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Forthcoming Anniversaries

- 1 April 1921: AIF disbanded
- 2 April 1917: Pte Joegen Jensen, 50 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Noreuil, France
- 2 April 1982: Argentina invades the Falkland Islands
- 4 April 1918: first The first Villers-Bretonneux battle involved the successful defence of the area round the town by the 35th & 36th Battalions against a German attack
- 5 April 1951: 3 RAR crosses 38th Parallel, Korea
- 6 April 1942: 42d US Div arrives in Australia as part of US build up in the Pacific region
- 6 April 1952: 1 RAR arrives in Korea
- 7 April 1917: Pte Thomas Kenny, 2 Bn, awarded VC for his actions at Hermies, France
- 7 April 1942: Aircraft carrier HMS Hermes and destroyer HMAS Vampire are sunk off the coast of

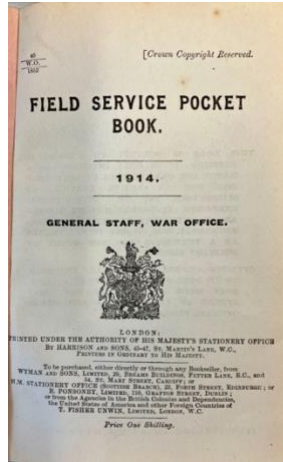
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Field Service Pocket Book 1914



This pocket-sized of about 300 pages was the key tactical guide for British forces in the First World War. It was issued by the War Office to all senior NCOs, warrant officers and officers, including colonials. It details many aspects of the British military art, starting with the war establishments of the British Army (cavalry and Infantry Divisions and ancillary units) and the Indian Army. The handbook details everyday military conduct in the field, and lays down the regulations and guidelines for marches, quarters, camp cooking, sanitation and water supply. There are chapters on orders and the means of communication, plus overseas operations, map reading and field

sketching.

This is one of our several copies with the ownership inscription of a Melbourne soldier in the 46th and later 60th Battalions, Allan Hawkins. He enlisted in late 1915, applied for (but was not granted) a commission and returned to Australia with an illness in late 1917.

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