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20 L.A.D. (att. 17 Fd Rgt NZA)

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Base Ordnance Depot

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Moindah	1 Mar.-		<u>DADOS:</u> QMG advises that 600 reserve is being held of cans water-2-Gallon. GOC considers 4000 reserve needed. Advice received that all rifles must have bayonets (GOC's instruction) and that it is not essential that numbers shall match (this instruction re numbers later countermanded). Instruction to Base Ord. Depot to segregate with great care all ammn containing white phosphorus which deteriorates at low temperatures and may cause fires (111' F.)	
"	1		SOME (Armament) takes over car V8 18801 in place of Jeep.	
"	1		Div. Ord. W/Shops (DOW) reports native labour employed on bark gathering for Armament section shelters; completion of vehicles as spare parts arrive from the Base Ordnance Depot.	
Plaine des Gaiacs	1		L.AA W/Shops: During March, the work done by this unit has been mainly on MT, guns and gun equipment. Unit OC reports he is still well below strength in personnel. Due to general conditions there has been a steady stream of vehicles for repair, and it has not been possible to carry out routine and maintenance checks.	
OUA TOM & Taom R.	1		Hy AA W/Shops and 33 Hy Coast W/Shops - normal routine work. Conditions at V. du Tir very bad underfoot.	
Ouameni.	1		37 L.A.D. "weather bad, area flooded and work very plentiful." 20 LAD (Nepoui) normal activity.	
Nemeara	1		64 L.A.D.: As LAD. to 8 Bde. Maintenance of motor-vehicles has kept the unit exceptionally busy for the month, and this has been augmented by a month of continual wet weather and consequent flooding. OC. reports that unit personnel are fit and well, even without much recreation. Morale is good.	
Moindah	1		65 L.A.D. MV. maintenance and filling in of workshop area.	
Bourail	1		67 LAD no reports	
			Two men to Bouloupari to check and deliver bedcots (American) to units, (from Base Ord. Depot)	
Moindah	2	March	Letter from <u>DADOS</u> to 3-Div. HQ re functioning of Ordnance services in combined operations. Advised by Sub-HQ NZEFIP, Noumea, that 8000 US bedcots have been received. Complaint addressed to 3 Div HQ re Arty units obtaining Browning M.Guns direct from US Forces and not through Base Ordnance (the correct channel). Army HQ advise that 500,000 Lissamine green tablets in transit for 3-Div. (for facial camouflage).	
"	2		SOME (Armt) to Boubail re small arms components. Stocks found to be extremely small and care must be taken to see that unit armourers do not build up stocks.	
"	2		D.O.W. - routine work. Battery charger and pressure greasing equipment will facilitate servicing of vehicles.	
Val. du Tir	2		33 Hy (Coast) W/Shops - routine work. OC reports stores waggon is now more fully stocked and allows better and quicker servicing.	

