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N. Z. ORDNANCE CORPS, 3-DIV, NZEF IP.

WAR DIARY
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(Consolidated
with Appendices)

for DIV. ORDNANCE UNITS,
also BASE ORDNANCE DEPOT
for the month of

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and References to Appendices.
Moindah	1	July 0900	<u>DADOS Office</u> : Lt.-Col. Myers at conference with GOC re 3-Div projected move. Signal sent to QMG (Q.769) re pup tents for use of troops in fwd area : "Unless you have advice of delivery of pup tents within reasonable time, think we should explore possibility purchase here. Please advise." Order of Day re disbandment of 15 Bde, announced today, will affect Ordnance position in respect both of supplies and of Ordnance personnel in area. <u>D.O.W.</u> : Daily sick average for month of June is : Hospital 2.7% ; E.D. .51% ; L.D. Nil ; M.D. .96%.	
"	"	-	<u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u> : Servicing vehicles unloaded from Transport 71 . Weather fine.	
V. du Tir	"	-	<u>37 LAD</u> : Detachment still absent on convoy duty; to Noumea ; Remainder unit on maintenance.	
Taom R.	"	-	<u>42 LAD</u> : This unit still in NZ before embarkation. Not attached to Division until 17 July 43.	
-	"	-	<u>64 LAD</u> : Stores truck ^{fittings} received from NZ have been adapted to 6 x 4 GMC truck and stores have been transferred to the truck. Previously all stores and equipment had been stored in a native bure, which was not perfectly waterproof, this necessitating the thorough inspection and cleaning of all parts etc. The unit is now more mobile than previously.	
Ouameni	"	-	<u>67 LAD</u> : Unit actively engaged in the repair and maintenance of vehicles in the Divisional area and the servicing of through traffic.	
Moindah	"	-	<u>B.O.D.</u> : OC, Major Knight, at conference at Div HQ ; Routine duties in sections.	
Bourail	"	-		
Moindah	2.	-	<u>DADOS Office</u> : Conclusion of visit by Lt.-Col I.S. WITHELL, Chief Inspector of Munitions. HQ 3-Div advise that NO tarpaulins to be replaced to units, and stocks coming fwd to be left baled, unless authority is given by HQ 3 DIV. Ordnance Warrant Officers in Brigade areas notified that no further approval will be given for issue of Appendix 10 scale of equipment for 3-Div units (only War Equipment Table items will be taken forward, and no all Appendix 10 items will have to be returned to BOD before 3-Div units move forward.). This includes, in particular stoves, oil-burning and other items beyond W.E. minimum. Re "pup tents" NZ advise that if these are obtainable from local US sources, 3-Div is authorised to obtain them under Lease-Lend.	
* Moindah	"	-	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Panelbeating, blacksmithing and machining sections have a large volume of work on hand, due mostly to damaged vehicles and the necessity of improvising to keep vehicles on road.	
P. des G.	"	-	<u>29 LAA W/Shops</u> : Spreading of metal on areas leading to sleeping quarters and ablution stands.	
V. du Tir	"	-	<u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u> : Still servicing vehicles unloaded from T. 71 . Worked 36 hours without stopping.	
Taom R.	"	1400	<u>20 LAD</u> : One representative of unit on amphibious exercises with 35 Bty.	
-	"	-	<u>Other LADs</u> and <u>Hy AA W/Shops</u> : Routine duties.	
Bourail	"	-	<u>B.O.D.</u> : Routine duties ; Unit convert in messroom in evening; weather fine.	

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July 43, Sheet 2.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and References to Appendices.
Moindah	3	July	<u>DADOS Office:</u> Col DOVE (Offr i/c Admin, Base HQ) advised that the Comdg General, US Services of Supply, wants to be assured that everything possible is being done by his organisation for the NZEFIP. BOD asked to advise of any difficulties that may have arisen. US Forces are responsible for rations, Petrol, Oil, Lubricants, QM supplies, engineering medical, dental and certain Ordnance supplies in a forward area.	
Tontouta	"	-	<u>28 Hy AA W/Shops:</u> Workshop, Drivers, etc busy metalling main road into camp, but handicapped through lack of transport. Workshop team played 214 Lt AA Bty team at Rugby football.	
Taom R.	"	-	<u>20 LAD :</u> Work on running repairs etc of M.T. ; tool check.	
"	"	-	<u>37 LAD</u> Detachment on convoy duty arrived back from Noumea 0200 hrs. Noted on trip : indications of lack of first-line maintenance, and scarcity of vehicle tools - e.g. NO wheel braces and tyre repair outfits. Nearly all the work on the convoy originated from the vehicles not being properly checked prior to journey. Afternoon free for recreation.	
Nemeara	"	-	<u>65 LAD :</u> Rifle inspection ; M.V. maintenance.	
Moindah	"	-	Recovery unit of <u>67 LAD</u> busy over period 3rd to 18th involving trips with wrecker nearly every day.	
