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N.Z. DIVISION
TO... 26 May

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IN SO FAR AS THEY ARE APPLICABLE THE FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE RECORDED WHEN PREPARING A DIARY:-

- Important orders, instructions, reports, messages or despatches received and issued, and decisions taken.
- Daily location. Movements during the past twenty-four hours and present dispositions. March tables in the case of large units or of formations are of assistance.
- Important matters relating to the duties of each branch of the staff occurrences, factors affecting operations, topographical and climatic. Clear sketches showing positions of troops at important phases.
- Nature and description of field engineering works constructed or quarters occupied.
- Changes in establishment or strength. As regards casualties, the names and ranks of officers and the number of other ranks or followers and of animals should be noted. In addition in the case of units on the L. of C. changes in stores, transport, etc.
- Meteorological notes.
- Summary of important information received, whether military or political.

APPENDICES AS UNDER WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL COPY OF EACH WAR DIARY :-

- A copy of each field return (A.F.W. 3008 and A.F.W. 3009) and of each operation or routine order or instruction issued during the period covered by the current volume of the War Diary.
- Copies of orders, or instructions, received from higher commands if no longer required for reference.
- A copy of each narrative or report on operations drawn up, by a subordinate formation or unit, including any sketches or maps relating thereto, to supplement the account of operations furnished in the text of the diary.
- Appendices will be numbered, and each will have a brief descriptive heading naming the author. References to appendices will be made in the last column of A.F.C. 2118.

ALL DIARIES WILL CONFORM TO THE REGULATIONS FOR DRAFTING ORDERS, REPORTS, ETC. DISPOSAL WILL BE MADE MONTHLY OF WAR DIARIES AS FOLLOWS :-

Unless otherwise ordered, the original copy of a war diary for the preceding month will be forwarded on the first day of the succeeding month direct to the officer i/c. 2nd. echelon for transmission to the War Office, care being taken that all its appendices are attached. The duplicate copy, clearly marked as such, of a cavalry or infantry brigade or higher formation will be forwarded within a period of two months to the officer i/c. 2nd Echelon for transmission to the Under-Secretary of State, The War Office. The duplicate copies of the diaries of units will be sent within a period of three months to the officer i/c. 2nd. echelon to be transmitted to record offices at home for safe custody.

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and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

Summary of Events and Information.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	
Maadi. Egypt.	xxx xx		xxxxxxx
	May 1		Great shortage of Cap & Collar badges in 1 Cont. Ordered 10,000 sets R & F & 1600 sets Officers badges through High Commissioner. Called quotations locally for 2,000 sets of R & F badges to tide us over until above received.
	2		Ordered 2,000 sets Cap & Collar badges from Tewfik Bichai, Cairo for delivery as under:- 1,000 sets by 21 May 1,000 sets by 31 May In all cases 1 set = 1 Cap & 2 Collar Badges.
	3		Advised by DADOS(P) 10,000 ^{suits} shirts , of Khaki, drill uniforms would be ready early in June to enable issue of second suit to be made to personnel of 1 Contingent.
	4) 5) 6)		Routine: Cabled NZ for 400 hats (position acute pending receipt of hats from U.K.) 100 officers hats, buttons, housewives, holdalls & titles.
	7		Asked C.O.M.E. if could borrow some Armourers' Tools as Arms have been here 3 months & unable to do any maintenance on Arms. No tools available.
	8		Purchased locally skeleton kits of Armourers' tools thereby enabling them to do minor repairs & tighten up screws a large proportion of which have become loose.
	9		Discussed with OC No. 2 Sub - Depot programme for <u>delivery</u> Camp Equipment for 2 Cont - also provision of equipment for No.1 600 bed hospital.
	10		Arranged for Armr. Sgt. Barry, N Z A O C to make local pattern. "Tools tightening up butts." A large percentage of Rifle Butts in 1 Cont are loose.
	11		Discussed dry cleaning of serge uniforms with representatives of dry cleaning companies.
			Routine.

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MAADI EGYPT	13		Routine	
	14		Routine: S O M E completed course at ABBASSIA	
	15		Visited <u>Mersa Matruh</u> by Air	
	16		Routine: Best price for dry cleaning Jackets S.D. & Trousers S.D. P.T. 8 (1/8) per suit. and Discussed with A A & Q M G who decided to hold over.	
	17		Arranged with B.T.E. for drawing of urgent items of War Equipment for security measures. Slings Rifle Web for 1 Contingent received	
	18)		Routine: <u>Indents for urgent items of War Equipment prepared & notes drawn & distributed</u>	
	19)		<u>by D.A.D.O.S. staff. 1,000 sets of Cap & Collar badges received from Tewfik Bichai on</u>	
	20)		22 May.	
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	23)			
	24)			Routine: General cleaning up of Office.
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Appendix
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Notes by
DADOS
on issue
War Equipment

Notes drawn direct by units on

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APPENDIX TO WAR DIARY OF D A D O S. N Z DIV
FOR PERIOD ENDING 26 MAY 1940

Appx A

ISSUE OF WAR EQUIPMENT.

