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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and References to Appendices.
Moindah	1	June	<p><u>DADOS Office:</u> Lt.-Col. I.R. WITHELL <del>and Lt.-Col. SMITH</del>, (Chief Inspector of Munitions) <del>and</del> <del>xxxxxxx</del> to NEPOUI Valley area with DADOS (Lt.-Col MYERS) in connection with ammn in BOD dump there, also unit <sup>supplies</sup> <del>supplies</del>. (See later report by Lt.-Col. Withell, 30/6/43). --recd 2 July 43</p> <p>Sample bush shirts --brought from NZ by Lt.-Col Murphy, NZLO -- examined. These were found to be of satisfactory <del>and</del> in design and material. Made in NZ of US <sup>OR Canadian</sup> good quality drill. Instruction from this office to BOD to treat as priority the indents of AA units for shirts, K.D., as these units have been longer on island than the others, and as they have to work in close association with US Forces. Shirt position at present is not satisfactory, due partly to shipping difficulties, and cellular shirts have not stood up to conditions well. Advised that GOC after inspection of bush shirts, etc, desired production of 30,000 bush shirts, green dyed, and khaki 40,000, plus spares; gloves, 15,000 prs; hessian covers for steel helmets 20,000; jungle knives with knuckleduster, 20,000 would be appreciated. Letter &amp; signal to this effect sent to Army HQ.</p> <p>DADOS Office: Armourers ranks to be made substantive; appropriate action taken. Within Div. Ord HQ, training periods reinstated under the control of Camp HQ. This involves, particularly, long route marches, which are being carried out by all unit personnel during the month.</p>	
"	1		<p><u>S.O.M.E. (M.T.)</u>: Noted that it has been decided that sufficient petrol pourers, complete with 30" armoured hose, are to be obtained to equip each vehicle in the Force. 4000 require to be obtained from N.Z.</p>	
"	1		<p><u>Div Ord W/Shops</u>: Reports that "repairs in most cases continue to be of a temporary nature, owing to short supply of Chevrolet and Ford commercial type vehicle spare parts, spring steel, brake linings, and master and wheel cylinder cups. Welding gas is again holding up panel and body repairs."</p>	
Tontouta	1		<p><u>28 Hy AA Workshops</u>: Normal workshop routine.</p>	
V. du Tir	1		<p><u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u>: Maintenance of vehicles and equipment. Erecting new workshops. Weather fine.</p>	
Nepoui V.	1		<p><u>20 L.A.D.</u>: Maintenance on vehicles; lectures being given to personnel re arms etc and duties.</p>	
Taom R.	1		<p><u>37 L.A.D.</u>: Very busy working on M.T., owing to better position re apares; O.C. working on unit accounting which <del>is</del> being placed on a more practical basis.</p>	
Nemeara	1		<p><u>65 L.A.D.</u>: Unit out on exercises - continued from previous month - with 15 Bde.</p>	
Moindah	1		<p><u>67 L.A.D.</u>: Unit fully engaged in repair and maintenance of vehicles in Div HQ area and assisting "through" <del>any</del> transport (NZ and US) that has mechanical difficulty.</p>	
Bourail	1		<p><u>Base Ordnance Depot</u>: Lieut A. Smith (assistant to Lt.-Col WITHELL) Ordnance Inspecting Officer from N.Z. inspecting ammn. held at B.O.D., Bourail. Party to <del>leave</del> Nepoui dock in connection with arrival of ship.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Lt.-Col., D.A.D.O.S.</p>

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Moindah	2	June	<u>S.O.M.E.</u> (Armt): Owing to shortage of experienced personnel in Div., pressure of work makes an increase of instrument repairers imperative. Request accordingly made for two instrument repairers to be sent back to NZ for course of instruction.	
"	2	"	<u>S.O.M.E.</u> (MT) : Vehicles etc. from T. 70 being issued under supervision of SOME (MT) staff at Nepoui. Various L.A.Ds being re-issued with Peeps, which had earlier been taken from them.	
"	2	"	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Sick report average for month of May is as follows: Hospital, 3.8% ; E.D. 0.6% ; L.D. , Nil ; M.D. 0.8%. Unit recreation on team basis has proved very popular. Teams are competing every week in Soccer, Basketball, teniquoits and Baseball. Sports equipment shows quick deterioration in tropics.	
Tontouta	2	"	<u>28 Hy AA W/Shops</u> :Workshop Picquet took first turn at picqueting US Red Cross Centre, Noumea (Beer Garden). 2 O/Rs marched in from 7 Fd Amb. Normal workshop routine.	
