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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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D.A.D.O.S.,  
H.Q. 3 NZ DIV. 2 NZEF IP  
Hamilton, and NECAL.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and References to Appendices.
Hamilton	1 Dec.		D.A.D.O.S. at Wellington on <sup>army</sup> business, prior to embarkation for NECAL.	
	2 Dec.	2100	Seven Ordnance H.Q. personnel and two S.O.M.E. (MT) personnel to troop <del>train</del> train Frankton Jcn	
Wellington	3	1100	Arrival at ship's side, Wellington wharves. Embarkation on Transport "President Monroe" together with DADOS, SOME (MT) Sgt. Marment, and Major Myers' batman and driver. (Total party 14) Left Wellington for NECAL 1500 hrs. Major MYERS promoted Lt.-Col as from embarkation.	
	4-6 Dec.		At sea, uneventful trip.	
NECAL	7 Dec.		Arrival in NOUMEA harbour.	
DUMBEA	8 Dec.		Disembarkation by lighter (0900 hrs). Landed (1000 hrs) and transferred to DUMBEA transit camp.	
	10 Dec.		Receipt of Office equipment from ship.	
MOINDAH	13	0900	D.A.D.O.S. and S.O.M.E. (MT) by car to 3 Div HQ. with Drivers, batmen and Sgt Marment.	
	15	0800	Remainder of staff to Moindah camp, 3 Div HQ. (arriving 1800 hrs). DADOS on tour of inspection of possible B.O.D. sites in BOURAIL area. 70161 S/Sgt B.C.W. Smith (Ord. W.O. Arty HQ) promoted W.O.1. Office set up.	
	16-	-	D.A.D.O.S. to NEPOUI on duty.	
	17-	-	D.A.D.O.S. with Col. DOVE on inspection of possible B.O.D. sites near BOURAIL.	
	18-	-	B.O.D. instructed to make priority job of sorting out unit stores for distribution.	
	19	1300	280547 Pte Fitzgerald CM, and 290445 Pte McEntyre J.F. on loan to Base Ord. Depot.	File 3/6/1136
	20		Secret memo (G. branch) sets out distribution of ammn of all types throughout island. B.O.D instructed to arrange (22nd.) B.O.D. given copies of secret list setting out ammunition (excl. Arty) in NECAL	
	20	-	O i/c Admin advised that U.S. Forces have agreed to release a further 500 stretchers for DUMBEA troops.	
	21	-	Army H.Q. advise that 100 T.S.M. Carbines are being provided as War Reserve.	
	22	-	U.S. Service Comd authorises release of 13000 shirts, 13000 trousers in addition to others and belts already issued.	
			Circular to units regarding their holdings of arms and ammn. (Ref File DOS 9/5/1148) and instruction to indent to have their first-line ammn. made up to scale.	
			B.O.D instructed to keep and to give to Army HQ details of all stores taken over from the US Forces.	
	22	-	Army HQ advise projected production of camouflage battledress for tropical fighting; awaiting stocks of dye before commencing production. Asked for comments and recommendations as to shade of green. G.O.C.'s comment is that shirts should be open and capable of being buttoned up. Suggests scale of issue be two shirts and two pairs trousers per man. Will endeavour to hold for use in combat area. (See entry of 10 Feb 43). re actual samples received.	

*W. J. ...*  
Lt.-Col.,  
D.A.D.O.S.

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 D.V.D.O.S. of INTELLIGENCE ON 'RUMOURS' BY THE 30 DIVISION FOR HQ  
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Moindah River Area. NECAL.	23	Dec.	O.C. Div Signals states that rubber-proofed clothing for Despatch riders is too hot for use.	3/2/1151
	24	-	Memo from Officer i/c Admin confirms the hill site just North of BOURAIL as BOD site. Promotion of 48415 Lt. H. McK. Reid, (BOD) to be Capt. w.e.f. 24th Dec, 48469 2/Lt. H.N. McCarthy (BOD) to be Lieut.; 35040 S/Sgt. Buckley A.W. (BOD) to be W.O.-1. w.e.f. 24/12/42.	
	24	-	Members of B.O.D. staff from D.P. 1 near NOUMEA arrived at B.O.D., Bourail, with equipment (comprised 1 officer and 16vO/Rs.)	
	24	-	Notification of native type huts and shelters for mess-rooms, etc to be built.	
	25	-	Whole holiday. B.O.D. staff worked right through holiday at NEPOUI <del>W</del> loading etc.	
Boxing Day-	26	-	business as usual. B.O.D., Nepoui, in process of moving to Bourail. DADOS interviewed G.O.C., 3-Div in respect of simplified procedure for accounting for stores now that troops are 'in the field'.	
	28	-	DADOS wrote 3 Div HQ in connection with the above, and outlining proposals for inclusion in NZEFIP Orders.	
	28	-	O. i/c. Admin. advised that U/S <sup>1</sup> Forces have cabled for 15,000 bedcots to enable issue to NZ troops.	
	30	-	C.R.A., Div Arty HQ was advised that the appointment of Ordnance personnel (technical) with Arty units (2/Lt Conlon and S/Sgt. Nicholson with DOW were mentioned) was a matter for the S.O.M.E. (Armt) and Ordnance Corps decision. This would be discussed when Major EVERS (SOME-Armt) arrived.	1/3/1179
	31	-	Draft to O. i/c Admin. of instructions to all units to return details of U.S. equipment held by them, and acquired since arrival on the island.	10/2/186
	-	-	Ordnance W.O. with Arty HQ (S/M. Smith) issued an instruction to Arty units re method etc of indenting.	