- (1) As 1 Contingent has now been in Egypt for 3½ months I consider that some comments regarding the issue of War Equipment to the Contingent are now called for.
- (2) Up to date (apart from issues recently made for special purposes) very little War Equipment has been issued, due to the fact that the equipment on order from U.K. has NOT come to hand. This of course is understandable having regard to the great demands on Home resources for equipment. Many of these demands are quite rightly given preference over those of N Z Div.
- (3) What is somewhat disturbing, in my opinion, is the amount of time that elapses between receipt of the equipment in Egypt and it's issue to the Div. The procedure is as follows:
 - (1) The stores are received at Base Ordnance Depot and checked with Issue vouchers if to hand.
 - (11) If Issue Vouchers are NOT to hand the equipment is held for some days whilst inquiries are made for the vouchers. If the vouchers do NOT then come to hand, the stores are brought on charge by Certificate Receipt Voucher.
 - (111) A copy of the U.K. Issue Voucher, or alternatively the C.R.V. is sent to D.A.D.O.S. NZ Div.
 - (1V) In some cases the Issue Vr states for which unit the Stores have been issued.
 - (V) In other cases, the Issue Vr merely states "For N Z Contingent," in which case D.A.D.O.S. N Z Div has to ascertain by reference to W.E. Tables, the proportions issuable to Units of N Z Div. (NOTE As an easy means of reference, a special form (NZAOC 1) has been cyclostyed and a copy completed for every item in the W.E. Tables for a Division. This form shows the Units of a Division and the quantities each unit is entitled to with provision for marking up the issues as made. (Copy of NZAOC] is attached covering Units of 1 Contingent)
 - (VI) D.A.D.O.S. N Z Div then prepares an Issue Order for the stores referred to in (111) and in due course Issue Vouchers are received from Base Ordnance Depot for the stores shown on such Issue Orders and the stores may then be uplifted. As a certain amount of time elapses between the preparation of the Issue Orders and the receipt of the vouchers, and as other copies of Issue Vrs from U.K. (or C.R.Vs from Base Ordnance Depot) covering the same items frequently come to hand in the interim, the figures shown on D.A.D.O.S. Issue Orders have to be pencilled on Form N.Z.A.O.C. 1 so as to prevent duplication of allotment.
 - (VII) Further complications occur through the contents of "Chests Tool filled" being received in detail and in part completion. This entails attaching to each item "Chests Tool filled" shown in the

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W.E. Tables a detail of contents (by Units) and marking up against these details the Nos covered firstly by D.A.D.O.S. Issue Orders and secondly by B.O.D. Issue vouchers.

(4) The Staff of D.A.D.O.S. NZ Div. consists of that shown in the War Establishment is designed of course to maintain in the Field a Division already equipped. In spite of the staff working very long hours there are unavoidable delays in preparing the Issue Orders referred to in para 3 (VI) since that same staff has to deal with indents covering the day to day requirements of ~~the~~ 1 Contingent. When stores are received the W.E. Tables of Units have to be posted up in order to show the state of War Equipment of each unit.

(5) I do not believe in indulging in criticism of an existing system without putting forward a remedy and my proposals are:-

- (i) The setting up of a Branch at B.O.D. to deal with War Equipment coming to hand from U.K. This Branch should be quite separate from any Sub-Depot or Group Organisation.
- (ii) On receipt of the vouchers from U.K. (or C.R.Vs from the Group if vouchers do not come to hand) this office would prepare Issue Orders issuing the stores to the Units concerned where such stores are NOT for Depot stock.
- (iii) Where the stores are shown as being for Div., with no unit mentioned, reference could be made to a form on the lines of NZAOC 1 and an allocation to Units of that Division made after consultation with D.A.D.O.S. of the Division concerned.
- (iv) This Branch would require to maintain a close liaison with the Groups and Transit so as to ensure prompt action being taken on receipt of stores with or without vouchers.
- (v) Whenever the quantities make it possible it is considered that issues should be made to Units - NOT formations - in original packages without opening and checking at B.O.D., discrepancies (if any) being adjusted on receipt of D.Rs from Units. This would NOT apply to Valuable Technical Stores but it certainly should apply to such bulky stores as Accoutrements and other A.I. stores. Judged on a monetary basis only, the discrepancies would be infinitesimal compared with the monetary losses (pay etc of men not getting proper training) that occur due to delay in issue.

