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New Caledonia and Guadalcanal.

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Moindah	<u>Sunday</u> 1	August.	<u>DADOS Office:</u> Recommended to HQ 3 DIV that senior Armourers in Bdes should have rank of S/Sgt. (no senior rank provided at present in Bdes) and in consequence the Div senior armourer should have rank of WO-1. as in FIJI. (NOT agreed to). BOD advise they have stocks of 15,500 of shorts cotton under and 28,000 of vests cotton, and trousers KD, nil. Asked to obtain immediately 15,000 from US Forces in NOUMEA (only about 2/3 of that number supplied and in a bad range of sizes). <i>(Balance later)</i> <u>Workshops Units:</u> maintenance of vehicles and equipment; spraying of webbing being done by certain LADs and workshops personnel with paint and spray guns.	
Taom River	"	-	20 LAD: All vehicles on park for movement; check carried out and parts required indented for.	
"	"	-	37 LAD: Free day; men on recreational training.	
Nemeara	"	-	65 LAD: M.V. "casualties" attended to.	
Ouenghi R.	"	-	42 LAD: Repairs to one vehicle; Sunday programme.	
Ouameni	"	-	64 LAD: Unit brought up to strength by additions from D.O.W. before proceeding to fwd area.	
Moindah	"	-	67 LAD: Unit fully engaged on repair and maintenance of vehicles in Div area.	
Bourail	"	-	Base Ordnance Depot: Weather fine; trucks with men to beach and hospital in afternoon.	
Moindah	2	-	<u>DADOS:</u> with GOC in conference re organisation and personnel for move to fwd area (GUADALCANAL) Base units handing in bedcots and taking bed slats in lieu so that Div units may go fwd with bedcots for each man. GOC had proposed still further reducing the BOD staff for the Field Maintenance centre at advanced base. 5 Offrs and 155 O/Rs had been suggested for BOD there. This number had been, under the GOC's orders, cut down to 5 officers and 105 O/Rs and at the conference above the GOC had wished to reduce this number to 4 Offrs and 66 O/Rs. DADOS pointed out that the Ordnance services could not possibly function with any degree of efficiency on such a basis. The GOC then agreed to allow his former ruling to stand with the exception that 4 Offrs should go fwd instead of 5 <u>SOME (Armt):</u> visited 29 LAA W/Shops and arranged for overhaul of Bofors oil motors.	
Tontouta	"	-	28 Hy AA W/Shops: Normal workshop routine; percentage of personnel out on range practice and jungle training.	
V. du Tir	"	-	33 Hy Coast W/Shops (now NZ Ordnance Workshops Detachment wef 26 July) - maintenance of vehicles and equipment.	
Taom R.	"	-	20 LAD: Work started on vehicles to be used in movement of 14 bde to Noumea for fwd area.	
"	"	-	37 LAD: OC attended conf. re move to fwd area. Started packing & condensing stores.	
"	"	-	Other LADs - routine maintenance	
Bourail	"	-	Base Ord Depot: Routine duties in all sections. Weather fine.	

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	August		
Moindah	3	-	DADOS Office: Advised that all grenades 36m of lots 423, 424, 425 to be returned to NZ for further testing in NZ. Decided by HQ 3 Div that all web to be sprayed with flat green camouflage paint. <u>SOME (MT)</u> : With fwd move of 3-Div, Officer i/c Admin, Base suggested the following set up of ordnance workshop units and LADs for Base areas.- (a) for Nemeara area (old 15 bde) one unit for Arty Trg Depot and other units there; (b) one at Racecourse for Base units ; (c) one at Noumea (site not yet finalised). OICA requested suggested establishments of personnel and equipment.
"	"	-	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Preparations being made for departure of fwd party; stores & equipment checked etc. 49512 Capt D.T. Costelloe marched in ex Ordnance Workshops Sec, 28 Hy AA Rgt, to be O i/c Armts Sec DOW.
Tontouta	"	-	28 Hy W/Shops : 2/Gt G.A.P. Skinner takes over duties of acting OC until unit is liquidated.
