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Div. H.Q. SUVA.	2nd March 1942.	-	Statement of policy to Base Ordnance Depot re issues to F.D.F. (Fiji Defence Force) Navy and R.N.Z.A.F.	DOS 5/4/36
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	3/3/42	-	Hurricane warning lifted.	
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	4/3.	-	Div. Armourer's report on Vickers M.Gs. of 35th. and 37th. Battalions.	
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	13/3	-	Div. H.Q. routine order re dulling of bayonets.	R.O./93. File 2/2
	14/3	-	Circular to units re charger and bandolier packing of S.A.A.	
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	21/3	-	Cable to N.Z. for 1000 trestle beds.	File 4/1.
	21/3	-	Authority to Major Brunette, Namaka Hospital for purchase of stores (retrospective authority)	
	22/3	-	Circular re shortages of supply in N.Z.	
	23/3	-	Armourer's adverse report on 24 Bren guns from N.Z.	
	24/3	-	Matua in with large mail, including Ordnance supplies.	
	25/3	-	Appointment of Movement Control Officer. (Capt. Mansfield).	
	26/3	-	Braisher F.C. and Peterson C. marched in from Samabula as batmen, Ordnance.	
	26/3	-	Demand on N.Z. for 12 wood-burning stoves (50 men each). Opening of charger packed ammunition.	
	26/3	-	F.D. Gale and C. Green, batmen, transferred to 4th. A.S.C., Samabula, as butchers.	
	27/3	-	N.Z. suggests one blanket be withdrawn from each soldier & returned to N.Z.	
	"	-	Receipt of War Establishments for Ordnance, etc. Arrival of War Equipment Tables from N.Z.	File 9/3.
	28/3	-	Armourer's adverse report on 36th. Bn Bren guns.	
	29/3	-		
	30/3	-	Instructions received from Div. H.Q. re shipping of cargo, etc.	
	"	-	Distribution of War Equipment Tables to the six battalions.	
	"	-	N.Z. advised that we are procuring trestle type beds locally.	
	31/3	-	Circular to units re Battledress and other woollen clothing to be returned to store in N.Z. (A.H.Q. memo.)	R./O. 79/42.
	"	-	Promotions of Armourers (R.O. 79/42). Transfers of Armourers arranged at this time.	File G 5/11/
	"	-	General alarm this morning. (practice)	
	"	-	Div. H.Q. issue circular instruction re care of Small Arms	

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