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WAR DIARY

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Unit NZOC

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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Commanding Officer Lt-Col. A. H. An

Month and Year Sept 1941.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendix
Egypt	Sept	1	Distributed tentage to units of the 5 Bde Gp which is moving out to the Western Desert.	
		2	Routine	
		3	Received balance of discharger cups for the Inf Bns. DADOS visited M.E. with our list of deficiencies and obtained authority for release of all available signal stores, and all available ammunition.	Appx A War Diaries Appx B
		4	Units were given approved Issue Orders for Ammunition and instructed to collect from the Ammn. Depots.	Monthly
		5	Arranged procedure to be followed for handover of all tentage and accomodation stores to the South African Camp Quartermaster when units move out to the Western Desert.	of all Appx C
		6	Drew 300, 12½ gal camel tanks and 5000 odd bivouac tents.	Special
		7	Drew 100 A/Tk Rifles to complete to authorized scale of 50% Conference with O.C. Div. Ord. Wkshops in regard to outstanding equipment. Had to cancel arrangements for modifications to roofs of 8 cwts owing to unavailability of materials.	whit d- Appx D
		8	Drew further 1000 camel tanks. Could only get 360 sun compasses balance of 335 to follow. Sent several LAD's to No 5 Base Ord. Depot to collect their first aid M.T. outfits as scaled by Scales Officer. Though authorised for issue, .450 Thompson Sub Machine gun, and all revolver ammunition is unavailable.	Laundry A.A.

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Unit ADOS, NZ Div.

Month and Year Sept '41. *ADOS*

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appen
	<u>Sept</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>All day conference with DDOS and COME regarding various matters. As advice was received during the day that N.Z. was to form both the Tank Bde Wkshop and the Army Tank Wkshops, the personnel to go back to N.Z. were immediately selected. Started packing preparatory to move out to Western Desert.</u>	<i>JAH</i>
		<u>10</u>	<u>Saw COME, 4 Base Ord Wkshops about the retention of two welding sets held by the Div Ord Wkshops - he would not agree, however, an interview with the D.O.S., G.H.Q. M.E. proved very satisfactory and the Wkshops were able to leave for the Western Desert with three welding sets. D.O.S. also approved the immediate issue of 9 breakdown lorries. Obtained approval from D.A.D.O.S.(MT) Spares for sufficient M.T. Steel Bins to fulfill O.E. Div. Ord. Fd. Park's requirements. Handed over to DADOS, as I was to leave for the Western Desert the following day.</u>	<i>JAH</i>
		<u>11</u>	<u>DADOS drew 1000 camel tanks. Reported to A A & Q M G at HQ, 4 Ind Div., Baggush at 1800 hrs. Spent evening with SOME and DADOS of 4 Inf Div.</u>	<i>JAH</i>
		<u>12</u>	<u>Spent morning with Lt-Col Windle (S.O.M.E) visiting his Workshop Companies in order to select most suitable site for the Div. Ord. Wkshops. After lunch went to Mersa Matruh and interviewed the R.O.O. and the D.A.D.O.S. Returned to Desforce at Baggush - had long conference with AA-&-QMG D.D.O.S. and A.D.O.S.(E). 13 Corps.</u>	<i>JAH</i>
		<u>13</u>	<u>Left for 5 Bde who were situated about 22 miles south of El Alamein. Had conference with Comd. B. M. and S. C. and stayed for lunch.</u>	<i>JAH</i>

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Unit NZOC

Commanding Officer ADOS, NZ Div.