*W. J. ...*  
 Lt.-Col.,  
 D.A.D.O.S.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.		
OUA TOM	DEC	1.	Camp Routine and preparing Camp and W/Shop sites.	App'dix 1
		2.	CPL. K.M. Coyte sent to Dumbea to collect Unit Equipment unloaded from T 50. Vehicles for repair arrived from R.H.Q., but no gear so could not proceed with repairs.	
		3.	Normal Routine and establishment of camp. Lost 1 I.P. Tent by fire during cleaning up. Matter reported to O.C. Very difficult work establishing camp without suitable tools.	
		4.	Establishing camp very difficult work without suitable tools.	
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		6.	LT. Costelloe O.C. left for Dumbea Staging camp to try and hurry up our Equipment. Advised things in a badly organised state.	
		7.	First big jobs in form of broken springs on Dodge, Ford 15 Cwt. and Austin arrive. Can do nothing as no spring steel available etc. R.H.Q. advised state of alert as from 0500 Hrs.	
		8.	Three GMC 5 Ton Lorries, 1 Ford B.D., 1 Dodge Recon. Car, 1 Ford Quad, 1 Indian M/Cycle 1-15 Cwt Ford arrived from Dumbea Transit Camp with the small lot of Equipment we had been issued with. All trucks showing many signs of the knocking about on sea Voyage and the indiscriminate driving by anyone at Noumea and Dumbea. O.C. arrived back in charge of vehicles. Established our own roving picquet. Three men per night.	
		9.	On checking equipment find various articles such as tarpaulins etc. missing from our gear consigned from N.Z. No sign of stores lorry with all our small equipment such as bolts, rivets etc. Therefore can do very little work in W/Shop Repairs. Establishing Mechanics etc. repair shops. Pte. W/A. J. Robb sent up north to port of Ne-Poui to try and locate our stores lorry. O.C. left for Dumbea to examine damaged gun.	
		10.	Dodge Jeep arrived for repair. Managed to pick up second hand clutch plate and pressure plate from American Salvage Depot, Noumea to do this job.	
		11.	Wet canteen opened. Camp Routine. Pte. Robb arrived back from Ne Poui with stores van.	

*W. A. J. Robb*

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OUA TOM	DEC 12		Further state of alert. Work piling in on W/Shops and very little suitable material to do jobs. No spare parts of trucks etc. available. Need of welding plant, vulcaniser and battery charger urgent.	
		13	Full alert throughout area. Strict watch for three men landed off submarine. Double picquet posted. Also had to picquet guns held for 202 nd Bty. at Hyde Park. Lt. Costelloe O.M.E. , B.D. Lorry & Mechanics proceeded to North Check Point with Convoy Back late afternoon.	Appen. 11
		14	Very heavy rain. Alert continues. Normal W/Shop Routine.	
		15	Heavy rain continues. Pte. McColl sent ot 202 Bty., Plaines des Gaiacs to fit M.F.S. to Gun. Lt. Costelloe O.M.E., B.D. Lorry & Quad with Mechanics prodeeded to North Check Point with Convoy. Ptes. George and Galloway report suspicious movement in Bush. Search Party of W/Shops, R.H.Q., & Sigs. went out but saw no signs.	Appen. III
		16	O.C. inspected Guns and Instruments at Gun Positions. Alert suspended. Normal W/Shop Routine.	
		17.	"A" Troop 203 Bty. advised Predictor out of action. Normal W/Shops Routine.	
		18.	Heavy rain prevalent. Normal W/Shops Routine.	
		19.	Normal W/Shop Routine.	
		20	Normal W/Shop Routine.	
		21	Sgt. M.J. Brown left for Noumea to try and pick up any spares for M.T.Vehicles and also to collect Blacksmith Coal etc. Recuperator on 3.7 A.A. Gun out of action- glands clogged and leather practically rotten. Can do very little as nearest new gland is at Trentham.	
		1800	Full alert declared. Unidentified ship off coast. Normal W/Shop Routine.	

