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Egypt.	Sept. 1940		
	1		Routine.
	2		To M.E. with deficiencies of Bren guns and A.T. rifles. Saw A.D.O.S. (B.T.E) in regard to rail heads for our Units in the W.D. Then to A.D.O.S.(P) in connection with summer clothing for 3rd Contingent. Decided not to draw second pair of hoesetops for 1st. Contingent so that there will be one pair at least available for the 3rd. Echelon.
	3)		
	4)		Routine
	5		Left at 0830 hrs together with the A.S.O.M.E. for the desert. Lunched with 20 Bn at Tkingi Maruit. Had dinner with H.Q. 4 Inf. Bde. at Daba and camped in Div. H.Q. area at Daba
	6		Went to Maaten Bagush and visited the following Units :- 4 Fd. Regt, 2 Cav, 27 (M.G)Bn, 18 Bn, 4 Fd. Amb, W.D.F.Sigs, and Lt-Col. Lilley, A.D.O.S. W.D.F. All Units were informed of Ordnance arrangements that had been made and all queries satisfied. Returned to Daba for the night.
	7		Saw O.O. A.O.D. Daba also R.T.O. Daba and finalized distribution arrangements. Saw 19 Bn. and 4 Inf. Bde. Q.M's. Conference with H.Q. staff re matters of policy. Lieut. J.O. Kelsey A.S.O.M.E. remained at Daba as "D.A.D.O.S. in the Field" with a staff of four consisting of W.O.1. Cropp, Cpl. Scott and Ptes Emerson and Griffiths. The D.A.D.O.S. office consisted of a 30-cwt Truck supplemented by a couple of tarpaulins. The arrangement proved very satisfactory.
	8		Returned to Maadi via Alexandria where the 6 Fd. Coy. were visited.
	9)		
	10)		Routine.
	11		Conference with A.A. & Q.M.G. regarding necessary preparations to receive both Units from England and also the Third Contingent. Saw A.D.O.S. B.T.E. and he agreed to make Sidi Haneish as rail head for all our units in Maaten Baggush area. A.D.O.S.(P) agreed to release what tentage was available for the use of the Third Contingent. Decided to release what tentage on Mon 16 Sept. Made arrangements for Div. Amn Coy at Abbassia to service all M.T. at present left in Maadi Camp.
	12		Ordnance stores were commenced, Took Humber car to Abbassia to be weighed to try to determine cause of failure of rear axles. Signed I/O's for C.E. for three Bns. Saw O.O. No.3. Sub-Depot regarding further issues of A.T. rifles.
	13		Routine.
	14		At Middle East endeavouring to obtain more War Equipment but not very successful.
	15		Went to Maaten Baggush, - called at 4 Fd. Amb. and Bde. H.Q. enroute.

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Egypt.	1940		
	16		Conference with D.A.Q.M.G. and G.S.O.2. then to Res. M.T.Coy. On to Mersa Matruh and found a lot of stores for all units with R.O.O. Arranged for delivery of stores. Then to 19 Bn. and finally A.D.O.S. W.D.F. with whom I arranged necessary procedure regarding indents etc. <u>Drafted D.R.O's in regard to reserve of clothing to be obtained :-</u>
	17		(a) From British sources (b) N.Z. sources. Saw A.D.O.S. W.D.F. again, - called at 2 Cav and had lunch with 6 Fd. Coy at Alexandria. Back to Maadi via the Delta road.
	18		Advised Lt. Kelsey A.S.O.M.E. who is our representative in the desert of the distribution of W.E. being issued in bulk to the D.A.D.O.S. Unfortunately most of it is still N.A. Drew a number of A.T. Rifles in bulk and sent them off to the desert by truck. Saw A.D.O.S. B.T.E. re requirements of winter clothing - nothing required except gloves woollen.
	19		Had 23 Lewis guns wired up ready for despatch back to N.Z. when shipping space is available. Saw O.S.3. re possibility of getting Vickers guns for the Light Tanks of 2 Cav. None available. Advised O.S.2. of the surplus battle dress etc. we now had owing to summer clothing being worn right through the winter. Discussed provision of more Portee lorries with Lt-Col Fitton, - very little satisfaction. Brig. Richards agreed to give us a certain amount of M.T. for the 3 Contingent.
	20		Discussed possibility of replacement of broken down Humber cars but there are no replacement cars available. Saw A.D.O.S. B.T.E. re rifles for Helwan Hospital. Redrafted some Ordnance circulars. With A.A. & Q.M.G. drafted cable to N.Z. suggesting no more battle dress should be sent.
	21		Saw A.D.O.S.(P) re provision of messing gear for 3 Contingent. Inspected Universal Carriers for issue to Bns and agreed that special Bren cradles were not now part of the equipment of the Carriers. Arranged for issue of Compressor truck to 6 Fd. Coy. and Machinery Lorry to 5 Fd. Park Coy.
	22		Routine.
	23		Conference with Transport Officer of Railway C & M Group. Five 3-ton lorries arrived back from the desert with surplus C.E. previously taken up there by units.
	24		Expedited issue of Bins, Steel, Portable to units. Saw O.O. No.2. S.D. and asked him to give us every assistance in respect to issue of C.E. as message arrived in morning advising that the 3 Contingent were to arrive on 28 Sept. - a week earlier than expected.
	25		Hired 30 men ^{natives} to help unload lorries of C.E. as it arrived from Abbassia. 20 ^{Australian} Aussie lorries &

