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1.

Saw RTO, Katerini, and arranged dispatch of all tentage of Div Cav as they were moving forward. Arranged for fulfillment of certain ammunition indents from ARH.

2.

Visit from Lt.-Col. Marnham to discuss deficiencies in A/G clothing & equipment. Visit from Lt-Col. Mackay RAOC also. He discussed administration problems and system of supply. Signalled HQ, BFG, for 100 gallons of electrolyte. Cabled DDOS 2 NZEF to hold all equipment, hcoy-ght from the Div. Provost Coy. Lts. McConnel and Uniacke reported required by the Div. Provost Coy. Lts. McConnel and Uniacke reported & were given all relative instruction and information.

3.

Visited HQ, Ord. Field Park. In afternoon in company with Lt-Col. Harding I made a recce. for site for other two Ind. Bde. w/shops which were shortly to arrive. Produced accurate statement of all deficiencies A/G clothing and equipment and forwarded it to HQ, BFG.

4.

Hastened return of 2-pdr A/tank guns which had been left in Athens for repair.

5.

Arranged for Ord. dump at No. 4 F.S.D. and procedure for distribution of stores form it. Signalled HQ, BFG, for 4300 bivouac tents. Visit from ADOS and COME of 1 Aust. Corps.

6.

Moved to new location about two miles past Gonnakara on road to Paly-eonellene.

7.

Went to Athens. Arrived there at 2000 hrs and went straight to HQ, BFG, and saw DDOS.

8.

Visited No. 2 Sub-depot and hastened the despatch of bivouac tents; oxygen and acetylene; anti-gas stores; expendable stores and general stores. As a result of this hastening action several truck loads of equipment were despatched within the next few days. Visited the clothing depots and inspected the NZ clothing. Arranged for 4000 prs boots, 10,000 prs socks, 1000 vests woollen, 1000 shorts woollen, and

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<u>SHEET 2.</u>			21.4.
8 ctd.		1000 shirts flannel to be despatched as soon as possible to the AOD at Larissa. Pte Ivey was to go forward with these stores, S/Sgt. Ashcroft to follow as soon as he had completed checking the NZ stock which had not travelled too well, many cases having been smashed open. Remainder of day until 2030 hrs in conference with DDOS, ADOS(E), DADOS(OS1), DADOS(OS2) and DMS. Clarified many matters dealing with amm. supply; railhead organisation; automatic bulk replacement of expendable stores; provision of immediate supply of steering sectors for CAS Ford, and well worth while.	
9.		Had breakfast at Thebes, lunch at Pharsalos and called on mobile laundry unit at Larissa. Arranged system of collection and distribution of laundry, also allocation of units per day. On to Corps HQ to see ADOS Corps. Gave him details of arrangements I had made and other useful information he was lacking. Learnt that NZ Div. was moving back over the Pass. Left Corps HQ at 1800 hrs and struggled over the Pass in rain and mud against a solid mass of artillery and transport all retiring. Arrived at Div. HQ at 2200 hrs to find it was moving back over Pass at 2230 hrs.	
10.		Cold, wet and dreary move back to Dolik. Arrived at new location at 0530 hrs after 23 hrs in the car. Routine.	
11.		Made recce. for the location of our Fd. W/shop on Servia road to service 4 Inf. Bde and units under command. On way back met O.C's of Nos 2 and 5 W/shops and directed No. 5 to its new location approx. 10 miles north of junction of Katerine and Servia roads. Contacted HQ, OFP and directed one Bde. section to same area. Very cold and snow on the hills nearly down to our location.	
12.		Cpl. Watson, att. Div. Supply Column, drew approx. 3000 bivouac tents from Larissa and these were issued immediately to 4 & 5 Bdes and units under command. A/G equipment, oxygen and acetylene, etc available at	

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Larissa, but lack of transport hindered distribution to units. To Larissa on various matters. Spent all afternoon endeavouring to arrange special train to take amm. to Troop at tunnel. Located ARH some miles outside Tyrnavos and finally succeeded in getting the amm. away. Met Pte. Ivey on Larissa station. Left both he and Pte McPherson with ROO to look after our interests and also the clothing. Five 3-ton trucks of tents, expendable stores etc were collected by Cpl Watson from Larissa. Back to Doleki at 2300 hrs.