Moindah	4	-	Div Ord HQ and <u>DOW,</u> : normal Sunday routine ; DOW leave party returned from NOUMEA.	
"	"	-	<u>42 LAD :</u> (still in NZ) on pre-embarkation furlough, 1 Officer and 19 O/Rs, to 9 July 43.	
Ouameni	"	-	<u>64 LAD :</u> In view of General's Review and March Past, in 8 Bde area, unit commenced march training etc.	
Nemeara	"	-	<u>65 LAD :</u> Free day except for M.V. casualties. Other Units (incl. <u>BOD</u>) - Sunday routine.	
Moindah	5	-	Div Ord HQ : <u>DADOS, SOME (MT)</u> and <u>SOME (Armt)</u> at General's conference over transport, and the question of Workshops and LAD personnel to be taken forward.	
"	"	-	<u>DADOS Office :</u> Mimeographed publication of War Equipment Table (tentative) for Inf (rifle) Battlns. & MG Coy (as distinct from "Hand or Rifle" grenades)	
"	"	-	<u>3-Div Admin Instn. No. 233</u> stated that ALL grenades 36M (as distinct from "Hand or Rifle" grenades) now on issue to units are to be returned to the Amn Dump Nepoui Valley, and vouchered to the C.O.O., Base Ord Depot. Grenades being issued in replacement are free from the defect of weak explosions observed in unit practices with faulty batches. (Date of exchange to be notified later).	
			Special Order from 3 Div HQ (26/Q) :- Main Ord. Depot, Trentham, ceases to supply outstanding items of unit war equipment (as per W.E. Tables) direct to units as from 30 June. Units to indent for deficiencies on the B.O.D. Any items that are now in transit and become excess will be returned to Ordnance. Stores in transit from NZ for which Units have already received vouchers will NOT be indented for. NO surpluses in War Equipment are to be permitted. At 15 July Units will determine their surpluses of War Equipment Table items and will return the surpluses to BOD.	
			W.E. Tables, (in addition to that for Inf Bn (Rifle) above) have been circulated for Bde M.G. Coys; M.T. Coys, NZASC, Div Signals and Lt AA Btys will use the W.E. Tables prepared by their HQs.	

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Moindah	5	July	<u>D.O.W.</u> : For future reference it is noted that bamboo is unsuitable for semi-permanent buildings on this island due to borer etc. Particularly is this so in respect of instrument repair shops etc, where dust is detrimental to repair work. Fortnights course for instrument mechanics commenced under control of 2/Lt Danby.	
V. du Tir	"	"	<u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u> : Vehicles unloaded and checked from T.71 were nearly all new; most trouble was with batteries, some of which had been maltreated when disconnected. Ships gear was very good and wire slings had been bound with rope and canvas. Maintenance of vehicles and equipment.	
Bourail	"	-	<u>Various LADs</u> : Usual maintenance and recovery work. <u>B.O.D.</u> : Routine duties; erection of new cookhouse suspended temporarily owing shortage of suitable timber.	
Moindah	6	-	<u>DADOS Office</u> : Lt.-Col Myers, with Capt Reid of BOD, on committee of adjustment to value all regimentally-owned equipment of 1 Ruas, 1 Scots and 15 Bde HQ. Signal sent to NZ that Force has secured 6500 (2-man) pup tents from US Forces. <u>SOME (Armt)</u> : advised Div Arty to issue instructions to guard against recurrence of damage to sighting telescopes No. 22C in use on 6-pr anti-tank guns. Excessive pressure, DOW reported, was distorting the retaining bearing and cracking the lenses. In the event of a forward move by Div, the DOW instrument shop would have on its hands a considerable number of uncompleted jobs owing to lack of suitable equipment. Urgent consideration requested from NZ for equipment needed. <u>D.O.W.</u> : Volume of work done by blacksmiths is extremely heavy, mainly spring repairs. <u>29 LAA W/Shops</u> : Drivers of 54 A/Tk Bty and 22 Pd Ambulance tested by O.M.E. for drivers licenses. <u>37 LAD</u> : OC and 4 O/Rs proceeded to 30 Bn Carrier Platoon, spent day on maintenance; all mobile carriers in excellent condition; routine work on unit park. Other <u>w/shops</u> and <u>LADs</u> - routine duties. <u>BOD</u> (Bourail) erection of cookhouse continuing.	
P. des G. Taom R.	"	-		
Moindah	7	-	<u>DADOS Office</u> : Change-over in 15 Bde area affects Ordnance as follows:- 65 LAD to remain in present area. Ordnance equipment of units disbanded to be returned to the BOD; M.T. vehicles to be taken over by Base Comd, in conjunction with SOME (MT) who will advise regarding disposal and accounting. Armourers being posted to 8 Bde and other units, making up shortages at least in part. This involves some men being retained with ranks surplus to establishment. <u>SOME (Armt)</u> : Further instructions issued regarding incorrect bolts, as these are still being reported. <u>28 Hy AA W/Shops</u> : Two NCOs returned from attending shoot of 3.7 AA guns at Ile Nou, NOUMEA. Other <u>workshops</u> - normal routine. <u>S.O.M.E. (MT)</u> visited 33 Hy Coast W/Shops (Vallee du Tir, Noumea). <u>Various LADs</u> : Normal and routine work. <u>BOD</u> , also routine duties; some camp etc preparation work.	
