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Pacific Section, 2 N.Z.E.F.,

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NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES.

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SHEET I. JUNE 1942.

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Summary of Events and Information.

Place.	Date.	Hour.		Remarks and References to Appendices.
SUVA.	JUNE	-		
	1.	-	Note taken of Major-General's reply to letter from N.Z. that 3 shirts and 3 pairs of shorts are regarded by him as absolutely irredicible minimum for troops in Fiji. Supported by A.D.M.S.	File B1/3
		-	Circular to Units requesting return of numbers of Compasses & Binoculars held by units	
		-	Local enforcement of Curfew order.	
	2.	-	Officer Commanding Divisional Signals ^{was} asked for a report upon suitability etc. of crash helmets, of which 12 were issued to Despatch Riders for test purposes. (Satisfactory report - Action ..)	(deferred by Div 1/2/43)
		-	Cable sent to N.Z. regarding urgently-required arms and equipment for 3rd. Bn. Fiji Defence Force, also enquiring when .22 rifles can be expected for guerrilla units.	
	3.	-	Cable from N.Z. asking what equipment etc. required for 3rd. Bn., Fiji Defence Force, can be supplied from local sources of supply; also advises that .22 rifles for guerrillas are being withdrawn from Home Guard units in N.Z. and will be forwarded as soon as possible.	
		-	General report to Chief Ordnance Officer, Trenthan, from D.A.D.O.S. regarding ammunition position, and suggesting the appointment or visit to this force of a technical ammunition specialist.	
		-	Letter sent by D.A.D.O.S. to Chief Ordnance Officer regarding proposed conversion locally of soda ash to washing soda crystals, with a view to saving shipping space.	File 4/4/459
		-	Letter to Chief Ordnance Officer advising purchase of large quantities of drill, khaki, drill, satin, white, and voiles, etc from C.J. Patel & Co., Suva.	3/2/457.
		-	Letter to Divisional H.Q. asking if Divisional Chief Armourer is to be authorised to enlarge bridge charger guides of S.M.L.E. .303-in rifles requiring same, to enable them to receive a larger proportion of the chargers now on issue. (Permission later granted).	1/8/3/462.
		-	Captain Myers engaged on General Court Martial at Nausori.	
	4.	-	Captain Myers engaged on General Court Martial at Divisional H.Q.	
	5.	-	Circular sent to units requiring them to check the matching of rifles and bolts and return to Ordnance for matching with correct numbers and rifles having wrong bolts not adjustable by units.	
	9.	-	Notice given from Div. H.Q. that office of D.A.D.O.S. to be moved to Base Ordnance Depot, Samabula to make room for U.S. Army	
	10.	-	Office of D.A.D.O.S. transferred to Base Ordnance Depot. Note: Ordnance Manual, (War, (1939) states that D.A.D.O.S. will be located at the Headquarters of a Division, with personnel as allowed for in Divisional Establishment (O.M.W. Section 10, para. 1).	

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Officer in Charge
with Myers
Capt.,
D. A. D. O. S.

Time Date Hour

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	11	1200	Captain Myers (D.A.D.O.S.) with batman and driver marched out to B Camp, Samabula, for quarters, rations, etc. Remainder of staff, and Ammunition Section still living at Divisional H.Q. camp, Suva.	R.O. 143/42.
	12	-	D.A.D.O.S. was instructed to have all mosquito nets in store issued on loan to Fiji Defence Force.	
			Letter sent to Div. H.Q. re hand-over of Artillery Ammunition Reserves (Brigade and Divisional) (with stocktaking reports) from Artillery to Ordnance H.Q. Ammunition Section.	File 8/7/479
			70147 Cpl. E.C. Rollo attached to Controller of Supplies (Col. F.W. Furkert) Suva, w.e.f. 12/6/42.	R.O. 144/42.
			Recommendation to Div. H.Q. that Lieut. S.A. Knight, Ordnance Officer, be promoted to rank of Captain.	File 1/1/481
	14		"Transport 44" with Ordnance supplies and large quantity Ammunition for Ammn. Section.	
	15		Consumable stores (Soap and Toilet paper) issued "on loan" to U.S. Army Forces in Fiji.	File 8/3/472.
			Divisional Chief Armourer and Armourer/Pte. W.J. Pearson engaged (until 19th.) on task of inspecting rifles of 34 Bn, Nausori, and enlarging, where needed, the bridge charger guides to standard size.	File 6/1/484.
			Issue to A.D.M.S. of 16 copies of War Equipment Tables 483/98 for units under his control. (This is the W.E. Table for a 300-bed hospital).	R.O. 147/42
	16		28510 W.O.II Leighton G.C. of Base Ordnance Depot medically boarded to New Zealand.	
	16		70140 Pte. Shennen J.R. Patient at Tamavua Hospital, returned to New Zealand.	
	16		Urgent cable to N.Z. reminding them of outstanding indents on N.Z. for boot repairing gear and materials, also 40,000 lbs. of soda crystals.	
	19		Divisional Chief Armourer and assistant returned from inspecting and adjusting of S.M.L.E. rifles on issue to 34 Bn (bridge charger guides enlarged) Armourer reported that "the soldiers generally appear to have taken good care of their rifles."	
			War Equipment Table to C.R.E. for issue to two Field Coys, N.Z.E., and to Div. H.Q. and 14 Bde. H.Q. Infantry Bn (Mixed), 300 bed General Hospital, and for one Field Coy, N.Z.E.	
			S/Sgt. Buckley, Ordnance Sub-Depot, Namaka, reports by letter that Ammunition Section, Western Area, are working well, that Cpl. Hinton, in charge has the confidence of the men, and seems to be getting the best out of them. He also reports that "it appears unlikely that "dumps will be constructed to house Western Reserve Artillery ammunition..." (see following page (Sheet II	

