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WAR DIARY  
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for

3 NZ DIV ORDNANCE CORPS, NZEFIP.  
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FOR THE MONTH OF

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(a) Consolidated War Diary for MAY 1944  
for 3 DIV ORDNANCE CORPS, 2 NZEFIP, Base and Div Units.  
comprising the following units:-

DIV ORDNANCE HQ, being DADOS Office - GUADALCANAL (B.S.I.P.) and BOURAIL, NECAL.  
SOME (DIV) - GUADALCANAL.  
SOME (BASE) - MOINDAH, NECAL.

DIV ORDNANCE WORKSHOPS : Advanced Ordnance Workshops - Guadalcanal.  
No 1 Rec Sec (with 8 Bde) - Treasury Gp, and Moindah, NECAL.  
\*\*No.2 Rec Sec (with 14 Bde) - Nissan Id (New Guinea Territory)  
Main Det. DOW - Moindah, NECAL.  
Base Det. DOW - Bourail (Racecourse area) N.C.  
N.Z.O.W. Det (Noumea) - Noumea  
(Noumea Det of DOW).

\*\* Squarepeg Workshops  
which includes:  
(No 2 Rec Sec less part) - Nissan.  
{ Det. of 29 LAA W/S }  
{ Det. of Tanks W/S. } - Acting as composite workshops for  
{ 20 LAD in full } Div and 14 Bde troops  
{ & 65 LAD in full. }

29 L.A.A. Workshops (att. 29 LAA Regt). - Treasury Gp. / and Moindah.  
Tanks W/Shops & Fd Pk Det. - Det. with Sqpeg W/S)  
- Moindah area, Necal.

\*\* 20 LAD (normally att. 17 Fd Regt) - att. Sqpeg W/S. - Nissan.  
37 LAD: (Previously att 14 Bde) - Bourail and Noumea. N.C.  
42 LAD: (att Arty Trg Depot) - Nemeara, N.Z.  
64 LAD: (att. 8 Bde Gp.) - Treasury, and Necal ( Moindah and Bourail)  
\*\* 65 LAD: (att Div Engrs normall, now with Sqpeg W/S) - Nissan.  
67 LAD: ( with Rear or Main Det of DOW) - Moindah

Advanced Ordnance Depot (Adv Sec of B.O.D.) - Guadalcanal (F.M.C. area).  
Base Ordnance Depot - Bourail, N.C.

