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Commanding Officer: Lt-Col A.H.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	21.4/1/27	Summary of Events and Information.	References to
M.E. Forces	Oct	1		Went out on exercise again. Left at 0700 hrs; moved and set up office three times, the last move and set up being carried out in darkness.	ASH Appx A
		2		Two more fairly long moves and then back to BAGDASH. Advice that Major Fleming was to return to NZ. Routine.	ASH Diary
		3		Submitted 'State of Training' return to A/Q. DADOS left for MAADI en route to an Amn Course at No 2 B.A.D. Conference with OC, Div Ord W/Shops in connection with the reorganisation of his sections and HQ. Discussed very fully with DADOS(E), all C.M.Es., and OC Div Ord W/Shops likely personnel for promotion consequent upon S/Sgts Yeast and Foley returning to NZ.	ASH Appx B reports - Whosh
		4 X		Routine - a terrific "paper war" is being fought at present.	ASH Reg
		5		ADOS(E) Eighth Army called and was given all possible information regarding Ordnance Services. He then inspected the Div Ord W/Shops.	ASH Appx Dw.
		6		Truck arrived from MAADI with a load of signal and wireless stores required urgently by Div Cav. Arranged laundry details for 5 Bde Cmp and 14 Lt AA Regt. Arranged for all Arty units to complete their drawing of 1098 amm. Advised W.D. Laundry, Alexandria, to forward all laundered winter underclothing to 508 Adv Ord Depot for Distribution.	ASH Appx from on 6

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M.E. Forces	Oct 7	7	<p>21.4</p> <p>DADOS(E) and OC Div Ord W/Shops went up to the forward areas to see how other W/Shops, in particular Tank Bde W/Shops, functioned under active conditions. Despatched 3 lorries to MAADI for stores. Saw demonstration AA shoot. Drew all training amm. for coming Bde exercises. Advised Base Ord. Officer, MAADI, and also W.D. Laundry, Alexandria, to forward all Battle Dress to 508 Adv Ord Depot for distribution. Had interview with rep. of Public Relations Office about the activities of Ordnance in the field.</p>	
		8	<p>A filthy dust storm raged all day. Received 12 Lamps Daylight Signalling. OC Div Ord Fd Park and Major MANNING, the new DADOS(E) arrived about 1600 hrs. Gave OC Div Ord Fd Park full details of all adm arrangements. Suggested modification to Ford Utilities to obviate over heating, made by O.M.E., 16 L.A.D. was forwarded to ADOS(E) Eighth Army for consideration.</p>	
		9	<p>DADOS(E) arranged for Div Comd's aero. compass to be re-adjusted by the Air Force. Majors Pollock and Fleming returned from their trip to the forward areas. Discussed allocation of units to sections and procedure to be followed, with the OC, Div Ord Fd Park. Left for another exercise at 1630 hrs and arrived at location at 2300 hrs after a trying trip over bad desert without lights. Left all stores at BAGGUSH to carry on with issue of stores and handling of laundry. Pith helmets were withdrawn and passed direct to R.O.O. QUASABA under unit arrangements.</p>	

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Oct 10 Office functioned until we moved to new location at 1630 hrs. Commenced a night march at 2200 and arrived at new location after a 30 mile trip by 0300 hrs. *ASH*

11 Went forward at 0600 hrs to see the attack on a fortified post. Very realistic and instructive. Moved back to BACQUH at 1500 hrs. Eighth Army required urgently the complete scaling and all outstanding items of stock, of the Div Ord Fd Park - discussed method of producing the required statement with the OC Div Ord Fd Park. *ASH*

12 Major FLEMING completed handover to Major WAINING and left for MAADI. Further urgent returns required by Eighth Army has kept the office very busy. *ASH*

13 Accompanied Div Comd and AA & QMG on an inspection of the Div Ord W/Shops and Div Ord Fd Park. Div Comd appeared to be very satisfied. Div Salvage unit arrived in the afternoon and were located in the W/Shops area, and were also rationed by the W/Shops. Commenced the issue of one suit of winter underclothing from own dump. DADOS arrived back from his comm. course. *ASH*

14 Normal routine. Desert work is very hard on B.W.Os. and they were instructed to take occasional days off if trucks were not made available for their use. *ASH*

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visited DDOS Eighth Army and discussed several problems with him. Spent most of the afternoon with OC Div Ord Fd Pk. Finalised our total ammunition deficiencies. Prepared schedule of total outstanding of desert equipment by units. Forwarded direct to M.E. for urgent action.

