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WAR DIARY of ADOS N.Z.Div.

Unit N.Z.O.C.

Commanding Officer

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Summary of Events and Information.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	
Egypt.	June 1		Camp Adjutant, Garawi, is unable to get refrigerators so I approached B.T.E. but received little satisfaction. Abbassia refused to act on large indent for missing gear without approval from BTE. Promulgated instructions regarding re-equipping of the Div. Drew more Sect. K war equipment. 4 Bde. arrived back from Crete to find their area complete in every respect. Div. HQ personnel, including all ordnance staff except S/Sgt Ashcroft and Pte Gracie, arrived back from Crete. It appears Ashcroft & Gracie are prisoners of war. Contacted D.D.O.S. BTE and the refrigerators and missing equipment required urgently for Garawi Camp were released for issue. Drew three cars from Middle East pool for G.O.C., Briggs Puttick and Hargest. Went to Middle East and saw G(SD) about more transport. Only success a promise of more M/cycles. Did, however, manage to obtain authority for the issue of 30 bicycles. Went to BTE with DDOS & DADOS(E) to see what equipment BTE had available for the 6 Bde. Answer - nil. Saw ADOS(P) at Abbassia about steel cupboards - not very successful. Visited gunshops and saw OME's and OR's at work on their course. Sent to No. 5 BOD urgently for hometops. Drew Brens, Mortars, Thompson Sub-M/G's and Signalling equipment previously authorised for issue from No. 5 BOD. Obtained authority from ME for issue of 10 steel cupboards. Sent most of the staff just returned from Crete on holiday. Allocated tools towards completing 24 (including 3 different types) armourers' kits. Together with DDOS went to Tel-el-Kebir and saw COO, DCOO and ADOS(P). Hastened completion as far as possible of our bulk I.O's for war equipment for the Div. Then on to 6 Bde HQ at Moascar - saw Brig., B.M., S.C., B.W.O. and O.M.E. Arranged for OME to endeavour to draw his 1098 equipment and also learnt of main deficiencies of equipment urgently required by the Bde.
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Bns. of 6 Bde. were issued with a total of 36 Bren guns to complete them all to 40. Several loads of expendable stores received from Abbassia.

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Drew 176 insulators 6gal and containers for No. 1 cookers. Base W/shops cannot undertake the repair and modification of A/Tank Regt's guns for some time. Verified that all 26 M/cycles issued to 2NZEF Base were really for the Div. Applied for F.G.C.M. for the case of Pte Brunt of 1 NZ Fd. Workshops.

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Called to Maadi for conference with DDOS at 1100 hrs. Conference resumed at 2015hrs and dealt with postings of NCO's and personnel to LAD's consequent upon losses in Greece and Crete, and also the formation of the other two Fd. W/shops.

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Authority from M.E. for the issue of a further 20 steel cupboards. Authorised issue of 18 of the M/cycles available at BOD, Maadi.

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Authorised issue of the remaining 8 M/cycles from BOD, Maadi. Drew further typewriters from BOD, Maadi, for various units. Drew some training stores from No. 5 BOD for Engineer units.

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Drew a lot of section G 1 and G 2 equipment, also a certain amount of A/G equipment. Returns from unit of War Equipment brought back from Crete reveals that very few arms and practically no equipment was salvaged. Wrote to A/Q and suggested some Gestetners be obtained from Base where there are a number of units with Gestetners, though not entitled to them.

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Authority obtained for the release of all available signalling equipment required by Bns. of the 6 Bde. Completed combined issue orders for all MT war equipment and took them to No. 1 sub-depot. C.O. promised to have action taken on them immediately. Continued to draw A/G equipment.