(b) APPENDICES: NIL

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and References to Appendices.
Guadalcanal	1	May	<p>DADOS Office: Instruction received from HQ 3 NZ DIV, that, following upon a request by 3 NZ DIV SIGNALS for a ruling, the following is to apply:-</p> <p>"Accounting for stores from Ordnance which have not been taken into physical possession by the Unit to which they are consigned is the responsibility of Ordnance." This decision arose from the frequency of reports that stores consigned to Units in the forward areas had not arrived, and had been lost owing to shipping mishaps, or pilfering between leaving A.O.D. and reaching the ASC unit responsible for delivery.</p> <p>Advice sent (per HQ NZEFIP) to Army HQ that NO further shipments of goods are required at F.M.C. The destination of goods now packed in NZ for 3 NZ DIV has been the subject of considerable discussion with HQ 3 NZ DIV and N.Z. Some stores are being diverted to NECAL and others are being retained in NZ until 3 NZ DIV's future requirements &amp; role are decided.</p> <p>A.O.W.: Small arms, binoculars, watches GS received from Salvage Sec AOD 50 of these rifles are in a bad state of repair owing to lack of grease and oil. Adm. HQ, FMC, instruction 35/Q regarding preparations for move to NECAL received and actioned. MT repairs &amp; maintenance.</p> <p>No.1 Rec Sec: Vehicle repairs and packing of MT parts.</p> <p>Squarepeg W/Shops: MT repairs. Comparatively clear day. Considerable number of men attending unit RAP with minor scratches and sores. 2 in hospital.</p> <p>D.O.W.: Continuation of driving task, workshops operation being retarded through personnel being engaged on driving jobs. (in connection with return of troops from forward area).</p> <p>Base Det DOW: Busy day; all sections hard at work to catch up arrears. Spares freely obtainable. Gas Oxygen still unobtainable. Weather dry.</p> <p>NZOW DET: Checking of tools and equipment.</p> <p>29 LAA W/S: All personnel engaged in work with No.1 Rec Sec. Remainder of equipment loaded on trucks ready for move to NECAL.</p> <p>Tank W/Shops: Continued erection of workshops shelters and area.</p> <p>20 LAD: Working with Squarepeg Workshops for whole of month. (See that unit's notes).</p> <p>37 LAD: Camped in Base Det DOW area. Building workshop shelter etc.</p> <p>42 LAD: Maintenance of vehicles. 50 vehicles comprising Fd Arty Tractors, GMCs and Chev 15 cwts repainted.</p> <p>64 LAD: MV maintenance and repair.</p> <p>65 LAD: Tractor and MV maintenance with Squarepeg workshops.</p> <p>67 LAD: Maintenance of vehicles in Veh. Reception Depot. - painting, lubrication, battery charging, and light running repairs. Each vehicle, incl. m/cycles, is given one hours run per week and moved once a fortnight.</p> <p>A.O.D.: Working parties from Transit clearing area. Trucks arriving with stores from N.Z.</p> <p>B.O.D.: Routine duties. Weather fine. Several O/Rs transferred in to unit.</p>	
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Guadalcanal	2	May	DADOS Office: Signal sent to HQ NZEF IP advising that no further shipments of stores are required at F.M.C.	
"	"	"	A.O.W.: 15 Wireless Sets checked for AOD. MT Repairs and Maintenance.	
Treasury	"	"	No.1 Rec.Sec: Vehicle repairs and painting.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D.: Ship not discharging during night. Sections continuing with as much packing as possible.	
Nissan	"	"	Squarepeg W/Shops: Routine Duties.	
Moindah	"	"	D.O.W.: Routine duties. Personnel away at Noumea driving ambulances and tank transporters.	
Bourail	"	"	Base Det DOW: Routine Repairs.	
Noumea	"	"	NZOW DET: Routine duties and write off of all missing tools etc.	
Moindah	"	"	Tank W/Shops: Vehicles taken over from VRD. Work on W/shops area continued.	
Bourail	"	"	37 LAD: Stores truck collected from DOW. Building workshop shelter.	
Nemeara	"	"	42 LAD: MV maintenance. Check over on ATD vehicles withdrawn from service.	
Treasury	"	"	64 LAD: MV maintenance and repair.	
Nissan	"	"	65 LAD: Tractor and MV maintenance with Squarepeg W/shops.	
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Routine duties. Nat.Pat.affairs discussed with men by representative of N.P.F.B.	
Guadalcanal	3	"	DADOS Office: Routine duties.	
Treasury	"	"	No.1 Rec Sec: Instrument and vehicle repairs.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.W.: MT repairs and maintenance.	
Nissan	"	"	Squarepeg W/Shops: MT repairs.	
Moindah	"	"	D.O.W.: General routine. Acting on instructions received from SOME (Base), list of suitable personnel for release on Manpower submitted to DAG.	
Bourail	"	"	Base Det DOW: Routine repairs.	
Noumea	"	"	NZOW DET: Routine duties and inspection of area.	
Moindah	"	"	Tank W/Shops: Work commenced on 2 bay shelter for tank work. Overhauling all vehicles.	
Bourail	"	"	37 LAD: Preparing w/shop and stores waggon.	
Nemeara	"	"	42 LAD: MV maintenance.	
Treasury	"	"	64 LAD: MV maintenance.	
Nissan	"	"	65 LAD: Tractor and MV maintenance with Squarepeg W/shops.	
Moindah	"	"	67 LAD: Routine duties.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D. Working parties clearing area. Packing of stores for return to Necal.	
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Routine duties. Trucks received from Noumea with tyres. Trucks from Nepoui with stores.	

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Treasury	4	May	No.1 Rec Sec: Instrument and vehicle repairs.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	S.O.M.E. (DIV): Report received from OME 8 Bde covering test of .45 TSMG Amm. 200 rounds were drawn from each Bn in 8 Bde and each lot were tested separately. No faulty rounds were discovered. Further 600 rounds have been exposed to normal conditions and will be tested at a later date. Copy of OME's report forwarded to HQ 3 NZ Div.	
"	"	"	A.O.W.: Routine MT repairs and maintenance.	
Nissan	"	"	Squarepeg W/Shops: MT repairs.	
Moindah	"	"	D.O.W.: List of personnel selected for transfer to essential industry received from DAG. List includes five from Base Detachment and one from Noumea W/shops.	
Bourail	"	"	Base Det DOW: Routine repairs. Building of new overhead hoist started. Metalling and levelling of W/shop area.	
Noumea	"	"	NZOW DET: Routine duties. Repairs to vehicles at 4 NZ General Hospital.	
Moindah	"	"	Tank W/Shops: General Workshop routine.	
Bourail	"	"	37 LAD: Sorting stores and repairs to unit vehicles.	
Nemeara	"	"	42 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles.	
Treasury	"	"	64 LAD: MV maintenance.	
Nissan	"	"	65 LAD: Tractor and MV maintenance with Squarepeg W/shops.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D.: Ship finished unloading at 1100 hours. Destruction of boarded stores.	
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Routine duties. Further stores received from AOD.	
Guadalcanal	5	"	DADOS Office: Routine duties.	
Treasury	"	"	No.1 Rec Sec: Vehicle painting. Instrument and vehicle repair.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.W.: MT repairs and maintenance.	
Nissan	"	"	Squarepeg W/shops: MT repairs.	
Moindah	"	"	D.O.W.: Unit personnel driving trucks from Docks loaded with equipment returned from Forward area.	
Bourail	"	"	Base Det DOW: Supply of oxygen gas received. Routine repairs. 58 vehicles repaired for week.	
Noumea	"	"	NZOW DET: Routine duties.	
Moindah	"	"	Tank Workshops: General routine. Two drivers to Noumea to bring SCAMMELL & JAHN trailer to area.	
Bourail	"	"	37 LAD: Sorting stores and repairs to vehicles.	
Nemeara	"	"	42 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles.	
Treasury	"	"	64 LAD: MV repairs	
Nissan	"	"	65 LAD: Routine duties	
Moindah	"	"	67 LAD: Recovery unit 30 miles North recover Ford 4 x 4 overturned. Return to DOW.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D.: Routine duties.	
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Routine duties. Trucks arriving from Nepoui during day. Working parties unloading. Two OR's marched out - suspected Dengue. Seven OR's marched out for return to essential industry. 22 Ordnance APR's attached for duty from BRD while awaiting passage to NZ.	