Month and Year Sept 1941.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices
	Sept	13	Proceeded on to Alexandria and went to the W.D. Laundry where laundry arrangements were 'teed up'.	<i>AMH</i>
		14	Visited C.O.O. 6 Adv. Ord. Depot, and came to agreement about indents from the 5 Bde Group. Further conference with O.C, W.D. Laundry. Returned to Baggush in the afternoon. Found remainder of staff with the exception of the DADOS had arrived in my absence so work was commended at once.	<i>AMH</i>
		15	Together with D.A.D.O.S(E) visited R.O.O. Quasaba and finalized method of handling the laundry there. On to Mersa Mutruh where we were able to secure 100 laundry valises. Drafted adm.	<i>AMH</i>
		16	instructions regarding the procedure to be followed in connection with the laundry.	<i>AMH</i>
		16	Routine - DADOS arrived from Helwan. Div. Ord. Wkshops arrived and were located at 760332. 1:100,000 Ras El Kanayis.	<i>AMH</i>
		17	DADOS obtained more laundry valises - issue has now been made on the basis of 1 valise per 75 men. Div. Petrol Coy delivered about two thirds of the Div Reserve of clothing and a small Ordnance Depot was formed for the purpose of making quick replacements to units. Stocks were replenished by bulk indents from Base. Made urgent request to D.O.S. (O.S.3) at Middle East and C.O.M.E. H.Q. 2 NZEF for an aeroplane compass for the Div. Comd.	<i>AMH</i>
		18	Together with DADOS(E), visited Desforce and had long conference with A.D.O.S.(E) and S.O.M.E. 7th Armd. Div. Arranged proceedings for evacuation of vehicles.	<i>AMH</i>

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to A
	Sept 19		Contacted S.O.M.E., 2 NZEF by phone and he advised that the aeroplane compass for the Div Comd. was available. Left here at 1445 hrs - reached Maadi at 2000hrs.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	20		Went to Middle East and saw O.S.1 about breakdown lorries: O.S. (3) about controlled stores: O.S.(2) about important outstanding items and also the NZLO. Returned to Maadi at 1100 hrs and spent day in conference with D.D.O.S. and C.O.M.E.. D.D.O.S. agreed to the formation of a liaison staff both at Nos 4 and 5 Base Ord. Depots to expedite our M.T. demands.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	21,		Returned to Baggush.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	22		Packed up the office during the morning and moved out on exercise at 1500 hrs. Just had time to set up office for work before darkness.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	23		Routine Work during morning. Moved our position at 1340 hrs - did not open up office there - after short break moved back to Baggush arriving there at 1800 hrs.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	24		Went to No 3 Ord Fd Park and had long conference with O.C. regarding his service to N.Z. Div units pending the arrival of our own Ord. Fd. Park. Also discussed the actual system of supply of M.T. replacements by the Road Delivery Service.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	25		Routine.	<i>[Signature]</i>

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Commanding Officer ADOS, NZ Div

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to A
	Sept	26	Received four breakdown lorries from Base, well laden with stores for distribution to units. These breakdowns were allotted to the following LAD's. 13, 16, 17, 11. Despatched a 3 ton lorry to 5 Bde Gp with stores. Forwarded to AA & QMG suggested improvements in the system of handling laundry.	ADOS
		27	Visited D.D.O.S., 13 Corps. Signalled C.O.M.E. 2 NZEF to obtain the 'connector box' which was missing from the Div. Comd's Aero. compass. Request from Div Cav that urgent action be taken to complete their wireless sets.	ADOS
		28	Routine.	ADOS
		29	Left Baggush at 0800 hrs for Alexandria. In afternoon visited W.D. Laundry and expedited the renovation of NZ Battledress: arranged for despatch of winter underclothing and battledress direct to the Western Desert after renovation. Visited the R.A.O.C. workshops and arranged for suitable modifications to be carried out to the canopies of Div H.Q. Office Trucks.	ADOS
		30	Again visited W.D. Laundry. Returned to Baggush, but owing to a breakdown did not arrive until 1800 hrs.	ADOS
		31	Left on manoeuvres at 0700 hrs. Moved three times during the day the final move being by night. Set up office after each move.	ADOS

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Commanding Officer DADOS (E), NZ Div

