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(a) of 3 NZ DIV Ordnance Corps, NZEFIP
(incl. Base and Div. units)

comprising the following units:-

Div Ordnance HQ (incl.

D.A.D.O.S. Office (Rear Sec) Guadalcanal B.S.I.P.
D.A.D.O.S. Office (Main) Vella Lavella B.S.I.P.
S.O.M.E. (Armt) Guadalcanal
S.O.M.E. (MT) Moindah, Necal (with 1 sgt att. to
Div Ord HQ in G'canal.

Div. Ordnance Workshops:

Advanced Detachment - Guadalcanal
No.1 Rec Sec with 8 Bde, Treasury Group, BSIP.
No.2 Rec Sec with 14 Bde, ~~xxxxxx~~ Vella Lavella.
Rear Detachment - Moindah, Necal.

NZ Ordnance Workshops Detachment, Noumea (Section of D.O.W.) - Noumea, NC.

29 Lt AA Workshops att. 29 L.A.A. Regt. - Treasury Group.

(from 33 Hy Coast Wkshps)

Tank Workshops & Fd Pk. Detachment - att. Special Tank Sqn Gp. - Lunga River
area, Guadalcanal.

20 L.A.D. (att. 17 Fd Regt NZA) - Vella Lavella
37 L.A.D. (att 14 Bde Gp) - Vella Lavella
42 L.A.D. (att. Arty Trg. Depot) - Nemeara, N.C.
64 L.A.D. (att. 8 Bde Gp) - Treasury Gp.
65 L.A.D. (att. Base units) - Bourail, NC.
67 L.A.D. (formerly att Div Signals) with Rear Det DOW, Moindah, N.C.

Base Ordnance Depot (Rear Sec) - Bourail, N.C.
Advanced Ordnance Depot - Guadalcanal
(plus Forward Section of A.O.D. at Vella Lavella).

(b) Appendices.

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or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.)

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II,
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

Summary of Events and Information.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	
Vella	1	Nov.	DADOS Office - Routine duties, preparation of monthly returns etc.
Guadalcanal	"	"	DADOS Office (Rear) and SOME (Armt): Normal routine as for above.
"	"	"	Adv O.W.: Personnel not engaged on MT repairs employed on camp constn. Preparation of site for MT workshop and instrument shop.
"	"	"	No.1 Rec Sec: Unit started to pack equipment for move to Treasury Gp with 8 Bde Gpp.
Vella	"	"	No.2 Rec Sec: Air raids during the night; MT mtee; clearing site for new mess room.
Moindah NC	"	"	Rear DOW: Routine work in all branches.
Noumea NC	"	"	NZOW Det: Maintenance of vehicles; weather fine. OC Rear DOW returned to DOW.
Treasury	"	"	E9 LAA W/S: 2nd Echelon arrived at fwd xxxxxx area with extra gear and equipment. Shelters set up and repair work commenced. Stores and equipment could now be kept dry. Rear party at Guadalcanal cleaning up preparatory to move fwd. and join unit.
Lunga R.	"	"	Tank W/S & Fd Pk Det: General workshops repairs; metalled the area round cookhouse.
Vella	"	"	20 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles; T.WO-2 Brooks and 2 O/Rs sent to Batteries to inspect 25-pr guns.
"	"	"	37 LAD: Very busy on MT maintenance, in process of checking all Brigade vehicles.
Nemeara NC	"	"	42 LAD: Working on Arty Trg Depot vehicles; spraying of web equipment of A.T.D. Strength 1 Offr, 1 WO-2, 2 Sgts, 4 Cpls, 13 Ptes xx - total 21. Deficient of 1 WO-2 Armt Artificer, 1 Pte Armt Artificer, and surplus 1 Cpl. Armt Artificer, and 1 Pte Greaser.
Bourail	"	"	65 LAD: M.V. maintenance.
Moindah NC	"	"	67 LAD: Unit fully engaged in the repair and mtee of School of Sigs, and Officers School vehicles, through traffic and vehicles in the MT pool. The work includes lubrication, checking batteries, cleaning petrol strainers and the starting of vehicles.
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D.: Depot functioning smoothly and settled down to usual routine work.
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Weather fine; routine duties in all sections.
Treasury Gp	"	"	64 LAD: Landed from Infantry Landing Craft at 0630 hrs on Stirling Island in Treasury Group, Northern Solomons. L.C.I. was unloaded in good time. Men assisted with unloading other craft & beach was clear by 0800 hrs. Found appointed camp site & erected pup tents & built foxholes to sleep in
Guadalcanal	2	"	A.O.W.: MT repairs and checking of arms for 8 Bde.
"	"	"	No.1 Rec Sec: Packing equipment for fwd; 10 O/Rs were detailed to clean the area of 23 Fd Coy, NZE, 64 LAD and the Carrier Platoon.
Vella	"	"	No.2 Rec Sec: Air raids during the night; MT mtee; very wet day.
Moindah	"	"	Rear DOW: Men's mess hall completed and in use. Engine repair shop now fully occupied.
Noumea	"	"	NZOW Det: Maintenance of vehicles; weather fine.
G'canal	"	"	29 LAA Workshops: 3rd echelon, comprising remainder of unit, left for fwd area. (3rd Dec.)
Lunga R	"	"	Tank W/S: General workshops repairs; gravelling road and concreting cookhouse floor.