14.

Routine. Made arrangements for units to return RD tents direct to Larissa. At 2300 hrs went off to direct all W/shops and OFP to move to new location between Dom~~enikoh~~ and Tyrnavos. Back at 0430 hrs.

15.

Two breakdown trucks report to Div. HQ for the purpose of assisting units in the next move to the rear. Bombers over, the first time, but we were not disturbed.

16.

Advised at 1230hrs that I was to move all W/shops and OFP to vicinity of Atlenti. Sent DADOS(E) off to warn units to move. Left Doleki at 1500 hrs with all Ordnance personnel of DHQ, two breakdowns and Fd. Hygiene Section. Filled all vehicles with all rations and petrol they could hold at 1 FSD and arrived at location of w/shops at 1930 hrs. OFP and No. 2 W/shops had already moved out. Nos. 1 and 5 W/shops moved off at 2000 hrs in rain after having been bombed and machine-gunned when formed up ready to move. Had difficulty in finding way through Larissa owing to state of the town due to the bombing it had been subjected to. Passed through Larissa at 2300 hrs.

17.

By 1100 hrs had only progressed 12 miles from Larissa owing to very bad roads. Numerous recovery jobs. Eventually got through the mud but only because of the invaluable work of a Bren carrier which towed all vehicles through the last half mile of almost impossible mud. Made good time to Volos and passed through there about 13.30 hrs. About 5 miles past Volos recovered a most secret RAF plane detector which had overturned and been

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abandoned. Left convoy there and pressed on. Met DADOS(E) and No. 2 Fd. W/shops about 10 miles south of Lamia. Decided on recovery plan for the Volos road, so I returned through Lamia and contacted Nos. 1 and 5 W/shops by 0200 hrs. Thirty-five hrs. driving on end.

19

Returned up past Volos with several B/down trucks and cleared the road of all broken-down trucks. Finally collected convoy of six b/down trucks each towing at least two, and in some cases three, vehicles. Came through Lamia at 0230hrs and there my car dropped into a bomb-crater 5ft deep and filled with water. At 0445hrs, about 7 miles south of Lamia stopped convoy for 2 hrs sleep.

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At 0645hrs moved on to new location about 4 miles north of Atlanti. Arrived there 1200hrs. Conference with OC's OFP and Nos. 1, 2 & 5 W/shops. Stayed night with No. 2 W/shop.

21.

Reported to Div. HQ and after conference with A and Q left at 1430 hrs for Corps HQ 60 miles away, seven miles south of Levadia. Had a lucky escape when caught unawares by 4 Messerschmits which machine-gunned us from 20ft. Conference with ADOS Corps in a slit trench as Corps HQ was bombed for 1 1/2 hrs while I was there. Back to No 2 W/shops by 0100 hrs.

22.

No 2 W/shops moved out at 0300hrs as they had been discovered by the Germans the previous day and had been severely bombed. No. 2 W/shops moved to a location about 4 miles south of Atlanti on the Levadia road. Rejoined Div HQ 16 miles forward towards Molos at 0700 hrs. Arranged for Res. MT Coy. to bring 10 3-ton trucks of boots and clothing from Athens to FSD. In evening Div. HQ moved forward 7 miles. Established office but little to do. In evening warned all workshops and OFP to destroy all equipment and move to vicinity of Athens in preparation for evacuation. Detailed acting CO OFP to contact HQ BFG regarding evacuation plans and advise all workshops.

