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H.Q. 3-Div. Manurewa and
Claudelands.

(Form N.Z.—375.)
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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and References to Appendices.
Manurewa	1	Oct	Units concerned advised re the issue of slatted wooden beds.	
"	"	"	Various units advised re pistol & revolver .455-in and cleaning rods not yet returned to Ngaruawahia.	
"	2	Oct	Units advised by Div. order to indent for total of 925 cane knives for trial in Kaimai exercises.	
"	5	Oct	D.A.D.O.S. (Capt. Myers) and Cpl. Rollo to new Div H.Q. at Claudelands H.C.	
Hamilton	6	"	Remainder of D.A.D.O.S. staff moved by road to Claudelands camp, with essential office equipment.	
"	6	"	Sgt. Allen & ammunition section men remained at Papakura.	
"	7	"	86 cookers portable and allied equipment received from makers for issue to units.	
"	9	"	Store at corner of Heaphy Terrace, Claudelands, taken over by D.A.D.O.S. for storemen breaking bulk and distributing equipment received from Main Ord. Depot, Trentham. Rent \$1 p/wk.	
"	10	"	A.I. 65 instructed all units to conserve hessian wrappings and return spare hessian to Ordnance.	
"	10	"	Notification of one week's leave in every two months for members of 3-Div.	
"	10	"	Admin. Instn. No. 73 advises units that unserviceable clothing & boots to be returned to Ordnance Depots and not brought before boards of survey.	
"	10	"	Admin. Instn. No. 74 noted that an inspecting Ordnance Officer had reported that respirators anti-gas of 3-Div were in a dirty condition.	
"	11	"	531167 Pte Layton S. transferred from 37 L.A.D. as batman for S.O.M.E. (M.T.)	
"	12	Oct	83 copies received (four previously) of Guide for Stores Accounting, and distributed to units. 2/2/838	
"	"	"	Army H.Q. advised that 1 Scots and 1 Ruahines Battalions will be joining 3-Div replacing 34 & 36 Bns.	
"	"	"	50406 Pte Waterson F.J. joined staff as batman to D.A.D.O.S. ex 37 Bn.	
"	"	"	D.A.D.O.S. visiting units in connection with equipment etc.	
"	13	"	Admin Instn. No. 77 advised units that hats felt now available & may be indented for.	
"	14	"	70241 Pte Thomas N.C. posted A.W.L. from 2200 hrs 14 Oct (D.A.D.O.S. staff ex B.O.D.)	
"	15	"	528498 Pte Gibbons H.H. joined staff as storeman ex 3 D & E Platoon.	
"	"	"	Suggestion by D.A.D.O.S. to Chief Ord. Officer, that Quartermasters should receive course of training and not allowed to transfer from position or be appointed without authority of Q. branch. Suggested this be brought before Army H.Q.	
"	16	Oct	Return of compasses required to enable further supplies to be allocated (See Adm. Instn. 81)/ Admin Instn. No. 82, instructed that loan issues (to officers) of winter clothing on board ship be returned to Ordnance, or charged for. Admin. Instn. No. 83 required all vouchers to and from 3-Div B.O.D., Fiji, to be cleared to enable B.O.D. at Ngaruawahia to close accounts from Fiji. Admin. Instn. No. 85 instructed that units must have authority before they proceed to Ngaruawahia for goods on indent. Proposed establishment for Ordnance H.Q. (considerably enlarged) with representatives in Brigades, Arty. H.Q. etc. submitted to Army HQ	

W. Myers
D.A.D.O.S.

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CLAUDELANDS	16 Oct.	2030	Chief Ordnance Officer, Trentham, advised D.A.D.O.S. by 'phone that all possible cooking equipment will be sent to Claudelands by train from Wellington on 18th. Oct. No.2 No.2 & 3 burners & containers not available.	
	17 Oct		14 Bde H.Q. instructed to return to District Ord. Sub-Depot, Ngaruawahia 36 Browning M.M.Gs xxxx Minute of above letter (DOS 9/4/877) stated that little reliance could be placed xxxx on units' returns (this to Major Kellaway, Army H.Q.) 3 Div H.Q. ^{here} asked to locate 26 Brownings not shown on returns. Director of Mobilisation advised that as 36 L.A.D. now in Fiji, the 8th Brigade's L.A.D. will be 64 L.A.D.	
	18 Oct.		Request for 3-Div. B.O.D. detachment repeated to Army H.Q. by G.O.C. - for work in Waikato.	
	19 Oct.		Army H.Q. advise 750,000 rounds of .45" TSMG amm. to accompany 3-Div as Div. reserve. Army H.Q. also advise that 1 Scots and 1 Ruahines receiving from 7 Bde pistols to bring them up to W.E. scale.	
	20 Oct.		2/Lt. McCarthy 3-Div B.O.D. reported on administration and training of B.O.D. personnel at Trentham. Court of Inquiry held at 3-Div H.Q. re two deserters from B.O.D., Gilmour and Fowlie, absent from 2215 hrs 29/9/42 and still absent. Issue of second battledress stopped, and replacements, only, to be made for 3-Div. personnel. Units instructed by circular re retinning of cooking equipment.	
	21 Oct.		Arrival for duty from Trentham, N.Z.A.O.C. of 800246 Major J.W. Evers, (S.O.M.E. Arm.) 0900 hrs. Lt. Hunter, N.M.D. inspecting armourer, and S/Sgt. Watson, 15 14 Bde. xxxx completed inspection of units arms (machine guns etc.)	
	20 Oct.		Memo. from D.A.D.O.S. to A.A. & Q.M.G. and G.O.C. regarding tropical clothing for 3-Div. Stated that present issue of 2 shirts, 1 pair shorts and 1 drill suit totally inadequate. A.A. & QMG suggested a minimum of 2 suits drill, 2 prs. shorts & 4 shirts per man.	
	183691 22 Oct.		483691, Pte R.D. Milner ex D. & E. Platoon joined clerical staff, D.A.D.O.S. Office. Two N.C.O.s of D.O.W. and one of 20 L.A.D. recommended for promotion to commissioned rank.	
	23 Oct.		Capt. S.P. Stewart of D.Q.M.G.'s office, visiting Div H.Q., gave general information & regarding despatch of B.O.D. stores overseas. Authority given for issue of 925 cane knives for Kaimai manoeuvres. Lieut. Hunter, N.Z.A.O.C., reported re Divisional arms (in brief) Vickers to be exchanged for new or reconditioned weapons, Lewis guns require overhaul. 8 Bren Guns beyond repair. 396 inspected. All weapons produced in clean condition. Rifles No.1 NOT inspected.	

