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SUBJECT: REPORT ON "ORIENTERINGSBOKA", PUBLISHED 1946 BY
JACOB DYEWAD'S FORLAG, OSLO, NORWAY.

"ORIENTERINGSBOKA" IS A HANDBOOK FOR COMPETING
INDIVIDUALS AND CLUBS IN THE RECENTLY DEVELOPED SPORT OF
"ORIENTATION TOURING" AND "ORIENTATION RACING", ON THE
USE OF MAP, COMPASS AND OTHER NAVIGATIONAL AIDS.

THE BOOK IS EXCELLENTLY WRITTEN, AND PROFUSELY
ILLUSTRATED. USED AS A MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS, IT WOULD BE EASY
TO COMPREHEND AND FOLLOW, EVEN FOR THE TENDEREST OF BUDDING
GROUND NAVIGATORS.

THE TEXT COULD BE TRANSLATED FROM THE MODERN NORWEGIAN
IN WHICH IT IS WRITTEN, TO PRESENT DAY ENGLISH, WITHOUT MUCH
DIFFICULTY. HOWEVER, A SELLING MARKET FOR THIS BOOK, CAN NOT
BE EXPECTED, SIMPLY BECAUSE NO COMPETITIONS BY INDIVIDUALS OR
CLUBS IN THE ART OF TOURING- OR RACING ORIENTATION, EXIST
IN THIS COUNTRY.

DETAILS:

1. ALL UNITS OF MEASURE DESCRIBED AND USED AS EXAMPLES
OR EXERCISES ARE IN THE METRIC SYSTEM.

2. ALL REFERENCES TO MAP SYMBOLS ARE THE CONVENTIONAL
NORWEGIAN SYMBOLS, AS USED BY THE NORSK GEOGRAFISK OPMAALINGS-
KONTOR.

3. OF THE 15 TYPES OF COMPASSES, DESCRIBED, NEARLY ALL

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DEALS WITH THE USE OF 3 DIFFERENT COMPASS GRADATIONS:

- A. COMPASS ROSE OF 360*, CONVENTIONAL.
- B. COMPASS ROSE OF 400*, AS YET NOT IN USE IN THIS COUNTRY,
BUT HAVE BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR OVER A DECADE.
- C. COMPASS ROSE OF 6300 "lines", WHICH IS NOT THE SAME AS THE
AMERICAN SYSTEM OF 6400 MILLS.

EXACT PIN-POINT GROUND NAVIGATION OVER LONG DISTANCES ~~ARE~~ IS
POSSIBLE ONLY WHEN USING THIS TYPE OF COMPASS.

IN ADDITION, THE MANUAL GIVES GOOD ADVICE^{ICE} AND
RULES FOR SAFETY ON A HOST OF RELATED SUBJECTS.

IT DEALS BRIEFLY WITH SUCH ITEMS AS:

DESIRABLE CLOTHING,

DESIRABLE TOUR-FOOD,

CROSS-COUNTRY TRAVEL IN ALL SEASONS,

TRAINING AND DE-TRAINING ,

BODY EXERCISE PREPARATORY TO COMPETITIONS,

PERSONAL HYGIENE.

ONE SPECIAL CHAPTER DEALS WITH MILITARY ORIENTATION PROBLEMS,
BUT IT DOES NOT ADD ANY NEW INFORMATION [REDACTED]
NOT BEING USED AT THIS SCHOOL.

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RECOMMENDATION:

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS TYPE OF TRAINING, AS SUGGESTED IN
THIS BOOK, BE ADOPTED, SHOULD THERE BE USE OF A FAST COURIER SERVICE
BETWEEN FRIENDLY FRONT-LINE GROUPS, OR SURVIVAL GROUPS BEHIND
ENEMY LINES.