V. du Tir	2	"	<u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u> : Maintenance work; erection of new workshops ; sports in afternoon. Weather fine.	
Nepoui V.	2	"	<u>20 L.A.D.</u> : Maintenance on vehicles ; Lectures suspended owing to pressure of work.	
Taom R.	2	"	<u>37 L.A.D.</u> : Interior economy in morning ; only essential work on M.T.; afternoon, recreation etc.	
Nemeara	2	"	<u>65 L.A.D.</u> : Unit returned from 15 Bde exercises.	
Bourail	2	"	<u>Base Ord Depot</u> : Commencement of unloading of ship (T.71) and stores arriving from Nepoui. Men on duty throughout night to unload trucks.	
Moindah	3	"	<u>DADOS Office</u> : Unit armourers advised that tools brought by them from NZ are on charge to units to which they are attached and NOT personal issue.	
"	"	"	<u>SOME (Armt)</u> : Requested AA & QMG to publish an instruction regarding assembly of Vickers gun barrels as guns were being received by DOW with bullet lead to bottom.	
"	"	"	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Unloading party at Nepoui Dock checking vehicles off boat. Other than the usual starting problems, no serious difficulties have arisen.	
"	"	"	<u>28 Hy AA and 29 Lt AA. W/Shops</u> : Normal workshop routine.	
V. du Tir	"	"	<u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u> : Continuing (until 8 June) erection of new workshops. Maintenance of vehicles etc	
"	"	"	<u>20, 37, 64, 65 LADs</u> - routine work, also <u>67 L.A.D.</u>	
Bourail	"	"	<u>B.O.D.</u> : Trucks arriving during day and working parties on duty all night to unload.	
Moindah	4	0930	<u>DADOS</u> (Lt.-Col. Myers) with Lt.-Col, WITHELL and Lt A. Smith (Inspecting Ordnance Offrs - Ammn.) also driver, to 14 Bde area on duty.	
"	"	-	<u>SOME (Armt)</u> : Armourers given details of cramps foresight made in NZ, which will enable them to be used for lining up both plus and minus increments.	
"	"	-	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Shortage of qualified springmakers and very heavy demands on this type of repair is giving rise to serious problems.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	
-	4	June	28, 29 and 33 W/Shops Units; Routine duties, maintenance etc.
Nepoui V.	"	"	20 L.A.D. : Maintenance on vehicles; party returned from manoeuvres; much experience in winch work
Taom R.	"	"	37 LAD : S/M and driver to D.O.W. to take delivery of new unit Jeep. Work as usual.
-	"	"	Other LAD Units ( 64, 65 and 67)-- routine duties.
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D. : Trucks arriving with stores from ship, and being unloaded day and night.
Moindah	5	June	DADOS : Lt.-Col. Myers at 14 Bde on duty ; S/M. Rollo (DADOS Office) returned from ammunition course conducted by US Forces in Noumea.
Tontouta	"	"	28 Hy AA W/Shops : Four trucks transferred from this Unit, leaving them short of transport.
P. des G.	"	"	29 Lt AA W/Shops : Unit received one Ford Jeep.
V. du Tir	"	"	33 Hy Coast W/Shops: Maintenance of vehicles and equipment; erecting workshops ; weather fair.
-	"	"	20 and 37 LADs: Routine work, recovery jobs, etc.
Ouameni	"	"	64 LAD : Promotion of 2 O/Rs to be Cpls, also Sgt J.R. Butler to be WO-2. OC notes that these promotions have been well earned under trying conditions of work. "Butler has proved himself a first-class LAD W.O., with complete knowledge of his work and ability to get best out of his men.
Moindah	"	"	67 LAD : OC notes that included in routine maintenance is lubrication of M.T. with a power-operated gun, also duco painting is now included in maintenance. Other Units - routine duties.
-	6	"	Workshop Units : Normal Sunday routine.
Nepoui V.	"	0800	20 LAD: Left on manoeuvres - three vehicles required assistance.
Ouameni	"	-	64 LAD: Commenced manoeuvres with 8 Brigade. Only 4-wheel drive transport was used as travelling was mostly across country. Fine weather to start. L.A.D. was wrongly placed at rear of battalion and impossible to get through to them to help with their mechanical troubles.
-	"	-	Other Units : (incl. Base Ordnance Depot) - Sunday routine.
Moindah	7	June	DADOS: Lt.-Col. Myers, and Lt.-Col Withell returned from 14 Bde area, also Lt. A. Smith, (I.O.O.)
"	"	0900	SOME (Armt): left for Noumea on duty ; stopped at 28 Hy AA W/Shops overnight.
Tontouta	"	-	28 Hy W/Shops : Heavy rain and roads showing signs of breaking up.
