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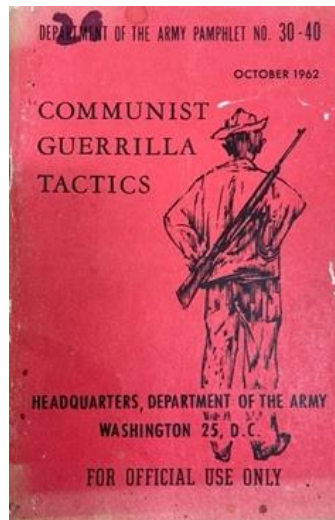
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Forthcoming Anniversaries

- 10 April 1941:** The last Australian rearguard reaches Tobruk. 6 Div engages Germans in Greece. Siege of Tobruk begins
- 11 April 1917:** The first attack on Bullecourt, with tanks in support, is unsuccessful
- 11 April 1941:** Rommel launches his first attack on Tobruk
- 12 April 1941:** Gen Thomas Blamey forms Anzac Corps in Greece
- 13 April 1916:** First engagement of light horse in Sinai
- 13 April 1941:** Cpl John Edmonson, 2/17 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Tobruk. This is the first VC awarded to an Australian during WW2
- 14 April 1943:** RAAF and USAAF shoot down 21 Japanese planes over Milne Bay, New Guinea
- 15 April 1917:** – Capt James Newland and Sgt John Whittle, 12 Bn, awarded VCs for their actions west of Boursies and Lagnicourt, France. Lt Charles Pope, 11 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Louveral, France

Guerrilla Warfare



This is an early (1962) US Army doctrinal pamphlet (*Communist Guerrilla Tactics*) on guerrilla warfare produced in the early days of the US involvement in the Việt Nam conflict.

In May 1961 President Kennedy sent 400 United States Army Special Forces personnel to South Vietnam to train South Vietnamese soldiers. In March 1965 the first US ground troops arrived in Đà Nẵng composed of 3,500 US Marines of the 3rd Marine Division. Australia's involvement began with a small commitment of 30 military advisors in 1962 and increased over the following decade to a peak of 7,672

Australian personnel.

Guerrilla Tactics is a rudimentary publication - its contents would be much enlarged upon in later US Army publications such as the joint (Army & Marine Corps) FM 3-24 *Insurgencies and Countering Insurgencies* (2014). Even allowing for the rivalry between the Marine Corps and Army, it is remarkable that USMC's *The Guerrilla and How to Fight Him* (1990) does not mention the Army's 1962 pamphlet.

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