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April 1943.

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Moindah	1 Apr.		DADOS Office : Lt.-Col. Myers in hospital. S.O.M.E. (Armt) : inspected gun No. 4324 (3.7") of 202 Hy AA Bty; found circumferential tool marks as with guns in same series with 203 Bty. Of no consequence as efficiency of gun unimpaired. B.O.D. (Bourail) Four men of MT Section to Hospital with Dengue fever.	
"	"	"	Div Ord. W/Shops : Routine work, maintenance & repairs.	
Oua Tom	"	"	28 Hy AA W/Shops ; Normal routine ; truck and car parts coming to hand ; machinery lorry a big help.	
P. des G.	"	"	29 Lt AA W/Shops : Despatched breakdown truck to POUEMBOUT to salvage GMC 6 & 4 with steering fault.	
V. du Tir.	"	"	33 Hy Coast W/Shops : Maintenance of vehicles & equipment.	
Nepoui V.	1	"	20 LAD : Maintenance on vehicles.	
Taom R.	"	"	37 LAD : Unit personnel metalling vehicle park.	
Ouameni	"	"	64 LAD : OC reports that month has shown a marked improvement in weather conditions. The amount of repair work is still heavy.	
Nemeara	"	"	65 LAD : M.V. maintenance.	
Moindah	"	"	67 LAD : Unit fully engaged in repair and maintenance of vehicles in Div. HQ area.	
Moindah	2		DADOS Office : cable sent to NZ re stocks of mosquito nets being exhausted; 36 Bn being supplied ex American supplies. Also stated that shirts K.D. are urgently required.	
"	"	"	Report submitted in War Diary noted on observations after a period of three months in the field, Appendix for the D.O.W.	
Oua Tom	"	"	28 Hy AA W/Shops: Course started for artificers on Guns & Instruments etc, one man from 204 Bty, 2 men from 203 Bty, 2 men from 202 Bty. Normal Routine.	Appendix II.
V. du Tir	"	"	33 Hy Coast W/S.: Full unit to 33 Hy Rgt HQ range at Ile Nou for practice shoot. Rifles zeroed.	
Nepeui V.	"	"	20 LAD : routine work	
Taom R.	"	"	37 LAD : personnel metalling unit vehicle park ; OC attended Brigade conference.	
Moindah	"	"	67 LAD : start made to shingle workshop area. Other LADs - routine work.	
Bourail	"	"	Base Ord Depot : Weather fine ; shelters still being constructed ; Three more of MT Section to Hospital with Dengue fever. Usual routine duties.	
Moindah	3		DADOS Office : Memo from Officer i/c Admin, Base, notes that a proportion of the bedcots of American type held by the Force have been obtained from salvage dumps and should be exchanged for new ones from the U.S. Forces, and not taken over on a Lease-Lend basis. Further bedcots will be needed for additions to Force.	
"	"	"	D.O.W. : Internal economy ; sports and recreational training.	
Oua Tom	"	"	28 Hy AA W/Shops: normal routine ; same report from other AA & Coast Workshops.	
Nepoui V.	"	"	20 LAD: Tool and equipment check ; rifle inspection and check of unit equipment.	
Taom R.	"	"	37 LAD: sports meeting ; free day ; unit competitors did well.	
Nemeara	"	"	65 LAD : Routine duties (morning); Unit the winners of 15 Bde HQ sports	

