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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and References to Appendices.
Moindah	1 May 43		<u>DADOS Office:</u> Noted that 3 DIV Admin. Instructions, para 185 of 1 May 43, state that loss of arms must be made the subject of a charge under the Army Act and is to be regarded as very serious. Copy of letter received from Base Ordnance Depot (written to HQ NZEFIP) regarding the large quantity of Ordnance stores for 3-Div left on Wellington wharf awaiting shipment, as shown by the vouchers received by the B.O.D. from Trentham. Many important items included in this list. Cable sent to NZ that MT spare parts position is acute, and it is most urgent that outstanding indents be sent by first ship, particularly GMC 6 x 4, Dodge 4 x 2, Chevrolet 4 x 4, Bedford 30-cwt, before Chevrolet and Ford commercial types. General M.T. stores also required.	
"	"	"	<u>D.O.W.:</u> Unit visited by AA & QMG and repairs and maintenance position investigated from point of view of availability of spare parts. Lists to be prepared showing parts required for servicing of vehicles, guns, and other Ordnance equipment.	
Oua Tom	2		<u>28 Hy AA W/Shops Section:</u> Normal workshop routine ; OC interviewed prospective members in Batteries.	
P. des G.	"	"	<u>29 Kt AA W/Shops Section:</u> Normal Saturday routine; tool check and I.E. Sports and swimming in p.m. (incl. swimming instruction as ordered.)	
V. du Tir	"	"	<u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops:</u> Maintenance of vehicles and equipment ; Received from B.O.D. 1 welding oxy. plant, 1 compressor and 1 battery charging plant; weather fair.	
Nepoui V.	"	"	<u>20 LAD :</u> Relief to gang working at Poya ; MT maintenance; lectures on TSMG and small arms.	
Taom R.V.	"	"	<u>37 LAD:</u> Salvaged Bren carriers on operational training ; returned to location (from Bde exercises).	
"	"	"	<u>Other LADS (64, 65, and 67)</u> on routine maintenance etc. of area vehicles.)	
Bourail	"	"	<u>B.O.D. :</u> Routine duties; weather fine.	
Moindah	2		Sunday programme, Div HQ units, incl <u>D.O.W.</u> D.O.W. MT clerks working on lists for AA & QMG.	
Oua Tom	"	"	<u>28 Hy AA W/Shops:</u> OC left for D.O.W., Div HQ and Plaine des Gaiacs. 2 NCOs on training course.	
V. du Tir	"	"	<u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops :</u> Unit visited by G.O.C. ; weather fair.	
Ouameni	"	"	<u>64 LAD :</u> OC (2/Lt. Buckley) to THIO for a weeks rest-cure after illness; 8 BDE OME (Capt. Tilley) acting in charge of unit. Strength of unit now returning to normal; vehicle repairs in 8 BDE have unit extended to full capacity.	
"	"	"	<u>Other units :</u> normal Sunday routine.	
Moindah	3		<u>DADOS Office:</u> NZ advise by cable that they are proceeding with manufacture of shoulder patches, "New Zealand," black on khaki, two sets per man. DADOS visited 35 BN HQ and 29 L AA W/Shops.	
"	"	"	<u>D.O.W.:</u> Workshops maintenance routine ; still working extended hours, 0800-1200 and 1300-1700. Projector working again and films screened. Emergency alarm received throughout area.	
Oua Tom	"	1630	<u>28 Hy AA W/Shops:</u> Readiness alarm received ; all trucks manned and troops held in readiness.	
P. des G.	"	"	<u>29 LAA W/Shops:</u> Recommenced work on changing travelling position of transverse girders on Bofors guns.	