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Guadalcanal	6	May	DADOS Office: Routine Duties.	
"	"	"	A.O.W.: MT repairs and maintenance.	
Nissan	"	"	Squarepeg W/shops: MT Repairs. One OR admitted to hospital.	
Moindah	"	"	D.O.W.: Routine Duties.	
Bourail	"	"	Base Det DOW: Routine Duties	
Noumea	"	"	NZOW DET: Normal duties and repairs. Cleaning work shop area.	
Moindah	"	"	Tank Workshops: Cleaning workshop area.	
Bourail	"	"	37 LAD: MT Repairs.	
Nemeara	"	"	42 LAD: MT Repairs.	
Treasury	"	"	64 LAD: MT Repairs.	
Nissan	"	"	65 LAD: Tractor and MV maintenance with Squarepeg w/shops.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D.: Routine duties.	
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Routine duties. One truck stores from AOD received.	
Guadalcanal	8	May	DADOS Office: Tractors being handed over to RNZAF. HQ 3 NZ Div authorised the handing over of two D4 Tractors to RNZAF. Tractors to be delivered to BSD No.1 NOUMEA.	
Treasury	"	"	No 1 Rec Sec: Vehicle and Instrument repairs.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.W.: Workshop section fully occupied with MT repairs.	
Nissan	"	"	Squarepeg W/Shops: MT Repairs.	
Moindah	"	"	D.O.W.: General routine. Personnel for NZ roll marched out to BRD.	
Bourail	"	"	Base Det DOW: Routine repairs. Personnel marched out to BRD for Essential Industry. Metallurgy completed. All Sections busy.	
Noumea	"	"	NZOW DET: Routine duties. Collected concrete mixer and started concreting workshop floor.	
Moindah	"	"	Tank W/Shops: Tank Transporter despatched to recover SCAMMEL. 1820 hours, report received that Transporter and SCAMMEL were over bank south of MOINDU PASS. S.O.M.E. notified.	
Bourail	"	"	37 LAD: Collected unit equipment from 14 Bde vehicles at VRD.	
Nemeara	"	"	42 LAD: MT repairs. Started shift to new camp area. Building of w/shop etc.	
Treasury	"	"	64 LAD: MT repairs.	
Nissan	"	"	65 LAD: Tractor and MV maintenance with Squarepeg w/shops.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D.: Clearing of area. Gas equipment being packed. Bulldozer making new loading bank at stores.	
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Routine duties. Four trucks of stores from AOD. Six OR's marched in from Hospital and one OR out to BRD for return to essential industry.	
Guadalcanal	9	"	DADOS Office: Portion of personnel advised re move to NECAL this week. Routine duties.	
Treasury	"	"	No 1 Rec Sec: Vehicle painting. Vehicle and instrument repairs.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.W.: Routine repairs and maintenance.	
Nissan	"	"	Squarepeg W/shops: MT repairs and clearing w/shop area.	

