members of the Forces in accordance with the provisions of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1943.

£ This position is also open to Officers of the State Public Services and to other persons.

FOUND - BICYCLE, ARMY PATTERN: (CR. 215/1/376)

Bicycle, Army Pattern, Army No. A1528. May be claimed at HQ 5 Aust L of C Pro Coy.

## APPENDIX "A"

## CO-ORDINATION OF TRANSPORT.
## VEHICLES PROCEEDING TO COUNTRY REGULARLY

UNIT _____

| NO. OF VEHICLES | TYPE | DESTINATION | STARTING POINT | TIME OF DEPARTURE | FREQUENCY OF TRIP | REQUISITIONING UNIT | NATURE OF LOAD. | ROUTE | IF ANY BACKLOADING NORMALLY EXPECTED |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) | (g) | (h) | (i) | (j) |

Detail:

(a) How many, vehicles NOT registration No.
(b) Van, 30 cwt, 3 Ton cov, 3 Ton open 7 Ton ST etc.
(c) Northam, Mungaria, Pinjarra etc.
(d) Self Explanatory
(e) " "
(f) Daily, weekly (Tuesdays) etc.
(g) Self Explanatory
(h) " "
(i) Northam Via Spencers etc.
(j) Self Explanatory.

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In reply please quote above number.

WESTERN COMMAND

4.Dec 44.

LHQ (AGWT)
MELBOURNE

AMENITIES REPORT: NOV 44

Reference is made to LHQ 49757 of 1942.

Herewith Amenities Report for Nov 44.

1. OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| WESTERN COMMAND | MAJOR R.W. DELVES | DAD AMENITIES. |
| | CAPT C.J.PATERSON | AMENITIES OFFICER. |
| | LIEUT A.G.HOWELL | SPECIAL DUTIES. |
| | LIEUT A.S. BUDGE | WOMEN'S SERVICES. |
| | LIEUT R.O.WAY (ACTING) | FREMANTLE FORTRESS. |
| | LIEUT E.E.WATERWORTH | 1 AUST DIV CONCERT PARTY. |
| | S/SGT E. DENN (ACTING) | 7 AUST DIV CONCERT PARTY. |
| | LIEUT A.R. GRAINGER | 118 A.G.H. |
| | LIEUT G.M. DAVIES | 110 (PERTH) MIL HOSP. |

Lieut R.O. Way, formerly of 19 Aust Gun Bn, has commenced duties as Amenities Officer HQ Fremantle Fortress. A recommendation has been made that Lieut Way be transferred to the A.A. Amenities Service.

2. DAD AMENITIES WESTERN COMMAND

During Nov, DAD Amenities visited Melbourne for a conference of DAD's Amenities at LHQ.

3. ORGANISATION OF SPORT

The Cricket Competition organised by A.A.Amenities Service, Western Command, commenced during Nov. All Services are represented.

The Allied Sports Council comprising Australian and visiting Services is preparing to conduct competitions in various sports for both female & male Service personnel.

Fremantle Fortress conducted a highly successful and well organised Sports Meeting during the month.

A.A. Amenities Service Eastern Command intends conducting a swimming Carnival early in the New Year.

Golf sticks on loan to troops on leave, from the Amenities Sports Store, continue to be in good demand.

Attendance at the Kitchener Park Tennis Courts for Nov was 277.

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Since these Courts were first made available to troops on leave through the A.A.Amenities Service, nearly 9000 troops have availed themselves of this Amenity in the 14 months of its existence.

4. CIVILIAN CONCERT PARTIES

Civilian Concert Parties entertained at the following Camps during the month.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Melville | 4. | C/Fwd. | 23. |
| 110 (Perth) Mil Hosp. | 3. | Spencers Brook | 1. |
| Richmond | 1. | Yanchep | 2. |
| Dunreath | 1. | 118 A.G.Hosp. | 2. |
| Pearce. | 2. | 10 Grn Bn. | 3. |
| Leighton. | 2. | Jandakot. | 1. |
| Buckland. | 1. | John Nicholson Home. | 1. |
| Salters Point. | 3. | Bellevue. | 1. |
| Park Gun Stn. | 1. | | |
| Sth Beach. | 1. | TOTAL | 38. |
| Peron Bty. | 2. | | |
| Lady Mitchell Con Home. | 2. | | |
| | 23. | | |

5. CINEMAS

Cinema shows by A.A. Amenities Service Plants were given as follows :-

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Melville | 4. | C/Fwd. | 36. |
| Attadale | 2. | Merriump | 2. |
| 118 (Perth) Mil Hosp. | 4. | 118 A.G.H. | 5. |
| Richmond | 2. | 10 Grn Bn. | 2. |
| Leighton | 1. | Jandakot. | 2. |
| Buckland | 2. | Nicholson Home. | 2. |
| Port Swanbourne | 2. | 26 Emp Coy. | 2. |
| Salters Point | 2. | Harvey | 2. |
| Park Gun Stn. | 1. | 22 Amnt Sp Bty 66 AA & SL. | 2. |
| South Beach. | 2. | Garden Island. | 3. |
| Peron Bty | 3. | BIPOD Forrestdale | 4. |
| Lady Mitchell Con Home | 4. | Caryllands | 2. |
| Nth Fremantle Oval | 1. | 122 Amnt Spec Hosp | 2. |
| Spencer's Brook | 2. | Bellevue | 1. |
| L of C Workshops | 2. | | |
| Guildford | 2. | TOTAL | 73. |
| | 36. | | |

On the estimates of Operators in charge of Plants, total attendance at all A.A. Amenities Service Shows was approximately 36,000.

Disposition of Plants during the month was:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Plant 20 | Mobile Unit | Metropolitan Area. |
| " 21 | Mobile Unit | Metropolitan Area. |
| " 23 | Mobile Unit | Bunbury. |
| " 24 | Static Unit. | Northam Camp. |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Plant | 55 | Mobile Unit | Sth West and Metropolitan Area. |
| " | 56 | Mobile Unit | Had been packed for despatch to Area but is now being prepared again for local use. |
| " | 57 | Mobile Unit | Broome. |
| " | 58 | Static Unit | Nungarin. Has been installed in new Hall. |
| " | 60 | Static Unit | Bottnest. |
| " | 61 | Static Unit | Has been put into new hall at 110 (Perth) Mil Hosp. |

Plants No.52 & 103 have been packed for shipment to another area. Shipping space is awaited.

6. AMENITIES SPORTS STORE

The Amenities Sports Store handled about the same volume of business as the previous month and the turnover was approx £1000.

Good stocks of all lines of cricket gear are held. There is very little call just now for new material and where possible second hand gear is being issued. Swimming trunks have been rationed as equitably as possible but stocks are now exhausted. Tennis racquets and balls are in good demand. Supply of racquets are on the way over here and should alleviate present shortage. Stocks of tennis balls are the lowest for several months. A further consignment of U.S. tennis balls will be forwarded shortly to the Directorate of Amenities. As the Allied Sports Council intends conducting Badminton games, calls on our stocks may be anticipated. Further supplies of racquets and shuttles are required. Refrigerators from the North West and 1 Aust Armd Bde are being held at the Store. Request for spare parts to make them ready for further use has gone forward. There has been a steady demand for electrical gear (e.g. toasters, boilo jugs etc) which are found to be very useful on Ack-Ack gun sites.

7. SPECIAL DUTIES OFFICER

The Special Duties Officer reported that his department was as busy as in the previous month. Activities of this branch of the A.A.Amenities Service will be treated in a separate report. Present accommodation is totally inadequate for the big demands being made on this branch. It is understood that Offices which are more accessible to the public will be made available.

8. PHILANTHROPIC BODIES

A.C.F. Salvation Army & Y.M.C.A. continue to render good service to the troops. A.C.F. has completed its issue of Xmas Hampers to personnel in the North West. A special A.C.F. issue comprising Handkerchiefs, Sox, Tobacco, Tooth paste, Shaving soap, Sweets etc., is made to each repatriated Prisoner of War on his return. ACF in liaison with the Citizens Reception Council, are putting on a special luncheon to repatriated men.

W.H. Pinsley

.....Brigadier.
Adam Command WESTERN COMMAND.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ WESTERN COMMAND
Swan Bks, Francis St,
PERTH

4 AUST FD SVY COY (AIF) - RESTRICTION OF

In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10892 of 14 Oct 44, 4 Aust Fd Svy Coy will be reduced by the deletion of one survey section and an amendment to the OOB AMF may be anticipated to provide for the placement of the restricted marking "%" and note "one survey sec not raised" against that Unit.

2. ACTION

4 Aust Fd Svy Coy (AIF) will take all necessary action as indicated herein.

3. PERSONNEL

(a) Officers - Disposal of officers rendered surplus as a result of this instruction will be the subject of special instructions to be issued by LHQ. Particulars of officers rendered surplus will be forwarded to this HQ immediately.

(b) O/Rs.

(i) O/R personnel rendered surplus as a result of this instruction will be transferred to 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy and if necessary carried supernumerary to WE for a period of three months pending absorption.

(ii) Nominal rolls of personnel to be transferred will be forwarded to this HQ showing - No., rank, name, age, med class, trade classification and TG (if any), civil vocation, amount of leave due.

(iii) Effective date of transfer of personnel will be date personnel march into LTD for on movement to 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy. Further instructions will be issued regarding movement.

4. EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES

Surplus unit equipment and vehicles will be returned to 7 Aust RSD and 5 Aust Ord Veh Pk as appropriate.

(a) Vehicles rendered surplus will be returned to 5 Aust Ord Veh Pk, Nungarin, in the following condition -

(i) Thoroughly clean
(ii) Complete with VOL equipment and AAF G1033 formally
(iii) With log book complete and up to date. approved.
(iv) Accompanied by AAF G
(v) MT Casualty return AAF G52 will be completed immediately transfers are effected.
(vi) Vehicles will be returned under arrangements "Q" Branch, Western Command.

(b) Personal arms and equipment will be retained by all personnel concerned.

5. Commander 4 Aust Fd Svy Coy (AIF) will be responsible for completion of Unit records to the satisfaction of WA Ech & Rec and District Accounts Office, WA.

6. ACTION COMPLETE

4 Aust Fd Svy Coy (AIF) will advise this HQ of action complete not later than 18 Nov 44.

E Bowen Lt-Col
AA & QMG WESTERN COMMAND

/ Nov 44

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ WESTERN COMMAND
Swan Bks, Francis St,
PERTH

DELETION, RESTRICTION AND REORGANISATION OF UNITS
WESTERN COMMAND

% 5 AUST VET HOSP (AIF)

1. In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10566 of 10 Oct 44 and amendments to the OOB AMF, action will be taken to disband % 5 AUST VET HOSP (AIF) as follows -

DISBAND

| War Office Serial No. | | Posted Strength as at 16 Sep 44 Offrs | ORs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 47162 | % 5 AUST VET HOSP (AIF) | 1 | 27 | 28 |

2. ACTION - Action will be taken by OC % 5 Aust Vet Hosp (AIF) to disband the unit in accordance with instructions contained herein.

3. PERSONNEL

(a) Officers - Officer rendered surplus consequent upon the implementation of this instruction will be dealt with in accordance with provisions of GRO 139/44 (as amended).

(b) Other Ranks -

(i) Nominal rolls of all personnel showing - No., Rank, Name, Age, Med Class (disability if A2 or B) Trade Classification and TG (If any) and recommendation for reposting will be forwarded to reach this HQ not later than 14 Nov 44.

(ii) On receipt of such nominal rolls further instructions will be issued regarding disposal of personnel

4. ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTNESS

5 Aust Vet Hosp (AIF) will ensure that all personnel are made administratively correct "A". A certificate to this effect will be submitted to reach this HQ not later than 8 Nov 44.

5. ORDNANCE STORES & EQUIPMENT

(a) Ammunition will be returned to 9 AAD GUILDFORD under arrangements ADOS Western Command.
(b) All stores will be checked and disposed of as per sub-para (d) hereof.
(c) Personal arms and equipment will be retained by all personnel.
(d) Unit equipment and vehicles rendered surplus as a result of this instruction will be returned to 7 Aust RSD or 5 Aust Ord Veh Pk as appropriate under instructions of ADOS Western Command.
(e) Separate instructions will be issued by "Q" Branch Western Command regarding closing of Unit Ord Accounts

6. VETERINARY STORES & EQUIPMENT

OC 5 Aust Vet Hosp (AIF) will select and transfer to 3 Aust Remt Sqn veterinary stores and equipment considered essential for functioning of the unit. Surplus will be returned to M & V Stores or Ordnance as appropriate.

7. VEHICLES

Vehicles on charge will be returned under arrangements "Q" Branch Western Command to 5 Aust Ord Veh Pk Nungarin in the following condition -

(a) thoroughly clean
(b) complete with VOL equipment and approved AF G1033
(c) with Logbook complete and up to date
(d) accompanied by AAF G4
(e) MT Casualty Return (AAF G52) will be completed immediately transfers are effected.

8. GENERAL

It will be ensured that the following action will be taken by 5 Aust Vet Hosp (AIF) prior to disbandment -

(a) SURPLUS STATIONERY - Surplus stationery including typewriters and duplicators will be returned to Western Command Stationery Depot.

(ii) All copies of GOs, GROs and ASOs will be returned to "A" Branch this HQ.

(iii) HL Passes and Rail Warrant Books will be returned to District Accounts Office WA.

(b) ACCOUNTS - All outstanding accounts including accounts of Trust Funds, Officers and Sgts Messes, will be completed and a certificate to this effect will be forwarded to this HQ.

(c) POL RECORDS - Unchecked POL records will be forwarded to District Accounts Office WA.

(d) CORRESPONDENCE - All outstanding correspondence will be completed.

(e) COURTS, BOARDS ETC. - All outstanding Courts of Inquiry investigations etc. in regard to accidents damages or losses of stores etc. will be finalised.

(f) UNIT RECORDS - Comd of Unit will be responsible for the completion of unit records to the satisfaction of WA Ech & Rec and District Accounts Office, WA.

9. ACTION COMPLETE - 5 Aust Vet Hosp (AIF) will take all necessary action to implement the foregoing and advise this HQ of action complete not later than 20 Nov 44.

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CAMP "Q" STAFFS - REORGANISATION & DISBANDMENT OF

In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10422 of 2 Oct 44 and amendments to the OOB AMF, the following disbandment and reorganisation of units will be effected:-

| War Office Serial No. | | Strength as at 2 Sep 44 Offrs | ORs | Total | War Establishment Ref No. | Offrs | ORs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 92123 | REORGANISE - CAMP "Q" STAFF (TYPE A) BELLEVUE | 2 | 9 | 11 | | | | |
| | as | | | | | | | |
| | CAMP "Q" STAFF (TYPE B) BELLEVUE | | | | 1V/1354/1 | 1 | 9 | 10 |
| 92125 | REORGANISE - CAMP "Q" STAFF (TYPE A) MELVILLE | 2 | 9 | 11 | | | | |
| | as | | | | | | | |
| | CAMP "Q" STAFF (TYPE B) MELVILLE | | | | 1V/1354/1 | 1 | 9 | 10 |
| 92127 | REORGANISE - CAMP "Q" STAFF (TYPE B) ROTTNEST | 1 | 6 | 7 | | | | |
| | as | | | | | | | |
| | CAMP "Q" STAFF (TYPE C) ROTTNEST | | | | 1V/1354/1 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| 92214 | DISBAND - CAMP "Q" STAFF (TYPE C) GARDEN ISLAND | 1 | 3 | 4 | | | | |

2. ACTION -

Action will be taken by Comds of units concerned to implement instructions contained herein. Action in regard to Camp "Q" Staff ROTTNEST and Camp "Q" Staff GARDEN ISLAND will be supervised by HQ FREMANTLE FRT, through which HQ all reports and returns called for will be furnished.

3. PERSONNEL -

(a) OFFICERS - Officers rendered surplus upon the implementation of this instruction will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of GRO A139/44 (as amended).

(b) O/Rs -

(i) All WOs and NCOs will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of GRO 187/44.

(ii) Nominal rolls of personnel rendered surplus will be forwarded to this HQ in triplicate giving the following information:- Number, Rank, Name, Age, Med Class, Trade Classification and TG (if any), and recommendation for reposting.

(iii) On receipt of nominal rolls, further instructions will be issued regarding the disposal of personnel rendered surplus. HQ Fremantle Fortress will advise, when forwarding rolls, if any or all of such personnel can be absorbed within units under command

of that HQ in exchange for Male "A" class personnel under 40 yrs of age.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTNESS -

O/R personnel rendered available for reposting will be made administratively correct in all respects and a certificate to this effect will be submitted to this HQ not later than 11 NOV 44.

5. CHIDLOWS & WERRIBEE CAMPS - Alteration of "Q" Staff Responsibility -

As from 30 Nov 44, CHIDLOWS & WERRIBEE CAMPS will become the responsibility of Camp "Q" Staff (Type A) NORTHAM.

Separate instructions will be issued by "Q" Branch regarding disposal of stores.

6. GENERAL -

Camp "Q" Staff, GARDEN ISLAND, will ensure that the following action is completed prior to disbandment:-

(a) VEHICLES - Vehicles on charge to Camp "Q" Staff GARDEN ISLAND will be returned under arrangements of "Q" Branch to 5 AUST ORD VEH PK NUNGARIN in the following condition:-

(i) Thoroughly clean
(ii) Complete with VOL equipment and approved AF G1033
(iii) With Logbook complete and up to date
(iv) Accompanied by AAF G4
(v) MT Casualty Return (AAF G52) will be completed immediately transfers are effected.

(b) SURPLUS STATIONERY -

(i) Stationery, including typewriters, and duplicators, will be returned to WESTERN COMD STATIONERY DEPOT.