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22 ctd.	and OFP all left for Athens by 2100 hrs.	
23	Spent morning destroying all office records. Moved to vicinity of Atlanti during afternoon and on to Marathon during the night.	314
24	Arrived Porto Rafini about 0630hrs and hid up. Discovered embarkation was to take place from Porto Rafti, 25 miles away. Moved to vicinity of Porto Rafti during the day. Destroyed remaining transport and personal gear and embarked at 2300hrs on the "Glengyle".	
25	Attacked by bombers several times during the day. Disembarked at Suda Bay at 1730hrs. Marched 8 miles to Transit Camp.	
26	All day sorting stragglers into unit areas and issuing blankets.	
27	In company with DADOS(E) contacted ADOS Creforce and arranged for a dump of clothing and expendable stores to be established at Moreno. MARINO	
	Recovered broken-down 8-cwt truck. Had it repaired at the workshops and issued to OC NZ Troops. Moved from transit camp to vicinity of Moreno. MARINO	
28	Went to Suda Bay and collected all available Brens, Vickers etc that had not already been lifted from the wharf sheds. Arranged for further supplies of blankets and clothing to be sent to Moreno. MARINO	
29	Went to ADOS and got approval for the issue of 12 RD tents complete with hurricane lamps, tables, chairs, etc. Collected from the different depots and distributed to units. Distributed blankets and clothing from the dump at Moreno to various units. All units of 5 Inf. Bde. have now received an issue of clothing and issue is being made to the 4 Bde.	
30	Drew during the day 200,000 rounds of .303, 50,000 rounds of Mk VIII 2 .303, 500 A/tank mines, 250 grenades and 300 rounds of 3" mortar. Distributed this amm. to units of 4 & 5 Bde. Collected 20 miles of cable and 8 Vickers MG without mountings. Completed issue of blankets to 4 Bde. Informed I was to fly to Egypt early next day so gave DADOS(E) full information regarding supply situation in respect to clothing, expendable stores, amm., RE stores and tools.	

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1. Normal routine. To 15, 17, 18, 14 LAD's.
2. Conference with ~~Col. HSC~~ Harding of OFP re stocks to be carried and functions of sections. To W/shops re jobs in progress & modifications to FA Tractors (Morris). Call on 17 & 18 LAD's.
3. To 10 and 19 LAD's re work in progress. To 1 NZ Fd. W/shops re modified Ford steering sectors & Leyland springs.
4. To 9, 16, 14 LAD's. To 5 Fd. Park Co re transfer of Pte Louis as spring-maker to W/shops. To 1 NZ Fd. W/shops re personnel, transfers evacuations and work in progress.
5. Prepared statement of Ord. personnel in Division for DDOS. To Ellason to see Col McKay re Ordnance matters. To OFP to discuss general policy matters with OC. Met ADOS and COME of Aust. Corps & discussed workshops, recovery and OFP functions with them.
6. Germany declares war on Greece. Move to battle HQ with Div. HQ. With ADOS for conference with W/shops.
7. Normal routine. To W/shops to inspect work in progress. Transfer Sgt. McLeod to 15 LAD temporarily.
8. Call on 11, 15, 14, 19 LAD's. Units instructed to move back over the Olympus Pass, and consequently the mobility of each unit is difficult. Arrange for No 1 NZ Fd. W/shops to work for 24 hrs. to make 24 modified Ford steering sectors. Attend conference at AA & QMG.
9. Div. moves over Pass. To 1 NZ Fd. W/shops and OFP to warn them to move. Destroy 1 3-ton Crossley B/down lorry and 1 M/cycle which cannot be evacuated. Otherwise Div. completely mobile, which is a very good record.
10. Arrive at new location at 0600 hrs. Go immediately to 1 NZ W/shops to send out recovery vehicles to Pass to assist units and to recover derelict vehicles. Do recce. for locations of OFP, 1 NZ W3shops and Nos 2 and 5 which are arriving. To 11 LAD.

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Meet Nos 2 & 5 Ind. Bde. W/shops which are British units under command of N.Z.Div. No.2 is commanded by Major Jones & No.5 by Major Wilson. Move them to their new locations. Re-allocate sections of OFP. See 9,14,19 LAD's. Arrange allocations of units to be served by W/shops and OFP as follows:-
 No 1 NZ Fd W/shops - B Section OFP: HQ, NZ Div. (ASC cannot cope with all these vehicles); 6 Inf. Bde.; HQ, NZE; 5 Fd. Park Co.; 6 Fd. Coy.; 7 Fd. Coy.; 19 Army Tpt.; Div. Cav.; Div. Sigs.; Pro. Coy.; Postal Unit.

No. 2 I.B. W/shops - c Section OFP : 5 Inf. Bde.; 4 Fd. Regt.; 5 Fd. Regt.; 7 A/tank Regt.; HQ, NZA; Survey Troop.

No. 5 I.B. W/shops - A Section OFP: 4 Inf. Bde.; 6 Fd. Regt.; 27 MG Bn.

