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	1		Drew 6000 waterbottles for issue to 3 Contingent, M.T. drawn by Army Troops and 26 Bn. Arranged for Brens and 2" Mortars to be drawn by all Units tomorrow.
	2		All Units drew Brens and the Bns. 2" Mortars. M.T. drawn by all Units. Conference with A. & Q. re despatch of stores from Suez. Decided to bring ammunition by lorry convoy.
	3		New Units being issued with clothing to the extent available, that is two shirts, one pair shorts, shorts cellular and puttees.
	4		All morning conference with O.M.Es., transport and technical Officers of all Units on all aspects of M.T. Made out schedule of armourers tools required and put through I/Os.
	5		Routine.
	6		All morning conference with ASOME and BOO working out new Establishment for Base Ordnance Depot.
	7		Conference with Officer i/c Administration on organization of Base Units. Session with O.C., 16 Railway Oper. Coy., re essential equipment required before he could go to the desert.
	8		Drafted a cable to DADOS 2 NZEF (UK) suggesting that both Reid and Stroud be commissioned to fill vacancies that will exist in the Base Ordnance Establishment. On investigation found all ammunition in fulfillment of First Contingent Units 1098 indents still in Abbassia. Arranged for it to be despatched to the desert at once. Saw C.O.O. Amm. Depot, Tura and

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	1940 Oct.			
	8		arranged for 250,000 rounds to be sent to 27(MG) Bn at once. In collaboration with BCO designed shelving for Ordnance Stores.	
	9		Expedited unloading of Ordnance Stores from trucks at Tura. All cases received from N.Z. were in a very bad state owing probably to the transshipment at Bombay. Very few were intact and a large number were completely broken open.	
	10		Staff is diminishing due to sickness and still no extra personnel available as Base staff.	
	11		Conference with Q.Ms, 2 i/cs and C.Q.M.Ss of all Units. Went through all Special Circulars applicable, explained procedure, equipment situation and answered any questions. Consider this conference was most useful to all concerned. Eighty pairs of binoculars were received for distribution to the 3 Contingent.	
	12		Routine	
	13		Left for desert with Major Fuller. Discussed business with 2 Cav. at Dabar and arrived at 4 Inf. Bde about 1800 hours.	
	14		Conference during morning with Capt. Mander, S.M.Cropp and S.M.Ancell. In afternoon visited A.R.H. Officer and R.T.O. at Sidi Haneish, R.O.O., Quasaba, 19 Bn., ADOS W.D.F. Arranged for stores found at Quasaba for N.Z. Units to be collected by Ordnance and distributed to Units.	

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14		Also clarified the replacement of ammunition question.
15		To H.Q. Railway and Constr. Group, then 20 Bn., and 5 Field Park Coy., before lunch. In the afternoon visited G.H.Q. Troops Workshops, Fuka and Res. M.T. Coy. in company with Capt. Mander.
16		To 34 A.Tk. Bty., 4 Fd. Regt., 27 (MG) Bn., and 18 Bn. Gave all Units of the Bde. Group instruction regarding salvage, replacement of ammunition, etc..
17		Saw Q.M. # Fd. <del>Regt.</del> <sup>amb</sup> , and then ADOS, W.D.F. before leaving for Maadi. Saw Q.M. of 2 Cav. at Daba. and called on DADOS Alexandria but he was out.
18		Replied to N.Z. regarding clothing to be brought with future reinforcements. Had to hasten a number of returns still outstanding in respect to Census of Warlike Stores. No more mosquito nets are available. Derrick lorry previously for issue to 5 Fd. Park Coy. has now been taken over by D.O.S. so we have lost it. Saw O.O., No. 3 Sub Depot re 40 A. Tank rifles available for distribution.
19		Visited Tura and found Mk. VIII ammunition had been despatched to 27 (MG) Bn, as Mk. VII was not available. Saw ADOS B.T.E. and arranged for Ordnance to issue new barrels and sights necessary for the use of "Streamline Ammunition".
20		Routine

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	25		unsatisfactory points in connection with these demands were brought to the attention of the Officer l/c Administration. Arranged for 26 Bn. to draw its anti-gas equipment and clothing
21.1	26		All morning at M.E. re Hospital equipment, Portee lorries, M.T. generally, issue of further equipment, etc.. Collected new A.F.G1098's for Inf. Bns.
	27		Routine.
	28		Proposed that Hospitals should hold spare clothing and necessaries for issue to personnel leaving Hospital. This was agreed to by DDMS and Officer l/c Administration and proposals re procedure to be followed were submitted. Gave ADOS(P) details of our clothing on hand and our commitments. He is very desirous that he should take over the provision side with the assistance of N.Z. personnel. Details to be arranged on the return of Lt.Col.T.J.King from England. Received instructions from ADOS(P) that all Units could indent for full 1098
	29		equipment. Some hold-up in the despatch of barrels and sights to 27(MG)Bn. for use with Mk.VIII S.A.Ammunition. However they will be despatched tomorrow.
	29		Selected A/L/Sgt. N.J.Rollinson as a candidate for O.C.T.U. as OME. Arranged for lorry convoy to go to Tel-el-Kebir to pick up A.T.Rifles and Bren Gun associate equipment. Still endeavouring to trace a 3" Mortar despatched by rail by 19 Bn. from desert on 17 Oct.