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Lt.Col DADOS

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Nepoui V. Taom R.	2	-	20 LAD - running repairs & metalling of area.	
"	"	-	37 LAD - "weather very bad, local area flooded, work very plentiful"	
			Other Light Aid Dets. - routine work. (64 and 65 LADS)	
Moindah	2	-	67 L.A.D. promotion of 475687 Sgt Bull F G to be W.O.-II.	
Bourail	2	-	Base Ord Depot - arrival of 15 trucks of bed-cots; staff unloading to 2300 hrs in rain.	
Moindah	3	-	Army HQ advise that an ammunition examinsr (WO-II) has been trained in various phases of the work he will require to do in 3-Div. "with further practical experience he should make a first class officer for ammunition!" (a BOD appointment). SOME (Armt) reports: DOW suggest overhaul of oil motors on all Bofors guns. SOME (Armt) suggested in this connection that personnel from LAA workshops be given a short course at D.O.W. (the personnel of Hy AA W/Shops have already had this course.) SOME (Armt) also suggested to DOW that as supplies of Torpoyl (the correct oil for these motors) is are short, "oil mineral, hydraulic buffer" could be used in lieu, if not mixed, and duly labelled.	
"	3	-	DOW - routine work, on MT and armaments, camp construction & hygiene.	
"	3	-	67 LAD - made up hot water heater & grate for Signals cookhouse (unit to which attached).	
OUA TOM	3	-	28 Hy AA W/Shops - Training all day for this unit (typical training programme for March, see APP.)	App. 1.
Val. du Tir	3	-	33 Coast W/Shops - Construction of battery charger unit to run off Jeep motor until arrival of battery charging plant from N.Z. Weather very wet.	
Nepoui V. Taom R.	3	-	20 LAD metalling & maintenance.	
Nemeara	3	-	37 LAD - despatch of one section to 30 Bn to carry out repairs and inspection of vehicles. (week's work)	
BOURAIL	3	-	65 LAD - MV maintenance and filling of workshop area.	
		-	Base Ord Depot: Formal application for promotion to Lieut. of 2/Lieut J.L. Lonergan (MT sub-depot)	
		-	Weather still inclement and slushy - staff working under difficulties.	
Moindah	4	-	DADOS: Instruction from 3 Div HQ to make trial issue of "jungle boots" (rubber soled with canvas tops) one per unit. BOD is holding 15,000 of these. SOME (Armt): AA & QMG requested to bring to units' notice following points re care of arms: serious damage caused by mason bees nesting in rifle barrels; periodical inspections must be held of bore in particular. Distortion of springs (recoil) of T.S.M. Guns due to incorrect removal and replacement. Correct method pointed out. Div Arty HQ asked to instruct units re damage being caused to 40 mm equipment Interrupted thread on barrel and breech ring being damaged due to lack of care when inserting barrel. Levelling jack screws being damaged through removal of nut securing lever without first removing locking screw.	
"	4	-	D.O.W. - one officer and 30 O/Ranks to Nepoui for duty - unloading of M.T. ex transport. Ranks of six senior NCOs made substantive.	Major, for Lt. Col DADOS

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NECAL. BOURAIL	4 4	- -	Routine work at Lt AA, Hy AA and Coast Workshops. Routine work at five LADs. <u>B.O.D.</u> - Boisterous weather; tarpaulin roofs removed from several shelters; staff working all night until mid unloading of ship ship completed.	
Moindah	5	-	Admin. Instructions that all surplus cycles and motor-cycles to be returned to Base Ord. Depot, also NZ pattern 2-gallon water cans held in excess of W.E. Tables to be returned by 20 Mar <u>SOME(Armt)</u> - Hy Coast W/Shops enquiring re deficiencies of trade personnel.- Army HQ advised. <u>D.O.W.</u> unloading commenced at Nepoui (MT ex ship). Rank of six senior NCOs & WOs made substantive, WO	
Necal	5		Normal workshop routine LAA and Hy AA w/Shops, also Coast W/Shops.	
Nepoui	5	1400	<u>20 L.A.D.</u> - recovery job; otherwise maintenance.	
Taom R.	5		<u>37 L.A.D.</u> - unit (less one section at 30 Bn area) spent all day metalling and digging drains.	
Bourail	5		Other L.A.Ds engaged in maintenance etc. (67 L.A.D. that that for all Div HQ area vehicles)	
	5		<u>Base Ord. Depot:</u> Raining hard and area very muddy - Bulldozer building roadway round amm dump and straightening area beside mess hut for vehicle park.	
Moindah	6	-	<u>DADOS Office:</u> Cable sent to N.Z. asking when all or portion of 500 tarpaulins are available - lack of cover is causing deterioration to ammunition supplies. Units advised that body belts are not an issue for motor-cyclists or truck drivers.	
"	6	-	<u>D.O.W.</u> , routine activity.	
P. des Galacs	6		<u>29 L.A.A. W/Shops</u> : Construction of workshop was completed today. Routine activity in	
Taom R.	6		<u>28 H.A.A. w/shops</u> and <u>33 Coast W/Shops</u> - routine work.	
	6		<u>37 L.A.D.</u> - O.C. comments that W.E. pattern vehicles operating in that area are quite capable of handling in muddy conditions. As yet no salvage work has had to be carried out during the worst rainy periods. O.C. spent day at 30 Bn testing drivers for M.T. and Bren carriers.	
Bourail	6		Other <u>L.A.Ds</u> - routine work. <u>Base Ord. Depot</u> - Trucks arriving slowly from ship, with shifts still on during night time.	
Nepoui	7	-	<u>D.O.W.</u> men still unloading M.T. at wharf. Other units quiet day. (Sunday).	
Moindah	8	1100	<u>D.A.D.O.S.</u> to Noumea on duty, with driver.	
"	8	-	<u>D.O.W.</u> M.T. work. One machinery lorry is fully occupied keeping up with M.T. machining requirements. Unloading of M.T. continues at Nepoui.	