P. des G.	"	-	29 LAA W/Shops: 3 reinforcements arrived, comprising 1 turner, one clerk and 1 driver.
"Field"	"	1800	20 LAD: On manoeuvres; arrived at destination at 1800 hrs. Stores truck unsatisfactory for cross country work. Out at 2200 hrs to assist 2 vehicles.
Taom R.	"	-	37 LAD : Very rainy day; work somewhat curtailed owing to weather.
Ouameni	"	-	64 LAD : On manoeuvres with Bde; raining all day.
Nemeara	"	-	65 LAD : M.V. Maintenance ; six men on parade for general review. 1 sgt. m/i on transfer from DOW.
Moindah	"	-	67 LAD : Recovery of Div Signals 4 x 4 3 miles North with fault.
Bourail	"	-	B.O.D. : Trucks still arriving through day and night from ship.

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Moindah	8	June	<u>DADOS Office</u> : Complaints received from Units and sent on to Base to forward to Army HQ re quality of boots being received. Faults reported are : heels coming away; nails protruding in heels. Cable to NZ re shirts received by T.70 - these are only sufficient partly to meet outstanding indents. Further 20,000 asked for as early as possible. (distinct from bush type shirts). <u>D.O.W.</u> : A few men showing signs of septic sores- tinea is also noticeable. Hot showers have been installed, and these should be beneficial in assisting to clear up skin troubles. <u>28 and 29 AA W/Shops</u> : Normal workshop routine. <u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u> : Visited by S.O.M.E. (Armt) - Major Evers. Normal routine. <u>20 LAD</u> : On manoeuvres - camouflage work and digging of slit trenches ; much work on vehicles and considerable amount of winch work through night getting guns into position. (to 1000 hrs 9th June) <u>37 LAD</u> : OC and Sgt to 30 Bn to arrange about detail to go from LAD to 30 Bn park. <u>64 LAD</u> : Wrecked truck with S/M and 3 O/Rs <del>sent</del> sent to assist Field Regt and battalion over the worst part of the route. <u>Other LADs</u> : Normal maintenance and recovery duties. <u>B.O.D.</u> : Weather fine ; expect trucks to finish unloading of ship by night. Large quantity of panels for pre-fabricated buildings still stored on flats at Nepoui.	
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V. du Tir Field	"	"		
Taom R. Ouameni	"	"		
Bourail	"	"		
Moindah	9	"	<u>DADOS Office</u> : Noted that NZEFIP Admin Order No. 274 para 220, states that it has been decided to withdraw from Units all rifles and bayonets, web equipment, steel helmets & respirators held surplus to actual strength (10% extra reserve allowed for respirators). Rifle and web equipment will in future be held as personal issue by the soldier and will accompany him beyond R.A.P. This order re weapons does <u>not</u> apply to Pistols, T.S.M.Gs, binoculars, etc, but only those items stated above. This affects Ordnance returns etc. to Army H.Q. <u>SOME (Armt)</u> : Visited Ile Nou (Noumea) , H.Q. 33 Hy Coast Regiment NZA and also US repair ship re air compressor plant for charging air bottles. OC, 33 Hy Coast W/Shops to make final arrangements with ship repair unit for charging air <del>bottles</del> bottles for 3-Div. Inspected P/III 6" gun mountings; found pivot bearings very loose also an appreciable amount of back lash in elevating and traversing gears . No means provided for taking up wear. Guns otherwise in good condition. <u>D.O.W.</u> : Trouble previously encountered with collapsing of front ball cages in 4 x 4 vehicles has now been corrected by reducing <del>the</del> turning radius. <u>28 Hy W/Shops</u> : OC (Capt D.T. Costelloe) evacuated to 4 NZ Gen. Hospital. Normal workshop routine. <u>20 LAD</u> : Working continually with vehicles, winch work and recovery of vehicles broken down on manoeuvres. <u>37 LAD</u> : Cookhouse roof caught fire; luckily saved due to weather conditions (wet). <u>64 LAD</u> : On manoeuvres; contacted Brigade again; much difficulty experienced in finding battalion transport.	
Noumea	"	"		
Moindah	"	"		
Tontouta Field	"	"		
Taom R. Ouameni	"	"		

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Moindah	9 <sup>th</sup> June		67 LAD: Recovered US vehicle loaded with cement up a bank off the road 14 miles south. OC unit comments that (contrary to Div Orders) MT drivers who have mechanical faults <del>in</del> still do not give correct information to LADs, and in many cases correct the fault themselves and carry on without advising the LAD after having asked for assistance.
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Condition of ground at B.O.D. is very messy owing to wet weather and trucks unloading.