V. du Tir	"	-	33 Hy Coast W/Shops (now NZ Ord W/S Det) : Maintenance ; arranged for filling of air bottles at ship repair, Noumea.
Taom R.	"	-	37 LAD : All transport allocated for move being checked; some men to unit parks; remainder packing.
Bourail	"	-	Other LADs: Normal routine work except 20 LAD which also preparing for move. Base Ord Depot: Indents from 14 Bde (for fwd move) coming to hand and being issued as quickly as possible ; Numbers of specialists (clerks and storemen) being attached to BOD from Base Trg Dep & Arty (Trg Wing.
Moindah	4	-	<u>SOME (Armt)</u> : Cabled NZ re Torpoyl supplies which have been delayed. Visited 54 A/Tank Bty for trial of 6-pr anti-tank Gun previously damaged ; repairs satisfactory.
"	"	-	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Large volume of work on vehicles for fwd area ; constn. of crates for fwd party. Shortage of oxygen and acetylene welding gas is still delaying panel work etc.
Tontouta	"	-	28 Hy AA W/S: Normal routine ; proportion of unit on Range Practice and Jungle training.
P. des Galacs	"	-	29 Lt AA W/S.: Commenced camouflaging tents and personal equipment (web &c).
V. du Tir	"	-	NZOW Det (N): Maintenance ; 2/Lt F.J.E. Black took over control of unit from 2/Lt G.R. Gable (to DOW).
Taom R.	"	-	20 LAD: Preparation of vehicles for movement ; greasing and marking.
"	"	-	37 LAD : Personnel with spray gun sent to 30 Bn to spray web etc.
Bourail	"	-	Other LADs (42, 64, 65 and 67) Normal routine. B.A.D. : All sections on routine duties ; half of men to see USO concert at night; others on Saturday. Weather fine but cold with heavy mists and rain later in evening. Working during evening.
Moindah	5	-	<u>D.O.W.</u> : Seven extra men (for Diesels) added to advanced DOW (main shop) total now 155 O/Rs, 3 Oftrs.
"	"	-	DADOS Office: BOD asked to make Fd Maintenance Centre (FMC), and attached units, priority issues. HQ 3 DIV advised 14 Bde units to exchange present holdings mortar ammm 2" & 3" for those that have been inspected for serviceability. Unserviceable SAA ammm to be exchanged at same time.
"	"	-	<u>SOME (Armt)</u> : advised DOW that only extremely urgent work is now to be accepted by the Armt Section.

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P. des G/ Ouenghi R. Moindah Bourail	5	Aug	<u>29 Lt AA W/S.</u> : For next nine days (to 14th) all spare personnel engaged in manufacturing cases and packing machines, tools for fwd move. Routine maintenance. Other workshop units - preparing for move, or routine duties. <u>42 LAD</u> : Various repairs and adjustments to vehicles and equipment. Most of work now is to overhaul 38 Fd Regt NZA vehicles prior to their move to a fwd area (LAD remaining in NECAL). <u>67 LAD</u> : Recovery job 36 miles South (Div Sigs vehicle). <u>Base Ord Depot</u> : Routine duties, weather fine & hot ; Unit equipment to go fwd now packed and unit working on store stores for the Advanced Base. Evening work continued.	
Moindah	6	-	<u>DADOS Office</u> : 4-monthly census returns of stock held by units received from Army HQ and issued to units. Advised 14 Bde that only extremely urgent work to be sent to Armts section DOW, other work to be held until fwd area reached. <u>SOME (Armt)</u> : Order sent out requesting all units forwarding to DOW any gear damaged by other than fair wear and tear to accompany same with a report on damage. Asked AA & QMG to publish order forbidding disfiguring of woodwork of small arms by carving initials initials, figures &c. <u>D.O.W.</u> : 28176 2/Lt G R Gable m/i ex 33 Hy Coast W/Shops ; mechanics working every night on urgent MT work, repairs, and checking and packing all technical equipment. <u>Other workshops</u> continuation of regular routine or special duties connected with move. <u>20 LAD</u> : Work completed on vehicles ; packing of equipment and camouflaging of web of local units. <u>Other LAD's</u> : routine work. <u>Base Ordnance Depot</u> : Issues to 14 Bde (moving first) well under way but demands still coming in.	