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	13		Drew complete signalling equipment for Bns. of 6 Bde. with the exception of actual instruments which were not available. Gave A/Q our estimated requirements of rifles and he obtained authority for issue of 2000. Checked all unit rolls regarding NZOC personnel killed, wounded or missing and advised AAG accordingly.
	14		Endeavoured to get a car for Brig. Hargest, but could only get a 15cwt which was accepted in lieu in the meantime. Sent signalling equipment to 6 Bde. Trucks returned from No. 5 BOD with 800 steel helmets and some engineering equipment.
	15		Completed drawing the 2000 rifles and also drew a fair amount of MT stores. WO Kerby and Cpls Solon & Griffiths went off to courses.
	16		Drew MT stores from No. 4 BOD and two 3-tonners of web equipment from No. 5 BOD. Had conference with G I and representative from M.E. regarding essential training equipment required. Conference with the OC's of the three Fd. W/shops regarding problems arising out of the formation of Nos. 2 & 3. Spent some considerable time advising units of posting of Ord. personnel to them.
	17		Routine.
	18		2/Lt P F Hawkins reported for duty as a learner assistant. Three trucks of technical equipment from No. 5 BOD; and one truck of ammunition from No. 9 BAD and balance of MT stores available from No. 4 BOD. S/Sgt Boyce of 18 Bn. reported to central armourers' shop at Abbassia as an instructor. Called for return of pistols from all units.
	19, 20		Routine.
	21		Prepared schedule of total ordnance MT still required by the Div.
	22		Received seven railway trucks of A/G stores from No. 5 BOD, also a considerable quantity of tools.
	23		Arranged for collection of certain MT available tomorrow. At conference of all ordnance officers at Maadi until 1100hrs. Arranged distribution of 125 sheets of tools that had just been received.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	
	24		Drew 30 M/cycles, 7 three ton lorries, 4 8cwt wireless trucks and 10 Bren carriers. Drew over 100 ovens for No. 3 cookers. M.E. agreed to forward all Issue Orders then held up, to the Base Ordnance Depots at once.
	25		Drew 48 gun tractors for Artillery Regts. More A/G equipment available. Lecture on Crete by the Div. Commander.
	26		Drew 20 m/cycles from No. 5 BOD. 2500 two gallon water cans arrived by rail. Fortunate to get 1000 steel helmets also. Drew all requirement equipment required by tank hunting parties with the exception of smoke generator from No. 9 BAD.
	27		Routine.
	28		Handed over to the U.D.F. all available rifles we had in stock - 305.
	29		Drew 2000 oil-bottles and pull-throughs from No. 3 Sub-depot and a tremendous quantity of rope from No. 2 Sub-depot.
	30		Six armoured O.P. carriers were drawn by the Fd. Regts. Drew 20 No. 1 and 50 No. 3 cookers. Submitted amended Issue Orders for all uncontrolled stores of 14 Lt AA Regt.

Handwritten signature:
Lt Col A J O S
WZ Div.

Appendix B
RE-EQUIPMENT OF N.Z. DIVISION.

1. The re-equipment of the N.Z. Division is being done under a system promulgated by the D.D.O.S., 2 NZEF.
2. This has been designed for the threefold purpose of:
 - (a) Facilitating rapid submission of requirements to RAOC.
 - (b) Avoiding the laborious submission of indents by units.
 - (c) Excluding the necessity of vouchers from RAOC to units.
3. Units are not required to indent for any initial war equipment other than their requirements in Section A 1; respirators complete in Section A 2; rifles, pull-throughs and oil-bottles in Section B 1. (NZ. All reinforcements will be completely equipped.)
4. The only other action required of units is that they collect from the Ordnance Depot (Area S) items of war equipment when requested by Ordnance representative.
5. In order to avoid congestion at the Ordnance Depot, it is essential that units make every possible endeavour to collect their stores as soon as possible after notification that they are available.
6. Procedure when taking over stores:
 - (a) Check stores.
 - (b) Sign two copies of appropriate NZEF 30 on which stores are issued.
 - (c) Note quantity of stores taken delivery of in note book.
 - (d) Allow storemen making issues of stores to initial each issue in the notebook.
 - (e) Vouchers for initial equipment issued by NZAOC will NOT be used.
7. Distribution of initial equipment will be made in accordance with instructions received from G Branch. Units are therefore requested not to worry ADOS re expediting equipment as every endeavour will be made to fulfill essential requirements as soon as possible.
8. In the event of any unit being detailed for a specific task requiring certain equipment not yet on issue, application for such equipment will be made to Div. HQ and the necessary steps will be taken to endeavour to supply as far as available resources will allow.
9. Full co-operation in the above instructions will permit of the re-equipping of the Division to proceed as rapidly and as smoothly as possible.