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Bourail	3	April	<u>B.O.D.</u> : Usual work till 1530 hrs ; party preparing cricket pitch after work have made good progress ; Four of MT section evacuated to Hospital. <del>with Dengue fever</del>	
Moindah Nemeara Moindah Bourail	4	"	Normal Sunday routine most units ; at <u>D.O.W.</u> camp visited by Hon Walter Nash, with GOC. <u>65 LAD</u> : M.V. maintenance on 1 Ruas trucks (several breakdowns on convoy previous day) <u>67 LAD</u> : Wrecker recovered 15 cwt truck 2 miles north with engine fault. <u>B.O.D.</u> : One more member of staff to Hospital with dengue.	
Moindah	5	"	<u>DADOS Office</u> : report received from Ammunition Examiner (S/M Harvey of BOD) re S.T. grenades. He states that there is no apparent deterioration except in cases of actual breakage. These were exploded satisfactorily. Broken grenades were from the earliest batch received. <u>D.O.W.</u> : Good progress being made by native labour on construction of workshop shelters etc. All sections, Armaments, Instrument and M.T. fully occupied. The need for a watchmakers lathe for fine instrument work and for watch repairs is evident, according to unit. <u>28 Hy W/Shops</u> : Visit to unit by O.C., 28 Hy AA Regt (Lt-Col McKinnon). One member of unit taking first aid lessons under R.M.O. <u>29 LAA W/Shops</u> : Commenced work on changing travelling position of transverse girders of Bofors Guns, from Mk. II to Mk. III pattern. Cutting torch was used as no large drills available. <u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u> : Maintenance ; attached personnel shooting at Ile Nou (rifles) <u>37 LAD</u> : Metalling vehicle park. Other <u>LADs</u> - routine duties. <u>B.O.D.</u> : MT section shorthanded owing to spread of dengue fever; now 14 members in hospital.	
Oua Tom P. des G. V. du Tir Taom R. Bourail	"	"		
Moindah	6	"	<u>DADOS Office</u> : advice received from BOD that 1000 mosquito nets are coming forward from Trentham, and as soon as further supplies of netting are available this will be increased. <u>SOME (Armt)</u> : Received reports from 15 BDE Hw re 4 TSMG barrels damaged during battle practice. Barrels bulged and faulty ammunition suspected as cause. Requested B.O.D. to arrange for Ammunition Examiner to inspect remainder of the batch concerned. <u>D.O.W.</u> : Consideration being given to making better apparatus for the straightening of rear axle housings and vehicle chasses etc. The volume of panel beating and straightening work is very heavy. A.A. and Coast W/Shops, also 20 LAD, 37 LAD, 64, LADs report normal routine. <u>65 LAD</u> : 10 of personnel received inoculation. <u>67 LAD</u> : Workshop area fully shingled and drained. <u>B.O.D.</u> : Working parties sprayed MT section (base of old gendarmerie building) to prevent spread of dengue fever; natives busy with bures and making good progress.	
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Moindah	7 April		<u>DADOS Office</u> : 1200 hrs. Lt.-Col, MYERS returned from 4 Gen. Hospital (still convalescent). <u>SOME (Armt)</u> : Requested BOD to indent for Silica Jell cells to obviate damage by rust & corrosion in Receiver dials of 3.7 equipments. Complaint received from 14 BDE HQ re Vickers MMGs of 30 BN repaired at D.O.W. and said to have been mal-treated. No question of bad workmanship evident after investigation by SOME (Armt), and 14 Bde HQ advised of this.	
"	"	"	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Reports from Recovery Sections Nos. 1 and 2 indicate that they are working satisfactorily to the full extent of their equipment. Machinery lorry held by the Armament section is fully occupied.	
Oua Tom	"	"	<u>28 HAA W/Shops</u> : Training Day - rifle practice ; O.C. of unit away at Noumea in connection with Bofors gun practice shoot, at American naval A.A. Training school.	
V. du Tir	"	"	<u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u> : Maintenance ; swim parade & sports in afternoon.	
Bourail	"	1000	Various LADs - normal routine reported ; <u>67 LAD</u> recovered Div Engrs Jeep over bank. <u>B.O.D.</u> : One more man to hospital (from MT section) with dengue). Camp area inspected by <u>C.R.E. (Works)</u> , Lt.-Col. Jones, in connection with proposed buildings.	
Moindah	8		<u>D.O.W.</u> : This unit reports that panel work is being held up owing shortage of oxygen.	
P. des G.	"		<u>29 LAA W/Shops</u> : This unit also reports work held up owing to oxygen supply being exhausted.	
Nepoui V.	"	0800	<u>20 LAD</u> : Greasing plant starts on ASC vehicles; 5 R.HQ. reinforcements taken for driving tests.	
Nemeara	"	"	<u>65 LAD</u> : 1 <del>corporal</del> corporal and 1 O/R. checking M.V. at 1 Ruas Bn.	
Bourail	"	1700	<u>B.O.D.</u> : Lieut. Lonergan returned from 4 Gen. Hospital.	
Moindah	9		<u>SOME (Armt)</u> requested B.O.D. to indent on NZ for equipment for inspecting barrels of artillery pieces.	
"	"		<u>D.O.W.</u> : O.C., D.O.W. visited No. 1 Recovery Sec, 8 Brigade ; working satisfactorily in an excellent area with good camp facilities.	
P. de G.	"		<u>29 LAA W/Shops</u> : conducted swimming tests ; 3 members unable to swim.	
Taom R.	"		<u>37 LAD</u> : Visited by SOME (MT), Major Simmiss.	
Bourail	"		Other workshops and LAD units normal routine duties. <u>B.O.D.</u> : 16 men marched in from N.Z. via Base Reception Depot ; weather fine; routine duties.	
Moindah	10		<u>D.O.W.</u> : metalling of additional workshop area.	
"	"		Routine duties in other workshops units, and various LADs.	
Bourail	"		<u>B.O.D.</u> Routine duties; Camp maintenance in afternoon.	
Moindah	11 (Sun.)		<u>D.O.W.</u> : Urgent M.T. work only.	
Oua Tom	"		<u>28 H.A.A. W/Shops</u> ; percentage of unit on full days leave to Thio; Sunday routine.	
V. du Tir	"		<u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u> : OC this unit reports his area in state of emergency for 48 hrs - precautions taken.	
Taom R.	"		<u>37 LAD</u> : Sgt/Major on Gas course ; Six men attended 4 Gen Hosp for observation.	

