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Moindah	1	1900	528347 Pte F.K. Roberts to 109 Station Hospital.	
	2	1700	Remainder of D.A.D.O.S. and S.O.M.E. staffs arrived from N.Z., incl. Major EVERS, SOME (Armt)	
	4	-	Captain Knight (Chief Ordnance Officer, B.O.D., and 75 men from N.Z. arrived at BOURAIL ex DUMBEA Staging Camp.	
	5	-	G.S.O.-1 informed that as 4 technical and one Base Ordnance Officers are deficient in 3-DIV, five technical and two Base Ordnance candidates should be sent forward to proposed OCTU. Authority to issue drivers licences for NECAL given to all Ordnance Mechanical Engineers (including LAD officers <del>etc</del> ) in NZOC units.	RO/Admin 1 Instn. No.52
	-	-	O i/c Admin. advises that 100 (of total of 500 promised) unserviceable American mosquito nets coming forward for use as netting in meat safes, fly-proofing <del>me</del> cookhouses, etc,	
	-	-	3 NZ DIV Admin Instructions NO. 33 - strict instructions regarding the care of M.T. in NECAL; No. 34 - requires drinking cups on Water carts to be withdrawn and returned to B?O.D., BOURAIL. No. 35 - all units required to indent immediately for American clothing to scale authorised (one shirt, trousers, belt, per 1 O/R)	
	-	-	Letter to Army H.Q. giving (slightly unfavourable) report on extensive trial by 36 Bn (N. Force) of the 60 suits of waterproofed khaki drill.	
	-	1530	Staff at lecture by G.S.O.2 on signals message writing.	
	6	-	Army HQ, in response to application dated 13 No. 42, wrote on 4 Dec stating no copies of Ordnance Manual (War) were available for 3-Div. It is however pointed out that we understand all Ordnance Officers, before embarkation with a field force, are to be in possession, personally, of a copy of Ordnance Manual (War) and "Notes on Ordnance Duties and Procedure." Personal application to Q. Branch officers at Army HQ was also made by DADOS prior to embarkation with the request that at least a minimum of one copy of those held at Army HQ should be available for 3-Div <del>HQ</del> use.	
	6	-	Report received from Senior Stores Inspector (dated 15 Dec) after checking records of Base Ordnance Depot, 3-Div, ex FIJI. Report stated: "On the whole the records were in excellent state and reflect credit on Capt. Knight, Base Ordnance Officer."	File 5/6/1207
	7	-	71088 S/Sgt. A.K. Bristow posted to 8 Bde H.Q. as Ordnance W.O.-1 (promotion to be later)	
	6	-	B.O.D. is asked for comments and recommendations on the establishment of bootmakers in the force, including those at B.O.D. (a total of 25 or 27)	
	8	-	Formations given reminder regarding return by units of Arms and Equipment, etc. held.	File 9/5/1219
	-	-	Letter sent (originating this office) from 3-Div HQ to Army H.Q. asking for information regarding S.T. grenades, and also re the appointment of an ammunition examiner.	

