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NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES.

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D.A.D.O.S. Office,
H.Q. 3rd. Division, 2nd. N.Z.E.F.,
(at Samabula M.C., Fiji)

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| SAMABULA, Fiji. | July 1/7 | - | <p>Future of Ordnance Depot, etc.- Cable sent to N.Z. as follows(B.Q. 283):-</p> <p>(a) Ordnance Depot to remain open to receive & despatch goods & equipment until A.A. Artillery and remaining units have departed. Sufficient stocks to supply needs of N.Z. personnel then remaining to be handed to Fiji Defence Force Ordnance to whom N.Z.A.O.C. personnel will be attached. Samabula Depot will then be closed. Cable asked if a 3rd. Div. Ordnance Depot could now be established at Papakura to attend to the needs of the units returning and receive stores received from Fiji. Suggested Sgt/Major (W.O.II) Leighton G.C. could be used to take charge of Depot pending arrival of Lieut. H. McK. Reid with second flight.</p> <p>(b) Canteens will be kept open in the meantime to serve the needs of units and will close on departure of fourth flight. Service to N.Z. personnel attached to F.D.F. will be maintained through unit canteens which should be supplied wholesale by N.Z. Canteen Board</p> <p>(c) Patriotic Fund Board activities (also) being investigated by Smith and Cassels.....</p> | |
| | 1/7 | - | <p>Loading vessel to capacity with unit M.T. vehicles and equipment....</p> <p>Cable from N.Z. Q8371 reads, re Ordnance stores, etc.- Please ensure that complete inventories are made out and receipts obtained for all stores, equipment, buildings, etc. passed over to U.A. Forces and that such inventories and receipts are forwarded to Army H.Q. Items should be described in such a way that it will be possible, if necessary, to assess valuations at this (N.Z.) end.</p> | |
| | July 1 | - | <p>Issue authorised of 335 Eddystone rifles to Ordnance Officer, Fiji Defence Force, 12 Browning Medium M.Gs and 32 Thomson Sub-Machine Guns and relative ammunition for 3rd. Bn., Fiji Defence Force,</p> | (Ref. Div. xxx H.Q. File F 20/4, |
| | 2. | - | <p>Re <u>Weapon Returns</u> : Divisional H.Q. asked to institute disciplinary action against units failing to carry out Divisional instruction of 23/4/42 that rifles, pistols, compasses etc. are unit equipment, and are not to be transferred without authority of Div. H.Q.</p> | |
| | 2. | - | <p>Cable to N.Z. for additional considerable shipment of battledress and greatcoats for issue to men whose kits have been taken into store in N.Z.</p> | |
| | 2. | - | <p>War Equipment Tables for various units handed to Lieut. H. McK. Reid before his departure for New Zealand to take over Ordnance duties of Division there with 3rd. Division.</p> | |
| | 3. | - | <p>Cable to N.Z. advises that 3rd. Bn., F.D.F. now fully equipped with .30-in. rifles withdrawn from Civil Constn. Unit and balance from Artillery Units proceeding to N.Z. Also equipped with 40 Thomson Sub-Machine Guns, 12 Browning M.M.Gs., To complete equipment, six 3-inch mortars should be sent from N.Z. in accordance with intention expressed in earlier cable from N.Z.</p> | |