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Mojindah	11 April		67 L.A.D. : Unit on range doing rifle & pistol practices with good results. Other units - routine Sunday programme.	
Mojindah	12 "		DADOS Office: Noted that 106 unserviceable binoculars held by units, which have been instructed send them in to Div Ord W/Shops for inspection and repair. Scheduled to be done at rate of 20 <del>40</del> per week. (See DOS 4/9/2081). SOME (Armt) : Armament Section Officer of DOW advised that 3.7" Howitzers are in need of check over; verified by inspection; arrangements made to call in guns two at a time to D.O.W. for overhaul.	
P. d. G.	"		29 LAA W/Shops : Half of personnel on 30 yd rifle range; party of 6 mechanics from 207 Bty commenced a week's MT maintenance course at w/shop by day.	
Nemeara Bourail	"		65 LAD : Routine duties; promotion of four men. Other LADs routine duties. B.O.D.: Routine duties; two more men to Hospital with fever.	
Moindah	13		DADOS Office : Instruction to units re the sharpening of bayonets of personnel to enable the use of the weapon in jungle warfare etc.; work to be carried out by DOW with power plant travelling round units.	
"	"		D.O.W.: Party of one officer and 34 other ranks instructed to be ready to carry out unloading of MT vehicles at Nepoui Docks, party to be accommodated by 16 ASC Coy, Nepoui; This unit (DOW) reports that social committee now operating fully and lectures being given regularly by qualified instructors on French, Music and lathe work; smaller study groups also being formed. This unit also is running a fortnightly news-sheet "The Wrecktifier."	
P. des G.	"		29 LAA W/Shops.: Second half of unit personnel on rifle range; Lt. Danby and artificers from D.O.W. arrived to check over guns & equipment of 202 Bty, and Armament personnel of LAA W/Shops went over the guns with DOW personnel.	
Taom R.	"		37 LAD : One section to 30 BN to check that unit's carriers (Mortar); took spare parts.	
Bourail	"		Other Workshops and LADs - routine duties. B.O.D.: Routine duties; detail of men at Dental Hospital; One sgt and one cpl of MT Section to Hospital with Dengue fever.	
Moindah	14		Promotions in N.Z.O.C. noted in Orders as follows: Capt (T/Maj) Signal, to be Substantive Major; Lieuts(T/Capts) A.E. Tilley (OME 8 BDE) and D.W. Lawson (DOW) to be Captains (Subst.) Lieut. E.G. Sandelin (Lt AA W/Shops) to be Capt. on appt to OME 14 BDE wef 18 April; Lieut. D.T. Costelloe, (28 Hy AA W/Shops) to be Capt. to comply with establishment, wef 18/4/43. Lieut H. Haymen (ex reinforcements) posted to 29 L.A.A. W/Shops wef 17 April. (For the above see Military Secretary's List No. 7 of 1 May 43.)	wef/ 12 April Lt. Col., D.A.D.O.S. D.A.D.O.S.