Units are not required to
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Appendix A.

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Place	Date	Hour	
Middle East	1941	June	
		1	At Amriya. Left for Cairo.
		2	Reported to D.D.O.S. Maadi Camp at 0630hrs. Recommended WO1 G. B. Schou for decoration.
		3	Conference with D.D.O.S. re posting of reinforcements. With D.D.O.S. and A.D.O.S. to B.T.E. and B.O.W. Inspected personnel at Ord. Gun Course and Armourers Course.
		4 & 5	Posting of Ordnance personnel. Normal routine.
		6	Normal routine. Met O.M.E's. of 5th. reinforcements and discussed their duties as O.M.E's with them.
		7	Normal routine.
		8	Conference with D.D.O.S.; A.D.O.S. and S.O.M.E. (Base) on reorganisation of Fd. Workshops and LAD's.
		9	Posting of personnel. Normal routine.
		10	With D.D.O.S. and S.O.M.E. (Base) to G.H.Q. M.E. and to H.Q. 4 B.O.W. Discussed courses and attachments of 1 N.Z. Fd. Workshops to 4 B.O.W. with C.O.M.E. Arranged electricians course ord. gun course and N.C.O's course.
		11-12	Normal routine.
		13-19	On leave.
		20	Conferences with D.D.O.S. and O. C. Div. Ord. workshops. Prepared agenda for O.M.E's conference
		21	Posting of personnel. Discussed LAD matters with Lt. H.D. McManaway of 19 LAD.
		22	Normal routine.
		23	Conference of O.M.E's. Agenda and minutes attached to this war diary.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Middle East	June	1941.	<p>24 Sub-committee met to report on (a) Grading of Technical Personnel and (b) Suitable Types of recovery vehicles to be used. (a) This sub-committee considered that grading of technical personnel was not necessary under the circumstances, now extant, of the records kept by S.O.M.E. Base. (b) This sub-committee recommended that for light LAD's a 30cwt. truck with mechanical winch from power take off and fitted with Holmes Hoist would be more effective than a heavy breakdown lorry. No change in the establishment of heavy LAD's or W/Shops was recommended.</p> <p>25 With D.D.O.S to M.E. Interviewed Major Redman re establishments of Div. workshops and O.F.P. To see Col. Wright, C.O.M.E.; 4 B.O.W. re personnel attachment of Div. Ordnance, workshops Personnel to 4 B.O.W. Inspected personnel at Ordnance, Gun, Automotive, Armourer's and Instrument Mechanic's Courses. Arranged for Storemans course with C.O.O.</p> <p>26 Normal routine. Amended special circular "M" to comply with existing conditions.</p> <p>27 Completed posting of Ordnance personnel. Conference with D.D.O.S. and S.O.M.E.(Base) regarding draft copy of nominal roll.</p> <p>28 Did reconnaissance of Div. Ord. Workshops Area at 4 B.O.W. with Col. Wright. Lt-Col. Stanford Major Sellars and Capt. Pollock. Completed arrangements for attachments as follows. (a) Inspecting party under 2/Lt. Carlton to report on 1st. July 1941. (b) Advance party to erect camp to report 4th July 1941. (c) Main workshops to march in on 7th July 1941. (d) C.O.M.E. 4 B.O.W. to provide hand tools and tool kits. (e) C.O.M.E. 4 B.O.W. to arrange for loan of transport from Union Forces. (f) Workshops area No. 3 to be handed to Div. Ord. workshops. (g) Div. Ord. Workshops to be responsible for accommodation, rations, pay, discipline and to be self-contained under working under active service conditions.</p> <p>29 Sub-committee to report on "Amendments of A.F.G. 1098 for LAD's" met. Normal routine.</p> <p>30 Selected personnel for Ordnance Gun, N.C.O's and Storemans Courses. Normal Routine.</p>	