Taom R. Bourail	"	-	<u>DADOS Office</u> : Military Secretary's letter of 6 Aug to Offr i/c Admin, Base reads (re future of certain Ordnance units):- "Please publish in Admin Orders: "WORKSHOPS ATT 33 HY REGT and 28 HY AA Regt. On the disbandment of 33 Hy Rgt and 28 Hy AA Rgt, the personnel of the Ordnance Workshops attached to those units will be transferred to the Divisional Ordnance Workshops. --- Ref your enquiry re LADs which are not accompanying the Div. 42 LAD, 65 LAD and 67 LAD are to retain their identity and will be att'd to the DOW. The D.O.W. (rear section) and LADs attached will be placed under Base Comd in the near future." <u>Various Workshops</u> : Routine duties ; preparations for move where applicable. <u>20 LAD</u> : Application by OC for retention of Armt Artificer (WO-2) and 1 O/R (specialists) who had applied to join RNZAF. These men were retained in unit as essential.	
Taom R.	"	-	<u>37 LAD</u> : Salvage truck very busy transporting immobile vehicles to DOW ; busy on shipping schedules &c. <u>67 LAD</u> : Two recovery jobs south of Moindah to Div HQ vehicles - faulty steering in each instance.	
Nemeara Moindah Nemeara Bourail	"	-	<u>65 LAD</u> : Rifle inspection ; training etc. ; attention to MV casualties. <u>Base Ord Depot</u> : (Saturday) duties in all sections continued throughout day; vehicles for fwd zone base arrived at B.O.D. - 1 4 x 4 and 2 Willys -jeeps.	Lt. Col, D.A.D.O.S.

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Moindah	8	August.	DADOS Office: Adverse report received from both S.O.M.E.s on 2/Lt LANCASTER QC 42 LAD, on account of his inexperience as a technical man. S/Sgt S. Marment recommended for commission (office of <u>SOME-MT</u>) granted rank of WO-1 for meantime. (incharge of Vehicle Reception work and Depot). " " - <u>SOME (Armt)</u> : instructed Senior Armourer to grind bayonets of 8 Bde as per Bde instructions. " " - <u>D.O.W.</u> : Visit by 2 i/c to No. 2 Rec Section, to check preparations for move (this Rec Sec will be going fwd with the 14 Bde very shortly). All main shop sections working extended hours on urgent MT work, packing etc. " " - <u>Other Workshops and LADs</u> : Sunday routine except where units spraying web or packing for move. Bourail " - <u>Base Ord Depot:</u> All sections continuing with issues, particularly 14 Bde units (some have not yet indented for equipment which should be issued before departure). Stores for 14 Bde units being sent to Noumea.	
Moindah	9	1400	DADOS Office: DADOS at conference with GOC to 1700. Advised by Gas Officer that US clothing in store at BOD has deteriorated seriously owing to faulty stowage. should be on improvised coat hangers ; C.O.O. (BOD) advised that this was inevitable with the absence of storage and when this had been provided the clothing was correctly hung. " " - <u>SOME (Armt)</u> : Advice published re TSMGs, not safe unless manual safety is turned to "safe position when magazine is inserted and bolt is fwd, as dropping gun on butt from 18" or more will cause cause bolt to move fwd and pick up and fire a round. Tontouta " - <u>28 Hy AA W/S</u> : Received notice of transfer of 25 of personnel to other Ordnance units. Section gradually being disbanded. Normal workshop routine. 2/Lt Johnson left for DOW and Div HQ to find out details about closing of workshop. Returned 10th. <u>Other Workshops</u> : continuing previous duties. Taom R. " - <u>37 LAD</u> : Started transporting unit equipment to port of embarkation; men still checking MT. Ouenghi R. " - <u>42 LAD</u> : Considerable volume of work (to 11 vehicles) completed today. Nemeara " - <u>65 LAD</u> : M.V. maintenance ; web spraying. Moindah " - <u>67 LAD</u> : started checking vehicles going fwd for Div Sigs, Div Arty, Div HQ, 5 Provost and Rd Hygiene Sec. Bourail " - <u>Recovery</u> job 6 miles south..DOW vehicle with faulty steering. " " - <u>B.O.D.</u> : All sections working at full pressure; no more stores to be forwarded to 14 Bde units on NECAL (to go fwd care of Fd M.C.).	