*Costelloe*

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OUA TOM	DEC 22		Alert still on. Received application from Pte W.E. Parker for transfer to Malaria Control Unit. Buffer of 3.7 A.A. Gun leaking. Fitted new 'L' packing.	
	23.		Normal W/Shop Routine.	
	24.		Christmas celebrated.	
	25.		Christmas Church Service held.	
	26.		Normal conditions. Pte. R.C. Clarke charged with being A.W.L. on 25th Dec. 1 Vehicle and two men sent on Convoy. One cook suffering from Frontal Sinusitis.	Appen. IV.
	27.		Normal W/Shop Routine.	
	28.		O.C. Lt. Costelloe left for 3 (NZ) DIV. H.Q. and B.O.D. Bourail on Unit Business. Lack of Welding Equipment, & Vulcanising Equipment holding up many jobs in W/Shops. Also lack of mild steel making work very awkward.	
	29.		Normal W/Shop Routine. Ptes. Clarke R.C. & Newby K. charged with absenting themselves from Picquet without KKKK authority.	
	30.		Normal W/Shop Routine. Several men suffering from Enteritis, Fibrositis etc.	Appen. V
	31.		Six men and four trucks detailed for Convoy Duty. Convoy work left bad shortage of trucks in the Unit. Visit from S.O.M.E. (M.T.). O.C. attends Transport meeting at 43rd DIV. H.Q. with Major Simmis. Damaged A.E.C. Diesel Gun Tractor and broken M.F.S. and Height & Rangefinder evacuated to D.O.W. Tractor and M.F.S. damaged while on way to Camps after unloading from Ship.	

*D. Collins*

MOVEMENT ORDER

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Convoy of 20 Non vehicles will move to HINDRA TRANSIT CAMP  
take troops HONZA.

- 3. O.C. Convoy - 2/Lt. King A.N.
- 4. (a) Leading vehicle will pass B.H.Q. gate 205 Bty at 1300 hrs.
- 5. (b) Speed, 15 M.I.H.
- 6. (c) Density, 20 V.T.M.
- 7. (d) Relief drivers will be supplied as follows:-

205 Bty. ....	6
Sig. Sec. ....	2
Ord. W/shops. ....	2
	<u>10</u>

- 4. Ten minute halt will be made every two hours.
- 5. Rations for 96 hrs. will be carried. Personnel will take blank and personal gear for four days.
- 6. O.C. Convoy will see that personnel are correctly dressed at all intervals.
- 7. O.C. Convoy will pay special attention that vehicles maintain intervals.
- 8. Smoking by drivers is forbidden.

- 9. Vehicles will be supplied as follows:-
- |                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 205 Bty. ....      | 12        |
| Sig. Sec. ....     | 4         |
| Ord. W/shops. .... | 4         |
|                    | <u>20</u> |

- 10. Sig. Sec and Ord. W/shops vehicles will report to O.C. Convoy at 1245 hrs. 31 Dec.
- 11. 205 Bty. will supply 2 men for messing duties to accompany on arrival at HINDRA TRANSIT CAMP, O.C. Convoy will report to for instructions.

*Atulou*  
O.C. 205 Bty



Convoy of 12 C.M.C. vehicles will move to DUMBEA on 27 Dec to collect ammunition and five gun barrels from D.P.I. O/A 201 P.M. 28 Dec.

28 Dec 45  
29 Dec 45  
30 Dec 45  
Convoy will return

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2. O.C. Convoy - 2/Lt. Donald, A.S.
3. (a). Loading vehicle will pass B.H.Q. gate 203 Bty at 1300 hrs.  
(b). Speed 15 m.p.h.  
(c). Density 20 V.M.M.  
(d). Relief driver will accompany each vehicle.
4. Ten minutes halt will be made every two hours.
5. Rations for 36 hrs will be carried. Personnel will take Blankets, Mats and personal gear for one night.
6. O.C. Convoy will see that personnel are correctly dressed at all times.
7. O.C. Convoy will pay special attention that vehicles maintain their correct intervals.
8. Vehicles will be supplied as follows:-
 

203 Bty	...	...	10.
Sigs. Sec.	...	...	1.
Ord. W/shops	...	...	1.
			<u>12</u>
9. On arrival at DUMBEA O.C. Convoy will report to Camp Commandant for instructions.