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Oua Tom	8	-	28 Hy AA W/Shops - O.C. inspects 3/7 A.A. guns and submits report to C.O.. One gun still out of action owing to lack of spares. i.e., "C" packing for intensifier. Normal routine work also.	
TAOM RIVER.	8	-	Other Workshops - routine duties. also in L.A.Ds and Base Ordnance Depot. 37 L.A.D. - very busy day. estimates and advice given regarding lighting of Road House, Taom River.	
Moindah	9.	-	DADOS in Noumea ; Advice received from Army HQ that 243 more T.S.M.Gs are to be provided for 3-DIV, to "bring up to War Establishment" and provide 10% reserve" (figures queried by DADOS). Army HQ also advise that large quantity of ammunition has been allocated for Division, incl. .303-in, SAA, 4,266,000 rounds; tracer, 350,000 rds ; pistol, .38-in, 261190 rds ; .55-in A.P. 12,750 rds ; TSMG, .45-in, 660,400 ; grenades, 36M, 10,600 ; mortar bombs 3" HE, 13644 ; 2" mortar bombs, 7344. Training ammm. is included.	
"	9.	-	SOME (Armt) -Barrel of unserviceable rifle split for inspection to study results of nesting by mason bees. Deep pitting observed - seems to be free from discoloration usual with ordinary corrosion. Enquiring further into the structure of nest to see if any harmful materials used. Asked AA & QMG to order a general check throughout Division of rifle bolts by responsible persons; Return required so that arrangements can be made to correct. Normal workshop routine etc. at D.O.W., 28 and 29 AA W/Shops. O.C., 33 Hy Coast W/Shops reports that personnel of his unit now have their correct N.Z.O.C. ranks.	
Nepoui	9	-	20 L.A.D. report one tent destroyed by fire. (I.P.P.)	
Nemeara	9	-	65 L.A.D. Received tools for fitters kits from B.O.D.; maintenance, etc.	
Bourail	9	-	Base Ord. Depot - weather drying up and area still being levelled by bulldozer. Trucks still arriving with stores from NEPOUI.	
Moindah	10	2000	DADOS returned from NOUMEA.	
"	10	-	D.O.W. roadmaking to provide better access to camp. Routine work.	
OUA TOM	10	-	28 Hy W/Shops - days training for personnel.(See Appendix 1).	
Val.du Tir	10	-	33 Hy Coast W/Shops - Battery charger now in operation and running satisfactorily.	
Bourail	10	-	L.A.Ds report routine duties, including some constructional work in 65 L.A.D. Base Ord. Depot - Roadways round stores are in terrible condition owing to rain, making loading of trucks almost impossible.	
Moindah	11	-	Div. Arty H.Q. informed by SOME (Armt) re unauthorised stripping of pistol, which was damaged as a result. Completion by D.O.W. of unloading task at Nepoui Docks	
OUA TOM	11	-	28 HAA W/Shops - OC instructs NCOs in general policy of Ordnance Workshop etc.	
P. des G.	11	-	29 L.A.A. W/Shops - Artificers and instrument mechanics, with S/M. Piercy of D.O.W. carried out a visual inspection of the 40mm armament of 214 Bty. The unit is still seriously short of gun artificers.	