(ii) All copies of GOs, GROs and ASOs will be returned to this HQ ("A" Branch).

(iii) HL Passes and Mail Warrant Books will be returned to DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE Wa.

(c) CORRESPONDENCE -

All outstanding correspondence will be completed.

(d) COURTS, BOARDS ETC. -

All outstanding Courts of Inquiry, Investigations etc. in regard to accidents, damages or losses of stores etc. will be finalised.

(e) AMENITIES -

(i) Sporting equipment will be disposed of in accordance with GRO 1494/43. All other amenities equipment other than goods obtained from ACF, will be transferred to DAD Amenities.

(ii) Goods obtained from ACF will be returned to ACF.

7. UNIT RECORDS - Commanders of units concerned will be responsible for the completion of unit records to the satisfaction of WA ECH & REC & DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WA.

8. ACTION COMPLETE -

Units concerned will take all necessary action to implement the foregoing and report action complete not later than 15 NOV 44 (in the case of BELLEVUE CAMP STAFF, 30 NOV 44.)

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AA & QMG WESTERN COMMAND

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HQ FREMANTLE FORTRESS (3)
Camp "Q" Staff BELLEVUE
" " " MELVILLE
" " " ROTTNEST
" " " GARDEN ISLAND
" " " NORTHAM

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3 AUST REMOUNT SQUADRON - REDUCTION IN STRENGTH

1. In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10422 of 2 Oct 44, and SM10566 of 10 Oct 44, and Amendments to OOB,AMF, action will be taken to restrict 3 AUST REMOUNT SQUADRON as follows:-

| War Office Serial No. | | Strength as at 16 Sep 44 | | | War Establishment Ref No. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Offrs | ORs | Tot. | | Offrs | ORs | Tot. |
| 47163 | REDUCE- 3 Aust Remt Sqn. | 1 | 26 | 27 | % of 1V/105/3 | 1 | 20 | 21 |

Ranks and trades of Restricted WE will be as shown in Appendix "A" attached.

Consequent on further recent reduction in number of remounts to be held, the restricted WE will be reduced to essential personnel under separate instructions to be issued by this H.Q.

2. ACTION - All action will be taken by OC 3 AUST REMT SQN to reduce the unit in accordance with this instruction.

3. PERSONNEL - Personnel rendered surplus consequent upon the implementation of this instruction will be dealt with as follows -

(i) All WOs and NCOs will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of GRO 187/44

(ii) Nominal rolls of personnel rendered surplus will be forwarded to this HQ in triplicate giving the following information :-
No. Rank. Name. Age. Med Class (disability if A2 or B) Trade Classification and TG (if any) and recommendation for reposting.

(iii) On receipt of nominal rolls further instructions will be issued regarding the disposal of personnel rendered surplus.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTNESS - O/R personnel rendered available for reposting will be made administratively correct in all respects and a certificate to this effect will be submitted to this HQ not later than 14 Nov 44.

5. ORDNANCE STORES & EQUIPMENT - Stores and Equipment rendered surplus to requirements consequent upon reorganisation will be returned to RSD.

6. UNIT RECORDS - Cmd of Unit concerned will be responsible for the completion of unit records to the satisfaction of WA Ech & Rec and District Accounts Office WA.

7. ACTION COMPLETE - O.C. 3 Aust Remt Sqn will take all necessary action to implement the foregoing and report action complete not later than 20 Nov 44.

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Appendix "A" issued with HQ
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# AUTHORISED RESTRICTED ESTABLISHMENT

## 3 AUST REMT SQN

### (i) Summary of Ranks

| DETAIL | | |
|---|---|---|
| Captain or Lieutenant | | 1 |
| | Total officers | 1 |
| Warrant Officer Class 1 | | 1 |
| | Total Warrant Officers | 1 |
| Sergeant | | 1 |
| Farrier | | 1 |
| Rough Rider | | 1 |
| | Total Sergeants | 2 |
| Corporals | | 3 |
| Privates | | 10 |
| | Total rank and file | 13 |
| | Total other ranks | 16 |
| | Total all ranks | 17 |
| ATTACHED | | |
| AEME | Saddler (Cpl) | 1 |
| AAVC | Sergeant | 1 |
| | Corporal | 1 |
| AACC | Private (Trade Group 11) | 1 |
| | Total all ranks including attd. | 21 |

### (ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

| | |
|---|---|
| Trade Group 111 | |
| Clerks | 1 (a) |
| Drivers H.T. | 6 (a) |
| Farriers | 1 |
| Rough Riders | 3 (a) |
| NON-SPECIALISTS | |
| General Dutymen | 1 |
| Batman Driver | 1 |
| | 13 |

### (111) Transport

| | |
|---|---|
| Van, 15 cwt | 1 |
| Wagons G.S. | 3 |

NOTE

(a) is, or includes, a corporal.
All ranks on this Establishment except Rough Riders may be provided from personnel classified medically fit Class "B".

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WESTERN COMMAND

% D SUB HQ AUST KIT STORE - EXPANSION OF
6 SECTION AUST KIT STORE - DISBANDMENT OF

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1. In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10422 of 2 Oct 44 and SM10566 of 10 Oct 44 (as amended) and amendments to the OOB, AMF, the following expansion and disbandment of units will be effected:-

| War Office Serial No. | | Strength as at 16 Sep 44 Offrs | ORs | Total | War Establishment Ref No. | Offrs | ORs | Tot. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 47561 | EXPAND - % D SUB HQ AUST KIT STORE to % D SUB HQ AUST KIT STORE | 1 | 10 | 11 | % of 1V/152A/1 | 1 | 20 | 21 |
| 45119 | DISBAND - 6 SEC AUST KIT STORE | | 27 | 27 | | | | |

2. This reduced staff will be only sufficient for carrying out the following functions:-

(a) Normal Kit Store duties as provided for in GRO 9178/43 A299/44 and HQ Aust Kit Store administrative instructions.

(b) Maintenance of Cloak Room (Wellington St. Perth).

Staff at present employed on Parcels & Passenger Service and Cloak and Pack Stores at LTD and GDD will be withdrawn under separate instructions to be issued by this HQ.

3. ACTION:-

Action will be taken by % Sub HQ Aust Kit Store to reorganise and disband units in accordance with this instruction. Details of ranks and trades of restricted WE are shown on Appendix "A" attached.

4. PERSONNEL:-

Personnel required to complete % D SUB HQ KIT STORE to authorised restricted WE will be provided from those personnel (med class "B" or over 40 yrs of age) rendered surplus by the disbandment of 6 SECTION AUST KIT STORE. In selecting this staff, preference will be given to West Australian personnel.

(b) Nominal roll of personnel rendered surplus consequent upon the implementation of this instruction, will be submitted, in duplicate, to this HQ not later than 14 NOV 44 showing - Number, Rank, Name, Age, Med Class (disability, if A2 or B) Trade Class, TG (if any) and recommendation for reposting.

(c) Upon receipt of nominal rolls as per sub para (b) above, further instructions will be issued regarding disposal of personnel rendered surplus.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTNESS:-

O/R personnel rendered available for reposting will be made administratively correct in all respects and a certificate to this effect will be submitted to this HQ not later than 14 NOV 44.

6. ORDNANCE STORES & EQUIPMENT:-

(a) Stores and Equipment, subject to physical check, on charge to 6 SEC AUST KIT STORE Account No. W 386 will be transferred as required, to "D" SUB HQ AUST KIT STORE Account No. W 385 or returned as surplus to requirements to RSD.

(b) OC 6 SEC AUST KIT STORE on completion of transfer of Stock revealed as

hold by the physical check will deal with ledger discrepancies in accordance with the procedure laid down in GRO 0.293/44.

Discrepancy Lists and Report of Investigating Officer will be forwarded to this HQ and Unit ledger, vouchers and other relevant records will be forwarded to Unit Stores Accounts Section for audit.

(c) Action will be taken to close Account No. W 386.

7. GENERAL:- 6 SECTION AUST KIT STORE will ensure that the following action is completed prior to disbandment:-

(a) VEHICLES - Vehicles on charge to 6 SEC AUST KIT STORE will be returned under arrangements of "Q" Branch to 5 AUST ORD VEH PK NUNGARIN in the following condition -

(i) Thoroughly clean
(ii) Complete with VOL equipment and approved AF G1033
(iii) With Logbook complete and up to date
(iv) Accompanied by AAF G4
(v) MT Casualty Return (AAF G52) will be completed immediately transfers are effected.

(b) SURPLUS STATIONERY -

(i) Stationery, including typewriters, and duplicators, will be returned to WESTERN COMMAND STATIONERY DEPOT.

(ii) All copies of COs, GROs and ASCs will be returned to this HQ ("L" Branch).

(iii) RL Passes and Rail Warrant Books will be returned to DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WA.

(c) CORRESPONDENCE - All outstanding correspondence will be completed.

(d) COURTS, BOARDS ETC. - All outstanding Courts of Inquiry, Investigations etc. in regard to accidents, damages or losses of stores etc. will be finalised.

(e) AMENITIES -

(i) Sporting equipment will be disposed of in accordance with GRO 1494/43. All other amenities equipment other than goods obtained from ACF will be transferred to DAD AMENITIES.

(ii) Goods obtained from ACF will be returned to ACF.

8. UNIT RECORDS - Comds of Units concerned will be responsible for the completion of Unit Records to the satisfaction of WA ECH & RLC and DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WA.

9. ACTION COMPLETE - Units concerned will take all necessary action to implement the foregoing and report Action Complete not later than 20 Nov 44.

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5 D Sub ER Aust Kit Store (2)

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APPENDIX "A" issued with HQ Western Command S71/1/13 of 7 Nov 44

AUTHORISED RESTRICTED W.E.

% D SUB H.Q. AUST KIT STORE

(i) Summary of ranks

| DETAIL | Adm Sec | Dis-soc. Sec. | Issue Sec | Cloak Room Perth | GD Store | Tot. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lieutenant | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Total, officers | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Warrant Officer (Class 11) | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 |
| Total, Warrant officers | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 |
| CQMS | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Staff Sergeants (Clerks) | | 1 | 1 | | | 2 |
| Sergeants (Clerks) | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Sergeants (Gen Duties) | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Total, S/Sgts & Sgts | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Corporals | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Privates | 1 | | | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| Drivers MT | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Total, rank and file | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 13 |
| Total, other ranks | 4 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 20 |
| Total, all ranks | 5 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 21 |

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Trade Group 11 | | | | | | |
| Carpenter | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Trade Group 111 | | | | | | |
| Clerks | (a)2 | | | | | 2 |
| Non-Specialists | | | | | | |
| Gen Dutyman | | (a)1 | (a)1 | (a)5 | (a)2 | 9 |
| Driver MT | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Total, rank and file | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 13 |

(a) Is, or includes, a Corporal

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WESTERN COMMAND STATIONERY DEPOT (TYPE B)

HQ WESTERN COMMAND
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1. In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10422 of 2 Oct 44 and SM10566 of 10 Oct 44, WESTERN COMMAND STATIONERY DEPOT (TYPE B) will be reorganised as follows:-

| War Office Serial No. | | Posted Strength as at 16 Sep 44 Offrs. | ORs. | Total | Ref No. | War Establishment Offrs | ORs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 47166 | REORGANISE - WESTERN COMMAND STATIONERY DEPOT (TYPE B) | 3 | 26 | 29 | | | | |
| | as WESTERN COMMAND STATIONERY DEPOT (TYPE C) | | | | 1V/123/2 | 2 | 20 | 22 |

2. ACTION:- Action will be taken by OC WESTERN COMMAND STATIONERY DEPOT to reorganise this unit in accordance with instructions contained herein.

3. PERSONNEL -

(a) OFFICERS - Officers rendered surplus consequent upon the implementation of this instruction will be dealt with in accordance with provisions of GRO A139/44 (as amended).

(b) O/Rs -

(i) All WOs and NCOs will be dealt with in accordance with instructions of GRO 187/44.

(ii) Nominal roll of all personnel rendered surplus will be submitted, in duplicate, to this HQ not later than 11 Nov 44, such nominal roll to show:-
Number, Rank, Name, Age, Med Classification (Disability if A2 or B class) Trade Classification and TC (if any).

Personnel rendered surplus will, where available, be medically fit class "A" males under 40 yrs of age. Where necessary, compassionate cases will be referred to this HQ for decision as to retention or otherwise.

(iii) Upon receipt of nominal rolls as per sub-para (ii), further instructions will be issued regarding disposal of personnel rendered surplus.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTNESS -

All personnel rendered supernumerary will be made administratively correct "A" and a certificate to this effect will be rendered to this HQ not later than 11 Nov 44.

5. ORDNANCE STORES & EQUIPMENT -

(a) Personal arms and equipment will be retained by all personnel.

(b) Unit equipment and vehicles rendered surplus as a result of this instruction will be returned to 7 AUST RSD or 5 AUST ORD VEH PK as appropriate, under instructions ADOS W/Comd.

6. VEHICLES - Vehicles on charge will be returned under arrangements of "C" Branch to 5 AUST ORD VEH PK BUNGARIN in the following condition -

(a) thoroughly clean
(b) complete with VOL equipment and approved AP GLOSS
(c) with Logbook complete and up to date.

(d) accompanied by AAF G4
(e) MT Casualty Return (AAF G52) will be completed immediately transfers are effected.

7. UNIT RECORDS -

OC WESTERN COMMAND STATIONERY DEPOT will be responsible for the completion of unit records to the satisfaction of WA ECH & REC and DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE W.A.

8. ACTION COMPLETE -

OC WESTERN COMMAND STATIONERY DEPOT will take all necessary action to implement the foregoing and will advise this HQ of action complete not later than 30 NOV 44.

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W/Comd Stationery Depot.

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DELETION, RESTRICTION AND REORGANISATION OF UNITS - WESTERN COMMAND

% WESTERN COMMAND BIPOD - REDUCTION OF

Further to this HQ S71/1/13 of 25 Oct 44 and in accordance with LHQ SM11320 of 30 Oct 44, approved restricted WE of % Western Command BIPOD is as shown in attached Appendix "A".

2. ACTION - ADS&T will take necessary action to reduce the unit to authorised restricted W.E.

3. PERSONNEL -

(a) Officers - Officers rendered surplus by the implementation of this instruction will be dealt with in accordance with provisions of GRO A139/44 (as amended).

(b) O/Rs - MALE

(i) All WOs and NCOs will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of GRO A187/44 provided, however that the reduction of acting WOs and NCOs to their substantive ranks will not be effected until their return from leave granted in accordance with para 6 hereof.

(ii) Nominal rolls of personnel rendered surplus will be forwarded to this HQ in triplicate, giving the following information:-
Number, ranks, name, age, medical classification (disability, if A2 or B) trade classification, TG(if any) and (in the case of "B" class or pers. over 40 yrs of age) recommendations for reposting. Nominal rolls will be sub-divided into-

(a) Medical class under 40 yrs (males)

(b) Other Personnel.

Upon receipt of nominal rolls as per sub para (ii) above, further instructions will be issued regarding the disposal of personnel rendered surplus.

4. In selection of personnel to be retained by Western Command BIPOD, preference will be given to those Med Class "B" or over 40yrs of age resident in W.A.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTNESS - O/R personnel rendered surplus will be made administratively correct in all respects and certificate to this effect forwarded to this HQ not later than 17 Nov 44.

6. LEAVE - Personnel medically fit class "A" and under 40 yrs of age will be granted -

(i) All accumulated leave
or
(ii) A minimum of 24 days in accordance with GRO 598/43 if they have not taken leave during the previous six months.
or

(iii) A minimum of 12 days in accordance with GRO 598/43 if they have taken leave during the previous six months.

Leave will be anticipated if necessary, to the extent required to ensure that personnel concerned are granted the minimum period specified and will be taken either prior to movement, en route, or on arrival at 1 AUST BASE DEPOT PERS as appropriate.

7. STATISTICS & NOMINAL ROLLS - Particulars of all personnel rendered surplus will be submitted to this HQ in triplicate, in accordance with provisions of LHQ memo 85039 of 22 Jul 44 (copies forwarded to those concerned) as soon as reorganisation is completed.

8. SECURITY - This reorganisation and movement will not be discussed either in general terms or in detail, with any person who is NOT directly concerned in the carrying out of the orders issued to implement this instruction.

