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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and References to Appendices.	
Maadi Egypt	1940		Lieut. D.E. Harper and his staff shifted into a proper office building, part of which is used as a clothing store room.		
	May				
	27)		Routine		
	28)				
	29		Lt-Col King left for England, Capt. A.H. Andrews became acting D.A.D.O.S.		
	30		A A & Q M G advised at 1100 hrs that the N.Z. Div had to draw the tentage and accommodation stores for a British Bde. which was expected to arrive at Helwan Camp on Saturday 1 June. 24 3 ton lorry loads of tentage were drawn from Abbassia that afternoon after Ordnance Schedules of tentage had been recalculated as they had assumed no buildings at all and had originally provided tentage for messrooms, cookhouses etc.		
	31		A further 16, 3 ton loads of tentage were despatched from Abbassia by 9-30 am. After a rapid review of the Ordnance Schedules of Accommodation Stores, loading commenced about 10 a.m. and by 3-30, the last of 50 3 ton lorries rolled away to Helwan. Ordnance insisted on issuing from bulk instead of issuing by units, with the result that very careful loading was necessary in order to ensure that distribution at Helwan was accurate and as simple as possible.	App. A incl in diary Part II Order No. 9. J.H.H.	
	June				
	1		Most of day spent at Helwan in consultation with Q.M.'s of the four units, checking up stores they should have received and sorting out wrong distribution which did occur in respect to one or two loads the previous day.		
	2		Conference of Armourers - the main point of discussion dealt with the zeroing of rifles. Consensus of opinion was that this was necessary and armourers were instructed to see that this was completed as soon as possible. 27(MG) Bn had already been completed. Further visit to Helwan in afternoon.		
3		Enquired from D.A.D.O.S. (P) whether Ordnance Abbassia could supply us with 6,300 pairs of socks monthly as from end of June if our socks did not arrive in time from N.Z. Answer "Yes"			
4		Spare tyres and wheels for A.T. guns have to be procured from England, this is consequent upon the modification to the A.TK. guns which involved the fitting of larger wheels.			

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Maadi Egypt	5		D.A.G. 2 Echelon have raised a query about the rank of the Armourers attached to Bde H.Q. D.A.D.O.S. is fully conversant with the position and it is intended to leave it open until he can deal with it. Armourers tools previously demanded now available. Conference with A A & Q M G and O.C. Base re ^{procedure} to be adopted in connection with equipment when personnel are transferred either to Base or between units.
	6		After consultation with A A & Q M G, D.A.D.M.S. decided that the Medical Stores taken off the transports and stored by Ordnance should be opened up examined and taken over by 4 Field Ambulance.
	7		Arranged for supply of equipment for Discharge Depot personnel in view of the special job these men are to take over.
	8		Morning at Abbassia in connection with painting of our vehicles - <u>conversion of 30 cwt trucks & Portee for A.Tk Bty and modification to Humber cars.</u>
	9		Routine
	10		Declaration of War by Italy - commenced drafting instructions for War Accounting
	11		B.T.E. had issued instruction that all indents prior to 1 June were to be cancelled with certain exceptions; Sawn C.O.O. and Group Officers concerned and persuaded the C.O.O. to allow the majority of our indents to stand. Pte Clark commenced <u>packing equipment for 300 bed hospital at Range Depot, Abbassia. This is to be held by Ordnance packed so that the hospital can be established at 48 hours notice if necessary.</u>
	12		All L A D O.M.Es were issued with Humber Utility cars on loan until their own 2 seaters arrive.
	13		Routine
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Maadi Egypt	June		
	15		Pte. Clark completed packing of equipment for 300 bed hospital. Stores can ^{thus} be drawn and hospital opened at very short notice if necessary.
	16		At 2 hours notice had to produce an urgent return for the General showing the position regarding the issue of signalling equipment to all units.
	17		Had to obtain urgently various 1098 stores, in particular A.TK .55 Amn for the units suddenly ordered to the Western Desert.
	18		Once again Middle East had not informed Ordnance either of the move of our units or of the construction of the Mobile Targets to be done by the N.Z. Div. Result no authority for the drawing of the .55 Amn and no steps taken to provide necessary paint or other materials for the Mobile Target job.
	19)		Arranging purchase and delivery of paint necessary for Mobile Target job - drew certain tools from Ordnance and bought tools, brushes and materials on blue order in Cairo.
	20)		With staff of 200 men and two officers completed painting of 100 dummy lorries by 1200 hrs Saturday 22, these lorries were railed at 1600 hrs that day. Remaining 200 were completed to schedule by 1200 hrs Monday 24 and railed that afternoon. Thus in spite of lack of cooperation from both M.E. and Ordnance the task detailed by M.E. one week previously was successfully completed.
	21)		
	22)		
	23)		
	24)		
	25		Advice received from N.Z. that 1937 Pattern Web Equipment was to be issued free to all Officers.
	26		Routine - very hot 116° F.
	27)		Routine
	28)		
	29)		
	30		Last of Issue Orders for 1937 Web Equipment despatched to Ordnance. A number of units already have this web and the 1908 web is being returned to the N.Z. B.O. Depot.

