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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and References to Appendices.
<u>Samabula Fiji</u>	1 August		N.Z. cables that Army H.Q. desire return to N.Z. of all mosquito nets, and trestle bed cots as far as possible.	
	2/8/42	-	3-Div. Advanced H.Q. advised us by cable that the Bren Guns belonging to the Fiji Defence Force and taken to N.Z. by mistake, are being returned on 'Matua'.	
	3/8	-	Arrival of <del>---</del> Transport President Coolidge at Suva	
	4/8	0900	Remaining members of D.A.D.O.S. staff - 1 officer, 1 S/sgt, 1 Sgt and 14 O.Rs embarked, (incl remaining members of Ammn. Section, and 2 of storemen with B.O.D.) Capt. Myers as Ships Q.M. Staff on partial duty at Base Ordnance Depot, Samabula for some days while living on ship.	
Auckland.	5/8	0900	17 Base Ordnance personnel embarked.	
	"	-	3 Div (Adv.) H.Q. advised units in N.Z. of the necessity of forwarding indents through Div H.Q. and NOT going direct to Ngaruawahia, also to forecast requirements well in advance.	
Suva	5-10 Aug.		Embarked and waiting sailing from Suva.	
	10/8		Departure of transport for N.Z. Issue of, and exchanges of, battledress and greatcoats made to returning troops by S/Sgt Bristow of D.A.D.O.S. staff. †	
At sea.	10-13 Aug.		At sea.	
Auckland	13/8	1500	Arrival of transport at Auckland.	
area.	14/8	0800	Departure of D.A.D.O.S. & B.O.D. personnel for Papakura M.C. ( at Papakura	
	13/8	-	Instruction from Army H.Q. to Chief Ordnance Officer to distribute 1016 rifles to 3-Div units	
	14/8	-	Instruction from Army to issue 63 Lewis Guns to A.A. etc units and 700 pistols to be issued (.38") to 3-Div units (223 of which to A.A. units near Wellington.)	
	15/8	-	Instruction from Army H.Q. to C.O.O. to issue 83 Anti/Tank Rifles to 3-Div units.	
	16/8	-	Men of fourth flight ( as above) commence disembarkation leave. Men of 3rd (previous) flight now returning from leave to carry out Ordnance H.Q. office duties etc.	
	18/8	-	D.A.D.O.S. on leave.	
	19/8	-	11 men received from territorial forces for B.O.D. reinforcements, & under this office control	
	20/8	-	Army H.Q. instructs C.O.O. to issue a further 31 rifles Anti/Tank to 3-Div units.	
	22/8	-	.455-in pistols revolver (Webley) to be withdrawn from 3-Div and replaced by .38 (Smith & Wesson)	
	24/8	-	Army H.Q. instruct that 2-in. mortars to be standard issue to Div. 24 60-mm mortars held in 14 Bde to be returned to Ngaruawahia Depot.	
	25/8	-	Advised that 3-Div Base Ordnance Depot to be assembled at Trentham.	
	27/8	-	Units instructed by G.R.O. (H.Q.) 50 that all .455-in revolvers & ammn. to be returned to Ngaruawahia	
	29/8	-	Units to send in a return of all Khaki drill clothing still on issue to personnel.	
			40 Compasses prismatic to be issued (by Army H.Q.) to A.A. Units (D.246/42/6)	
	31/8		Mortars 2-in and 3-in. for Div. being brought up to establishment.	

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