9. Progress report will be submitted by ADS&T to this HQ on 20 Nov 44 and action completed by 25 Nov 44.

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Lt Col
AA & QMG WESTERN COMMAND

9 NOV 44

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## % WESTERN COMMAND BIPOD

## AUTHORISED RESTRICTED WAR ESTABLISHMENT

### (i) Summary of Ranks

| DETAIL | HEADQUARTERS | | | | OPERATIONAL SECTIONS | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Administrative Wing | Accounting Wing | Transport Control Wing | Total Headquarters | "A" Section | "B" Section | "C" Section Northern Section | "D" Section Dump Repairs & Workshops | Total Western Command BIPOD |
| Major | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Captain | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Lieutenant Adm & QM duties | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Lieutenant | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 3 |
| Total officers | 2 | 1 | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 6 |
| Coy Sjt Major WO11 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Chief Clerk WO11 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Total Warrant Officers | 1 | 1 | | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| Coy Quartermaster Sjt | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Staff Sjts | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | | | | 3 |
| Sergeants | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Total Staff Sjts and Sjts | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Corporals | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 20 |
| Privates | 11 | 3 | | 14 | 26 | 26 | 3 | 10 | 79 |
| Drivers MT | 6 | | | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 | | 13 |
| Total, rank and file | 20 | 5 | 1 | 26 | 33 | 33 | 9 | 11 | 112 |
| Total other ranks | 23 | 8 | 2 | 33 | 34 | 34 | 10 | 12 | 123 |
| Total all ranks | 25 | 9 | 2 | 36 | 35 | 35 | 11 | 12 | 129 |
| ATTACHED | | | | | | | | | |
| AACC Corporal | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| AACC Corporal | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| AACC Privates | 4 | | | 4 | | | | | 4 |
| Total all ranks incl attd | 31 | 9 | 2 | 42 | 35 | 35 | 11 | 12 | 135 |

### (ii) Rank and file by trades and duties

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Specialists- Trade Group I | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitter General | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Trade Group II | | | | | | | | | |
| Carpenter | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Painter | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Mech MV | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Trade Group III | | | | | | | | | |
| Clerks | (a) 3 | (b) 5 | (a)1 | 9 | | | | | 9 |
| Tinsmiths | | | | | | | | (a)6 | 6 |
| Non-Specialists - | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporals for- | | | | | | | | | |
| Adm Duties | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Operational Duties | | | | | 4 | 4 | 5 | | 13 |
| Privates for- | | | | | | | | | |
| Filling & loading | | | | | 15 | 15 | | | 30 |
| Issuing & checking | | | | | 2 | 2 | 3 | | 7 |
| General Duties | (a)6 | | | 6 | 9 | 9 | | | 24 |

| DETAIL | HEADQUARTERS | | | | OPERATIONAL SECTIONS | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Administrative Wing | Accounting Wing | Transport Control Wing | Total Headquarters | "A" Section | "B" Section | "C" Section Northern Sector | "D" Section Drum Repairs & Wksps | Total Western Command BIPCD |
| Storemen | 1 | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 |
| Hygiene duties | 2 | | | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| Batmen | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Drivers MT for duty as | | | | | | | | | |
| Batmen drivers | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 4 |
| Motor cyclists | 3 | | | 3 | | | | | 3 |
| Drivers MT | 2 | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | 6 |
| Total rank and file | 20 | 5 | 1 | 26 | 33 | 33 | 9 | 11 | 112 |

TRANSPORT

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vans G.S. 15 cwt | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 4 |
| Trucks G.S. 3 ton | 2 | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | 6 |
| Motor Cycles | 3 | | | 3 | | | | | 3 |

(a) Is, or includes, a corporal (b) Includes two corporals

## NOTES

1. All ranks on this establishment may be provided from personnel medically classified "B".

2. Following personnel maybe replaced by members of the AWLS:-

Clerks 9
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HQ WESTERN COMMAND
SWAN BARRACKS,
FRANCIS STREET,
PERTH

DELETION, RESTRICTION & REORGANISATION OF UNITS WESTERN COMMAND

UNITS - AUST CORPS OF SIGS - RESTRICTED WEs.

% HQ 15 AUST L OF C SIGS (ME)
7 AUST OP SEC
47 AUST WT SEC (LT)
9 AUST LINE SEC.

1. In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SMJ0422 of 2 Oct 44 and further to HQ Western Command S71/1/13 of 17 Oct 44, the above mentioned units will be placed on Authorised Restricted WEs as shown on attached Appendices "A","B","C" and "D".

2. ACTION - CO, % HQ 15 AUST L OF C SIGNALS will take all necessary action to reorganise above units in accordance with instructions contained herein.

3. PERSONNEL - Personnel rendered surplus by the implementation of this instruction will be disposed of as follows :-

(a) OFFICERS -

Officers rendered surplus consequent upon the implementation of the approved restricted WEs will be dealt with in accordance with provisions of GRO A139/44 (as amended).

(b) O/Rs -

All WOs and NCOs will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of GRO A187/44 provided however, that the reduction of acting WOs and NCOs to their substantive ranks willnot be effected until their return from leave granted in accordance with para 5 hereof.

(ii) Nominal rolls of personnel rendered surplus will be forwarded to this HQ in triplicate, giving the following information :-

Number, ranks, name, age, medical classification (disability, if A2 or B) trade classification, TG (if any) and (in the case of "B" class or personnel over 40 yrs of age) recommendations for reposting. Nominal rolls will be sub-divided into -

(a) Medical class under 40 yrs (males)

(b) Other Personnel.

(iii) Advice will be furnished to those concerned regarding the date personnel rendered surplus will march into LTD on transfer to 1 Aust Base Depot Personnel.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTNESS - Units will ensure that all personnel who are medically fit class "A" under 40 yrs of age are administratively correct in all respects prior to being marched out on leave in accordance with para 5 hereof.

Draft inspecting officers will be appointed by this HQ to inspect drafts in accordance with ASO 6/5 prior to leave being granted.

5. LEAVE - Personnel medically fit class "A" and under 40 years of age (vide para 3 (b) will be granted -

(i) All accumulated leave

or

(ii) A minimum of 24 days in accordance with GRO 598/43 if they have not taken leave during the previous six months,

or

(iii) A minimum of 12 days in accordance with GRO A598/43 if they have taken leave during the previous six months.

Leave will be anticipated if necessary, to the extent required to ensure that personnel concerned are granted the minimum period specified and will be taken either prior to movement, enroute, or on arrival at 1 AUST BASE DEPOT PERS as appropriate.

6. ORDNANCE STORES & EQUIPMENT -

(a) Personal arms and equipment will be retained by all personnel to be transferred.

(b) Unit equipment and vehicles rendered surplus as a result of this instruction will be returned to 7 AUST RSD or 5 AUST ORD VEH PK as appropriate, under instructions ADOS Western Command.

7. VEHICLES - Vehicles rendered surplus will be returned under arrangements of "Q" Branch in the following condition -

(a) thoroughly clean
(b) complete with VOL equipment and approved AF G1033
(c) with Logbook complete and up to date
(d) accompanied by AAF G4
(e) MT Casualty Return (AAF G52) will be completed immediately transfers are effected.

8. SURPLUS STATIONERY -

(i) Surplus stationery including typewriters and duplicators will be returned to WESTERN COMMAND STATIONERY DEPOT.

(ii) All copies of GO's, GRO's and ASO's will be returned to "A" Branch this HQ.

(iii) HL Passes and Rail Warrant Books will be returned to DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WA.

9. UNIT RECORDS -

CO 15 AUST L OF C SIGS will be responsible for the completion of unit records to the satisfaction of WA ECH & REC and DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WA.

10. ACTION COMPLETE -

CO 15 AUST L OF C SIGS will take all necessary action to implement the foregoing and advise this HQ of action complete not later than 25 Nov 44.

Lt Col
AA & QMG WESTERN COMMAND

9 NOV 44

Distribution :-
List "B"
plus 15 Aust L of C Sigs (4)

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APPENDIX "A" issued with HQ Western Command S71/1/13 of 9 Nov 44

PERSONNEL AUTHORISED- % HQ 15 AUST L OF C SIGS

WE 111/37B/1 - RESTRICTED

(1) Summary of ranks

| DETAIL | Headquarters & Administrative Section | Headquarters Nos 1&2 Coy (Each) | Total Headquarters Signals |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lieutenant-colonel | 1 | - | 1 |
| Major (Second in Command) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Major | - | 1 | 2 |
| Captains | - | 1 | 2 |
| Captains - | | | |
| Adjutant | 1 | - | 1 |
| Duty Officers | - | 1 | 2 |
| Quartermasters | 1 | - | 1 |
| Lieutenants - | | | |
| Transport Officers | 1 | - | 1 |
| Total, officers | 5 | 3 | 11 |
| Regimental Serjeant-Major (Warrant Officer Class 1) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Regimental Quartermaster-Sjt. (Warrant Officer Class 11) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Company Serjeant-Major (Warrant Officer Class 11) | | 1 | 2 |
| Total, Warrant Officers | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Company Quartermaster-Sjt. | - | 1 | 2 |
| Orderly Room Serjeants | 2 (a) | - | 2 |
| Total, S/Sjts & Sjts. | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Corporals | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Signalmen | 13 | 3 | 19 |
| Total, rank and file | 16 | 4 | 24 |
| Total, other ranks | 20 | 6 | 32 |
| Total, all ranks | 25 | 9 | 43 |
| ATTACHED | | | |
| AAMC - Serjeant | 1 | - | 1 |
| AAOC - Corporal Shoemaker | 1 | - | 1 |
| AACC - Serjeant | 1 | - | 1 |
| AACC - Corporal | - | 1 | 2 |
| AAPC - Serjeant | 1 | - | 1 |
| Total, all ranks, incl att | 29 | 10 | 49 |

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(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

| Detail | Headquarters & Administrative Section | Headquarters Nos 1&2 Coys (Each) | Total Headquarters Signals |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Trade Group 111** | | | |
| Butcher | 1 | - | 1 |
| Clerks | (b) 2 | (b) 1 | 4 |
| Draughtsmen (Signals) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Driver mechanics | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Technical storemen | (c) 1 | - | 1 |
| **Non-Specialists** | | | |
| Batmen | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Batmen-drivers | 2 | - | 2 |
| Drivers MT | - | 1 | 2 |
| General duties | (b) 3 | - | 3 |
| Storeman | 1 | - | 1 |
| Hygiene dutyman | 2 | - | 2 |
| Transport NCO | (b) 1 | - | 1 |
| Total, rank and file | 16 | 4 | 24 |

(a) One will be attached to L of C Records Office

(b) Includes or is a corporal

(c) Includes or is a lance corporal

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Appendix "B" issued with HQ Western Command S71/1/13 of 9 Nov 44

PERSONNEL AUTHORISED - % 7 AUST OP SEC

WE 111/38S/1 - RESTRICTED

(i) Summary of ranks

| Detail | Number |
|---|---|
| Lieutenant | 1 |
| Serjeant | 1 |
| Corporals | 2 |
| Signalmen | 23 |
| Total, rank and file | 25 |
| Total, other ranks | 26 |
| Total, all ranks | 27 |
| ATTACHED | |
| AACC- Private (trade group 11) | 1 |
| Total, all ranks including att | 28 |

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

| | |
|---|---|
| Trade Group 1 | |
| Operators signal | (a) 22 |
| Trade Group 111 | |
| Despatch rider | 1 |
| Non-Specialists | |
| Batman-driver | 1 |
| Driver MT | 1 |
| Total, rank and file | 25 |

(a) Includes 2 corporals

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Appendix "C" issued with HQ
Western Command S71/1/13 of
9 Nov 44

## PERSONNEL AUTHORISED - %47 AUST WIRELESS SEC (LT)

## WE 111/38U/1 - RESTRICTED

### (i) Summary of ranks

| DETAIL | | NUMBER |
|---|---|---|
| Lieutenants | | 1 |
| Sergeants | | 1 |
| Corporals | | 2 |
| Signalmen | | 14 |
| | Total, rank and file | 16 |
| | Total, other ranks | 17 |
| | Total, all ranks | 18 |
| ATTACHED | | |
| AACC - | | |
| Private (trade Gp 11) | | 1 |
| Total, all ranks, including attached | | 19 |

### (ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

| | |
|---|---|
| **Trade Group 1** | |
| Electricians, signals | 3 |
| Operators, signals | (a)11 |
| **Trade Group 111** | |
| Driver Mechanic | 1 |
| **Non-Specialists** | |
| Batman-driver | 1 |
| Total, rank and file | 16 |

(a) Includes 2 corporals

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Appendix "D" issued with HQ Western Command S71/1/13 of 9 Nov 44

PERSONNEL AUTHORISED - % 9 AUST LINE SEC

WE 111/38E/3 - RESTRICTED

(i) Summary of ranks

| DETAIL | | NUMBER |
|---|---|---|
| Lieutenants | | 2 |
| Sergeants | | 2 |
| Corporals | | 6 |
| Signalmen | | 47 |
| | Total, rank and file | 53 |
| | Total, other ranks | 55 |
| | Total, all ranks | 57 |
| ATTACHED | | |
| AACC- Privates (Trade Gp 11) | | 2 |
| | Total, all ranks including att | 59 |

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

| | |
|---|---|
| Trade Group 1 | |
| Fitter signals | 1 |
| Trade Group 11 | |
| Lineman signals | (a)48 |
| Trade Group 111 | |
| Driver Mechanic | 1 |
| Non-Specialists | |
| Driver MT | 1 |
| Batman-drivers | 2 |
| Total, rank and file | 53 |

(a) Includes 6 corporals

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ WESTERN COMMAND
Swan Bks, Francis St.
PERTH.

REORGANISATION - LHQ HY WIRELESS GP

In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM11851 of 11 Nov 44, approval has been given for the reorganisation of LHQ Hy Wireless Gp.

ACTION -

The reorganisation of LHQ Hy Wireless Gp as affecting W/Comd is as set out in Appendix "A" and CSO will take immediate action to ensure that those instructions are implemented not later than 25 NOV 44, on which date, action complete will be submitted.

L Bowser
Lt/Col
A. & QMG WESTERN COMMAND

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(Less serials 10, 10A, 27, 36, 33, 35, 40 )

APPENDIX "A" ATTACHED TO S61/1/2 of 20 NOV 44

| Serial No. | Action by | Action | War Office Serial No. | Unit to be reorganised disbanded or raised | New WE Strength Offs | New WE Strength ORs | 21 Oct 44 Posted Strength Offs | 21 Oct 44 Posted Strength ORs | Equipment | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | WESTERN COMMAND | RED SIGNATE "D" DET 18 AUST WIRELESS SEC (HY) WIII/38G/4 | | Det 17 AUST WIRELESS SEC (STATIC) | - | 8 | - | 8 | Refer Serial 8 | Complete documentary transfer of personnel to 18 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) |
| 8 | VICE L OF C ARMY | DISBAND | 45243 | 17 AUST HY WIRELESS SEC (Static) (less det). | - | - | 1 | 18 | (a) Equipment held by Det 17 Aust Hy Wireless Sec in WESTERN AUSTRALIA WILL be transferred and held surplus to WET of HQ LHQ Hy Wireless Gp. (b) Remaining equipment and vehicles will be transferred to new sections or returned to RSD or 1 Aust Ord Veh Pk BANDIANA respectively. | Det 17 Aust Wireless Sec (Static) in WESTERN AUSTRALIA being converted to "D" Det 18 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) - Serial 4 refers. |

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ WESTERN COMMAND
Swan Bks, Francis St.
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DELETION, RESTRICTION, REORGANISATION AND RAISING OF UNITS - WESTERN COMMAND

(a) AREA COMD NORTHERN SECTOR WA - DISBANDING OF
(b) TOWN MAJORS (3rd Class) - RAISING OF

In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10422 of 2 Oct 44, the following reorganisation in the Northern Sector will be effected forthwith -

| War Office Serial No. | | | WE Ref No. | Posted Strength as at 2 Sep 44 Offrs | ORs | Total | WE Strength Offrs | ORs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 47184 | DISBAND | - AREA COMD NORTHERN SECTOR WA. | | 2 | 16 | 18 | | | |
| 92592 | RAISE | - TOWN MAJOR BROOME (3rd Class) | IV/146C/1 | | | | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 92593 | RAISE | - TOWN MAJOR PT HEDLAND (3rd Class) | " | | | | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 92594 | RAISE | - TOWN MAJOR DERBY (3rd Class) | " | | | | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 92595 | RAISE | - TOWN MAJOR ONSLOW (3rd Class) | " | | | | 1 | 3 | 4 |

2. ACTION - Action will be taken by HQ NORTHERN SECTOR WA to disband and raise these units in accordance with instructions contained herein.

3. PERSONNEL -

(a) OFFICERS - Officers to be transferred or reposted in accordance with this instruction will be separately advised by this HQ to all concerned.

(b) OTHER RANKS - Certain O/Rs rendered surplus have already been approved for absorption within the new units to be raised, and these will be transferred forthwith and where necessary, carried supernumerary in rank and/or trade pending further instructions. Remainder will be transferred and moved to RR & GDD as soon as it is practicable and unit will ensure relevant casualty returns and Mob 3s are endorsed "Surplus personnel transferred to GDD in accordance with LHQ SM10422 of 2 Oct 44 and HQ Western Command S71/1/15 of 22 Nov 44". Nominal roll of such personnel will be forwarded to this HQ immediately giving the following information - No., Rank, Name, Age, Medical Category (if A2 or B) trade classification or posting within unit, leave due (incl Doc) and recommendation for reposting.

(ii) WOs and NCOs rendered surplus will, subject to provisions of LHQ 156026 be reduced to their substantive rank before being marched into GDD.

4. ORDNANCE STORES & EQUIPMENT -

(a) Subject to physical check, all vehicles, stores and equipment at present on charge to HQ NORTHERN SECTOR, A/c No. W208 will be transferred to the TOWN MAJOR of the area in which the stores are at present dispersed.

(b) Stock having been disposed of in accordance with preceding para, ledger balances representing discrepancies will be dealt with according to procedure detailed in GRO 0293/44.

Discrepancy lists and Reports of Investigating Officer will be forwarded to this HQ, and Unit Ledger, vouchers and other relevant records will be forwarded to Unit Stores Accounts Section HQ Western Command for audit.

(c) Engineer stores and other items will be transferred in a similar way and where discrepancies are revealed detailed reports will be submitted to this HQ.

5. HQ NORTHERN SECTOR WA will ensure that the following action is completed prior to disbandment -

(a) STATIONERY - Stationery including typewriters and duplicators will be transferred to appropriate Town Majors.

(b) ACCOUNTS - All outstanding accounts of AREA COMD NORTHERN SECTOR WA including accounts of Trust Funds, Officers and Sgts messes, will be completed and a certificate to this effect will be forwarded to this HQ.

(c) POL RECORDS - Unchecked POL records will be forwarded to the District Accounts Office.

(d) CORRESPONDENCE - All outstanding correspondence will be completed.

(e) UNIT RECORDS - COMD HQ NORTHERN SECTOR WA will be responsible for the completion of unit records to the satisfaction of WA Sch & Roc and DFO.

(f) COURTS & BOARDS ETC - All outstanding Courts of Inquiry, investigations etc. in regard to accidents, damages or losses of stores etc. will be finalized before disbandment.

