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PACIFIC SECTION, 2 N.Z.E.F.,
SUVA, FIJI.

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NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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D.A.D.O.S.,
Div. H.Q., Pacific Section,
2nd. N.Z.E.F., SUVA, FIJI.

WAR.
(Form N.Z.—375.)
(In pads of 100.)

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and References to Appendices.
SUVA	1st MAY	1545	Collision between Car A.B. 28 ^(WA1009. car) and stationary Beaverette near Samabula Camp.	
	-	1000	49922 Pte Hopgood A.E. discharged from Military Hospital to unit (driver)	File 7/1/357
	1	-	Promotion of Sgt. A.W. Buckley to be T/S/Sgt. and Pte R.J. Brennan to be T.L/Cpl. (staff of Ordnance sub-depot, Mamaka.)	
	2	-	Comprehensive cable sent to N.Z. covering items of camp equipment deemed necessary.	R.O.105/42
	-	-	Booking fee of 5 per cent waived by certain local firms in respect of Army purchases.	
	-	-	Cost accounting and sales rates received for boots, ankle, officers.	
	-	-	68887 Cpl. Williams G.M. granted temporary rank of Staff Sergeant w.e.f. 28/4/42.	R.O. 106/42.
	-	-	Redistribution of Light Machine Guns (Lewis and Bren) among the 6 infantry Battalions.	File 9/1/348
	4	-	Circular to Units - Hurricane Lamps, Inter-Unit Vouchering and Salvage of tins.	File 3/1/365.
	-	-	Members of original ammunition section - Ptes Buchanan, Bravo, Gordon, Gurney, transferred to Divisional Ordnance H.Q. (Ammunition Section) w.e.f. 27/4/42	
	-	-	Pte. Peterson C. transferred from position of batman to Div. Ordnance H.Q. (Amm. Section) w.e.f. 1/5/42 and Pte. Hopgood A.E. transferred to Div. Ordnance H.Q. from Ammunition Section w.e.f. 1/5/42.	
	5th	1120	74078 Pte. Braisher F.C. returned to unit from Military Hospital	
	4th	1500	Test of local pattern anti-aircraft extension for Browning .30-in M.M.G. carried out by D.A.D.O.S. and Divisional Chief Armourer, with satisfactory results, as against Armourer's previous opinion.	File 9/1/370.
	7.	--	12 stoves combination L.50 cabled for to New Zealand.	
	-	-	Capt. Myers appointed Unit Security Officer, Lieut. Knight unit security officer for Base Depot.	File 6/2/371.
	-	-	Distribution of Generators, gas, lachrymatory (50 distributed throughout division for gas chamber tests).	
	8.	-	Instruction to 8th. Brigade and 14th. Brigade re binding and screwing of rifles for use with cup dischargers and grenades.	File 9/2/377.
	9.	-	New Zealand requests by cable total number of rounds held (a) gun ammunition by classes, (b) grenades, (c) mortar bombs, (d) S.A.A. by classes. Return sent 11/5/42 by cable.	
	11.	-	1st. Heavy Battery, Tonga, advised (on authority of C.R.A.) that it obtains equipment etc from the U.S. Army.	File 5/1/385
	12.	0800	Five men of ammunition section (Brooks K.H., Campbell, T.W., Francois R.E.M., Harrison S.J., Sloane H.A.) transferred marched in from Samabula to Div. H.Q. Camp.	R.O. 115/42.
	-	-	Vouchers for American Lease-Lend Equipment -- 24 2½-ton G.M.C. trucks, 12 A.A. searchlights and trailers despatched to Chief Ordnance Officer, Trentham.	File 10/1/397