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Vella	2 Nov	20 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles ; air raid 0500 hrs.
"	"	37 LAD: Very busy on mtce on MT and checking of all Bde vehicles. (continuing for a week).
Nemeera	"	42 LAD: Work on ATD vehicles ; advised that 2 Armt Artificers (Privates) may have to go fwd.
G'cahal	"	A.O.D.: Usual routine duties in Depot.
Bourail	"	B.O.D.: Weather fine ; routine duties. Last of sections for prefabricated huts for offices and stores arrived. Men from Works Services Constn. Coy. arrived to supervise erection.
Stirling	"	64 LAD: Heavy tropical rain making conditions unpleasant ; work on vehicles needing repairs.
G'cahal	3	SOME (Armt): Owing to continual trouble with leaking snifter valves, a new type has been designed by our Workshops , and so far has given no trouble. Diagram forwarded to C.O.M.E., Trentham, with specifications, for information, as same trouble was experienced in N.Z. Tank Workshops advise that Jahn Trailer has been found useless for recovery of disabled tanks in this type of country, having insufficient power and traction. Accordingly, Tank W/Shops have applied for permission to bring fwd from NECAL one of their Federal Tank Transporters.
"	"	A.O.W.: MT parts and camp equipment for 8 Bde detachment delivered to Kukum Beach. Advance detachment marched out to embarkation for fwd area with 8 Bde Gp. USO show at F.M.C. HQ.
"	"	No.1 Rec Sec: Completed packing of unit equipment and spare parts for shipment shipment.
Vella	"	No.2 Rec Sec: MT mtce ; erecting mess room ; Sgt Armourer returned from 37 Bn attached units.
Moindah	"	Rear DOW.: Improved road conditions are beginning to show a beneficial effect on Base transport operating in these areas. The greater volume of work is still on commercial type vehicles. Report submitted to SOME (MT) showing amount of GMC spares held by unit - practically nil.
Noumea	"	NZOW Det: Maintenance of vehicles ; sports in afternoon ; weather fine.
G'cahal	"	29 LAA W/S.: Rear detachment comprising remainder of unit and equipment left for fwd area.
Lunga	"	Tank W/S.: General workshops repairs; gravel carted for area road ; Foot inspection.
Bourail	"	65 LAD: M.V. maintenance ; swimming practice. Other LADS - normal routine.
G'cahal	"	A.O.D.: US ship "Lew Wallace" began discharging, and party from Depot in unloading trucks.
Bourail	"	A.E. & S. Section moved their office into new bure.
Stirling (Ty)"	"	B.O.D.: Weather fine and hot - ; routine duties in all sections.
	"	64 LAD: Heavy tropical rain making camp site and gear wet. Trucks and Jeeps awaiting repairs Unit set to work on these and got them into shape.
G'cahal	4	A.O.W.: Remainder of stores for 8 Bde detachment delivered to 8 Bde Rear HQ. Working party proceeded to 8 Bde area to clean up camp site vacated by No.1 Rec. Sec.
"	"	No.1 Rec Sec.: Unit equipment loaded on to LSTs and LCIs. At 1200 hrs personnel embarked on landing craft and at 1800 hrs the convoy pulled out. (Next day spent at sea.)
Vella	"	No.2 Rec Sec: MT mtce ; erecting mess room and tables. 2 Air raid warnings during the morning.
Moindah	"	Rear DOW: Engine fitting shop in full operation ; volume of work limited by shortage of skilled men.
Noumea	"	NZOW Det: Four men to Quay for unloading vehicles ex "William Keath". Mtce of vehicles. Weather fine.

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Lunga 4 Nov Tank Workshops: Commenced modifications on Valentine Tank clutches. The work involved is the bearing out of the clutch thrust bearing to allow better lubrication, as this bearing has a tendency to seize up. Camp visited by Col. W. Murphy, Rear HQ 3 DIV, resulting in a new camp and workshops area being selected, the present area being considered too damp.

Vella " 20 and 37 LADS: Routine MT repairs and checking MT. Other LADS not listed - normal routine.

Stirling " 64 LAD: Trucks on MONO Island required urgent attention. Six personnel sent over by barge to work on them. Brakes, and broken springs seem to be the chief worries.

Bourail " B.O.D.: Normal routine; weather fine & hot; S/M. Williams to Noumea in connection with the unloading of transport "William Keith".

G'canal 5 A.O.W.: Working party employed carting coral from beach to workshop area. MT mtce & repairs.

Vella " No.2 Rec Sec: MT maintenance; air raid early in evening.

Moindah " Rear DOW: Spare parts to hand for the reconditioning of 6 6.x.4 GMC vehicles. Routine mtce.

Noumea " NZOW Det: Maintenance of vehicles; weather fine.

Lunga " Tanks W/S: Workshops repairs ceased until new camp and w/shops area established. Commenced cleaning undergrowth of camp area.

Nemeara " 42 LAD: Working on Arty Trg Depot's vehicles.

Stirling " 64 LAD: 23 Fd Coy have 2 D4 tractors out of action with broken crown wheel and broken final drive. Dismantled both machines.

Moindah " 67 LAD: Started work on 4 x 2 MT to enable vehicles to reach Nepoui Valley under own power. The compressor truck is constantly employed in the maintenance of tyres and in greasing.

G'canal " A.O.D.: OC interviewed prospective reinforcements from Transit Camp. Usual routine in Depot.

- " Other Units: routine duties.

G'canal 6 A.O.W.: Camp construction and MT repairs.

Stirling " No.1 Rec Sec: At 0700 hrs craft landed at "Purple 1" on Stirling Island, Treasury Gp. Equipment was unloaded and personnel moved into 29 LAA Workshop area. Men were tired and wet at the end of the day.

Vella " No.2 Rec Sec: MT mtce; cleaned up workshop area.

Moindah " Rear DOW: Work until 1100 hrs. Recreation, I.E., and normal unit leave.

Noumea " NZOW Det: Maintenance of vehicles; interior economy; weather fine.

Stirling " 29 LAA W/S: 3rd echelon of unit with all remaining gear and equipment arrived at fwd area.

Lunga " Tank W/S: Personnel working on new area site.

Vella " 20 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles; air raid warning at 0330 hrs.

Stirling " 64 LAD: Working on Caterpillar tractors and engineers' transport also 29 Bn transport.

G'canal " A.O.D.: Trucks being loaded with stores to go North on LST, starting loading at 0600 hrs.

Bourail " Lt. H.N. McCarthy promoted to Captain. Ten men from transit camp attached to Depot for duty.

B.O.D.: Duties ceased at 1200 hrs. Cricket in afternoon.

G'canal 7 SOME (Armt): Arrangements made for an armorer to be brought fwd from Necal to replace Sgt-Armourer W/J. Pearson NZOC att 29 Bn killed in action.