6. HQ NORTHERN SECTOR WA will ensure that the foregoing action is completed by 30 NOV 44 and action Complete Report submitted to HQ W/Comd.

Lt/Col
A & QMG W/Comd.

22 Nov 44.

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Area Comd Northern Sector (2)
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" " Pt Hedland
" " Onslow

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ WESTERN COMMAND
Swan Brks, Francis St.
PERTH.
29 Nov 44.

MOB ARMOURY WKSP SECS AEME - RAISING OF

In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM12019 of 17 Nov 44 an amendment to the OOB, AMF may be anticipated providing for the addition of two MOB ARMOURY WKSP SECS AEME to WA L OF C AREA WKSP.

2. ACTION -

Action will be taken by ADME in accordance with the provisions of this instruction and Appendix "A".

3. PERSONNEL -

Personnel required to complete MOB ARMOURY WKSPS SECS to WE will be obtained by the withdrawal of suitable personnel from AEME Units under command.

4. EQUIPMENT -

WA L OF C AREA WKSP will indent for any additional stores and equipment required through normal channels. Pending the issue of a WET for a Mob Armoury Wksp Sec equipment entitlement will be based on E2/500 scale.

5. GENERAL -

ADME will take all action to implement the foregoing and advise this HQ of action complete not later than 10 DEC 44.

Lt/Col
A. & Q.MG WESTERN COMMAND.

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APPENDIX "A" attached to S61/1/2 (Ord) of 29 Nov 44.

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | | (e) | | | | (f) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Serial No. | Action by | Action | Unit | | War Establishment | | | | REMARKS |
| | | | War Office Serial No. | Designation | Ref No. | Offs | ORs | Tot. | |
| 1 | WESTERN COMMAND | EXPAND | 47157 | W. L OF C [illegible] TKSP<br><br>by:-<br><br>two HOB MED-CURY TKSP TCS vide | 1V/97X/1 | - | 4 | 4 | The WE of W. L of C Area TKsp (as expanded) will, therefore, be:-<br><br>OFFRS 10, ORS 286, TOT. 296<br><br>Note:- Amdt No. 15 to W.1V/92/2 (W. L of C Area TKsp) reduces the entitlement of MEDICURISTS from 26 to 16. |
| | | | | TOTAL | | - | 4 | 4 | |

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118. (adapted.)

*Unit* "A" Branch HQ W. Comd. *Date and Time.—From* 1 Dec 44 *To* 31 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| PERTH | 1 Dec 44 to 31 Dec 44 | | ROUTINE ORDERS | |
| | | | HQ Western Command Nos. 418 to 468 dated 4,8,12,19,21,28 Dec. | Appendix "A" |
| | | | ACTIVITIES | |
| | | | Report to LHQ covering activities for month of Dec is attached. | Appendix "B" |
| | | | OTHER APPENDICES ATTACHED | |
| | | | ℄ 7 AWAS Adm Cadre - Disbanding of | Appendix "C" |
| | | | 2 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit ) | |
| | | | 4 Aust Local Purchase Office (Perth) ) Restriction of | Appendix "D" |
| | | | 3 Aust Mob Adm Repair Shop ) | |
| | | | Western Command Training Schools - Reorganisation of | Appendix "E" |
| | | | Coast & AA Defences - Reorganisation of | Appendix "F" |
| | | | 9 Aust Aux MT Pl - Disbanding of | Appendix "G" |
| | | | Aust Army Canteens Service - Reorganisation | Appendix "H" |
| | | | 6 Aust Mech Eqpt Wksp AEME - Raising of | Appendix "I" |

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By BRIG W.N.TINSLEY

Administering Command, Western Command.

Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
Francis St.,
PERTH.

GENERAL STAFF

418. BLUE AND WHITE (SIGNALS) ARMLETS: (CR. 27/1/42)

Reference Western Command Routine Order 334 of 24 Oct. 44, repeating GRO 211 of 12 Mar. 43.

2. GRO 211 was amended by GRO G458 which deletes para (b) and inserting in lieu the following :-

"2". "The armlet will be worn on the right upper arm with the exception of despatch riders who will wear it on each upper arm. In all cases it will be worn only while on duty."

COL.
GS. WESTERN COMMAND.

ADMINISTRATION

419. SUPPLY OF P.O.L. TO VEHICLES OF PHILANTHROPIC BODIES GRO G.149/44: (CR. 138/1/732)

The approval of Brigadier Adm Comd Western Command has been given for the registration with Army for the issue of POL to the undermentioned vehicles operating in the Northern Sector WA on behalf of YMCA PERTH.

| REGISTERED NO. | TYPE |
|---|---|
| 37500 | 3 Ton Fd Enrol Van Mobile Unit |
| 28456 | 30 Cwt " " " " " |

420. ANGAU - APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE DISTRICT SERVICES: (CR. 53/2/7)

Attention is directed to GRO Adm 417/44 (to be republished in Unit Routine Orders) inviting further applications from members of the AMF for appointment to the District Services of ANGAU.

2. Any further applications received will be forwarded to HQ Western Command immediately as it is anticipated that the Selection Committee appointed will be visiting Western Command in the near future to interview those applicants who are considered suitable.

421. P.O.L. CONTAINERS - 4 & 44 GAL DRUMS - LEAKAGE - (GRO Q.149/44 P.N. 84): (CR 138/1/40)

To facilitate repair and prevent loss of POL it is essential that on a Unit discovering a leaking POL Container either 4 or 44 gal, that contents be decanted to a sound container and source of leak marked with chalk before drum is returned to Supply Depot.

2. This will facilitate segregation of leaky drums and prevent such being inadvertently refilled.

422. MEDICAL RECLASSIFICATION - TENTATIVE D: (CR. 140/1/284)

Attention of Units is drawn to GRO A.205/44 Para (5) (a).

2. AAF D20 is the authority for Units to march a member out to GDD.

3. On receipt of AAF D20 Unit will arrange to transfer the member to GDD if his medical condition permits, or to hospital through the usual channels, if he is not fit to be transferred to GDD.

423. PREVENTION OF FIRES: (CR. 99/1/29)

Attention is directed to the necessity for increased fire precautions during summer months.

2. OC's of Units and installations, Camp Q Staffs will ensure that :-

(a) All grass and undergrowth in the vicinity of buildings, tents, etc is kept cut or removed. That where necessary fire breaks are constructed.

(b) Fire fighting equipment is sufficient and maintained in good order ready for immediate use.

(c) Fire Orders are read to all ranks once a week and that they are understood.

(d) Fire piquets are regularly practised in their duties.

424. ORDERING OFFICERS - TREASURY REGULATIONS 49 (1) AND OFFICERS CERTIFYING TO PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: (CR. 62/1/175)

The GOC Western Command has authorised the following amendment (Serial 87) to the list of Officers authorised to issue orders for supplies and services under Treasury Regulations 49 (1) and to sign certificates on Forms TS.4, affecting payment of accounts.

| Branch of Service | Appointment | Ordering Officer | Certifying Officer |
|---|---|---|---|
| PW & I | Project Officer MARRINUP. | Lt.N. McCLYMONT (For local expenses incurred in connection with Firewood Project) | Lt.N. McCLYMONT |

425. ORDERING OFFICERS - TREASURY REGULATIONS 49 (1) AND OFFICERS RELATING TO PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: (CR. 62/1/175)

The GOC Western Command has authorised the following amendment (Serial 88) to the list of Officers authorised to issue orders for supplies and services under Treasury Regulations 49 (1) and to sign certificates on Forms T84 affecting payment of accounts.

| Branch or Service | Appointment | Ordering Officer | Certifying Officer |
|---|---|---|---|
| ADD: | | | |
| Amenities | Amenities Officer | Maj R.W. DELVES | Maj R.W. DELVES |
| "G" Branch | GS (Int) | Maj C.C. MARR | Maj C.C. MARR |
| DELETE: | | | |
| "G" Branch | GS (Int) | Maj C.EDNIE BROWN | Maj C EDNIE BROWN |
| Amenities | Amenities Officer | Capt K.W. ALLEN | Capt K.W. ALLEN |

2. This delegation is made in favour of the particular officer mentioned above and not to any other Officer who may act temporarily at any time in above appointment.

426. TRANSFER OF CAMP "Q" STAFF BELLEVUE: (CR. 12/1/242)

It is notified for information that Headquarters Camp "Q" Staff, BELLEVUE, have vacated "BRENZORE" Middle Swan and are now located at the Remount Depot, GUILDFORD (Camp No 20).

Postal Address: -

Camp "Q" Staff,
Bellevue,
C/- Post Office,
GUILDFORD.

Telephone Number - UL370.

427. CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETING TELEGRAMS: (CR. 170/1/222)

It is essential that members of the Forces lodge their Season Greeting Telegrams, both for Overseas and within the Commonwealth, in sufficient time to ensure delivery of these messages prior to Christmas or the New Year as the case may be.

2. To ensure delivery, messages must be delivered on or before the undermentioned dates :-

Overseas Messages - 6 Dec. 44
Commonwealth Messages - 18 Dec. 44

3. Censorship provisions will be observed.

4. To be promulgated in Unit Routine Orders once weekly until 18 Dec. 44.

428. DRIVING OF ARMY VEHICLES BY UNFIT PERSONNEL: (CR. 138/1/682)

Investigations into causes of accidents involving Army vehicles have disclosed that drivers frequently allege that a mental "blackout" was responsible for their losing control of their vehicles.

2. In order to minimise this potential danger, Units will conduct forthwith a check of the history of every driver on strength. COs and OsC will satisfy themselves as to the fitness of drivers to continue to carry out their duties, and in any doubtful case will arrange for the medical examination

of the driver concerned forthwith. Remainder of drivers will be medically examined prior to 20 Dec. 44.

3. A certificate that this order has been complied with will be submitted to reach this Headquarters NOT later than 22 Dec. 44.

4. A Tech Med Instn is being issued to Medical Officers by DDMS.

429. PUMPS, DIVERS (3 CYLINDER, SINGLE ACTION) (CR. 138/1/40)

Procurement action is being taken by the Ordnance Service for "Oil, White, Specification GS/1496", Section III, to be used exclusively for the lubrication of Pumps Divers (3 Cylinder, single action).

2. The oil is being supplied in 1-gallon containers, and it is estimated that 8-gallons will be required per pump per annum.

3. To enable 7 Aust AOD to estimate Unit requirements of oil, a return of Unit holdings of Pumps Divers (3 Cylinder, Single Action) will be submitted to the ADOS Western Command by 1st Dec. 44.

430. ORDNANCE STORES - PREPARATION OF INDENTS: (CR. 215/15/532)

The introduction of the preposting system of accounting at 7 Aust AOD requires a separate line being allotted on the Unit indent (AF G997) for each size of item required.

2. This will particularly apply to sizes of clothing.

3. When submitting future indents Units will comply with this requirement, at the same time ensuring that not more than 7 sizes are shown on each AF G997.

4. The following is an example :-

Sec. Clo 6.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Boots, AB, H/H, Size | 6/5 | prs. | 1 |
| " | 7/5 | " | 3 |
| " | 8/5 | " | 4 |
| Laces Boot Leather Brown | | " | 16 |

E Bowen Lt-Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G. WESTERN COMMAND
4 ..... Dec. 44

NOTICES.

BADMINTON FOR MEMBERS OF AWAS AND AAMWS ON SUBSISTENCE: (CR 82/1/323)

Members of AWAS and AAMWS are advised that facilities including coaches, racquets and shuttles, for those wishing to play badminton are available every Wednesday evening, between 1900 hours and 2200 hours at the 16 Battalion Drill Hall, Bazaar Terrace, Perth.

LOST: (CR. 241/10/419)

Lost by W40668 Cfn WILLS G.H. Paybook, AAB 83 and Bank Book on 18 Nov. 44, in Canning Highway, between East Fremantle and Perth.

2. Finder please return to HQ Fortress Wksp AEME Fremantle.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

By BRIG. W.N. TINSLEY.

Administering Command, Western Command.

Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
Francis St.,
PERTH.

GENERAL STAFF.

N I L.

ADMINISTRATION.

431. CAMP NUMBERS - DISCONTINUANCE. (CR. 65/1/409)

The use of camp numbers in correspondence will be discontinued and in future the procedure of normal postal addresses will be used.

432. ORDERING OFFICERS - TREASURY REGULATIONS 49 (i) AND OFFICERS CERTIFYING TO PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS. (CR.62/1/175)

The GOC Western Command has authorised the following amendment (Serial 89) to the list of Officers authorised to issue orders for supplies and services under Treasury Regulations 49 (i) and to sign certificates on Forms TS 4 affecting payment of accounts.

| Branch or Service | Appointment | Ordering Officer. | Certifying Officer. |
|---|---|---|---|
| ADD. | | | |
| Surveys. | DAD Surveys. | Maj. R.K. RULE. | Maj. R.K. RULE. |
| DELETE. | | | |
| Surveys. | DAD Surveys. | Maj. J.A. EWING. | Maj. J.A. EWING. |

2. This delegation is made in favour of the particular officer mentioned above and not to any other Officer who may act temporarily at any time in above appointment.

433. REGISTERED MAIL MATTER. (CR.170/1/106)

"Instructions to NCO's in charge Army and Field Post Offices" require that the NCO will be provided with an authority (in duplicate) for the delivery of mail matter to the accredited representative of the Unit, Branch or Service in the following form:-

433.

AUST ARMY POSTAL SERVICE.

Serial No.....
Unit.....

To N.C.O. i/c .....

Authority is hereby given for

.....
(ArmyNo) ..... (Rank) (Name)

.....

.....

whose specimen signature (s) appear(s) below to collect all registered and unregistered mail matter addressed to this Unit) Branch) Service)

This authority will remain valid until .....

(Signature and Appointment)

Speciment Signature .....
.....
.....

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2. Mails will be delivered only to such accredited representatives.

3. Personal registered mail will be delivered only to the addressee or on his/her written authority which should bear the specimen signature of the authorised person and be countersigned by an Officer of the Branch or Service.

434. FREE TRAVEL - ESCORTS ON TRAINS CONVEYING DEFENCE MATERIAL. (CR. 181/2/355).

Free travel is allowed by the Railway Systems to Service escorts provided solely for the protection of Defence consignments on goods trains. Free travel is NOT allowed to:-

(i) Personnel accompanying equipment and/or stores which form part of a unit move.

(ii) Personnel accompanying equipment and/or stores which do NOT constitute a railway truck load.

2. The concession applies to a maximum of three personnel per train. Any escort personnel in excess of this number will travel at Departmental expense.

3. Rail Warrant (AAF T1) endorsed "GUARD DUTY BY GOODS TRAIN - NO CHARGE" will be issued for escort, and Railways will supply indivual return tickets for each member of the escort, who must produce same at any time on request by Railway Officials. Warrants will clearly indicate route over which travel is to be made.

4. Formation or L of C Area detailing escort will issue Movement Order (AAF A19) to each member of escort. On completion of forward journey, escort will contact local MC GP which will arrange return journey by rail.

434. 5. Escorts should not be required to travel long distances wit[illegible] relief. On interstate journeys relief should be effected at capital cities or other suitable points en route. In this connection MC Gps will advise by signal details of reliefs to be effected.

6. WA L of C Area RO 13/44 of 17 Feb 44, para 97 is cancelled.

435. CLOTHING - WOMEN'S SERVICES. (CR. 51/3/331)

Authority is given for issue of Aprons, Drill Khaki, womans on the following scale:-

2 per member of AAMWS on WE of hospitals, engaged in general duties or laundry work.

2. Above is a Unit issue and will NOT be recorded in AAB 83.

436. M.T. VEHICLES BEING RETURNED TO 5 AUST ORD VEH PK - AF G1033's. (CR.138/1/662)

Units when returning vehicles, under arrangements with ADOS to 5 Aust Ord Veh Pk, Nungarin or detachment Guildford, will prepare AF G1033's in the following manner:-

(a) An AF G1033 for the vehicle, showing Army No., Engine No. Model, Make and year of manufacture.

(b) A separate set of AF G1033's for V.O.L. items, vide GRO 386/44, Para. 8.

2. (a) AF G1033 for return of vehicles will be cross-referenced with that for V.O.L. items.

(b) AF G1033 for return of V.O.L. items will be similarly cross-referenced with AF G1033 for vehicles and will also show vehicle numbers.

3. Five copies, clearly numbered 1 to 5 will be prepared and distributed in accordance with GRO 232/44.

4. (a) V.O.L. items, when accompanying vehicles, will be returned to 5 Aust Ord Veh Pk.

(b) Surplus, or unserviceable V.O.L. items being returned independent of a vehicle will be returned to 7 Aust RSD Nungarin.

437. TRUCKS 15-CWT BATTERY STAFF - CONVERSION TO G.S. (CR.138/1/806)

Trucks 15-Cwt Battery Staff 4 x 4 and 4 x 2 are no longer an Army requirement and approval is given for the conversion of these vehicles to Trucks G.S.

2. Units holding these vehicles will arrange with A.E.M.E. for the necessary conversion action to be taken immediately.

3. Upon completion of conversion Units will submit form AF G54 in duplicate to ADOS (two copies to ADS & T with AASC units) to enable M.T. records to be adjusted accordingly. LHQ memo B77846 will be quoted as authority.

4. Kits Battery Staff for Trucks 15-Cwt have been declared obsolete, and the publication of Local Modification may shortly be anticipated.