J.O. Kelsey Major
DADOS (E)
NZ Division

O.M.Es Conference - N.Z. Div. and 2 N.Z.E.F.

Monday 23rd June, 1941.

at Maadi Camp.

Times: Part (a) 0900 - 1230hrs. Part (b) 1630 - 1830hrs.
Part (c) 2015 - 2200hrs.

Agenda Paper

Part (a).

1. 0900 - 1000hrs.
Opening of Conference and Address by D.D.O.S. Lt.Col. T.J.King O.B.E.
2. 1000 - 1030hrs.
System of Indenting. (a) A.F.G. 1098 Equipment.
(b) Scale of Spare Parts
(c) Replacement of U/S Parts. A.D.O.S. N.Z.Div.
(d) Exchange Indents. Lt.Col.A.H.Andrews.

Break 1030 - 1100hrs.

3. 1100 - 1230hrs.
Personnel. (a) Grading
(b) Training
(c) Re-classification of trades
(d) E.D. Pay
(e) Casualty Returns
(f) Promotions
(g) Postings and transfers
(h) Attached
(i) Reinforcements
(j) Discipline.
D.A.D.O.S.(E) NZ Div.
S.O.M.E. Base.
Major J.O. Kelsey.
Capt. N.P.Manning.

Part (b).

4. 1630 - 1700hrs.
Organisation and Function of Fd.W/Shops. O.C. No.1 NZ Fd. W/Shops.
Capt. C.D. Pollock.
5. 1700 - 1715hrs.
Co-ordination of Fd. W/Shops, L.A.Ds and O.F.P. in the Field. D.A.D.O.S.(E)
Major J.O.Kelsey.
6. 1715 - 1745hrs.
O.M.Es' Inspections of Vehicles, Ordnance and Instruments. O.C. No.2 NZ Fd. W/Shops.
Capt. C.K.Fleming.
7. 1745 - 1800hrs.
Technical Defects and Experiments. O.C. No.1 NZ Fd. W/Shops.
Capt. G.D.Pollock.
8. 1800 - 1810hrs.
O.M.Es' Reports. DADOS(E) Major Kelsey.
9. 1810 - 1830hrs.
Vehicle Census and State. SOME(Base) Capt. Manning.

Part (c).

10. 2015 - 2030hrs.
Armourers and their duties. ADOS Lt.Col.Andrews.
11. 2300 - 2100hrs.
Recovery Work, Evacuations and Recovery Vehicles. Capt. Pollock.
12. 2100 - 2115
Modifications - Technical. DADOS(E) Major Kelsey.
13. 2115 - 2130hrs.
First Aid in the Field.
14. 2130 - 2200hrs.
General Matters and Questions.

PRESENT. Lt-Col. T. J. King O.B.E. (Chairman), Lt-Col. A.A. Andrews, Major J.O. Kelsey, Capts. N.P. Manning, D.E. Harper, C.K. Fleming, G.D. Pollock, Lieut. W.L. Uniacke, 2/Lt. H.D. MacManaway, H. J. Bourke, N. J. Rollinson, A. T. MacKay, F. H. Stubbs, A. D. Merson D. H. Luke, T. Bromley, E.-W. I. Meyer, P. C. M. Carlton, N. H. Stratford, J. B. Andrews, F. W. Taylor, F. D. Barry, G. S. Brash, P. F. Hawkins, H. F. Hamilton, R. G. Brassel, L. H. Stroud, V. Reid.