Moindah	10	"	DADOS Office: Copy received of GOC's letter to Army HQ re bush shirts and long trousers for Force. Suggested that men have 1 suit for walking out; two for working (plus 2 prs shorts); and (fighting) reserve, of two shirts and two prs long trousers (camouflaged). GOC not in favour of retaining flannel shirts as an issue. (Actually only a comparative few are required for replacements).
Noumea	"	"	SOME (Armt): Returning from Noumea, and called in at 28 Hy AA W/Shops to inspect Q.F. 3.7 gun which was being dismantled. Everything in order.
Moindah	"	"	D.O.W.: OC reports that "the supply of parts of Commercial type vehicles is still not nearly sufficient to meet demands. An improvement is noted for Army type vehicles GMC and Ford 4 x 4. Demands for welding rod and oxygen and acetylene gas are heavy for both armament and vehicle repairs. Greater supplies should be held over first 6 months period. Condensation is giving considerable trouble and increasing repair work in the instrument section. A drying oven should be included in the equipment table."
Tontouta	"	1530	28 Hy AA W/Shops: Test air raid alert held to 1845 hrs. All personnel at posts during alert.
V. du Tir	"	-	33 Hy Coast W/Shops: Normal routine, plus erecting new orderly room.
Field	"	0600	20 LAD: Camouflage work done; vehicles serviced and some sent to DOW (manoeuvres).
Ouameni	"	-	64 LAD: Out with brigade (8th Inf.) on manoeuvres.
Moindah	"	-	67 LAD: Members of Unit taking part in cross-country tramps..
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Last of trucks arrived from Nepoui with sectional buildings (warehouses etc). Weather fine.
Moindah	11	"	DADOS Office: Staff (including that of SOME's) engaged in preparatory cross country marching.
"	"	"	SOME (Armt): Submitted list to NZ Liaison Officer for urgent attention in N.Z. - included spares for Bofors generators, G.L. maintenance and L.P. bearings for 3.7" Howitzers. If present Mk. II G.L. sets are to be replaced by Mk. III sets, the question of training or replacing present personnel arises.
Tontouta	"	"	28 Hy AA W/Shops: Notified to transfer one O/R (Pte Mortimer) to N.Z. for duty as sgt. instrument specialist in Fiji and Tonga.
P. des G.	"	"	29 LAA W/Shops: Received one further reinforcement - 1 welder.
Field	"	"	20 LAD: Camouflage work, and work on vehicles. Condition yellow, red and green in afternoon.

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Taom R. Ouameni	11	June	<p><u>37 LAD</u>: Rehearsal of Unit for ceremonial parade to be held following Sunday.</p> <p><u>64 LAD</u>: Completed manoeuvres and returned to camp. OC considers LAD would have been much more useful throughout exercise had they been placed in more suitable positions.</p> <p>Other Units: ( <u>65</u>, <u>67 LAD</u> and <u>BOD</u> ) - Routine duties.</p>	
Moindah	12	0800	<p><u>DADOS Office</u>: Lt.-Col. Myers to 14 Bde HQ (for ceremonial parade etc.)</p> <p><u>D.O.W.</u>: 2/Lt. J.D. Quayle posted from B.T.D. as Unit Quartermaster (former unit RQMS ex OCTU).</p> <p><u>28 Hy W/Shops</u>: Acting OC (2/Lt Johnson) to D.O.W. on Unit business and also to visit OC in hospital.</p> <p><u>29 LAA W/Shops</u>: Work commenced on overhauling oil motors of 209 Bty Guns and refilling with buffer oil.</p> <p><u>20 LAD</u>: Camouflage work and maintenance on vehicles (manoeuvres). All returned to base by 1800 hrs.</p> <p><u>B.O.D.</u>: Sports in afternoon ( soccer and rugby at B.R.D.). 2/Lt. B.E. Woodhams m/i. from B.R.D. and attached for duties (acting as adjutant).</p>	
Moindah Tontouta	13	-	<p><u>DADOS</u> returned from 14 Bde area following ceremonial parade etc. Most Units - Sunday routine.</p> <p><u>28 Hy W/Shops</u>: 2/Lt. G.A.P. Skinner (ex B.R.D. and OCTU) m/i. to relieve during OC's absence.</p> <p>2/Lt. Johnston acting OC.</p> <p><u>37 LAD</u>: Men attended massed church parade; ceremonial march past by whole Brigade.</p> <p>Other Units: Sunday routine, including church parades, and recreational trips.</p>	
Taom R.	"	-	<p>Div Ord HQ and DOW: Only routine items.</p> <p><u>28 Hy W/Shops</u>: Special leave roster started; Three men have day off after <del>work</del> every other picquet.</p> <p><u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u>: Maintenance of vehicles and equipment; weather unsettled.</p> <p><u>20 LAD</u>: Maintenance on vehicles; much work caused by manoeuvres; advance party to new camp (North).</p> <p><u>37 LAD</u>: OC visited Transport Officers of 14 Bde, 35 Bty and 22 Fd Amb. re the LAD MT personnel to be sent to parks of these units.</p> <p>Other Units: Routine duties. Weather again fine.</p>	