Moindah	10	-	DADOS Office: Request to NZ to have all available clothing sent fwd to F.M.C., GUADALCANAL. Advice to BOD that Lt.-Col WITHELL(I.O.O.) has arranged that the ammm held by BOD be classified into two classes "serviceable" and "for repair", and as repair work proceeds any ammm beyond local repair can be dealt with. Special party will be sent over from NZ for this purpose. The ammm then beyond local repair will be boarded and dumped in deep water. (File 8/3/3039). Message to all units - The issue is approved of all extra items of W.E. made necessary by the attachment of reinforcement officers. Units to indent accordingly for shortages. Lt.-Col., D.A.D.O.S.	

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Moindah	10	Aug.	D.O.W.: Work preparatory to move ; unit and technical equipment coming to hand from Base Ord Depot and being packed. Machinery waggons checked and maintenance carried out. Personnel from 28 Hy AA W/Shops Section despatched to No. 2 Rec. Section to complete establishment.	
Tontouta	"	-	28 Hy AA W/S : Usual w/Shop routine ; afternoon spent on small arms training.	
Noumea	"	-	NZ.O.W. Det. : Visited by SOME (MT) who inspected proposed new site for unit in Rue Taragnot.	
(V du Tir)	"	-	Three men transferred to 20 LAD ; one man to 29 LAA. Maintenance etc.	
Taom R.	"	-	20 LAD : Day spent cleaning up the area . Three vehicles and 6 men sent to Noumea. Awaiting move.	
"	"	-	37 LAD : Sent some equipment to embarking point ; struck tents and preparing to bivouac.	
Ouenghi R.	"	-	42 LAD : OC interviewed by GOC (in re training and experience etc) ; MT repairs; overhauled and checked 12 guns of field regt.	
Ouameni	"	-	64 LAD: General maintenance in area.	
Moindah	"	-	67 LAD: Recovery job 25 miles north with broken springs.	
Moindah	11	-	DADOS Office: In response to Arty request and cables to NZ, 5000 fuzes No. 199 coming fwd to FMC from NZ for fuzeing 25-pr ammn for aerial bursts.	
			Instruction circulated that men who have returned flannel shirts ^{to NZ} are to have them sent back to them. US long trousers - only 11865 available and these in poor size range (15,000 reqd).	
			Div getting 2,000,000 rds of TSMG .45 ammn from US in Noumea (spares for TSMGs also procured).	
			Owing to fire in Wellington (wharves) destroying materials for manufacture of WP capes, these are in short supply and some units will be going fwd short of these.	
Moindah	"	-	D.O.W. : 2/Lt Conlon S.J. posted to Div Arty HQ as O.M.E.	
Tontouta	"	-	28 Hy AA W/S : Normal w/shop routine ; tool kits checked & inspected ; 3 men left on transfer to DOW.	
P. des G.	"	-	29 LAA W/S ; Personnel engaged in packing preparatory to move ; routine duties also.	
Taom R	"	-	20 and 37 LADs : Equipment being sent or prepared for loading at Noumea. Other LADs - normal duties	
Bourail	"	-	B.O.D.; Promotion to rank of 2/Lieut of WO-1 K.V. Paul, to handle MT Section remaining at Base.	
Moindah	12	-	D.O.W. : Visit paid by 2 i/c to No. 1 Rec Sec. who are to move with 8 Bde later. Checked various items.	
V. du Tir	"	-	66836 2/Lt Sherson (originally ex 33 Hy Regt) attached to D.O.W. ex NZ OCTU. and special course.	
Nemeara	"	-	NZ O.W. Det.: Very busy on account of traffic from North. Regular maintenance.	
