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|       | 1940 Aug 1 & 2 |      | Routine   |
|       | 3              |      | At conference with A.A. & Q.M.G. and the Comdr. it was decided to change over to Helmets Universal in view of the shortage of Hats. Rang A.D.O.S (P) re provision of the helmets and also suitable flashes.   |
|       | 4              |      | Advice that 5000 hats were en route from England caused the issue of helmets to be held in <sup>d</sup> obeyance.   |
|       | 5              |      | A conference at Bde. H.Q. decided on the colour of the various flashes to be worn with the helmets. Pte. Heron was boarded but remained at Div. H.Q. pending passage to N. Z.   |
|       | 6              |      | Packed Ordnance gear for Div. Exercise and discussed best method of utilizing truck as an office next day.  |
|       | 7              |      | Div. Exercise- A little business was conducted, but 30 cwt. truck could not be utilized as an Office as Medical Stores were loaded on it at last moment. Urgent request from D.O.S. for temporary loan of 4 water trucks. A.A. & Q.M.G. agreed after some discussion and arrangements were made to provide the 4 trucks at 0700 hours next morning. |
|       | 8              |      | Discussion with O.O. No. 1 Sub-Depot re expediting issue of M.T. Stores. Long discussion with C.O.O. re composition of Bde. Group as only units included were entitled to draw A.F.G.   |

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1098 Equipment on Priority 2.

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Advised A.D.O.S.(P) of requirements of Motley Mountings for First Contingent. Discussed proposed L.A.D. Exercise with G.S.O.2, also general equipment situation of all Units. Conference with A.A. & Q.M.G. over points arising out of Div. Exercise.

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Routine.

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Decided to withdraw one blanket from all personnel. Difficulty in finding storage space. Finally decided to use Corporals room of Div. Sigs NAAFI. Calculated requirements in hats for next 15 months.

13

Drafted cable to N.Z. explaining whole hat situation clearly. Came to agreement with C.O.O. as to what A.G. Equipment should be drawn by Units and taken to desert with them.

14

Off to the desert at 0600 hrs. with A.S.O.M.E. and all L.A.D's complete. L.A.D's moved independently to Kilo 29 Cairo-Alex. road. From there 3 groups each of two L.A.D's made their way independently to El Raml a distance of 16 miles. In afternoon groups navigated separate closed triangular courses of about 35-40 miles whilst ADADOS and ASOME reconnoitred route to El Ruzza. Commencing at 2100 hrs. a night march of 14 miles to El Ruzza was made by the three groups. Two groups made fast trips and third one reached objective by 2400 hrs, all

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| 1940<br>Aug.<br>15 |      | Three courses of approx. 50 miles via defined objectives were plotted and groups were required to rendezvous at Kilo 26 on Cairo-Alex. road. Navigation of all groups was good but one group struck trouble in soft sand and did not rendezvous at stipulated time. Wireless communication was maintained with Maadi during whole exercise. Main object of exercise i.e. instruction in navigation was very successful. All L.A.D's were entirely self-contained and functioned as such. |                                      |
| 16                 |      | Conference at Bde. H.Q. re movement of Units from Maadi to Western Desert. Arranged course at Base Ordnance Workshops for six fitters from 5 <sup>th</sup> Fd. Park Coy. Advised by cable from U.K. that 6 clerks and 6 storemen trained in Ordnance duties were to be despatched with Third Echelon. This addition to the staff is most essential and will enable outstanding work to be cleared up.  |                                      |
| 17                 |      | Conference of all Armourers. Zeroing of all rifles is complete and inspections are well under way. Decided that armourers should indent for spare parts for repair of pistols etc. Attended official opening of No.4 General Hospital in evening.  |                                      |
| 18                 |      | Advised by cable from England that Capt.A.H. Andrews had been promoted to Major as from 1 Aug. Received signal from BTE that <u>schedules showing all outstanding items of war equipment for all Units were required by 1800 hrs. 20 Aug.</u>  |                                      |