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	21		Recommended both Lt. J. Kelsey and W. O. I. Reid for promotion; also the transfer of Lt. C. E. Fleming transport Officer to 20 Bn., to 13 L.A.D. as OME; obtained tools for the use by Reinf. Depot.
	22		Visited Kasr-el-Nil and spent all morning chasing up outstanding clothing indents from Units in the desert.
21.4	23		Authority for issue of further 24 A.Tk. Rifles and 27 Bren guns. Saw COME re course for OMEs and also artillery artificers. Arranged for issue of further 216000 rounds of Mk. VIII ammunition being reserve for M.O. Bn. Wrote very strongly complaining about stores constantly being despatched to W.D. for Units here in Maadi and vice versa. This is a great factor in the delay occasioned Units in the receipt of their stores and in spite of constant complaints to the C.O.s concerned and advice as to the whereabouts of Units, it still continues.
	24		Decided on Base Staff required if Division moves away from Maadi. Steps are being taken immediately to procure this extra staff. Again reorg Crumby re steel helmets and cookers. There are still no No. 1 Cookers available for issue to this Division. In spite of repeated promises, none have been issued and I feel that this Division has not been given a square deal in this matter.
	25		Base has been making exceptionally large demands of equipment and clothing of late and most

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		Routine.
		After discussion with A.A. & Q.M.G., decided to have the best of our hats, S.D. cleaned and renovated. Distributed 40 A.Tk. Rifles and associate equipment for 80 Bren Guns to Units.

*Andrews*  
Major for Lt-Col DADOS N.Z. Div



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APPX AOrdnance Depot.

Two store buildings completed, fitted with shelves and occupied, one for clothing and one for Camp equipment. These also enabled Office accommodation to be doubled.

Stores from N.Z.

## (1) Unsatisfactory Features:

(a) Cases of boots far too large to handle easily with available facilities.

(b) Due to the possibility of reshipment with consequent extra handling cases should be far stronger and better wired.

(c) Clothing should be baled instead of cased. Cases are too easily broken and in addition, much space would be saved.

(2) A fair amount of clothing arrived in bad condition due to the wetting it received at Bombay during reshipment.

(3) Due to the confusion that reigned at Bombay and the broken cases due to rough handling both there and at Suez, large discrepancies are certain to arise but it will be some considerable time before these discrepancies can be finalized.

Supplies of Stores to Units in Western Desert.

This is still most unsatisfactory and Units are experiencing great delay amounting to several weeks in the receipt of stores.

Clothing.

There has been a shortage of clothing with the result that personnel of the Third Contingent could only be issued with one pair of shorts and no hose tops. This shortage has also occasioned Units in the Desert some worry as their indents have been held up for long periods.

War Equipment.

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1940 Oct.		<p><u>War Equipment.</u></p> <p>Still very little more available for First Contingent and nothing other than some Mortars, Brens, A.Tk. Rifles and anti-gas equipment for the Third Contingent.</p> <p><u>Staff.</u></p> <p>A number were temporarily attached and if they prove suitable will be transferred to the Base Ordnance Depot.</p> <p><u>Sickness of Staff.</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Pte. R.L.Ashcroft</td> <td>27.8.40</td> <td>to</td> <td>3.10.40.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pte. J.H.Emerson</td> <td>10.10.40</td> <td>to</td> <td>23.10.40.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W.O.1 K.G.K.Cropp</td> <td>16.9.40</td> <td>to</td> <td>4.10.40.</td> </tr> </table>	Pte. R.L.Ashcroft	27.8.40	to	3.10.40.	Pte. J.H.Emerson	10.10.40	to	23.10.40.	W.O.1 K.G.K.Cropp	16.9.40	to	4.10.40.
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	1		Met Transport Officers of 26 Bn. and 19 Army Troop Coy. To Abbassia to V.R.S. re supply of M.T. and to No. 3 Sub-Depot re Armourer's tools, Met L.A.D's of 3 Contingent on arrival.
	2		Met T.O's and O.M.E's of remaining Units of 3 Contingent. To V.R.S. to issue M.T. to Units. Compiled list of M.T. deficiencies of 1 and 3 Contingents and submitted this to A.A. & Q.M.G.
	3		To G.H.Q. M.E. and to V.R.S. Abbassia re deficiencies of M.T. Prepared for conference on M.T. matters. Called to see General Freyberg regarding his desert car.
	4		Conference with all O.M.E's, T.O's and Transport N.C.O's regarding all M.T. matters. DADOS opened conference and SOME conducted personnel through details of circulars appertaining to M.T. and answered questions on M.T. matters. Later met O.M.E's of 18 and 19 L.A.D's. Interviewed personnel of 19 L.A.D. individually.
	5		Interviewed personnel of 18 L.A.D. individually. To 4 Fd. Regt. to discuss M.T. matters with C.O., Transport Officers and O.M.E. Arranged course for S.T. personnel.
	6		Conference with DADOS and B.O.O. regarding establishment of Base Ordnance and L.A.D's with H.Q. 2 NZEF. Conference with Carrier Officers and T.O's of 8 Inf. Bde. Normal routine.
	7		To G.H.Q. M.E. re M.T. deficiencies. To C.O.M.E. re courses and modifications. To Col. Weir re tools for L.A.Ds. Normal routine.