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| SAMABULA | July | - | (Conclusion of cable to N.Z.) re 3 Bn. F.D.F. -U.S. Forces are cabling to U.S.A. for 44 | |
| | 3 | - | .30-inch. Browning L.M.Gs. | |
| | 3. | - | 571 tons measurement Ordnance stores to N.Z. by 'President Coolidge' today. | |
| | 3 | - | Re 'Future of Ordnance Depot, etc.' - N.Z. advises (Q 8422) In keeping with policy in N.Z., | thine |
| | | - | 3rd. Division will be serviced by existing Ordnance Depots. On arrival of your Ordnance personnel they will be absorbed by these depots. Ordnance stores will therefore be sent to Ngaruawahia. Suggest Lieut. Reid be made available for hand-over of Ordnance stores here. | |
| | 3 | - | G.R.O. 230 warns units that weapons, etc. must not be transferred from one unit to another without Divisional sanction, and warns unit Quartermasters that they will be held responsible for Shortages due to their neglect in this matter. | G.R.O. 230 |
| | 3 | - | Sent to Chief Ordnance Officer, Trentham, two schedules of United States Lease-Lend material and equipment ex ships 'John Barry' and 'John Hart' at Mamzax Lautoka. This equipment included Browning .30-inch Machine Guns and Thomson Sub-machine Guns. | File 10/1/543 |
| | 3 | - | Application again made by D.A.D.O.S. for rank of Captain to be granted to Lieut. S.A. Knight, Ordnance Officer, (duly granted) . Application also made for granting of substantive ranks for certain of D.A.D.O.S., Ordnance Depot, Ammunition Section and Armoury personnel (also granted). | |
| | 4 | 0900 | Conferences at Divisional H.Q., D.A.D.O.S. attending, to determine sequence of embarkation of various units' personnel. | |
| | 4 | - | Embarkation of Lieut. Reid, assistant Ordnance Officer, for N.Z., and S/Sgt. Bristow of D.A.D.O.S. staff for duty on ship, both on transport 'President Coolidge.' | R.O. 160/42 |
| | 4. | - | Complaint addressed to A.A. & Q.M.G. concerning an unauthorised distribution of arms from the 36th. Bn. to the 29th. Bn, this having been done without authority of Division but under instructions from the 8th. Bde. H.Q. (who apologised). | |
| | 5 | - | Cable from Division to N.Z. (re 'Future of Ordnance Depot, etc') #BQ 291- In view of your Q 8348 of 29th. June requesting proposals re Ordnance Depot, and para M of G.7647, 13th May, which stated intention to keep 3rd. Division intact, Ordnance stores on 'President Coolidge' were consigned to Papakura. Cannot reconcile proposal regarding Ngaruawahia. Strongly recommend present Ordnance organisation should be preserved and not dispersed as suggested. | File 1/4/556 |
| | 5 | - | Letter sent to Lieut. Reid, Ordnance Officer, in N.Z. re transfer of Ordnance stores and personnel to N.Z. and future of Ordnance Depots in N.Z. | |

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| SAMABULA | July 6th. | - | Substantive ranks in place of temporary ranks previously held, granted to N.C.Os. of D.A.D.O.S. Staff, Base Ordnance Depot, and following Armourers: Sgt./Major (W.O.-I) G.T. Adamson, S/Sgt. W. Watson (att. 14 Bde.) Sgt. J. Thomson, (att. 29 Bn.) Cpl. C.B. Hope. (This applies entirely only to ranks of Cpl. and above), w.e.f. 1st. July, 1942. | R.O. 164/42 |
| | 7 6. | 1000 | Capt. M.S. Myers, D.A.D.O.S. granted substantive rank of Captain w.e.f. 9/2/42; and Lieut. S.A. Knight granted temporary rank of Captain w.e.f. 4th. July, 1942 (Senior Ordnance Officer) 74078, Pte. F.C. Braisher admitted to military hospital (later returned to N.Z.) | |
| | 6. | - | Instructed by G.S.O.--II to issue to Fiji Defence Force 6 Lewis M.Gs. to replace a similar number issued originally by the F.D.F. to the Base Ordnance Depot. (Order amended to require return to F.D.F. of the original guns with F.D.F. markings) | |
| | 6. | - | Cable from N.Z. instructs us to "ensure that full details of all equipment handed over to the Fiji Defence Force now or previously are supplied to Army Headquarters." | |
| | 7. | - | Telephoned message from A.A. & Q.M.G. states that all anti-gas equipment is to be returned to New Zealand immediately. | File 3/3/571 |
| | 7. | - | By cable Q8459, N.Z. advises that "the stated intention to keep Third Division intact does not necessarily involve the retention of an Ordnance Depot with the Division (stop) Ordnance stores, as distinct from Unit Equipment are to be returned to Ngaruawahia as previously advised." | |
| | 8. | - | G.R.O. 242 requires all units to provide full details of all equipment handed over to the Fiji Defence Force, or to the United States Army, (etc.) and give information copies of vouchers for same to the D.A.D.O.S. Office, urgently. | |
| | 9. | - | N.Z. advises us by cable that bridge charger guides of S.M.L.E. rifles <u>must not</u> be enlarged to take faulty (over-size) charger clips. Ref. our DOS 8/3/462 of 3rd. June. Cable noted and armourer instructed to suspend action immediately. | |
| | 9. | - | Letter to 36th. Bn. advising them that they are being issued with 60 suits of waterproofed khaki drill uniforms, and asking for reports at end of one and three months upon the suitability and characteristics in other ways of waterproofed uniforms. | |
| | 9. | - | Two 250-man and one 50-man stove issued to U.S. Naval Forces, on authority of U.S. Army G-4, Colonel Stark (in lieu of larger number of 50-man stoves). | |
| | 9. | - | Letter sent to Div. H.Q. regarding reported unsuitability of .22-inch. rifles also issued to Southern Independent Commando, Fiji Defence Force, based on complaint by Cap Officer Commanding that unit to the effect that the rifles issued were converted S.M.L.E. type single-shot, .22-inch. weapons, without magazines. | File No. 9/2/588. |