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Nine NZOC reinforcements arrived on 2 breakdown lorries. Reinforcements were immediately posted to units and breakdowns were allotted to 27 (MG) Bn L.A.D., and 14 Lt AA W/Shop Sect. DDOS 2 NZEF was advised of general position regarding all Ord units and personnel.

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Conference with AA & QMG re purchase of clothing by officers, issue of blankets and battle dress. Discussion with OC, Div Salvage Unit regarding best method of utilising his unit. Conference with O.C. and Q.M. Div Sigs regarding method of replacement of Signal Stores from Div Ord Fd Park. Gave AA & QMG total requirements of Div for 2-gal water containers to enable all units to carry 3-gals reserve per man to provide for 3 echelon supply of daily requirements.

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Conference with AA & QMG together with OC, Div Salvage Unit, regarding disposal of Salvage personnel. No further transport available at present so O.C. is to arrange with Bdes for men to be attached to Bns and in conjunction with Bdes arrange method of working. Submitted deficiencies of ammunition to Eighth Army and was given approval to draw 25 tons of Mortar ammunition 2" and 3" Received 53 A/Tk rifles and this just about completed Div to authorised scale of 60%.

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- 19 Ord Fd Park received 100 900 x 13 tyres and they were immediately distributed to units on a pro rata basis. DADOS visited A.R.H. at Sidi Haneish. All morning conference with OC, Div Ord Fd Park. Picked out likely spot for a football ground. *ASH*
- 20 Together with DADOS visited 508 Adv Ord Depot at DABA and finalised arrangements for handling our battle dress and establishing a small Adv Ord Depot of our own. *ASH*
- 21 In company with C.R.E. picked out a football ground in the Div W/Shops area. Pte Kirton arrived back from MAADI with stores. Watched C Rde trial match in the afternoon. Eighth Army produced the new census of warlike stores return and wanted it completed by all units in about 5 days. *ASH*
- 22 Schedules were reduced to the items held by units of the Div, and circulated to all units for completion and return to this office by hand within three days. Sent OC, Div Ord W/Shop to Cairo for the purpose of procuring more spring steel and other essential stores. Rail system broke down so had to send lorries to W.D. Laundry Alexandria, for laundry. Conference with DADOS Eighth Army on various matters. *ASH*
- 23 Received 31 Paralleloscopes, 4 Arty rangefinders, and 1 director for distribution. *ASH*
- 24 Inspected AA Regt W/Shop Sect. Football selection committee announced the names of players for the first trial match. Arranged for the W/Shops to modify 10000 2" Mortar Bombs. *ASH*