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8		Normal Routine	
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10		Took all O.M.Es, T.Os, and Transport N.C.Os., on tour of inspection to N.o 4 B.O.D. and B.O.W. also V.R.S. at Abbassia and Mena.	
11		Normal routine. G.O.C's car sent to Heliopolis to have Compass swung and adjusted. First of SOME's Circular letters to O.M.E's despatched.	
12		To ceremonial parade of 3 Contingent. Normal routine.	
13N		Normal Routine	
14		Normal routine . To G.H.Q. M.E. to see Col. Fitton re issue of 15 Carriers Universal to 3 Contingent. Col. Fitton eventually agreed to issue.	
15		To B.O.D. Abbassia. Made final arrangements with V.R.S. control for issue of Carriers Universal to 6 Inf. Bde. on 19.10.40. Normal routine. Arranged courses for M.T. personnel.	
16		Normal Routine.	
17		Had short conference with Carrier Officers and T.O's of 6 Inf. Bde. Normal Routine.	
18		Left Maadi Camp at 0700 hrs. as instructor to T.O's and O.M.Es of 3 Contingent in desert navigation and driving. Navigation exercise from Kilo. 30 on Alex. Road to El Ramel, Abu Milha,	

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18		Biv Nasif to Kilo. 74 on Alex Road. All performed well, and I think, this exercise proved well worth while.	
19		All day on routine matters.	
20		Worked on new form of M.T. census. Normal routine.	
21		<u>Personnel from A.O.C. and L.A.Ds. attached, to R.V.S. Mena. for course in M.T. To V.R.S. and B.O.D. Normal routine.</u>	
22		Normal routine.	
23		<u>To 24 and 25 Bns. to inspect M.T. and form of M.T. procedure. Normal routine.</u>	
24		<u>To 26 Bn to inspect M.T. and form of M.T. procedure. Inspection of all M.T. repairs at 14 L.A.D, Carried out tests of completed work.</u>	
25		Normal routine.	
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27		" "	
28		<u>To 14 L.A.D. re repair work bn hand. To Tura Siding to direct unloading of Broadcasting Unit. Very difficult job., but with assistance of 6 personnel from 19 Army Troops Coy. and 6 from Base Recovery Section, completed this in 8 hours and set Unit down by Base. O.M.Es and W.Os.</u>	

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28		<u>of 18 and 19 L.A.Ds. begin gunnery course at Gunnery Shops, B.O.D. Normal Routine.</u>
29		Joined gunnery course. Normal routine on return to Office.
30		Gunnery course during morning. Normal routine. <u>Watched demonstration of Bagnall Sun Compass.</u>
31		Gunnery course and normal routine.

J. O. Kelsoy Lieut

Acting S.O.M.F.

H.Z.

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59 STRENGTH Increase

5344 Pte MacPherson E McT (HQ NZ Div)

Tfd to NZAOC att HQ NZ Div & Seconded from  
20 Bn Supernumerary List WEF 20/9/40

60 PROMOTION

6154 Cpl Bracken SC

9620 Pte Clark D

To be S/Sgt WEF 7/10/40

To be Cpl WEF 7/10/40

DIV INT SEC

61 STRENGTH Decrease

5363 S/Sgt Hollis JV

Marched off strength on appointment to a  
Commission WEF 17/9/40

Increase

5417 Pte Dorset WL (HQ 4 Inf Bde)

Marched in tfd to Div Int Sec on CTBA Cipher  
School GHQ ME WEF 29/9/40

62 PROMOTION

5417 Pte Dorset WL

Appointed L/Cpl WEF 2/10/40

63 HOSPITAL

5770 Pte Clode MG

Adm 4 Fd Amb WEF 21/9/40

Dehgd 4 Fd Amb WEF 23/9/40

5617 Sgt Mayfield GK

Adm 2 NZ Gen Hosp 7/10/40 & tfd X List ii

64 ATTACHMENTS & DETACHMENTS

5417 Pte Dorset WL

Marched out for Spec Duties at GHQ ME WEF 30/9/40

Marched in CTBA GHQ ME WEF 1/10/40

Marched out att GHQ ME WEF 2/10/40

4523 Sgt Zohrab BD )

3111 L/Cpl Chapman NH )

5417 L/Cpl Dorset WL )

5362 Pte Henrie RV

Marched in from Reinf Depot WEF 3/10/40

65 LEAVE

5770 Pte Clode MG

Marched out on Palestine Leave WEF 24/9/40

Marched in WEF 2/10/40

5709 S/Sgt Smith CF

Marched out to Palestine on Leave WEF 8/10/40

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Nil

*M. Alexander*  
Capt

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