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Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendix
1941.		1. To NZ Div Ord Wkshops to arrange for further modifications to 8 cwt vehicles. Wkshops report shortage of necessary materials.	MAH
		2. Routine.	
		3. To Abbassia to check up on progress of clerks who are attached for scaling of NZ Div Ord Fd Park. Scaling will apparently take a few days yet before completion.	MAH
		4. To Abbassia re desert equipment. Shortage of necessary steel acute. No prospect of indents being fulfilled for at least a fortnight.	MAH
		5. To NZ Div Ord Wkshops to advise and arrange re drawing of 2 A.E.C. Matador, and 1 Italian Breakdown.	MAH MAH
		6. Routine.	
		7. To NZ Div Ord Wkshops to arrange for acceptance of first 20 8 cwt lorries for modifications to roof. Gave warning order of pending move from Abbassia to El Alemein and Baggush.	MAH
		8. To 6 B.O.D. with Major Knox, O.C. NZ Div. Ord. Fd. Park to check through LAD and Ord Fd. Park scales before placing of indents. Cancelled next batch of roof modifications to 8 cwts owing to lack of materials.	MAH
		9. Routine.	MAH

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Commanding Officer DADOS (E), NZ

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Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appen
Sept.	22/23	With Div H.Q. in field exercise.	MA
	24.	Routine.	MA
	25.	Visited 10 LAD, 5 Fd. Pk.Coy, 13 LAD and 27 (MG) Bn re administration matters.	MA
	26.	Visited 13 LAD, Div Cav to enquire is Wkshops assistance required for recovery of vehicles damaged in mine field: 13 LAD able to cope with job.	MA
	27.	Visited O.M.E's of LAD's attached to 4, 5 & 6 Inf Bdes re census of R.F. tyres in Bdes. Tyres required for 25 pdrs.	MA
	28.	To Wkshops with priority lists for roof modifications to vehicles.	MA
	29.	With ADOS, NZ Div to Alexandria to arrange for repairs to Div H.Q. Office trucks at Wkshops, and discuss Divisional washing arrangements with laundry.	MA
	30.	At Alexandria Wkshops: inspected repair shop for 'I' Tanks. Excellent facilities available. Returned to Div. H.Q., Baggush 1820 hrs.	MA

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Capt.,

Subject:- LAUNDRY.

The following arrangements have been completed in regard to the laundry of clothing of other ranks of W.L.Div. in this area:

1. Units will be issued with washing valises on the basis of one per 100 other ranks (approx.)
2. Laundry will be forwarded to Alexandria four times weekly and the following groupings of units is recommended:
 - (a) 4 Inf. Bde.
27 MB Bn.
4 Fd. Amb.
 - (b) Div. Cav.
HQ, NZA
4 Fd. Regt.
7 A/Tank Regt.
HQ, NZE
5 Fd. Park Coy
6 Fd. Coy.
8 Fd. Coy.
 - (c) HQ, NZ Div.
HQ, NZASC
Div. Sigs.
Div. Amm. Coy.
Div. Pet. Coy.
Div. Supply Col.
Res. MF Coy.
 - (d) 6 Inf. Bde.
6 Fd. Regt.
6 Fd. Amb.
3. All laundry will be clearly marked and a list of the contents of each valise will be made in triplicate. One copy will be enclosed in the valise; one will be passed to ADOS, when the valises are delivered to the Ordnance Store; the other copy will be retained by the Unit.
4. The valises will be delivered to Ordnance Store by 1200 hrs:-
 - (a) On Saturdays by units in para. 2 (a).
 - (b) On Sundays by units in Para 2 (b).
 - (c) On Mondays by units in Para 2 (c).
 - (d) On Wednesdays by units in Para 2 (d).
5. Laundry delivered to Ordnance on Mondays will normally be available for collection from Ordnance on Thursday evenings, or first thing Friday morning. Units will be advised when the washing can be collected from Ordnance.
6. Units will not receive back 100% of the clothing they send to the laundry as all unserviceable items, or items requiring repair, will be replaced by new or repaired items. All efforts will be made by the laundry to return equivalent sizes.
7. Every consignment of laundry will be accompanied by a Sgt., or N.C.O., of higher rank.
8. He will report to ADOS by 1330 hrs on the day on which the consignment is forwarded. He will:
 - (a) Collect from ADOS the washing lists of the various units.
 - (b) Accompany the laundry to Alexandria.
 - (c) Check all clothing out of the valises on arrival at the WD laundry.
 - (d) Recheck all clothing back into the valises after it has been laundered.
 - (e) Accompany the laundry back on the train.
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