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Moindah	9	May	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> <u>D.O.W.:</u> Unloading and driving of vehicles at NEPOUI continued. Routine duties. <u>Base Det DOW:</u> Routine repairs. Hoist nears completion. M/C shop busy. Painter fully employed. <u>NZOW DET:</u> Normal workshop duties. Completed concreting floor of w/shop. <u>Tank w/shops:</u> Leyland breakdown lorry despatched and other heavy lifting equipment to MOINDU PASS. Transporter recovered at 1100 hours - undamaged so returned to MOINDAH area. SCAMMELL recovered at 1700 hours and left under guard over night. Broken worm and wheel removed for towing. <u>37 LAD:</u> MT repairs and sorting equipment. <u>42 LAD:</u> MT repairs. <u>64 LAD:</u> MV maintenance and repair. <u>65 LAD:</u> Tractor and MV maintenance. <u>A.O.D.:</u> Packing of stores in all sections. Routine duties. <u>B.O.D.:</u> Routine duties. Three trucks received from NOUMEA with stores.	
Bourail	"	"	<u>DADOS Office:</u> Routine duties. <u>No 1 Rec Sec:</u> Vehicle painting.	
Noumea	"	"	<u>S.O.M.E.:</u> Forwarded to Div Arty and Ordnance w/shops an Instruction setting out the revised tyre pressures for Fd Artillery and A/Tank equipment.	
Moindah	"	"	<u>A.O.W.:</u> Routine repairs and maintenance. <u>Squarepeg W/shops:</u> MT repairs.	
Bourail	"	"	<u>D.O.W.:</u> General routine. <u>Base Det DOW:</u> Hoist completed. Routine duties.	
Noumea	"	"	<u>NZOW DET:</u> Routine duties. <u>Tank W/shops:</u> Despatched Tractor section of Transporter to tow SCAMMEL to camp.	
Moindah	"	"	<u>37 LAD:</u> MT repairs and sorting equipment. <u>42 LAD:</u> Maintenance on vehicles.	
Bourail	"	"	<u>64 LAD:</u> MV maintenance and repair. <u>65 LAD:</u> Tractor and MV maintenance.	
Nemeara	"	"	<u>67 LAD:</u> Recovery Unit south for DOW vehicle - Petrol fault.	
Treasury	"	"	<u>A.O.D.:</u> Marking of stores in progress. Packing continues.	
Nissan	"	"	<u>B.O.D.:</u> COO attended conference at HQ NZEFIP. Routine duties.	
Moindah	11	May	<u>DADOS Office:</u> DADOS returned to NECAL by air. Staff packing.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	<u>No 1 Rec Sec:</u> Packing of unit equipment in preparation for embarkation.	
Treasury	"	"	<u>A.O.W.:</u> Shipping Schedules of unit equipment and vehicles forwarded to Movement Control. Making crates for packing stores.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	<u>Squarepeg W/shops:</u> MT repairs. Carting coral for w/shop area.	
Nissan	"	"		

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Moindah	11	May	<u>D.O.W.:</u> Advice received of return of Sections from Forward Area. Preparations made for accomodation.	
Bourail	"	"	<u>Base Det DOW:</u> Parts coming to hand freely. All sections busy.	
Noumea	"	"	<u>NZOW DET:</u> Normal w/shop duties.	
Moindah	"	"	<u>Tank W/shops:</u> Ford Wrecker borrowed from VRD to unload tank parts from trucks ex ship.	
Bourail	"	"	<u>37 LAD:</u> MT repairs and sorting equipment.	
Nemeara	"	"	<u>42 LAD:</u> Maintenance on vehicles.	
Treasury	"	"	<u>64 LAD:</u> MV maintenance and repair.	
Nissan	"	"	<u>65 LAD:</u> Tractor and MT maintenance.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	<u>A.O.D.:</u> Condemned stores being prepared for Board. Packing of stores. No indents being actioned.	
Bourail	"	"	<u>B.O.D.:</u> Routine duties. One OR marched out to Hospital.	
Guadalcanal	12	May	<u>DADOS Office:</u> DADOS arrived at BOD, Bourail. Routine duties.	
Treasury	"	"	<u>No.1 Rec Sec:</u> Packing of unit equipment.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	<u>S.O.M.E.:</u> COME, TRENTHAM written cancelling all previous requests for Memos of Exam and substituting a complete list covering all types of Ordnance and also History Sheets for Predictors.	
"	"	"	<u>A.O.W.:</u> MT repairs and maintenance.	
Nissan	"	"	<u>Squarepeg W/Shops:</u> Routine Duties.	
Moindah	"	"	<u>D.O.W.:</u> General Routine.	
Bourail	"	"	<u>Base Det DOW:</u> Routine repairs. 60 vehicles repaired for the week.	
Noumea	"	"	<u>NZOW DET:</u> Routine duties. O.C., DOW returned from N.Z.	
Moindah	"	"	<u>Tank W/Shops.:</u> Completed unloading of tank parts. General routine. Accident report made out and forwarded to appropriate HQ re accident to Transporter. No blame attachable to driver - road conditions at fault. Driver unhurt and no damage sustained by vehicles.	
Bourail	"	"	<u>37 LAD:</u> MT repairs and sorting equipment.	
Nemeara	"	"	<u>42 LAD:</u> Maintenance on vehicles.	
Treasury	"	"	<u>64 LAD:</u> Maintenance on vehicles.	
Nissan	"	"	<u>65 LAD:</u> Tractor and MT maintenance.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	<u>A.O.D.:</u> Boarding of stores at Salvage section. Stores recently unloaded being rechecked for re-scheduling.	
Bourail	"	"	<u>B.O.D.:</u> Truck to Work Services for pipes and cement for construction jobs. Ten trucks with part loads arrived from NOUMEA. Four trucks with MT stores from NEPOUI.	
Guadalcanal	13	May	<u>DADOS Office:</u> Four members of Staff left for NECAL. Remainder, routine duties.	
Treasury	13	May	<u>No.1 Rec Sec:</u> Packing of unit equipment and cleaning up area.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	<u>A.O.W.:</u> One OR embarked for NECAL. Routine duties.	
Nissan	"	"	<u>Squarepeg W/shops:</u> MT repairs.	
Moindah	"	"	<u>D.O.W.:</u> O.C. arrived from NOUMEA. General routine.	