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Moindah.	8	July	<u>DADOS Office</u> : NZ signalled approving our request to be allowed to obtain mosquito nets from US forces. NA has 20,000 nets on order from US, and large quantity of netting on order from India. When received these quantities will cover requirements for 2 years. NZ suggests NO action be taken in future by NZEFIP for other supplies. (Signal originated in offer of 4000 mosquito nets from local US forces).	
"	"	-	<u>SOME (Armt)</u> : AA & QMG requested information re Armament stores; assurance to be given that sufficient stocks are held or are budgeted for to service the Div for a period of 5 months in operations.	
"	"	-	<u>D.O.W.</u> : A total of 18 gearboxes for GMC 6 x 4 trucks has been completed and vehicles returned to service.	
Tontouta	"	-	<u>28 Hy AA W/Shops</u> : The 3.7" AA Guns still being brought in one by one for complete & thorough inspection. Mechanics busy on AEC Diesel tractors; other work in workshop very is slack, due to shortage of transport in AA Batteries.	
Taom R.	"	-	<u>37 LAD</u> : Compiled infantry training course for coming week; intended for half of unit at a time.	
Ouameni	"	-	<u>64 LAD</u> : Training parades being continued, although unit has been advised that it will not be taking part in GOC's parade at Dubois air field on 9 July.	
-	"	-	<u>Other LADs and Workshops</u> - Routine activity. <u>B.O.D.</u> - unloading of US stores and cutting of dunnage.	
Moindah	9	-	<u>DADOS Office</u> : Gave B.O.D. a copy of revised Order of Battle for island operations to give them the information needed for equipping of 3-Div units, collecting of stores for the Field Maintenance Centre. Report sent to Chief Ordnance Officer (M.O.D.) re Ordnance part in proposed move. Suggested:- 5 <u>B.O.D.</u> Officers and 105 O/Rs; one Ordnance Officer to remain, with reinforcements officers attached. Only 35% of the Force's vehicles are likely to go North. Intended to take two type A LADs, an amended B type LAD, Lt AA W/Shops (primarily for Arty). From <u>D.O.W.</u> will go (suggested) the two Recovery and Repair Sections, Armt section complete and about 40 men from its main shop personnel. Remainder to care for equipment left on island. <u>D.O.W.</u> : Oxygen and acetylene gas is in short supply; Nos 1 and 2 Recovery Sections are fully engaged in MT repairs and salvage work.	
Taom R.	"	-	<u>37 LAD</u> : Carried out inspection of 209 Lt AA Bty Bofors tractors to determine best vehicles for proposed alteration.	
Nemeara	"	-	<u>65 LAD</u> : M.V. maintenance and altering unit mess room. <u>Other LADS</u> etc -routine duties.; also <u>BOD.</u>	
Moindah	10	-	<u>DADOS</u> : on duty visit to Tontouta and 8 Bde area. <u>D.O.W.</u> : Inspection parade and small arms inspection; internal economy & camp maintenance; afternoon devoted to various types of organised sports.	
"	"	-	<u>29 Lt AA W/Shops</u> : Sgt.-Armourer arrived and attached for duty.	
P. des G.	"	-		

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Taom R. Ouameni	10	July	20 LAD: Running repairs of M.T. in morning as usual; sports in afternoon. 64 LAD: OC unit notes difficulty in carrying on without a unit cook as unit is detached, and the work of cooking has to be done by one of the mechanics.	
Nemeara. Moindah Bourail	"	"	65 LAD: Unit has taken over 15 Bde HQ cookhouse and doing own cooking/. 67 LAD: All members on rifle range. B.O.D.: Issuing tents from warehouse at B.T.D.; sports in afternoon.	
Moindah V. du Tir	11	"	D.O.W.: church parade; afternoon free except for urgent work. 33 Hy Coast W/Shops: Advice received of move of 33 Hy Regt (to which w/Shop is attached) This unit to remain pending further instructions; weather fine.	
Taom R. -	"	"	20 LAD: Church parade; trip to Voh for 10 men of unit. Other Units: Normal Sunday - rest and/or sports.	
Moindah " Tontouta V. du Tir	12	"	SOME (Armt): requested Div Signals to supply list of W/T. sets going forward to assist servicing. D.O.W.: Machinery waggons proving invaluable in machine work necessary to back up MT work. 28 Hy AA W/S.: Normal routine in workshop - Bofors gun tractors of 214 Bty being brought in for ammun boxes etc to be removed prior to the tractors being sent to DOW for rebuilding etc of bodies. 33 Hy W/S.: Collected and removed to B.S.D.-1, 3 D4 tractors and one 8 ton tractor; visit by Officer i/c Admin, Base; weather very wet.	
