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ADOS, N.Z. DIVISION

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Summary of Events and Information

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Routine

Packed 30-cwt Lorry with Officers mess gear and cooking gear and rations for a Company and so arrived at a suitable basis for Officers mess gear in the field. A further ^{with} nine No. 1 Cookers available. Approached Middle East in regard to obtaining furniture from Ordnance for NZEF Club.

Arranged for replacement of all US tentage of units in the desert. Saw ADOS(P) re contract for making NZ patches.

Conference convened by A/Q at which Sub-Committee reported their findings on certain questions of policy and administration involved when Division takes the field.

S/Sgt. Bracken went to the desert to take the place of W.O. Cropp who returned from the desert to an Artillery Training course.

Discussion with O.C. Reception Depot and also staff at 2 Gen. Hospital, Helwan in an endeavour to get the issue of clothing to personnel leaving Hospital, system functioning better. Submitted report to B.T.E. regarding surplus Camp Equipment held by 2 Gen. Hospital.

Routine

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Sample of NZ patches submitted by ADOS(P) were not accepted - asked for more.

Conference with O.O. and H.Q. Base Camp Commandant in regard to new messes to be formed in H.Q. area when Division moved.

Conference with O.C. Army Troops Coy. in which he indicated essential equipment required before his Company could move to the desert. Special effort made to obtain equipment.

Preparing to move to Helwan.

Moved to Helwan.

Inspected possible football grounds with A/Q. Worked out distribution to Units of the football gear coming from England.

Routine

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Another 50 pairs of binoculars available. Met Lts. McWha and McConnel and the Ordnance reinforcements at Maadi. Arranged for G.E. to supply necessary timber for goal-posts for the football grounds. Expedited C.E. P. of war camp.

Conference with Officer i/c Administration regarding Change over to Capitulation.

- (1)
- (2) Equipment to be withdrawn from
- (3) Method of equipping reinforcements
- (4) Formation patches
- (5) Issues of

Appx A
S.Q.M.E. war diary.

Appx B
Supp. to War Diary of S.Q.M.E.

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21		Routine
22		do
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25		Very successful 7-a-side football tournament won by 25 Bn.A. E.F.I. donated cup and medals.
26		Lt. Pollock arrived from the W.D. on a trip for spare parts. His LAD was established at Sollum and was servicing Engineer Units of the L.of C. Amended W.E.Table of Mobile Dental Section consequent upon change of establishment. Commented upon proposed W.E.Table of Base Signal Coy.
27		Conference with Officer i/c Administration at Maadi, then with ADOS(P).
28		Arranged scale of C.E. for Base Ordnance Officer to issue to Units of 4 Bde. Group on their return from the W.D.
29		Interviewed the Military Secretary regarding temporary rank for 2/Lt. Pollock during the period in which enquiries from NZ were being made as to his substantive rank.
30		Routine
31		do.

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Major.
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S.O.M.E. N.Z. DIVISION.