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<u>SAMABULA.</u>	19	-	(Contd. from Sheet II) S/Sgt. Buckley, Ordnance Sub-Depot Namaka advised that it was would be only a few days' work to take over Artillery ammunition reserves in the field in the Western area, but thought it would be advisable to wait until all the ammunition had been greased and stacked in lot numbers, which, with Artillery help would take about two weeks.	R.O. 152/42
	19	1500	72283 Pte. Jamieson J.M. transferred from Base Ordnance Depot to Ammunition Section, Div. Ordnance H.Q.	
	21.	1430	Lieut S.A. Knight and Pte. Hopgood (D.A.D.O.S. driver) left by car for Western area to conduct Boards of Survey, etc.	
	22	-	Divisional Chief Armourer and assistant started work at 29 Bn, checking S.M.L.E. rifles and enlarging bridge charger guides to standard size.	
	-	-	Application to D.A.A.G. for replacement of Cpl. Rollo (loaned to Controller of Supply) and Pte. Shennen J.R. (medically returned to N.Z. -- Hospital patient)	
	-	-	Details received of Lease-Lend equipment, particularly arms and ammunition received at Namaka Sub-Depot ex ship John Barry. Consumable stores again issued to U.S. Army Forces in Fiji.	
	23	-	War Equipment Tables sent to Divisional Ordnance Workshops for (a) H.Q. of a Division, Home Defence, and (b) Reserve M.T. Section, (higher scale and lower scale); also to A.D.M.S. and Camp Commandant, Div. H.Q., for W.E. Table for a Divisional H.Q., Home Defence.	
	-	-	Advice sent to Officer i/c. Administration, Namaka, that we are unable to supply any of the 150 tents and flys, P.W.D. pattern, asked for, even though we have 115 in store at Ordnance.	
	-	-	Telephoned advice to Lieut S.A. Knight, in western area, to have transferred to the Base Ordnance Depot, Samabula, all the Lease-Lend equipment (estimated at 15 truck loads) received in Western area ex ship John Barry.	File 1/4/523.
	24	-	S/Sgt. Buckley, in charge of Ordnance Sub-Depot, Namaka, advised re packing and despatch of Ordnance stores held there over to eastern area depot. Also advised that 14 Bde. this day commencing transport to Lautoka of ammunition reserves. S/Sgt. Buckley advised to check movements of ammunition reserves still on charge to D.A.D.O.S. Office (Div. Ordnance H.Q. Ammunition Section).	
	-	-	Divisional Chief Armourer, and Pte Pearson returned from 29 Bn, enlarging bridge charger guides and inspecting rifles. Reported that the condition of the rifles and the manner in which they were brought in reflected credit on all concerned.	

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<u>SAMABULA.</u>	25 <u>JUNE</u>			
	26	-	37691 T/S/Sgt. Dobbs M.W. transferred to Divisional Engineers Details as from today.	R.O. 151/42.
	27	-	44707 Pte. Baigent P.F. marched in to Divisional H.Q. Camp and transferred to Divisional Ordnance H.Q. for clerical staff from 34th. Bn., Nausori.	R.O. 159/42.
	28	1100	(Sunday) D.A.D.O.S. staff and members of ammunition section on duty at Base Ordnance Depot and at Suva wharf, preparing for transfer of N.Z. troops from Fiji, and handling of stores, Divisional Chief armourer and staff commenced work of inspecting S.M.L.E. rifles of 36 Bn. as scheduled, and enlarging bridge charger guides where necessary, the rifles being brought in to the Armoury for attention.	R.O. 151/42 etc.
	29.	0830	Units concerned in embarkation orders commenced returning beds, trestles, etc. to Ordnance. 440 .22-inch (No.2) Rifles issued to Eastern (Div.) Commando and 8th. Brigade Commando in ratio of 259 and 181 rifles.	
	30	-	U.S. Army Forces in Fiji taking over from 3rd. Division/ Units' returned mosquito nets and ice-boxes (instruction to this effect issued to N.C.O. in Charge Ordnance Sub-Depot, Namaka).	File 3/4/537 and 10/2/537
		2100	In accordance with General Staff instructions of this afternoon, Ordnance Ammunition Section commenced loading on 'President Coolidge' at this hour (2100) the following ammunition, for shipment to New Zealand: *1,832,126 .303-in. M.G. Training, E.W.R. and Vickers, Eastern Area 2,000 rounds, 18-pounder ammunition, 1,000 " 4.5 Howitzer, 1500 " 3.7 " 1,000 " 25-pounder ammunition.	
	30	-	Work of packing and despatch of Ordnance stores from Eastern area to 'President Coolidge' being carried out by Base Ordnance Depot staff, with the assistance of men and lorries lent by units. Lorries and drivers were lent by 34th. Bn. and 35th. Fd. Battery, men by 38th. Heavy A.A. Battery, and Suva Battery. One subaltern and 15 O/Rs. lent by 38th. Heavy A.A. Battery for work at Base Ordnance Depot, packing, etc. and one subaltern and 15 O/Rs. lent by 37th. Bn., Sambeto for similar duties at Ordnance Sub-Depot, Western area.	
			* Actually sent 1,827,000 rounds .303-in as above.	
				Capt., D.A.D.O.S.