Taom R. " - Bourail	"	"	20 LAD: Running repairs MT; foot inspection for personnel. 37 LAD: Started infantry course with half of personnel; handicapped by very bad weather. 42 LAD: This unit still in NZ, preparing for embarkation following day (13th). B.O.D.: Weather wet - roads in camp exceptionally muddy; kitchen almost completed. 2/Lt Woodhamd who had been attached from B.T.D. is formally posted to that unit.	
Moindah " V. du Tir -	13	"	DADOS Office: Lt.-Col Myers to 53 A/Tank Bty, Nepoui Valley D.O.W.: All sections fully engaged in routine work; wet weather makes conditions difficult. 33 Hy W/S.: Preparations made for unloading vehicles from T. 72 and T. 73; also for conveying of vehicles north to 33 Hy Regt's new site. Maintenance work. Other Units: purely routine duties; weather wet in Northern area. Unsettled in Bourail area.	
Moindah	14	"	DADOS Office: Noted that Admin Instn (3-Div) reads: "Bedcots US pattern - it is hoped to replace all bed slats in use by Div units by bedcots US pattern. Units to supply a return showing (a) number of bedcots US required; (b) number of bedcots US pattern held surplus to requirements (one per all ranks excl. officers)."	

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Moindah	14	July	<u>D.O.W.</u> : 16 Bedford Bofors tractors altered at direction of CRA to increase load-carrying capacity, i.e., predictors, etc.	
P. des G.	"	-	<u>29 Lt AA W/Shops</u> : Carried out rifle and pistol shoot; all ranks qualified.	
V du Tir	"	-	<u>33 Hy Coast W/S</u> : Maintenance; servicing vehicles from T. 72 and 73.	
Taom R.	"	-	<u>37 LAD</u> : S/M and 4 O/Rs to Noumea on convoy duty; training for half of personnel; others free.	
Nemeara	"	-	<u>65 LAD</u> : M/V maintenance; organised swimming test.	
Moindah:	"	-	<u>67 LAD</u> : Recovery unit sent 20 miles south to recover courier truck with fuel trouble.	
Bourail	"	-	<u>B.O.D.</u> : Cookhouse completed; units returned 2-pounder A/Tank guns and stores.	
Moindah	15	-	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Armament and instrument sections fully occupied on routine repair work.	
-	"	-	<u>Other Workshop Units</u> ; Routine work; 33 Hy W/Shops still on servicing MT off/ transports.	
Taom R.	"	-	<u>37 LAD</u> : Still on infantry etc training; weather improved.	
Nemeara	"	-	<u>65 LAD</u> : M/V maintenance; salvaged US truck. <u>Other Units</u> (including BOD): routine duties.	
Moindah	16	-	<u>DADOS Office</u> : COO, Base Ordnance Depot advises that three additional officers will be required at the BOD to replace in part five who will go forward to the advanced base ("five" later reduced to "four only"). Certain officers to be obtained from other Corps, and certain recommendations made for promotion of technical officers (e.g. MT) required.	
-	"	-	<u>Workshop Units</u> (DOW, 29, 28 and 33rd) routine duties. Also most LAD units.	
Moindah	"	-	<u>67 LAD</u> : Two recovery jobs, one a US vehicle 23 miles north with burned-out wiring.	
Bourail	"	-	<u>B.O.D.</u> : Routine duties; erection of warehouse buildings (approx 48 x 105 ft) over hill from camp.	
Moindah	17	-	<u>DADOS Office</u> : BOD instructed to ask NZ urgently for gravity rollers and other necessary equipment for easier handling of stores here and at new base (particularly amm). This was done.	
"	"	-	<u>SOME (Armt)</u> : Arranged for Senior Armourer to inspect arms of 8 and 14 Bdes. (commenced 19th).	
"	"	-	<u>DOW</u> : Rifle inspection and routine work. Sports in afternoon.	
Tontouta	"	-	<u>28 Hy AA W/S</u> : Normal workshop routine; Two NCOs and 1 Pte returned from course at D.O.W. (instruments)	
P. des G.	"	-	<u>29 Lt AA W/Shops</u> : Normal routine (see General notes at end); Instrument mechanics returned from course at D.O.W.	
Taom R.	"	-	<u>20 LAD</u> : Work on running repairs of -MT; sports in afternoon.	
"	"	-	<u>37 LAD</u> : Ceased training; encouraging results from exam. Subjects covered Bren LMG, Grenades	
Ouenghi Riv.	"	-	<u>Mk. 1, No. 36</u> ; rifle, elementary map reading and Inf. Section leading; recreation in p.m.	
Nemeara	"	-	<u>42 LAD</u> : Unit disembarked from transport and reached new site; camps site prepared before dark.	
Bourail	"	-	<u>Strength 1 Offr, 1 WO-2; 5 NCOs and 12 O/Rs.</u> Two O/Rs in NZ.	
			<u>65 LAD</u> : Rifle inspection and cleaning up of lines; afternoon free.	