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Moindah.	14	April	<u>D.A.D.O.S.</u> Office : Samples of Jungle clothing (drill battledress) hats (various) footless hose, leggings and gloves submitted from N.Z. for approval. Passed to GOC for selection, etc. N.Z. advise by cable that arrangements are being made re the supply of third blanket for troops. <u>D.O.W.</u> : advise that machinery waggons are being kept fully occupied and are proving invaluable. It is suggested that the waggons have uniform tool equipment. Later models have not been equipped with garage jacks 5-ton. Lighting equipment on the trucks is adequate for all purposes. Considered that each truck should be provided with a shelter tarpaulin at least 30 x 30 for outside operations. Other workshops - routine operations.	
Nemeara Bourail	"	"	<u>65 LAD</u> : Two members in hospital with dengue fever. <u>B.O.D.</u> : Newly completed stores being fitted with shelving and tyres in new store. Four men to NOUMEA on leave.	
Moindah V. du Tir	15	"	Headquarters and <u>DOW</u> : normal routine. Lt. H. JONES (OME 14 Bde) returning to N.E. and S.O.S. 3-DIV. <u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u> : O.C. (2/Lt. Gable) transferred to hospital with dengue fever. Other workshops and LADs - routine duties ; also B.O.D. Weather very hot & dry.	
Moindah P. de G. Taom R. Moindah Bourail	16	"	Div Ord HQ and <u>D.O.W.</u> - nothing to report. <u>29 Lt AA W/Shops</u> : Practice shoot with pistols. Other workshops - routine work. <u>37 LAD</u> : Section of this unit with 30 Bn busy on unit park with M.T. Well reported on. <u>67 LAD</u> : Wrecker ordered to D.O.W. and to tow damaged American command car to P. des G. <u>B.O.D.</u> : Section staffs preparing sites for stores ex NE now on ship at NEPOUI.	
Moindah Oua Tom	17	"	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Portion of unloading party for MT went to Nepoui under 2/Lt Hanson. <u>28 Hy AA W/Shops</u> : Unit reports Ford 4 x 4 stolen by unknown persons while left parked during picture parade. Not located until following day at La Pua, undamaged & with tools intact. Workshop Rugby team played first game in Regimental competitions. Artificers' course ended.	
P. des G. Taom R. Bourail	"	"	<u>29 LAA W/Shops</u> : Lt. H. <del>Hayman</del> Hayman arrived from reinforcements to take over command of unit; Lieut E.G. Sandelin proceeding to 14 Bde as OME a little later. <u>37 LAD</u> : Conducted complete tool and equipment inspection ; very little missing considering the units activities over the last five months. Other LADs - routine duties. <u>B.O.D.</u> : Ammn. Section to Nepoui to assist with unloading of ammn. from ship.	
Mpindah	18	"	<u>DADOS</u> Office: Return rendered to G. Branch in connection with the scheme for destroying etc. Ordnance equipment, stores, etc. In event of enemy action rendering such action necessary. <u>D.O.W.</u> : One C/Sgt and two C/Rs marched out on special duty, sharpening 14 Bde area bayonets. Remainder of Nepoui unloading party also marched out.	