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G'canal	7 Nov.	A.O.W.: Voluntary church parade ; rain in morning ; free afternoon for I.E. & washing.
Stirling	"	No.1 Rec Sec.: Unit personnel and equipment sent to another area ; camp erected and equipment sorted. Machinery waggon sent to MONO Island to do arc welding on tractor.
Moindah	"	Rear DOW: Urgent MT repairs ; Leave and recreation.
Stirling	"	29 LAA W/S : Sites cleared for tents, and workshops, and foxholes completed over the next 3 days
Lunga	"	Tanks W/S: Church parade ; work until 1500 hrs and then swimming for men.
Vella	"	20 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles ; WO-2 and 2 O/Rs returned from inspection of guns which were reported to be in good condition. 37 LAD : normal routine; some air raids still, at night.
Stirling	"	64 LAD: 23rd Fd Coy, NZE, D.8 now out of action with broken track adjustment lock. Made new adjustment lock with No.1 Rec Sec's machinery waggon, using lathe and welder.
G'canal	"	Other LADs: M.V. casualties.
Bourail	"	A.O.D.: Sunday ; Depot quiet and half of personnel off duty during afternoon.
	"	B.O.D.: Trucks to beach and hospital in afternoon and evening.
G'canal	8	DADOS (Rear): Noted that clothing issues for October, just compiled, are higher than those for month of September. Reasons for this are that both Brigades had taken up an active role and wear and tear made their demands much heavier. In addition fewer issues were made in September, owing to the A.O.D. being in process of establishing itself on the island, and some units being in transit.
"	"	SOME (Armt): This office has been instructed to submit a monthly wastage return prepared from units returns, and forward it to the B.O.D., NECAL, who add figures for Base and forward the complete return to Army HQ.
"	"	A.O.W: Heavy rain making conditions difficult for carrying out MT repairs ; this should be overcome with the completion of MT workshop.
Stirling	"	No.1 Rec Sec: Erecting camp ; lack of rations and sleep showing on the men.
Vella	"	No.2 Rec Sec: Very heavy rain during the night. M.T. maintenance.
Moindah	"	Rear DOW: Clean-up in all sections ; MT turning fitting and engine fitting shops in full operation.
Lunga	"	Tanks W/S: Levelling of tent sites in new camp. Transported tractor to F.M.C. from US Constn Bn (C.B.) unit for NZ Engineers.
Stirling	"	64 LAD: D8 tractor of Engrs put back in service. Crown wheel and pinion for D4 arrived by LST and fitted to put the machine back in service again. A third 23 Fd Coy D-4 today had its induction manifold smashed by a falling tree. This was repaired by welding and machine put back into service.
G'canal	"	Other LADs : Normal routine.
Bourail	"	A.O.D.: Weather fine in morning, but heavy rain in p/m. Tree in camp area fell across mess room (men's) at approx 1800 hrs, pinning and killing Sgt R.J. Keeble of this unit, and injuring but not seriously several others. (Trees in area had previously been checked by OC, F.M.C. against weaknesses resulting from shell fire etc. This particular tree was unsound.)
	"	B.O.D. Routine duties ; Brigadier Dove O i/c Admin, NZEFIP, visited stores and camp area.

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Vella 9 Nov **DADOS Office:** Noted from Admin Orders that the 33rd Hy Workshops and 28th Hy AA W/Shops (disbanded under an earlier order) retain their identity to the extent that E.D. Pay and promotions of personnel attached to the D.O.W. continue. As vacancies for ED pay and appointments occur in the D.O.W. they will be filled by withdrawing personnel from the 33rd and 28th units if suitable qualified men are available. Additional personnel will not be appointed to the 28th or 33rd workshops to replace casualties, and no new appointments will be made therein which carry E.D. pay. This safeguards the privileges and regularises the position of men of the two units referred to.

G'canal " **A.O.W.:** MT mtce and repairs. Workshop area and road through camp covered with coral chips.

Stirling " **No.1 Rec Sec:** Erecting camp and digging water hole ; at 1200 hrs Jap plane flew overhead and dropped 2 bombs which landed some 200 yds distant. No damage done.

Vella " **No.2 Rec Sec:** MT mtce ; rebuilding cookhouse to cope with extra personnel.

Moindah " **Rear DOW:** Six personnel loaned to SOME (MT) for duty at Nepoui in connection with the shifting of all commercial type vehicles to Nepoui for future shipment to N.Z.

Lunga " **Tanks W/S:** Work on new camp area, bulldozer borrowed from US C.M. unit and used to make road.

Vella " **EO and 37 LADs :** normal routine on MT repairs. Other LADs - likewise.

G'canal " **A.O.D.:** 1000 hrs, funeral of Sgt Keeble (killed by falling tree.) ~~Unit~~ Unit provided firing party and bearers. All available personnel engaged in felling trees in camp area - all trees in area are to be dropped.

Bourail " **B.O.D.:** Weather fine ; routine duties in all sections.

Vella 10 **DADOS Office:** Conference of Brigade O.M.Es with DADOS.

G'canal " **A.O.W.:** Camp constn and general repair work.

Stirling " **No.1 Rec Sec:** Erecting camp ; Jap bombers over again ; very broken night.

Moindah " **Rear DOW:** Routine maintenance & repairs ; afternoon devoted to recreation instead of Saturday 13th.

Stirling " **29 LAA W/S:** Completed the clearing of sites for tents, workshops and making of foxholes.

Lunga " **Tank W/S:** Cookhouse tent erected in new area and concreting of floor commenced. Levelled tent area.

Vella " **EO and 37 LADs:** MT maintenance and checking of vehicles.

Stirling " **64 LAD:** Completed truck jobs on MONO Island and returned wrecker ~~and~~ and gear to Stirling, also machinery waggon. Only one D.4 out of action now, awaiting final drive gear and pinion.

Bourail " **65 LAD:** M.V. maintenance ; swimming practice. Other LADs - normal routine.

G'canal " **A.O.D.:** Clearing of trees well under way, leaving only skeletal staff in stores.

Bourail " **B.O.D.:** Routine duties ; weather fine.

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G'canal 11 Nov A.O.W.: Armistice Day observed by 2 minutes' silence. 2 O/RS paraded to 2 NZ CCS for blood donation. Working party cutting timber for framework of MT workshop.

Stirling " No.1 Rec Sec: Erecting camp; 4 x 4 Chevrolet with 4th echelon men arrived, with tents, seakits and cots. 20 men supplied for unloading party; workshop functioning fully.

Vella " No.2 Rec Sec: MT mtce; erecting new workshop for armament section.

Moindah " Rear DOW: The shipping to NZ of all commercial type vehicles should allow mechanics to be employed on purely combat vehicles in future.

Noumea " NZOW Det: Maintenance of vehicles. Armistice Day - half of personnel to ceremony in morning and other half to function in afternoon; weather fine.

Stirling " 29 LAA W/S: Permanent cookhouse erected.

Lunga " Tank W/S: Concreting etc of cookhouse, erection of mess room, road being made and tents etc moved to new site.

Vella " 20 and 37 LADs: Normal routine.

Stirling " 64 LAD: Personnel spent the day washing and cleaning gear, being first opportunity since arrival.

G'canal " A.O.D.: Parties continuing with chopping of trees and camp area well cleared. It has been found that many apparently sound trees are rotten in the centre thus rendering them very dangerous.

Bourail " B.O.D.: Routine duties in all sections; weather fine.

G'canal 12 DADOS (Rear) and SOME (Armt): Both offices moved to A.O.D. area in FMC where personnel will be quartered etc by A.O.D. Personnel will assist A.O.D. where possible, but offices will retain their identity.

" " A.O.W.: MT mtce and repairs; condition red at 1430 hrs, but no aircraft sighted. Heavy rain showed need for better draining system throughout camp.

Stirling " No.1 Rec Sec: Erecting camp; 25 men given one day for I.E.; enemy bombers over at night.

Moindah " Rear DOW: Supplies of oxygen and acetylene to hand from BOD. Six Bedford tractors to be checked and repaired for issue.