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Lt. R. H. England, Lt. H. B. Ward 2/Lts. J. W. Neale, R. B. Corlett, B. A. McConnel, L. T. Kennedy.

OPENING ADDRESS.

Lt-Col. T. J. King O.B.E. addressed the conference on the subjects of Ordnance Services and the Duties of an O. M. E.

SYSTEM OF INDENTS.

Lt-Col. A. A. Andrews outlined the procedure of indenting relative to (a) A.F.S. 1098 Equipment.
(b) Scale of Spare Parts.
(c) Replacement of u/s parts.
(d) Exchange Indents of M. T. Parts.

EQUIPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE.

It was resolved that a sub-committee comprising Capts. Manning, Fleming, Lt. Uniacke, 2/Lt. Carlton with Major Kelsey as ex-officio member, be appointed to bring down recommendations to D.D.O.S. 2 N.Z.E.F. on amendments considered necessary to A. F.G. 1098 for an L.A.D.

This committee to meet on Sunday 29th June and report on conclusion.

Personnel. Major Kelsey gave a lead on the following sub-items under this heading.

- (a) Training.
- (b) Re-classification of Trades.
- (c) Promotions.
- (d) Attached.
- (e) Discipline.

Similarly Capt. Manning dealt with the following

- (a) Grading of Technical Personnel.
- (b) E. D. Pay.
- (c) Casualty Returns.
- (d) Postings and Transfers.
- (e) Reinforcements.

CONCLUSIONS REACHED.

- (a) It was resolved that a sub-committee comprising Capt. Manning Lt. Uniacke, 2/Lt. MacManaway with Major Kelsey as an ex-officio member be appointed to bring down recommendations with regard to to the grading of technical personnel.
- (b) It was resolved that O.M.E's of L.A.D's, Fd. Workshop's and Workshop sections be made responsible for the proper rendition of casualty returns affecting Ordnance personnel.
- (c) It was decided that applicable extracts of Part II Orders be rendered to O. M. E's concerned.
- (d) It was decided that arrangements be made to attach clerks from workshops to the DAG's office for instruction in the rendition of casualty returns.

PAPERS GIVEN TO CONFERENCE.

The following papers were given to the conference.

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| (a) Organisation and Functions of Fd. workshops. | Capt. G. D. Pollock. |
| (b) Co-ordination of Fd. Workshops, LAD's and C.F.P. in the field. | Major J. O. Kelsey. |
| (c) O.M.E.'s Inspections of M. T. Ordnance and Instruments. | Capt. C. K. Fleming. |
| (d) Technical Defects and Experiments; | 2/Lt. H. D. MacManaway. |
| (e) O.M.E.'s. Reports. | Major J. O. Kelsey. |
| (f) Vehicle census and statistics. | Capt. N. P. Lanning. |
| (g) Armourers and their Duties. | 2/Lt. F. D. Barry. |
| (h) Recovery and Evacuations | Capt. G. D. Pollock. |
| (i) Modifications- Technical. | Major J. O. Kelsey. |

RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE - GENERAL.

It was resolved that:-

- (a) A sub-committee comprising Major J. O. Kelsey, Capt. G. D. Pollock, 2/Lts. A. D. MacManaway and A. D. Merson be appointed to report on the types of heavy and light recovery vehicles recommended for use by Ordnance Units serving units of the N.Z. Division.
- (b) D.A.D.O.S. (E) arrange for all O.M.E.'s and a small number of men from each LAD and workshops to be trained in First-Aid.
- (c) D.A.D.O.S. (E) arrange for one N. C. O. of each LAD and workshop to be trained in Anti-Gas and Chemical warfare measures.

The conference terminated at 2225hrs.

~~The minutes of the conference are to be submitted to the N.Z. Division.~~

J. O. Kelsey,
Major.
D.A.D.O.S. (E).,
N. Z. Divn.
Conference Secretary.