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Bourail	13	May	Base Det DOW: Tool check. Equipment overhauled.	
Noumea	"	"	NZOW DET: Normal repairs. Clearing workshops.	
Moindah	"	"	Tank W/shops: Cleaning w/shops area.	
Bourail	"	"	37 LAD: MT repair and sorting equipment.	
Nemeara	"	"	42 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles.	
Treasury	"	"	64 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles and preparing for move.	
Nissan	"	"	65 LAD: Tractor and MT maintenance.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D.: Packing continued in all Sections.	
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Truck arrived from NOUMEA with Tarpaulins. Routine duties.	
Guadalcanal	14	May	DADOS Office: SOME (Base) transferred to X 1V List - Leave.	
<del>XXXXXXXXXXXX</del>	"	"	No 1 Rec Sec: Part of unit equipment taken to STIRLING for shipment.	
Treasury	"	"	64 LAD: MV Casualties and packing equipment.	
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Truck with stores from 4 NZ General Hospital.	
Guadalcanal	15	May	A.O.W.: Routine MT repairs.	
Nissan	"	"	Squarepeg W/shops: MT repairs. Bulldozer borrowed to clear area.	
Moindah	"	"	D.O.W.: General routine. Progress made on Dodge water carts and Ford staff cars from Div. Vehicle pool.	
Bourail	"	"	Base Det DOW: Tyres in great demand for trucks on shuttle service to Noumea. Routine duty.	
Noumea	"	"	NZOW DET: MT repairs. Collected GMC fuel waggon from ship for issue to 4 NZ General Hospital.	
Moindah	"	"	Tank W/shops: General w/shop routine.	
"	"	"	29 LAA W/Shops: Personnel engaged in work with No 1 Rec Sec. Equipment ready to move.	
Bourail	"	"	37 LAD: MT repairs and stocktaking.	
Nemeara	"	"	42 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles. Wrecker assisted vehicle on Main road.	
Treasury	"	"	64 LAD: Equipment delivered to dock site. Personnel embarked.	
Nissan	"	"	65 LAD: Tractor and MT maintenance.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D.: Clearing boarded stores and destroying same.	
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: DADOS and COO., BOD in conference at HQ NZEFIP. C.O.O. to NEPOUI in afternoon. Routine duties.	
Noumea	16	May	DADOS Office: Four members staff disembarked from PINENEY. Transferred to Noumea Transit Camp.	
Treasury	"	"	No 1 Rec Sec: Dismantling tents.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	S.O.M.E.: Eight Pool Dump Trucks allocated to units to carry unit gear when loaded for shipment to Base	
"	"	"	A.O.W.: Routine MT repairs.	
Nissan	"	"	Squarepeg W/Shops: MT repairs.	
Moindah	"	"	D.O.W.: Overhaul and repair of base pumps and lighting plants and their power units. Six names submitted for release on manpower.	
Bourail	"	"	Base Det DOW: Watercarts in for repairs. Stationery motors and generating plants giving trouble.	

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Noumea	16	May	NZOW DET: Normal w/shop duties and repairs.	
Moindah	"	"	Tank W/shops: General w/shop routine.	
Bourail	"	"	29 LAA W/Shops: Personnel clearing area. Equipment forwarded to Boat.	
Nemeara	"	"	37 LAD: MT repairs and stocktaking.	
Nissan	"	"	42 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	65 LAD: Tractor and MT maintenance.	
Bourail	"	"	A.O.D.: General clearing up of area.	
Bourail	17	"	B.O.D.: C.O.O. to NOUMEA. Routine duties.	
Treasury	"	"	DADOS Office: Personnel arrived at B.O.D.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	No 1 Rec Sec: Moving equipment from MONO to STIRLING. Cleaning up area.	
"	"	"	S.O.M.E.: Shipping schedules for unit vehicles and cargo to be shipped back to Base, sent to Admin.HQ.	
Nissan	"	"	A.O.W.: MT repairs. Unit equipment not in use crated for shipment.	
Moindah	"	"	Squarepeg W/Shops: MT repairs.	
Bourail	"	"	DOW: General routine.	
Noumea	"	"	Base Det DOW: Routine repairs. Stationery motors being replaced by motors for	
Moindah	"	"	NZOW DET: Routine duties and repairs.	which spares are available.
Bourail	"	"	Tank W/shop: General workshop routine.	
Nemeara	"	"	37 LAD: MT repairs and stocktaking.	
Nissan	"	"	42 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	65 LAD: Tractor and MT maintenance.	
Bourail	"	"	A.O.D.: All NECAL Schedules completed and packing practically finished in all sections.	
Bourail	18	May	B.O.D.: Nine trucks of stores from NOUMEA. Truck returned from NEPOUI. Routine duties.	
Treasury	"	"	DADOS Office: Temporary office set up at BOD. Office car (24714) taken over by DADOS.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	No 1 Rec Sec: Packed Cookhouse equipment and moved over to 4 MT Coy on STIRLING.	
"	"	"	S.O.M.E.: Forwarded to COME copy of a report received from RMO attached 29 LAA Regt re LW Radar.	
"	"	"	Bearing mentioned therein despatched under separate cover same day. Forwarded to Ordnance W/Shops	
"	"	"	a copy of E.M.E.R. notes, examination and conditioning of Ordnance, Armament A522" cancelling Pamph.	
"	"	"	14, Part 8 RAOS.	
Nissan	"	"	A.O.W.: Stocktaking and tool kits checked. MT repairs.	
Moindah	"	"	Squarepeg W/Shops: MT repairs. Notified about move South. Started packing stores.	
Bourail	"	"	D.O.W.: General routine. O.C. visits Base HQ.	
Noumea	"	"	Base Det DOW: Routine repairs. Ford Quad generators giving trouble. Bearing seizure. Greasing etc.	
Moindah	"	"	NZOW DET: General w/shop duties and repairs.	
Bourail	"	"	Tank W/shops: Recovered two "dead" tanks ex ship at NEPOUI. General routine.	
"	"	"	37 LAD: MT repairs and stocktaking.	