Stirling " 29 LAA W/S: Mess room complete with tables ~~xxxxxx~~ erected.

Lunga " Tanks W/S: Balance of living quarters transferred to new area. Other constn. continuing.

Vella " 37 LAD: OC called on DADOS and ADMS re the constant number of ED personnel for a small unit - the number excused duty regularly is too many for a small unit and hampers its work; referred to the R.M.O., but there is little that can be done about it.

Stirling " 64 LAD: Rear party with truck and tents arrived.

Bourail " 65 LAD: MT maintenance; Governor General's visit.

G'canal " A.O.D.: Clearing of camp area of felled trees in progress. Other LADs: normal routine. tents had to be removed and then repitched.

Bourail " B.O.D.: Routine duties in all sections.

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G'canal 13 Nov A.O.W.: MT workshop construction ; repairs and maintenance. I.E. carried out.
 Stirling " No.1 Rec Sec : Machinery waggon was sent to Naval Base to do some welding on L.C.T.
 Vella " Erecting camp ; 25 men given day off for interior economy ; no raiders during the night.
 Moindah " No.2 Rec Sec: MT mtce ; gravelling workshop and cookhouse.
 Noumea " Rear DOW: Inspection visit by the Governor-General of NZ. All departments of the unit were
 Lunga " in operation. His Excellency met and talked with all personnel.
 Vella " NZOW Det: I.E. & mtce of vehicles ; weather fine.
 Nemeara " Tanks W/S: Construction sanitation system at new camp; road finished; mess room being completed.
 Moindah " 37 LAD: MT mtce in morning and I.E. in afternoon.
 G'canal " 42 LAD: Working on ATD's vehicles ; parade & inspection by the Governor-General of NZ.
 Bourail " 67 LAD: To date the unit has checked and made into convoys for drive to Nepoui 154 vehicles of
 commercial 4 x 2 type to be returned to NZ.
 G'canal " A.O.D.: Clearing of site for new mess room ; four of Depot personnel and one attached returned
 Bourail " from Vella Lavella by plane.
 " B.O.D.: Governor-General arrived at approx 1000 hrs and with Brig. DOVE and Major Knight (C.O.O.)
 " Inspected the camp.

G' Canal 14 SOME (Armt): O.M.E. (Div Arty HQ) advises :-
 (a) Oil motors filled with mineral hydraulic buffer oil are showing signs of rust, even below
 oil level - motors filled with Torpoyl light back in NZ, however, found to be in first-class
 condition.
 (b) Due to prevailing weather conditions (Vella Lavella) drain holes of frame underneath the
 carriage body are not efficient and therefore require enlarging. O.M.E. instructed to enlarge
 holes to a reasonable dimension to prevent blockage by grease and mud.
 (c) Shortening and straightening cocking lever may be advantageous as it gives a steadier level,
 resulting in a faster movement for cocking the gun. Loss in leverage is negligible. However this
 is not practicable as lever will foul mounting at high angles of elevation.
 " A.O.W.: Voluntary church parade; swimming party organised for afternoon. Guard supplied to F.M.C.
 Stirling " No.1 Rec Sec: recreational day ; constant air alerts during the night. Heavy A.A. fire makes
 Moindah " it necessary to take cover in foxholes.
 Stirling " Rear DOW: Urgent work and normal leave.
 G'canal " 29 LAA W/S: Constructed trailer for carting water from water point.
 Bourail " Various LADS : More or less normal Sunday routine.
 " A.O.D.: Memorial service by Senior Chaplain for Sgt KEEBLE killed in accident at A.O.D. Mess
 room construction commenced. Waiting on stores from AK/73.
 " B.O.D.: Church parade in morning ; weather fine and hot.

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G'canal 15 Nov A.O.W.: Covering of MT workshop completed. Better working conditions should facilitate completion of repairs.
 Stirling " No.1 Rec Sec: Vehicle and armament repairs ; difficulty is being experienced owing to the lack of a portable elec. welder. heavy welding jobs that cannot be brought to the workshop have to be done. A lot of unnecessary work is entailed to bring a complete machinery waggon to another area, to do such welding. Completion of well for water.
 Vella " No.2 Rec Sec: M.T. mtce ; this unit has been short of gas and oxygen for over a month.
 Moindah " Rear DOW: Repairs to the following types of vehicles: - Jeeps, Ford Quads, Chev 6 x 4s and 4 x 4s
 Lunga " 30 cwt . Smash jobs on water carts, jeeps, etc entail considerable time and labour
 Vella " Tanks W/S: Old area cleared of rubbish and left tidy ; 61st Constn Bn (US) generously graded the roadway; OC, Capt J.R. Kirkham evacuated to 24 Fd Amb. At 1500 hrs unit paraded with Special Army Tank Sqn for Governor-General's inspection.
 Stirling " 37 LAD: Still exceptionally busy on M.T. ; Remittances to N.Z. by personnel.
 Moindah " 64 LAD: Repairs and maintenance proceeding on Stirling.
 G'canal " 67 LAD: Recovery unit 33 miles south, 15cwt vehicle with broken spring recovered.
 Bourail " A.O.D.: Party constructing mess room ; trucks started to arrive from AK/73 at 1700 hrs.
 " B.O.D.: Routine duties ; weather fine ; S/M Williams returned from Noumea (work on shipping).

G'canal 16 A.O.W.: MT maintenance and instrument repairs.
 Stirling " No.1 Rec Sec: Vehicle and armament repairs ; one condition red during night.
 Vella " No.2 Rec Sec: MT maintenance ; received gas and oxygen which had been short for some time.
 Moindah " Rear DOW: Routine repairs and mtce ; several Jeeps are being completely stripped down & reconditioned
 (Machinery waggons are fully occupied in fitting and turning work and a night shift is operating whenever necessary.)
 Noumea " NZOW Det: Maintenance of vehicles ; weather fine.
 Lunga " Tanks W/S: Began construction, with bulldozer, of workshops area - continued to 2230 hrs.
 Vella " 30 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles continuing ; air raid warning 0330 hrs.
 " 37 LAD: MT maintenance and complete check of all Bde transport ; weather exceptionally hot and dust plentiful ; recommended to O.M.E. of Bde that particular attention should be given to oil bath filters and oil ~~pur~~purilators."
 Stirling " 64 LAD: Ordered by 8 Bde HQ to move to Falamai, Mono Island.
 Moindah " 67 LAD: Recovery unit 8 miles north to recover ~~vehicle~~ weapon carrier bogged in mud. Start made on vehicles that required wrecker teams to take them to Nepoui wharf. Front or rear axles removed if necessary, or blocks made where springs were missing.
 G'canal " A.O.D.: Trucks arriving during day and until midnight. Mess room beginning to take shape.
 Bourail " B.O.D.: Routine duties in all sections ; fine but overcast weather.