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- 25 Conference with OC, Div Ord Fd Park. DADOS is still chasing ammunition from Eighth Army. Inspected W/Shops. *AMH*
- 26 Paint required for all units consequent upon change of all serial numbers and colours. Tried all available Ordnance Depots for paint, but quantities available were very small. Trial matches in the afternoon and players to assemble for a week's training were selected in the evening. Players were to be rationed by Div Ord W/Shops and 'B' Mess for O.Rs. and Officers respectively. Training programme was carried out under the direction of Chaplain Capt F Green. *AMH*
- 27 Left BAGGUSH at 0700 hrs, called at 6 Adv Ord Depot Alexandria and W.D. Laundry at KAHR-EL-DWAR. Inspected laundry system and hastened the delivery of our Battle Dress and winter under-clothing. Arrived MAADI at 1700 hrs. Spent all evening in conference with C.O.M.E., 2 N.Z.E.F. *AMH*
- 28 Visited GHQ, ME, and saw N.Z.L.O.; G(SD) (2) - equipment and M.T.; O.S.(1). All ~~future~~ *further* controlled stores have to be obtained through Eighth Army. *AMH*
- 29 Conference with C.O.M.E., 2 NZEF then went to Cairo on business. Visited GHQ, ME, in connection with Desert Equipment and tyres. Very little satisfaction, however. Contacted Ord Fd Park Liaison Sgt and arranged details of how the desert equipment should be forwarded. *AMH*
- 30 Most of day at Maadi Camp in conference with COME 2 NZEF, Base Ordnance officer, Base Paymaster and Military Secretary. *AMH*
- 31 Returned to BAGGUSH. *AMH*

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Field	Oct	21.5	Summary of Events and Information.	
		1	With Div HQ on Field Exercise.	<i>MP</i>
		2	As for 1 Oct.	<i>MP</i>
		3	Routine Work.	<i>MP</i>
		4	Informed today that have been granted appointment as O.C. Army Tank Bde W/Shop. Requires returning to New Zealand to collect and train personnel. Capt Manning at present S.O.M.E. 2 NZEF to take over appointment of DADOS(E), NZ Div.	<i>MP</i>
		5	Routine. ADOS NZ Div communicated with COME 2 NZEF suggesting visit to forward area to inspect similar W/Shop. Colonel Burkill, ADOS(E) Eighth Army visited office. Accompanied him on tour of inspection of NZ Div Ord W/Shop. He expressed satisfaction with layout of shop and with work being done.	<i>MP</i>
		6	Day spent in finalizing outstanding matters as far as possible.	<i>MP</i>
		7	Left for Forward Area to visit 1 Army Tank Bde W/Shop.	<i>MP</i>
		8	Arrived 0930 hrs at W/Shop. Discussed procedure, establishment and other points of interest.	<i>MP</i>
		9	Returned to Div HQ. Capt Manning arrived from 2 NZEF and handed over officially.	<i>MP</i>

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Field	Oct	8	I reported to Div HQ and appointed DADOS(E) wef. this date.	
		9	Major Fleming returned from forward area and commenced handing over duties,	
		10	Taking over duties continued. Visited ADOS(E) Eighth Army who was absent. Conference with O.C., W/Shops and Fd Pk.	
		11	Perused correspondence files. Conference with ADOS and OC Ord Fd Pk re return required by Army. Routine correspondence.	
		12	Conference ADOS, OC, Ord Fd Pk, re return required by Eighth Army;	
		13	Div Salvage Unit joined NZ Div, to be accommodated and rationed by Div Ord W/Shops until further orders. Routine.	
		14	Routine- Correspondence, modifications and evacuations of equipment. Routine.	
		15	ADOS(E), GHQ, ME, visited office. Requested consolidated return of requirements of Div for desert equipment on new authorised scale. All day spent in preparation.	
		16	Completing above return. 2 Breakdown Lorries and 9 NZOC Reinforcements reported to ADOS office and were distributed.	
		17	Visited by A/ADOS(E) Eighth Army. Inspected W/Shops and Ord Fd Pk. Routine.	
		18	Preparing equipment for desert navigation and routine.	
		19	Routine	
		20	Prepared consolidated casualty return for COME for purpose of Reinforcements. Routine.	
		21	Visited OME, 14 L.A.D. who reported large volume of work. Visited DDOS and ADOS(E) Eighth Army. Discussed L of C Recovery. Visited OME, 10 L.A.D. and arranged for his L.A.D. to relieve 14 L.A.D. when possible.	

