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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit NZOC. att. HQ. NZ. Div.

Commanding Officer Lt-Col.,  
A.H. Andrews.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
ME Forces	Dec.	I.	<p>Visited Maj. Knox in 62 Gen. Hospital. Interviewed Salvage Officer of 70 Div. under whose command NZ. Div. Salvage Unit is to function whilst in Tobruk. Obtained clothing and general stores from Adv. Ord. Depot for issue to units. Half the office staff were able to get a swim. Posted Capt. R H England as O.C. Div. Ord. Fd. Park (temp) and Lt. B A McConnell as O.C. No 3 Sect. Div. Ord. Wkshops. (temp). New 18 LAD returned from 6 Fd. Regt. as the Regt. was overrun by a tank attack early this morning. The new LAD though only with the Regt. about 6 hours lost one man killed and had two slightly injured. Signalled DDOS. HQ. 2 NZEF for reinforcements.</p>	<p>Appx A - War Diary of D.A.S. (E)</p>
		2.	Drew clothing, blankets etc, and distributed to the remnants of Units now in Tobruk. Very little doing in the office.	
		3.	Contacted all Ord. Units in Tobruk and obtained following returns: (a) nominal roll, (b) vehicle state, (c) ammunition state. Routine issue of clothing and necessaries to NZ Units. Div. Ord. Fd. Park was instructed to determine the size of any Italian tyres that would fit our vehicles and to salvage as many good and serviceable ones as possible. Stocks were to be reviewed and surplus items were to be returned to Adv. Ord. Depot Tobruk.	<p>Appx B Monthly reports from 9-11-13-14-15- 17-18-19 LAD's + U-AR Reg Workshop Sect.</p>
		4.	Little doing in the office as most of the Units are now reasonably well off. Instructed Div. Ord. Wkshops to return two captured A/TK. guns to Adv. Ord. Depot for reissue to 18 Bn. Very cold and miserable day.	

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Commanding Officer Lt-Col A H Andrews.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
ME Forces.	Dec.	5.	At a conference with ADOS 70 Div., arranged procedure to be followed in the event of any handover of equipment consequent upon evacuation by ship. WO1 Kirby and three clerks, together with all our most valuable records, were sent off by ship. Waited on Aerodrome from 2400 hrs. until 0600 hrs. for the plane to evacuate us, but it did not put in an appearance.	
		6.	Four more clerks were sent off as escorts on a ship evacuating prisoners. Received news of the sinking of the hospital ship which left yesterday. Ascertained later that all our records had been on this ship, and consequently were lost. Final conference with O.C. Ord. Wkshop and Ord. Fd. Tk. as expected to go out by plane this evening.	
		7.	DADOS(E) was left in Tobruk to bring out the balance of Ord. personnel, in Div. HQ., if the Corridor was opened to allow our M.T. to come out. Together with DADOS I left on a Bombay at 0450 hrs., after spending some hours on the aerodrome, being bombed, and shelled at intervals. We left in the middle of a "blitz", but had no trouble, dodged the enemy bombers that were looking for us, and after an uneventful trip landed at Baggush aerodrome at approx. 0640 hrs. Found Capts. Ward and Stroud and some Ord. personnel already at Baggush, but in view of the fact that our own staff would shortly be available, it was decided that both officers, and staff, could return to Maadi. 2/Lt. Astley reported as O.C. Div. Salvage Unit.	

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Commanding Officer **Lt-Col. A H Andrews.**

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
<b>ME Forces.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>8.</b>	Drew accommodation stores from 508 Adv. Ord. Depot DaBa and 83 L/C Sub. Area. Collected 36 tons of stores for Div. Units from Mersa Matruh. Rang Middle East and obtained authority for issue of essential equipment such as cookers, cooking utensils, stretchers, etc. C.O.M.E. is to arrange collection from No 5 Base Ord. Depot and collection from Maadi will be laid on by Div.	
		<b>9.</b>	Office routine during morning. DDOS Col. T J King arrived from Maadi.	
		<b>10.</b>	DADOS(E) and remainder of staff arrived back from Tobruk. Units are being issued with essential clothing and camp equipment. Together with DDOS visited No 2 Gen. Hospital and also HQ. 4 Inf. Bde. to see Ordnance personnel.	
		<b>11.</b>	DDOS interviewed likely O.C.T.U. candidates at Ord. Fd. Park and W/shops. Inspected Wkshops. Visited 20 Bn. Interviewed further O.C.T.U. candidates from 9 LAD and A.A.W/shops section. Received several truck loads of essential stores from Maadi.	
		<b>12.</b>	Received 240 IPP tents for distribution to Units. DDOS left about 1100 hrs. for Maadi. Cpl. McPherson and the other three Ord. Storemen attached to Supply Column returned from 50 F.S.D. They had been captured by German flying Column, but had only been in captivity about two days, and had suffered no ill-effects.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.		
ME Forces.	Dec.	13	Left at 0730 Hrs. for Rear HQ. Eighth Army. Arranged to put a section of the Wkshops at Mersa Matruh to assist service of L of C Units. Also arranged to undertake the evacuation of vehicles from evacuation railhead at Mile 79, on the understanding that any that could be repaired by our workshops, could be made available for issue to Units of the Div. Collected a new car on an old authority from 3 Ord. Fd Park.	
		14.	Arranged for 15 LAD to join 5 Fd Regt. at Tobruk in view of the loss of 16 LAD. Advised Ord. Fd. Park of new procedure to be followed in connection with delivery of stores by R.D.S. as arranged with DDOS Eighth Army. Instructed Ord Workshops to despatch a convoy of three breakdowns, five trailers, and a number of three tonners to Mile 79 for recovery of evacuated vehicles. The breakdowns were to be obtained from LAD's. Issued the new car to the Comd. 6 Inf. Bde.	
		15.	Went to Maadi.	
		16.	Conference with DDOS, COME, and O.C. Wkshops in the morning and watched Trial match for selection of NZEF team in the afternoon.	
		17.	Routine.	
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<b>E Forces.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>28.</b>	Send OME II LAD and a team back to Sidi Resegh to recover the disinfectant of the 4 Fd. Hygiene Section.	
		<b>29.</b>	Routine.	
		<b>30.</b>	Visited 2 NZ. General Hospital to see 2/Lt. F Jarrett of Ord. Fd. Park. Arranged with O.C. Workshops to send a detachment from one section to Kabrit with the 5 Bde. Group. Instructed Div. Ord. Fd. Park to remain at Baggush until further notice. Unit will probably move with 6 Inf. Bde. Group.	
		<b>3I.</b>	Returned to Maadi.	

*A H Andrews*  
*Lt Col ADOS*  
*N.Z. Div.*

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