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Vella 17 Nov DADOS Office: Decided to clean off all rust and to oil or repaint all ammn boxes held in Div reserve at Vella and Guadalcanal. Fwd Ordnance Depot instructed to order necessary material from AOD, and AOD instructed to take the necessary action in their dumps.

G'canal " A.O.W.: Pay parade ; routine repair work.

Stirling " No.1 Rec Sec Vehicle and Armament repairs ; Two air raid warnings during the night.

Moindah " Rear DOW: Repairs effected to printing machinery at A.E.W.S. Repairs to all types of Base vehicles.

Noumea " NZOW Det: maintenance of vehicles ; swimming and tennis in afternoon ; weather fine.

Lunga " Tanks W/S: Workshops area construction etc; modifications on 3 Tanks. Pay parade & foot inspection.

Stirling " 64 LAD: Cleaning up vehicle repairs on Stirling prior to move to Falamai.

Bourail " 65 LAD: MV maintenance ; sports practice.

G'canal " A.O.D.: Trucks arriving with stores from ship from 0730 hrs to 1130.

Bourail " B.O.D.: Routine duties ; weather fine.

~~XXXX~~ Vella 18 DADOS Office (fwd): Noted that Major G.C. Simmiss, SOME (MT), at Base, has been graded II.

G'canal " A.O.W. : Workshop area completed and start made on levelling site for cookhouse; bulldozer forming terraces for tents ; MT maintenance & repairs.

Vella " No.2 Rec Sec: MT maintenance and repairs.

Stirling " 29 LAA W/S: Received rubber boat and a captured Japanese outboard motor ; overhauled motor.

Lunga " Tanks W/S: Further levelling of workshops area ; Fd Park and Machinery Waggons moved nearer to new area. Metalling of roadway to camp area continued.

Stirling " 64 LAD: Obtained D-4 tractor to clean up new camp site at Mono Island.

- " Other LADs and Workshops - normal MT and other maintenance etc.

G'canal " A.O.D.: Sections engaged in sorting stores ; routine duties.

Bourail " B.O.D.: Routine duties ; weather fine but overcast ; permission given by Offr i/c Admin, Base, for the erection of 3 16 x 24 prefabricated hits as Men's messroom.

~~XXXX~~ G'canal 19 DADOS Office and SOME (Armt): Personnel paraded with A.O.D. personnel for brief inspection by the Governor-General of N.Z. in afternoon.

G'canal 19 A.O.W.: Concrete laid for floor of cookhouse ; overhanging and dead trees removed from near tents. MT maintenance and repairs.

Stirling " No.1 Rec Sec: Vehicle and armament repairs ; one condition red during the night.

Moindah " Rear DOW: Repairs to Bedford Arty tractors and all types of combat vehicles.

Stirling " Repairs to commercial vehicles are now slackening off.

Lunga " 29 LAA W/S: General repair and construction work carried out (until end of month).

Vella " Tanks W/S: Workshops area completed.

" " 20 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles ; One O/R sent to Fd Ambulance with a suspected fracture of pelvis sustained when he was ~~was~~ crushed by a truck against a bank.

Nemeara " 37 LAD: Usual maintenance work/.

" " 42 LAD: Working on A.T.D's vehicles ; 2 Armt artificers (Ptes) marched out to B.T.D. prior to going fwd to G'canal. Sixteen Ford 15 cwts 4 x 2 of the ATD's holding taken to vehicle pool and replaced by Chevrolet 4 x 4's, which the LAD serviced and checked before issue.

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19 Nov 64 LAD: Moved unit, with trucks and equipment to new camp site at Falamai, Mono Id.
 G'canal " A.O.D.: Personnel loading out stores for 14 Bde from early morning; construction of mess continues.
 Bourail " B.O.D.: Routine duties in all sections.

G'canal 20 DADOS Office (Rear): Authority issued for the supply of one kitbag to each O/R in place of seakits which may be retained.
 Stirling " No.1 Rec Sec: Vehicle and armament repairs; recreational afternoon.
 Vella " No.2 Rec Sec: MT maintenance.
 Moindah " Rear DOW: Workshop I.E. and repairs to workshops equipment; recreational training.
 Noumea " NZOW Det: I.E., maintenance of vehicles; visit by SOME (MT) in morning.
 Lunga " Tanks W/S: Unit OC (Capt Kirkham) transferred from 24 Fd Amb. to 2 NZ CCS. Modifications on 3 tanks continued. Transferred Orderly Room, Armourers and bootmakers' workshops to new location.
 Vella " 20 and 37 LADs: Normal routine of maintenance and repairs.
 Mono " 64 LAD: Establishing new camp site and digging ~~foxholes~~ foxholes: Governor General inspected area.
 Bourail 8 65 LAD: M.V. maintenance; rifle inspection and I.E.
 Moindah " 67 LAD: Complete check of vehicles in use by the unit - 4 wreckers, 1 compressor truck, 1 Jeep and 1 15 cwt.
 G'canal " A.O.D.: Routine duties in the Depot.
 Bourail " B.O.D.: Routine duties in all sections till 1200 hrs; cricket in the afternoon.

G'canal 21 (Sunday) A.O.W.: Voluntary church parade; free afternoon for men.
 Stirling " No.1 Rec Sec: ~~Vehicle and armament repairs; recreational afternoon.~~ Church parade; recreational day.
 Moindah " Rear DOW: ~~Workshop~~ Normal leave and urgent work.
 Vella " No.2 Rec Sec: 6 O/Rs with help of bulldozer put through drain in front of camp.
 Lunga " Tanks W/S: Church parade in morning; morning free but work in afternoon.
 G'canal " A.O.D.: Sunday - routine duties; half personnel off duty in afternoon.

Vella 22 DADOS Office: Signalled to AOD for S/M Harvey, ammn examiner, to visit Vella for examination of ammn. Estimated stay to be 2 weeks and then proceed to 8 Bde Gpp Application made to ~~ammn~~ C.R.E. to have frames made for stacking of ammn and to allow air to circulate round stacked ammn.
 Guadalcanal " Lt. LONERGAN of F.O.D. sent to Guadalcanal in connection with MT supplies.
 Stirling " A.O.W.: Terraces completed for new tent sites and laying of coral commenced; cookhouse constn proceeding; MT maintenance and repairs.
 Vella " No.1 Rec Sec: Vehicle and armament repairs; one vehicle sent to assist in unloading of landing vessels; breaking of Ford front axles prevalent and all stocks of these have now gone.
 No.2 Rec Sec: New hours commenced - Reveille 0600; breakfast 0645; working hours 0730 to 1230.
 Lunch 1300, tea 1700 hrs. Shifted orderly room.