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Egypt	1940	Sept	
	25		25 A.S.C. lorries were on the job and equipment came along in good style.
	26		Supervised unloading of stores as they arrived from Abbassia. <u>Pitching of tents by Australians going along very well indeed.</u>
	27		<u>Expedited issue of tools to 6 Fd. Coy.</u> Saw A.D.O.S. re training equipment to be made available for 3 Contingent. Arranged for M.T. to be drawn as soon as units arrive. Only a very modified scale of M.T. available.
	28		Directed disposal of stores. Lt. Harper and W.O.1. Reid went to Suez to supervise unloading of Ordnance stores.
	29		A frantic day endeavouring to collect all the items that had been missed in the bustle of drawing all the equipment at such short notice.
	30		<u>Arranged to draw 6,000 waterbottles at once as none had been brought from N.Z.</u> First three troop trains arrived. <u>Arranged for armourers of 26 Bn to begin zeroing of rifles on 2nd. Oct.</u>
			Lt. Kelsey arrived back from the desert and spent evening discussing points that had cropped up during his month there.

Major
for D.A.D.O.S.
N.Z.Div.

officers. Col. Howard-Jones CBO M.P. by MPT in the West

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Egypt.	Sept. 1940		<p><u>Appx A: General Report.</u></p> <p>1. <u>LABOUR.</u> Obtained permission to employ 8 ^{Natives} Woss as labourers for an indefinite period as there was a tremendous amount of work involved in clearing up C.E. left in unit lines when they left for the desert.</p> <p>2. <u>DEPOT IMPROVEMENTS.</u> (a) <u>Wire Fence.</u> This was erected right round the Ordnance area to prevent unauthorized persons from having access to the very large stocks of C.E. now held as a result of returns from Units and salvage from their lines. (b) <u>ELECTRIC LIGHT.</u> The electric light was installed in the office building. (c) <u>STORES.</u> A commencement was made with the construction of two Ordnance stores - one for clothing and one for C.E.</p> <p>3. <u>DRAWING OF C.E. FOR THIRD CONTINGENT.</u> This was most unsatisfactory with the result that large discrepancies were raised by units - in some cases most unjustifiably as events proved. Reason for unsatisfactory method of drawing equipment :- (1) <u>Great shortage of staff</u> hence issue orders not forwarded to Ordnance as early as they should have been. (2) <u>Constant juggling of situation and grouping of certain units</u> meant delay in preparation of I/O's . (3) <u>No firm figures for strength of Units arriving</u> could be obtained until very shortly before they did arrive. (4) <u>Unexpected early arrival of convoy</u> - about a week before expected. (5) <u>No parent units to take over stores, check them and sign for them.</u> (6) <u>After stores actually arrived they could not be adequately safeguarded.</u> (7) <u>Ineptitude of majority of Q.M.'s of new units and consequent discrepancies claimed</u> but often proved to be incorrect. (8) <u>Great haste in which stores had to be drawn and the inexperienced people who</u> handled them.</p> <p>4. <u>STAFF.</u> (Cont over) A lot of sickness during the month - see below; but I desire to place on record the very loyal and unsparring efforts of those who were "on deck" at Maadi. They have all</p>

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Officers. Col. Howard-Jones C.O. M.E. W.D.F. recruited on M.I. maintenance, and was captured by M.E.T. in the Western Desert fight against the Italians". Col. Pike, D.A.D.O.S 4 Ind. Div

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had a most trying 8-9 months of work and it was hoped to arrange a certain amount of leave in the period between the time the 1st Contingent went to the desert and the arrival of the 3rd. Contingent but this proved to be impossible and longer hours than ever had to be worked.

SICKNESS.

- W.O.l. K.G.K.Cropp. Admitted hospital 16/9/40 to -.
- Pte. F.C.Binns. Admitted hospital 19/9/40, evacuated 25/9/40.
- Pte. J.N.S.Heron. E.D. 20/9/40 - 27/9/40.
- Pte. R.L.Ashcroft. Admitted hospital 27/8/40 to -.

5. WAR EQUIPMENT.

Practically nothing came to hand during the month and the 1st. Contingent is still without certain vital equipment.

A. Andrews

Major
for D.A.D.O.S.
N.Z.Div.