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Nemeara	18	May	42 LAD: Maintenance on Vehicles.	
Noumea	"	"	64 LAD: Arrived in NECAL.	
Nissan	"	"	65 LAD: Tractor and MT Maintenance	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D.: Final clearing up in all sections. Routine duties.	
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Routine duties. Thirteen trucks arrived from NOUMEA.	
Treasury	19	"	No 1 Rec Sec: Embarked on USS "Mormachawk" for NECAL.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.W.: MT repairs and maintenance.	
Nissan	"	"	Squarepeg W/shops: MT repairs. Q.M. and MT stores being packed.	
Moindah	"	"	D.O.W.: Remnants of 29 LAA w/shops and No 1 Rec Sec marched in from Forward Area.	
Bourail	"	"	Base Det DOW: Routine repairs. 61 vehicles repaired for week. 7 vehicles held up awaiting parts.	
Noumea	"	"	NZOW DET: Normal w/shop duties and repairs.	
Moindah	"	"	Tank W/shops: Numerous broken welds on both Tank Transporters necessitating urgent repair before any further use. Consider this caused by overloading with such vehicles as Tractors. Arrangements made with DOW to carry out repairs to Tank Sqn. Transporter. Repairs to Transporter to be carried out by unit.	
Bourail	"	"	29 LAA W/Shops: Embarked on USS "Mormachawk".	
Nemeara	"	"	37 LAD: Stocktaking.	
Noumea	"	"	42 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles.	
Nissan	"	"	64 LAD: Disembarked and proceeded to DOW area, MOINDAH.	
Moindah	"	"	65 LAD: Packing unit equipment.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	67 LAD: Recovery unit 23 miles North recover Ford 4 x 4. Towed to V.R.D.	
Bourail	"	"	A.O.D.: Dump trucks loaded with containers petrol 4 gallon ready for shipment. Section unable to do much more until loading commences. Ship, expected from NZ with approximately 100 tons of stores. These will have to be re-scheduled on arrival.	
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Routine duties. Trucks with stores from NOUMEA.	
Bourail	20	"	DADOS OFFICE: Question raised as to future identity of 37th LAD, (1 Officer & 6 Men). No decision reached).	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.W.: Workshop and Camp I.E.	
Nissan	"	"	Squarepeg W/shops: MT repair. Cleaning up and packing.	
Bourail	"	"	Base Det DOW: Tool, and equipment check.	
Noumea	"	"	NZOW DET: Normal w/shop routine.	
Bourail	"	"	37 LAD: Stocktaking.	
Nemeara	"	"	42 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles. Tool check.	
Nissan	"	"	65 LAD: Packing unit equipment.	
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Fourteen trucks arrived from NOUMEA. Routine duties.	