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Oua Tom P. des G.	18	April	28 Hy W/shops : Stolen truck (Ford 4 x 4) located at La Foa intact. 29 Lt AA W/shops : O.C. (Lt Sandelin) admitted to hospital with dengue fever. Other Workshops and LADs - mostly normal Sunday routine ; some recovery jobs. B.O.D. : O.C. (Major Knight) to Nepoui in afternoon to inspect Ordnance stores ex ship.	
Bourail	"	"	SOME (Armt) : O.C. IAA W/shops advises that engines <del>are</del> , and the generating sets themselves for Bofors AA guns in bad order owing to lack of maintenance; some damage done to one engine due to interference by unqualified person. Battery commanders requested to allow only qualified personnel to service this equipment. D.O.W. : Considerable repair work still being carried out ; Spring steel shortage acute. Shortage also of oxygen and acetylene and welding rod.	
Oua Tom	"	"	28 HAA W/shops : start made with bringing in Bofors guns for stripping, cleaning and repainting; 208 Bty personnel of each gun assisted under W/shops control.	
V. du Tir Taom R.	"	"	33 Hy W/shops : O.C. (2/Lt Gable) returned from hospital. 37 LAD : O.C. (Lt R.W. Calder) spent most of day at Brigade HQ lecturing and giving practical demonstrations to M.T. course students. Very busy on vehicle park. Other LADs - routine duties.	
Moindah Nepoui V. Taom R.	20	"	D.O.W. : Passive Air Defence (P.A.D.) organisation in area progressing. Other workshops - normal work. 20 LAD : Unit Peep stolen from picture park at Plaine des Gaïacs. Provost notified. Vehicle NOT found. 37 LAD : O.C. still engaged on M.T. course at Bde HQ ; work increased owing to O.M.E. 14 Bde having to return to N.S. and other instructors being in hospital.	
Bourail	"	"	H.O.D. : Oxygen and acetylene, together with MT and 'A' Group stores arrived from ship. Construction work continuing. Weather fine.	
Moindah	21	"	DADOC Office : Noted that G.O.C. ordered by cable 500 battledress for issue to men returning to NZ. All American clothing will be withdrawn from Nepoui, leaving 6 men as picquet ; unloading done speedily, & well.	
Oua Tom	"	"	D.O.W. : Unloading party returned from Nepoui, leaving 6 men as picquet ; unloading done speedily, & well. 28 Hy W/shops : Day's activities include : 27 men received inoculations ; normal duties; O.C. to Tentouts on unit business ; one man returned from course at P. des Gales. 4 men & 3 trucks on convoys.	
Bourail	"	"	Other units (W/shops and LADs) mostly normal routine. H.O.D. : Trucks began to arrive from Nepoui in early hours of the morning; G.O.C. inspected the Depot and expressed satisfaction at the progress being made with stores, accommodation, etc.	
Moindah	22	"	DADOC : arranged for officer i/c Admin, NARRIP (Col Deve) to write NZ regarding outstanding indents on N.S. Asked that stock indents for BOD should stand. Stated that the Force will call on all units for statements of outstanding war equipment to be supplied, if this is necessary. A zero day must be fixed for this purpose, to allow for goods in shipment but not received.	

