

General Instruction

Crimea

Date: 7th May 2016

Location: Old Tailem Town, Tailem Bend, South Australia

1. Overview

Adelaide Re-enacting & Military Society (ARMS) will conduct a commemoration and urban combat event on 7th May 2016 to commemorate the Crimean Campaigns, 1941 -1944 . The Old Tailem Town venue offers several streets and numerous buildings, vehicle wrecks, and train carriages. This event will involve street fighting, and urban combat. The site will represent a settlement in the Crimea, with the Murray River representing the Kerch Strait. Both Soviet and German forces will be attempting to secure the settlement. The venue is built up, but not expansively dispersed.

2. Suitable Impressions

2.1 Axis

- Waffen SS
- Heer
- Luftwaffe
- Kriegsmarine
- Romanian Army
- Slovakian Army
- Hungarian Army
- Russian and Cossack volunteers

2.2 Main Axis Formations

- German 11th Army
 - LIV Corps: 50th Infantry division, 170th Infantry division, 138th Artillery brigade, 190th Assault Gun battalion, 197th Assault Gun battalion, 46th Combat Engineer battalion, 744th Combat Engineer battalion, 454th Corps Signal battalion
 - XXX Corps: 198th Infantry division, 14th Infantry division (Romanian), 5th Cavalry brigade (Romanian), 249th Assault Gun battalion, 610th Anti-aircraft Artillery battalion, 70th Nebelwerfer battalion, 110th Artillery brigade, 690th Field Engineer regiment, 430th Corps Signal battalion, 430th Corps Supply battalion, 430th Corps Cartographic battalion
 - XI Corps: 76th Infantry division, 239th Infantry division
 - Reserves & Attached Units: 1st SS Division (Leibstandarte SS Adolf Hitler), 22nd Infantry (Air Landing) Division, Railroad operations command, 19th Construction brigade, 300th Tank battalion, 617th Cartography battalion, 756th Traffic controllers battalion, 766th Artillery regiment, 926th Construction command, 558th Army Communications regiment, 693rd Propaganda company, Einsatzgruppe D
- German 17th Army including Hungarian Fast Moving Army Corps, Slovak Fast Division
- Romanian 3rd & 4th Armies

2.3 Soviet

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- Red Army (all arms/corps – male and female)
- Guards Infantry
- Soviet Naval Infantry
- Soviet Navy (all arms/services)
- Civilians and partisans

2.4 Main Soviet Formations

- 51st Army: 9th Rifle Corps, 271st Rifle Division, 276th Rifle Division, 40th Cavalry Division, 42nd Cavalry Division, 48th Cavalry Division, 1st Crimea Division, 2nd Crimea Division, 3rd Crimea Division, 4th Crimea Division, 138th Mountain Rifle Division, 302nd Mountain Rifle Division, 224th Rifle Division, 390th Rifle Division, 396th Rifle Division, 12th Rifle Brigade, 83rd Naval Infantry Brigade, 105th Separate Mountain Rifle Regiment, 55th Tank Brigade, 229th Separate Tank Battalion
- 44th Army: 20th Mountain Rifle Division, 77th Mountain Rifle Division, 17th Cavalry Division, 24th Tank Regiment
- Separate Coastal Army: 25th Rifle Division, 95th Rifle Division, 109th Rifle Division, 150th Rifle Division, 172nd Rifle Division, 345th Rifle Division, 388th Rifle Division, 421st Rifle Division, 2nd Cavalry Division, 40th Cavalry Division, 42nd Cavalry Division, 7th Naval Rifle Brigade, 8th Naval Rifle Brigade, 79th Naval Rifle Brigade, 256th Corps Artillery Regiment, 69th Fighter Regiment (VVS), 81st Separate Tank Battalion
- Black Sea Fleet

3. Administration and Logistics

3.1 Catering

- Event-theme hot meals will be provided for Friday and Saturday night dinner, & Saturday breakfast.
- Participants are to supply their own field stoves and rations for other meals.
- There will be a supply of drinking water, however all participants are to commence march-in with a full canteen.
- Each re-enactor is expected to be in possession of a mess kit and utensils on march-in.

3.2 Ammunition

- Blank ammunition supply is available from ARMS.
- Contact Richard Tamits (tamirich123@gmail.com) with orders well in advance of the event to ensure supply, orders must be received not later than 7th April 2016.
- Blank ammunition from approved suppliers may be brought to this event.
- All blank is to be inspected by the Safety Officer prior to the commencement of activities.
- Plastic cased blank ammunition is prohibited at this event.
- Re-crimped ammunition is prohibited.
- Live ammunition is prohibited.