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|       | Aug   |      |  |         |
|       | 19&20 |      | All staff and all Officers worked on <u>schedules</u> and they were <u>completed to time</u> . Approx. 800 <u>outstanding indents</u> had to be summarised.  |         |
|       | 21    |      | Drew 7000 Helmets from Kasr-el-Nil and issued about 5000 - good piece of work by B.O.O.  |         |
|       | 22    |      | First instalment of blankets returned from Laundry - <u>Salting down with crushed naphthalene balls</u> is being done by personnel from "Detention" but under supervision. Advised by ADOS BTE that <u>units proceeding to W.D. should take all accommodation stores considered necessary.</u> |         |
|       | 23    |      | In conjunction with DQMG worked out a minimum tentage scale for the Western Desert. Decided not to take E.P.I.P. marquees to desert. This and the fact that tentage for messing is required will mean a complete re-shuffle of all tentage in the Contingent.                                  |         |
|       | 24    |      | Secured M.E. approval for issue of a certain number of Aldershot ovens to supplement cooking facilities due to the fact that No No. 1 Portable cookers are yet available. Drew small number of No. 3 cookers for issue to small units.   |         |
|       | 25    |      | Decided all hats should be returned to B.O.O. so that <u>salvage</u> of any suitable for renovation could more easily be effected. <u>All coir bolsters to be withdrawn also and "Cases Bolster" issued in lieu.</u>   |         |
|       | 26    |      | Reshuffle of tentage between units.  |         |

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Arranged to take over 18Bn NAAFI as central store for "accommodation" stores left behind by Units

Advised Abbassia about forwarding all stores in future by rail, to the W.D.

28

13 L.A.D. drew a 3 ton breakdown lorry . Raised question with A & QMG of temporary rank of Lt. J. Kelsey whilst he is doing the job of SOME.

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Routine.

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Majr for Lt Col DADOS.

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| 1940<br>AUG |      | <u>GENERAL</u>       |   |                    |
|             |      | Sickness of Staff :- | Lieut. D. E. Harper   | 22.8.40 to 25.8.40 |
|             |      |                      | W.O. 1 Reid, F.L.   | 1.8.40 to 11.8.40  |
|             |      |                      | Pte. R.L. Ashcroft  | 27.8.40 to -----   |
| x A         |      | War Equipment :-     | <p>Authority was obtained for all Units to indent up to A.F.G. 1098 scale. <u>Ax very large number of indents had been submitted by the end of the month but very little further equipment had been received.</u></p> |                    |
|             |      |                      | <p><i>Andrews</i><br/>Major Col DADO</p>  |                    |



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| MAADI  | 1940  |       | <u>SOME'S War Diary</u>  |
|        | Aug.  |       |  |
|        | 1     |       | 4 Fd. Regt. submitted suggested modification for charging batteries in 8 cwt W/T Trucks  |
|        | 2     |       | To Abbassia re above modification showed Portee trucks to C.O.M.E. of M.E.   |
|        | 3 )   |       | Normal Routine   |
|        | 4 )   |       |  |
|        | 5 )   |       |  |
|        | 6     |       | To lecture by Brigadier Gautier of Armoured Division on "Fighting in Western Desert".  |
|        | 7     |       | Div. H.Q. Mobilisation Exercise.   |
|        | 8     |       | Col. Parkinson called re fitting of "personnel" trucks for 4 Fd. Regt. Arranging for indents for these to be passed. Submitted details to AA & QMG of the maintenance of M.T. inspection of Units in Division.   |
|        | 9     |       | Conference at AA & QMG re Div. H.Q. Exercise. <u>Decide to carry out LAD Navigation Exercise.</u>  |
|        | 10)   |       | Normal routine   |
|        | 11)   |       |  |
|        | 12    |       | To V.R.S. re issue of additional Carriers-Bren to Bde and 2 Cav. Showed 4 Fd. Regt. and 27(MG) Bn the necessary modifications required for "Personnel" Trucks.   |
|        | 13    |       | Prepared final arrangements and draft order for LAD Navigation Exercise.   |
|        | 14    |       | LAD Exercise in Western Desert. DADOS, SOME, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, LADs take part. Assembly at Kilo 29 on Alex Road from 0740 to 0845. Exercise on plotting course to El Raml. Group divided into three sub-groups and navigate on this course. Lunch at El Raml. Sub-groups do separate navigation exercises during afternoon. DADOS and SOME carry out reconnaissance to El Ruzza. Sub-groups do M.T. night march to El Ruzza the final group arriving at 0015 hrs. |
|        | 15    |       | Sub-groups do large scale navigation exercise over various points of Desert from El Ruzza. Assembly at 1300 hrs at Kilo 26 on Alex Road. Third group of 10, 13 LADs and SOME have difficulty with soft sand and are delayed until 1700 hours. All units return to Maadi Camp.  |

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modification of A Tk Portee Lorries. L.O. Kelly