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P. des G. - Bourail	22 April		29 LAA W/Shops - Unit personnel practice shoot with Thompson sub-machine gun. Other workshops and LADs - routine duties - maintenance etc. Base Ordnance Depot - routine duties.	
Moindah - Taom R. Bourail	23 (Good Friday)		D.O.W. : Admissions to hospital are rising on account of dengue fever (mosquito-borne) precautions taken; workshop maintenance. Other workshops : reduced programme on account of Good Friday. 37 L.A.D. : Every endeavour being made to get disabled vehicles road worthy for manoeuvres. Other LADs: quiet day. B.O.D. (Bourail) Church parade ; rest of day off duty except for two men standing by in each store.	
Moindah " " Oua Tom P. des G. V. du Tir Taom R. Bourail	24		DADOS Office : Advised Ordnance Warrant Officers in Brigades that no US bedcots will be available for some two months. SOME (M.T.) : making new allocation of motor-vehicles, designed to give field units 4-wheel drive vehicles for cross-country work; commercial type vehicles given rather to other units. D.O.W. : Parade in morning ; inspection, etc; Troop entertainments for the week have included the screening of four films in unit's mess hall. 28 Hy W/Shops : Lack of brake linings (GMC) and other parts holding up work rather badly, 29 LAA W/Shops : From this date facilities for charging air bottles at P. des G. no longer available. 33 Hy Coast W/Shops : Unit to Ile Nou at 1200 hrs for Regimental Sports. 37 LAD : personnel of unit working overtime on vehicles ; M.T. course personnel visited park for practical knowledge. Other LADs - normal Saturday routine. B.O.D. : Routine resumed ; erection of shelters continues. Weather fine.	
Moindah - Moindah	25 (Anzac Day)		Div. Ord HQ members, 67 LAD and D.O.W. took part in ceremonial Anzac parade with address by the GOC. Rest of day free. Other units (workshops and LADs) took part in Anzac parades in most cases. Same applies to B.O.D.	
Moindah	26 (DADOS)		Request to N.Z. (from GOC) for a further 659 tarpaulins to bring total sent to BOD up to 1800. for essential purposes, and the rest must be returned to the BOD to provide beds for new drafts. 29 Lt AA W/Shops: Stock taking commenced with a view to handing over stores to new OC (Lt Hayman); first half of personnel given gas lectures. 20 LAD : maintenance on vehicles ; swimming lessons for non-swimmers. 37 LAD : One section preparing for Brigade exercise ; all vehicles on park nearly ready; unit social held in evening, with local residents invited ; very enjoyable evening. 65 LAD : M.V. maintenance till noon ; afternoon sports ; breakdown waggon called out to recovery job - US truck in river at Houailou (man trapped in cab). B.O.D. Routine duties ; weather wet.	
P. des G. Nepoui V. Taom R. Nemeara Bourail	" " " " "			

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Moindah	27	April	<u>DADOS Office</u> : cable sent to N.Z. (Q.263) requesting that extra blankets for troops be sent by first ship, as nights are unexpectedly cold. Cable also sent to N.Z. ordering two sets per man for this Force of distinctive "New Zealand" shoulder patches, black on khaki. (Advised later as adopted and in production) <u>S.O.M.E. (Armt)</u> : D.O.W. report that 3.7" AA Fire control instruments A & B troops of 202 Hy AA Bty are in urgent need of attention. To be called in to D.O.W. for servicing <u>D.O.W.</u> : Bad weather and workshops area extremely maddy again. Usual routine. <u>Lt and Hy AA W/Shops &amp; Coast W/Shops</u> - normal routine. <u>20 LAD</u> : Several recovery jobs with M.T. <u>37 LAD</u> : One section on manoeuvres; very heavy rain ; not many breakdowns. <u>65 LAD</u> : M.V. maintenance ; breakdown truck still out ; could not recover truck at Houailou River (man trapped in cab) owing to river being in flood. <u>B.O.D.</u> : Camp routine continues ; weather exceptionally wet.	
Moindah	28		Brigadier 8 BDE wrote <u>DADOS</u> stating he considered that present strength of 64 LAD insufficient to cope with work outstanding (4 men short and 4 in hospital) (Advised that no men can be lent as all LADs are similarly short and Ordnance Corps is deficient of over 60 men. <u>D.O.W.</u> : Senior armourer advises that to date about 5000 bayonets sharpened in one week. <u>28 Hy W/Shops</u> : Training day ; rout march of 12 miles with full kit; training handicapped by requirements of Regt HQ for convoy duties, etc. (Six men and three trucks required for convoys). <u>29 Lt AA W/Shops</u> : Despatched artificers and instrument mechanics to 209 Bty to fit oil motors to guns. Second half of personnel on gas lectures. <u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u> : Rained all day ; work held up. <u>20 LAD</u> : Breakdown truck out on duty; maintenance ; swimming lessons. <u>37 LAD</u> : Section on manoeuvres with brigade; working all night on salvage; very bad conditions for M.T. W.D. pattern vehicles proved their worth in cross country work in very muddy conditions. <u>65 LAD</u> : Checking M.T. being transferred between units (2 day job) <u>67 LAD</u> : Working with wrecker in Poya River area on main road north assisting vehicles in flooded area. On duty 14 hrs 28th and 6 hrs on 29th. <u>B.O.D.</u> : Exceptionally heavy rain; river again encroaching on our area although NOT endangering stores; Ammunition examiner (S/M. Harvey) to 15 Bde area to do inspection.	
Moindah	29		<u>DADOS Office</u> : Units required to make weekly returns of non-swimmers' progress during May; one unit (64 LAD) has no non-swimmers. Ordnance average of non-swimmers 15.41% (excludes B.O.D.) as against divisional average of 20.79. Suggestion to 3 Div HQ that two Armament Officers should be sent to visit Arms factories in Australia (S.O.M. Armt and OC 28 Hy W/Shops suggested.)	