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ah	9	Jan 1400	D.A.D.O.S. at G.O.C's conference. U.S. Forces Services of Supply memorandum emphasises that the use of permanent materials is not to be recommended in theatre of war.	
	10	0900	D.A.D.O.S. at G.O.C's conference., also conference with O i/c. A and AA & QMG re buildings for Ordnance, etc. Div HQ advised by this office that 10,960 capes waterproof are available for distribution.	File 3/21241 File 3/2/1258
	11.	-	Issue authorised of 3 overalls white for cooks and cookhouse workers handling food.	
	12.	-	Promotions recommended and effective from this date of the following members of DADOS staff:- 48594 T/S/Sgt Walkley S .S. to be W.O.-1 ; 70147 T/S/Sgt Rollo E.C. to be W.O.-1; 465549 T/Cpl. Woodhams B.E. to be T/S/Sgt. Ordnance N.C.O. for 15 Bde H.Q. to be 73838 Pte J.J. Greening, who is promoted sergeant , while acting as Ordnance clerk with 15 Bde HQ.	
	13.	-	71088 S/Sgt. Bristow Ordnance W.O. at 8 Bde HQ promoted to rank of T/W.O.-1. wef todays date. 48594 W.O.-1 Walkley marched out to duties at 14 Bd HQ.	
	14	-	Noted (in letter to 35 Bn.) that soap, paper toilet, etc. are now A.S.C. supplies, and NOT Ordnance supplies (in accordance with American supply practice).	
	14	-	NZEFIP orders advise that all tents held in excess of scale will be returned forthwith to BOD. Noted re bed cots, American, that these may be purchased by officers.	
	15	-	Army HQ advise that Field Coys, NZE are to hold 2 wireless sets No. 18 and 3 sets No. 38, to be provided shortly. DADOS with Capt Knight, BOD, interviewed Audit officers re the proposal to institute field accounting. Proposals as submitted to the GOC considered satisfactory by Auditor-General's representatives.	
	-	1300	Representative (Sgt Greening) sent to 15 Bde HQ.	R.O. 7/43
	-	-	Publication of promotion list in R.Os for Base Ordnance Depot.	
	18	2030	Candidates for O.C.T.U. interviewed by G.O.C.(including S/Sgt Woodhams, Div Ord HQ)	
	18	-	B.O.B. instructed to have 150 cloths filter made for water-carts	
	19	-	Sale of sheets to officers authorised.	
	19	o	35040 W.O.-1 Buckley A.W. appointed to commission as 2nd Lieut, but to attend later course.	(RO 21/43)
	20	-	49156 Sgt. Marment (SOME-MT office) appointed S/Sgt wef todays date	
	-	-	48595 Lt Jones H. appointed O.M.E. to 14 Bde and 38144 Lt Tilley A.E. appointed O.M.E. to 8 Bde (both ex Div Ord. W/Shops). (Lt. Tilley to be Temp. Captain. from 25 Jan 43).	

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ndah.	20	Jan	Base Ordnance Depot instructed to indent on N.Z. for shorts sufficient to enable each member (O/Rs) of the force to be issued with one extra (2 in all) pairs of shorts.	File 3/2/1345
	21	-	Letter to O i/c Admin suggests that at least three times the number of shoemakers (present number <del>25</del> 27) should be provided for work in the Division.	
	22	Jan	15,000 trousers and 15,000 shirts taken over from U.S. Forces, Request by cable to N.Z. for extra tarpaulins, owing to onset rainy weather and necessity for covering technical and perishable stores.	RO 14/43
	-	-	800315 W.O.-1 J. Danby (D.O.W.) appointed to rank of 2/Lieut.	
	-	-	800373 Sgt. Piercy, J. appointed W.O.-1.	
	-	-	NZEF IP Admin Order No. 13 requires return of empty oxygen cylinders to N.Z. (Para. 75)	
	-	-	All units required, by signal message ex AA & QMG, to give returns by 26th inst of all American tentage, equipment, etc acquired by units and how acquired.	
	-	-	<del>make up deficiency, these to be taken from 100 provided as War Reserve. Not actioned.</del>	
	23	Jan	Base Ordnance instructed by DADOS to indent for a further 4400 headnets, mosquito, to bring stocks up to one per man on basis of 15,000 personnel. 9100 have been received ex U.S. Army.	
	-	-	290764 2/Lt Johnson to be transferred to 28 H.A.A. W/Shops.	
	-	-	The following Ordnance candidates for O.C.T.U. left for N.Z. to attend courses:-	
	-	-	44257 W.O.II Quayle J.D., 66236 Sgt Sherson J.C., 70086 W.O.-II Skinner G.A.P. (all D.O.W.)	
	-	-	and 465549 S/Sgt. Woodhams B.E. (Div Ordnance HQ).	
	-	-	37742 T/Cpl. J.M.Daley promoted T/ Staff/Sergt. w.e.f. to-day's date.	
	-	-	44171 2/Lt. J. Keeling to be appointed O.C., 65 L.A.D.	
	24	-	Base Ordnance Depot asked to investigate matter of repairs to sandals issued to men --	File 3/2/1375
	-	-	practicability of making repairs.	
	24	25	Officer i/c Admin advises that Base Ordnance Depot is to take over two large rooms in ground floor of Gendarmerie at BOURAIL, for storage purposes. Understood no rental required. This area later taken over for M.T. spares, etc, when vacated by American occupiers.	3/2/1372
	25	-	Ordnance NCO at 15 Bde H.Q. is advised to instruct units concerned that they are not to carry a reserve of clothing, but to use it before indenting for replacements.	
	-	-	Publication of special NZEF IP Order No. 14 dealing with "Accounting for Stores in the Field"	
	-	-	Army H.Q. advises (by letter D.246/42/6/Q2 of 15 Jan) that 40 compasses prismatic, liquid, are to be distributed to certain specified units. Units concerned advised in memo. of today's date.	