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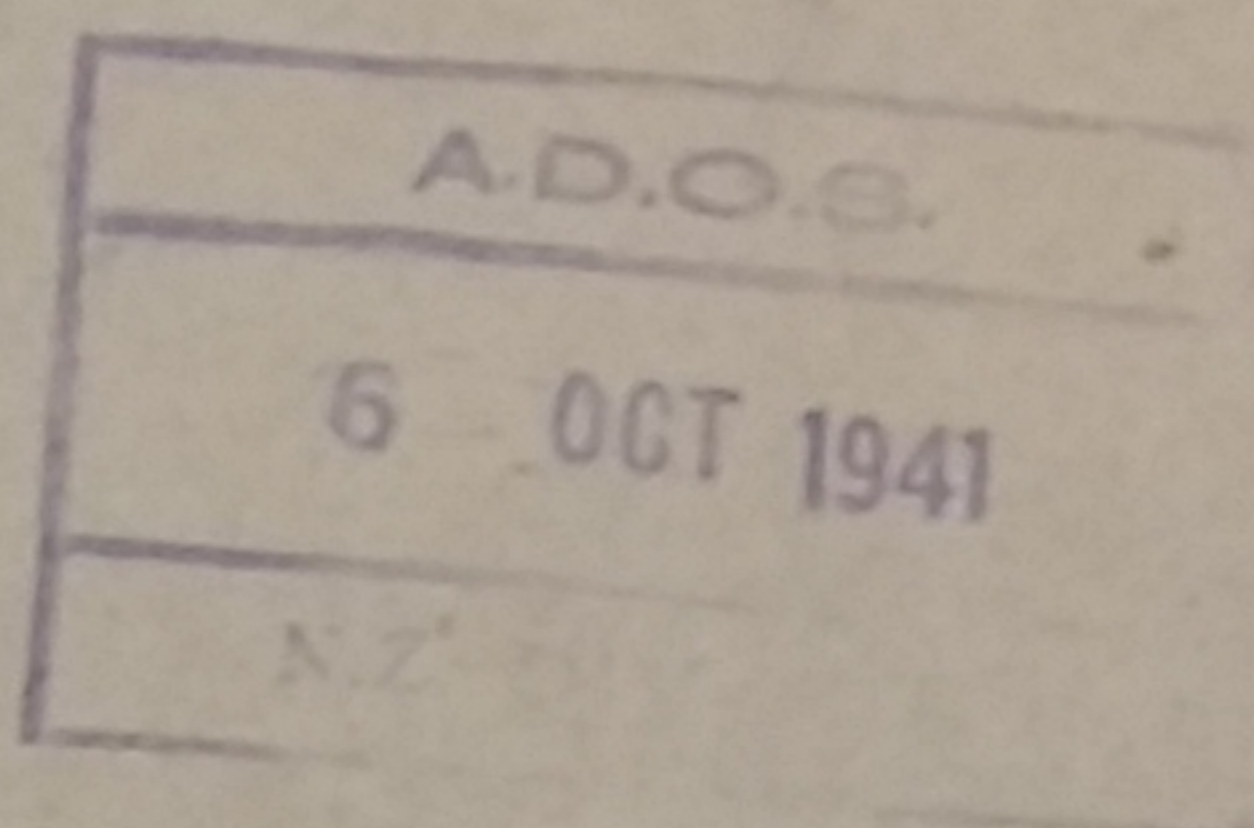
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	Oct	22	Visited OME's, 10, 11, 14, 16, 18 L.A.Ds. Discussed personnel and equipment.	
		23	Routine in office and Field. Recce to Matruh including visit to A.R.H. Matruh and R.O.O., Quasaba.	
		24	Routine including personnel etc. Checking vehicle Census Returns.	
		25	Checking monthly vehicle states.	
		26	Checking monthly vehicle states. Received new authorised scale of Desert Equipment and prepared schedule and indent for additional requirements.	
		27	Return by units to ASC for P.O.L. discloses that units are not using correct grades in Engine Oils as laid down in GO 648 of 1941. Enquiries produce no good reason for this state. D.R.O. issued drawing attention to this order.	
		28	DDOS Eighth Army requests nominal roll of NZOC Officers incl. date of appointment. Purpose unknown. 5 Inf Bde have high spring breakages. Matter being dealt with by Div HQ. Spring trouble common to all types except 3-ton C.A.S. vehicles.	
		29	Visited 12 and 19 L.A.Ds. OME of 12 L.A.D. on leave - of 19 L.A.D. well satisfied with staff. The latter reports shortage of welding equipment and stocks and dies etc is being greatly felt.	
		30	HQ Army offered Vacancies in Courses to NZOC as follows: (a) A.F.V. Fitters course - 6. (b) Armament Artificers Gun Course - 4. All accepted.	
		31	Considering nominations and collecting for Courses as above. Reinforcements reported from Base and distributed. These necessitated inter-unit movement of personnel, in some cases.	