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Bourail	21	May	DADOS OFFICE: Report received by signal of fire at AOD, GUADALCANAL. Routine duties.	
Nissan	"	"	Squarepeg W/shops: Unit gear packed. MT repairs still being carried out.	
"	"	"	65 LAD: Packing equipment. Completing shipping schedules.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D.: A fire occurred at approximately 0500 in a store building that housed stores recently landed from NZ ex "Walter Caulton". It spread quickly and was soon beyond <del>unit</del> means of extinguishing by bucket etc. AOD personnel removed approximately 60% of stores from rear of building, but owing to intense heat were obliged to desist. At approximately 0520 two Fire Engines (US) arrived. The burning building could not be extinguished, but two buildings of similar dimensions and design were saved by dint of stout efforts on the part of the fire personnel. The destroyed stores had been re-checked and re-scheduled for shipment to NECAL.	
Guadalcanal	22	May	S.O.M.E.: Notified Base, two jeeps and one D7 Tractor handed over to RNZAF as per instructions received from HQ 3 NZ DIV.	
"	"	"	A.O.W.: MT repairs. Preparations for move to NECAL.	
Nissan	"	"	Squarepeg W/shops: Blood smear taken. MT repairs on small scale.	
Moindah	"	"	D.O.W.: General routine. O.C. visits Base.	
Bourail	"	"	Base Det DOW: Routine repairs. Shuttle service vehicles kept on road. Radiators giving trouble. Electrical equipment <del>giving trouble</del> breaking down. All now using detergent oil.	
Noumea	"	"	NZOW DET: Normal duties and repairs.	
Moindah	"	"	Tank W/shops: General workshop routine.	
Bourail	"	"	37 LAD: Stocktaking. Visit from DADOS and A/SOME, Base. Instructed to proceed with unit to NOUMEA.	
Nemeara	"	"	42 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles. Wrecker to Main North Road.	
Moindah	"	"	64 LAD: Personnel on working party at NEPOUI.	
Nissan	"	"	65 LAD: Routine duties.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D.: Court of Enquiry opened re fire. Witnesses being heard all day. Salvage of serviceable stores.	
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Routine duties. Six trucks from Noumea.	
Bourail	23	"	DADOS OFFICE: OC, 37 LAD, (Lt. BLACK) to proceed to NOUMEA to temporary command of NZOW Det. w.e.f. 25th. taking 37th LAD and working as joint workshops for time being. Routine duties.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	S.O.M.E.: Returned to COME, TRENTHAM, three Memos of Exam covering 40 MM barrels, one of which had been destroyed - other two not held by 3 NZ Div.	
"	"	"	A.O.W.: MT repairs.	
Nissan	"	"	Squarepeg W/shops: Clearing area. Detachment on 24 hours notice to leave Island.	
Moindah	"	"	<del>Moindah</del> D.O.W.: General routine. Chev 4 x 4 15 cwt parts coming to hand readily.	
Bourail	"	"	Base Det DOW: Routine repairs.	
Noumea	"	"	NZOW DET: Normal duties and repairs. Took delivery of 4 D7 Tractors and stored them at BSD 1.	
Moindah	"	"	Tank W/shops: Removed rear end of SCAMMELL for inspection for further damage. Repair and overhaul of Transporter.	

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Noumea	23	May	29 LAA W/Shops: Disembarked at NOUMEA. Left for Moindah area immediately.	
Bourail	"	"	37 L.A.D.: Packing equipment.	
Nemeara	"	"	42 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles.	
Moindah	"	"	64 LAD: Personnel on working party at BTD.	
Nissan	"	"	65 LAD: MT maintenance and cleaning up area.	
Moindah	"	"	67 LAD: Two Ford 4 x 4's and one Tractor towed to DOW for repairs.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D.: Court of Enquiry still proceeding. Engineers repairing damaged building.	
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Routine duties. Dengue <del>restrictions</del> restrictions lifted and personnel permitted to wear shorts during daylight hours. 22 APR personnel (temporarily attached) returned to BTD.	
Bourail	24	"	DADOS OFFICE: DADOS to NEPOUI checking ammunition. 3" Mortar ammunition and .38 Ball Revolver amm. to be shipped to GUADALCANAL to F.M.F. Posting of LAD's and workshops by DADOS.	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.W.: MT Repairs.	
Nissan	"	"	Squarepeg W/shops: Repairs and Maintenance by Rec.Sec. Remainder packed and standing by.	
Moindah	"	"	D.O.W.: General Routine.	
Bourail	"	"	Base DET DOW: Routine repairs.	
Noumea	"	"	NZOW DET: Normal duties and repairs. Two mechanics on duty at Wharf during unloading from ship.	
Moindah	"	"	Tank W/Shops; General w/shop routine.	
Moindah	"	"	29 LAA W/Shops: All personnel on Camp construction and checking over stores.	
Bourail	"	"	37 LAD: Packing equipment.	
Nemeara	"	"	42 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles.	
Moindah	"	"	64 LAD: Personnel on working party.	
Nissan	"	"	65 LAD: MT maintenance	
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D.: Trucks unloading from ship. Personnel clearing camp area.	
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Routine duties. One truck sent to Amm.Dump NEPOUI on loan.	
Nissan	25	"	Squarepeg W/shops: MT repairs. Signal received from OC stating that loading will not commence before 28	
Moindah	"	"	D.O.W.: Six of personnel incl. 2/Lt G.A.P.Skinner, marched out for essential industry. NZOW Noumea now to be commanded by LT.F.J.E.Black and reinforced with remnant of 37 LAD.	
Bourail	"	"	Base Det DOW: Stationery motor sets giving trouble. One OR marched out to essential industry.	
Noumea	"	"	NZOW DET: Normal duties and repairs.	
Moindah	"	"	Tank W/shops: General routine.	
Bourail	"	"	37 LAD: Proceeded to NOUMEA.	
Nemeara	"	"	42 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles. Wrecker & Driver to 29 LAA Regt to unload heavy equipment.	
Moindah	"	"	64 LAD: Drew from VRD, one Wrecker and Store Truck.	