			<u>B.O.D.</u> Lt. J. Lonergan (O.O., M.T. Sec) returned from visit to NZ in connection with supplies of & budgeting for MT spares etc.	

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Moindah V. du Tir	18 "	July "	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Church parade ; afternoon free except for essential work. <u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u> : Servicing vehicles & equipment ; weather fair ; vehicles from T. 72 and 73 completed This time all vehicles arrived in good order and no difficulties experienced ; One 6 x 4 and breakdown truck with 33 Hy Regt convoy. <u>Other W/Shops</u> : Normal Sunday.	
Ouenghi R. Nemeara	" "	" "	<u>42 LAD</u> : (newly arrived) erection of tents and making of camp site. <u>65 LAD</u> : Free day and M.V. casualties.	
Moindah Bourail	" "	" "	<u>67 LAD</u> : Recovered Ford in Div HQ area with broken springs. <u>Other LADs</u> : Normal Sunday. <u>BOD.</u> : Unit photograph taken ; some sports in afternoon.	
Moindah	19	"	<u>DADOS Office</u> : Noted that 4 6-inch guns and 4 155-mm guns from 33 Hy Regt Ile Nou are being vouchered over to the US Forces on Reverse Lease-Lend, with their instruments and ammun. This action involved unit transfer of the 33 Hy Regt and the ultimate move of the 33 Hy Coast workshop section at V. du Tir, Noumea. 28 Hy AA W/Shop Section will be similarly affected during the coming month, with the disbandment etc of 28 Hy AA Regt. Men of these two Workshops transferred in early August (in part) to D.O.W. and 29 Lt AA Regt., Workshop Section.	
"	"	"	<u>SOME (Armt)</u> List of modifications to be made to equipment received from Army HQ through Div Arty HQ.	
"	"	-	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Nos. 1 and 2 Recovery sections engaged in routine work up to full scope of their equipment. All other work evacuated to DOW. Pre-delivery checks being made on new Ford V8 cars.	
Tontouta	"	-	<u>28 Hy AA W/Shops</u> : OC (Capt D. Costelloe) returned from Hospital ; Work in shops held up through shortage of acetylene and oxygen gas.	
P. des G. V. du Tir	"	-	<u>29 Lt AA W/Shops</u> : Formed fire fighting squads ; practices held regularly. <u>33 Hy Coast W/S</u> : Reported from Regt HQ that a workshop 6 x 4 truck with convoy involved in accident after breakdown and leaving convoy; one man (not of W/Shops personnel) was killed and three injured, including one O/R of 33 Hy W/Shops (Pte Cherry). This man was not seriously injured.	
Taom R. Ouenghi R. Moindah Bourail	" " " "	- - - -	<u>37 LAD</u> : Remaining half of personnel engaged in weeks training starting today. Others in w/Shop. <u>42 LAD</u> : Unit unpacking after arrival from N.E. <u>67 LAD</u> : Two signalmen attached for instructions on MV maintenance. <u>B.O.D.</u> : Commencement of unloading of T. 72 from Nepoui. Before 0030 hrs on 20th 15 trucks arrived and were unloaded.	
Moindah	20	-	<u>DADOS Office</u> : G Branch instruction put out (19th) regarding reallocation of weapons throughout 3-Div, also new ammunition scale (this for Div operations in forward area etc). <u>D.O.W.</u> : Spring failures are still heavy owing to hard road road conditions, and heaviest in older type commercial vehicles.	
Tontouta	"	-	<u>28 Hy AA W/S</u> : Normal workshop routine ; Arm.- Artificer (WO-2) finished removing barrels and jackets of eight 3.7 A.A. guns belonging to 203 Bty.	