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V. du Tir Taom R. Nemeara Bourail	3 " " "	May.	<p><u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u>: Maintenance of vehicles & equipment ; OC and 2 NCOs to 150 Bty at 0730 hr for shoot. General mechanical condition of guns much better.</p> <p><u>37 LAD</u> : Work on unit park after brigade exercises ; most vehicles had severe tests, with only minor breakdowns, excluding salvage. OC conferred with 35 Bty and 37 Bn regarding technical details.</p> <p><u>65 LAD</u> : Checking vehicles on transfer. Other LADs, routine duties.</p> <p><u>B.O.D.</u> Routine duties ; seven reinforcements m/i. ex Base Reception Depot camp.</p>
Moindah " P. des G. V. du Tir Nepoui V. Bourail	4 " " " " "		<p><u>DADOS Office</u> : Blankets held by B.O.D. to be issued to 8 and 14 Bde units to make issue up to 3 per man (34 and 36 Bns and certain other units already have third blanket). Owing to damage caused to Vickers MMGs, the practice of using reduced charges in these weapons the firing of No. 4 MMG range course is to cease.</p> <p><u>D.O.W.</u> : Work increasingly handicapped by acute shortage of spare parts & expendable stores.</p> <p><u>29 LAA W/Shops</u> : Hand over of stores and equipment from Capt Sandelin to Lt Hayman (new OC) command.</p> <p><u>33 Hy Coast W/S.</u>: Maintenance etc, ; weather fair ; setting up and testing of battery charger. Carting silica for tarmac.</p> <p><u>20 LAD</u>: lecture on small arms ; maintenance on vehicles ; work on Bren carriers.</p> <p><u>Other LADs</u>; normal activity- recovery and repair jobs. <u>67 LAD</u> - instruction for 3 non-swimmers.</p> <p><u>B.O.D.</u> : Routine duties ; first training run for members of Unit Rugby team ; weather fine , very cold in early morning.</p>
Moindah " Oua Tom V. du Tir	5 " " "		<p><u>DADOS</u>: BOD asked to find out if retinning of cooking equipment can be done in NECAL (found not possible). Examiner with BOD suggested that Arty units should carry out an inspection of their amm and set aside any they consider doubtful for inspection by him; especially necessary with 40 mm amm as in some instances a corrosive action is taking place in the fuze.</p> <p><u>DOW</u> : Routine work to extent of parts available.</p> <p><u>28 Hy AA W/S.</u> : Training Day - parade & inspection; squad & rifle drill, anti-gas, and sports.</p> <p><u>33 Hy W/S.</u> : Maintenance; setting up and repair of air compressor, newly received.</p> <p><u>Other Units</u> , incl <u>LADs</u> and <u>B.O.D.</u> - routine duties only.</p>
Moindah " Taom R. Nemeara	6 " " "		<p><u>DADOS Office</u> : Lt.-Col, MYERS , with Chief Ordnance Officer, BOD, to HOUAÏLOU to investigate the possibility of purchasing oxygen & gas locally. Hopes held out for possible supply when extensions to plant have been completed. NZ advise that MT parts are awaiting shipment.</p> <p><u>Workshops</u> - routine activity. (DOW, 28, 29 and 33 W/Shops).</p> <p><u>37 LAD</u> : normal routine work ; still plenty to be done,</p> <p><u>65 LAD</u> Personnel shooting on rifle range, standard fair ; owing to shortage of personnel and large amount of work, it has been impossible to arrange sufficient rifle training.</p>

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Moindah	7	May	<u>DADOS Office</u> : Issue of rubber-soled jungle boots (on scale of one per 8 O/Rs for football) authorised, Ammn. examiner reported on the ammn of the 1 Scots and the 1 Ruas. 1 Ruas have a good system shelter, etc and are looking after their ammn. better than most units. Small quantity of faulty ammn returned to B.O.D., and some doubtful ammn authorised to be used for practice. <u>SOME (Armt)</u> : Enquiries made re possibility of obtaining replacement of local pattern wheel bearings, 3,7" HOWR from US Army in Noumea. None available, but US Army shortly opening a Bearing Department. Various <u>Workshops</u> and <u>LADs</u> , also <u>B.O.D.</u> - routine work. C.O.O. to HOUAILOU with DADOS.	
Moindah	8	May	<u>SOME (Armt)</u> : requested 33 Hy Coast W/Shops to investigate possibility of Ship Repair Unit, Ile Nou, for re-charging air bottles (for gun maintenance). List of components and stores necessary for servicing arms and equipment submitted to Liaison Officer for discussion with NZ. Div Ord HQ and D.O.W. staff at NZEFIP Sports meeting at sportsground, Moindah. Ordnance personnel participated in athletic events with Div HQ personnel. <u>29 LAA w/shops</u> : Swimming instruction proceeding well; up to date, tool checks reveal satisfactory state. <u>Other workshops</u> and <u>LADs</u> ; - routine activity. Some at Div Sports.	