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Nissan	25	May	MT maintenance and cleaning up camp area. 65 L.A.D.
Moindah	"	"	Recovery vehicle 23 miles North to tow vehicle to DOW. General routine. 67 L.A.D.
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D.: Trucks unloading during night. Very slow. Stores mixed with those of other Formations making job slow. Few trucks in during day.
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Routine duties. Truck sent to NOUMEA. Three trucks of stores in from NOUMEA. One O.R. marched out for essential industry.
Guadalcanal	26	May	S.O.M.E.: Notified Base 1 Machinery Truck and 2 Ambulances handed over to RNZAF as per instructions from HQ 3 NZ Div.
"	"	"	A.O.W.: MT repairs. Preparations for move to NECAL.
Nissan	"	"	Squarepeg W/Shops: MT repairs and general routine.
Moindah	"	"	D.O.W.: General routine. Converting portion of main Bure into YMCA.
Bourail	"	"	Base Det DOW: Routine repairs. 96 vehicles repaired for week. Repairs on vehicles from Forward Area. In very bad condition. Braking system rusted and corroded.
Noumea	"	"	NZOW DET: Normal duties and repairs.
Moindah	"	"	Tank W/shops: General workshop routine.
Noumea	"	"	37 LAD: Unloading and checking equipment.
Nemeara	"	"	42 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles.
Moindah	"	"	64 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles. Constructing camp.
Nissan	"	"	65 LAD: MT maintenance and cleaning up camp area.
Moindah	"	"	67 LAD: Recovery unit 23 miles North to tow Armoured vehicle to DOW.
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D.: Owing to state of stores and loading area at beach, decided to suspend unloading operations at night. Trucks arriving steadily during day.
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Routine duties. Five trucks from NEPOUI with tents. Two trucks from NOUMEA with stores.
Guadalcanal	27	"	A.O.W.: MT repairs. Preparing to move to NECAL.
Nissan	"	"	Squarepeg W/shops: MT repairs.
Moindah	"	"	D.O.W.: OC visits NOUMEA Detachment. Routine duties.
Bourail	"	"	Base Det DOW: Tool and equipment check.
Noumea	"	"	NZOW DET: Normal w/shop duties. Unit officially handed over to Lt BLACK. Visit by OC, DOW.
Noumea	"	"	37 LAD: I.E. and MT repairs.
Nemeara	"	"	42 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles. Tool check and maintenance on unit equipment.
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D.: Clerical staff busy in all sections. Unloading of stores continues.
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Five trucks of tentage from NEPOUI. One truck from NOUMEA with tyres.

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Nissan	28	May	Squarepeg W/shops: Routine duties.
Bourail	"	"	Base Det DOW: Repairs to vehicles and greasing.
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D.: Advance party of 1 Officer and 20 OR's embarked in afternoon for NECAL.
Guadalcanal	29	"	A.O.W.: MT repairs. Awaiting movement orders.
Nissan	"	"	Squarepeg W/shops: Loading commenced at HALLIS BEACH.
Bourail	"	"	Base Det DOW: Routine repairs. All sections busy.
Noumea	"	"	NZOW DET: Normal w/shop routine.
Moindah	"	"	Tank W/shops: General w/shop routine.
Nemeara	"	"	42 LAD: Maintenance on vehicles.
Moindah	"	"	64 LAD: Unit and Equipment moved to Transport area BTD.
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D.: Unloading of trucks. Personnel cleaning area of dunnage.
Bourail	"	"	B.O.D.: Twenty trucks with stores from NOUMEA. Routine duties. T
Guadalcanal	30	May	A.O.W.: O.C. attended conference at HQ F.M.C.
Nissan	"	"	Squarepeg W/shops: Three officers and 51 OR's embarked at HALLIS BEACH. Jeep, property of
Moindah	"	"	Div Sigs damaged by fire. Only urgent MT repairs being effected.
Bourail	"	"	D.O.W: Influx of work with return of vehicles from Forward areas. Especially Ambulances/
Moindah	"	"	Base Det DOW: Several large jobs on hand. Bearings etc. M/C shops busy with overhaul jobs.
Moindah	"	"	Tank W/shops: General w/shop routine.
Nissan	"	"	64 LAD: Truck No.22255 left at STIRLING. As this truck is fully loaded with essential
Guadalcanal	"	"	equipment, the unit is not able to function fully.
Bourail	"	"	65 LAD: MT maintenance and cleaning up area.
Guadalcanal	"	"	A.O.D.: Ship finished discharging. Clearing of schedules commenced.
Guadalcanal	31	May	B.O.D.: Twenty eight trucks from NOUMEA with stores. Routine duties.
Moindah	"	"	A.O.W.: Amended shipping schedules forwarded to Movement Control. Balance of stores crated
"	"	"	for shipment. Write off for tools lost or rendered unserviceable forwarded to DADOS. Rear
Noumea	"	"	party to consist of 4 OR's.
Nemeara	"	"	D.O.W: General routine.
Guadalcanal	"	"	Tank W/shops: General w/shop routine. Transporter completed at DOW?
Bourail	"	"	37 LAD: MT Repairs.
	"	"	42 LAD: MT Repairs and general routine.
	"	"	A.O.D.: NECAL Schedules completed. Advised that all personnel with the exception of one
	"	"	Officer and 12 OR's will be embarking for NECAL in few days.
	"	"	B.O.D.: Routine duties. Two trucks from NOUMEA with stores in morning. 1 Officer and 20 OR's
	"	"	marched in from Forward Area. One OR marched out to Hospital.

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