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A SQUADRON 8/13 VMR SUPPORT TO BICENTENNIAL EXHIBITION 31 DEC 87 - 5 JAN 88

References:

- A. Letter Albury/Wodonga Bicentennial Committee to MAJ Gay dated Nov 87
- B. 8/13 VMR Standing Order 17
- C. AWMA Bicentennial Exhibition Instruction dated 87

Introduction

1. A Sqn 8/13 VMR will provide support to the Albury/Wodonga Bicentennial Committee at the Wodonga Show Grounds during the period 31 Dec 87 - 5 Jan 88.

Aim

2. The aim of this instruction is to detail pers to task, and to outline the admin requirements for such support.

Form of Support

3. The Sqn will provide a static recruiting display, assist in the manning of the AWMA Bicentennial display, participate in action events, and participate in the Grand Bicentennial Parade.
4. The Light Horse Troop will perform the following displays:
 - a. Escort to Official Guest Opening the Exhibition.
 - b. Mounted Drill display.
 - c. Tent Pegging display.
 - d. Participate in the Grand Bicentennial Parade, and
 - e. Assist with the manning of the Sqn/AWMA static display.
5. Historic Vehicles Tp will man 3 x Ferret Scout Cars, and will:
 - a. Assist with the manning of the Sqn/AWMA static display, and
 - b. Participate in the Grand Bicentennial Parade.

6. SHQ personnel will man the ACV, and will:
 - a. Assist with the manning of the Sqn/AWMA static display, and
 - b. Participate in the Grand Bicentennial Parade.
7. 1 Tp personnel will man 3 x APC, and will:
 - a. Assist with the manning of the Sqn/AWMA static display, and
 - b. Participate in the Grand Bicentennial Parade.
8. Recruiting cell will mount the Sqn static display, and assist with the manning of the Sqn/AWMA static display.
9. TST personnel will man 1 x APC(F), and will:
 - a. Provide normal technical support to the Sqn Bicentennial Exhibition contingent.
 - b. Assist with the manning of the Sqn/AWMA static display, and
 - c. Participate in the Grand Bicentennial Parade.
10. Catering personnel will provide normal catering support to the Sqn Bicentennial Exhibition contingent.

Key Personnel

11. CAPT R.N. Morrison is appointed Officer in Charge A Sqn 8/13 VMR Bicentennial Contingent. He is responsible for the training, and conduct of the displays.
12. LT K. Bascomb is appointed Tp Officer 1 Tp. He is responsible for the movement of 1 x ACV, and 3 x APC, and for the provision of assistance at the Sqn/AWMA static display.
13. LT R. Marshall is responsible for the recruiting display.
14. CPL N.X. Morris is appointed acting Tp Sgt of the Light Horse Tp. He is responsible for the transport, and care of the horses.
15. CPL R. Hodge is appointed NCO in charge Historic Vehicles Tp. He is responsible for the movement of 3 x Ferret Scout Cars, and for the provision of assistance at the Sqn/AWMA static display.

16. CPL P. Zeibarth is appointed NCO in charge TST element. He is responsible for the movement of 1 x APC(F), and any technical support required.

17. CPL G. Tewson is appointed NCO in charge Catering element. He is responsible for all catering support required.

Nominal Roll

18. A Nominal Roll is shown at Annex A to this instruction.

Training

19. Training for the Light Horse Tp display will be conducted on Thur 31 Dec 87 at Wodonga Show Grounds.

20. Training for Historic Vehicles Tp, SHQ/1 Tp personnel will be conducted on Thur 31 Dec 87 at Wodonga Show Grounds.

Transport

21. Tpt NCO is to arrange tpt in accordance with Tpt requests to be attached as Annex B to this instruction.

Accommodation

22. Horses will be accommodated within the confines of Albury Depot overnight 31 Dec 87 - 4 Jan 88. Tp Sgt is to supervise a picquet overnight 31 Dec 87 - 4 Jan 88.

23. Pers will be accommodated in the transit room Albury Depot overnight 31 Dec 87 - 4 Jan 88. Own bedding is to be taken.

Local Leave

24. Local leave will be available during the activity at the discretion of the Officer in Charge, if requested.

Rations

25. Members of the Sqn Bicentennial contingent will be rationed for at the Albury Depot Mess.

26. SQMS is to order rations for collection Thur 31 Dec 87 at 0830 hrs in accordance with the activity Nominal Roll.

Fodder

27. Sufficient fodder is to be purchased from Doug Dydes Produce to feed 6 horses for 6 days.

28. Light Horse Tp members will be required to pay for fodder on a per horse basis.

Medical

29. A Section Medical Kit will be carried on each vehicle for the treatment of minor injuries.

30. Any serious injury will be evacuated to 6 Camp Hospital for treatment.

Veterinary

31. Veterinary services will be requested from Hume Animal Hospital, if, and when required, on a member to pay basis.

32. Contact number for the Hume Animal Hospital is 25 4088.

Stores

33. SQMS 8/13 VNR is to arrange for stores issue NLT 0800 hrs 31 Dec 87.

34. Stores requests are to be attached as Annex C to this instruction.

Weapons

35. LT Bascomb is responsible for the security of weapons on issue to SHQ/1 Tp during the activity.

36. LT Marshall is responsible for the security of weapons on issue to Recruiting Cell during the activity.

37. CPL Morris is to ensure that the Humane Destroyer, and sufficient ammunition accompanies the horse transport. He is responsible for the security of the weapons, and ammunition on issue to the Light Horse Tp during the activity.

