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Forthcoming Anniversaries

- 24 July 1900:** *Capt Neville Howse, NSW Army Medical Corps, awarded the VC for his actions at Vredefort, Orange Free State, the only VC awarded to Australian medical personnel*
- 24 July 1945:** *Pte Frank Partridge, 8 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions on Bougainville*
- 24 July 1953:** *2 RAR and 3 RAR defend the Hook on the Jamestown Line against the Chinese in Korea*
- 25 July 1916:** *Pte Thomas Cooke, 8 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Pozières, France*
- 26 July 1942:** *2/28 Bn attacks Miteriya Ridge during the El Alamein campaign, only to be overrun by Germans because Allied armoured support could not get through enemy lines to support them*
- 27 July 1942:** *Japanese capture Kokoda*
- 28 July 1916:** *Sgt Claud Castleton, 5 MG Coy, awarded the VC for his actions near Pozières. He died during the action*
- 30 July 1916:** *HMAS Pioneer bombards Dar Es Salaam, Tanganyika (now Tanzania)*
- 31 July 1960:** *Malayan Emergency ends after 12 years and 45 days*

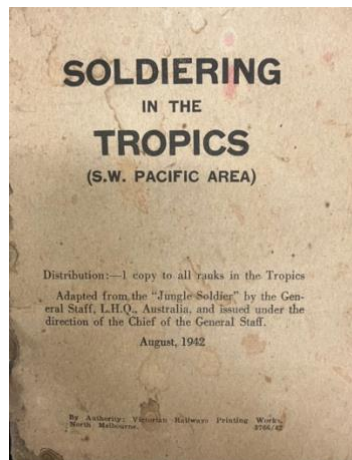
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Soldiering in the Tropics



This pamphlet was issued to all Australian soldiers in the tropics in mid-1942. It was adapted from the 'Jungle soldier' by the General Staff, L.H.Q., Australia, and issued under the direction of the Chief of the General Staff. The pamphlet was also printed in NZ.

Between 60 and 65 percent of US soldiers serving in the South Pacific reported having malaria at some point. Disease, especially malaria, was rampant among the troops. Although dysentery and beriberi took their toll, malaria was by far the most

devastating disease, causing more casualties than the enemy. Malaria and other tropical ailments such as ringworm, fungal infections, dysentery, and beriberi were nearly ubiquitous among the men serving in jungle environments. In many cases throughout the campaigns, malaria played a significant role in determining the outcome of battle. It was said by general Slim that, "Good doctors are no use without good discipline. More than half the battle against disease is fought not by doctors, but by regimental officers. It is they who see that the daily dose of mepacrine ... is taken...If mepacrine was not taken, I sacked the commander.

Australians initially suffered more from illness than the Japanese. It was not until November of 1942 that Japanese medical problems became worse than those of the Australians. The Japanese had come to Papua better prepared to combat disease than the Australians. An Australian study of 1943 stated that the Japanese were the 'most inoculated army in the world.' To the end of September that year the Australians had evacuated 1752 sick men from the mountains against 343 Japanese.

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