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Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
1940 Dec. 2		To 24 and 25 Bns. with Bde. T.O. to discuss M.T. and technical matters with Bn. T.Os. Normal routine in Office.
3		Capt. N.P. Manning, who is to be appointed SOME at Base, reports for instruction. Spend greater part of day with him showing him methods of procedure and the duties of a SOME.
4		Inspect 14 and 19 LAD Workshops and the work in progress, Normal routine.
5		Normal routine. Administration Orders for LADs and attached NZAOC personnel promulgated.
6		W.O.1 P.M.C. Carlton of 10 LAD reports to O.C.T.U. Prepared provisional establishment for Field Workshops. Carried inspection of carriers-Bren at 24, 25 and 26 Bns and submitted reports of these to commanders.
7		To conference of Technical Officers at H.Q. 6 Inf. Bde. To a tank hunting demonstration given by C.R.E.
8		Normal routine. Wrote fully to OME of H.Q. 4 Inf. Bde. regarding M.T. matters in the W.D.
9		Normal routine. Submitted list of staff and reinforcements required for Workshops to N.Z.
10		To C Vehicle Park Mena to inspect vehicles and NZAOC personnel attached there. To COME of BTE regarding vehicle defects. To Col. Fitton re deficiencies of M.T. He promised that two further Breakdown Lorries would shortly be issued to LADs. Called at vehicle ensus office.
11		Interviewed prospective W/Shops Staff at Reinforcements Depot. Normal routine.
12		Final day at Maadi Camp.
13		Move to Helwan Camp.
14		Normal routine. Inspect newly located 14 and 19 LAD Workshops.
15		LAD and AOC personnel of 3 Contingent return from course at Mena Workshops. To Maadi Camp to see Capt. Manning.
16		Normal routine
17		" "
18		To Abbassia - VRS Control re issue of M/Cycles, Ford trucks, F.A. Tractors and Carriers for 3 Contingent. To Officer i/c Provision re issue of Ford parts. W.O.1 Keegan of Reinforcement LAD reports for duty and is temporarily attached to 14 LAD.
19		To Maadi Camp to interview Lt. McWha and 2/Lieut. McConnell of reinforcement LAD and O/Rs of this LAD.
20		Lieut. McWha and 2/Lieut. McConnell report to Div. H.Q. for instructions and are temporarily attached to Div. H.Q.
21		Normal routine.
22		Capt. Kelsey goes on leave. Lieuts. Ward and McWha assume his duties.
23		6 Fd. Regt. are issued with 16 Dragon F.A. Tractors on loan.
24		Normal routine
25		" "
26		Lieut. Pollock reports to discuss formation of Field Workshops.
27		Normal routine
28		" "
29		" "
30		2/Lieut. McConnell appointed OME of 18 LAD attached 6 Fd. Regt. in place of Lieut. H.B. Ward who is transferred as OME to 14 LAD.
31		Normal routine.

J. O. Kelsey Capt. SOME. N.Z. DIVISION.

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Appendix B

SUPPLEMENT TO SOME'S WAR DIARY, DECEMBER 1940.

11 L.A.D. attached H.Q. 4 Inf. Bde.

Major Repairs	4
Minor Repairs	48
Evacuations	9
Modifications	

All Bde. H.Q. Vehicles modified in that tail lights are now not visible from the air from an angle over 30°. Bn. vehicles being proceeded with in this respect.

Special Services

11 LAD arranged for exchange of M.T. parts for all N.Z. Units in W.D. during month.

Special

O.M.E., W.O. and driver-batman made trip to Libyan frontier to study recovery workshop problems in the field.

Parade State of LAD at 31.12.40.

O.M.E.	1
W.O.	1
M.V.Fitters	3
Dvr.Mech.	1
Drivers	2
M/Cyclist	1
Dvr/Batman	1
Electrician	1
Hospital	2

General

OME, 11 LAD co-ordinated all work of LADs in W.D. during month acting on instructions of SOME.

2) 13 LAD attached 2 Cav. Regt.

Major Repair Jobs	13
Minor " "	36
Base Workshops	8
Evacuations	2
Recovery Work	

A vast amount of recovery work carried out on account of special circumstances. Appreciation was expressed by COME, WDF. for assistance given to 60 Pndr. Bty. W.O.2 A.D.Merson A.A.Unit Fitter reported to OCTU for course. Special Courses for training m/mechanics and Dvr/mechanics were carried out by LAD. Complete.

O.C.T.U.

Courses

Parade State

(3) 19 LAD attached H.Q.6 Inf. Bde.

Major Repair Jobs	4
Minor " "	35
Base Workshops	3
Special Training	
Courses	

OME trained Bde. drivers in special M.T.course. AOC and LAD personnel returned from course at Mena (BOW) on 15 December 1940. Three Fitters, attached H.Q.4 Inf. Bde. returned from W.D. on 23 December 1940.

Parade State

General

Complete Traffic control signs were made by 19 LAD for Units of 3 Contingent. 1 Water Distiller made.

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Series of LAD reports from OMEs.

9 LAD attached 4 Fd. Regt.

Major Repair Jobs	4
Minor " "	31
Workshop jobs	7

Mechanical Defects Reported

- (a) Central bearings on Transmission of Morris GS 11/30 Lorries.
- (b) Front springs - Bedford 30-cwt.
- (c) Morris engines - Valve springs
- (d) " " - Distributer Points.

