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115. WAR SERVICE—SPECIAL BENEFITS PROVIDED IN RESPECT OF.

DEFINITIONS—

1. For the purpose of this instruction the following definitions will apply:

(a) War Service.— Means the service of an officer or soldier of the AMP while:

(i) a member of, or attached to, a body, contingent or detachment of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia, allotted for duty in an operational area; or

(ii) allotted for duty in an operational area, from the time of its commencement to the time of its conclusion.

(b) Operational Area.— Means an area outside AUSTRALIA that is prescribed as an operational area for the purposes of warlike operations in KOREA after 26 Jun 50, or in MALAYA after 28 Jun 50.

(c) Commencement.— Means, in relation to the war service of an officer or soldier:

(i) where he was in AUSTRALIA at the time at which he was allotted for war service — the time of his departure from the last port of call in AUSTRALIA for that service; or,

(ii) where he was outside AUSTRALIA at the time at which he was allotted for war service — the time at which he was so allotted.

(d) Conclusion.— Means, in relation to the war service of an officer or soldier, the time at which he:

(i) on returning from war service arrived at the first port of call in AUSTRALIA; or,

(ii) having been allotted from war service for service, other than that specified in sub-paragraph (a) above, in an area outside AUSTRALIA, arrived in that area.

(e) Port.— Includes an airport.

(f) Recording Authority.—

(i) In AUSTRALIA — CARO

(ii) In JAPAN — 6 Adv 2 Ech

(iii) In MALAYA — GHQ Records FARELP.
SPECIAL BENEFITS:-

2. An officer or soldier who is on war service as defined in paragraph 1 above, will be eligible to receive the following special benefits:-

(a) Repatriation benefits in accordance with the provisions of the Repatriation Act and Regulations;
(b) Re-establishment and re-employment benefits as prescribed in the Re-establishment and Employment Act Part XI inserted by Act No.46 of 1951;
(c) Operational deferred pay;
(d) Special leave provisions;
(e) Exemption from income tax and social services contribution as prescribed by the Income Tax and Social Services Contributions Assessment Act 1955-1956.

3. Eligibility for these benefits is related to the dates of "commencement" and "conclusion" of service in an operational area or in JAPAN in support of operational units in KORRA, and it is therefore necessary that these dates be accurately recorded in each case.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:-

4. Units, etc of the AMP were allotted for war service on the dates shown:

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5. Units, etc of the AMP ceased to be allotted for war service on the dates shown:

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6. On 28 Apr 52, the Aust Army Component BCOK, which at that date consisted of the following units, was allotted for war service:

- HQ BCOK (Aust Component)
- HQ Aust Army Component
- Aust Component HQ 1 Commel Div
- 3 RAR
- 1 RAR
- Aust Ancillary Unit, KORRA
- AMP Component 16 Inf Wksp
- Hq Britcom Sub Area TOKYO (Aust Component)
- Britcom Engr Regt (Aust Component)
- Britcom Tn Sgn (Aust Component)
- Britcom MG Up (Aust Component)
- Britcom Base Sig Regt
- Britcom Base Cipher Tp
7. The following units, etc were allotted to Aust Army Component BOPK, subsequent to 28 Apr 52, on the dates shown:

- Aust Component HQ 28 Inf Bde 11 Jun 52
- Aust FD Cash Office, KOREA 16 Jul 52
- Aust Sec 1 Commel Div Pro Coy 18 Jul 52
- Wks Sec Britcom Engr Regt 1 Aug 52
- 1C Dental Sec 1 Oct 52
- 1 Commel Div Battle School 24 Dec 52
- Aust Cash Office TOKYO 1 Feb 53
- 2 RAR 5 Mar 53

8. The following unit ceased to be allotted to Aust Army Component BOPK on the date shown.

1 RAR 6 Apr 53

9. In the case of officers or soldiers arriving in JAPAN or KOREA, the Army Records representative, or, in his absence, a representative of the receiving unit, will obtain from the officer or NCO in charge of troops a signed statement showing date and place of the last port of call in AUSTRALIA. This information will be passed to 5 Adv 2 Ech for publication in relevant Routine Orders, Part II.

10. In the case of officers or soldiers arriving in MALAYA, Officer-in-Charge Australian Observer Unit, MALAYA will ascertain similar information and request its publication in appropriate Routine Orders, Part III, by GHQ Records, PARIPE. On receipt of such Routine Orders, Part III, CARO will republish the information in Routine Orders, Part II.
11. First port of call of members returning to AUSTRALIA from war service will be ascertained at port of disembarkation or disembarkation by the Army Records representative or, in his absence, by a representative of the receiving unit, from the officer or WCO in charge of troops. The information will be passed to CARO through the local Records Office, and CARO will publish it in relevant Routine Orders, Part II.

12. Where an officer or soldier is allotted from war service to an area outside AUSTRALIA, the unit to which the officer or soldier is posted will be responsible for advising the necessary information in relation to the conclusion of war service to the appropriate recording authority who will publish it in Routine Orders Part II.

13. It is possible for an officer or soldier to qualify for certain benefits accruing from war service without actually serving in KOREA, JAPAN or MALAYA. For example, an officer or soldier who leaves AUSTRALIA for war service but who becomes a casualty for any reason, before serving in the area to which he has been allotted.

14. An officer or soldier who is transferred to a unit "X" list, is evacuated from a unit while on war service for hospitalisation in AUSTRALIA and whose treatment is continuous with his qualifying service will continue to be eligible for the benefits referred to in sub-paragraphs (c) and (e) of paragraph 2 above until such time as he is discharged as fit for duty from hospital or convalescent depot, or is granted a Repatriation pension.

15. The period of hospitalisation and convalescence which is referred to in paragraph 13 above -

(a) does not count in respect of benefits referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) and (d) of paragraph 2 above, i.e., benefits under the Repatriation Act and special leave provisions,

(b) has no significance in relation to benefits referred to in sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 above, i.e., benefits under the Re-establishment and Employment Act, with the exception of the benefit of Reinstatement in Employment for which purpose the period of hospitalisation may be regarded as absence on war service.

16. MBI 111/1951 is hereby cancelled.

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