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V du Tir Taom R. Ouenghi R. Ouameni	20 July	-	<p><u>33 Hy W/Shops</u>: Maintenance ; weather fine ; convoying duties, with 33 Hy Regt.</p> <p><u>37 LAD</u>: Still on training and routine maintenance.</p> <p><u>42 LAD</u>: Work commenced on repairing and overhauling Unit vehicles. Three vehicles and 2 M/Cs handled.</p> <p><u>64 LAD</u>: M.T. vehicle repairs have eased in volume, mainly through the removal from service of the oldest and worst of the 4 x 2 trucks. Transport drivers are "now operating with more care and sense." the OC reports. To obtain this result the drivers have been required to assist in all repairs. This helps to a large degree, especially where continual spring breakage has occurred. On the other hand it has accentuated the unit's cooking troubles, as as many as 58 have filed in for one meal (Unit strength 1 Offr and 19 O/Rs and no cook on strength).</p> <p><u>67 LAD</u>: Recovery Unit 6 miles north and 3 miles cross country to recover 4 x 4 (engineers) stuck in mud</p> <p><u>B.O.D.</u>: Trucks arriving from ship throughout night, and steady stream during the day. Weather fine and roads through camp holding up fairly well. Works Service Coy still working on road from camp to Warehouse.</p>	
Moindah Bourail	"	-		
Moindah	21	-	<p><u>DADOS Office</u>: Report requested from NZ upon suitability of present issues of boots for tropical service. Report, supported by facts from BOD, indicated that boots are wearing well and in most instances are of reasonably good quality. NZ accordingly informed by HQ NZEFIP.</p> <p><u>D.O.W.</u>: Large volume of work for all sections on vehicle maintenance.</p> <p><u>28 Hy W/S</u>: Normal routine ; work again held up through shortage of acetylene and oxygen gas.</p> <p><u>42 LAD</u>: OC (2/Lt Lancaster) and Sgt. to Div HQ to see SOME(MT) and DADOS. Seven vehicles dealt with.</p> <p><u>67 LAD</u>: Inspection and report on all Signals M.T. (unit att'd 3 Div Signals). Two recovery jobs.</p> <p><u>B.O.D.</u>: Trucks still arriving, weather very wet and intermittent repairs needed on roads in camp.</p>	
Tontouta Ouenghi R. Moindah Bourail	"	-		
Moindah	22	-	<p><u>D.O.W.</u>: Items deficient in the equipment of the Crossley Machinery Waggon No. 23806 are being indented for. OC notes that the Stanley Geared Head lathe in this waggon is an excellent machine for MT machine work.</p> <p><u>28 Hy AA W/S</u>: Normal workshop routine ; 2/Lts Skinner and Johnson out searching for suitable place for grenade and rifle range. Managed to secure some acetylene from US Forces.</p> <p><u>33 Hy Coast W/Shops</u>: Normal routine ; convoy duties with 33 Hy Regt; radiators on GMC trucks giving trouble and also breaking shells.</p> <p><u>42 LAD</u>: Erecting bins in stores truck and sorting out of stores; work on MT and Arty equipment.</p> <p><u>B.O.D.</u> Still receiving truckloads of equipment from ship at NEPOUI. Weather fine.</p>	
Tontouta V. du Tir Ouenghi R. Bourail	"	-		
Moindah	23	-	<p><u>SOME (Armt)</u>: Asked for an instruction to be issued that all units forwarding damaged gear rendered unserviceable by other than some fair wear and tear, must send details of circumstances and state whether a Court of Inquiry is to be held.</p>	

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Moindah Tontouta Ouenghi R. Moindah Bourail	23 July	-	<u>DOW:</u> Supplies of acetylene and oxygen still not sufficient to meet unit's demands. <u>28 Hy AA W/S.:</u> Normal routine ; construction of splinterproof grenade throwing bay completed. <u>42 LAD:</u> Outfitting of stores truck; stocktake of all equipment. Routine checks of vehicles. <u>67 LAD:</u> Routine work and recovery duties. <u>B.O.D.:</u> Routine duties ; unloading of stores arriving from ship.	
Moindah	24	-	<u>DADOS Office:</u> Following visit of Lt.-Col GILLETTE of US Ordnance, and advice from HQ, NZEFIP, the NZ Forces will take over control of Australian ammn previously handed over to US Forces, at Nepoui and Plaine des Gaiacs area as under: 25-pr shells, 2300 ; 25-pr cartridges 1612 ; 18-pr rounds complete, 540. US Forces also hold some in South of island. GOC's instructions are that this ammn will be examined and classified by BOD, and Army HQ are to be asked for instructions re future action. <u>SOME (Armt):</u> List of wireless stores submitted to Div Signals for perusal and additions if necessary; comprises wireless section of estimated stores required for 5 months servicing of Div equipt. <u>D.O.W.:</u> Two men returned to NZ for instrument mechanics course. <u>Replacement parts</u> for 4 x 2 commercial type vehicles still in short supply. A number of Chev spring assemblies received. Approx. 2000 ft of spring steel from 1 1/2" to 3 1/2" still required to complete vehicles awaiting repair. <u>28 Hy AA W/S.:</u> Normal workshop routine in morning ; football etc in afternoon. <u>29 Lt AA W/S:</u> Excess War Equipment weapons returned to B.O.D. <u>37 LAD:</u> Finished inf. trg course of week (second half of personnel); fair results from exam; in afternoon men off duty for race meeting in area. <u>65 LAD:</u> Rifle inspection ; 1 hour route march ; MV maintenance ; afternoon free, except for MT casualties. <u>67 LAD:</u> Two signalmen completed a week's instruction on MT maintenance.	
Tontouta P. des G. Taom R.	"	-	<u>28 Hy AA W/S.:</u> Normal workshop routine in morning ; football etc in afternoon. <u>29 Lt AA W/S:</u> Excess War Equipment weapons returned to B.O.D. <u>37 LAD:</u> Finished inf. trg course of week (second half of personnel); fair results from exam; in afternoon men off duty for race meeting in area. <u>65 LAD:</u> Rifle inspection ; 1 hour route march ; MV maintenance ; afternoon free, except for MT casualties. <u>67 LAD:</u> Two signalmen completed a week's instruction on MT maintenance.	