Field Convey

9 LAD acted as LAD to a composite convey of 220 vehicles carrying petrol to establish dump and carrying back prisoners, spending nine days as a self contained Unit on this work.

5) 14 LAD attached N.Z. Div. Sigs.

Major repair jobs	6
Minor " "	13
Workshop jobs	4
Parade state	Complete.
Vehicle state	Breakdown Lorry deficient.
<u>OMS</u>	Lieut. H.B. Ward transferred from 18 LAD as OME of 14 LAD.

(6) 10 LAD attached 5 Fd. Park Coy.

This LAD plus RAOC LAD under command of Lt. Pelleck moved forward of Mersa Matruh at beginning of December and acted as a LAD to Sapper Units. The combined LAD moved forward with advance to Sidi Barani and thence to Bardia. Records show that this LAD did a most commendable job in the field.

J. O. Reaney. Cap.
SOME. N.Z. Div

OFFICERS ONLY

DAG's Office (2nd. Echelon) 2 NZEF

HQ 2 NZEF BASE & SUB UNITS
Station: Egypt

No 4
Dated 17/12/40
Last issue dated 9/12/40

2 NZEF BASE DISCHARGE DEPOT

15. CORRIGENDUM: Ref Part 11 Order No 3 para 11:-

1529 Major Ainslie A (At present in 2 NZ Gen Hosp)
should read:- 1529 Major Ainslie A (At present in 62 Gen Hosp)

BASE ORDNANCE

16. STRENGTH INCREASE:

7133 Capt Manning NP (NZAOC) Marched in from HQ 2 NZEF (DADOS)
& tfd to Base Ordnance Depot
(appointed OME) WEF 3/12/40

17. ATTACHED AND DETACHED:

9420 2/Lieut Reid F (NZAOC) Marched in from duty at
Moascar WEF 9/12/40

D J A G's Office

18. ATTACHED AND DETACHED:

4684 Mr Miller RT (War Correspondent Marched out to WDF on
to 2 NZEF att duty WEF 11/12/40
DJAG's Office)

D A G's Office

19. PROMOTION:

6320 Capt Alexander WH 18 Bn To be T/Major while DAAG
(2 Echelon) WEF 1/10/40
Auth: HQ 2 NZEF list no 12
dated 10/12/40

20. STRENGTH INCREASE:

6320 Major Alexander WH 18 Bn Dchgd 2 NZ Gen Hosp & struck
off Xii List WEF 13/12/40

BASE PAY OFFICE (NZAPC)

21. PROMOTION:

2015 T/Capt Morris WC To be Capt WEF 1/12/40
Auth: 2 NZEF List of 10/12/40

22. STRENGTH INCREASE:

6196 Lt. Col Prideaux F Marched in from Conv Leave &
struck off Xii List WEF 14/12/40

BASE DEPCT DENTAL HOSPITAL

23. STRENGTH:

34916 Capt Dallas B (NZDC)) Marched in for duty
22824 Lieut Horne CK ") WEF 4/12/40

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DADOS (F)

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Ord

Ord

No 1 Works Sec WEF 12/12/40
Marched in from Base RD & tfd

(6 Rd Coy) GW

24. STRENGTH INCREASE:
2408 Lieut Bucknell

NO 1 WORKS SECTION

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THE ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS

92 PROMOTIONS

9620 Cpl Clark D (Base Ord Depot)
6154 S/Sgt Bracken SC

To be Temp Sgt WEF 2/12/40
To be Temp WO 2 WEF 6/12/40
(Authy : NZEF Regs Para J5)

93 EXTRA DUTY PAY

4241 Pte Clouston RA (Base Ord)

Eligible for ED Pay as Instrument
Mechanic WEF 19/11/40
Authy : NZEF Ord No 89 dated 27/11/40

DIV INT SEC

94 PROMOTIONS

3111 L/Cpl Chapman NH
7743 L/Cpl Carroll MC
8534 L/Cpl Horgan CR
5417 L/Cpl Dorset WL

To be Sgt WEF 14/12/40
To be Cpl WEF 14/12/40
To be Cpl WEF 14/12/40
To be Cpl WEF 14/12/40