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Nepoui	11	0830	<u>20 L.A.D.</u> Court of Inquiry to determine responsibility for loss of equipment (incl tent) by fire.	
Moindah	11	-	<u>37, 64 and 65 L.A.Ds.</u> - routine work.	
BOURAIL	11	-	<u>67 L.A.D.</u> reports that latest type Ford Quad wrecker truck used and found quite satisfactory in retrieving a Ford V8 sedan over a bank in Moindou Pass.	
P.D.G.	12	-	<u>Base Ord. Depot.</u> - Camp construction and erection of shelters continues. Rain and mud very bad.	
Taom River	12	-	<u>LAA W/Shops</u> - commencement made on a comprehensive drainage system for the area which has proved very successful. Personnel (as on 11th) inspecting 40mm armament of 214 Bty.	
Bourail	12	-	Routine work at <u>D.O.W.</u> , <u>29th</u> and <u>33rd Workshops</u> .	
Moindah	13	-	<u>37 L.A.D.</u> advised to collect new Breakdown truck which is found very satisfactory.	
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Oua Tom	13	-	S/M. Harvey (Ammunition examiner) one cpl. and 4 privates arrived at <u>Base Ord Depot</u> from N.Z.	
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			<u>DADOS.</u>
Moindah R.	15	-	AA & QMG authorises provision of roading and shelter tarpaulins for ammn stores at Nepoui as a Divisional responsibility ; also in the meantime this extends to preservation of ammn in Nepoui Valley, also covering, preservation and storage of ammn issued to ASC Coys (File 8/3/190
"	15	-	Instruction from <u>DADOS Office</u> to B.O.D. to indent for 16,000 blankets -- this was later held up on decision of GOC and OICA, who consider it wiser to hold stocks for winter requirements in N.Z. until storage is more adequate in NECAL.
"	15	-	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Maintenance and repairs of MT.; Battery charger and greasing units in operation. Gas lectures for officers. Other Workshops units - normal routine.
Taom R.	15	-	<u>37 L.A.D.</u> One section of LAD to 30 Bn to check new vehicles received; new allocation should give reasonable time for repair of the commercial vehicles of that unit.
Moindah Bourail	15	-	<u>67 LAD</u> recovery job on Signals GME truck ; assisting transport at flooded Poya River
	15	-	<u>Base Ord Depot</u> : Working parties building stores for A Group. Ammunition examiner (S/M. Harvey) working at ammn. dumps at Nepoui. Nepoui dump chopped up after heavy rain. Fatigue parties from Arty. units engaged stacking, sorting and lotting last shipment of ammn.
Moindah	16	-	<u>SOME (M.T.)</u> : Major Simmiss, to hospital with acute tonsilitis while visiting 8 Brigade area. (Xii list)
"	16	-	<u>SOME (Armt)</u> visited 28 Hy AA W/Shops - general inspection ; also 203 HAA Bty, C and D Troops.
OUA TOM	16	-	<u>Div. Ord. W/Shops</u> - roadmaking and camp maintenance; MT maintenance & repairs .
	16	-	<u>28 Hy AA W/Shops</u> - visited by SOME (Armt) ; lecture by S /M Brown to 203 Bty drivers on care and maintenance of vehicles. General duties other workshops. (29th and 33rd.)
Bourail.	16	-	Maintenance and routine work at various <u>L.A.Ds.</u>
	16	-	<u>Base Ord Depot</u> - Units commencing to return motor-cycles in accordance with admin. instructions. Some difficulty experienced in connection with storage of these. Capt. Knight promoted Major (subst.)
Moindah	17	1000	Lt.-Col Myers to 4 Gen. Hospital for operation ; Base Ord Depot are advised that priority for issue of waterproof capes is : (1) outstanding indents; (2) replacement of 30 Bn's unserviceable capes ; (3) supply of 672 capes to 34 Bn newly arrived; (4) other replacements ; (5) lastly, base units and coast artillery units.
"	17	-	<u>SOME (Armt)</u> reports that B.O.D. are trying to trace QF 3.7" Mk. III barrels vouchered to AA units. Of 19 vouchered only 6 have been traced.
"	17	-	<u>Div. Ord W/Shops</u> - camp inspection by AA & QMG and ADMS. Routine work ; gas lectures for officers; hurricane warning received and all precautions taken.
OUA TOM	17	-	<u>28 HAA W/Shops</u> training day ; hurricane warning.
Val. du Tir	17	-	<u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u> - day spent salvaging trucks ; hurricane warning received & precautions taken.