437. 5. In view of the above conversion it will now be necessary to include under AAF E5-9 Schedule "M" (Census of Warlike Stores M.T. vehicles) Serial 6030 Trucks 15-cwt. 4 x 4 G.S. (Aust) No. 1. vehicles which were previously shown as follows:-

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6037 | Trucks | 15-cwt. | 4 x 4 | B/Staff | GS. | |
| 6040 | " | " | " | " | Pers | K2 Loading. |
| 6041 | " | " | " | " | " | TLA " |
| 6042 | " | " | " | " | " | Y " |
| 6044 | " | " | " | " | C/L | M1 " |
| 6045 | " | " | " | " | " | M5 " |
| 6047 | " | " | " | " | W/less | GA " |
| 6048 | " | " | " | " | " | H " |
| 6049 | " | " | " | " | " | K1 " |

and under Serial 6030A Trucks 15-Cwt. 4 x 2 G.S. (Aust) No. 1. vehicles which were previously shown as follows:-

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6037A | Trucks | 15-cwt | 4 x 2 | B/Staff | GS. | |
| 6040A | " | " | " | " | Pers | K2 Loading. |
| 6041A | " | " | " | " | " | TLA " |
| 6042A | " | " | " | " | " | Y " |
| 6044A | " | " | " | " | C/L | M1 " |
| 6045A | " | " | " | " | " | M5 " |
| 6047A | " | " | " | " | W/less | GA " |
| 6048A | " | " | " | " | " | H " |
| 6049A | " | " | " | " | " | K1 " |

6. Action will be taken to have holdings and entitlements in Census of Warlike Stores (M.T. Vehicles) adjusted accordingly.

438. HOTEL NATIONAL - FREMANTLE. (CR.168/1/327)

As from the close of its business on 11 Dec.44 the Hotel National Fremantle is out of bounds to all members of the Australian Military Forces.

[signature]
Lt.Col.
AA & QMG. WESTERN COMMAND.
8.. Dec 44.

NOTICES.

FOUND. (CR. 168/1/516)

Army pattern Bicycle, maker's No. A83, with "Sigs" in yellow paint on rear mudguard. Found in vicinity of MELVILLE Camp.

2. Unit claiming this bicycle will contact DAPM Western Command.

RIFLES LOST AND FOUND. (CR.198/1/157)

RIFLES LOST.
69903
B16606
2L8656

RIFLES FOUND.
NIL.

PISTOLS LOST.
.38 Smith & Wesson V1472970
.38 Smith & Wesson V1475668
.32 Auto 296984

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# AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

## ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By BRIG. W.N. TINSLEY.

Administering Command, Western Command

Headquarters,
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PERTH.

## GENERAL STAFF

439. SECURITY OFFICERS (CR. 65/1/165)

Owing to numerous changes in this Command during recent months, the appointment of a Security Officer in each Unit and formation may have been overlooked by some units or at least changes have not been notified to this HQ.

2. It is preferable that the 2 i/c of a unit carries out the duties of Security Officer where-ever possible.

3. Formations and Units will submit to this HQ through the usual channels, the number, rank, name and appointment of Security Officers, the return to reach this HQ by 19 Dec 44. Any subsequent changes are to be advised promptly.

Col.
CS. Western Command

## ADMINISTRATION

440. DISCHARGE OF PERSONNEL FOR UNIVERSITY STUDY - YEAR 1945. (CR. 194757/1338)

Approval has been given for the discharge of personnel who desire to commence or resume University Courses in the 1945 University year, and whose discharge is recommended by the Manpower Directorate.

2. Personnel who desire to commence courses may be recommended for discharge if :-

(a) they enlisted before their 21st birthday
(b) they have completed three years full time service
(c) they are qualified to enter upon the course
(d) they are selected within the number prescribed for release

Other personnel, with at least two years service, and who are qualified to commence University courses may apply, but their applications will be considered within the quotas of reserved civilian students and will be selected in open competition with civilian applicants.

3. Personnel who desire to resume courses in reserved faculties which were interruped by enlistment may be recommended for discharge if:-

(a) they have completed one year of full time service, and
(b) in the opinion of the Universities Commission their record as a student prior to enlistment was a reasonable one. (Reserved faculties are Medicine, Dentistry, Engineering, Science, Veterinary Science, Agriculture and Architecture).

4. Personnel who desire to resume courses in unreserved faculties which were interrupted by enlistment may be recommended for discharge if :-

(a) having completed two years full time service and requiring not more than two years to complete the course, they are considered by the Universities Commission to have an academic record above average.

(b) having completed three years full time service and requiring not more than three years to complete the course, they are considered by the Universities Commission to have a satisfactory record.

5. No graduate of any one Faculty will be discharged for the purpose of commencing a course in another Faculty.

6. Army rank or location of unit will not debar any applicant from consideration for discharge.

7. Eligible personnel should submit their applications in duplicate - one copy through normal Army channels and the other direct to the University at which enrolment is applied for. Care is to be exercised by applicants that the detailed particulars required as set out in paras 10 and 11 hereafter are fully given. Applications which do not contain the required information will risk rejection.

8. It is to be noted that although the usual restrictive conditions concerning releases to industry (CRO A736/1943) will not apply to the release of personnel for the purpose of resuming or commencing University training, unit commanders are invited when forwarding applications, to make comments on the advisability of discharge for this purpose or otherwise.

9. In view of the limited time available to check applications and to arrange the release of the recommended personnel, it has been agreed to allow the applicant himself to forward the duplicate copy referred to direct to the University at which he desires enrolment. This will allow the University Authorities to preliminarily check the applicant's qualifications pending receipt of the official application. Applications received after 31st January 1945 will not be considered for the commencement of studies in the 1945 academic year.

10. Information required from applicants who desire to commence courses is :-

(a) Army number, name and unit
(b) the University at which it is desired to commence the course.
(c) the course in which enrolment is sought
(d) all particulars of qualifications to commence that course, including the name of the examination, the State in which the examination was taken, the year of the examination and the school from which the applicant was a candidate. Inaddition, any details of the pass which the applicant can furnish should be shown

(e) age on enlistment
(f) date of enlistment for full time service.

The application to the University should show in addition that an application for discharge has been made to the Army.

11. Information required from applicants who desire to resume courses is :-

(a) Army number, name and unit
(b) the University at which enrolment is sought
(c) the University attended prior to enlistment
(d) the course followed and standard reached
(e) the last year of University attendance
(f) the date of enlistment for full time service.

441. "AIR RECEIVERS - INSPECTION AND TESTING OF (CR. 215/1/678)

GRO 365/44 requires that periodical tests and inspections shall be made of all Air Receivers.

2. A return is required of all high pressure bottles, as defined by GRO 365/44, held by units. Returns will be submitted on the following pro-forma and addressed to ADME Western Command.

| Unit | Reg. No. of bottle | Length and Diam. | Date of Last Inspection | Working Pressure Max. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |

442. OBSOLETE RUBBER STAMPS (CR. 214/1/173)

Manufacture of rubber stamps for the Army has been initiated by LHQ Printing Press.

2. Handles for rubber stamps are difficult to obtain, rendering it necessary that all stamps that become obsolete be collected to enable use of the handles on new stamps.

3. All Units, Branches and Services will return forthwith to Western Command Stationery Depot, all obsolete rubber stamps on handles.

443. P.O.L. DRUMS - 4 GALLON - HALF YEARLY CENSUS (CR. 138/1/40)

The half-yearly census of all 4 gal POL drums Full and Empty, will be taken as at 1800 hrs on 31 Dec 44. Drums in transit will be included .

Returns will be forwarded to reach HQ BIFOD, Salters Point not later than 7 Jan 45.

443. CLAIMS AGAINST STATE RAILWAYS IN RESPECT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE TO GOODS. (CR. 181/1/1)

As a result of decisions made by the War Railway Committee, goods conveyed under "Owners Risk" conditions at special defence rates will be subject to the same conditions as consignments of ordinary civilian traffic at ordinary tarriff rates at "Owners Risk".

2. Consequently, where the goods have been consigned and received at locations at which railway checking staff is provided, claims for any loss or damage in transit will be made upon the appropriate system (including Midland Railway Coy. of W.A. Ltd.)

and such claims will be dealt with on their merits by the system concerned.

3. No liability is accepted by the railway systems in in respect of loss or damage in transit where consignment and/or delivery are at locations at which no checking staff is provided by the railway systems, but claims will be lodged for any losses or damage in transit where checking and unloading charges have been raised by Railways on T.2 Consignment Notes.

4. The Treasury has approved that all War Departments may dispense with claims on State Railways for loss or damage to stores whilst in transit, provided the amount involved in respect of such loss or damage in any one instance does not exceed 10/- (vide GRO F.713/43).

444. RAIL TRAVEL NUNGARIN - (CR. 144/2/74/19)

Attention is drawn to the most satisfactory method of sending personnel by rail from PERTH to NUNGARIN, which is by regular leave train departin PERTH on Thursdays at 0712 hrs.

2. Personnel will not however, be allowed to entrain at PERTH, but will report to LTD at 1600 hrs on the Wednesday prior to movement, and will join a connecting Suburban Train ex KARRAKATTA under arrangements LTD.

3. Only in exceptional circumstances will personnel move to NUNGARIN on days other than Thursdays, as no train connections can be made from NORTHAM, which occasions uneconomical running of MT to pick up stranded passengers.

445. REQUISITIONS FOR MT (CR. 138/1/600)

Requisitions for MT previously submitted to ADS & T will in future be submitted to DAQMG (M).

2. Under no circumstances will units deal direct with 124 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.

3. Owing to the limited number of Tpt Coy vehicles remaining in Western Command, provision of MT will only be made for approved tasks, and this Headquarters must be satisfied that unit vehicles are not available.

446. DISPOSAL OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT OF SICK OR WOUNDED MEMBERS (CR. 51/3/273)

Due to difficulties which have arisen in the application of the provisions of GRO's A299/44 and C369/44 concerning the disposal of clothing and equipment of sick and wounded members of the AIF and the appropriate method of recording such disposal, the following instructions are promulgated for the guidance of all concerned. These instructions will be acted upon in anticipation of the necessary amendments being effected to GRO's A299/44 and C369/44 :-

1. DISPOSAL OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

The provisions of GRO A299/44 Part IV will be followed except that where it is not practicable to forward Kit with a wounded or sick member being evacuated to a field ambulance CCS or general hospital -

(a) in the case of units outside AUSTRALIA and TASMANIA

(i) only the personal effects of the member will be labelled with AF W3300

(Wounded Officer's Kit) or AF W3042 (Wounded Other Ranks' Kit) and forwarded to the medical unit to which the member has been evacuated or, if this is not known, to the nearest Aust Kit Store Unit; and

(ii) balance of kit i.e. clothing, necessaries and other items on issue, will be returned to ordnance under formation or area arrangements.

(b) in the case of units in AUSTRALIA and TASMANIA the kit of the member will be forwarded as soon as possible to the medical unit to which the member has been evacuated which must be ascertained by the Unit from which he has been evacuated.

2. RECORDING OF DISPOSAL OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

The provisions of GRO 0369/44 will be followed except in the case of units outside AUSTRALIA and TASMANIA when the following procedure will apply -

(a) Casualties evacuated on medical grounds from units outside AUSTRALIA and TASMANIA will retain AB 83 and AF F204 but, except as provided below, no entries will be made in either document by any medical unit in respect of clothing or personal equipment taken from them in accordance with GRO 4299/44.

(b) In all cases of such casualties being evacuated to an Aust Gen Hospital (whether it is located outside the mainland or not), as soon as practicable after admission of the casualty or in any event before his discharge or evacuation to the rear, the QM of that Aust Gen Hospital will carry out a kit inspection and in the member's AB 83 and AF F204 rule off all previous entries. On a fresh line he will make entries in accordance with GRO 0369/44 to show -

(i) all articles in possession of the member;

(ii) articles shown in his AB 83 as having been deposited in an Aust Kit Store.

The member will initial (unless he is incapable of doing so) and the QM will sign against the entries.

(c) The QM will issue to the member an AF F25- endorsed as follows :

"Entries in AB 83 and AF F204 ruled off on .....(insert date)"

No items will be listed on AF F25-. This AF F25- produced by the member when called upon to do so, will authenticate the entries referred to in para (b) of this part.

(d) In the case of a casualty who is evacuated to a medical unit in advance of an Aust Gen Hospital, procedure will vary according to the circumstances :-

(i) if the member is discharged to a unit which is located outside AUSTRALIA and TASMANIA, and which is not a medical unit, immediately upon his arrival at that unit, the QM will replace deficient items or take the action prescribed in paras (b) and (c) above.

(ii) if for any reason such a member is to be returned by a medical unit direct to AUSTRALIA or TASMANIA, he will not be re-issued with the deficient items but the QM of the medical unit will take the action prescribed in paras (b) and (c) above (except where the member is evacuated to an Aust Gen Hospital, when the Aust Gen Hospital will take the prescribed action.)

(c) Formations and areas will ensure that units comply with these instructions as, unless members are able to produce the appropriate AAF F25A when called upon to do so, entries in AAB 83 or AAF F204 in respect of withdrawals of clothing and equipment (whether made in accordance with para (b) above or GRO 0369/44) may be disallowed. In such cases, members may find that disciplinary action is taken against them, and that they are subjected to stoppage of pay.

447. MONTHLY CENSUS OF WARLIKE STORES - CAMERAS (ALL TYPES AND MAKES) (CR. 215/1/615)

Attention is drawn to GRO 0195/44.

(a) Units will include in Census returns as at 20 Dec under serial number 3351, holdings of all cameras on army charge and WET entitlements to cameras.

(b) A statement will be attached to the return showing the following detail :-

(i) Make and Body number
(ii) Film size
(iii) Lens particulars and numbers - including extra lenses
(iv) Shutter speeds
(v) Condition e.g. Good; Fair; Faulty
(vi) Exposure meters held.

(c) Units will ensure that all Cameras on army charge are included.

(d) AAF E5-1 will be amended to include section J.4 when all information has been collated as to types and sizes on charge, and until such amendment has been promulgated in GO's, Units will continue to report cameras under serial 3351, giving body and lens numbers only, but reporting in detail, as per para 2, all subsequent receipts and disposals.

E. Bowser
Lt.Col.
AA & QMG Western Command
17 Dec 44

NRHQ

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ Western Command
Swan Barracks,
Francis St.,
PERTH.

To COs and OCs all units

Subtended is a copy of a memo received by the Deputy Director War Loans, Perth from the Commonwealth Loans Director, for your perusal.

Please ensure that all action is taken to prevent misappropriation occurring in your unit.

Lt.-Col
AA & QMG WESTERN COMMAND
12 Dec 44.

" MEMO TO - DEPUTY DIRECTORS - ALL STATES:

Recently there was a serious misappropriation of loan moneys by a Warrant Officer at Victoria Barracks, Sydney, who is at present serving a term of imprisonment. Since then there has been a long discussion between Army and the Treasury on the question of responsibility for the misappropriation, the Treasury and we having refused to accept any responsibility in the matter at all.

In the case under review, the Warrant Officer was permitted to collect instalment moneys regularly from group loan subscribers. He failed to account for the money.

In this regard the Treasury now requests that in discussions with representatives of Service and other public Departments, that money collected from subscribers should be held by two persons jointly who should account to the Commonwealth Bank for the subscriptions. This would be so only in cases where the subscriptions are not collected by means of doductions from wages or salary. In those cases the responsibility would rest with the Department.

Where, however, as in the case of the Sydney Army Headquarters, a loan groups is conducted other than through Departmental accounts, the Treasury direction would apply.

(Sgd.) C. BANFIELD
COMMONWEALTH LOANS DIRECTOR "

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# AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

## ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By Major-General H.C.H. ROBERTSON

General Officer Commanding Western Command

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Swan Barracks,
PERTH W A

## GENERAL STAFF

448. SYSTEM OF VEHICLE MARKINGS - AUG 44. (CR. 138/1/482)

Unit Comds are responsible that all vehicles on Unit Charge are marked in accordance with "System of Vehicle Markings - Aug 44", as promulgated in Western Command S.62/1/2 of 31 Aug 44.

2. All vehicles will be physically checked to ensure that this instruction has been complied with.

Col.
GS. Western Command

## ADMINISTRATION

449. REQUEST HOUR (CR.158/1/40)

Attention is directed to GRO 1492/43.

Quarterly Request Hour Report will be submitted as set out in RO 13/44 para 133, to reach this HQ not later than 24 Dec 44.

450. SURPLUS GRO's (CR.153/1/114)

All Units, Branches and Services will make a check of back numbers of GRO's held, and forward any surplus copies to this HQ by 31 Dec 44.

451. AMENITIES BULK STORE W.A.C.A. GROUND (CR.82/1/288)

Units are advised that no business will be transacted at the Amenities Store between 25 Dec 44 and 2 Jan 45.

During this period the annual stocktaking will take place.

452. STAFF - FINANCE OFFICE (CR.164/10/72)

RO Part I Serial No. 26/44 para 296 is now cancelled as the vacancies in Australian Army Pay Corps (District Finance Office) have been filled.

To be republished in the next issue of all Unit RO's Part 1.

453. TRADE GROUPINGS - USE OF ARABIC NUMERALS INSTEAD OF ROMAN NUMERALS IN DESIGNATIONS. (CR.228/1/44)

Reports indicate that the use of Roman numerals (I, II, III, IV) in the designation of trade groupings creates a greater likelihood of error than would be the case if ordinary

arabic figures (1, 2, 3, 4) were used.

2. Action is therefore being taken in the near future to amend GRO A243/1944, War Establishments and other relevant instructions to provide for the substitution of arabic figures in such designations.

3. Such amendments will be anticipated and action will be taken forthwith to use arabic figures in all references to trade grouping in records, instructions and other documents.

454. FREE_TRAVEL ON_COMPASSIONATE_LEAVE (CR.181/2/674)

Attention is directed to the provisions of GRO A598/1943 para 108 (b) which was recently amended and now reads as follows -

> "Free leave travel will also be provided for leave granted under Part III of this order on compassionate or emergencey grounds and this will not count against entitlement under sub para (a)" (Note: sub para (a) deals with normal entitlement to free travel.)