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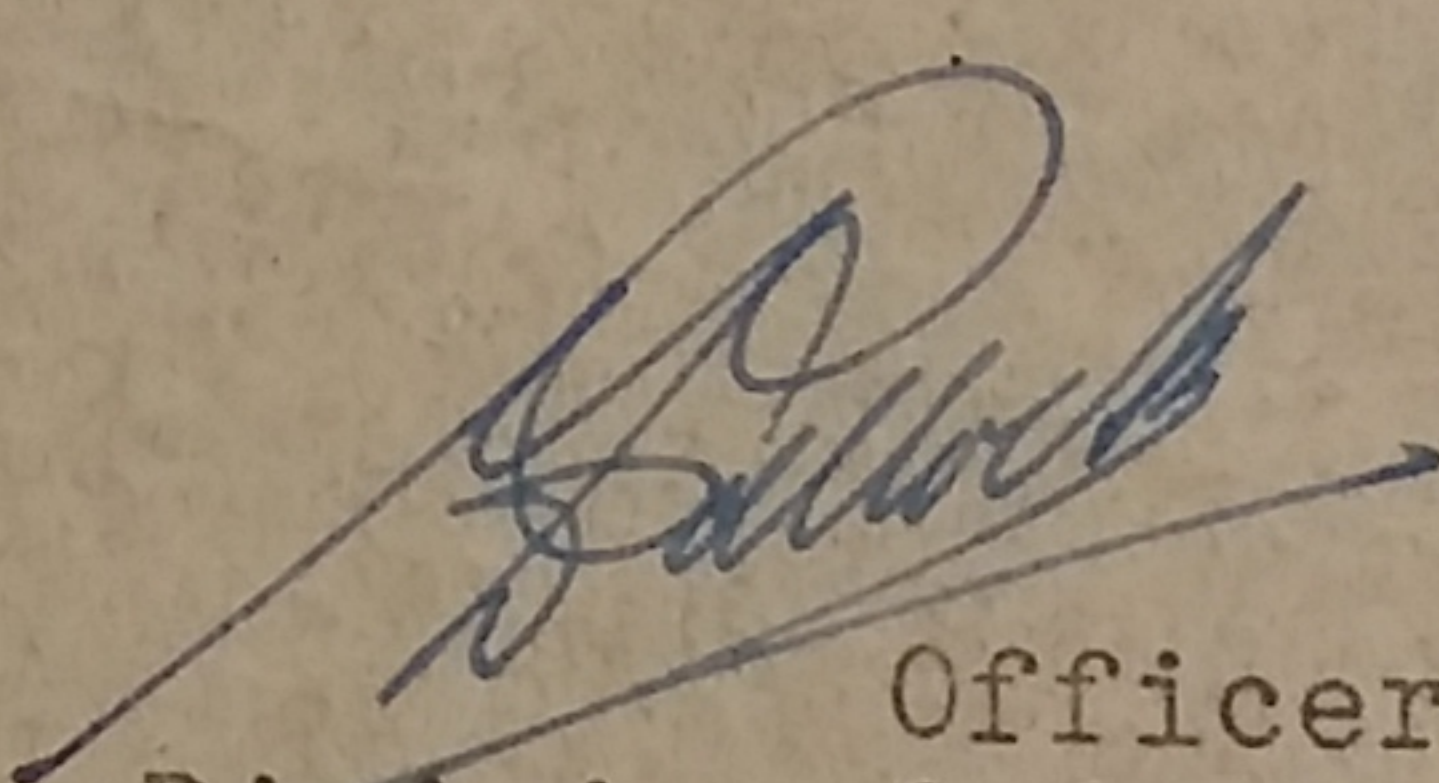
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NZ Division.Subject: Refugee Landing- Wkshop Coastal Area.