Moindah	"	-	65 LAD : M.V. maintenance ; completed spraying of web for units in area.	
Bourail	"	-	67 LAD : Two recovery jobs on South road ; incl. one US jeep overturned in river bed.	
			B.O.D.: Weather fine and very hot ; Concentration of stores going fwd being carried out by Lt McCarthy and a small staff; working at night to get stores out.	

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Moindah	13	Aug.	DADOS Office: Div HQ order re move fwd reads "Third blanket will be withdrawn from troops prior to packing base kit. Blankets will be packed in bundles of 10 and returned to BOD."	
Tontouta	"	-	28 Hy A ^A W/S.: One WO-2, 2 L/Cpls and 4 Ptes transferring to 29 LAA W/Shops; 1 O/R to HQ DOW, 4 O/Rs to Armt Sect DOW, 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 2 L/Cpls and 3 Ptes to Main shop DOW, fwd Section, plus one Armourer Sgt att'd to DOW for duty. These men left unit on 14th. (consequence of unit being disbanded)	
Taom R. Bourail	"	1800	37 LAD: Left for Noumea by convoy; very dusty and tiring journey; camp area vacated.	
	"	-	B.O.D.: Preference now being given to Div Group Tps requirements (next to move fwd) issues well under way	
Moindah	14	-	DADOS Office: Lt.-Col. MYERS to Noumea on duty.	
"	"	-	SOME (Armt): Reallocation of armourers made for reasons of efficiency and also in order to leave the DOW S/Sgt Armourer in NECAL. Cabled NZ urgently for 6 only 3-in. Magslip elements - to be sent by air if possible, for repair of Bofors predictors.	
P des G.	"	-	29 LAA W/S.: Reinforcements arrived bringing unit up to War Estab. Packing for move completed. During the early part of the month repairs were completed to several guns; MT repair work was carried out until as late a date as possible.	
Noumea	"	1100	37 LAD: Boarded transport in harbour. OC notes that men seem very keen and interested in future events.	
Bourail	"	-	Other LADs and W/Shops: Routine duties.	
	"	-	B.O.D.: Issues continue to be very heavy; Surplus stores being returned by units moving north.	
P. des G.	15	-	29 LAA W/S.: Moved from P. des G. area and staged at Ouenghi area. Here every advantage was taken of the excellent swimming facilities available. The general health of the unit is good.	
V.-du Tir	"	-	Ord W/S Det.: Interior economy; few minor breakdowns; weather fine.	
Taom R.	"	-2015	20 LAD: Balance of unit left for Noumea starting move fwd with parent unit (17 Fd Regt.)/ Other units: normal Sunday routine for LADs and W/Shops; BOD working in a.m.	
Moindah	16	-	DADOS Office: Lt.-Col MYERS returned from Noumea. Office being packed up ready for move. DADOS arranged with US Forces in NOUMEA (Ord. Officer Service Comd) to supply to the BOD 6 months maintenance spares, up to US maintenance scale, as far as US Forces can supply, of TSMG parts &c for 1250 TSMGs. BOD instructed to fwd these parts to the Adv Ord Depot, FMC, GUADALCANAL.	
"	"	-	D.O.W.: Machinery waggons and some transport despatched to Noumea for loading on ship.	
Noumea	"	-	20 LAD personnel embarked on transport APA/19 at Noumea. (sailed 17th with 14 Bde).	
"	"	-	37 LAD: Started on first phase of amphibious training; men seem to enjoy new type training.	
Bourail	"	0640	Other LADs etc: Normal routine ..maintenance etc.	
	"	-	B.O.D. Eleven men, for F.M.C. advance party left as shore loading party. Night work continues.	

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Moindah	17	Aug.	Div Ord HQ: SOME (Armt) and DADOS Offices closed down and packed up; SOME (MT) office continuing at D.O.W., with one representative (clerk) to come fwd with 8 Bde. Large proportion of Div vehicles left in NECAL and these will require checking and servicing ; SOME (MT) office will be taking over vehicles left by Div units going fwd.	