3.3 Firearms

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- State and Commonwealth firearms laws apply to this event.
- Persons planning to use firearms at this event must carry their firearms license and present it for registration on march-in.
- Participants not holding a firearms license may use deactivated firearms, non-regulated replicas and other props or play disarmed roles.

3.4 Equipment

- Loan equipment may be available through adequate prior arrangement with the organisers.

4. Command and key appointments

4.1 Officer in Charge

- Eugene Wasilenia

4.2 Safety Officer

- Richard Tamits

4.3 Catering Officer

- David Schneider

4.4 First Aid Officers

- Andrew Henshaw, John Pearks, David Schneider

4.5 Quartermaster

- John Pearks

4.6 Communications Officer

- Viktor Kovalevski

4.7 Soviet Commander

- TBA

4.8 German Commander

- TBA

Note: Participating units with extant command structures should contact the organisers.

5. Location & Directions

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- This event will occur at Old Tailern Town, southern side of the Princes Highway, Tailern Bend, South Australia.
- Website: <http://www.oldtailerntown.com.au/?page=home>
- Directions: <http://www.southaustralia.com/info.aspx?id=9001141>
- Interstate air travellers should contact the organisers for transfer arrangements ex Adelaide.

6. Safety & Casualty Evacuation

- A Safety brief will occur prior to the commencement of the day's activities.
- Safety Officers may halt the event at any time on safety grounds.
- There will be limited hand to hand combat at this event, which should be either unarmed or rifle to rifle only.
- Bayonets are not to be used during skirmishing.
- All participants must carry a basic first aid dressing.
- Fireworks and flares are permitted at this event but must not be used indoors (i.e. thrown into buildings) due to the risk of fire.
- Firing of weapons from buildings is permitted.
- In the event of injury casualties will be assessed by the First Aid Officers.
- Minor injuries will be treated at the scene and the participant returned to action.
- More serious injuries will be transported by ambulance to Tailern Bend Hospital for treatment.

7. Fees

- Fees for this event will be \$50 (\$22 of this is venue entry fee for event duration).
- Fees may be deposited into the account of David P A Schneider: Bendigo Bank BSB: 633-000 Account: 148971336.
- Please specify who you are and e-mail us to advise when you made the deposit.
- Fees may be paid on march-in; however advance payment is preferred to enable purchase of supplies.

8. Insurance

- All participants must have Public Liability Insurance through the Australian Living History Federation, or a similar body with Public Liability Insurance acknowledged by ALHF.
- Persons without appropriate insurance will not be permitted to participate in the event.

9. Vehicles

- Vehicles are welcome at this event.
- Owners must have public liability insurance as per paragraph 8.
- Persons planning to bring vehicles should advise the organisers prior to the event.

10. Public

- The owner of Old Tailern Town wishes the location to be open to the public.
- Accordingly, there may be some spectators observing activities during the course of the day.

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- Members of the public will be provided with a public notice on entry to the venue prepared by ARMS.
- During skirmishing, public areas and interaction with the public should be avoided.
- ARMS will appoint safety marshals for spectator safety during skirmishing.
- Large numbers of spectators are not anticipated.

11. Accommodation

- An outdoor camp site, indoor mess hall and toilet facilities are available.
- Fire Danger Season ends on April 15. As such a camp fire is permitted at the campsite, unless a total fire ban is declared.
- Firewood is not available at the site.
- For security reasons, weapons, ammunition and valuables must be secured appropriately.
- Indoor camp space is available in the Town Hall building.
- Hotel accommodation is available in Tailern Bend and Murray Bridge townships.

12. Dates & Broad Timetable

- ARMS members will be onsite from 12 noon on Friday 6th May 2016. Arrivals for the event may commence from this time.
- All participants are requested to march-in prior to the safety briefing NLT 0930 Saturday 7th May 2016.
- Skirmishing will occur throughout the day with breaks allocated for debriefs, lunch & policing areas.
- There will be suitable revelry after the action on Saturday.
- Overnight camping is encouraged.
- Sunday 8th May 2016 is designated for site clean-up and departure.

13. Dignitaries & Media

- The Russian consul, local politicians and veterans' representatives have been invited to attend the event.
- A representative of the Russian Orthodox Church will conduct a memorial service.
- It is possible that local media may attend, or request an interview.
- ARMS will give a statement to the media in this event.
- Media enquiries are to be directed to the Officer-in-Charge or event directing staff on site.

14. Registration & Contacts

- Registration can be done via e-mail by contacting Eugene Wasilenia (emwasilenia@hotmail.com) or David Schneider (dp.schneider@bigpond.com).
- Ammunition orders can be sent to Richard Tamits (tamirich123@gmail.com) in accordance with paragraph 3.2.
- Registration is open to all Australian military re-enacting groups and re-enactors, subject to paragraph 8.
- Registration processes will be conducted on site Friday 6th May 2016.