Moindah	15	1800	<p><u>DADOS Office</u>: Lt.-Col. Myers to Bourail on Ordnance business (B.O.D.).</p> <p>Lt.-Col. Withell (Chief Inspector of Munitions) and Lt. Smith (I.O.O.) returned from North.</p> <p><u>SOME (Armt)</u>: Forwarded to Trentham request for G.L. publications - difficulty experienced in carrying out repairs and in indenting for spares.</p> <p><u>D.O.W.</u>: Report that shortages are apparent in the following expendable stores:</p> <p>Turpentine; laquer; thinners; brake lining rivets; drills; taps, plug, taper and second; metal thread screws; screws cheese-head, round, and countersunk in brass below 1/4" required for instrument repairs; solder tinmans, 50/50. Resin cored, and acid-cored solder; Vickers lock extractors; Bolts, breech rifle. Ebonite, 1 1/4" of 1 1/2" for eyepieces, binoculars. Canada balsam; Window bezels and screws, compass. Bubbles, case circular, instrument stands.</p> <p>Gun packings, 25-pr and 40MM.</p>	

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Tontouta P. des G. Nepoui V.	15 " "	June " "	<p><u>28 Hy AA W/Shops</u>: One S/Sgt and 3 Ptes to 202 Bty, Plaine des Gaiacs re Guns. Normal routine.</p> <p><u>29 LAA W/Shops</u>: To date, very little work has been required on Diesel tractors (202 Bty).</p> <p><u>20 LAD</u>: Packing up for shift to new camp at Taom River. Maintenance on vehicles. Same procedure exactly on 16th and 17th June.</p> <p><u>37 LAD</u>: Details despatched to 14 Bde, 35 Fd Bty and 22 Fd Amb for extensive work on unit vehicles.</p> <p><u>67 LAD</u>: Completed building of workshop shelter, 28 x 36 ft floor space, and with canvas roof.</p> <p><u>Base Ordnance Depot</u>: Weather fine; routine duties. Site for new cookhouse almost completed. One of the prefabricated warehouse buildings removed to Works Construction Coy.</p>	
Moindah " V. du Tir Taom R. Nemeara	16 " " " "	0600 " -- -- --	<p><u>Div Ord HQ</u>: Greater part of staff (incl DADOS) on cross country march (with equipment) of 18 miles.</p> <p><u>SOME (Armt)</u>: Memo sent to all armourers re fitting of certain components to small arms. Certain jobs to be done by D.O.W. only, owing to their greater facilities; all broken or damaged gear to be forwarded to D.O.W. for possible repair; D.O.W. deemed final authority for condemning.</p> <p><u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u>: Maintenance of vehicles &amp; equipment; OC and 4 O/Rs to 150 Bty for half charge shoot.</p> <p><u>37 LAD</u>: Routine work in morning; recreation in afternoon. All members now can swim 30 yards.</p> <p><u>65 LAD</u>: Surfacing workshop area commenced (concluded on 18th.) <u>Other Units</u>: Normal routine.</p>	
Moindah - Nepoui V. - Bourail	17 " " " "	- " 0800 - -	<p>D.O.W., Div Ord HQ etc. - Routine activities.</p> <p><u>28 Hy and 29 LAA W/Shops</u>: Normal routine; <u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u>: Maintenance; heavy rain.</p> <p><u>20 LAD</u>: Cleaning up old area; no more work taken in, preparatory to move North.</p> <p><u>Other LADS</u>: Routine duties and continuation of previously noted special activities.</p> <p><u>Base Ord Depot</u>: Lt.-Col Withell and Lt Smith (Ammn) having returned from North left in morning for 8 Bde area in continuation of ammn inspection visit. Men medically examined by MO.</p>	
Moindah P. des G. Taom R. Nemeara	18 " " "	- - - -	<p><u>SOME (Armt)</u>: Report received from 15 Bde re breakage of Vickers extractors. Requested one of guns in question to be forwarded for examination.</p> <p><u>29 LAA W/Shops</u>: Took delivery of Air compressor from D.O.W. <u>Other Workshops</u>: Normal routine.</p> <p><u>37 LAD</u>: Normal routine; OC still working on accounting system.</p> <p><u>65 LAD</u>: Completed surfacing workshop area; normal routine otherwise.</p>	
Moindah - Nepoui V. Taom R. Nemeara Bourail	19 " " " " "	0900 - 0800 - - -	<p>DADOS to Noumea in connection with Lt.-Col Withell's visit there.</p> <p><u>Various Workshops</u>: normal routine. (DOW, 28, 29, 33rd Workshops).</p> <p><u>20 LAD</u>: Packing and cleaning completed before move North. Sports in afternoon.</p> <p><u>37 LAD</u>: Interior economy in morning; sports in afternoon.</p> <p><u>65 LAD</u>: Vehicle maintenance; interior economy tent lines and workshop area.</p> <p><u>B.O.D.</u>: Normal duties in morning; sports in afternoon, with personnel taking part in representative Base contests.</p>	

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P. des G. V. du Tir Taom R.	20	-	29 LAA W/Shops: Work commenced on overhauling 207 Bty's Gun Tractors. 33 Hy Coast Workshops : Visit by Lt.-Col. Myers, DADOS. 37 LAD: Unit given free day ; men went for trip to Voh, a small French village. Other workshops, LAD units and BOD - Normal Sunday programme.	