"	"	2000	D.O.W.: 2/Lt Manson and 33 O/Rs marched out to embarkation. Unit equipment shipped by MT. Base detachment continuing with urgent MT work. Armt section completely packed.	
Tontouta	"	0900	28 Hy AA W/S.: One Sgt and 5 O/Rs transferred to other units (incl 1 to RNZAF). Normal routine.	
28 Hy AA	"	-	28 Hy AA , 20 and 37 LADs - at sea ; OC 37 LAD in charge of boat unloading parties.	
Transport	"	-	Other Base LADs - normal routines ; 64 LAD still in NECAL but coming fwd with 8 Bde.	
NECAL	"	-	B.O.D. : Advance parties to Noumea as loading parties etc; also some vehicles & stores. Issues being made to Div Group units almost completed.	
Bourail	"	-		
Moindah	18	-	Div Ord Units (incl Adv DOW) packed ready to move. DADOS to Noumea on duty.	
V. du Tir	"	-	Ord W/S Det.: All personnel very busy owing to heavy transport from North. Noted that an unusual number of vehicles has been capsized, and "most of the drivers of these show signs of considerable fatigue." (comments of O. i/c Unit).	
Transport	"	-	20, 37 and LADs and 20 and 37 LADs (in Noumea Harbour) engaged in amphibious training.	
Ouenghi R.	"	-	42 L.A.D.: This unit's notes give details of a steady and fairly heavy record of work done both on vehicles and the 25-pr guns of the 38 Ed Regt NZA. Average 6 to 10 vehicles daily. checked &c	
Nemeara	"	-	65 L.A.D. : M.V. maintenance ; swimming training for personnel.	
Moindah	"	-	67 L.A.D. : Normal maintenance and recovery jobs.	
Bourail	"	-	B.O.D. : Routine duties in all sections with men working at night ; cash sales during the month have been heavy (officers clothing store) and stock position good.	
Moindah	19		D.O.W. : Base detachment reorganisation commenced ; armaments section building occupied. Under 2 i/c Captain D.W. Lawson. 42, 65 and 67 LADs come under technical advisory control of DOW from now on and under administrative control of base. Retain their identity.	
Tontouta	"	-	28 Hy AA W/Shops ("in liquidation"): Striking superfluous tents ; cleaning up camp site.	
"	"	1600	Units of first (14 Bde Gp) flight at sea. -20 and 37 LAD, No. 2 Recovery Sec DOW and 20 and 37 LADs .	
Moindah	"	-	67 LAD : Recovery job - vehicle 3 miles South with radiator fault.	
Bourail	"	-	B.O.D. : Routine duties in depot ; weather fine and hot. (The weather at this particular period has been particularly pleasant in the central portion of the island.)	

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Necal. At Sea. Necal Bourail	20 " " "	Aug. - - -	3 Div Ord HQ personnel and DOW forward section, awaiting movement order. 20, 37 LADS and 20, 37 LADS at sea. Sighted land and lay to at Vila, New Hebrides. Other LADS (42, 64, 65, 67) and Workshops - normal routine. B.O.D.: Draft of 50 men under Lieuts Lonergan and McCarthy left for F.M.C. at 2330 hrs and were picked up by convoy at 2335 hrs.	
Moindah " Vila, N.H. Moindah Bourail	21 " " " "	2200 - - - -	Div Ord HQ: Personnel left camp for Noumea, arriving following morning. Office equipment sent ahead. D.O.W.: Remainder of forward party Check parade and cleaning of camp. Remainder of forward party (1 Offr and 41 O/Rs) embarked at Noumea on transport Hunter Liggett. By Monday 23rd 5 Offrs and 84 O/Rs embarked in all. 20, 37 LADS and 20, 37 LADS : engaged in beach landing practices at Meli Beach, near Vila. 67 LAD: Party of 7 used as drivers and LAD detachment for main Div convoy to Noumea. As from this date the unit ceased to be attached to 3 Div Signals and attached to D.O.W. (Rear Sec). B.O.D.: Weather fine; routine duties; Depot working all day. Many indents still coming to hand from 8 Bde units. Issues well under way.	