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Moindah 22 Nov Rear DOW: All branches fully occupied ; Chev 4 x 4 Wireless vans (15 cwt) to be altered in accordance with an instruction from GOC from fwd area. T. & G. roofing had buckled and the tops of these vans have been found to be in a leaky condition ; The finished top will be Malthoid .
 Noumea " NZOW Det: Maintenance of vehicles ; Sgt Westwood (armourer) marched out to B.R.D. Weather fine.
 Lunga " Tanks W/S: Ford machinery truck commenced operations after general check and minor repairs ; erection of wireless and artificers workshops commenced. Parts needed for Hobart welder and this will have to be "grounded" until parts arrive from N.Z. on indent.
 - " LADS : normal routine of maintenance and simple repairs.
 G'canal " A.O.D.: Lt. Lonergan of F.O.D. arrived by 'plane from Vella Lavella.
 Bourail " B.O.D.: Weather fine ; routine duties.

Vella 23 DADOS Office (fwd) : Lt.-Col MYERS to Treasury Gp (8 Bde area) by PPT. boat on tour of duty.
 G'canal " A.O.W.: Fine weather facilitates carrying out of camp improvements . Routine repairs.
 Stirling " No.1 Rec Sec: Vehicle and armament repairs ; one condition red during night.
 Vella " No.2 Rec Sec: MT mtce ; commenced new hours. 2 tractor mechanics have arrived from F.M.C.
 Moindah " Rear DOW: Four Weeps completely stripped down ; engines will be reconditioned and spare parts replaced as far as possible. * Heavy rains making conditions extremely muddy.
 Noumea " NZOW Det: Maintenance of vehicles ; OC (2/Lt Black) to US Ordnance for meeting in connection with use of Detergent motor oils. Weather fine.
 Stirling " 29 LAA W/S: General repair and constn work being carried out.
 Vella " 37 LAD: MT maintenance ; started new hours of work - excellent arrangement as weather was becoming unbearably hot.
 Mono " 64 LAD: L.S.Ts arrived , bringing gear and pinion for D-4 tractor.
 - " A.O.D. and B.O.D. - Routine duties in both depots.

G'canal 24 SOME (Armt) : Notified Trentham that there is a possibility of OC Tank Workshops (Capt Kirkham) being boarded out, and a replacement will be necessary if this eventuates. (This replacement was later made by promotion from within the unit, not from N.Z.).
 " " A.O.W.: MT maintenance and repairs ; new YMCA opened nearby and available to men.
 Stirling " No.1 Rec Sec: Vehicle repairs ; Lt.-Col Myers (DADOS) visited the unit and discussed the position of stores and equipment.
 Vella " " No.2 Rec Sec: MT maintenance. (OC notes "receipt of fresh vegetables" as being an event of note, illustrating the ration position in the fwd area).
 Moindah " " Rear DOW: Two commercial type 15 and 10 cwt 4 x 2 vehicles exchanged for 2 15-cwt vehicles which are now taken over by the unit. All branches of workshop fully occupied, particularly machinery waggons on general turning. Shifts are being worked on the lathes wherever necessary.
 Noumea " " NZOW Det: Maintenance of vehicles ; swim parade in afternoon. Weather fine.
 Lunga " " Tanks W/S: Commenced modifications to tanks, making splash guard to be fitted to mantle underneath 2 pdr gun to prevent hot lead penetrating and striking gunner. This is to be done to all tanks as is the modification ~~not~~ to clutch thrust bearings. Further ~~modifications~~ erection of workshops shelters and making of roads. Capt Kirkham evacuated to NECAL.
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Bourail 24 Nov 65 LAD: M.V. maintenance as usual ; sports practice.
 Moindah " 67 LAD: Start made in checking 25 vehicles to travel South to Noumea.
 Bourail " B.O.D.: Weather fine ; routine duties . Major Knight and 2/Lt Paul travelled to Noumea to discuss MT spares position with Services of Supply (US) and returned at night.

Vella 25 DADOS Office (fwd): S/M. HARVEY of AOD Ammn Sec arrived at Vella for inspection of ammn refills at F.O.D. DADOS returned from Treasury group.
 G'canal " A.O.W.: Routine maintenance and camp improvements ; US Forces supply special rations (incl turkey and oranges) for celebration of Thanksgiving Day.
 Stirling " No.1 Rec Sec: Vehicles and armament repairs . Three raid warnings. Bomb landed very close to camp but without damage. DADOS left for Vella Lavella.
 Moindah " Rear DOW: Routine work in all branches ; repairs to unit Diesel power plant.
 Lunga " Tanks W/S: Modifications to tanks continuing.
 Vella " 20 LAD: WO-2 Brooks and 1 O.R sent to 37th Bty to overhaul 25-pr gun. 1 O/R returned from hospital.
 " " 37 LAD: Usual maintenance work; opening of nearby roadhouse provides convenient recreation for men.
 Nemeara " 42 LAD: Work on A.T.D's vehicles. Units 15 cwt Ford van (4 x 2) replaced by 15 cwt Chevrolet 4 x 4.
 Mono " 64 LAD: D-4 tractor repaired and back in service for engineers. LSTs have delivered new D.8 and an angledozer to augment 23rd Fd Coy's fleet of tractors, not all of which are in service yet.
 Moindah " 67 LAD: Convoy left for Noumea with units wrecker and 2 O/Rs as LAD to convoy.
 G'canal " A.O.D.: Lt Lonergan of F.O.D. left by air for Vella Lavella.
 Bourail " B.O.D.: Weather fine and very warm ; routine duties in all sections . Commenced carting of huts for new Men's Mess.