Moindah	21	-	SOME (Armt): Workshops Sections notified re proposal to hold course of instruction at D.O.W. for instrument repairers, course to commence 27 June and last three weeks. Any work done normally by these workshop sections is to be sent to DOW while the specialist tradesmen are on courses. 33 Hy Coast W/Shops: Maintenance ; OC to Base Ordnance and D.O.W. on duty. 20 LAD : Convoy left for new camp area, Taom River; arrived 1530 hrs without incident. 67 LAD : Recovery truck to Div Signals courier truck 34 miles South held up with spring fault. B.O.D. : Routine duties ; weather exceptionally fine.	
V. du Tir Nepoui V. Moindah Bourail	"	0930		
V. du Tir Taom R. Taom R.	22	-	33 Hy Coast W/Shops: Maintenance of vehicles and equipment ; warning of heavy winds and rain which did not eventuate ; night very cold and full blanket issue completely justified. 20 LAD : Work started on building workshop shelter, ramp and obtaining gravel for area. (Until 28th.) 37 LAD : OC and driver to DOW checked up on missing part sent for repair; stayed all night. Other units (W/Shops, LADs ) normal routine. Pressure fairly constant in SOME (M.T.) Office with transfers of vehicles and supervision of reception area set up opposite D.O.W. area. B.O.D. : Major Knight (C.O.O.) and Capt. Reid visited Works Constn. Coy to view erected prefabricated warehouse building received from N.Z. and of same type as to be used by BOD.	
Bourail	"	-		
Moindah	23	-	Div Ord HQ : Noted that 3-Div Special Admin. Instruction repeats NZ Army Instruction regarding care of small arms. States that reports by SOME (Armt) disclose that similar deterioration to that in N.Z. is occurring in some units of 3-Div. Earlier instructions were also issued. DADOS returned from official visit to Noumea, calling in at 8 Bde HQ and area en route. D.O.W. reports that after 6 months operation 30 vehicles are held indefinitely on the repair lines due to shortage of spares. For detailed report see Appendix 1. 28 Hy W/Shops: Sgt Armourer to Hospital for eyesight treatment ; one O/R. marched in on transfer back from 3 Div Sigs. Other Units (including LADs and BOD) - Normal duties.	Appendix 1.
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Moindah	24	June	Div Ord Hq - <u>SOME (Armt)</u> inspected 29 Lt AA Workshops. Everything in order. Reply received from Army HQ re instrument mechanics, stating that course suggested by 3-Div would not be adequate, but adding that a course operating at the present would be finishing in four months, and men could be allocated from that. (Required course for D.O.W. personnel was only a refresher course, and request forwarded to Army (through G Branch) for either two men to be given a refresher course or two men from Army Ordnance workshops to be made available immediately for 3-Div.	
V. du Tir	"	-	<u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u> : OC (2/Lt Gable) and 2 O/Rs to 151 Hy Bty for shoot ; mechanical condition of the guns is good. Normal maintenance in workshops.	
Bourail	"	-	<u>Various LADs</u> - maintenance etc, also workshops not specified. <u>20 LAD</u> settling-in in new area. <u>B.O.D.</u> : Routine duties ; weather unsettled but fine ; practice Rugby game played after 1600 hrs.	
Moindah.	25	June	<u>D.O.W. and AA and Coast Workshops</u> : Nothing to report apart from routine duties.	