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number of... (0/8) of the force to be trained with one... Base Ordnance Depot instructed to... for... sufficient to enable each member

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MOINDAH	26	Jan	528347 Pte Roberts F.K. returned from Base Reception and 109 Station Hospital. Technical units of Division, also S.O.M.Es asked to submit estimates of technical stores likely to be required from N.Z., so that Base Ordnance can anticipate requirements and better service these units and the Division.	
	-	-	Officer i/c Admin. advises that arrangements have been made to obtain American clothing etc. from U.S. sources for N.Z. officers.	
	27	Jan	O i/c Admin advises that it is not considered necessary to obtain further supplies of American shirts and trousers, owing to possibility of camouflage battledress for tropical warfare coming to hand soon.	
	28	Jan	S.O.M.E. MT (Major Simmiss) discharged from 109 Hospital. Advice to B.O.D. that B.O.D. and units may carry out repairs to officers boots & shoes at a stipulated price, in their bootmakers shops.	File 1/4/1426
	29	-	Request made to Army H.Q. for the provision of two more Ordnance Mechanical engineers/ for the Force; suggestion made that two men at Trentham Ord. Workshops suitable.	RO 21/43,
	-	-	Publication in orders of transfers to corps X lists of members of this H.Q.	
	30	-	Lt.-Col. Myers, Majors Evers and Simmiss (SOMEs) posted to XI corps lists. wef 24/1/43.	
	31	-	Five personnel of Base Ordnance Depot recommended for promotion to rank of W.O.II (Sgt Allen, K.F.T., S/Sgt Badham J.M., Cpl. Crocker C.P., Sgt Goldsmith, Sgt Pascoe W.A.)	

*W.A. Pascoe*  
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OUA TOM	JAN	1.	Cpl. K.M. Coyte despatched to Ne Poui to collect few cases of equipment addressed to us. Only small amount arrived. No gear which is urgently required amongst it. Lack of full air bottles and facilities for filling same limits work on the guns.	
		2.	Normal W/Shop Routine. O.C. reports to P.D.S. with Lt. Lawson of D.O.W. and Major Simmis to attend transport meeting.	Appen. 1
		3.	Two trucks required for Convoy Movement Could not supply as we had none available. Buffers on guns giving trouble, through oil leaks	
		4.	Pte. D. Robertson detailed to go to Ne Poui to collect timber etc. for much needed construction work round W/Shop site.	
		5.	Pte. L.C. Flowers despatched to 204 Bty. Ile Nou to check over instruments etc. Normal W/Shop Routine. Pte. G. Hubner and Recon. Car sent up to 214 Bty. Ne Poui Recon. Car taken off us in meantime.	Appen. 1
		6.	Normal W/Shop Routine.	
		7.	O.C. Lt. Costelloe went to B.O.D. Bourail re Unit equipment and business. Normal W/Shop Routine. Advised tornado expected. All W/Shop buildings dismantled, Orderly Room packed and Stores tent made secure against eventualities.	
		8.	Normal W/Shop Routine. Tornado did not visit us.	
		9.	Normal W/Shop Routine.	
		10.	Six men and four trucks arrive back from Convoy work. Trucks had done approximately 1200 miles and need fairly severe maintenance.	
		11.	Normal W/Shop Routine.	
		12.	O.C. Lt. Costelloe went to B.O.D. Bourail re Unit Equipment. Brought back tyres, tubes etc. Normal W/Shop Routine.	