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| SAMABULA. | <u>July</u> | | | |
| | 10. | - | War Equipment Tables N.Z. 483 - 82 and 483-85 for N.Z. Section Reserve M.T., lower and higher scales, respectively, issued to, and signed for by, Lieut. L.M. Grieves, O.C. | |
| | 10. | - | Received from N.Z two copies of Magazine Regulations (Land Service) Part I, of 25/5/42. | |
| | 10 | - | Cable from D.A.D.O.S. to N.Z. for advice as to retention or sale of materials bought locally for local manufacture of mosquito nets - 20,000 yds. Voile, 1400 yds, cellular material and 350 yards curtain net, -also approx. 2500 Hawley sun helmets taken over from Civil Construction Unit. (Later advised to return same to N.Z.). | |
| | 11. | - | Advised by G. Branch that Fiji Defence Force arms withdrawn from N.Z. Units are to be replaced by N.Z.-owned arms returned by F.D.F. units. (authority S5/1, Col. Wales) | |
| | | | All .30-in. U.S. rifles and .30-in. ammunition withdrawn at week-end from 35th. Fd. Bty., N.Z.A., 8th. Brigade Anti-Tank Troop, C.R.A.'s office staff, and Base Ordnance Depot (store) and re-issued to : Heavy A.A. Bty (Western area) 141 38th. Heavy A.A. Bty, Tamavua 57 1st. Heavy Regt., Fiji Arty, 110 | |
| | 11. | - | Army H.Q. cable G.8528 of 10/7/42 instructs that three million rounds of .303-in. S.A.A. be left with the Fiji Defence Force, and in this connection an additional half million rounds were to be held in Eastern Reserve to bring total rounds to figure stated. | Ref. Div.H.Q. HERE G.5/4 |
| | 13. | - | Chief Armourer's report on condition of 36th. Inf. Bn. rifles : General condition, fair, woodwork slightly damaged in many cases, and also required application of oil. He reported that - 17 rifles sent in had wrong bolts even after Divisional instruction on this point, five rifles were rusty, and three rifles had live ammunition in them. This information forwarded to Div. H.Q. for action through Brigade. | |
| | 13 | - | 70129 Pte. Wright A.J. is transferred to Divisional Ordnance H.Q. as clerk, Instruction by G.S.O.-I to issue 63 more .30-in. rifles to : 38th. Heavy A.A. Bty. 12 Heavy A.A. Bty, Namaka 28 1st. Regt., Fiji Arty, 23 | R.O.173/42 File (Div.) S. 5/1. |
| | 14. | - | Six hundred fathoms of 3-inch rope supplied to U.S.S. Coy, to facilitate loading of Army stores on to "President Coolidge", to be debited to Coy's Head Office in Wellington. | |
| | 14 | - | N.Z. instruct us by cable to return all mosquito net material and sun helmets to N.Z. (see earlier cab) | |
| | 14 | - | Capt. S.P. Stewart and Lieut. H.McK. Reid report EM very favourably on the work done by S/Sgt. Bristow of D.A.D.O.S. staff in connection with the fitting out of men with battle-dress, etc. on trip to N.Z. | <i>widely</i> Capt., D.A.D.O.S. |