(6) Our primary object in War is to win the War. The sooner we can put trained men in the Field the sooner the war will be won. When one considers the cost of landing troops from New Zealand in Egypt and the cost per diem to maintain them, judged from a mere monetary standpoint every day's delay in issuing equipment which will enable them to complete their training is a costly business. What is more important is that due to such delay, Troops may have to take the Field inadequately trained. THIS MEANS MEN'S LIVES.

(7) I know only too well the difficulties that confront the Ordnance services in Egypt through the rapid expansion of their activities, the inadequate storage and the absence of trained staff but some acceleration could be effected if a relaxation of peace time methods were permitted and it would be cheaper - much cheaper - in the long run

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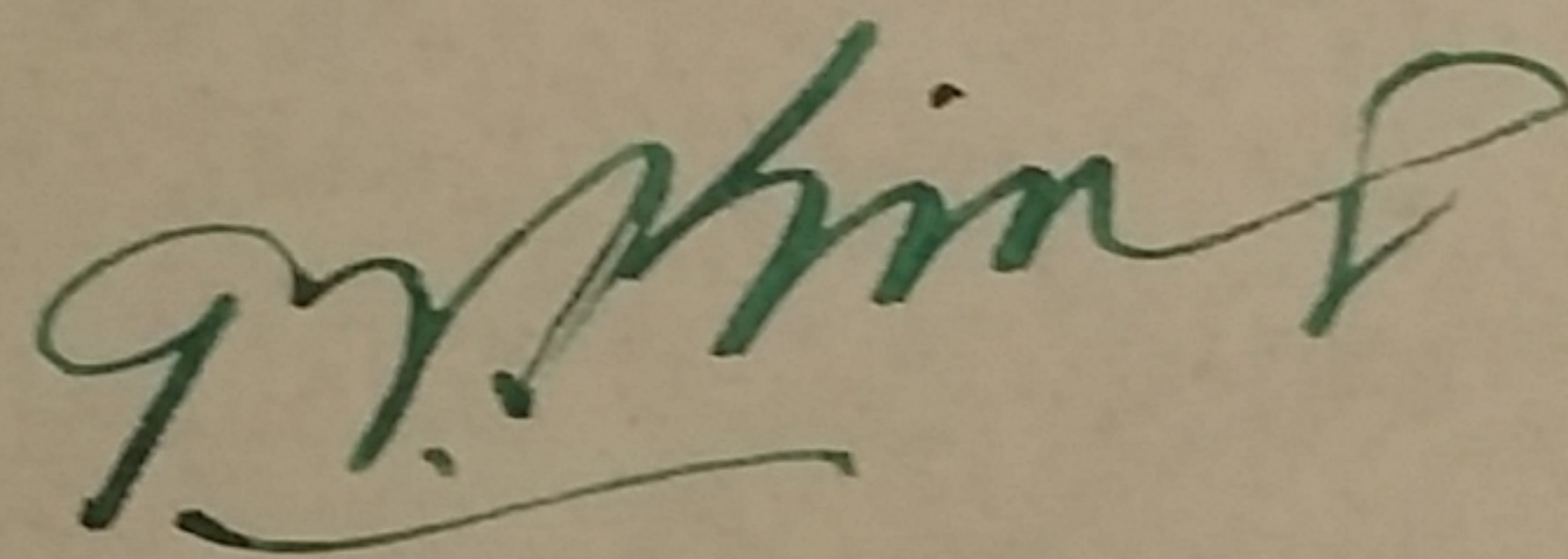
The Base and Depot Staff is further hindered by the work involved in pricing Issue Vouchers to this Div. consequent upon the decision to pay for war equipment item by item. Not only is there a great amount of work involved in pricing vouchers but so many extra copies have to be taken that I am informed that some vouchers have to be written twice. This, of course, is conducive of error.

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I hope it will NOT be considered that this is a case of an officer of the Ordnance Corps of the smallest Dominion trying to teach the R.A.O.C. its business. Nothing is further from my mind. The suggestions I have made may NOT be practicable but they are made on the principle that he who criticises a system should at least point the way to an alternative. As a matter of fact, this appendix is compiled at a stage when I can ill spare the time to prepare it and only a strong sense of duty has impelled me to take this action. If my suggestions are NOT feasible, some quicker method of issue can undoubtedly be devised.

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In conclusion I wish to state as clearly and as emphatically as I can, that these notes are NOT intended to and do NOT in fact convey any criticism of R.A.O.C. personnel in Cairo. Nowhere has that spirit of helpfulness been more manifest than in the Base Ordnance Depot at ABBASSIA.



Lieut-Colonel

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