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FROM. 4 JAN. 1940 TO 31 MAR. 1940
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IN SO FAR AS THEY ARE APPLICABLE THE FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE RECORDED WHEN PREPARING A DIARY :-

Important orders, instructions, reports, messages or despatches received and issued, and decisions taken.

Daily location. Movements during the past twenty-four hours and present dispositions. March tables in the case of large units or of formations are of assistance.

Important matters relating to the duties of each branch of the staff.

Detailed account of operations. Exact hour of important occurrences, factors affecting operations, topographical and climatic. Clear sketches showing positions of troops at important phases.

Nature and description of field engineering works constructed, or quarters occupied.

Changes in establishment or strength. As regards casualties the names and ranks of officers and the number of other ranks or followers and of animals should be noted. In addition, in the case of units on the L. of C. changes in stores, transport, etc.

Meteorological notes.

Summary of important information received, whether military or political.

APPENDICES AS UNDER WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL COPY OF EACH WAR DIARY :-

A copy of each field return (A.F.W. 3008 and A.F.W. 3009) and of each operation or routine order or instruction issued during the period covered by the current volume of the War Diary.

Copies of orders, or instructions, received from higher commands if no longer required for reference.

A copy of each narrative or report on operations drawn up by a subordinate formation or unit, including any sketches or maps relating thereto, to supplement the account of operations furnished in the text of the diary.

Appendices will be numbered, and each will have a brief descriptive heading naming the author. References to appendices will be made in the last column of A.F.C. 2118.

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Remarks and references to Appendices

Summary of Events and Information

Place Date Hour

Wellington
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North Island Tps. of 1 Ech. 2 N.Z.E.F. embarked on troopships Z 1, Z 2, Z 3, Z 4, and Z 5. Z 2 and Z 6 sailed for Lyttelton on 4 Jan. 40 to embark South Island Tps. Z 1, Z 3, Z 4 and Z 5 lay in stream at Wellington till 0640 hrs. 6 Jan. 40. They were joined in Cook Strait by troopships Z 2 and Z 6 from Lyttelton and the convoy then sailed in a westerly direction.

at Sea
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On the morning of 9 Jan. 40 troopship Z 1 left the convoy in order to disembark the G.O.C., General Freyberg, -the A.D.M.S., Col. McCormick, and Capt. J. R. Page, at Sydney to enable the former two to connect with airway service and fly to our destination. Brig. E. Futtick, N.Z.S.C. assumed command of 1 Ech. 2 N.Z.E.F.

Sydney and at Sea
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Z 1 entered Sydney Harbour about 0800 hrs., left about an hour later, and rejoined the Convoy about 1500 hrs. The same afternoon the convoy was joined by the Australian troopships "Otranto", "Orcades", "Orford" and "Strathnaver", then sailed in a south-westerly direction.

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About 1300 hrs. the Australian troopship "Empress of Japan" joined the convoy.

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On 18 Jan. the convoy arrived at Freemantle and at approx. 1500 hrs. the first ship berthed. Tps. were granted shore leave varying according to the times the respective ships were tied up at the wharf. Ships were berthed six at a time. Ships refuelled and took on stores etc. At 1200 hrs. on 20 Jan. the convoy commenced to weigh anchor, and by 1300 hrs. the last ship moved into line. The convoy then sailed in a N. W. direction.

Prior to the arrival of the Convoy at Freemantle complaints were received from various ships to the effect that the deck shoes issued prior to embarkation were not proving satisfactory and that a number would require replacement before the completion of the voyage. This was caused by the solution or vulcanising process not being sufficient to secure the soles to the uppers and the rubberstrips which join the soles and heels to the uppers becoming detached from the canvas uppers. This was reported to the Director of Ordnance Services in New Zealand in memorandum DADOS 5/1/3 dated 16th January 1940.