Sigs. Sec and Ord. W/shops vehicles will report to O.C. Convoy at B.H.Q. 203 Bty at 1245 hrs 27 Dec.

*William M. Jones*  
Lt. Col. R.E.S.F.  
C.O. 28 H.A.S. REGT.

DI 17B  
C.O.  
2/Lt. A.W. Donald.  
C.C. 203 Bty.  
SIGS. SEC.  
...

R.H.Q.  
28 Hy.A.A.Reg  
14 Dec.

move Gun Ton to Nth. CHECK PT.  
(N.Z.) Div. Arty Movement Order No.3 dated 12 Dec. refers.

The following arrangements have been or are being made to facilitate your move to Nth. Check Point on 15 Dec.

(a) A message has been despatched to H.C.O. 1/c check points and your E.T.A. and composition and speed of convoy.

(b) On 15 Dec. Major Morris will proceed to Check Points approx 30 minutes ahead of your ~~convoy~~ convoy and will make any further arrangements which may be necessary.

(c) An L.A.D. Sec. comprising Jeep (O.M.E.) 3 Ton Lorry (Mechanical Tools & Equipment), Breakdown Lorry will be attached from to your convoy until you clear the North Check Pt.

3. Att. psm find order of march.

4. You will be personally at the North Check Pt. when your last vehicle passes that Check Pt. Major Morris will then advise you that you come under comd. of 29 Regt. from that point on.

*[Signature]*  
C.O. 28 Hy.A.A.Reg

Copies. CO.  
Lt. Col. Yendall  
Major Morris  
O.M.E. ✓

ORDER OF MARCH.  
202 BTY. CONVOY 15 Dec. 42

Jeep (2/Lt. Wilson)  
No. 1 Gun & Tractor  
No. 2 " "  
No. 3 " "

Ref. 28/120/3

SUBJECTS:- Move Qua Ton - Nepal.

1. 3(N.Z.) Div. Arty. Movement Order No.2. dated 10 Dec.
2. I am advised by C.R.A. that you come under my orders North Check Point on 13 Dec.
3. I have therefore taken or will take the following action:
  - (a). I have despatched Major Morris to Check Point to contact the Officer I/C there and to advise him. A copy of my signal to this Officer is att.
  - (b). On 13 Dec. Major Morris will proceed to Pass and with personnel on Check Points.
  - (c). I will despatch a part of an L.A.D. Sec. with you comprise 1 - 3 ton lorry ( with Mechanic, tools and 1 Recce Car (C&G), & 1 Breakdown Lorry. The first will travel in rear of your first group and the second the second Grp. The first vehicle will detach itself at the middle Check Pt. and the other two at the North

4. Would you please conform to the following starting points and the times on 13 Dec.

1st Gp.	Main Rd at entrance R.H.Q.	28 Regt.	0500 hrs
2nd Gp.	do	do	0530 hrs

5. Would you please arrange to be personally at the North Check Pt. at the last vehicle clears the pass. Either myself or Major Morris will then that you come under orders H.Q. 29 Regt. as from that time.

.....Lt. Col. N.Z.E.F.  
C.O. 28 H.A.A. Regt.

DISTB.  
C.O.  
2 I/C.  
O.M.E. ✓

INTERNAL

Services-continued.

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Economic and New  
New Zealand  
Hon. W.  
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To: B/O 203 Bty.  
 " 208 Bty.  
 C.M.  
 Sigs. Sec. ✓  
 W/Chops. ✓  
 I.S.C.