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To Nos 2 & 5 W/shops to give them details of procedure and methods of functioning. To Ellason to see Col. McKay, ADOS of L of C. To OFP to arrange for gun stores to be carried.

13.

Call on No. 1 W/shops and 10, 14, 15 19 LAD's. Normal routine.

14

To 4 Inf. Bde. and 11 and 18 LAD's. To No 5 W/shops. Bombed on the road for the first time. Met 13 LAD and send recovery vehicles from No 2 W/shops to assist units coming down from Pass. At 2300 hrs sent to warn all W/shops and OFP to move during night to Turnavos.

15

To see rear party at No 1. W/shops who are taking over all immobile vehicles under repair. No.5 W/shops send two recovery vehicles to assist other units during withdrawals.

16

At mid-day set off to warn all w/shops and OFP to move back again to Atlanti. As convoy is moving out we are dive-bombed and machine gunned. Got convoy away by 2030 hrs. Slow moving. Do 7 recovery jobs before dawn.

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Whole convoy stuck in muddy patch 7 miles out of Larissa on Vollos

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road. I take two recovery vehicles and go down main road to Lamia where I meet ADOS and No 2 W/shops.

Recovery posts on Voulos road formed under command of ADOS and using recovery vehicles from all w/shops. I form advanced recovery post 5 miles south of Lamia and take balance of all w/shops and OFP to 2 miles Nth. of ~~KESS~~ Atlantip where they take up locations. Rations, petrol and spare parts collected.

19

ADOS and Capt. Pollock return from Voulos road. Advanced recovery post Sth. of Lamia transferred to their parent w/shops.

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Have conference with OC's of all W/shops and OFP and arrange working policy. It is reported that no vehicles were left on the Voulos road although a number were abandoned through bombing and accident. No.5 W/shops lose 1 Machinery lorry and 1 W/trailer. Vehicles gained for distribution to NZ units:- 2 8-cwt trucks, 2 15-cwt trucks, 2 30-cwt trucks, 2 3-ton trucks, 1 FA tractor, 1 trailer, 2 generating plants, 1 RAF detector recovered for RAF. W/shops again functioning but are "discovered" by German Air Force and are bombed and machine-gunned almost continuously for 7 hours. The casualties are surprisingly small -- only two killed, 1 wounded and 1 truck damaged. No.2 W/shops & OFP suffer more than others so decide to disperse these. Do recc. with Major Jones, and both units move during early morning. No 2. six miles Sth. of Atlantip and OFP 20 miles Sth. of Atlantip.

21.

See 11 and 19 LAD's. Learn that Lt. Bauchop, Ptes Hansen, Rabbits & a 30R Allen of 9 LAD are missing believed killed, but there is no definite confirmation. They are reported to have been attacked by Fifth Columnists at Larissa. Div. HQ move forward 6 1/2 miles.

22

Learn that the Imperial Forces are to evacuate. ADOS warns OFP and W/shops to move to-night.

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Div. HQ withdraw Sth. of Athens.

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Outside of D Beach. Embark on ships at dusk.
At sea. Convoy attacked, but raiders driven off. Arrive at Crete.
At Crete.
With ADOS to see ADOS of Creforce & W/shops. "Issued" with 1 8-cwt truck for Div. HQ.
Act as Div transport officer with 6 trucks ex Welch Regt. Move to Div. HQ location.
Normal routine.
To 1 Fd. W/shops to take OC's orderly room in absence of ADOS. Case of Pte Burnt who discharged a rifle and killed a local inhabitant. Summary of evidence and charges read to the accused who pleads "Not Guilty". The case is remanded. Summary of evidence submitted to ADOS. ADOS leaves Crete and I am temporarily appointed to act for him.

General comments: Special reference must be made to the excellent work performed by all LAD's and No 1 NZ Fd. W/shops.

The Ordnance casualties for the month of April are believed to be as follows (confirmation to be given later):-

Killed:- Sgt Drummond, 20 Bn; Pte ~~BE~~ A'Court, 20 Bn.; 2 OR

Missing believed killed:- 2/Lt H A Bauchop, 9 LAD; Pte Hansen, 9 LAD; 1 OR
Pte Allen, 9 LAD; Pte Rabbits, 9 LAD.

Wounded:- WO 1 A Gunn, 13 LAD. 1 OR

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