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CJA TOM	JAN 13.		"C" Troop 203 Bty. Guns pulled back by use of A.E.C. Tractor. O.C.Lt. Costelloe supervised. Normal W/Shop Routine.	
	14.		O.C. Lt. Costelloe left for Plaines des Galacs to inspect guns and instruments at 202 Bty. and to attend conference at 3 (NZ) DIV. H.Q. on 16 Jan. 43. Normal W/Shop Routine.	
	15.		Particulars of Sgt. Brown's promotion to WO 2 confirmed in R/O Div. Orders of 13 Jan. 43. No. 5/43 wef 24 Nov. 42. Also promotion of Pte. G.H. Topless to L/Cpl. "D" Troop 203 Bty. pulled barrel back on No. 2 Gun and now report Buffer leaking very badly. Cannot do much as we have no packings for intensifier.	
	16.		Normal W/Shop Routine. O.C. returned from inspection of 202 Bty. Guns etc. and from conference at 3 (NZ) DIV. H.Q. 203 Bty. advise that three guns leaking badly at buffers after the guns had been pulled back. Sent men to inspect but could do no good as no 'C' Packings available and short of Compressed Air.	
	17.		Normal Sunday Routine. Major Evers S.O.M.E (Armaments) arrived at camp and stays for shoot of 3.7 A.A. Guns on the Monday.	
	18.		Normal W/Shop Routine. 203 Bty. 'C' and 'D' Troops hold practice shoot. O.C. and Major Evers attend. Sgt. Turner, Ptes. Flowers, Breston, Mottimer, Baty, Faulding also attend in case of repairs being needed to instruments or guns.	
	19.		Major Evers left for Div. H.Q. Normal W/Shop Routine. GMC Truck and Dodge Water Cart evacuated to D.C.W. for repairs.	
	20.		Normal W/Shop Routine.	
	21.		Normal W/Shop Routine. O.C. inspected guns etc at 'D' Troop. O.C. drew up Training syllabus for training in small arms etc.	Appen
	22.		O.C. left for Div. H.Q. and B.O.D. with indents for goods required urgently. Still carrying on without essential gear. W/Shop Normal Routine. Buffer on 3.7 gun fitted with new packing 22 Dec. 42. started leaking, presumably owing to the effect of heat baking the 'L' packing.	

*J. Costelloe Lieut.*



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OUA TOM	JAN 23		O.C. visits Oua Tom Aerodrome and arranges re filling of air cylinders for 3.7 A.A. Guns by U.S. A Army Air Corps. Normal W/Shop Routine. Much needed Welding Set arrived.
	24.		50 % of Personnel on Picnic Leave to River 20 Miles South. Normal Sunday Routine. Tow in Vehicle belonging to Malaria Control Unit.
	25.		O.C. at aerodrome re filling of air bottles and then insprcted "C" Troop Guns. Filling bottles not successful. Adjustments to be made to valve which has to be sent to D.O.W. with particulars of adjustments. Normal W/Shop Routine.
	26.		Normal W/Shop Routine. Pte. Robb, Don R, takes valve to D.O.W. for adjustments. Most important that this be done urgently as air is required for guns.
	27.		First whole days S.A. and General Training. Closed W/Shop down for full day. WO 2 Danby Scott loaned from R.H.Q. to train men in Weapon Training and Lewis Gun etc. 2/Lt. Humphrey loaned from R.H.Q. to train men in Lewis Gun. Cpl. Coyte trains men in Thompson Sub Machine Gun. O.C.Lt. Costelloe takes rest of training syllabus himself in Anti-Tank Gun, Message Writing, P.T. & R. Training etc.
	28.		Normal W/Shop Routine. Lt. Lawson of D.O.W. arrived to take measurements of Remote control firing levers and open sights of 3.7 A.A. Guns with a view to manufacturing same at D.O.W. O.C. attended with Lt. Lawson during his inspection. Lt. Lawson brought new return valve adapter with him for filling of air bottles. Not successful. O.C.Lt. Costelloe and Lt. Mitchell of R.H.Q. left for Tontouta Aerodrome to finalise matters re the drawing of bulk supplies of Oils & Petrol etc.
	29.		O.C. and Lt. Lawson continued inspection re measurement of Guns. Normal W/Shop Routine.
	30.		Normal W/Shop Routine. Lt. Lawson left for D.O.W.
	31.		Normal Sunday Routine. Percentage have day off at river 20 miles South.

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SUBJECT: MOVEMENT QUATQM TO 214 Lt. A.A. Bty. NEPOUI.

