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Attached as appendices:

SOME (Armaments) for 19-31 Jan 43

& 28 Hy AA Workshops 1-31 Jan 43.
January 1943.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Place. Date. Time. Event

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1 1900 52/347 F. F. Roberts to 109 Station Hospital.
3 11/00 C. Capt. Knight (Chief Ordnance Officer, B.O.D.), and 75 men from N.Z., arrived at BOURAIL
4 ex DUMBEA Staging Camp.
5 - G.S.O. 1 informed that as 4 technical and one Base Ordnance Officers are deficient in 3-DIV,
6 - 1/1/01 Admin. Advises that 100 (of total of 500 promised) unserviceable American mosquito
7 - nets coming forward for use in meat safe, fly-proofing mm cookhouses, etc.
8 - 3 NZ DIV Admin Instructions No. 33 - strict instructions regarding the care of M.T. in NECAL;
9 - No. 34 - requires drinking cups on Water carts to be withdrawn and returned to B.O.D., BOURAIL.
10 - No. 35 - all units required to indent immediately for American clothing to be issued.
11 - Letter to Army H.Q. giving (slightly unfavourable) report on extensive trial by 36 BN
12 - (N. Force) of the 60 suits of waterproof khaki drill.
13 - Staff at lecture by G.S.O. 2 on signals message writing.
14 - 1530 Army H.Q. In response to application dated 13 No. 42, wrote on 4th stating no copies of Ordnance
15 - Manual (War) were available for 3-DIV. It is however pointed out that we understand all
16 - Ordinance Officers, before embarkation with a field force, are to be in possession personally,
17 - of a copy of Ordnance Manual (War) and "Notes on Ordnance Duties and Procedure." Personal
18 - application to Q. Branch officers at Army H.Q was also made by D.A.D.O.S. prior to embarkation
19 - with the request that at least a minimum of one copy of those held at Army H.Q should be
20 - available for 3-DIV use.
21 - Report received from Snr. Stores Inspector (dated 15 Dec) after checking records of Base
22 - Ordnance Depot, 3-DIV, ex FIJI. Report stated: "On the whole the records were in excellent condition.
23 - 5/6/1207 state and reflect credit on Capt. Knight, Base Ordnance Officer."
24 - 71088 S/Sgt. A.K. Bristow posted to 8 Bde H.Q. as Ordnance W.O.-1 (promotion to be later).
25 - B.O.D. is asked for comments and recommendations on the establishment of bookkeepers in
26 - the force, including those at B.O.D. (a total of 25 or 27).
27 - Formations given reminder regarding return by units of Arms and Equipment, etc. held.
28 - Letter sent (originating this office) from 3-DIV H.Q. to Army H.Q. asking for information
29 - regarding S.T. grenades, and also re the appointment of an ammunition examiner.