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Fremantle	Jan. 20		3900 pairs deck shoes were purchased, in replacement, through the Australian Contract Board, Perth, from the Dunlop Perdrick Co. Ltd. @ 2/10 ¹ / ₂ per pair less 2 ¹ / ₂ % and 2 ¹ / ₂ %, delivered in cardboard cartons to ships at wharf and to Embarkation Officer for Ships in stream. The account was made out to the N.Z. Trade Commissioner, Sydney, C/o Lieut.-Colonel R. Lennox, Command Headquarters, Perth. Arrangements were made by D.A.A.G. with O.C. Troops, Z 4. to have lorry met at Embarkation Office and directed to ships at wharf - Z 2, 4, 5, and 6. Arrangements were also made by O.C. 1st. Echelon with Embarkation Officer at Wharf to have shoes for Z 1 and Z 3 sent out at 1000 hours on 20th. to these ships in stream, but owing to the difficulty with transport the shoes for these ships were placed on Z 5. and not distributed to Z 1 and Z 3 until arrival at Colombo.	
At Sea	Jan. 29		Death of No. 1458 Bdr. Kerr-Taylor T. R., 25 Bty. 4 Fd. Regt. N.Z.A. from (1) Septic tonsillitis (2) Acute myocarditis (3) Acute heart failure. Deceased was buried at sea with Military Honours at 1800 hrs. Representatives from each Unit attended, tps. paraded on promenade deck.	
Colombo	Jan. 30 31 Feb. 1		On the morning of 30 Jan. the convoy arrived at Colombo and by 1230 hrs. had anchored in the harbour. Ships refuelled and took on water etc. The local Military Authorities had completed arrangements for leave etc. Shoes, canvas, deck were transferred from Z 5 and distributed to Z 1 and Z 3. Tps. from Z 3 and Z 4 and U 3 and U 5 had shore leave on 30 Jan., Z 1, Z 2, Z 5, Z 6, and U 1, U 2 and U 4 on 31 Jan. On account of insufficient shore facilities to cater for the tps. light haversack rations were issued. The following ships weighed anchor on the morning of 1 Feb.:- N.Z. Ships Z 1, Z 2, Z 3, Z 4, Z 5, Z 6 : Australian ships U 1, U 2, U 3, U 5, and French ship Athos <u>II</u>	
	Feb. 2		Australian ship U 4 rejoined the convoy at approx. 1100 hrs.	
	Feb. 8		Z 4, and Z 5, and "Otranto", "Empress of Japan" and "Strathnaver" left convoy for Aden.	

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Suez	1940 Feb. 12		<p>Arrived Suez - G.O.C. came alongside Z 1. at 0930 hours, and Mr. Anthony Eden, Sir Miles Lampson, General Sir Archibald Wavell and Lieut.-General Wilson at 1000 hours. After reception to Troops, disembarkation commenced at 1130 hrs. <u>D.A.D.O.S. left Suez by Car for Maadi at 1345 hrs.</u> Ordnance Officer Base (2/Lieut. D.E. Harper) and <u>D.A.D.O.S. Staff remained at Suez to receive stores and gifts ex ships in accordance with Disembarkation Order No. 1 (No copy available)</u> <u>D.A.D.O.S. arrived Maadi at 1645 hrs.</u> <u>Camp not finished - no Office and no Ordnance Depot.</u></p>	
	Feb. 13		<p><u>Called on A.D.O.S., H.Q. B. T. E. and on C.O.O. Abbassia.</u> <u>Capt. A.H. Andrews, W.O.(1), and 3 O.R's who left with Advance Party have been working at the Ordnance Depot at Abbassia and had prepared Issue Orders for Tentage and Accommodation Stores for 1 Echelon (subsequently called 1 Contingent).</u></p>	
	Feb. 14.		<p>2/Lieut. D.E. Harper and party returned from Suez. With exception of Z 1., Stores were <u>NOT handed over as per Disembarkation Order.</u> 2/Lieut. Harper and party collected stores as they arrived by lighter and guarded them on wharf. The stores were subsequently sent by rail to C.O. O. Abbassia. Clothing ex N. Z. was consigned as cargo on Z 5 (Rangitata) and Z 6. (Sobieski) and this was also railed to Abbassia for storage by C.O.O. at Porton Depot.</p>	

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1940 Feb. 14		C.S.O.2 had arranged for course for all L.A.D. Officers with O.M.E. 7 Hussars and Officers reported at 7 Hussars' Camp at Maadi.	
15 16 17		Endeavouring to get an Ordnance Office functioning; in meantime working in my own tent. Held up through compressor not being available. Site is on rock and pegs could not be driven in	
18		until holes made by power drill. / Office marquee was finally erected on Sunday 18 February. /	
		2/Lieut. Harper and staff at Abbassia daily, sorting and checking stores ex ships. Numerous enquiries from Quartermasters regarding Accommodation stores due to no lists being available showing what they should have. /	
19		Arranged for all L.A.D. personnel and Armourers to go to Abbassia for course in M.V. Fitting and Armourers duties respectively.	
20		Store Tent erected. Inspected L.A.D. personnel and Armourers prior to their proceeding to Abbassia. After inspection, visited Ordnance Depot Abbassia and discussed ^{discussed} various matters including provision of Hats by War Office. Capt. Andrews reported at Maadi. Some furniture obtained for Office.	
21		Office opened and staff commenced taking over stores from Camp Commandant. Insufficient Lamps to light Office.	