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Moindah	18	-	DADOS Office: Publication of special Admin. Instruction by 3-Div HQ regarding care of tentage etc. Units advised that a tentmaker is available at B.O.D. for repair work.	
"	18	-	D.O.W. - Pool machinery waggons checked and tested under power. MT. maintenance & repairs. Routine work in other Workshops (28, 29 and 33rd.) In 33 Hy Coast W/Shops heavy rain with tarmac and workshops area complete bog.	
"	18	-	Wet weather general. L.A.Ds engaged in routine work. 67 L.A.D. assisting transport at Poya River.	
Bourail	19	-	Base Ord Depot: Routine duties.	
Moindah	19	-	AA & QMG instructs all units (Sp. Adm. Instn. No. 8) that any equipment held by units in N.Z. and which has not been delivered to units in NECAL, may be the subject of an application to write-off and replacements demanded from DADOS after thorough check has been made for missing gear.	
"1	19	-	D.O.W. - reports being received regularly from 2 recovery sections. Both of these are carrying out MT repairs to the limit of their equipment. Each have one Jeep and one Wrecker. Main shop and Armament section fully occupied in routine work.	
OUA TOM Taom R.	19	-	28 HAA W/Shop - unit rugby team beat 208 Bty drivers 8-0. Routine work other workshops.	
Bourail	19	-	37 L.A.D. - O.C. notes that preliminary check of 30 Bn vehicles is disclosing faults that might otherwise have developed to serious stage before detection. Other LADs - routine work	
Bourail	19	-	Base Ord Depot - camp construction and erection of shelters continuing ; routine work.	
Moindah	20	-	SOME (the Armt) enquired of Div Arty HQ the position re Browning MGs said to be on loan from US Forces to some Arty units. Question of servicing and spares to be covered. DOW stressed need for booklets to assist in identification of parts when indenting. Request passed on.	
"	20	-	Internal economy D.O.W. - preparation for reception of D. & M. course personnel due to arrive following day. Working hours to be extended next week to cope with & clear accumulated work. Normal sunday routine other units.	
Moindah	21	-	DADOS Office : AA & QMG advises that we are to indent on NZ for bayonets , scabbards, and frogs required to give each rifle this equipment. It is not desirable to use those at B.O.D. which are marked for specific rifles.	
"	21	-	D.O.W. - D. & M. personnel arriving for course during day. Internal economy; urgent MT work.	
"		-	Normal Sunday routine other units. 37 LAD personnel have fishing trip off coast.	