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| SAMABULA. | July. | - | Seventeen Anti-Gas capes pillaged from wharf, Suva(after receipt had been given by Ships representative) | File 9/3/614 |
| | 14. | - | Adverse report by Divisional Armourer upon Bren Chests etc., sent to Armoury "in a filthy condition" from the Heavy A.A. Battery, Namaka. | |
| | 15. | - | Instructions received by letter (D. 363/1/23 of 6th. July) from Q.M.Gs Branch, A.H.Q. concerning principles to be followed in handing over Ordnance stores to troops remaining in Fiji. | |
| | 15. | - | Fiji Defence Force required to return to Base Ordnance 1200 mosquito nets belonging to 2nd. N.Z.E.F. in Fiji, and informed by D.A.D.O.S. that 850 nets issued in error by F.D.F. instead of holding for 2nd. N.Z.E.F., are to be valued valued at seven shillings each over- all valuation--this being by agreement with the Officer i/c. Administration, F.D.F. | File 3/4/624, |
| | 15. | - | Received from Wellington 2 copies of General Staff Instruction No. 12 - "Identification of Different Types of S.A. Ammunition," also 2 one copy each from Main Ordnance Depot, Trentham, N.Z. of Vocabulary of Army Ordnance Stores, J-1 and F. | |
| | 15. | - | Unauthorized redistribution of arms : (T.S.M.Gs 3; Pistols Revolver Webley, .455-in., 4; Mortars, 2-in., 1) made by 36th. Bn. to 29th. Bn. under instructions of 8th. Brigade H.Q.) --29th. Bn., are advised by A.A. & Q.M.G. that the items concerned must be returned to the 36th. Bn. when the latter reach New Zealand. | S.5/1. DOS 9/4/621. |
| | 16. | - | 8 Browning .30-in. M.M.Gs. issued to Divisional Headquarters, which retained Headquarters (consigned to them in N.Z.) for later redistribution to nominated units in New Zealand. These are in addition to 18, earlier treated in the same way, for issue to Heavy A.A. (Mixed) Battery Western Area, on their arrival in N.Z. | S.5/1. |
| | 16. | - | Arrangement confirmed for leaving 47307 Pte. Dods V.J. and 28675 Sgt. A.S. Daken, of Base Ordnance Depot, in charge of Ordnance Stores left in Fiji for service of N.Z. troops remaining in Fiji., these men to be Sgt. and W.O. respectively. | File 7/3/625 |
| | 14 | - | Advice to Fiji Defence Force, confirming the transaction(1) by which the F.D.F. returned to Base Ordnance 12 N.Z.E.F.-owned Bren L.M.Gs, and one N.Z.E.F.-owned Pistol, Signal, (2) by which we return to F.D.F. six Lewis M.Gs, and three of ten Bren Guns originally received from the F.D.F., with the instructions advice that the remaining seven F.D.F. Brens taken inadvertently to N.Z. are to be returned to the F.D.F. at the earliest opportunity. | File 9/1/611. |
| | 17. | - | Director of Medical Services, Fiji, is advised that ambulance emergency tops and stretchers for same handed over by the 7th. Field Ambulance must be regarded as an issue and not as a gift from the Unit. | 4/3/627. |
| | 17 | - | Report by S/Sgt. Bristow of Ordnance H.Q. concerning pillage of number of items of battle-dress etc., from his store on board U.S. Transport "President Coolidge" at Auckland. | 7/3/-- |

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| <u>SAMABULA.</u> | <u>July.</u> 18. | - | Request by cable from Army Headquarters, New Zealand for "advice as soon as possible, number of each class of gun equipments & weapons you have received and retained from sources other than N.Z., including rifles .300, rifles anti-tank, Bren Guns, Tommy Guns, Browning Machine Guns and revolvers, also particulars of any weapons etc. handed over to F.D.F. or the U.S. Forces. (For reply see cable BQ 310 of 21st July, 1942, giving particulars). | N.Z. Cable Q8625. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | - | - | 36th. Bn. warned against marking of Bren Guns and other weapons with distinguishing marks. | File 9/1/628. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | - | 1030 | The following members of D.A.D.O.S. and associated staffs embarked for N.Z. by President Coolidge:- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 19. | 1800 | also S/Sgt. Bristow 71088, who returns to Fiji on return trip, for duty on board. Ammunition section working through night loading Artillery Ammunition at Levy's Tunnels for return to N.Z. on Coolidge. | File 10/1/630 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 20 | 0- | Request sent to D.A.Q.M.G., 3rd. Div. H.Q., N.Z., that S/Sgt. Williams of D.A.D.O.S. staff be permitted to visit Trentham Main Ordnance Depot immediately after arrival in N.Z., so that he may acquaint them with details of 'Lease-Lend' equipment handled here. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 20 | 1700 | 460 tons of Ordnance stores, 530 tons ammunition, 7 tons 'Ordnance stores, returned empties' shipped on third flight of President Coolidge for N.Z.. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 20 | - | Two Ordnance personnel who are remaining, Sgt. Daken and Pte. Dods promoted to be Sgt./Major (W.O.-II) and Sgt., respectively. (Base Ordnance Depot personnel remaining in Fiji.) | (10/1/630) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 21 | - | Promotion of 43997 L/Cpl. C.P. Crocker to be Cpl. (temp) and 44062 Pte. A.S.W. Skillen to be L/Cpl. (Both of Base Ordnance Depot staff). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 21 | - | Indent on N.Z. for 750 respirators for 3rd. Bn., F.D.F. (Their need of these was not communicated to Ordnance until after Base Depot stocks had been returned, by order, to N.Z.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 22 | 1300 | Capt. Myers, Sgt. Allen, Pte Anderson, and Pte. Hopgood (driver) to Western area in connection with stocks etc. being returned from there to N.Z. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES.

WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

D.A.D.O.S.,
H.Q. 3rd. Division, 2nd N.Z.E.F.,
(at Samabula M.C., Fiji.)

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

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
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| <u>SAMABULA.</u> | <u>July</u> | - | | |
| | <u>22nd.</u> | - | <p>Summary of Movement of Eastern Area Ammunition shipped and otherwise dealt with, forwarded to H.Q., 3 Div. - main items</p> <p>Second flight of President Coolidge: 1,827,000 rounds S.A.A. .303-in, 2000 " 18-pr, H.E.S.L. (fixed) 1000 " 4.5-in. How. H.E. (separate) 1500 " 3.7-in. " H.E. " 25-pr. H.E. Shell & cartridges, 1000 each.</p> <p>Third flight of President Coolidge:- 241,760 rds. .45-inch. T.S.M.G. 736 Mines, contact, anti tank 4891 rds. 18-pr H.E.S.L. (fixed) 1460 " " Shrapnel (separate) 9397 " 4.5-in. How. H.E. (Separate) 890 " " Shell 1010 " " Cartridges 5180 " 3.7 How. H.E. (separate) 4867 " 25-pr. H.E. Shell 2558 " " Cartridges 1000 - Fuzes, percussion</p> <p>Reserve to remain for Fiji Defence Force :- 2,250,000 rds. S.A.A. .303-in. 600,000 " " R.F. .22-in. 300,000 " " .30-in 12,000 " " .45-in. T.S.M.G. 552 " " .455-inch. Revolver. 4,000 Bombs M.L. H.E., 3-in. mortar 3,000 Grenades, hand only 2000 " hand, or .303-in. rifle</p> <p>Plus approx. 1,300,000 rounds various S.A.A. also quantities of Mortar bombs, grenades, etc. yet to be shipped (by 4th. flight, etc)</p> | |

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WAR DIARY

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| <u>SAMABULA.</u> | <u>July.</u> | <u>23.</u> | | |
| | 23. | - | Cable from N.Z. states : All equipment handed over to U.S.A. Forces to be vouchered to them, and a copy of voucher sent to the Chief Ordnance Officer, Trentham. | Q.8704. |
| | 24. | - | D.A.D.O.S. (Capt. Myers) Sgt. Allen, (Amm. Sec.) and Ptes Anderson and Hopgood (driver) returned from Namaka and Western area visit of inspection. | |
| | 24. | - | Memo. from N.C.O. i/c. Ordnance, Namaka, advising quantity of stores shipped from Western area for return to N.Z. <u>Details</u> , - to Ordnance Officer, N.M.D., Ngaruawahia, approx. 8000 c. ft. To D.A.D.O.S., 3rd. Div H.Q., New Zealand, Ammunition as follows:- (main items only) Western Area Reserve : Estimated wt. 148 tons, 18 cwt, 41 lbs. Measurement, 4652 c. ft., includes: 980 boxes S.A.A. Ball, .303, Mk. VII 930,880 rounds. 320 boxes " " " Mk.VIIZ 318,825 " 97 boxes " " " 25-yd. 96316 " 492 boxes " " " M.G. Trg. 492,000 " 404 boxes " " " M.G. only 401,186 " 113 boxes " .45-in. T.S.M.G. 219447 rounds. | |
| | 25 | - | Grenades, mortar bombs, etc., also artillery amm. and stores. Cable sent to N.Z. (at request of O. i/c. Adm., Fiji Defence Force) to Med. Arty. Group and Bty., requesting them to return by Naval Transport the seven Bren & M.Gs. and Mountings Tripod, the property of the F.D.F. N.Z. Div. will replace to units in N.Z. | 37th. |
| | 27 | - | N.Z. advises that T44 (Karitane) will be at least a week late loading at Lautoka (N.C.O. i/c. Ordnance, Namaka, advised accordingly). Matua will have space for approximately 1000 tons measurement of fine cargo to be loaded while inwards cargo is being unloaded. Cable requested information as to whether advantage can be taken of this space for (Ordnance) stores, etc. | |
| | 27 | - | Instructions from A.A. & Q.M.G. that Commandos are to be furnished on indent with one extra pair of boots per man, and two extra pairs of socks per man, in view of their special needs | |
| | 29th. | - | Notification to Ordnance Officer 3 Div. to leave a total of 100 i.p. tents (including issues already made) with F.D.F. R.N.Z.A.F. to be advised whether O.O. can supply up to 75 i.p. tents to that unit. | |

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