



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96557

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SUBJECT: Letter of Instruction: Platoon Exchange (Exercise Pacific Bond)

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1. Purpose: To provide information on the platoon exchange with the Australian Army and regulate policy related to this exchange.
2. Background: Approval has been granted for the exchange, on a recurring basis, for training purposes, of Infantry units of the Australian Army and the 25th Infantry Division.
3. Title: The exchange program with the Australian Army has been allotted the nickname "Exercise Pacific Bond".
4. Composition:
 - a. The Australian Army element will consist of:
 - (1) Detachment Commander/Staff Officer - Major.
 - (2) One Rifle Platoon - 1 Officer, 39 EM.
 - b. 25th Infantry Division Element.
 - (1) Staff Officer - 1 Captain.
 - (2) Infantry Platoon - 1 Officer, 42 EM.
5. General:
 - a. Training:
 - (1) Itinerary of training activities for Australian platoon while in Hawaii is at Inclosure 1.
 - (2) Itinerary for U.S. platoon is as stated in news release at Inclosure 2.

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b. Visiting Forces Legislation:

(1) Australian Forces in Hawaii:

a Australian service tribunals have jurisdiction over offenses which are Australian Service offenses, but not offenses according to U.S. law.

b U.S. civil jurisdiction extends to offenses other than the above.

(2) U.S. Platoon in Australia:

a U.S. tribunals have jurisdiction over U.S. servicemen for offenses which are U.S. service offenses, but not offenses according to Australian law.

b Australian civil jurisdiction extends to offenses other than the above.

c. Discipline:

(1) No provision exists, either singularly or on a reciprocal basis for members of one force to exercise the power of command, for the purpose of lawful orders or for the imposition of punishment over members of the visiting force. Orders for this purpose must be directed to either platoon by their own superior ranks.

(2) The Detachment Commander of the Australian platoon has the authority to impose punishment as prescribed by the Army Law Manual.

(3) All incidents involving breaches of discipline among U.S. personnel will be referred to the U.S. Staff Officer assigned, for disposition.

d. Power of Arrest:

(1) Members of the Australian platoon may be arrested by U.S. Military Police and retained in custody if requested to do so by the Australian Detachment Commander.

(2) Members of the U.S. platoon may be arrested by Australian military personnel on written request of the U.S. Staff Officer.

e. Financial Arrangements:

(1) Neither government is to charge for quarters or meals in connection with the exchange with the exception of officers living in Bachelor Officers Quarters and meals consumed in Officers Clubs.

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(2) U.S. platoon exchange personnel will be paid the amount of two dollars per day to cover incidentals.

(3) Duty quarters are to be provided by host government at no charge, however, where personnel elect to live out during non-duty, rest and recreation, meals and quarters will be a personal responsibility.

f. Uniform and Equipment:

(1) Uniform for Australian Army will be as prescribed by regulation.

(2) Uniform for U.S. personnel will be:

a Army Tan - Khaki.

b Jungle fatigues/Jungle boots.

c Regular fatigues/Boots. (ONLY IF 5 SETS OF JUNGLE FATIGUES ARE NOT ISSUED)

d Appropriate civilian clothing.

(3) Neither service will carry field equipment or weapons. Equipment and weapons will be issued at destination.

g. Postal Address:

(1) The postal address to be used for all mail is:

RANK, NAME

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U.S. 25th Inf Div Platoon

C/O 6TF

APO SF 96403

(2) Because facilities at the APO are limited, U.S. personnel are to bring sufficient U.S. postage stamps to cover their individual requirements while in Australia. This restriction does not apply to the mailing of packages.

h. P.X.: Post Exchange facilities will be made available to respective platoons at each location.

i. Identification: All U.S. personnel will have in their possession valid identification cards and tags (dog tags).

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j. Immunization: All U.S. personnel will be immunized and have in their possession a completed International Health Certificate.

k. Medical Treatment: Exchange personnel both here and in Australia will receive full medical and dental care on a no cost basis. U.S. personnel should be as near as possible to dentally fit before departure.

l. Movement:

(1) The Australian platoon will move by RAAF C-130 to arrive at Hickam AFB 040300Z Oct 72. The platoon will depart Hickam 22 Nov 72 to return to Australia.

(2) U.S. personnel will depart via C141 270330 Sep 72 and arrive 281315 Sep 72 at Richmond Airport. (LOCAL TIME)

(3) U.S. personnel will be allowed up to 66 pounds of accompanied baggage. Under no circumstances will this limit be exceeded.

6. Responsibilities:

a. ACoS, G3 has overall staff responsibility for exchange program within the 25th Infantry Division.

b. CO, 1st Brigade.

(1) Select platoon to represent the 25th Infantry Division in Australia.

(2) Designate host battalion.

(3) Provide project officer to coordinate the reception, movement, equipping and entertainment of guest platoon.

(4) Provide Adjutant General with request for orders as soon as possible, for personnel departing for Australia.

c. ACoS, G1.

(1) Prepare briefing for U.S. platoon between 20 and 22 September 1972 on status of Forces Agreement and customs regulations of Australia.

(2) Arrange for dental examination of all U.S. exchange personnel and appropriate repair work as necessary.

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d. Adjutant General: Publish orders for U.S. exchange personnel attaching them for training to the 6th TF and attaching the Australian platoon to the host battalion as designated by CO, 1st Brigade.

e. ACoS, G4.