38. CPL Hodge is responsible for the security of weapons on issue

- c. Sat 2 Jan 88 0800 Parade at Albury Depot
- 0810 Move to Wodonga Show Grounds
- 0840 Conduct Displays
- 0930 Prepare for Bicentennial Grand Parade
- TBA Move to Parade start line
- TBA Parade begins
- TBA Parade ends

/1200hr

Dress

40. The following orders of dress will apply:
- a. Movement of horses, and vehicles - Work Dress
 - b. Training, and setting up displays - Stable Dress, and Work Dress
 - c. Light Horse Tp Displays - Ceremonial Dress Summer
 - d. Vehicle Displays and Parade - Pressed Tank Suit
 - e. Recruiters - Summer Dress

Timings

41. Outline timings are as follows:
- a. Thur 31 Dec 87 - 0800 Parade at Albury Depot
 - 0810 Prepare Displays
 - 0830 Collect Rations
 - 1200 Lunch
 - 1300 Move to Wodonga Show Grounds
 - 1330 Establish static display, and rehearse action display
 - 1700 Return to Albury Depot
 - 1730 Evening Meal
 - 2030 New Years Eve Function
 - b. Fri 1 Jan 88
 - 0800 Parade at Albury Depot
 - 0810 Move to Wodonga Show Grounds
 - 0840 Conduct Displays
 - 1200 Lunch (Hot Box)
 - 1730 Evening Meal (Hot Box)
 - 2130 Return to Albury Depot
 - 2200 Stand Down
 - c. Sat 2 Jan 88
 - 0800 Parade at Albury Depot
 - 0810 Move to Wodonga Show Grounds
 - 0840 Conduct Displays
 - 0930 Prepare for Bicentennial Grand Parade
 - TBA Move to Parade start line
 - TBA Parade begins
 - TBA Parade ends

/1200hr

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- 1200 Lunch (Hot Box)
 - 1300 Displays Continue
 - 1730 Evening Meal (Hot Box)
 - 2130 Return to Albury Depot
 - 2200 Stand Down
- d. Sun 3 Jan
- 0800 Parade at Albury Depot
 - 0810 Move to Wodonga Show Grounds
 - 0840 Conduct Displays
 - 1200 Lunch (Hot Box)
 - 1730 Evening Meal (Hot Box)
 - 2130 Return to Albury Depot
 - 2200 Stand Down
- e. Mon 4 Jan 88
- 0800 Parade at Albury Depot
 - 0810 Move to Wodonga Show Grounds
 - 0840 Conduct Displays
 - 1200 Lunch (Hot Box)
 - 1730 Evening Meal (Hot Box)
 - 2130 Return to Albury Depot
 - 2200 Stand Down
- f. Tue 5 Jan 88
- 0800 Parade at Albury Depot
 - 0810 Move to Wodonga Show Grounds
 - 0840 Conduct Displays
 - 1200 Lunch (Hot Box)
 - 1730 Evening Meal (Hot Box)
 - 2130 Strike Displays
 - 2200 Return to Albury Depot
 - 2230 Refurbish and return stores
 - 2359 Stand Down

42. Detailed timings for action displays will be issued daily on arrival at Wodonga Show Grounds.

Safety

43. 8/13 VMR Standing Orders for Safety will be adhered to.
44. Additional Safety measures are:
 - a. Crew Commanders will ensure the safety of all civilian observers when embussing, debussing, and whilst in any vehicle.
 - b. The Australian Tentpegging Association rules for safety will be observed by all tent peggers, and the Arena Commander will have whistle at the ready, should a breach of safety occur.

Commentary

45. CAPT Morrison will provide a running commentary during the tent pegging displays.

Conclusion

46. These displays at the Bicentennial Exhibition provide the Sqn with an excellent Public Relations/Recruiting Exercise in our immediate recruiting area.
47. Each member is expected to conduct himself in keeping with the fine traditions of the VMR, and the highest standard of turnout is mandatory.

J. GAY
Major
Officer Commanding

Distribution:

Internal
List C plus
Light Horse Tp 6
Historic Vehicles Tp 6
SHQ Tp 2
1 Tp 6
TST 2
Catering 2
External
DSU AWMA 1
Albury/Wodonga Bicentennial Committee 1

Annexes:

- A. Nominal Roll
- B. Transport Request (Issued seperately)
- C. Stores Request (Issued seperately)

4. TST
 - a. CPL P. Zeibarth
 - b. TBA

5. Catering
 - a. CPL G. Tewson
 - b. TBA
 - c. TBA

6. Total attendance 30 personnel consisting of 3 x Offr, and 27 ORs.