Bourail	9		Normal Sunday routine in most units; some given free day. <u>B.O.D.</u> : Some personnel attended Joan of Arc celebrations in the village. Truck to Bourail Beach in P.M.	
Moindah V. du Tir	10		<u>D.O.W.</u> : Camp constructional work proceeding, using native labour. <u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u> : OC reports compressor, newly-arrived, proving of great assistance. One artificer still working on night illumination of 6" guns at Ile Nou. <u>64 LAD</u> : OC reports vehicle repair work still heavy; weather mainly fine. <u>65 LAD</u> : Unit checking vehicles on transfer; M.V. maintenance. <u>67 LAD</u> : This unit has been called upon to do a considerable amount of recovery work on Main road. On this occasion ordered out, and travelled 15 miles north, but no vehicle located. <u>B.O.D.</u> : Erection of pre-fabricated wooden building for Officers Clothing store and for Headquarters under way; usual routine duties in Sections.	
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Moindah Oua Tom	11	"	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Majority of Unit inoculated, mostly TAB III and Tet Prop. III; workshop routine maintained. <u>28 Hy AA W/Shops</u> : Normal routine; OC pointed out to C.O. of 28 Hy AA Regt that 3.7 AA guns are designed for restricted mobility only, and that constant mobile training across rough roads and country will finally result in serious damage to guns. <u>29 Lt AA W/Shops</u> ; Capt. Sandelin (late OC) transferred to HQ 14 Inf Bde. as OME. <u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u> : Maintenance of vehicles & equipment; weather fine.	
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Nepoui R.V.	11	May	<u>20 LAD</u> : Lectures on Small Arms, maintenance on vehicles ; carried out inspection of 35 Bn vehicles ; lectures on map reading, etc.	
Taom R. BOURAIL	"	"	<u>37 LAD</u> : Whole unit spent day on range ; quite good results; 3 qualified revolver and 14 in rifle. <u>B.O.D.</u> : Engineers erecting 4-man huts for use of unit quartermaster. Some personnel inoculated.	
Moindah Oua Tom	12	"	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Weather fine, morale good ; men's spare time well filled with classes etc. <u>28 Hy AA W/S.</u> : Unit training day ; squad drill ; rifle exercise ; recreational training in afternoon Other units : routine activities. (incl. <u>LADS</u> and <u>B.O.D.</u>)	
Moindah	13	"	<u>D.A.D.O.S.</u> : Lt.-Col. MYERS to NEPOUI . Publication in NZEFIP Admin. Orders No. 25 of amended instructions with reference to Accounting for Stores, and other points of Ordnance procedure. <u>D.O.W.</u> : All sections of unit functioning to full capacity. <u>Other workshops</u> - normal routine <u>37 LAD</u> : OC and detachment to 30 BN ; removed immobilised commercial type type vehicles. <u>67 LAD</u> : Start made with building of a large workshop. <u>B.O.D.</u> : Routine duties ; weather fine ; party visited Hospital in evening.	
Moindah	14	"	<u>DADOS Office</u> : At suggestion of SOME (Armt) reallocation of Armourers in certain units to place senior men in charge of Brigade Armourers Workshops, etc. to take effect from 1 June 43. <u>SOME (Armt)</u> : Lt. AA W/Shops and D.O.W. asked to supply information regarding equipment and personnel which would be necessary in event of Div or part being moved forward. <u>29 Lt AA W/Shops</u> : Work completed on Bofors gun attached to Regt HQ. <u>20 LAD</u> : Lectures S.A., bayonet drill ; maintenance on vehicles. <u>37 LAD</u> : Interior economy in morning; tool check ; played 209 AA Bty at football in afternoon. <u>67 LAD</u> : Recovery of USA tractor (429 Signal Coy) vehicle from swamp 14 miles north.	
P. des G. Nepoui V. Taom R. Moindah	"	"	<u>67 LAD</u> : Recovery of USA tractor (429 Signal Coy) vehicle from swamp 14 miles north.	