95 STRENGTH INCREASE

6022 Pte ...

Mchd in tfd to Div Int Sec from
Reinf's Depot WEF 8/12/40

DIV POSTAL UNIT

96 STRENGTH DECREASE

6340 Cpl McNamara FE)
4189 Spr Bradley T)
34687 " McLaughlin WH)
6341 " O'Connor MP)
5613 " Plumley SW)
6346 Cpl Nash JR)
6338 L/Cpl Kerr JS)
6343 Spr Kirby JR)
54781 " Lincoln JNF)
5713 " Oliver JEF)
5601 L/Cpl Forbes JP)
34138 Spr Paterson GC)
34310 " Watters HT)

Mchd out tfd to Base Post Office
WEF 9/11/40
(Authy : HQ 2NZEF Base Pt 2 Ord No 46)

6319 Spr Brooks TM)
2669 " Dobbie RM)

Mchd out tfd to Base Post Office
WEF 20/11/40 (Base Post Office Pt 2 Ord
No 1)

5814 Spr Hazelwood NH

Mchd out tfd to Base Post Office
WEF 21/11/40 (Base Post Office Pt 2 Ord
No 1)

STRENGTH INCREASE

5752 Spr Balneaves AJ)
6343 Spr Kirby JR)

Mchd in tfd to Div Post from Base
Post Office WEF 21/11/40
(Base Post Office Pt 2 Ord No 1)

A. Highet
1st Capt

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25. ATTACHED AND DETACHED:
4193 Lieut Borman CA
(Sigs NZ Div) Marched in att PAP

BASE SIGNAL COY

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MAD

PART 2 ORDER
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UNITS AS DESIGNATED
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ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS

97 STRENGTH Transfers
13959 Pte Murphy JJ (Reinfs Depot) mchd in posted to Base Ord Depot & tfd to NZAOC WEF 4/12/40
32244 Cpl Barron JA CTB Posted to HQ 6 Inf Bde & posted to 25 Bn as Armourer WEF 9/12/40

DIV INT SEC

98 STRENGTH DECREASE
3111 Sgt Chapman NH mchd out tfd to Cipher Section HQ 2NZEF WEF 12/12/40
5417 Cpl Dorset WL mchd in CTBA HQ LTB WEF 12/12/40
mchd out tfd to Cipher Section HQ 2NZEF WEF 12/12/40
mchd in CTBA HQ BTR WEF 12/12/40
7743 Cpl Carroll MG) Tfd from HQ 2NZEF Base (att Div Int Sec)
8534 Cpl Morgan CR) to Cipher Section HQ 2NZEF & placed on 27 (MG) Bn X List 1 WEF 12/12/40

STRENGTH DECREASE
(a) Hospital

5770 Pte Glode MG Adm 6 Fd Amb WEF 14/12/40 (X List 2)

DIV POSTAL UNIT

99 REDUCTION
34304 Temp WO 2 Smith HJ Reverts to rank T/Sgt WEF 10/12/40

100 ATTACHMENTS & DETACHMENTS

5752 Spr Laineaves HP mchd out att HQ Div Engrs for D & R WEF 9/11/40

M. Anderson
Major
D A G
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NZ ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS

101 TRANSFERS

- ✓ 5751 Sgt Avery HJ (II LAD att 4 Inf Bde) Tfd to I8 Bn as NZLOC Fitter
MV WEF 19/12/40
- ✓ 3046 Pte Kerr NC (I8 Bn) Tfd to NZLOC & att FLP I8 Bn as Bootmaker
WEF 19/12/40
- ✓ 2210 L/Sgt Goldsworthy MJ (6 Fd Coy) Tfd to IO LAD att 5 Fd Park Coy
WEF 19/12/40

102 PROMOTIONS

- 5751 Pte Avery HJ (II LAD) To be Sgt WEF 19/12/40
- 13327 L/Cpl Philpott HG (att 26 Bn) To be Sgt WEF 19/12/40

DIV INT SEC

103 STRENGTH INCREASE

- (a) Hospital
- 5770 Pte Glode MG Dchgd 6 Fd Amb & rejoined unit WEF
21/12/40

104 LEAVE

- 5617 Sgt Mayfield GK Mchd out on leave WEF 17/12/40
Mchd in from leave WEF 24/12/40

DIV POSTAL UNIT

Nil

M. A. G.

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