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adi rypt	June 30		<p>After discussion A A & Q M G directed that all web equipment should be replaced by 1937 pattern - regardless of the fact that War Equipment tables in some cases provide for a certain amount of 1908 Patt. Web.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>A P P E N D I X A</u></p> <p>(1) <u>CLOTHING</u> The diversion of the Second Contingent to England meant that certain replacements of clothing for which the First Contingent was waiting had to be obtained from R.A.O.C. Abbassia. So far no difficulty in regard to supply from R.A.O.C. has arisen except in the case of hats.</p> <p>An initial supply of 400 were received from England about 15 June but losses and replacements will soon absorb this number and steps are to be taken to expedite further supplies from England.</p> <p>(2) <u>STAFF HEALTH</u> The following were absent from duty due to sickness for the period shown.</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 100px;"> <tr> <td>5419.</td> <td>Griffiths, V.T. Pte.</td> <td>11/5/40</td> <td>-</td> <td>14/6/40.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5438.</td> <td>Heron, J.N.S. Pte.</td> <td>10/5/40</td> <td>-</td> <td>23/5/40.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>19/6/40</td> <td>-</td> <td>29/6/40.</td> </tr> </table> <p>(3) <u>ISSUE OF EQUIPMENT</u> In general the main equipment drawn during this month consisted of 1937 Pattern web equipment, wireless sets and a few signalling stores.</p>	5419.	Griffiths, V.T. Pte.	11/5/40	-	14/6/40.	5438.	Heron, J.N.S. Pte.	10/5/40	-	23/5/40.			19/6/40	-	29/6/40.	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>M Andrews</i> Capt for Lt-Col. <u>D.A.D.O.S.</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>M Andrews</i> Captain for Lt-Col. <u>D.A.D.O.S.</u></p>
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NZ ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS

20 PROMOTIONS

- 7953 Cpl Scott JWG (Attached 19 Bn) Promoted to Rank of Sergeant WEF 15/6/40
- 3409 A/L/Cpl Renall JR (10LAD Attached 5 Fd Pk Coy)
Appointed Lance Corporal WEF 15/6/40
- 8559 Pte Jenkin NT (12LAD Attached 27(MG)Bn)
Appointed Lance Corporal WEF 15/6/40

DIV POSTAL UNIT

21 HOSPITAL

- 5712 Spr Barrow FA Discharged 2/10 Gen Hosp 14/6/40
- 5613 Spr Plumley SW Discharged 4 Fd Amb Hosp 15/6/40

22 SPECIAL DUTY

- 6342 Cpl Sangster JA)
 - 5613 Spr Plumley SW)
 - 5694 Spr Sprague RR)
 - 5610 Spr Yandle RJ)
- Marched out on Special Duty WEF 19/6/40

DIV INT SEC

23 HOSPITAL

- 5770 Pte Clode MG (Admitted 4 Fd Amb Hosp 14/6/40
- (Evacuated to 2/10 Gen Hosp 14/6/40

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