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4 Jan

1. The following Recce. Cars will move from QUATQM to NEPOUI on 5 Jan

R.H.Q.	1.
W/Shops.	1.
203 Bty.	1.
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2. Vehicles will move in the following order

R.H.Q.  
W/Shops.  
203 Bty.

- 3. (a) Leading vehicle will pass R.H.Q. gate at 0730 hrs.
- (b) Speed 20 M.I.H.
- (c) 20 V.T.M.

4. Ten minute halt will be made every two hours.

5. Rations. 48 hour rations will be carried. Drivers will take blankets, mosquito nets and personal gear and will remain with their vehicles until ordered to return to OUA TOM.

6. Drivers will remain correctly dressed at all times.

7. Drivers will pay special attention that vehicles maintain their correct intervals.

8. Smoking by drivers is forbidden.

9. Drivers will report to C.O. 214 Bty. on arrival NEPOUI.

*William [Signature]*  
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CONVOY SCHEDULE

1. A convoy of 10 3 ton vehicles will move to BUNDEL TRANSIT CAMP on 5 Jan. to move troops.
2. C.O. convoy S/Lt. Donald.
3. (a) Leading vehicle will pass 5th gate 203 Bty. at 1100 hrs.  
(b) Speed 15 M.P.H.  
(c) Density 20 V.T.H.  
(d) Each vehicle will carry a relief driver.
4. Ten minute halt will be made every two hours.
5. Rations for 72 hrs. will be carried. Personnel will take blankets, mosquito nets and personal gear for three days.
6. C.O. Convoy will see that personnel are correctly dressed at all times.
7. C.O. Convoy will pay special attention that vehicles maintain their correct intervals.
8. Smoking by drivers is forbidden.
9. Vehicles will be supplied as follows:-
 

203 Bty.	6.
Sig. Sec.	3.
Ord/W'shops.	2.
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Sig. Sec. and Ord. W'shops vehicles will report to C.O. Convoy at 8th gate 203 Bty. at 1045 hrs.
10. On arrival at BUNDEL TRANSIT CAMP C.O. Convoy will report to Capt. Hepkin for instructions.

*W. J. Cannon*  
.....t/Col. N.S.S.F.  
C.O. 28 Hy. 28 Regt.

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PERIOD.	WEDNESDAY 27 Jan. 43.	WEDNESDAY 3 FEB. 43.	WEDNESDAY 10 FEB 43.	WEDNESDAY 17 FEB. 43.
HRS. 0715 to 0730	1.	ROLL CALL AND SECTION PARADE.		
0730 to 0820	2.	BOY'S ANTI-TANK RIFLE	LEWIS M.G.	LEWIS M.G.
0830 to 0920	3.	W. T. .303 RIFLE	HAND GRENADE	MAP READING.
0930 to 1015	4.	LEWIS M.G.	W.T. .303 RIFLE	W.T. .303 RIFLE
1015 to 1045	MORNING BREAK			
1045 to 1140	5.	MESSAGE WRITING	PRISMATIC COMPASS	T.S.M.G.
1140 to 1330	MID-DAY BREAK.			
1330 to 1420	6.	T.S.M.G.	T.S.M.G.	FIELD CRAFT SECTION LEADING
1430 to 1520	7.	BAYONET FIGHTING	BAYONET FIGHTING	FIELD CRAFT SECTION LEADING
1530 to 1620	8.	SQUAD DRILL.	SQUAD AND RIFLE DRILL	FIELD CRAFT SECTION LEADING
1620 to	9.	P. & R.T. SWIM PARADE	P. & R.T. SWIM PARADE	FIELD CRAFT SECTION LEADING