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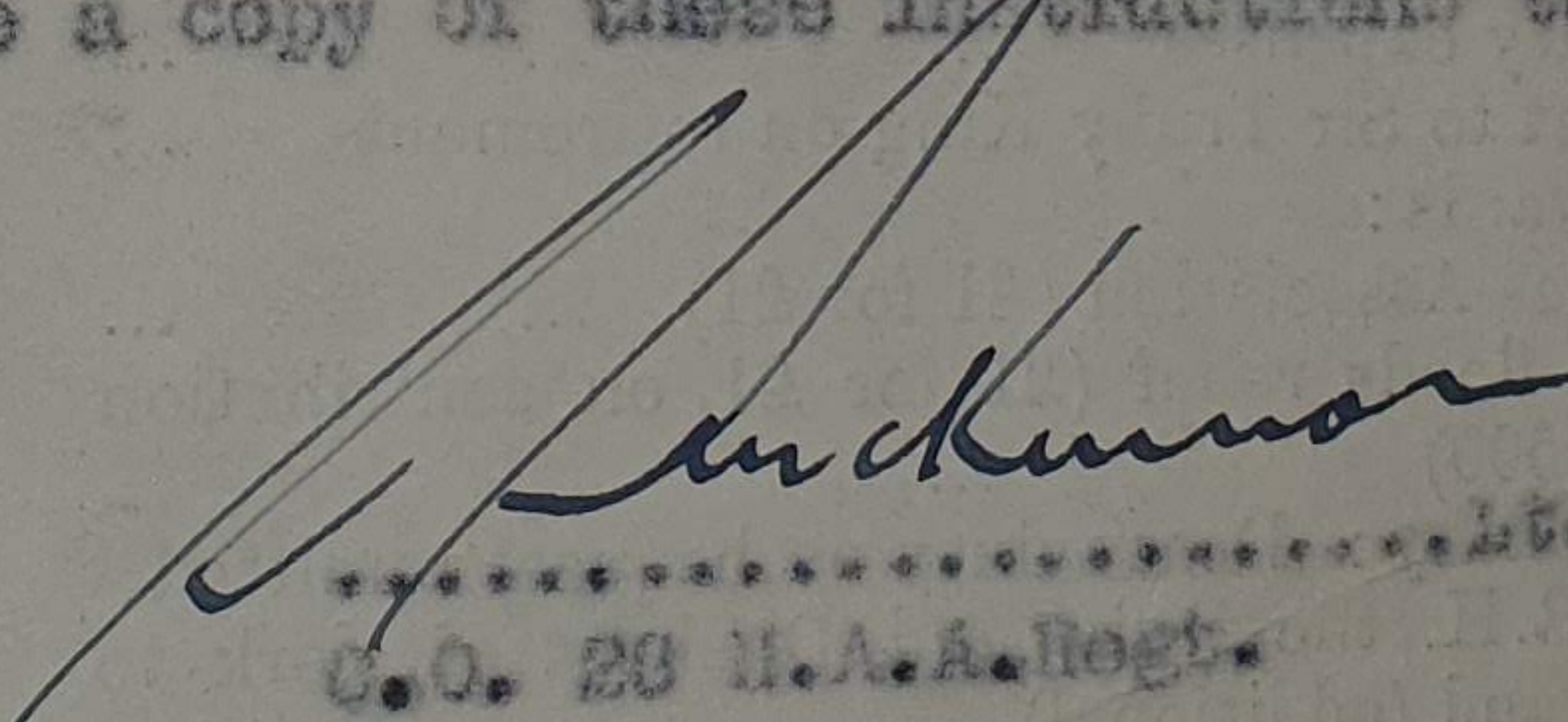
R.H.Q.  
 28 H.A.A. Regt.,  
 2 Dec. 42.

SUBJECT:- Identification & forwarding of equipment.

1. Confirming verbal instructions the following will be ready to proceed to Dabba by 1230 hrs 2 Dec. Parade R.H.Q. 1220 hrs, Lt. F.J. Mitchell 1/C.:-

Ident. Mitchell,	F.J.	C.M. 28 Regt. H.Q.
2/Lt. Irving,	F.C.	28 Regt.
Gnr. Chitty,	A.C.	28 Regt. H.Q.
1/Sgt. Vengioni,	T.	B.S.A.C. 203 Bty.
Sgt. Fletcher,	W.V.	203 Bty.
Bdr. Murray,	A.V.	203 Bty.
Sgt. Burns,	K.W.	203 Bty.
Enr. Morrish,	K.W.	203 Bty.
Gnr. Lindeloff,	A.H.	203 Bty.
Bdr. Stevens,		R.D.F. 203 Bty.
Cpl. Coyte,	K.M.	W/Chops. Sec.

2. All ranks will take arms and personal equipment.
3. The Senior representative of Btys. or Secs will take War Equipment Tables and packing lists of cases and vehicles to enable all stores & equipment to be identified. Lt. Mitchell will take old and new M.E. Schedules.
4. Sec. Comd. Sigs. Section will send such instructions as are necessary to Sgt. Whalen and will give a copy of these instructions to Lt. Mitchell.

  
 ..... Lt. Col. H.F.L.F.  
 C.O. 28 H.A.A. Regt.

No. 6 " "  
 No. 7 " "  
 No. 8 " "

Ord. 3 Ton (Mechanics Tools & Towing Equipment)  
 GL Trans. & Tractor  
 GL Receiver & Tractor  
 GL Generator & Tractor  
 B.D. Lorry (29 Regt)  
 B.D. Lorry (28 Regt.)  
 Jeep (O.M.B.)