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**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**

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WAR DIVISION

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Appendix I.

Extract from the War Diary (notes) of Div Ordnance Workshops for April 1943.

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"Due to the hard road conditions, spring breakages are relatively high. Large stocks of built-up springs and spring steel bar stocks appear to be very necessary. Wet weather makes MT repairs very difficult without concreted areas and tarpaulin shelters. "Creepers" are being constructed to allow the mechanics to keep dry. It is suggested for future guidance that such technical equipment be amongst first ~~xxxx~~ of any shipped.

"The slow supply of replacement parts is proving a handicap in expediting repairs. This position could be relieved if consideration was given to supply of parts available before types and makes of vehicles were shipped. With the variety of models to be serviced, the position can only be assisted by generous supplies of raw materials, i.e., C.V. steel for axles, pins etc., spring steel bar stocks for odd springs, welding materials for smash work, enamel coated wire for re-winding generators and armatures, phosphor-bronze for bushes; pressed fibre sheet for electrical installations, washers etc; complete range of B.A. (British Association) Thread screws, nuts bolts and taps and dies, for armament and instrument repairs; a good type of 'hot-patch' vulcaniser for tyre repairs. A milling attachment with Keyway cutter for at least one lathe in the machinery waggons should be included in this unit's equipment. A spring collett set for instrument work is a necessary attachment for one of the small 4 1/2" lathes in the Canadian type Machinery lorry."

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ARTIFICERS COURSE FROM FRIDAY 2 April 43 to  
SATURDAY 17 APRIL, 43, inclusive.

The following itinerary was adhered to.

INSTRUMENTS.

- April 2. Lecture and Demonstration on Functions of Receiver Dials.  
" 3 Assisting in cleaning and overhauling receiver dials.  
" 5. Removing, Fitting and Wiring of Receiver Dials to Guns.  
" 6. Overhauling Receiver dials.  
" 7. Lecture and examination of Vickers predictor.

3.7 AA GUN.

- April 8 Removal, stripping ~~and~~ assembling and fitting of Intensifier.  
" 9 Removal, Stripping Assembling and fitting of Recuperator.  
" 10 Removal, Stripping, Assembling and Fitting of Buffer.  
" 12 Removal, Stripping, Assembling and Fitting of Breech mechanism.  
" 13 Check, Overhaul of Carriage, Mounting & Brake mechanism.

BOFORS GUN.

- April 14. Stripping & cleaning of Breech Mechanism auto loader ---  
Changing of Barrels.  
" 15 Removing, Stripping, Assembling and Fitting of Buffer.  
" 15 Action of Traversing rack and bearings.  
" 15 Lecture on Automatic Action of Gun.  
" 16 Inspection of and Lecture on Functions of G.L. Set.  
" 16 Leg Screw and Jack Mechanism of Bofors.  
" 17 Lecture on Care of Rifle.  
" 17 Complete stripping and examination of parts of .303 Rifle.

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