2. It has been brought to notice that, whereas free travel by rail under the above provision should be covered by the issue of a combined home leave pass and rail ticket (HL 1 or HL 2), in many instances a rail warrant (AAF T1) is being issued in lieu.

455. FREE_TRAVEL OF_SERVICE_PERSONNEL_ON MIDLAND RAILWAY = PREPARATION OF_FORMS_P1.1 (CR.181/2/672)

> "Location of Unit will NOT be shown on Pl.1 in the space provided, when forms are being prepared for issue to personnel. This requirement will be deleted from Pl. 1 when new stocks are being printed".
>
> "Stations available between" - will continue to be shown".

456. CARE_OF PROPERTY_IN ARMY_CHARGE (CR.38/1/30)

Attention is drawn to W. Comd. RO Serial 27/44 para 323 and Serial 19/44 para 212.

2. It has been observed that several units have not yet complied with the instruction to prepare and submit to HQ W. Comd. AAFs P3 covering the properties occupied by them.

3. Where Units are in occupation of hired or other property which is not administered by Camp "Q" Staffs, the necessary action will be taken by the Unit forthwith.

4. In compiling the Appendices to show details of the buildings on the site, such buildings will be allotted serial numbers which will be quoted in the Appendix and in the site plan to be submitted.

5. Where any camp, barrack or other establishment is taken over or vacated the certificate will be submitted in all cases to HQ W. Comd. in accordance with W.Comd. RO. 19/44 para 212 (3).

457. ORDERING OFFICERS - TREASURY REGULATIONS 49 (1) AND OFFICERS CERTIFYING TO PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS. (CR.62/1/175)

The GOC Western Command has authorised the following amendment (Serial 90) to the list of Officers authorised to issue orders for supplies and services under Treasury Regulations 49 (1) and to sign certificates on Forms TS.4. affecting payment of accounts -

| Branch or Service | Appointment | Ordering Officer | Certifying Officer |
|---|---|---|---|
| ADD. | | | |
| Medical | DADMS | Maj. L. W.MARTIN | Maj. L.W. MARTIN |
| DELETE. | | | |
| Medical | DADMS | Maj. C.R. DUNKLEY | Maj. C.R. DUNKLEY |

This delegation is made in favour of the particular officer mentioned above and not to any other officer who may act temporarily at any time in above appointment.

458. GRENADES NO. 79 MK. 1 (CR.10/1/262)

Information is to hand that in many instances, the above Grenades have proved unsatisfactory.

Units will immediately segregate all stocks and advise ADOS by 27 Dec 44 of number held.

459. CTGES S.A. .303-IN. TRACER G.MARK VI.Z.DIL PRODUCTION (CR.10/2/66)

A return is required from all Units showing present holding of the above ammunition in Lots 171 to 2944 manufactured between Oct. 42 and Feb. 43.

This ammunition will not be used and all stocks held will be segregated pending instructions regarding disposal.

Unit returns will reach ADOS HQ Western Command by 27 Dec 44.

460. PUBLICATIONS FOR "A" & "B" VEHICLES - SECTION LV.6 (CR.1387/2/51)

Units will take the following action forthwith -

(a) Ensure that all LV.6 Publications held in excess of entitlement as authorised by GRO 124/43, are returned to 7 Aust RSD.

(b) Ensure that an indent has been submitted to ADOS for the LV6 publications to which they are entitled in accordance with GRO 124/43.

Units will advise ADOS action complete not later than 28 Dec 44.

G. Bowen Lt.Col.
A. & Q.M.G. Western Command
19 Dec 44

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By Major-General H.C.H. ROBERTSON

General Officer Commanding Western Command

Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
Francis Street,
PERTH W A

GENERAL STAFF

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461. RECLAIMED LUBRICATING OILS - USE OF (CR.204/1/19)

In order that stocks of "Re-refined Oils" may be reduced it is directed that Supply Depots and BIFOD will until further instructed issue -

For Engine Lubrication M.T. Vehicles - DD40 (R) in place of OE30
" Motor Cycles - DD60 (R) in place of OE50

2. Units will requisition for supplies accordingly.

3. Where grades of OE 10 DD20, G090 are required such will still be available.

4. Attention is drawn to "Mechanization Circular No. 97B Lubricants for Army Mechanical Vehicles" Instructions contained therein will apply on all future occasions when vehicles again change over from "DD (R)" oils to "OE" Oils.

5. Grades OE30 and OE50 will only be used in special cases as authorised by ADS & T or ADME.

Lt.Col.
AA & QMG Western Command
22 Dec 44

NOTICES

ENTERTAINMENTS (CR.82/1/156)

The Citizen's Reception Council have made the following arrangements for Xmas at its various Centres -

SUNDAY 24th December

Phyllis Dean Service Club

| | |
|---|---|
| Special Xmas Dinner | 12 to 2 |
| Tea | 5 to 7 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Afternoon:- | Music & Dancing | |
| Night | Special "Carol" Concert | 8 to 10 |
| TOWN HALL<br>MONASH HOUSE | } Music, Dancing<br>Light Refreshments | 2 to 10 |

MONDAY 25th December XMAS DAY

Phyllis Dean Service Club and Town Hall

| | |
|---|---|
| Special Xmas Dinner | 12 to 2 |
| Special Xmas Tea | 5 to 7 |

Music and Dancing Afternoon & Evening in both Centres.

LOST (CR.98/8/22)

A 14 ft. flat bottomed boat painted khaki green broke from its moorings at GARDEN ISLAND during the storm on night 7/8 Dec 44.

Any unit or individual finding this boat is requested to notify 25 Aust Hy AA Bty, RAA (L1111) or HQ 8 Aust AA Group, RAA (F1330).

FOUND (CR.138/1/1077)

Vehicle Tyre serial No. A452749 Olympic Road Grip 8 Ply - found in vicinity of Causeway Canning Highway.

Unit desiring to claim this Tyre should apply to 5 Aust L of C Provost Coy.

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# AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

## ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

By Major-General H.C.H. ROBERTSON.

General Officer Commanding Western Command.

Headquarters,
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PERTH. W.A.

## GENERAL STAFF.

462. PRIORITY OF MESSAGES AND TELEPHONE CALLS. (CR.225/1/59)

All previous instructions regarding the authorised priority of messages and telephone calls issued by HQ 3 Aust Corps are cancelled and are superseded by CROs 357/1942 and 271/1944.

[redacted] Col.
G.S. WESTERN COMMAND.

## ADMINISTRATION. .... Dec 44.

463. MEAL ALLOWANCES.- WESTERN COMMAND INSTRUCTIONS "Q" 17 & 51/42. (CR.151/1/24).

Attention of O.C.s and Orderly Room Sgts of Western Command Units is drawn to Western Command Instructions "Q" 17 & 51/42 Paras "A", "B", "D" and "E" with reference to members' entitlement to meal allowance when performing extra duties.

2. The following extracts from the Checking Officer's report are promulgated in order to avoid a repetition of discrepancies disclosed during a recent inspection of Unit Registers of Extra Duty in accordance with the above instructions:-

(1) Instances such as payment to members who were residing at ordinary lodging houses that do not cater for meals were noticed; as these members purchase their meals independently to the payment of accommodation it is evident that no additional expense is incurred in the payment of meals when performing extra duties and these members are NOT entitled to Meal Allowance.

(2) It was also noticed that payment of Meal Allowance had been made for midday meals to members who had worked during a normal Rest Day, but as these members were granted a day's leave in lieu thereof they were not entitled to meal allowance for the midday meal.

(3) Reference is made regarding members who live close to their place of duty. It is pointed out to O.C. Units that, where members are residing in close proximity to their place of duty, reasonable care should be exercised to see that these members do NOT claim meal allowance if they are able to proceed home for a meal within the time allowed.

3. Debit Advices have been raised to adjust the over-payments as outlined in paras 1 and 2 above.

464. EXPENSE STORES - SCALE OF ISSUE - STRAW. (CR. 94/1/25)

The following scale of issue for Palliasses is operative as from 24 Dec 44:-

Initial issue - 8 lbs per palliasse.

An additional 2 lbs may be drawn after a fortnight's use.
Replacement issue of 8 lbs may be drawn after 45 days or if damp.

2. Expense Stores Scale of Issue is to be amended accordingly.

465. CLOTHING - SHIRTS. (CR. 51/3/164)

Shirts, Military Khaki and Shirts, Military Green (where applicable) will be issued to troops in or proceeding to tropical areas North of latitude 20° South. Shirts Cellular will only be issued to personnel South of latitude 20° South.

2. Personnel situated South of this latitude and proceeding North of such line will receive, prior to movement, an issue of Shirts Military Khaki. (Shirts Military Green will be issued as necessary, prior to movement in the state of embarkation only). Cellular type Shirts will be withdrawn in both cases and returned to RSD.

466. WAR SCALE OF CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES FOR AWAS AND AAMWS. (CR. 51/3/331)

The need to conserve existing stocks of Jackets, safari, khaki, women's and Trousers, drill, khaki, women's for wear in overseas areas, makes it necessary to restrict the use of these garments as working dress for personnel on the mainland.

2. In future, AWAS and AAMWS personnel entitled to wear trousers as working dress will receive:-

(i) BLOUSES, MT, WOMEN'S } new or part-worn
TROUSERS, MT, WOMEN'S } re-conditioned

as summer working dress in lieu of:-

Jackets, safari, khaki, women's
Trousers, drill, khaki, women's.

Except where already issued Jackets, safari, khaki, women's will not be worn with trousers as working dress.

(ii) When stocks of Blouses, MT, women's are exhausted, personnel will then receive:-

JACKETS, SUMMER, KHAKI, WOMEN'S(WORKING).

(iii) When stocks of Trousers, MT, women's are exhausted, units will then revert to :-

BLOUSES, DRILL, KHAKI, WOMEN'S

and demand accordingly.

(iv) In cases where certain sizes of Blouses, MT and/or Trousers, MT, cannot be supplied from existing stocks, indents may be approved for the issue of Jackets, Summer, Khaki, Women's (working) and/or Trousers, drill, khaki, women's.

3. GRO 0.554/1943 authorises drivers of ambulances of 3-ton or over trucks to wear trousers and jackets in the vehicle outside camp areas. Units will indent for Jackets, summer, khaki, women's (working) where such drivers are not already issued with safari jackets.

4. Units holding Jackets, safari, khaki, women's, for issue only as working dress on the mainland, are to return immediately all stocks of this garment to 7 RSD, marked:-

"JACKETS, SAFARI, KHAKI, WOMEN'S

NYW - Authority LHQ B34261 of 14 Dec 44"

467. DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE ARMY STOCKS. (CR.138/1/196)

The undermentioned vehicles have been declared obsolete owing to various local modifications. Any spare parts special to these vehicles will not be required for maintenance purposes.

| Make. | Model. | Make. | Model. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Albion | 1940 Sk.31 | Humber | 1939 Cars 1941 6 Seater Utility |
| Brockway | 1937 30-cwt. | | |
| Citroen | 1938 Cars. D.S. | Karrier | 1939 Trucks 3-ton |
| Commercial | 1938-39 Lorries | Leyland | B65 WLW4 |
| Crossley | 1933 IGL3 | Packard | 1938 Cars D.S. |
| Guy | 1941 Tractors Arty. | Peugot | 1937 Cars D.S. 1937 Vans 1-Ton. |
| | | Thornycroft | 1930-40 Lorries 3-cwt 3-Ton. |

2. All units, including A.E.M.E. and A.A.S.C. Workshops will take action to return any such spare parts held, to 7 Aust RSD on approved GRO33's. Such action will be completed not later than 4 Jan 45.

3. All items will be suitably packed and tagged or labelled. The correct part number and description must be shown on each tag or label.

4. It is emphasised that after the publication of this instruction, the retention of any spare parts special to the abovementioned vehicles will be unauthorised.

468. CHECK OF BLANKETS. (CR. 215/9/92)

All Units will make a check of blankets held in Unit Store and on issue to individuals as at 15 Jan 45.

2. The Unit Stocks will include blankets held on temporary loan from Camp "Q" Staffs.

3. A return in the following form will be submitted to reach ADOS by 19 Jan 45.

Unit .....

Date .....

ADOS HQ WESTERN COMMAND.

CHECK OF BLANKETS.

Number of Blankets in Unit Store .....

" " " on issue to individuals .....

Total

(Signature) .....(Rank)
(Unit Stamp)

4. In cases where it is known that the Unit return will not reach ADOS by normal means by 19 Jan the information required will be signalled on 17 Jan.

5. It is essential that figures be accurate.

Lt.Col.
A.A.&Q.M.G. WESTERN COMMAND.

28 Dec 44.

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Headquarters, Western Command

4 Jan 45

LHQ (Aust)
MELBOURNE

AMENITIES REPORT - DEC 44

Reference is made to LHQ 49757 of 1942

Herewith Amenities Report for Dec 44.

1. OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| WESTERN COMMAND | MAJOR R.W. DELVES | DAD AMENITIES |
| | CAPT C.J. PATERSON | AMENITIES OFFICER |
| | LIEUT A.G. HOWELL | SPECIAL DUTIES |
| | LIEUT S.A. BUDGE | WOMEN'S SERVICES |
| | LIEUT G.M. DAVIES | 110(PERTH)MIL HOSP |
| | LIEUT R.O. WAY | FREMANTLE FORTRESS |
| | LIEUT A.R.GRAINGER | 118 A.G.H. |

2. INSPECTIONS BY DAD AMENITIES

During Dec 44, DAD Amenities visited Northam Area and AA Gun Sites.

3. ORGANISATION OF SPORT

Organised by A.A. Amenities Service Western Command, the Services Cricket Competition, comprising Naval Army and RAAF teams, is proceeding satisfactorily. On Boxing Day, a combined Services team defeated the W.A. Cricket Association team after a close match. On the Social side this fixture was distinctly successful as well as being unique in some aspects. Guests on the day included former English Test Batsman Mr Herbert Sutcliffe and Flight-lieut Vic Richardson.

Convened by A.A. Amenities Service, Western Command, a meeting of the three Services is to be held this week to discuss the possibility of arranging a triangular series of games between these three Services.

Arrangements are in hand to conduct a Swimming Carnival for Army male and female personnel on Saturday afternoon 10 Feb 45. The Allied Sports Council's inter Allied Tennis Tournament is proceeding and it is intended to hold competitions in Boxing, Volley ball, etc.

There has been a steady demand for the loan of golf equipment from the Amenities Sports Store.

Attendance at the Kitchener Park Tennis Courts for the month was 269.

4. CONCERT PARTIES

1 Aust Div Concert Party left the Area in Dec and 7 Aust Div Concert Party are scheduled to depart early in Jan. Qld L of C Area Concert Party is expected as a replacement.

5. CIVILIAN CONCERT PARTIES.

Because of the holiday season, the schedule for Civilian

Concert Parties was not quite as extensive as for the previous month. Performances totalled 29 and were given as follows:-

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Melville | 1 | Salters Point | 2 |
| Attedale | 2 | Park Gun Stn | 1 |
| 110 Mil Hosp | 5 | South Beach | 1 |
| Dunreath | 1 | Con Home | 3 |
| Pearce | 1 | Marrinup | 1 |
| Yanchep | 1 | 118 A.G.H. | 2 |
| Leighton | 1 | 10 Grn Bn | 1 |
| Buckland | 1 | Nicholson Home | 1 |
| Bellevue | 2 | 26 Emp Coy | 1 |
| | 15 | 66 AA & SL | 1 |
| | | TOTAL | 29 |

6. CINEMAS

Amenities Service Cinema Plants showed to approximately 25,000 personnel during the month.

Camps and Units provided with this entertainment were:-

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 118 A.G.H. | 4 | South Beach | 2 |
| Spencer's Brook | 2 | Bellevue | 5 |
| Garden Island | 8 | Harvey School | 2 |
| Fort Swanbourne | 1 | Marrinup | 2 |
| Graylands | 1 | BIPOD Forrestdale | 3 |
| Park Gun Stn | 2 | Attadale | 1 |
| Salters Point | 2 | Leighton Bty | 1 |
| Lady Mitchell Con Home | 1 | Buckland | 1 |
| Melville | 4 | 122 Spec Hosp | 2 |
| Guildford | 1 | 10 Grn Bn | 2 |
| 26 Emp Coy | 1 | 66 AA & SL | 2 |
| N. Ftle Oval | 2 | L of C Wkshops | 4 |
| | | AWAS Con Home | 1 |
| | | Jandakot | 2 |
| | | TOTAL | 60 |

Disposition of Cinema Plants was as follows :-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Plant No.50 | Mobile | Metropolitan Area |
| " 51 | Mobile | Metropolitan Area |
| " 53 | Mobile | Moonkanbah |
| " 54 | Static | Northam |
| " 55 | Mobile | South West Area |
| " 56 | Mobile | Outer Metropolitan Area |
| " 57 | Mobile | Brooms |
| " 58 | Static | Mungarin |
| " 60 | Static | Rottnest |
| " 61 | Static | 110(Perth Mil Hosp |

7. AMENITIES SPORTS STORE

The turnover for the month in the Amenities Sports Store was approximately £550.

Volume of business handled for the period was slightly less than the average month, but the Store was closed for the last week in December for re-organisation and preparation for stocktaking. This re-organisation became necessary because of the vast quantity of materials returned by Units which were leaving the Area.

During the month a transfer of surplus stocks of Aladdin Storm-proof Lanterns, Aladdin Lamps and Lamray Prisma Stoves

was made to the Directorate of Amenities, LHQ, for distribution in other Areas. Stocks of all kinds held in the Store generally are considered adequate to meet demands though such lines as golf balls and squash balls, which are known to be difficult to procure in Australia, could be augmented as circumstances permit. A much appreciated supply of shuttlecocks has come to hand.