Moindah	15	"	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Interior economy after half hours revision of elementary drill with small arms ; unit newspaper printed and copies forwarded to N.Z. Other Workshops, normal routine ; <u>20 LAD</u> : lectures, S.A., bayonet, etc; inspection of vehicles in afternoon.. <u>65 LAD</u> : Convoy to swimming sports at 1 Ruas. <u>BOD</u> : Except for skeleton staff of two in each section ; all ranks ceased work at 1430 hrs ; Rugby team from Bourail drew, 0 - 0 , with a team from 4 Gen.Hospital.*	
Nepoui V. Nemeara Bourail	"	"	<u>B.O.D.</u> : work commenced on outdoor gymnasium ; church parade ; recreational games etc.	
Moindah	16	"	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Normal Sunday routine most other units (incl W/Shops, LADS, and B.O.D.).	

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Moindah "	17 "	May	<u>DADOS Office</u> : B.O.D. advise that no facilities exist in NECAL for retinning of cooking gear etc. <u>SOME (Armt)</u> : instructions issued that forwarding arms for repair must ensure that they are thoroughly cleaned and metal parts protected with oil or grease before despatch.	
V. du Tir - Bourail	" " "	" " "	<u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u> ; Construction of blacksmiths shop ; maintenance ; weather fine. <u>Other Workshops and LADs</u> - routine maintenance, etc. <u>B.O.D.</u> : Bulldozers commenced excavation for shelters sites and also for Sergeants' Mess.	
Moindah "	18 "	"	<u>DADOS</u> : All units not so far equipped with third blanket instructed to submit indents in readiness for when shipment comes to hand. <u>D.O.W.</u> : OC notes as follows:- "Local conditions are repeatedly giving rise to certain types of repairs ; viz., "brake linings ; average life of a brake-lining is 5000 miles . Indian m/cycles - frames are frequently received broken at brazed joints, which are apparently not sufficiently strong to withstand jolting from local roads. Numbers of Ford Quads have also been received with "shattered ball cages on front axle assembly. The cause of this appears to be too great " a lock. Steps are being tried to overcome this.	
V. du Tir Taom R. -	" " "	" " "	<u>33 Hy Coast W/S.</u> : maintenance ; visit by Officer i/c Admin., NZEFIP.HQ. <u>37 LAD</u> : OC, at 30 BN tried to locate missing equipment from vehicles tendered to D.O.W. by that unit. <u>Other LADs and Workshops</u> - routine duties. Also <u>B.O.D.</u>	
Moindah " " Oua Tom P. des G. Nepoui V. - Boubail	19 " " " " " "	1200 " " " " " "	<u>DADOS</u> : attended (with SOME MT and SOME Armt) demonstration of jungle and swamp transport by Engineers at Nepoui Valley. <u>SOME (Armt)</u> : advised by D.O.W. that damage is caused to optical instruments by their remaining cased while in store ; this can be obviated by leaving cases open to prevent condensation. Reorganisation of AA Regts and their HQs now taking place does NOT interfere to any extent with location or duties of the AA Workshops which remain in their present areas near airfields. <u>D.O.W.</u> : Springs breakages still heavy, due possibly to bad roads. <u>28 Hy AA W/Shops</u> y Received warning movement order to Tontouta. Trying hard to get spare parts to put vehicles on road from dead line ; many parts not available from B.O.D. <u>29 LAA W/Shops</u> : Maintenance ; Weather fine ; sports & swimming in afternoon. <u>20 LAD</u> : Continuing training lectures and drill for personnel ; normal maintenance etc. <u>Other LADs</u> - normal routine; maintenance and recovery duties. <u>B.O.D.</u> : Sites for Ammn. Shelters and Sgts Mess completed by bulldozer; weather fine.	

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Moindah Oua Tom	20	May	<u>D.O.W.</u> : All machinery waggons now fully occupied on turning and general machinery work. <u>28 Hy W/Shops</u> : Advance party left for Tontouta to establish new camp. Brake linings for GMC trucks secured from US Forces; urgently required for trucks.	
Quameni emeara	"	"	<u>64 LAD</u> : Several personnel recently transferred out, and medically boarded, etc. <u>65 LAD</u> : maintenance ; inoculations to 11 members of unit. Other units (incl BOD) routine duties.	