Noumea " Vila, N.H. Necal Bourail	22 " " " "	0800 - - - -	Div Ord HQ: Personnel boarded transport USS Fuller for Vila and Guadalcanal. D.O.W. fwd Sec.: Whole unit with exception of 3 Offrs and 4 WOs engaged on various duties on ship. 20, 37 LADS: and 20, 37 LADS : engaged in training on beach. 37 LAD did special work with transport etc. Other Base units: Normal Sunday routine. B.O.D.: Routine duties in the Depot; 35 trucks of ammn loaded and sent to Nepoui Dock for fwd area.	
Moindah Noumea Tontouta V. du Tir Vila. Ouenghi R. Ouamendi Nemeara Bourail	23 " " " " " " " "	- - - - - - - -	D.O.W. (Rear): Workshop reorganisation. The role of the Base Detachment is as follows:- (1) to repair all NZEF IP vehicles at present in operation in NECAL and (2) to carry out repairs to and checking of all units vehicles not taken fwd so that they will be serviceable and ready for immediate use should units return to NECAL at any time. (also presumably for despatch fwd as replacements when required). D.O.W. (Adv Sec): In Noumea Harbour. OC asked for some relief for unit from excessive share of guard duties, fatigues etc. Boat station and debarkation drill practised. 28 Hy AA W/S: workshop routine as usual; Advised that expected date of relief for unit (by US unit) will be between 1st and 14th September 1943. Ord W/S Det.: Visit in morning by S.O.M.E. (M.T.). Maintenance of vehicles and equipment. Units with 14 Bde Gp convoy still practising landing etc operations from ship. 42 LAD: This unit is handling a steady flow of minor repair and checking work, MT and Arty. 64 L.A.D.: Preparing for fwd move with 8 Bde Group; normal routine. 65 L.A.D.: M.V. Maintenance of vehicles in area. B.O.D.: Weather fine and hot, commenced loading Routine duties in all sections.	

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Vila, NewH.	28	-Aug.	<u>DIV ORD HQ D.O.W.</u> , and <u>B.O.D. Detachment</u> also 29 LAA W/Shops engaged in manoeuvres and landing practice ashore, as from 0800 hrs. Unloading parties (DOW) worked hard under trying conditions. <u>DADOS</u> : Owing to inadequate stocks of shirts at the B.O.D., DADOS found units on board both Div transports who were without serviceable shirts. Approx. 550 were obtained under Lease-Lend from the US Forces at VILA and the position thereby adjusted.	
Guadalcanal	"	-	20 L.A.D.: setting up camp 28th and 29th in 14 Bde area. (N.W. coastal area near Point Cruz,).	
"	"	-	37 LAD and No. 2 Recovery Section: Erecting tents settling in and gathering unit equipment.	
Moindah	"	-	67 LAD: Recovery unit 83 miles north, using two wrecking units to recover two vehicles from 14 Bde area.	
Bourail	"	-	Weather B.O.D.: Weather wet and warm; routine duties; late demands still coming in from 8 Bde. Loading of ship at Nepoui has been completed.	
Vila, NH	29	-	Div Ordnance Units and 29 LAA W/Shops: Returned to ship from Meli Beach after camping out.	
Guadalcanal	"	-	20 LAD and 37 LAD, & No 2 Rec. Sec. DOW: setting up camp. OC 37 LAD attended Brigade conference; many points discussed, all MT to be checked and must be regarded as a major item.	
Necal	"	-	Other (Base) units and units with 8 Bde: normal Sunday routine.	
Bourail	"	-	B.O.D.: Issues to 8 Bde for fwd move completed; late demands still coming to hand and being supplied immediately.	
Vila NH	30	-	Div Ordnance and LAA W/S. units still on transports in Vila Harbour, New Hebrides.	
Moindah	"	-	Rear D.O.W.: Suggestions made to SOME (MT) upon maintenance of parked vehicles. Wet weather makes servicing difficult at present.	
Guadalcanal	"	-	37 LAD: Camp construction; OC toured Bde area with Bde O.M.E. checking vehicles, Unit commenced technical operations.	