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D.A.D.O.S., "B" FORCE

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SUVA	MAY.	-		
	14.	-	Cable to New Zealand for equipment for New Hospital, Namaka.	
	-	-	The A.A. & Q.M.G. advises that the practice of supplying initial issues of cutlery, crockery etc. to Officers and Sergeants' Messes is to cease as from today. Reference - letters to Heavy A.A. Battery, Namaka, and 14th. Bde. H.Q.	File 3/1/408 & 3/1/418 File 3/2/400
	-	-	Distribution of large quantity of denims to units for use of men on special jobs.	
	-	-	Cable from New Zealand re Clothing to be Retained by Troops, cancelling letter D363/1/18	
	15.	1/3	Letter to Divisional H.Q. from D.A.D.O.S. concerning necessity of providing large quantities of mosquito netting for increased number of troops. (of 1st May, '42.	File 3/4/387 File 6/1/386.
	-	-	Letter to Chief Ordnance Officer, Trentham, requesting further numbers of War Equipment Tables for reference by Brigades, etc., also enquiring when W.E. Tables for units other than Infantry Battalions will be available.	
	17	1400	D.A.D.O.S. and Ammunition Section N.C.O.s. inspected Artillery 'Bomb Store' in Air Force Block, Princes' Road.	
	17	1000	Arrival of transports with reinforcements from New Zealand. Mosquito nets issued same day.	
		1400	25048 Pte. Buchanan H. medically boarded to New Zealand with foot trouble.	
	18	-	General survey of magazines by A.A. & Q.M.G. with D.A.D.O.S.	File 3/4/421.
	-	-	Circular to indenting units re return of mosquito nets to be returned for reconditioning.	File 1/1/417
	-	-	Application to Div. H.Q. (D.A.A.G.) for replacements of personnel, D.A.D.O.S. Office	
	-	-	Instructions to Brigades and Fiji Defence Force re F.D.F. method of indenting, including provision for the requirements of N.Z. personnel attached to F.D.F.	File 5/1/419
	-	-	Stocktaking by Sgt. Allen (Ammunition Section) and Sgt. Hetherington (35th. Fd. Bty.) of stocks in Artillery tunnels carried out (from 18th. to 21st May.)	
	19.	0900	48472 Capt. Myers M.S. (D.A.D.O.S.) and Driver, 49922 Pte Hopgood A.E. to Western Area. Lieut. Knight, Base Ordnance Depot, relieving.	
	-	-	Cabled advice received of Ordnance stores due to arrive on Matua.	
	20	1750	D.A.D.O.S. and party arrived at Namaka Camp ex Eastern Area, via Tavua.	
	21	.	Woollen clothing brought to Fiji by reinforcements to be held and cared for by soldiers. (Div. H.Q RO/169)	
	20	1930	Inspection of Divisional H.Q. (including D.A.D.O.S. staff) by Major-General.	
	21.	-	D.A.D.O.S. with Capt. P.H. Brooks and 2/Lt. H. Jones on Boards of Survey in Namaka area for Namaka Base Hospital, 23 Field Coy., N.Z.E., and 37th and Medium Batteries, Namaka.	
	22	-	D.A.D.O.S. with Major Rose 2 i/c. 30 Bn, and Lieut J. Betteridge, Namaka Hospital on Boards of Survey for Heavy A.A., 30 Bn., and Area Office, Namaka (Namaka Camp Depot).	
	-	-	Letter from O.O. acting for D.A.D.O.S. to Div. H.Q. re implied failure of 8 Bde. H.Q. (in purchase of stores under emergency purchase clause) to make preliminary enquiries of D.A.D.O.S. 'B' FORCE	DOS 5/7/427. Captain
	-	-	D.A.D.O.S. or Ordnance.	

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<u>SUVA.</u>	<u>MAY</u>	-		
	23	0800	Transfer of members of Ammunition Section, Ordnance H.Q., to Western Area - Ptes. Gordon A.C., Gurney R.E. from Div. H.Q. camp, and Cpl. Hinton N.L., Ptes Bowers J.A., Haley G.H., Lavin J.D., McIlwee J. from Samabula M.C.	GRO. 128/42 para. 1345.
	25	-	Inward shipping with Ordnance stores on board; Transport to N.Z.	
	26	-	Publication by this office of Vocabulary summary for guidance of accounting officers, etc.	
	27	1400	Inspection of Ordnance and other Div. H.Q. personnel by Governor-General of New Zealand. Return of D.A.D.O.S. from Western area visit of inspection and purchasing mission, etc. Agreement to issue haversacks to battalions on A.D.M.S' suggested scale of two per company of infantry battalions, etc, for packing simple first-aid supplies in the field. Prohibition of exports of materials originally imported now completely enforced by Competent Authority and Comptroller of Customs, Suva.	File 4/3
	28		Purchase by D.A.D.O.S. on behalf of Army of large stock of khaki drill, white drill and mulle (muslin) from C.J. Patel and Co. N.Z. advised.	
	29		Circular to units regarding return of stocks of stretchers (ambulance) held by units	File 4/3
	30		Cabled request to N.Z. for schedule of sizes for battledress jackets and trousers Commencement of booklet re Accounting for Stores based on Home Guard publication. Brattice cloth for anti-gas stores ordered by cable from New Zealand.	

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Capt.,
D.A.D.O.S.

6/5/42.

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