G'canal 26 DADOS Office (Rear): Accidental destruction of large bomb dump and adjacent stores in US area and shell some miles down the coast, with heavy explosions and very extensive damage commenced at midday. This occurrence ~~with~~ illustrated to NZ Ordnance stores and ammn personnel the value of having ammn carefully set out and due measures taken for its safety. The extent of the damage to and destruction of technical and MT equipment may affect the availability to NZ Forces of certain types of stores which have been obtained regularly on Lease-Lend from the US Forces. In respect of the explosions of ammn, these were often started by "sympathetic detonation" and not from the actual spread of the fire of falling of shells etc in new dumps.
 " " A.O.W.: MT maintenance and repairs ; flyproof cookhouse completed.
 Moindah " No.1 and No.2 Rec Secs : MT and armament repairs.
 " " Rear DOW: OC and workshops officer attended lecture at Plaine des Gaiacs on the change-over to Detergent type motor oils. This change will take place as soon as these oils are issued.
 Lunga " Tanks W/S: Tank modifications commenced, welding hub to idler wheels to prevent bolts wearing oval and wheels becoming loose on hub. Metalling of roadway proceeding.
 " " Various LADs: These report routine duties.
 Bourail " B.O.D.: Major Knight left for Tontouta aerodrome en route to N.Z. on tour of duty. 2/Lt WOODHAMS (Later delayed to 27th at 0600 hrs). and party left for Noumea in connection with unloading of transport. Court Martial

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Lunga Mono 28 Nov Tanks W/S: Church parade ; trip organised for personnel to go up the island by truck.
 " " 64 LAD: Two coconut trees weakened by shrapnel were brought down by a Southerly gale and completely wrecked the unit's ~~I.P.P.~~ I.P.P. tent. Luckily no one was in the tent. Recovered new D.8 tractor disabled owing to driver's mistake, returned it to camp and readjusted it.
 G'canal " A.O.D: Several trucks arrived from transport "Cassiopeia". Lease-Lend stores arriving from Mica Engineering Coy. (US Forces).
 Bourail " B.O.D.: Weather wet in morning and fine in afternoon ; erecting huts for mess room. First convoy of trucks ex US AK/70 (William Keith) arrived at BOD from Noumea.

Vella 29 DADOS Office (fwd): DADOS flew to Guadalcanal and while there conferred with Major Signal (appointed SOME (DIV)) re promotions and transfers consequent upon changes in NZOC officer personnel. S/M Harvey started examination of ammn at Vella. DADOS also discussed the khaki drill clothing position with Brig. DOVE. Noted that Capt. Kirkham of Tanks W/S will probably be medically boarded and returned to N.Z.
 G'canal Stirling Moindah " A.O.W.: Routine maintenance and repairs ; large number of watches being received for repair.
 " " No.1 Rec Sec: Vehicle repairs ; No raid warnings during night ; A unit R.A.P. established.
 " " Rear DOW: Preliminary arrangements made for the shipping of approx 300 commercial type vehicles to N.Z. from the Nepoui Dock.
 Noumea Lunga " NZOW Det: Maintenance of vehicles . One Sgt to D.O.W. for temporary duties.
 " " Tanks W/S: Decided to do modifications to tanks clutch thrust only as and when the tanks come in for gear box overhaul. Other modifications referred to before being continued. Health of men satisfactory.
 Vella Nemeara Moindah G'canal " 37 LAD: MT maintenance ; very busy in orderly room on various returns for month.
 " " 42 LAD: Work on ATD's vehicles ; arranged for one man per day to assist with fatigues at A.T.D.
 " " 67 LAD: Unit back to routine work of maintenance in Vehicle Reception Depot.
 Bourail " A.O.D.: Visit from DADOS and Brig. DOVE (OICA). Bulldozer clearing area around cookhouse and for showers. "Cassiopeia" discharging stores throughout night.
 " " B.O.D.: Routine duties ; weather fine and hot.

G'canal 30 DADOS Office (rear): DADOS conferring with Majors Signal and Evers re NZOC officer appointments (technical).
 " " A.O.W.: OC receives notice of transfer to Div HQ as S.O.M.E. (DIV) w.e.f. 1 Dec 43.
 Stirling " Health of personnel good.
 Vella " No.1 Rec Sec: Vehicle and armament repairs ; no condition red during the night.
 Moindah " No.2 Rec Sec: M.T. maintenance.
 " " Rear DOW: Commencement of loading work at Nepoui at 2359 hrs. 150 men employed loading old commercial type vehicles.
 Noumea " NZOW Det: Maintenance of vehicles ; circularised units in area re the maintenance of 15 cwt Chevrolet 4 x 4's , tyre pressures and greasing. Weather fine.

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General workshops repairs.

Stirling 30 Nov 29 LAA W/S: General repair and construction work carried out.
 Lunga " Tanks W/S: Completed work on splashboards on tanks underneath 2-pr gun.

Vella " 20 LAD: Work on vehicles of unit to which attached (17 Fd Rgt).
 " " 37 LAD: MT checks done over the month totalled 147. M.T. is in quite good condition. This is substantiated by the number of spare parts used. MT Section of AOD has not failed to supply any part over the month, and with the unit having greater access to unit transport in Bde due to restricted area, transport generally is better than it has ever been in the 14 Bde.

Nemeara " 42 LAD: Working on A.T.D's vehicles, and on returns etc to Base HQ and others.
 Bourail " 64 LAD: All transport and tractors in action.
 Mono " 65 LAD: M.V. maintenance.
 Bourail " 67 LAD: Start was made to condense the vehicles in the pool, the whole area to be fenced off. For the month a total of 331 vehicles was moved out.

G'canal " A.O.D.: Ship still discharging but very slowly. Our stores are in the hold under ammunition and cannot be discharged until the ammunition is removed by the Americans.

Bourail " B.O.D.: Routine duties; weather fine.

GENERAL NOTES BY UNITS FOR NOVEMBER.

Stirling No.1 Recovery Sec., DOW: Constant air alerts tend to show effect in weariness in men during afternoons. Instrument work on Predictors and telescopes constant. American Artillery lack mechanics for optical and instrument work and this section is obliged to assist them. Main repairs of M.T. to brakes and body work. Wireless mechanics busy. The stores brought forward have proved to be a good selection, and apart from three major assemblies, have been able to supply all requirements to Brigade Group. To date no further stores have been sent fwd from Guadalcanal, and unless some arrive shortly the unit will be out of certain expendables, gas and parts. Machinery waggon has been operated continuously and is essential. A trailer type Arc welder would be most suitable here as it could be readily transported to the heavy jobs on both islands, as it is not practicable to bring all such jobs into the workshop.

Moindah Rear Section DOW: The volume of work handled during this month has been quite heavy. All branches were fully occupied. Engine fitting shop is in operation, limited only by our shortage of skilled tradesmen. Men's mess hall has been completed and the large buildings can be used for recreational purposes only. Repairs to all types of combat vehicles and some work for fwd area. The Governor-General on his inspection talked to all personnel who were engaged in their normal duties. Shipping to NZ of commercial type vehicles should lessen work in the workshop. Health of personnel satisfactory.

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Summary of General Notes by Units (contd).