Quenghi R.	"	-	42 LAD: Cleaning up and sorting out Q.M. equipment. Normal routine.	
Necal	"	-	Other LADs and W/Shop units remaining: normal routine. 64 LAD preparing for move fwd with 8 Bde.	
Bourail	"	-	also No. 1 Rec. Sec., of D.O.W. B.O.D.: Weather fine and hot; ground muddy after rain.	
Vila N.H.	31	-	Div Ordnance Units and 29 LAA W/Shops: Personnel on board transports in harbour (left following day)	
Moindah	"	-	Rear D.O.W.: All vehicles in workshop area waiting to be repaired are being removed to their respective unit parks at the Vehicle Reception Depot. This keeps workshop clear of all vehicles except those actually under repair. The early part of August was taken up with equipping the forward detachment and receiving reinforcements from 28 Hy AA W/Shops and 33rd Hy Coast W/Shops (latter now Ordnance Workshop Detachment, Noumea) A large volume of urgent MT repairs was carried out for units moving fwd. No. 2 Recovery Section att'd 14 Bde was the first Section of D.O.W.	

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Moindah	31	Aug	Rear D.O.W. (contd.): -- to move, followed by Main Body. Both moves went off smoothly. No. 1 Rec Sec is due to move at an early date with 8 Bde. The remainder of month, after separation of sections, was spent in the reorganisation of the Base Detachment.	
Tontouta	"	-	28 Hy AA W/Shops: (in liquidation) : Normal workshop routine ; some stores returned to B.O.D. General cleaning up of surroundings.	
V. du Tir	"	-	Ordnance Workshops Det. (Noumea): Maintenance of vehicles . Preparations for new camp site going ahead slowly owing to lack of labour. Work has been complicated owing to loss of four tradesmen, leaving only nine in workshop, two only of whom, both electricians, are tradesmen. The shortage of welding gas has also been a problem. Weather has been fair, morale very good and health 100%.	
Guadalcanal	1/2/43	-	20 LAD: Clearing area and cleaning out "fox-holes".	
"	"	-	37 LAD: Moderately busy on M.T.; remainder employed on camp construction. Made contact with Naval Construction Unit to have heavy M.T. maintenance work done until Section of D.O.W. arrive.	
Ouenghi R.	"	-	42 LAD: Checking up on unit's stock and records; routine work.	
Ouameni	"	-	64 LAD: Routine duties on 8 Bde and through the traffic M.T. Preparations for move.	
Nemeara	"	-	65 LAD: M.V. maintenance and casualties.	
Moindah	"	-	67 LAD: The month concludes with 3 members of unit attached to D.O.W. (Rear) assisting them in the repair of M.T. The remaining men actively employed in the shifting of M.T. to vehicle pool.	
Bourail	"	-	B.O.D.: Weather wet and hot ; routine duties in all sections ; Major Knight and 2/Lt Buckley left for Noumea in connection with loading of ammn for Field Maintenance Centre (FMC) Guadalcanal.	
<u>GENERAL COMMENT:</u>			<p>-----</p> <p>With the move forward of the DIV, units' notes have been of a different and sometimes sketchy character. Certain units are in process of changing from Divisional to Base work and in the case of the 42, 65 and 67 LADs are to work in close connection with the Rear Section D.O.W. The 28 Hy AA Workshops (having lost its parent Regt) is in process of "liquidation" at the end of September (as noted elsewhere) and the unit previously known as the 33rd Heavy Coast Workshops located in Noumea, remains in that area, somewhat reduced in personnel, but known as the N.Z. Ordnance Workshops Detachment. The D.O.W. and B.O.D. are divided into sections rear and forward, and the SOME (MT) office of Div Ordnance HQ remains for the time being in NECAL, located with the Rear section of D.O.W., and with a representative going forward to GUADALCANAL. Two Recovery Sections of D.O.W. are with their brigades, either fwd or about to move. and the 64 L.A.D. is preparing to move fwd with the 8 Bde. D.A.D.O.S. Office and S.O.M.E. (Army) Offices go forward with Div HQ to Guadalcanal,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lt.-Col., D.A.D.O.S.</p>	