Nemeara Moindah	"	-	<u>65 LAD:</u> Rifle inspection ; 1 hour route march ; MV maintenance ; afternoon free, except for MT casualties. <u>67 LAD:</u> Two signalmen completed a week's instruction on MT maintenance.	
Moindah Taom R. Moindah Bourail	25	-	<u>DOW:</u> Church parade ; afternoon free ; hot showers recently installed are proving beneficial. <u>20 LAD:</u> church parade ; march past, men inspected by C.R.A. (Brigadier DUFF). <u>67 LAD:</u> One recovery job. Other LADS - normal routine for Sunday. <u>B.O.D.:</u> Trucks arriving from ship from 1000 hrs, concluded in evening.	
Moindah Taom R.	26	-	<u>D.O.W.:</u> Noted that parts for later models of vehicles are coming fwd satisfactorily. <u>37 LAD:</u> Section despatched to 30 BN to fit spare parts which had come to hand; much time taken up in adjusting bearing races in Quad 4 x 4 transfer case - a universal defect in that unit. <u>42 LAD:</u> Routine duties ; also completing tool chests of personnel. Some Pd Arty jobs. <u>67 LAD:</u> Hot showers arranged for members of unit. Two further Sigs personnel attached for MT Trg. examination being carried out by ammn section assisted by fatigues from BOD (Arty wing). Men working to 2100 hrs, and transport kept very busy; Unit advised that there was a prospect of BOD personnel going to a fwd area and long hours must be expected.	

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Moindah	27	July	<p><u>DADOS Office</u>: Advice from NZ by signal that 2000 camouflaged shirts awaiting delivery with further deliveries at rate of 1000 per week ; dyed jungle suits commence in week at rate of 1000 per week; 9000 headnets awaiting delivery; further 6000 ready in week; delivery of dyed gauntlet gloves to commence in week at rate 1000 per week; cotton sun hats delivery to commence in week's time. <u>DADOS notes</u> that "events have shown that if in the future a Force be sent away (BOD, Ammn Sec etc) the adequate importance of having adequate lifting and handling gear cannot be too much stressed" (particularly the combined hoist and stacking truck of US type, and gravity rollers etc.).</p> <p>Arranged with Military Secretary for adjustments of appointments of certain Ordnance Officers consequent upon reorganisation etc of 28 Hy AA W/S. and Regt, and 33 Hy W/S. and Regt. as follows: Capt Costelloe D.T. from 28 Hy AA W/S to D.O.W.; 2/Lt Black to D.O.W. from 33 Hy W/S from 33 Hy W/S to D.O.W.; 2/Lt Gable G.R. from Comd 33 Hy W/Shops to D.O.W.; and 2/Lt. Conlon from OC Armts Sec DOW to be Ordnance Mechanical Engineer with Arty HQ. (These appointments advised by <u>SOME (Armt)</u>).</p> <p><u>28 Hy AA W/S.</u>: Personnel given training (26th) in Grenade throwing ; and practice with live grenades given each man. Men given instruction re component parts of grenades etc.</p> <p><u>33 Hy W/S.</u>: Maintenance ; Last convoy of Regt to go North; OC and 1 O/R proceed north to attend Court of Inquiry.</p> <p><u>42 LAD</u> : OC and Cpl, visited 20 LAD (another Arty LAD) to check up on accounting and to get general idea of the running of an LAD on an overseas basis. Various routine jobs.</p> <p><u>B.O.D.</u>: Routine work ; fatigue parties on checking, sorting etc of stores; Work from 1830 to 2030.</p>	
Tontouta	27	-		
V. du Tir	"	-		
Ouenghi R.	"	-		
Bourail	"	-		
Moindah	28	-	<p><u>SOME (Armt)</u>: Visited 28 Hy AA W/Shops, also 42 LAD recently arrived from NZ att to 38 Fd Rgt; question considered of drawing men from these units to make up deficiencies elsewhere as these units are NOT going fwd with Division.</p> <p><u>33 Hy W/Shop</u>: 2/Lt. F.J.E. Black marched in from DOW (att) to take comd of unit. Maintenance etc.</p> <p><u>37 LAD</u>: Maintenance work in morning ; all personnel threw live hand grenades in afternoon, for first time ; fair exhibition.</p> <p><u>64 LAD</u>: OC reports that the health of the unit generally has been very good; no personnel in hospital in July ; all vaccinations and inoculations done and men made dentally fit.</p> <p><u>Other LADs and W/Shops</u> : Normal routine.</p> <p><u>B.O.D.</u>: Routine duties ; sorting & despatching of Unit stores to units being carried out at Bulk Store ; shortage of damage for ammunition stacking noted. Men working at night.</p>	
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Moindah	29.	July	<u>SOME (Armt)</u> : Completed list showing estimated requirements of specialist stores for 5 months handed over to AA & QMG; to be treated as an indent on N.Z.
"	"	-	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Good results achieved by 2 men attending anti-Mosquito Squad course. Large numbers of vehicles being brought in by Recovery Sections of DOW and by LAD Breakdown waggons - mostly older type 4 x 2s.