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Claudlands.	24 Oct	0930.	Three members of DADOS Ammn. Sec. transferred to Base Ord. Depot, Trentham, via Base Reception Depot, Hamilton - 70125 Pte Gordon A.C., 70137 Pte Gurney R.E., 70160 Pte Sloane H.A. (all from Papakura M.C.)	
	25 Oct.		Instruction to Kiwi Force Advance party for overseas - S/Sgt. Bristow selected to go as a DADOS and Div. H.Q. clerk with advance party	
	28 Oct.		S/Sgt. Bristow to Wellington for embarkation 1700 hrs. Admin. Instn. No. 98 instructed 3-Div units ex Fiji to furnish to DADOS a return showing items vouchered to U.S. Army, Fiji Defence Force, Tonga Defence, and N.Z. Troops still in Fiji, by 31/10/42.	
	29 Oct.		Admin. Instn. No. 99 advised all units that Base Ord. W/Shops are now Div Ord W/Shops. Instruction to Camp Comndt to have 68887 S/Sgt. Williams (in hospital) struck off strength. Approval given by Army H.Q. (Ref. Army H.Q. D.325/1/16A of 29/10/42) for increased establishment with DADOS as Major in N.Z., and as Lt.-Col on embarkation for overseas. (Ref File DOS/1/6/848.)	
	30 Oct.		Major Evers (S.O.M.E.-Arm.) on leave -- special furlough. Major Myers gazetted. as such.	
	31st Oct		1 Officer and 40 O/Rs. instructed to go on 6 days leave from B.O.D., Trentham, prior to leaving for overseas as advance party. Sgt. Allen K.F.T. of Ammn. Section completed his work at Papakura in connection with return of stores to Ngaruawahia. 73837 Pte E.S. Cairns of DADOS store staff, transferred to B.O.D. via Base Reception Depot, 1100 hrs. 3987 tins and 54 2-oz jars ointment anti-gas No. 2 sent from H.Q., Army Tank Bde. to 3-Div under Army H.Q. instructions (25 cases involved). 35 Lewis guns on issue to units to be replaced by Bren guns (35) to allow of repair and overhaul of Lewis Guns.	

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JUDGEFORD	1942 Oct 19		O.M.E. reports to C.O.M.E. - Training of men in bayonet fighting, tommy gun started.	
	Oct. 20		Training of men continues but handicapped by untrained N.O.C.'s and lack of facilities. O.C. reports to A.H.Q. and arranges to collect some tools and stores for Unit. O.C. interviews Manager of L.M. Silver Ltd., and arranged an 8 Hour course of instruction on Diesel Fuel injection equipment for Fitters M.V.	
	Oct. 21		Gun Barrells measured by Capt. Pritchard of O.W. Trentham.	
	Oct. 22		Five men sent to O.W. Trentham with 3.7 in. A.A. Guns for instruction. Remainder Normal Routine.	
	Oct. 23		Normal Routine. Men attend lecture on 3.7 in. A.A. Gun given by W/O Vickerman.	
	Oct. 24		Camp Fatigues. 50% Leave from 1200 Hrs.	
	Oct. 25	Parade	Church Parade. 50% Leave.	
	Oct. 26		Normal Routine. Units vehicles unable to be serviced owing to lack of tools.	
	Oct. 27		Normal Routine. Nine men sent to L.M. Silver Ltd. for instruction on Fuel Injection equipment.	
	Oct. 28		Normal Routine. W.O.2 Danby attached for instruction of Instrument Mechanics.	
	Oct. 29		Normal Routine. Instrument Mechanics receiving instruction from W.O.2 Danby. O.C. reports to A.H.Q. for M.T. tools and stores. Report put in re shortage of equipment, personnel and the necessity of getting qualified Tradesmen as reinforcements. Unit transport arrives. 4 GMC Trucks, 1 FARGO TRUCK, 1 FORD Quad, 2 B.D. Trucks, 2 Peeps, 1-15Cwt Ford, 1 DODGE Recon. Car, 1 M/Cycle.	
	Oct. 30		Normal Routine, and Training. Men showing signs of improvement but owing to lack of Instructors and the short period most of the men have been mobilised they are still in the elementary stage of instruction. Men issued with Tropical Gear, and only received one pair shorts.	
	Oct. 31		Normal Routine. W.O.2 Danby finished instruction to Instrument Mechanics.	

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