Taom R.	"	-	<u>20 LAD</u> : Unit personnel and equipment on building workshop, shelter, ramp etc for new area.	
"	"	-	<u>37 LAD</u> : Arrival of quantity of spare parts makes it appear likely that the unit's record of work for the month will exceed any previous one.	
Ouameni	"	-	<u>64 LAD</u> : Chevrolet 4 x 4 truck received from S.O.M.E.(M.T.). OC reports that the painting of all trucks in the 8 Bde, which are showing severe rusting, is now well in hand.	
Bourail	"	-	<u>Other LADs</u> : Normal routine. <u>B.O.D.</u> : Concreting (boxing) of Unit kitchen commenced .	
Moindah	26	0700	<u>Div Ord HQ</u> : Various members of the staff of three offices of Div Ord HQ attended special 14 Bde race meeting in North, as recreational trip.	
Taom R.	"	-	<u>Various Workshops</u> : normal routine, in morning; in some cases sports in afternoon.	
Nemeara	"	-	<u>37 LAD</u> : "Big day in area" - race day. Free afternoon for Unit personnel.	
Bourail	"	-	<u>65 LAD</u> : Rifle inspection; interior economy in lines and workshop area ; maintenance. <u>B.O.D.</u> : Weather fine ; a party of 15 Other Ranks, under Capt. Reid left Bourail at 0730 hrs for race meeting at 14 Bde. Increasing personnel made necessary the temporary erection of two tents for use as sergeants' mess.	
Moindah	27	0730	<u>DADOS Office</u> : Three O/Rs left with Div HQ party for week's leave in Noumea under official scheme. These men had been approximately seven months on island.	
Tontouta	"	-	<u>28 Hy AA W/Shops</u> : Acting Oc left for D.O.W. and Plaine des Gaiacs. Two L/Cpls and 1 Pte left for D.O.W. to attend Instrument Repairers' course of 3 weeks duration. Work they would normally carry out will be forwarded to D.O.W.	
P. des G.	"	-	<u>29 LAA W/Shops</u> : Three instrument mechanics sent from this Unit to D.O.W. for 3 weeks course.	
V. du Tir	"	-	<u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u> : Two O/Rs to hospital ; 1 Sgt and 1 O/R to instrument repairers' course of instruction at the D.O.W.	

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Taom R. Nemeara Moindah -	27 " " "	June " " "	<p><u>37 LAD</u> : Sunday. Unit given free day with visit to French village of Poum.</p> <p><u>65 LAD</u> : Free day ; 2 men start four days leave at 15 Bde Roadhouse.</p> <p><u>67 LAD</u>: Four members of unit commence week's leave at Noumea.</p> <p>Other units ; normal Sunday routine.</p>	
Moindah	28	June	<p><u>DADOS Office</u>: Issue of copies to Formation HQs etc on limited scale of following ammn pamphlets: (supplied by Lt.-Col Withell) (a) D.W.S. Notes on Ammn. No. 20 and (b) Extract from Magazine Regulations, Pt. 1, 1941. Information of this type had in the past been somewhat difficult to obtain and NCO in charge of ammn in Fiji had had to learn by experience very largely.</p> <p><u>D.O.W.</u>: Commencement of instrument mechanics three weeks course, with men from AA Workshops and Coast Workshops attending.</p> <p><u>28 Hy W/Shops</u> : Five AEC Diesel tractors brought in to workshops for complete overhaul and repair. This work will take a few weeks to complete.</p> <p><u>Maintenance</u> of vehicles and equipment; weather fine; stocktaking of unit equipment.</p>	
Tontouta	"	-		
V. du Tir Taom R.	" "	- 1055	<p><u>20 LAD</u>: Completion by unit of work of building workshop shelter, ramp and doing gravelling.</p> <p>Unit S/M. (W02 Burt) charged with losing by neglect certain Army property destroyed in fire. Remanded to CO, 17 Fd Regt. Ultimate decision not stated.</p>	
Taom R. Nemeara Bourail	" " "	- - -	<p><u>37 LAD</u> : General routine with unit very busy on M.T.</p> <p><u>65 LAD</u> : Rifle shoot on 25 yd range ; M.V. maintenance.</p> <p><u>B.O.D.</u>: Torrential downpour followed by light rain throughout day. Work on cookhouse suspended owing to the weather.</p>	