Noumea

N.Z. Ordnance Workshops Detachment (Noumea):

This month has again been a busy one. The increasing number of vehicles at 4 Gen Hospital has added considerably to the amount of work required from this unit, particularly as ambulances receive priority over work previously done. The 4 MAC Transport Officer ~~and~~ at Dumbea, and drivers have cooperated to make this as light as possible. 21 vehicles of 29 MT Coy ASC have been repaired during the month. This is about the monthly average. The strength of the unit, which is approximately half that of an L.A.D., is frequently insufficient, necessitating practically continuous supervision of jobs and considerable mechanical work being personally performed by the O.C. Prefabricated huts for the unit (on charge to Transit Camp) are awaiting erection, but with one carpenter and no spare labour the unit has been unable to erect these. The number of requests from B.S.D.1, 29 M.T. and Movement Control for the use of the unit's breakdown van, involving the loss of the vehicle and driver-mechanic for approx. 4 hours each time, to load and unload equipment at B.S.D. 1, has caused considerable delay with work. Health fairly good. Morale good. Weather good.

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(Treasury Gp)

29 Lt AA Workshops Sec. Repairs on the Armament ~~and~~ side still remain heavy. In addition to repairs carried out in the workshop, frequent visits were made by the Instrument Mechanics to various gun positions. M.T. work was lighter than usual. Excellent swimming facilities are available close to the camp and full use of these has been made by all personnel. Several excursions were made in the boat available. Probably owing to the lack of fresh fruit and vegetables, the health of the Unit has not been as good as usual. At times 50 per cent of the personnel have been attending the R.A.P. for treatment.

Guadalcanal

Advanced Section D.O.W. (A.O.W.):

See Appendix I. for two 2-sheet reports on MT and Armament Sections repairs for November :

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Appendix I

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Summary of M.T. and Armament Repairs for November
of Advanced Section Div Ordnance Workshops., Guadalcanal.

ADVANCED ORDNANCE WORKSHOP
 SUMMARY OF MT REPAIRS COMPLETED DURING MONTH
 OF OCTOBER '43.

Vehicles received into W'Shop during month by types	Repairs completed & vehicles returned to units	Awaiting completion for return to units	Placed 'Dead' or unavailability
Ford Quad 30 ct	57	2	nil
" " "	8	-	nil
" (dump truck)	1	-	nil
" F.A.T.	1	1	nil
" cars	13	1	nil
GMC 6x4 60 ct	9	-	nil
Chev 4x4 30 ct	27	-	nil
Chev 4x4 15 ct	2	-	nil
Morris Comm 15 ct	7	-	nil
Dodge Cmd Car	2	1	nil
Ford Amd OP	73	-	nil
Peeps	4	-	-
Tractors D8 Type	4	-	-

Details of repairs to above vehicles as follows, :-

Make & Type of Vehicle	Nature of Repairs	No. of
Ford Quad 30 ct	Repairs to bodywork	17
	Bleed and adjust braking system	3
	Repair front brake pipes	2
	Reline hand brake	1
	Dismantle & repair steering box	1
	Fit new rear drive shaft	1
	Repair leaking and damaged radiators	5
	Repair petrol tanks	2
	Fit extension to transfer case breather	1
	Check & adjust transfer case selectors	2
	Repair & adjust gear box	1
	Dismantle & overhaul transfer case and fit new bearings & retainers	1
	Dismantle transfer case and remove bearing seal	12
	Weld on steering blocks	3
	Fit new bolts to universal joint	1
	Clean out carburettor & fuel lines	7
	Fit new fuel pump	1
	Fuel pump repairs	1
	Inner tubes repaired	4
	General electrical repairs	7
	Tune motor	2
	Overhaul & repair water pump	1
	Fit new radiator hose	1
Weld canopy frame	1	
Check and adjust voltage generator regulator	2	
Batteries charged	1	
Repaint vehicle	1	
Ford Quad 30 ct Dump	Dismantle transfer case & remove bearing seal	2
	Weld on steering blocks	2
	Fit new generator	1
	Repair rear brake pipe	1
	Straighten & weld spare tyre carrier	1
	Check & overhaul generator	1
Ford F.A.T. 4x4	Overhaul generator & fit new armature	1
Ford Cars	Repair guards & bodywork	1
	Fit pennant	1
GMC 6x4	Repair inner tubes	6
	Straighten steering rod	1

ADVANCED ORDNANCE WORKSHOPS

SUMMARY OF REPAIRS COMPLETED BY ARMAMENT SECTION FOR
OF NOVEMBER

Item	Quantity	Nature of Repairs	
Rifles No 1 .303	41	Mason Bee removed from barrel	- 1
		New hand guard front & rear	- 4
		Magazines repaired	- 1
		Removing rust from working parts	- 4
		Pullthroughs removed	- 3
		Bolts breech fitted	- 2
		New cocking piece fitted	- 1
		Springs & screws extractor fitted	- 1
		General repairs	- 24
Pistols .38 S&W	2	Make new cyl. pawl	1
		Make & fit new stock grips	1
Thompson SMG	4	Remove rust	1
		Fit new stock butt complete	1
		Fit new disconnecter	1
		Check & test	1
Bren LMG	1	Check & overhaul	1
Bayonets	27	Dull, fit new spring catches & nuts	27
6 Pdr AT Gun	1	Repair buffer & recuperator	1
25 Pdr Eqpts	8	Repair LBM	1
		Make new snifter valves	36
		Make brackets for shield	160
3.7 How Eqpts	2	Repair main bearing carriage	1
		Make pulling-back hooks	1
Gauges pressure	4	Adjust & overhaul	4
Wireless Sets No 21	1	Check & adjust control unit fit new meter thermo complete	1
Wireless Sets Civil	3	Overhaul & adjust & fit new valves	3
Transformers	1	Rewind	1
Watches GS	8	Fit new balance staffs	3
		Fit new main springs	3
		Clean & overhaul	1
		US	1
Watches Stop	1	Adjust stem	1
Voltmeters	3	Replace burnt-out resistors	2
		Unservicable	1
Switth-board 10 Line	1	Repair panel	1
Binocualrs No 2 TP	4	Clean, adjust & overhaul	4
	3		3
Rangefinders No 13	1	Clean adjust & overhaul	1
Compasses Pocket Prism.	3	Unservicable	3
	3		1
		Fit new thumb screw	1
		Fit new bezels	2

Work Completed by Armament Sec during November.

Item	Quant.	Nature of Repairs	
Predictor Lt AA	2	Clean, overhaul & adjust Adjust & repair damage band wheel shaft	1
Remote Control Unit	1	Repair lid of case	1
Directors Arty	1	Replace bubble, clean & adjust	1
Dial Sights	1	Still under repair	1
Stands Instrument No 27	1	Manufacture from LP pattern	1
<u>Miscellaneous</u> <u>Repairs</u>)	Wristlet Watches (personal)	19
Air bottles Refilled	3		
Amplifier	1	General check	
Loud Speaker	1	" "	
Barometer	1	" "	
Clockwork Lamp	1	Check, repair & make new part	
Forsceps		Make 4 pr for CCS	
Maps air bottles		Make & fix 4	
Bolts telescope		Make 6 to pattern	