Moindah Oua Tom P. des G.	21	"	<u>D.O.W.</u> : This unit reports that "concreted areas have proved invaluable, and are very necessary for efficient vehicle servicing under changeable weather conditions." <u>28 Hy W/Shops</u> : Started to pack up and break camp ; workshop gradually getting most of vehicles off the "dead line". <u>29 LAA W/Shops</u> : Ford Quad No. 18580 was handed over to 54 A/Tank Bty ; Transport problems now acute, as this truck was hitherto used for carrying water; other vehicles unsuitable. Other <u>W/Shops</u> and <u>LADs</u> , engaged on routine duties. Also <u>B.O.D.</u>	
Moindah Oua Tom Taom R. Quameni	22	"	<u>DADOS Office</u> : By arrangement with OC Div Signals, and at the request of the latter, all indents for signals material (incl. those from other than signals units) are to be passed by OC Div Sigs. <u>DOW</u> : Rifle inspection and parade ; routine work, camp maintenance and interior economy. <u>28 Hy W/Shops</u> : All vehicles off dead-line except one ; dismantling of workshops practically finished ; main body of troops left for Tontouta. (aerodrome). <u>37 LAD</u> : Interior economy in morning, and tool check ; afternoon in sport. <u>64 LAD</u> : Several changes in personnel ; OC reports that "Unit is now at a very low ebb as regards personnel. Repair work has eased off to some extent which has been fortunate as the capacity of personnel to carry out work has been seriously ^{marginally} affected ^{maintained} as usual ^{before} ." <i>fortunate indeed</i> <u>B.O.D.</u> : Duties ceased at 1430 hrs. Two soccer and one rugby team played outside units.	
Bourail	"	"	Rear party cleaning up and breaking camp at Oua Tom. (<u>28 Hy AA W/Shops</u>).	
{ Oua Tom & Tontouta P. des G. V. du Tir	23	"	<u>29 LAA W/Shops</u> : This unit reports that all personnel can now swim 30 yards, following training. <u>33 Hy W/Shops</u> : OC and 1 NCO to Base Motor Pool checking and taking over 50 Peeps for NERP IP. Other units (incl. <u>B.O.D.</u> , <u>LADs</u> , <u>D.O.W.</u>) - normal Sunday routine.	
Moindah V. du Tir Taom R.	24	"	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Reports from 2 Recovery sections indicate that work is proceeding normally, although they are handicapped by parts shortage. <u>33 Hy Coast W/S.</u> : Inspection of vehicles at 150 Bty made. Heavy rain. <u>37 LAD</u> : Work at normal ; personnel improving camp area. Other units (LADs , BOD, etc - routine duties.	

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Moindah	25	May	<u>SOME (Armt)</u> : List of personnel from other units for transfer to NZOC submitted to DAAG to action. Instructions issued for removal of piling swivels from rifles. In jungle manoeuvres etc these swivels rattle and also catch in undergrowth. <u>D.A.D.O.S.</u> visited B.O.D. <u>D.O.W.</u> : Spring department and blacksmiths shop fully occupied on spring repairs, straightening differentials etc., especially of 6 x 4's (G.M.C.). <u>28 Hy W/Shops</u> : Unit establishing new camp. <u>Other units</u> (including LADs and BOD) routine duties.	
Moindah	26		<u>SOME (Armt)</u> : D.O.W. report that units are attempting to diagnose troubles and carry out repairs to watches before sending them in, thus causing further damage. Practice to cease (See Div. Orders). <u>D.O.W.</u> : Expendable technical stores still in short supply. Three Peeps received for unit. <u>28 Hy W/Shops</u> : New camp site a quagmire; carting shingle to build roadway into camp area. <u>LADs</u> : routine work; some training; usual recovery jobs. <u>B.O.D.</u> - routine duties.	
Moindah	27		<u>D.A.D.O.S.</u> , <u>SOME (Armt)</u> and <u>SOME (MT)</u> at conference with Div. Liaison Officer (Lt.-Col. Murphy). <u>SOME (Armt)</u> advised that lists forwarded to Liaison Officer were being treated as urgent in N.Z. <u>D.O.W.</u> : OC (Major Signal) visited Recovery Section in 14 Bde area. (No. 2 Section). <u>37 LAD</u> : OC reports 80% of unit unable to work owing to inoculation and vaccination after-effects. <u>Other Units</u> (incl. <u>B.O.D.</u>) normal duties.	