APPENDIX **B**
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Egypt.	1		Normal Routine.
Maadi	2		To superintend loading of carriers and tanks of 2 Cav. and Bns. on train to W.D.
"	3)		Final preparations before leaving for W.D.
"	4)		
"	5		Left with D.A.D.O.S for Western Desert, called at 20 Bn. and HQ 4 Inf. Bde. regarding Ordnance and M.T. matters. Camped at new Div. H.Q. site at El Daba.
EL DABA	6		With D.A.D.O.S to A.O.D. El Daba. To Baggush and called on 4 Fd. Regt, 27 (M.G) Bn, 18 Bn, 4 Fd. Amb., W.D.F. Sigs., and Lieut-Col. Lilly, W.D.F. D.A.D.O.S. Returned to El Daba and camped with Div.H.Q.
"	7		Erect D.A.D.O.S. and S.O.M.E office in the Field for the first time. Staff :- Major A.H.Andrews Lieut. J.O.Kelsey, W.O.I.K.Cropp, W.C.Ancell, Cpl. J.Scott, Ptes. J.Emerson and V.T.Griffiths. D.A.D.O.S and S.O.M.E attend conference of H.Q N.Z.Div. regarding future operations.
"	8		Major Andrews returns to Maadi. S.O.M.E. to act as "D.A.D.O.S in the Field" for time being. Normal routine
"	9		To Baggush. Call on D.A.D.O.S. W.D.Force, call on C.O.M.E. W.D.F. (Lt-Col. A. Howard-Jones) and arrange for G.H.Q. Troops Workshops to undertake all major repairs for N.Z.Units in W.D. Zone in exchange for 18 personnel from N.Z.Div. Return to El Daba and Brigadier approves of this scheme.
BAGGUSH	10		Called on 2 Cav. and O.O. at A.O.D. Normal routine.
"	11		Normal routine.
"	12		Called on 2 Cav. and Bde. Prepared for move to Baggush.
"	13		Move in convoy to Baggush. Called on C.O.M.E. W.D.F. and Major Berry O.C. G.H.Q. Workshops. Arrange final details regarding N.Z. personnel being attached to G.H.Q. Troops. Established Ordnance office in new location. Experienced first air raid.
BAGGUSH	14		To C.O.M.E. and D.A.D.O.S W.D.F. Called on 4 Fd. Regt. and 27 (M.G) Bn. Normal routine. First of the Italian Thermos Flask Bombs dropped.
"	15		Normal routine. Major Andrews arrived from Maadi.
"	16		With D.A.D.O.S. to 4 Res. M.T. at Smugglers' Cove and O.O. at Mersa Matruh. To 19 Bn. and D.A.D.O.S of W.D.F. Prepared drafts for D.R.O.s affecting Ordnance matters.
"	17		Major Andrews leaves on his return for Maadi. Conference of O.M.E.s Technical and Transport officers. Col. Howard-Jones C.O.M.E. W.D.F. lectured on "M.T Maintenance, and the part played by M.T in the Western Desert fight against the Italians". Col. Pike, D.A.D.O.S 4 Ind. Div.

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EGYPT. <i>Ragout</i>	1940 SEPT		
	17	<i>Sept</i>	Contd - called and position (Ordnance) given to him.
	18		To 4 Ind. Div., met S.O.M.E., - Major Windle, and discussed Ordnance matters with him. Normal routine.
	19		L.A.D. personnel reported and transferred to G.H.Q. Troops Workshops. To Daba, called on 2 Cav. and H.Q. 4 Inf. Bde.
	20		To G.H.Q. Workshops regarding procedure. To 4 Fd. Regt. and 7 A.Tk. Regt. re M.T. and Ordnance matters.
	21		To D.A.D.O.S. W.D.F. re laundry, field cookers, deficiencies of equipment and vehicles also procedure. To C.O.M.E. Normal routine.
	22		Normal routine.
	23		Normal routine. Called on 4 Ind. Div. regarding reserve of water.
	24		Normal routine.
	25		Called on G.H.Q. Workshops re personnel and rep. work D.A.D.O.S.W.D.F. re evacuation and replacement of vehicles. tentage. camouflage. general indents. ammunition. laundry.
26		7 A. Tk. Regt., 4 Fd. Regt., 27 (M.G) Bn. re M.T. and Ordnance matters. Called on 18 Bn., 19 Bn., 4 Fd. Amb., re M.T. and Ordnance matters. Div. H.Q. recalled to Maadi and H.Q. 4 Inf. Bde. taking over command of Bde. Group. Prepared notes for Staff Captain and O.M.E. of the H.Q. 4 Inf. Bde.	
27		To D.A.D.O.S. W.D.F., C.O.M.E. W.D.F. and G.H.Q. W/shops to explain change of command and to re-arrange matters affecting Ordnance. To 4 Ind. Div. and arrange that H.Q. 4 Inf. Bde. will come under jurisdiction of W.D.F.	
28		H.Q. N.Z. Div. depart. Conference with Staff Captain and O.M.E. H.Q. 4 Inf. Bde. and explain duties with them.	
29		With Staff Captain and O.M.E. H.Q. 4 Inf. Bde. To G.H.Q. W/shops, D.A.D.O.S. and C.O.M.E. W.D.F. 18, 19, 20 Bns.	
30		Return to Maadi. Call on 2 Cav. at El Daba and D.A.D.O.S. at Alexandria. Rejoin H.Q. N.Z. Div. as A.S.O.M.E.	

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