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WAR DIARY

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Moindah	0815	22	Mar Div. Ord. W/Shops - D. & M. Course commenced attended by various unit representatives. 2/Lt. Manson and Cpl. Askew on Power Unit; workshops personnel working extended hours to cope with additional MT repairs. Testing of N.Z. and Canadian machinery lorries.	
Oua Tom	22	22	28 Hy AA W/Shops - Normal routine ; inspection of all motor-cycles ; inspection by Lt.-Col McKinnon.	
Bourail.	22	-	Normal maintenance and similar duties in other workshops units and L.A.Ds. Base Ord Depot - Normal routine; weather wet in evening.	
Moindah	23	-	Div. Ord HQ - nothing to report; DADOS in hospital but progressing after operation. Staff carrying on successfully.	
"	23	-	D.O.W. - D. & M. Course : Capt Lawson (2 i/c) and W.O-1 Fraser lectured on Transmission; in evening lecture by Capt W. Street of 5 Provost Coy on Road Code & Vehicle Marking. Normal workshop activity.	
Oua Tom	23	-	28 HAA W/Shops - Instrument Artificers checking all M.F.S in 203 Bty. Normal routine.	
Nepoui R	23	-	20 L.A.D. This unit took delivery of greasing & electrical truck. Maintenance, etc.	
Taom R.	23	-	37 L.A.D. O.C. visited 30 Bn where part of L.A.D. is working. Good reports from that area.	
Moindah	23	-	67 L.A.D. Recovery of U.S. Army Recovery truck with engine failure 5 miles North of Moindah. Other units, incl. B.O.D., routine activity.	
Moindah	24	-	S.O.M.E. (Armt) - AA & QMG enquires re sharpening of bayonets, esp. for use in cutting scrub etc. Decided that bayonet can be sharpened so that bevel carries back not more than 1/8" from edge. Dulling does not seem essential but can be done with nitric acid.	
"	24	-	D.O.W. - D. & M. Course - Lt. Patton and S/Sgt Wilson on Electrical system.	
Oua Tom	24	-	28 HAA W/Shops - started regimental vehicle inspection.	
Taom R.	24	-	37 L.A.D. - delivery taken of battery charger and compressor mounted on Ford 4 x 4, also collected spares from B.O.D., Unit now practically up to War Establishment in respect of equipment.	
Ouameni	24	-	64 L.A.D. took delivery of a Ford Quad compressor truck with Battery Charger and Paint Spray outfit. Both outfits (compressor for greasing and battery charger) being fully used. With arrival of No. 1 Recovery Section and their mobile workshop etc, 64 LAD are settling down to their correct L.A.D. duties in the brigade.	
Nemeara	24	-	65 L.A.D. - This unit took over compressor truck from D.O.W. M.V. Maintenance.	
Bourail	24	-	B.O.D. - routine duties.	
Moindah	25	-	Request by cable to N.Z. that full tentage accompany future drafts of troops. Indications are that climatic conditions here will cause heavy wastage in tentage.	
"	25	-	D.O.W. - D. & M. Course - O.C., Major Signal and Sgt Lundquist on "Suspension & Lubrication". Routine work in workshops.	

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Oua Tom	25	-	28 HAA W/Shops - Regimental vehicle inspection continuing. Other units (incl B.O.D.) - routine duties; no items of particular note.	
Moindah	26	0	DADOS Office - N.Z. advise by cable that tentage will be supplied with drafts as far as possible. It may not be possible on all occasions to send it on the same ship, but as shipping space permits.	
"	26	-	Div. Ord. W/Shops - D. & M. Course - Lt. Patton and S/M. Smith lecture etc on Brakes and Steering; routine duties in workshops.	
Taom R.	26	-	37 L.A.D. Section returned from duty with 30 Bn; fitted lighting system in road house.	
Moindah	26	-	67 L.A.D. Recovery unit at Poya River crossing to assist (with 20 LAD) MT. cross flooded river. Other units (incl. B.O.D.) routine duties.	
Moindah	27	-	SOME (MT) Major Simmiss returned from hospital.	
"	27	-	D.O.W. - D. & M. Course - practical maintenance on vehicle park, working in conjunction with a number of the DOW fitters MV. Inspection parade, M.T. work, internal economy and rifle inspection, for members of unit.	
Nepoui R.	27	-	20 L.A.D. Tools and equipment checked over; start made on waterproof storehouse.	
Bourail	27	-	Other L.A.Ds - routine maintenance etc. B.O.D. in inter-unit swimming contest B.O.D. defeated Hospital team by 47 to 23 points.	
Moindah	28	-	D.O.W. - The Task System of Daily Maintenance (Major Signal) ; final talk by SOME (MT) - Major G.C. Simmiss. Conclusion of course.	
Bourail	28	-	Other units - mostly Sunday programme. B.O.D. A truck went to Bourail beach at 1315 hrs. At 0300 hrs a party left on a deer-shooting expedition; returned at 1530 hrs with one beast.	
Moindah	29	-	D.O.W. - General M.T. maintenance and repairs.	
Oua Tom	29	-	28 HAA W/Shops - Normal routine - many jobs held up in shop owing to lack of spares, ordered.	
Nepoui V.	29	-	20 L.A.D. - Greasing truck started on systematic routine of greasing and checking vehicles under their care.	
V. du Tir	29	-	33 Hy W/Shops O.C. reports that condition of 151 Bty being brought up to decent mechanical standard slowly.	
Taom R.	29	-	37 L.A.D. O.C. reports that 14 Bde HQ ^{was} advised of careless treatment of tyres etc. 103 tyres and 60 tubes rendered unserviceable during the three months of operation. Due in quite a number of cases to neglect and laziness.	