Moindah	28		<u>D.O.W.</u> : Unit to provide unloading party for M.T. vehicles ex Transport 70 at Nepoui Dock. <u>Other Workshops</u> and <u>L.A.Ds</u> - normal routine, without particular incident. <u>B.O.D.</u> - Chief Ordnance Officer (Major Knight) attended a conference at Base HQ in afternoon.	
Moindah	29		<u>D.O.W.</u> - All possible work being put through in connection with vehicles required for forthcoming Bde manoeuvres. <u>28 Hy W/Shops</u> : Metallurgy and establishing of camp continuing in new area. Work difficult because of flat swampy country and the quantity of rain that had fallen during past few days. <u>29 LAA W.Shops</u> : Sleeping quarters being shifted away from near working quarters. <u>65 LAD</u> : Extra work preparing for 15 BDE exercises. <u>B.O.D.</u> : Lt.-Col. WITHELL and Lieut A. SMITH Ammunition Inspecting Officers from NZ N.Z. arrived and conferred with Major Knight; Games played in afternoon by personnel of Depot. Weather fine.	

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Moindah.	30	May.	DADOS Office S/M. (WO-1) ROLLO E.C. proceeded to NOUMEA for a special course in connection with recognition and qualities of US ammunition of various types, also arms (all US type). SOME (Armt) : Request to D.O.W. to forward list of components and stores required for servicing all arms, instruments, etc., to provide a complete list for the Liaison Officer to use in NZ.	
"	"	"	D.O.W. : Sunday routine, plus work on vehicles required for manoeuvres.	
Nemeara	"	"	65 LAD : Unit preparing local M.T. in readiness for manoeuvres of 15 BDE.	
Moindah	"	"	67 LAD : Recovery of 15 Bde Quad stuck in swamp to the South (off main road).	
-	"	"	Other Units - normal Sunday routine.	
Moindah	31		DADOS Office: G.O.C. has approved issue of Packs W.E., '37 pattern on scale of one per each officer in the Division. (AA & QMG memo 26/Q). NZ. advise that no action is being taken to send Armament officers to Australia for course of inspection	
"	"	"	28 Hy W/Shops.: Trucks still metalling new camp site and this is much improved.	
Tontouta	"	"	29 Lt AA W/Shops: General notes for month : On M.T. side, repair work has remained very steady. On Armaments side, the main work has been on transverse girders, oil motors, generators & junction boxes. The unit is still short of four Artificers. On the personnel side, all personnel can now swim, as required by the G.O.C., the required minimum of 30 yards. Everything possible has been done to encourage sports, and this has had a very marked effect on the wellbeing of the Unit.	
P. des G.	"	"	33 Hy Coast W/Shops : Commenced reconstruction of workshops ; maintenance ; weather fine.	
V. du Tir	"	"	Summary for month of above unit : NOT as satisfactory as previously ; shortage of personnel a definite handicap and a quick repair to more than one vehicle at a time is impossible. Minor disabilities and dengue fever prevalent; Delivery of spares from B.O.D. has been satisfactory. No difficult problems on the technical side. An order issued to the Regt (33 Hy Regt) to remove GMC wheels monthly and clean brake drums has resulted in much less brake trouble. Morale of men good. Unit strength still 1 Officer and 14 O/Rs.	
Nepoui V.	"	"	20 LAD : OC, two mechanics and one Sgt out on manoeuvres ; maintenance as usual.	
Taom R.	"	"	37 LAD : Position regarding spares seems satisfactory ; very busy putting trucks on roads with spares.	
Nemeara	"	1100	65 LAD : Out on 15 Bde manoeuvres ; Stores truck (3-ton chev. commercial) useless for exercises - one 4 x 4 winch type preferable, also one 4 x 4 for personnel and equipment.	
Moindah	"	-	67 LAD : Record of general repair and servicing of vehicles in Div HQ area, also passing vehicles. Unit fully engaged in repairs and busy erecting a new workshop shelter.	
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D. : General duties; Lt.-Col. WITHELL and Lieut SMITH (Ammunition inspecting officers) staying with the unit while carrying out their duties in Div area.	

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