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	1940 Feb. 22		Lt.-Colonel W.G. Stevens (A.A. & Q.M.G.) arrived by air from New Zealand, on 22nd.
	23		Find staff quite inadequate to deal with volume of work and all working long hours at high
	24 25		pressure. Very difficult to obtain stores - nearly everything requires B.T.E. approval.
	26		During week-end, finished all appendices to G.O. 522 and all Units will now know what Tentage and accommodation stores they are entitled to. Will send these Appendices to New Zealand for
			perusal and study by Quartermasters 2nd. Contingent. Inspected our Clothing at Porton Depot; also Anti-Gas Stores on charge R.A.O.C.
	27		Visited Abbassia and discussed question of supply of Expendable stores. Pointed out waste of time and petrol, and wear and tear on vehicles through Units going in separately to collect their own quota of Expendable stores.
	28		Saw Officer in Charge, Barracks, Cairo Sub-Area, re his holding stocks of Expendable Stores for us. D.A.D.O.S. Indian Division, Lt.-Col. Pike called at 1200 hrs.
			Had a discussion re Helmets or Hata for summer wear in N.Z.E.F. I favoured helmets, but majority for Hats.
	29		Very dusty and unpleasant day at Office.

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	1940		
	Mar.		
	1		Windy and Dusty; staff working under most difficult conditions. Passed draft cable to A & Q for despatch New Zealand re provision of Clothing from New Zealand. <i>Arranged for expendable stores to be drawn at Maadi through o/c Barracks; a great saving in time & Transport.</i>
	2 to 9		Routine work arising out of the continuous struggle to get stores from Ordnance Depot. It is a long and tiresome process.
	10		S.O.M.E. (Capt. An H. Andrews), one Clerk and self moved into new Office in wooden hut. Office cold and draughty - will probably be alright in summer.
	11 to 18		Routine work - A good deal of time spent trying to get furniture and typewriters.
	19		Office flooded out through heavy rain.
	20		Routine
	21		Conference at A & Q Office re arrival of 2 Contingent.
	22 to 25		Easter leave period, but worked in mornings. On Monday 25, N.Z.E.F. Rugby Team beat Combined Services Team 20 points to nil. Tries by Wales (2), Morrison, Griffiths; two tries converted by Rollinson whilst Morrison kicked a field goal.
	26		Death of Rt. Hon. M. J. Savage, Prime Minister of New Zealand.
	27)		Routine - Conference with Capt. Andrews and Lieut. Kelsey on 29th. re M.T. Standing Orders.
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	29)		Attended Solemn Requiem Mass (30th.) for Late Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. M.J. Savage, at St. Josephs Church Cairo at 0930 hrs. Office till 1300 hrs. Afternoon at final of our inter-Unit Rugby Competition between 19 Bn. and 27 (M.G.) Bn; won by 19 Bn. by 11 points to nil. <i>146</i>
	30		Routine. <i>97. Min 1000</i>

APPENDIX I.

APP^x TO WAR DIARY
NOTES ON PERSONNEL by Lt-Col. T. J. KING

Reviewing the events of the past few weeks, one is forced to the following conclusions in the event of an Expeditionary Force being despatched from New Zealand in any future War :-

1. That the Div HQ staff be selected as soon as possible after the outbreak of War, and commence to function in N. Z. at the earliest possible date. This envisages the relief from all other duties of the officers so selected.
2. That Clerical personnel of Div HQ be similarly selected and commence their duties in N.Z. A percentage over and above the establishment should be provided so that unsuitable clerks may be transferred to other duties.
3. That DADOS, SOME, Ordnance Officer, Base Ordnance Depot, and at least two officers of L A D's be sent with Advance Party.
4. That all Ordnance personnel of Div HQ and Base Ordnance Depot accompany the Officers referred to in (3).
5. That suitable shorthand-typists be provided for Div HQ and Base Ordnance Depot. Their absence has greatly hampered the work of DADOS, SOME, and Ordnance Officer Base Depot, and other branches have, I know, experienced similar difficulties. This points to the absolute necessity, in these days of female Shorthand-typistes, of military Shorthand-Typists being provided for Army Offices in times of peace. The military Shorthand Typists could proceed overseas and be replaced by females in New Zealand.
6. With regard to the latter portion of para (5), we were fortunate enough to have a small number of trained Ordnance Clerks and Storemen enlist for service in the NZAOC overseas immediately on the outbreak of War. We would have been in a hopeless position without them, and we may not be so fortunate next time. I realise only too well the difficulty of having mixed Civilian and Military Ordnance store and clerical Staffs; also the almost insuperable difficulties involved (rates of pay, retiring age etc.) in a re-transfer of our Civil staff to a Military basis. Whilst the present system is maintained of having our store and clerical staffs in N. Z. on a civilian basis, it is essential that we have a constant flow of young men entering the Ordnance service so as to ensure that young men of military age will always be available for enlistment, on the outbreak of war, for service overseas.

T. J. King
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