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Moindah	Jan. 1		War Establishment: S.O.M.E. (Armaments) No. 800,246 Major J.W. Evers Clerks: 68,887 S/Sgt. Williams, G.M., No. 44,156 Pte. Robieson, C.J., Tch. Sgt. Not appointed. Batman: No. 290,035 Pte. E.C. Henderson, Driver attached: No. 558,936 Dr. Hickford, R.B.B.	
	2		Arrived Necoal landed at Noumea 0800 hrs. and proceeded to Dumbea Transit Camp. Left Dumbea 0800 hrs by convoy and arrived Moindah 1600 hrs.	
	5		Proceeded to Nepoui Staging Camp, inspected 2 25-Pdr Q.F. Guns, 2 40mm Q.F. Guns, 4 2-Pdr Q.F. A.T. Guns, which are held by Ordnance Sub-depot. Condition found satisfactory. Issued with unit Jeep at Div Vehicle Pool.	
	8		Advised A.A. & Q.M.G. to make enquiries of American Forces re charging of air-bottles, as no facilities exist for charging same in 3 Div. C.O.M.E. Trentham asked for various Memoranda of Examination for Q.F. 3.7" Guns.	
	9		ATT units circularised to send in a Return of Small Arms, Compasses and Binoculars before 31.1.43 in order that this Office can compile a Register.	
	11		COME Trentham advised of the difficulty being experienced with the running of clock motors in Vickers Predictors due to the evaporation of the lubricating oil.	
	12		Received reply from U.S. Forces through HQ NZEF IP that "Cletrac" tractors should be found at Tontouta and Plaines des Gaiacs aerodromes capable of producing pressure up to 2,000 lb per sq. in. These compressors should suit our air-bottles which have a working pressure of 1,800 lb per sq. in.	
	14		Notified that one 6" Gun belonging to 33rd Hy Coast Regt. is out of action due to a faulty ball race. Cable sent to NZ by DADOS for the necessary spare parts.	
	17		Left on an inspection visit to Oua Tom aerodrome 1400 hrs.	
	18		Attended calibration shoot of C & D Troops 203rd Battery, 28th Hy AA Regt. (3.7" Guns). One gun out of action in D Troop due to fractured elevating shaft bracket which I had sent to D.O.W. for repair. Inspected 208th Lt AA Bty - condition of equipment good. Attended conference from 1900 - 2200 hrs with 203rd Hy AA & 208th Lt AA Troop & Bty Commanders. Discussed the various difficulties relating to the supply of stores & equipment.	

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**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.**  
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Moindah	Jan. 19		Investigated the possibilities of using the air compressor for charging air-bottles at Oua Tom aerodrome. Found that an adapter was needed to suit our requirements. Left for Div HQ at 1000 hrs. The Pass at Moindou was closed owing to an accident to an Air Force lorry. Came home via Beach Rd. and arrived Moindah 1600 hrs. Now reported that the damaged ball race of the 6" Gun, 33rd Hy Coast Regt. has been repaired by a U.S. Naval unit who were unable to case harden it. Although the gun is traversing satisfactorily at present, it is anticipated that trouble will be experienced in the future.	
	22		Interviewed GOC with 800,315 W.O.1 Danby, J., 66,236 Sgt. Sherson, G.C. & 800,373 Sgt. Piercy, J.E. re appointments. Result W.O.1 Danby commissioned immediately and appointed OME. Sgt. Sherson to be returned to NZ for special OCTU course of approx 4 weeks duration. Sgt Piercy promoted to W.O. 1 as from 22.1.43 and to remain at D.O.W. (Armament Section). 14th Bde report that the luminous marks on the outer cover of liquid compasses Mk III, 1942, are not resistant to rain or moisture. Advised 14th Bde that the marks may be protected by the application of a light coat of clear varnish or lacquer. Instructed B.O.D. to order, paint, luminous (radio-active) 5 grams; varnish clear (Dulux) 5 pints, from NZ for use of Instrument Section, D.O.W.	
	25		Directed B.O.D. to return damaged ball race of P 3 mounting for 6" Gun to M.O.D. Trentham with a view to repair. Received cable from NZ - One complete ball race being forwarded from P 3 Mounting in NZ. Will advise later if bearing balls are obtainable from trade or other sources. No spares held for equipment in NZ.	
	26		Received correspondence re the take over of 4 25-Pdr Q.F. Guns and equipment from U.S.A.	
	28		Interviewed GOC re 3394 2/Lieut S.J. Conlon being posted to 3 (NZ) DIV ARTY HQ as OME. Agreed to transfer at a later date on condition of his replacement by a suitable officer. Suggested Captain Pritchard or S/Sgt Rodgers, both of M.O.W. Trentham.	
	29		At request of DADOS started an estimate of technical stores likely to be required by this Force during the period ending 31st July, 1943.	

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