Moindah	29	June	<p><u>SOME (Armt)</u> : <del>Two</del> Men nominated from DOW for recommendation for special course of training as gunfitter and wireless mechanics. Men selected (4) will be given a 2-3 months course.</p> <p>Examination of a captured Japanese L.M.G. similar to the Bren. Question of making it serviceable for demonstrations to troops being considered. Information handbooks found incorrect in several details, particularly calibre. Operation of gun very similar to Bren in loading, unloading and correct stoppages.</p> <p><u>29 Lt AA W/Shops</u>: Completed internal transfer of accommodation in camp area, moving sleeping quarters.</p> <p><u>20 LAD</u> : After setting up workshop etc in new area, work on vehicles started this morning.</p> <p>Other <u>LADs</u> and <u>Workshops</u> ; general routine. also <u>B.O.D.</u></p>	
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Moindah	30	June	<p><u>DADOS</u> : at conference 3 Div HQ re projected move of Division. Request received from N.Z. Army HQ for Lieut J.L. Lonergan of MT parts sub-section, B.O.D. to visit N.Z. in connection with replacement parts supply and forecasting. Army HQ informed that his passage will be arranged immediately but his return to Necal is desired at earliest possible moment.</p> <p><u>SOME (Armt)</u>: visited B.O.D. in connection with armaments matters; submitting to B.O.D. a list of technical stores for 6 months.</p> <p><u>D.O.W.:</u> and <u>28 Hy AA Workshops</u> : Normal workshop routine in main.</p> <p><u>29 Lt AA W/Shops</u>: Took delivery of one GMC truck and one 3-ton Fargo from RHQ of 29 LAA Regt.</p> <p><u>37 LAD</u>: After working on it throughout the month, Oc has accounting system finished ready for stocktake. . Unit very busy on M.T. work.</p> <p><u>65 LAD</u> : Maintenance . Full parade at 1 Scots for talk by the GOC.</p> <p><u>67 LAD</u>: Month closes with unit actively engaged in repair and maintenance of M.T. The unit still works at a decided disadvantage (says OC) through the non-arrival of special technical tools. Among those missing are taps and dies, ring spanners and set spanners.</p> <p><u>B.O.D.:</u> Routine duties; weather fine. WO-2 W.A. Pascoe, 44061 promoted to commissioned rank as 2/Lieut w.e.f. today's date.</p>	
P. des G. Taom R.	"	"		
Nemeara Moindah	"	"		
Bourail	"	"		
P. des G.	-	-	<p><u>GENERAL SUMMARIES BY UNITS:</u></p> <p><u>29 LAA Workshops</u> : (1) <u>M.T.</u> 80-90% of the work of the unit has been on MT. The number of units service is now largely increased and now includes: 35 BN (detached Coys) 22 Fd Amb, 202, 207, 209 Btys; 54 A/Tank Bty, 37 Fd Park, NZE, 2 Base Supply Depot, and other units in the Nepoui Valley area.</p> <p>(2) <u>Armaments</u>: The main work for the month has been on the overhaul of oil motors and refilling with buffer oil.</p> <p>(3) <u>General</u>: Section area has been divided, and is very satisfactory from hygiene viewpoint, into 3 areas - (a) stores and workshops; (b) sleeping quarters (c) Ablution stands, showers, bath &amp; latrine.</p> <p><u>33 Hy Coast Workshops</u>: Erection of new workshop has greatly facilitated work. Increase of two in strength has helped, but 6 more men are still needed. Supply of parts etc from B.O.D. was satisfactory, generally resulting in a 3-day service. Weather has been cooler than previously. Health of men has been below past average and several were in hospital. Visit by S.O.M.E. (Armt) straightened out many technical etc problems. Cooperation of CO, 33 Hy Regt has been forthcoming at all times and Unit has been assisted in every way. Unit strength 1 Oftr and 16 O/Rs.</p> <p><u>Div Ord HQ</u> - "Editor's note" - reports as above give all items of consequence from unit notes submitted, and "routine operations", "maintenance etc" correctly described many entries of IADs and smaller workshops</p>	
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"After six months operation, the following vehicles are held indefinitely on the repair lines:

Chev Cars	2
" 15 cwt	4
" 20 "	8
" 30 "	1
Ford cars	2
" 15 cwt	10
" 20 "	2
Ambulances	1

"The following summary shows details of the types of repairs for which these are being held:

	<u>Chev.</u>	<u>Ford.</u>	
Springs, front ..	10	11	
" rear ..	9	6	
Rear wheel driving axle ..	7	-	2 require bearings
Propellor shaft	7	3	
Gear box gears and bearings	3		
Brakes : Master and wheel cylinder cups	14	1	
Crown wheel & pinion	5	-	
Clutch plate	1	-	
Rear wheel oil seals	2	-	
Stub axle bearings	1	1	
King pin and shackles	-	2	
Brake cables	-		

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