Tontouta	"	-	28 Hy AA W/Shops: Half of personnel had training in jungle warfare and also 200 yd range practice. OC (Capt Costelloe) received notice of transfer to DOW w.e.f. 2 August.
P. des G. Taom R.	"	-	29 Lt AA W/Shops: Log books for all motorvehicles on charge this unit brought into operation.
Bourail	"	-	37 LAD: Day on range on advanced practices; quite good results - only one man out of 16 failed to qualify over 200 yd range. Verbal warning order received, re movement order, from Bde HQ. Routine duties in B.O.D., including working from 8130 to 2030. Major Kennedy ex 53 Hy Regt to join BOD as a Captain, consequent on reorganisation of Div.
Moindah	30	-	<u>DADOS Office</u> : Authority given (Admin Instns 257) for Packs W.B., 37 patt to be on issue for all officers of the Div. Bde and Div units will indent.
"	"	-	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Suggested that in addition to normal leave in Noumea, that special provision be made for leave for technical personnel engaged in heavy manual work under sub-tropical conditions in NECAL.
Tontouta	"	-	28 Hy AA W/Shops: Seventeen applicants interviewed by Air Force inspectors for joining RFLAF.
Taom R.	"	-	37 LAD: Complete kit inspection; all surplus gear returned and unserviceable items replaced.
Ouenghi R.	"	-	42 LAD: Two reinfts arrived from N.E., completing establishment; normal routine.
Bourail	"	-	B.O.D.: 19 men marched in from B.R.D. as attached. Weather fine; normal routine.
Moindah	31	-	<u>DADOS Office</u> : Instruction put out that bedcots US pattern will be withdrawn from certain Base units and handed over to Div units going fwd. Base units to use bed slats until further bedcots become available from US sources.
"	"	-	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Routine work and I.E.; inspection parade and small arms inspection.
Taom R.	"	-	20 LAD: Routine MT work in morning; sports in afternoon.
Taom R.	"	-	37 LAD: I.E. in morning; recreation in afternoon.
Nemeara	"	-	65 LAD: Rifle inspection; tool check etc in wor shop; installing sump for cookhouse.
Bourail	"	-	B.O.D.: (Saturday) Weather fine; men worked all day, but free in evening.

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SUNDAY GENERAL COMMENTS FOR MONTH - OVERSEAS.

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		<p><u>GENERAL COMMENTS FROM UNITS NOTES AS SUBMITTED.</u></p> <p>The foregoing is a full collation of Unit notes ; items not included have been only those of no significance , and mere repetition, summarised into, in certain instances - "Other units, normal routine."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">took place</p> <p><u>Div Ord HQ.</u> : Preliminary organisation/ in connection with proposed fwd move of Division, and the leaving behind of certain units and portions of other units - e.g., B.O.D. and D.O.W. will have been divided into two sections each, one forward and one rear, and certain LADs etc. will be attached to D.O.W. rear section.</p> <p><u>Div Ord W/Shops:</u> Army HQ requested a return of vehicles passing through the unit for repair and also numbers "cannibalised" and/or still on deadline. Volume of work can be gauged from fact that 333 vehicles passed through the DOW in JULY. This does NOT include US vehicles receiving attention here. General engineering work, armament machining and welding has been heavy ; Armament section has been fully engaged with gun and instrument repairs and servicing. During the month preparations have been made for a fwd move by one section. Machinery waggons have been checked and serviced and indents put placed for stores & technical equipment required. Daily sick state average for month: Hospital 2.57% ; ED .15% ; LD/ .21% ; MD .81%.</p> <p><u>29 Lt AA W/Shops:</u> <u>M.T.:</u> On the repair side work has been very heavy, and in particular this applies to broken springs. <u>Artificers</u> Armaments: The mechanics have been kept busy with repairs to instruments & guns. Two guns were still under repair at the end of the month. The Sgt. Armourer has carried out inspections and repairs to rifles, SMGs etc belonging to 202, 207, 209 Btys and to the workshops. <u>General:</u> During the month 2 men were boarded out and 4 men were interviewed by the RNZAF Selection Committee. Sport is indulged in as much as time permits and the general health of the section is good.</p> <p><u>33 Hy Coast Workshops:</u> Due to the unloading of ships and 33 Hy Regt changing location, long hours were worked. Personnel did this quite cheerfully and health and morale are good. Supplies from B.O.D. very good. No technical difficulties were experienced. Machinery truck would be a decided asset to functioning of Unit. Wrecker covered 1400 miles on convoy duties during month</p> <p><u>20 L.A.D. 64 LAD and 65 LAD:</u> An average entry in notes supplied would be "M/V maintenance" and "Running repairs to M.T."</p> <p><u>67 LAD :</u> All members actively employed in repair & maintenance of vehicles in Div. area. During the month three lectures were given to 5 Provost Coy personnel on Indian M/C maintenance also 4 Sigs personnel have been attached for M.T. instruction and practical work.</p>	

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