8. PHILANTHROPIC BODIES

Australian Comforts Fund, YMCA and Salvation Army continue to do good work in the Area.

The Citizens' Reception Council provided a special Christmas Dinner for troops on leave in the City on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. A special Concert was arranged in the Phyllis Dean Hostel for Christmas Eve.

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6 Dec 44

% 7 AWAS ADMINISTRATIVE CADRE - DISBANDING OF

In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM10422 of 2 Oct 44, the abovenamed unit is to be disbanded forthwith, as follows :-

| War Office Serial No. | | Strength as at 25 Nov 44 Offrs | O/Rs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 47615 | % 7 AWAS ADM CADRE | 1 | 4 | 5 |

2. PERSONNEL - DISPOSAL OF

(a) Officers - Separate instructions will be issued regarding the posting of the officer concerned.

(b) Other Ranks

(i) Personnel on posted strength will be disposed of in accordance with separate instructions to be issued.

(ii) AWAS personnel at present employed by HQ VDC and carried on "X" List in accordance with LHQ SM 29582, will be transferred from the "X" List of % 7 AWAS Adm Cadre to "X" List of HQ Western Command.

(iii) Unit records will be adjusted to the satisfaction of WA Ech & Rec and District Accounts Office, and action completed not later than 8 Dec 44.

L Bowen
Lt-Col
AA & QMG WESTERN COMMAND

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REDUCTION IN OOS - WESTERN COMMAND

2 AUST MOB LAUNDRY & FWD DECN UNIT )
4 AUST LOCAL PURCHASE OFFICE (PERTH)) RESTRICTION OF
3 AUST MOB AMN REPAIR SHOP )

1. In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM12398 of 29 Nov 44, the undermentioned AAOC Units will be placed on restricted establishments as indicated hereunder:-

| | Officers | ORs |
|---|---|---|
| 2 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit | 1 | 29 |
| 4 Aust Local Purchase Office (Perth) | 1 | 8 |
| 3 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop | - | 7 |

2. ADOS W/Comd will submit immediately recommendations as to ranks and Trades to be retained in restricted WEs.

3. Personnel rendered surplus will be disposed of as follows:-

2 AUST MOB LAUNDRY & FWD DECN UNIT -

Surplus personnel will be transferred to GDD Qld L of C Area (Holding Company) for posting to AAOC Laundry units under command Qld L of C Area.

(4 AUST LOCAL PURCHASE OFFICE (PERTH)
(3 AUST MOB AMN REPAIR SHOP

Surplus personnel will be transferred to GDD Vic L of C Area (Holding Company) for posting to appropriate AAOC units under command Vic L of C Area.

4. Further instructions will be issued by this HQ regarding inspection and movement of the surplus personnel.

L Bowen
Lt/Col
— & QMG W/Comd.

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WESTERN COMMAND TRAINING SCHOOLS - REORGANISATION OF

In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM12823 of 12 Dec 44, and consequent upon the issue of WE V/19A/4 "WESTERN COMMAND SCHOOL", the OOB AMF has been amended to provide for the deletion of 3 AUST CORPS SCHOOL and 3 AUST CORPS SCHOOL OF SIGS and the raising of WESTERN COMMAND TRG SCHOOL.

2. ACTION - Action will be taken by 3 AUST CORPS SCHOOL as follows:-

| War Office Serial No. | | | War Establishment Ref No. | Offrs | ORs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 45854 | DISBAND | - 3 AUST CORPS SCHOOL | WE V/19A/3 | | | |
| 45852 | " | - 3 AUST CORPS SCHOOL OF SIGS | WE V/16B/2 | | | |
| 92702 | RAISE | - WESTERN COMMAND TRG SCHOOL | WE V/19A/4 | 4 | 34 | 38 |

3. Action as outlined above will be completed not later than 28 DEC 44.

4. PERSONNEL - Personnel on the strength of 3 AUST CORPS SCHOOL and 3 AUST CORPS SCHOOL OF SIGS will be disposed of firstly by absorption, as far as possible, within WESTERN COMMAND TRG SCHOOL. All medically class "A" personnel and as far as practicable, medically Class "B" from Eastern States, will be released.

5. After implementation of para 4 above, the remaining personnel will be disposed of as follows:-

(a) Officers -

(i) Officers of Aust Corps of Sigs under separate instructions to be issued by LHQ.

(ii) Remaining officers in accordance with GRO A139/44. Pro forms will be submitted to HQ W/Comd in accordance with appendices to GRO A139 and will include particulars of the civil and military qualifications of the officers concerned.

(b) Other Ranks - by return to parent unit but where such disposal is not practicable:-

(i) WOs and NCOs - in accordance with GRO A187/44.

(ii) Remaining ORs - place at the disposal of 2 ECH LHQ for reallotment in accordance with existing priorities. 3 AUST CORPS SCHOOL will arrange the compilation and early submission to this HQ and WA Ech & Rec of the information required by LHQ 85039 of 22 Jun 44. (copies forwarded to those concerned). Nominal rolls of all personnel rendered surplus by the implementation of this instruction will be forwarded to this HQ by 23 Dec 44. Nominal rolls will show:-
No. Rank, Name, Trade or Duty (incl TG if any) Med Class (disability if A2 or B) Amount of leave due and Home Address of Eastern States personnel.

6. LEAVE - All personnel rendered surplus to the requirements of WESTERN COMMAND TRG SCHOOL will be granted leave in accordance with SM12563. of 2 Dec 44 prior to their reallotment which is as follows:-

(a) Those personnel who have not had 7 days leave during the past six months will be granted all accumulated leave up to but not exceeding 24 days, with a minimum of 12 days leave credit which may be anticipated if necessary.

(b) Those personnel who have had 7 days leave during the past six months will be granted all accumulated leave up to a maximum of 12 days.

7. EQUIPMENT - Unit equipment (including vehicles) and accommodation stores on charge to 3 AUST CORPS SCHOOL and 3 AUST CORPS SCHOOL OF SIGS will be transferred to WESTERN COMMAND TRG SCHOOL.

8. Any unit equipment and stores surplus to the requirements of WESTERN COMMAND TRG SCHOOL will be disposed of under instructions to be issued by this HQ ("Q" Branch) as follows:-

(a) Return to ASD (vehicles excepted)

(b) Vehicles - return to 5 AUST ORD VEH PK MORGAN.

9. GENERAL - 3 AUST CORPS SCHOOL will ensure that the following action is completed prior to disbandment and reorganisation -

(a) VEHICLES - Vehicles on charge to 3 AUST CORPS SCHOOL and 3 AUST CORPS SCHOOL OF SIGS, rendered surplus as a result of reorganisation will be returned under arrangements of "Q" Branch to 5 AUST ORD VEH PK MORGAN in the following condition:-

(i) Thoroughly clean
(ii) Complete with VOL equipment and approved AF G1033
(iii) With Logbook complete and up to date
(iv) Accompanied by AAF G4
(v) MT Casualty Return (AAF 352) will be completed immediately transfers are effected.

(b) SURPLUS STATIONERY -

(i) Stationery, including typewriters, and duplicators, will be returned to WESTERN COMD STATIONERY DEPOT.

(ii) All copies of GOs, GROs and ABOs will be returned to this HQ ("A" Branch).

(iii) ML Passes and Mail Warrant Books will be returned to DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WA.

(c) CORRESPONDENCE - All outstanding correspondence will be completed.

(d) COURTS, BOARDS ETC. - All outstanding Courts of Inquiry, Investigations etc. in regard to accidents, damages or losses of stores etc. will be finalised.

(e) AMENITIES -

(i) All surplus sporting equipment will be disposed of in accordance with GRO 4494/43. All other surplus amenities equipment other than goods obtained from ANCF, will be transferred to LAD Amenities.

(ii) Goods obtained from ANCF will be returned to ANCF.

9. UNIT RECORDS - Cords of Units to be disbanded will be responsible for the completion of unit records to the satisfaction of the Echelon Acc and District Accounts Office and in this regard particular attention will be given to investigations relative to members who have been declared illegal absentees (GRO 813/43 refers).

10. POSTAL RECORDS - Unit Postal Orderly will be retained until completion of disbandment and will, prior to finalisation, report to the 4 AUST BASE POSTAL UNIT with unit postal records and completed AS 11 for inspection.

On acceptance of records by the 4 AUST BASE POSTAL UNIT the Postal Orderly will return to his Unit and be disposed of in accordance with reinforcement direction.

11. ACTION COMPLETE -

3 AUST CORPS SCHOOL will advise this HQ not later than 28 Dec 44 of Action Complete.

C Bowser

Lt/Col

AA & QMG W/Comd.

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3 Aust Corps School of Sigs.

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## REORGANISATION OF COAST AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCES

In accordance with instructions contained in LER SM12696 of 13 Dec 44, and consequent on the decision to reduce Coast and AA Defences on the mainland of Australia as previously indicated in LER SM11622 & 11627 of 4 Nov 44 (copies forwarded to those concerned), action will be taken by HQ FREMANTLE FORTRESS & HQ V.D.C. to disband and/or reorganise units as set out in this instruction and appendices "E" and "E1" issued with SM12696(supplied only to those concerned).

2. ACTION-

Action will be completed as far as possible, by 31 Dec 44, as the maximum number of surplus personnel must be made available for reallotment on or before that date.

3. PERSONNEL -

HQ FREMANTLE FORTRESS will effect inter-unit transfers of personnel at present on the strength of static RAA units to ensure that all personnel retained to man the units set out in Appendix "E" of SM12696 are within the following categories:-

MALE PERSONNEL

(a) Officers and Other Ranks retained for AUST RADAR DETS (TYPE "A"), and Instrument Operators (fire control) retained for AUST RADAR DETS (TYPE "B"), will be personnel who are medically classified "A" and within the age limits for their ranks as follows:-

(i) Officers, as prescribed by GRO 168/42 (as amended)
(ii) Other Ranks, under 40 years of age.

(b) All other male officers will be either:-

(i) medically classified "B" or
(ii) over the age limit for their rank as prescribed by GRO 168/42 (as amended) or
(iii) held on approved compassionate grounds.

(c) All male other ranks will be either:-

(i) medically classified "B" and as far as possible personnel who are "unfit for service outside the mainland of Australia," or
(ii) over the age of 40 years, or
(iii) held on approved compassionate grounds.

4. PERSONNEL - disposal of surplus

Surplus personnel (male) will be disposed of as follows:-

(a) A minimum number of personnel will be retained at the discretion of HQ Western Command for dismantling equipment and preparing it for return to store. Details of personnel recommended for selection will be forwarded to reach this HQ ("A" Branch) not later than 27 Dec 44. At the earliest possible date these personnel will be disposed of in accordance with sub paras (e) and (f) of this para.

(b) To enable the completion of major installations of Fixed Defence Coast Equipment at FREMANTLE, authority is given for the retention of a maximum of 50 personnel. These personnel will be progressively disposed of in accordance with sub paras (e) & (f) of this para.

(c) Particulars of officers rendered surplus will be forwarded to LHQ not later than 31 Dec 44 in accordance with the provisions of GRO 139/44, GRO 280/44 and HQ Western Command S66/4/36 of 8 Dec 44 ( to Fremantle Fortress only).

(d) Except for transfers to or from other static RAA units, no transfers of Other Ranks will be effected without prior LHQ approval.

(e) WOs and NCOs will be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of GRO A187/44.

(f) On or before 31 Dec 44, all surplus Other Ranks, including WOs and NCOs not disposed of in accordance with sub para (c) above, who are not authorised for temporary retention in accordance with sub paras (a) and (b) of this para will be disposed of as follows:-

(i) No further promotions, trade groupings or confirmation of acting rank will be effected.

(ii) Personnel will be transferred to the holding strength of Western Command RR & GDD and made available to WA Ech & Rec as unallotted personnel.
2 ECH LHQ will advise WA ECH & REC further in this regard.

(iii) (a) Nominal rolls, by units, for all surplus personnel will be submitted (in duplicate) to WA Ech & Rec (copy to HQ Western Command) together with relevant casualty returns (AAF W3011).

(b) Separate Casualty returns and nominal rolls will be submitted for male and female personnel.

(c) Nominal rolls will show :-

| ARM: | ARMY NO: | RANK: | NAME: | TRADE OR DUTY INCL TG IF ANY: | AGE: | MED CLASS: | LEAVE DUE: (incl ) ( Dec ) | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

(iv) Personnel transferred in accordance with sub para (ii) above will either be concentrated in the area, or detached to their present units, as arranged mutually between HQ Western Cond. and WA Ech & Rec.

5. FEMALE PERSONNEL

Surplus female personnel will be transferred to Western Command RR & GDD (refer para 4 (iii) above). Separate instructions will be issued regarding concentration.

As far as practicable female personnel rendered surplus will be those whose next of kin reside in other states.

6. LEAVE - Surplus officers and other ranks will be granted leave as follows:-

(a) Officers will not proceed on leave until LHQ instructions have been received regarding their disposal. They will then be granted leave in accordance with the provisions of SMI2563 of 2 Dec 44 (forwarded to those concerned).

(b) Other Ranks who are reposted by WA Ech & Rec to units in Western Command will not be granted leave consequent upon this reorganisation. After reporting to their new unit such personnel will take their turn with personnel of the unit concerned.

(c) Other Ranks who are reallotted by WA Ech & Rec in such a manner that they are required to move to another L OF C AREA for reposting or conversion training, will be granted leave where necessary in accordance with the provisions of SMI2563 of 2 Dec 44. The Reinforcement Directions issued by 2 ECH LHQ will contain further instructions in this regard.

7. VDC - Personnel surplus to requirements will be disposed of as provided for in SM1627 of 4 Nov 44. (issued to those concerned).

8. EQUIPMENT

(a) Stores and equipment will be returned as shown in column (c) of Appendix "E" and column (c) of Appendix "E1".

(b) Where the following types of equipment are to be returned to ORDNANCE they will be returned as shown:-

(i) to 3 AUST BASE ORDNANCE DEPOT

6" Equipments
4.7" Equipments
14 Pdr Equipments
3.7" AA Equipments
40mm AA Equipments
150cm SLs
60" SLs

(ii) to 3 AUST BASE ORDNANCE DEPOT

155mm Equipments
18 Pdr Equipments
90cm SLs
90cm CASLs

(iii) to 7 AUST ADVANCED ORDNANCE DEPOT

6 Pdr Equipments

(c) Approval is given for the following 18Pdr Equipments to be retained by the units shown for training personnel in observation of fire:-

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9. UNIT RECORDS - Comds of units disbanded or reorganised consequent upon the implementation of this instruction will be responsible for the completion or adjustment of unit records to the satisfaction of WA Sch & Rec and DFO. In this regard particular attention will be given to investigations in accordance with GRO 813/43 relative to members declared illegal absentees.

10. GENERAL

Classification of Units - All static Anti-aircraft and Coast Defence units will be classified in accordance with the scale of manning to be adopted Scales of manning will provide for all FTD personnel and will be as follows:-

(a) Full Scale Manning - Complete manning by FTD AIF personnel (other than VDC) to full extent of War Establishment.

(b) Scale "A" Manning - Partial manning of equipment by FTD AIF personnel (other than VDC) but not to full extent of the War Establishment.

(c) Scale "B" Manning - Nucleus manning by FTD AIF personnel (other than VDC) sufficient to maintain equipment.

11. Manning scales for static RAA units are attached as Appendices "H1" to "H19" of SMC600 of 15Dec and cancel all previous Manning scales.

12. Attention is invited to HQ Western Command S66/4/36 of 17 Nov 44 and 18 Dec 44 which authorised additional officers to be carried supernumerary to the War Establishments of CA and 8 AUST LAA GP respectively.

13. VDC

(a) Details of conditions of service for VDC are attached as Appendix "A" to this instruction.

(b) Separate instructions have been issued regarding the additional VDC units to be placed on a reserve basis.

14. This instruction cancels HQ Western Command S71/10/12 of 11 Aug 44 and LHQ SM7424 of 12 Jul 44 and SM8062 of 31 Jul 44 (not to all addressees).

15. Progress reports will be submitted by HQ Fremantle Fortress on 2 Jan 45, and monthly thereafter until all action (including disposal of equipments and personnel held in accordance with para 4 (a) and (b) ) is completed.

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APPENDIX "A" ISSUED WITH HQ WESTERN COMMAND S71/10/12 OF 22 DEC 44

## CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF VDC PERSONNEL

1. General

All VDC personnel raised for static anti-aircraft and coast defence will be employed on a part time duty basis unless called out for full time duty in accordance with paragraph 2 below. Such personnel will undergo a minimum of four hours' training per week which should include at least one night running parade per month.

2. Authority for calling out VDC personnel

In the event of a state of emergency arising, the Formation Commander concerned is authorised to call out sufficient VDC personnel to complete the manning of equipments, as required, during the period of emergency.

3. Command and Discipline

Command and discipline will be the responsibility of the commander of the VDC unit concerned except when personnel are actually employed on anti-aircraft craft and coast defence duties, when they will come under the direct control of the appropriate anti-aircraft and coast defence commander.

4. Administration

VDC personnel will be under the direct control of the Corps Commanders VDC, for such administration and maintenance as is peculiar to the Corps, e.g.:-

(a) Allocation of vacancies at schools and courses.

(b) Equipment and clothing issues.

(c) Transport and petrol coupons.

(d) Recruiting, pay, records and discharge.

(e) Appointment and promotion of officers.

(f) Appointment of full time duty personnel

5. Pay

Payment of VDC personnel will be as provided under existing regulations and instructions.