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Nemeara	29	-	65 L.A.D. - started servicing batteries and greasing trucks with pressure plant.	
Moindah	30	-	Copy received of letter from GOC to Army HQ re the condition of tentage in NECAL. Considers life of outside flys of tents will be 9-10 months and inner portion two to three times as long. Considers camouflage caused deterioration of material. Huttet accommodation preferable for lengthy residence here. As from June 300 flys for tents I.P. and 40 flys for tents I.P.P. will be needed.	
"	30	-	SOME (Armat) - interviewed bacteriologist re nesting of mason bees in rifle barrels and left sample of nest and contents for analysis.	
Nepoui V. Taom R.	30	1900	Workshops all report normal routine. 20 L.A.D. out assisting an ASC vehicle over bank : also at 1115 hrs.	
Bourail	30	-	37 L.A.D. Rest of week to be spent on unit area metalling etc., Arranged for No. 2 Recovery Section of D.O.W. to carry out unit's work while metalling is being done. B.O.D. - Five HMT trucks loaded with tyres for shipment to N.Z. Routine duties.	
Moindah	31	-	DADOS Office - request from B.O.D. for permission to proceed with erection of amm. shelters. Passed on this request to AA & QMG.	
"	31	-	D.O.W. Sundry promotions of neos. - 4 to be sgts; six to be cpls., 15 to be 1/cpls. (R.O. 77/43) Routine work, and repairs to A.E.W.S. printing machinery. Other workshops - routine work.	
V. du Tir	31	-	33 Hy Coast W/Shops - Summary for month. Weather conditions adverse generally and many trucks have been bogged in consequence. Quad wrecker truck has been invaluable and capable of any job it has had to tackle. Mail has been very short. O.C's comment is that mail is very important in maintaining morale. Unit has been working under difficulties in that it has no qualified mechanic. Supplying petrol (600 gals per week) also uses manpower. Supply of spares from B.O.D. (MT) was not good.	
Nepoui V. Ouameni	31	-	20 L.A.D. reports work is being held up owing to shortage of spares and slow arrival.	
"	31	-	64 L.A.D. report that unit is settled down and turning out a lot of work; are fit and have little call on R.A.P. Little opportunity for recreation and have not even a radio. Nevertheless morale is good.	
Nemeara. Moindah	31	-	65 L.A.D. report shortage of personnel (ten short of full strength) impeding and limiting work. 67 L.A.D. report that 9 other ranks took part in general infantry training course with Div. Sigs personnel. Some hand tools have arrived, but with increased work need of emery wheel, box spanners etc, also tools for Motorcycles of US pattern.	

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ORDINANCE WORKSHOP SECTION,
Att. 28th HY. A. A Regt.

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEDNESDAY 3 ~~1943~~ ^{Nov.} 43.

HOURS.

0715
to
0730

ROLL CALL AND INSPECTION.

0730
to
0820

GAS LECTURE

0830
to
0920

TACTICAL SITUATION IN PACIFIC (LECTURE)

0930
to
1020

INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY (LECTURE)

1030
to
1140

GAS LECTURE

1140
to
1345

MID-DAY BREAK.

1345
to
1640

ROUTE MARCH AND MARCHING CONTROL.

1640
to
1830

SWIM PARADE.

ORDNANCE WORKSHOP SECTION,
Att. 28th HY. AA Regiment.

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH 43.

0745	Hrs.	
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0800	Hrs.	Parade and Inspection.
0800	Hrs.	
to		
0900	Hrs.	Gas (Lecture)
0910	Hrs.	
to		
1010	Hrs.	Ordnance Services in the Field (Lecture)
1030	Hrs.	
to		
1130	Hrs.	Gas (Lecture)
1130	Hrs.	
to		
1330	Hrs.	Mid-Day Break.
1330	Hrs.	
to		
1630	Hrs.	Route March
1630	Hrs.	
to		
1730	Hrs.	Swim Parade.

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