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|        |       |       | Contd:   |
|        | 15    |       | The exercise has proved worth while and all OME's and O/R's have learnt a great deal about navigation and desert driving.  |
|        | 16    |       | Normal Routine.  |
|        | 17    |       | Inspected 20 Bn. M.T. with Transport Officer, A vast improvement on previous inspection. Submitted report on this to AA & QMG. Sub-  |
|        | 18    |       | Normal Routine. Assisted with compiling list of deficiencies of units' 1098 scale.   |
|        | 19    |       | A member of a Court of Enquiry re "Accident to Employment Platoon 30cwt Lorry at corner of Braithwaite and Clayton Streets on 15 August."  |
|        | 20    |       | Final day of above Court of Enquiry. With DADOS and O.O. to G.H.Q. M.E. re deficient M.T.  |
|        | 21    |       | Normal Routine.  |
|        | 22    |       | To G.H.Q. Census Office M.E. to check returns with Census Office and to balance with SOME's schedule of M.T.   |
|        | 23    |       | Acting as Member of Court Martial.   |
|        | 24    |       | As on 23 August.   |
|        | 25 )  |       | Normal Routine.  |
|        | 26 )  |       |  |
|        | 27    |       | To V.R.S. re issue of 2 - Breakdown Trucks and 2 - Carriers Bren. To O.O. (Provision) re issue of steel store bins. G.H.Q. B.T.E. approve of issue of full scale desert equipment to Division. Issue orders, in order of priority submitted. |
|        | 28    |       | Normal Routine. Locally equipped 3 ton 4 whld. Breakdown Lorries issued to 9 and 13 LADs.  |
|        | 29    |       | Submitted list of M.T. deficiencies to be sent to 2 Contingent.  |
|        | 30    |       | Arrange transfer, on temporary loan, of 26 - 30cwt Bedford Lorries from ASC to Bde.  |
|        | 31    |       | Normal Routine. COME, GHQ ME approves to modification of A Tk Portee Lorries. S.O. Major S.O.M.E.  |

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II APPOINTMENTS

4191 Maj Andrews AH

To be acting D A D O S  
WEF 29 May 40

2239 Lieut Kelsey JO

To be acting S O M E  
WEF 29 May 40

DIV INT SEC

Nil

DIV POSTAL UNIT

I2 ATTACHMENTS & DETACHMENTS

6197 Capt Lambie TO (Base Post) Marched out CTBA  
Div Post WEF 26/8/40

*M. Alexander*  
~~Capt NZSC~~  
~~D A A G~~

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53 POSTING  
5419 Pte Griffiths TM

Posted to NZAOC as S O M E Clerk  
from 18 Bn Supernumerary List  
WEF 28/8/40

DIV INT SEC

54 HOSPITAL  
3111 Pte Chapman NH

Adm 4 NZ Gen Hosp 30/8/40

DIV POSTAL UNIT

55 NEXT OF KIN  
6319 Spr Brooks TM

Address changed to :-  
Mrs TM Brooks, Sedule St.,  
PAHIATUA NZ

56 ATTACHMENTS & DETACHMENTS

6344 Cpl Leeks CR  
5601 L/Cpl Forbes JP  
5713 Spr Oliver JEK

Marched in from Special Duty in WT  
WEF 28/8/40

*mt alexander*  
Capt NZSC  
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D A G's Office (2nd Echelon)  
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23 ATTACHMENTS & DETACHMENTS

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|-----------------------------|---------|--|
| 4001 Maj Hunt F L           |         | Marched in from Adv HQ 4 Inf Bde WEF 30/7/40 |
| 4012 Capt Cockerell H R DSO |         | Marched out to Adv HQ 4 Inf Bde WEF 31/7/40  |
| 4191 Capt Andrews A         | NZAOC   | (Att Adv HQ 4 Inf Bde WEF 25/7/40            |
| 5944 Capt McAllum C F       | ) HQ NZ | (25/7/40                                     |
| 5581 Lt Burge A             | ) Div   | (CTBA WEF 28/7/40                            |
| 7128 LtCol Kippenberger H K |         | CTBA Adv HQ 4 Inf Bde WEF 29/7/40            |
| (20 Bn)                     |         |  |
| 2561 LtCol Gray J R (18 Bn) |         | Att Adv HQ 4 Inf Bde WEF 30/7/40             |
| 20130 Capt Cronin T         |         | Marched in from Adv HQ 4 Inf Bde WEF 1/8/40  |
| (HQ 2NZEF BASE)             |         |  |

*M. Alexander*  
 Capt  
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