6. Provision of Transport

The responsibility of providing transport for VDC personnel from places of assembly to places of training rests with the Formation etc. Commander or his delegate. Approval for use of departmental transport should be given when no convenient public transport is available.

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27 DEC 44

9 AUST AUX MT PL - DISBANDMENT OF

In accordance with instructions contained in LHQ SM12837 of 13 Dec 44, an amendment to the OOB AMF may be anticipated, providing for the disbandment of 9 AUST AUX MT PL.

2. ACTION

A.D.S.& T will take action in accordance with this instruction, such action to be completed by12 Jan 45.

| | War Office Serial No | Unit | Posted Strength as at 18 Nov 44 O. | ORs. | T. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DISBAND | 47136 | 9 AUST AUX MT PL | 2 | 87 | 89 |
| | | Less made available previously | 1 | 20 | 21 |
| | | Nett available for disposal | 1 | 67 | 68 |

3. METHOD

Personnel

Personnel becoming available will be disposed of as follows:-

(a) Officers in accordance with GRO A139/44.

(b) WO's and NCO's in accordance with GRO A187/44.

(c) Personnel remaining will be made available to 2nd Echelon LHQ for allotment in accordance with existing priorities, after transfer of any personnel required to complete number of Dvrs MT for duty at Marrinup.

4. Details of the personnel referred to in paragraph 3 (b) and (c) will be forwarded to WA Echelon & Records in accordance with the provisions of LHQ memorandum 85039 of 22 Jun 44.

5. Prior to re-allotment by 2nd Echelon LHQ, personnel made available will be granted leave in accordance with the provisions of SM12563 of 2 Dec 44 (unless reallotted locally).

6. UNIT STORES & EQUIPMENT

(a) A.D.S.&T will arrange transfer to 3 AUST REMOUNT SQN of Harness etc required to maintain 8 horses for firewood carting. The stores required for this purpose will be mutually arranged between 9 AUST AUX MT PL and 3 AUST REMOUNT SQN.

(b) All Unit stores and equipment, other than above, will be returned to 7 AUST R.S.D. or Engineer Stores Karrakatta as appropriate.

(c) Refrigerator Serial 5.2/E/38 will be transferred to P.W. Camp Marrinup and transfer vouchers G108 submitted to 3 Aust CRE (Mks).

(d) Vehicles on charge to 9 AUST AUX MT PL will be returned to 5 AUST ORD WKS PARK.

(e) Surplus remounts will be disposed of in accordance with separate instructions being issued.

7. GENERAL

9 AUST AUX MT PL will ensure that the following action is completed prior to disbandment:-

(a) VEHICLES - Vehicles on charge to 9 Aust Aux MT Pl will be returned under arrangements HQ Western Command ("Q" Branch) to 5 Aust Ord Veh Pk MUNGARIN in the following condition:-

(i) Thoroughly clean
(ii) Complete with VOL equipment and approved AF G1033
(iii) With Logbook complete and up to date
(iv) Accompanied by AAF G4
(v) MT Casualty Return (AAF G52) will be completed immediately transfers are effected.

(b) SURPLUS STATIONERY -

(i) Stationary, including typewriters and duplicators, will be returned to WESTERN COMMAND STATIONERY DEPOT.
(ii) All copies of GOs, GROs and ASOs will be returned to this HQ ("A" Branch).
(iii) RL Passes and Rail Warrant Books will be returned to DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE W.A.

(c) CORRESPONDENCE -

All outstanding correspondence will be completed.

(d) COURTS, BOARDS ETC.

All outstanding Courts of Inquiry, Investigations etc., in regard to accidents, damages or losses of stores etc. will be finalised.

(e) AMENITIES -

(i) Sporting equipment will be disposed of in accordance with GRO A494/43. All other amenities equipment other than goods obtained from ACF, will be transferred to DAD Amenities.

(ii) Goods obtained from ACF will be returned to ACF.

8. RECORDS

Completion of
Cond 9 AUST AUX MT PL will be responsible for the unit records to the satisfaction of WA Echelon C Records and DFO. In this regard particular attention will be given to investigations in accordance with GRO A815/43 relative to members illegally absent.

9. POSTAL RECORDS

Unit Postal Orderly will be retained until completion of disbandment and will, prior to finalisation, report to the 4 AUST BASE POSTAL UNIT with unit Postal records and completed AFS 11 for inspection.

On acceptance of records by the 4 AUST BASE POSTAL UNIT the Postal Orderly will return to his unit and be disposed of in accordance with reinforcement direction.

10. UNIT LEDGER ACCOUNT -

On completion of action as above, balance appearing in Ledger will represent discrepancies, and action for adjustment will be taken in accordance with GRO 348/44. On completion, Unit Ledger Account together with all supporting vouchers will be forwarded to Unit Stores Accounts Section for audit.

11. ACTION COMPLETE

A.D.S.& T will advise this HQ that the instructions contained herein have been implemented and action is complete NOT later than 12 Jan 45.

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26 Dec 44.

DELETION, RESTRICTION & REORGANISATION OF UNITS
WESTERN COMMAND
AUSTRALIAN ARMY CANTEENS SERVICE - REORGANISATION

1. In accordance with LHQ SM12745 of 11 Dec 44 and consequent upon the issue of WE 1V/150/4 a new War Establishment, approval is given for the reorganisation of the AUSTRALIAN ARMY CANTEENS SERVICE (WA DET) from WE 1V/150/3 to 1V/150/4 as follows:-

| War Office Serial No. | | War Establishment Ref No. | Offrs | ORs | Total | Strength as at 18 Nov 44 (incl attached) Offrs | ORs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 45543 | REORGANISE - AUSTRALIAN ARMY CANTEENS SERVICE (WA DET). | IV/150/3 as allocated to various dets by 2nd ECH LHQ memo 011168 of 23 Mar 44. | 11 | 324 | 335 | 8 | 219 | 227 |
| | AS | | | | | | | |
| | AUSTRALIAN ARMY CANTEENS SERVICE (WA DET) | 1V/150/4 as allocated by SM 12745 of 11 Dec 44. | 8 | 166 | 174 | Surplus - | 53 | 53 |

2. ACTION - DADACS W/Cond will take all necessary action to effect this reorganisation by 8 Jan 45.

3. PERSONNEL -

(a) OFFICERS:- Officers required to complete this reorganisation will be nominated by LHQ.

(b) OTHER RANKS:-

(i) By the reallocation of suitable AACS personnel rendered surplus by the withdrawal of same from unit canteens in static installations vide LHQ SM11012 of 16 Oct 44 (not to all addressees).

(ii) Nominal roll of surplus personnel will be submitted to this HQ not later than 2 JAN 45; such nominal rolls to show -
No. Rank, Name, Trade or Duty (incl TG if any)
Med Class'n, Leave Due.

(iii) Personnel will be held until instructions for disposal are issued.

(iv) By crossposting of personnel from those detachments where a surplus exists to those that are deficient under arrangement by LHQ.

(v) By the allocation of personnel by 2nd Echelon LHQ in accordance with existing priorities.

4. ALLOCATION BY RANKS & TRADES -

(a) The allocation of all personnel to AUSTRALIAN ARMY CANTEENS SERVICE (WA DET) by ranks and trades, is given in Appendix "A" attached. This allocation supersedes and cancels that issued with 2nd ECH LHQ memo 011168 of 23 Mar 44 (issued to those concerned).

(b) Any future amendments that may be issued to the "Allocation of Ranks by Detachments" will be issued by 2nd ECH LHQ.

5. EQUIPMENT -

(a) Surplus:- Any unit stores, equipment and vehicles rendered surplus by the reorganisation, will be returned to 7 AUST RSD and 5 AUST ORD VEH PK respectively, under instructions from HQ W/Comd ("Q" Branch).

(b) Deficient:- Any deficiencies in equipment will be issued in accordance with Scale E2/500 under arrangements ADOS HQ W/Comd. Any deficiencies in vehicles will be issued in accordance with separate HQ instructions.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTNESS -

O/R personnel rendered available for reposting will be made administratively correct in all respect and a certificate to this effect will be submitted to this HQ not later than 4 JAN 45.

7. VEHICLES -

Surplus Vehicles on charge to DADACS will be returned under arrangements of W/Comd ("Q" Branch) to 5 AUST ORD VEH PK HUNGARIN in the following conditions:-

(i) Thoroughly clean
(ii) Complete with VOL equipment and approved AF G1033
(iii) With Logbook complete and up to date.
(iv) Accompanied by AAF C4
(v) MT Casualty Return (AAF G52) will be completed immediately transfers are effected.

8. UNIT RECORDS:-

Comd of Unit concerned will be responsible for the completion of unit records to the satisfaction of WA ECH & REC and DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WA.

9. ACTION COMPLETE:-

DADACS will take all necessary action to implement the foregoing and advise this HQ of Action Complete not later than 8 JAN 45.

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APPENDIX "A" ISSUED WITH S71/1/13 of Dec 44.

## ALLOCATION OF RANKS BY DETACHMENTS

AUSTRALIAN ARMY CANTEENS SERVICE — WAR ESTABLISHMENT LV/150/4

| | W.A. DET. |
|---|---|
| Asst Directors Canteens Service | |
| Lt-Colonels Dept Asst Directors Canteens Service | |
| Majors Staff Officers | 1 |
| Captains Accountants | 1 |
| Captains Accountants | 1 |
| Lieutenants Adjutants | |
| Captains Adjutants | |
| Lieutenants Quartermaster | 1 |
| Captains Group Supervisors | |
| Captains Group Supervisors | 1 |
| Lieutenants Purchasing Officers | |
| Captains Purchasing Officers | 1 |
| Lieutenants Stocks Officers | |
| Captains Bulk Store Officers | |
| Lieutenants Port Detach Shipping & Railway Officer | 1 |
| Major Port Det Shipping & Railway Officers | |
| Captains | |
| Lieutenants Internal Auditors | |
| Captains | |
| Lieutenants Aerated Water Plant Supervisor | 1 |
| Lieutenant | |
| TOTAL OFFICERS | 8 |
| Accountants Warrant Officer II | |
| Administration Warrant Officer II | |
| Port Det Shipping & Railway Officers Warrant Officer II | 1 |
| Internal auditor Warrant Officer I | |
| Warrant Officer II | 2 |
| Sergeant Majors Warrant Officer I | 1 |
| Quartermaster Sergeants Warrant Officer II | |
| Senior Clerks Warrant Officer I | |
| Senior Clerks Warrant Officer II | |
| Senior Clerks (Purchasing) Warrant Officer II | 1 |
| TOTAL WARRANT OFFICER C/Fwd | 5 |

| | |
|---|---|
| b/fwd | 5 |
| Canteen & Issuing Point Managers | |
| Warrant Officer 11 | 1 |
| Bulk Store Managers | |
| Warrant Officer 1 | - |
| Bulk Store Managers | |
| Warrant Officer 11 | 1 |
| Field Supervisors | |
| Warrant Officer 11 | 1 |
| Aerated Water & Cordial Factory Managers | |
| Warrant Officer 1 | - |
| Warrant Officer 11 | - |
| TOTAL WARRANT OFFICERS | 8 |
| Senior Clerks | |
| Staff Sergeants | 2 |
| Senior Clerks | |
| Sergeants | 4 |
| Canteen & Issuing Point Managers | |
| Staff Sergeants | 5 |
| Canteen & Issuing Point Managers | |
| Sergeants | 7 |
| Senior Storemen | |
| Staff Sergeants | 1 |
| Senior Storemen | |
| Sergeants | 3 |
| Typist-Stenographers | |
| Staff Sergeants | - |
| Orderly Room | |
| Sergeants | 1 |
| Port Detach Shipping and Railway | |
| Sergeants | 1 |
| Internal Auditors | |
| Staff Sergeants | 2 |
| Internal Auditors | |
| Sergeants | 2 |
| CQMS | |
| Staff Sergeants | - |
| Transportation | |
| Sergeants | - |
| Relieving Staff | |
| Sergeants | 2 |
| Aerated Water & Cordial Fty. | |
| Sergeants | - |
| TOTAL STAFF SERGEANTS AND SERGEANTS | 30 |
| Clerks | |
| Corporals | 3 |
| Privates Group 111 | 4 |
| Canteen & Issuing Point | |
| Corporals | 17 |
| Canteen & Issuing Point | |
| Privates | 10 |
| Storemen | |
| Corporals | 6 |
| Storemen | |
| Privates | 25 |
| Transportation | |
| Corporals | 1 |
| Driver Mechanics | |
| Group 111 | 1 |
| Drivers M.T. | |
| | 2 |
| TOTAL RANK AND FILE MALE c/fwd | 69 |

| | |
|---|---|
| b/fwd | 69 |
| Painters | |
| Corporals | - |
| Painters | |
| Privates Group 11 | - |
| Internal Auditors | |
| Corporals | 2 |
| Port Dot Shipping and Railway | |
| Corporals | 1 |
| Privates | - |
| Relieving Staff | |
| Corporals | 1 |
| Aerated Water & Cordial Factories | |
| Corporals | - |
| Privates Group 111 | - |
| Privates | - |
| TOTAL RANKS & FILE (MALE) | 73 |
| TOTAL OTHER RANKS (MALE) | 111 |
| TOTAL ALL RANKS (MALE) | 119 |
| ATTACHED A.A.C.C. | |
| Sergeants | - |
| Corporals | - |
| Privates Group 11 | - |
| ATTACHED A.A.P.C. | |
| Sergeants | - |
| TOTAL ALL RANKS (MALE) INCL ATTACHED | 119 |

A.W.A.S.

| | |
|---|---|
| Lieutenants | 1 |
| Canteen Managers | |
| Warrant Officer 11 | 1 |
| Canteen Managers | |
| Sergeants | 5 |
| Senior Clerks | |
| Sergeants | 1 |
| Administration | |
| Sergeants | - |
| TOTAL SERGEANTS | 6 |
| Canteen Attendants | |
| Corporals | 10 |
| Canteen Attendants | |
| Privates Group 111 | 26 |
| Clerks | |
| Corporals | 4 |
| Group 11 - | 7 |
| TOTAL AWAS RANK & FILE | 47 |
| TOTAL AWAS ALL RANKS | 55 |
| TOTAL AAGS INCL AWAS | 174 |

TABLE OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION

| | W.A. DETACHMENT |
|---|---|
| Pistols | |
| .38 inch | 8 |
| Rifles | |
| .303 inch | 20 |
| Ammunition (12 rds on man) | |
| .38 inch | 96 |
| Ammunition | |
| .38 inch (Reserve) | 48 |
| Ammunition | |
| .303 inch | 400 |

NOTES

1. Pay and Maintenance of all personnel on this establishment except -

   Assistant Directors of Canteens Service 4)
   Deputy Assistant Directors of Canteens Service 7) Are a charge
   Staff Officers Canteens Service 3) against Australian Army Canteens Services.

2. Additional members of the AWAS may be allotted to replace male personnel in areas approved by LHQ.

3. The following additional appointments are authorised - Each Division - 1 Lieutenant (Divisional Officer)

   - Each Brigade - 1 Warrant Officer Class II (Brigade Supervisor).

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29 DEC 44

6 AUST MECH EQPT WKSP A.E.M.E. - RAISING OF

In accordance with LHQ SM13165 of 21 Dec 44, an amendment to the OOB, AMF, may be anticipated providing for the raising of 6 AUST MECH EQPT WKSP.

2. ACTION

Action will be taken, forthwith, by ADME Western Command to raise the unit in accordance with this instruction.

RAISE AND EQUIP

| War Office Serial No. | Unit | O | OR | TOT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 92718 | 6 AUST MECH EQPT WKSP vide WE 1V/98B/2 | 2 | 56 | 58 |

3. The raising and equipping of 6 AUST MECH EQPT WKSP will be completed by 15 Jan 45.

4. PERSONNEL - Officers :-

Separate instructions regarding the posting of officers to 6 AUST MECH EQPT WKSP are being issued by LHQ.

5. PERSONNEL - Other Ranks :-

(a) Other ranks personnel required to complete 6 AUST MECH EQPT WKSP to WE may be either AIF or CMF providing they are medically fit for service outside the Mainland of Australia and will be obtained by the withdrawal of suitable personnel from existing AEME units under command.

(b) In selecting personnel preference will be given to those at present on the strength of 5 AUST BASE WKSP AEME (TANK WKSP COY).

6. LEAVE

Personnel transferred to 6 AUST MECH EQPT WKSP will be granted all accumulated leave in accordance with GRO A598/43, provided that the maximum period of leave granted will allow of concentration for onward movement by 25 Jan 45. Leave may be anticipated, if necessary, to enable all personnel to have a minimum of 12 days.

7. EQUIPMENT :-

(a) Personal arms and equipment will be retained by all personnel.

(b) A.D.O.S. will make available unit equipment and workshop equipment required for 6 AUST MECH EQPT WKSP in accordance with entitlement vide WE 2V/171a. Advice of any deficiencies (including deficiencies of controlled stores) will be forwarded to LHQ (MGO) as soon as possible.

(c) A.D.O.S. will arrange for the issue of clothing in accordance with Scale 'B' (Tropical) vide GRO 206/43 and any amendments thereto.
Jungle Green clothing will NOT be issued.

(d) Vehicles will be issued under separate arrangements to be made by L.H.Q.

8. UNIT RECORDS :-

The Comd of 6 AUST MECH EQPT WKSP will report to WA ECH & REC for instruction in "Unit Records" procedure and to ADOS Western Command for instruction in Unit Stores Accounting.

9. GENERAL

Movement :-

The movement of 6 AUST MECH EQPT WKSP from WESTERN COMMAND area will be the subject of separate instructions to be issued.

10. REPORTS :-

A.D.M.E. will take all necessary action to implement the foregoing and will advise this HQ of action complete not later than 15 Jan 45.

Lt Col
A A & Q M G WESTERN COMMAND

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