(1) Ensure the smooth issue of equipment minus uniforms to visiting platoon.

(2) Provide transportation as necessary in order for training objectives to be met (see Inclosure 1).

f. ACoS, G2: Validate security clearance of Australian platoon.

g. Division Finance Officer: Ensure exchange personnel are briefed on pay options available and arrange for payment of U.S. forces while in Australia.

h. CO, Host Battalion.

(1) Provide quarters and rations as required.

(2) Plan and conduct appropriate reception.

(3) Draw bulk issue of TA 50, minus clothing, from CIF and issue to individuals.

(4) Plan and conduct off-island adventure operation.

(5) Conduct training as required at Inclosure 1.

(6) Publish orders awarding appropriate marksmanship badges.

(7) Arrange and conduct an award ceremony prior to departure.

(8) Publish all requests for orders as necessary in conjunction with travel for exchange platoon.


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Chief of Staff

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
4 Oct 72	Arrive Hickam AFB Time 1700; Reception; Travel to Quad D
5 Oct 72	Equipment issue; M-16 training in P.M.
6 Oct 72	M-16 Training and Qualification, concurrent subjects on Company SOP and Signal
7 Oct 72	Free time - bus tour of Oahu*
8 Oct 72	Free time - Fort DeRussy and Waikiki*
9 Oct 72	Free time - Columbus Day*
10-11 Oct 72	Company level tactical training
12 Oct 72	PT, CI, (A.M.): Company party (P.M.)
13 Oct 72	Interest training: Air/Sea Rescue, USMC Kaneohe MCAS
14-15 Oct 72	Free time - Oahu*
16-18 Oct 72	Battalion Free Play Tactical exercise "A" Co, vs "C" Co.
19 Oct 72	Weapons orientation; M203, M-60, 90 RR, 106 RR, 81 MM, and 4.2" Mortar, Redeye
20 Oct 72	Tour military facilities - Pearl Harbor and Hickam AFB; visit ships and aircraft (C5A if available)**
21-23 Oct 72	Free time. Company A to coordinate transportation requirements*
24-25 Oct 72	PIQ
26 Oct 72	Company Training (TBD) Quad D
27 Oct 72	Wolfhound road march to Waianae
28-29 Oct 72	Free time - Company A to coordinate transportation requirements*
30 Oct 72	Prepare for and move to PTA

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
31 Oct 72	Platoon Training
2 Nov 72	Fire power demonstration and platoon training
3 Nov 72	Platoon Training
4-5 Nov 72	Free time - Hilo; Kailua/Kona
6 Nov 72	Depart Hilo International for Kauai or Maui for Adventure Training - Company A to host. Operation developed by host battalion. Transportation provided by Div T. O.
6-10 Nov 72	Adventure Training
10 Nov 72	Return to Hilo and PTA
11-12 Nov 72	Free time - KMC
13-17 Nov 72	Platoon and Company live fire, PTA
18 Nov 72	Awards Banquet, KMC*
19 Nov 72	Travel PTA to Schofield
20 Nov 72	Commanders' time
21 Nov 72	Commanders' time; turn in equipment
22 Nov 72	Depart Hickam AFB for Australia. Departure ceremony at Hickam AFB

*Coordinate within Special Services, USASCH for available funds, tickets, etc. Possible areas for visits: Sea Life Park, Polynesian Cultural Center, Iolani Palace, etc.

**CO 1-27 to coordinate with appropriate Base Commanders.

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SUBJECT: PLATOON EXCHANGE - EXERCISE PACIFIC BOND

1. THE AUSTRALIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE, THE HONORABLE DAVID FAIRBAIRN, MP, ISSUED THE FOLLOWING NEWS RELEASE ON 12 SEP 72: QUOTE: 1. A PLATOON OF INFANTRYMEN FROM 6 TASK FORCE BASED ON ENOGGERA, QUEENSLAND IS TO TRAIN WITH THE 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION, US ARMY IN HAWAII FOR SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS DURING OCTOBER/NOVEMBER THIS YEAR. AT THE SAME TIME AN AMERICAN PLATOON WILL UNDERGO TRAINING WITH 6 TASK FORCE. 2. THIS EXCHANGE FURTHER STRENGTHENS THE EXISTING ANZUS LINKS. TRAINING EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE FORCES OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE PAST, AS HAVE EXERCISES BETWEEN THE NAVIES AND AIR FORCES OF AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND THE UNITED STATES. 3. THE AUSTRALIAN PLATOON WILL TRAVEL TO HAWAII ON A RAAF SERVICE AIRCRAFT. WHILE IN HAWAII, THE AUSTRALIAN PLATOON WILL JOIN AN INFANTRY BATTALION IN ITS EFFICIENCY TRAINING TESTS AND ADVENTURE TRAINING, AND THE VISIT WILL CULMINATE IN THE ANNUAL BATTALION TEST EXERCISES. 4. A SIMILAR PROGRAMME HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR THE PLATOON FROM 25TAKE

PCTSGTLCYHYBHBGTHDURING ITS STAY IN AUSTRALIA. INITIALLY THE PLATOON WILL TRAIN AT JUNGLE TRAINING CENTRE, CANUNGRA, BEFORE JOINING A BATTALION FOR WORKING-UP TRAINING IN PREPARATION FOR A TASK FORCE EXERCISE AT SHOALWATER BAY AT THE LATTER STAGE OF THE TOUR. UNQUOTE.

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