1. I have to report the following incidents.
2. At about 2100 hours 4 Oct it was reported to me that a craft had been beached in our area and allegedly contained refugees from Crete. I proceeded to interview the party and found one British Cypriot Sergeant, 2258 Sgt Papaconstantinou, Zeno interpreter to the 1006 Pioneer Coy, Cyprus Regiment, whose services I personally had used in Crete.
3. The party consisted of thirteen male Greek or Cretan refugees, one Greek woman, and the Cypriot sergeant. Among the party was a Lt-Col of the Greek Army and the woman was his wife.
4. One Greek civilian being affected by a skin complaint, was isolated and the DADMS was called for, by myself, and after his inspection he ordered that the man be transferred to the 4 Field Ambulance for isolation and treatment. This was carried out immediately. The remainder of the party were issued with what bedding could be collected at this time of night, were given hot drink and food, and quarters within the camp. The Lt-Col and his wife occupied my dug-out. Everything was made as comfortable as possible for the whole party.
5. The launch was hauled up the beach and picqueted.
6. I proceeded to Div HQ and reported to the GSO(I) who interviewed the Cypriot Sergeant and referred the matter to the GSO 3 (I).
7. On the morning of 5 Sept with the aid of the interpreter, I listed the names, Status (military or civil), Rank (if military), town and country of origin, and presented this list to the GSO 3 (I) at 0930 hours approximately.
8. In company with the GSO 3 (I) we arranged with the Camp Commandant of Div HQ for quarters for the night of 6 Sept for the Greek Colonel and his wife and with ADOS NZ Division for blankets etc.. These arrangements were completed and comfortable quarters allocated.
9. The GSO 3 (I) interviewed, with the aid of the Sgt interpreter, all personnel, and finally a record of information held by the Sgt himself. These interviews occupied approximately four hours. At 1530 hours the I O RAF attached Army HQ interviewed the Cypriot Sergeant and recorded his information.
10. On the advice of GSO 3 (I) I allowed no interviews officially with the press even though British and New Zealand War Correspondents requested permission.
11. The Public Relations Officer NZ Division and the DAPM also visited our area.
12. I then awaited instructions from the GSO 3 (I) with regard to movement of the refugee personnel; but in the meantime allocated them rations and quarters.
13. At 2000 hours approximately I received instructions verbally from GSO 3 (I) as follows:
 - (a) Report a train party to a Field Security NCO at the Sidi Haneish railway station to connect with the eastbound train at 0740 hours

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(b) The launch to be repaired, watered, fueled and rationed. The owner and his crews of three to be despatched as soon as possible to Alexandria by sea where they would be picked up by a Naval Patrol.

14. I supplied the British sergeant with his minimum requirements of army clothes and provided him with an identity until he reports to GSI Middle East with the remainder of the party.
15. The train party was despatched by the 0740 train on 6 Sept and this fact has been reported to GSO 3 (I).
16. The launch is being prepared and will be despatched at 0700 hours 7 Sept.
17. I wish to record the assistance rendered by the British Cypriot sergeant whose control of the party is to be highly commended quite apart from the value of the information which he held.
18. The Lt-Col of the Greek Army on behalf of himself, his wife and other members of the party, expressed appreciation of the hospitality extended by the army in this area.


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