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<td>9 Jan</td>
<td>1400</td>
<td>D.A.D.O.S. at G.O.C.'s conference. U.S. Forces Services of Supply memorandum emphasises that the use of permanent materials is not to be recommended in theatre of war. D.A.D.O.S. at G.O.C.'s conference, also conference with O 1/c. A and AA &amp; QMG re buildings for Ordnance, etc.</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>0900</td>
<td>D.A.D.O.S. at G.O.C.'s conference. Div HQ advised by this office that 10,960 capes waterproof are available for distribution.</td>
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<td>Issue authorised of 3 overalls white for cooks and cookhouse workers handling food. Promotions recommended and effective from this date of the following members of DADOS staff:- 48594. T/S/Sgt Walkley S.S. to be W.O.-1; 70147 T/S/Sgt Rolle E.C. to be W.O.-1; 46519 T/Cpl Woodhams B.E. to be T/S/Sgt. Ordnance R.C.O. for 15 Bde H.Q. to be 75388 Pte J.J. Greening, who is promoted sergeant, while acting as Ordnance clerk with 15 Bde H.Q. 46594 W.O.-1 Walkley marched out to duties at 11 Bde H.Q.</td>
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<td>71086 S/Sgt Bristow Ordnance W.O. at 8 Bde H.Q promoted to rank of W.O.-1. wef today's date.</td>
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<td>15</td>
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<td>DADOS with Capt Knight, BOD, interviewed Audit officers re the proposal to institute field accounting. Proposals as submitted to the GOC considered satisfactory by Auditor-General's representatives.</td>
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<td>B.O.O. B. instructed to have 150 cloths filter made for water-carts.</td>
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<td>35040 W.O.-1 Buckley A.W. appointed to commission as 2nd Lieut, but to attend later course. (RO 21/43)</td>
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<td>49156 Sg t. Marment (SOME-MT office) appointed S/Sgt wef today's date</td>
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<td>48595 Lt Jones H. appointed O.M.E. to 14 Bde and 39114 Lt Tilley A.E. appointed O.M.E. to 8 Bde (both ex Div Cond. W/Shops).</td>
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<td>20 Jan</td>
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<td>Base Ordnance Depot instructed to indent on N.Z. for shorts sufficient to enable each member (O/Rs) of the force to be issued with one extra (2 in all) pairs of shorts. A letter to O 1/c Admin suggests that at least three times the number of cobbler's (present number 27) should be provided for work in the Division. Letter to O 1/c Admin also mentions that 15,000 trousers and 15,000 shirts taken over from U.S. Forces, request by cable to N.Z. for extra tarpaulins, owing to onset of rainy weather and necessity for covering technical and perishable stores. 800315 W.O.-I J. Danby (D.O.W.) appointed to rank of 2/lieut. 800373 Sgt. Pierce J. appointed W.O.-I. NZEF IP Admin Order No. 13 requires return of empty oxygen cylinders to N.Z. (Para. 75) All units required, by signal message to AA &amp; QMG, to give returns by 26th inst of all American tattage, equipment, etc acquired by units and how acquired. File 3/2/1345</td>
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Office 1/c Admin advises that Base Ordnance Depot is to take over two large rooms in ground floor of Gendarmerie at BOURAIL, for storage purposes. Understood no rental required. This area later taken over for MT, spares, etc. when vacated by American occupiers. Office 1/c Admin also mentions that Base Ordnance NCO at 15 Bde H.Q. is advised to instruct units concerned that they are not to carry a reserve of clothing, but to use it before indenting for replacements. Office 1/c Admin also mentions that Base Ordnance NCO at 15 Bde H.Q. is advised to instruct units concerned that they are not to carry a reserve of clothing, but to use it before indenting for replacements. Office 1/c Admin also mentions that Base Ordnance NCO at 15 Bde H.Q. is advised to instruct units concerned that they are not to carry a reserve of clothing, but to use it before indenting for replacements. Office 1/c Admin also mentions that Base Ordnance NCO at 15 Bde H.Q. is advised to instruct units concerned that they are not to carry a reserve of clothing, but to use it before indenting for replacements. Office 1/c Admin also mentions that Base Ordnance NCO at 15 Bde H.Q. is advised to instruct units concerned that they are not to carry a reserve of clothing, but to use it before indenting for replacements. Office 1/c Admin also mentions that Base Ordnance NCO at 15 Bde H.Q. is advised to instruct units concerned that they are not to carry a reserve of clothing, but to use it before indenting for replacements. Office 1/c Admin also mentions that Base Ordnance NCO at 15 Bde H.Q. is advised to instruct units concerned that they are not to carry a reserve of clothing, but to use it before indenting for replacements. Office 1/c Admin also mentions that Base Ordnance NCO at 15 Bde H.Q. is advised to instruct units concerned that they are not to carry a reserve of clothing, but to use it before indenting for replacements. Office 1/c Admin also mentions that Base Ordnance NCO at 15 Bde H.Q. is advised to instruct units concerned that they are not to carry a reserve of clothing, but to use it before indenting for replacements. Office 1/c Admin also mentions that Base Ordnance NCO at 15 Bde H.Q. is advised to instruct units concerned that they are not to carry a reserve of clothing, but to use it before indenting for replacements. Office 1/c Admin also mentions that Base Ordnance NCO at 15 Bde H.Q. is advised to instruct units concerned that they are not to carry a reserve of clothing, but to use it before indenting for replacements.
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<td>Pte Roberts F.K. returned from Base Reception and 109 Station Hospital.</td>
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<td>Technical units of Division, also S.O.M.Es asked to submit estimates of technical stores</td>
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<td>likely to be required from N.Z., so that Base Ordnance can anticipate requirements and better</td>
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<td>service these units and the Division.</td>
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<td>Officer i/c Admin advises that arrangements have been made to obtain American clothing etc.</td>
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<td>from U.S. sources for N.Z. officers.</td>
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<td>O i/c Admin advises that it is not considered necessary to obtain further supplies of American</td>
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<td>shirts and trousers, owing to possibility of camouflage battledress for tropical warfare</td>
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<td>coming to hand soon.</td>
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<td>28 Jan</td>
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<td>S.O.M.E. MT (Major Simmiss) discharged from 109 Hospital.</td>
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<td>Advice to B.O.D. that B.O.D. and units may carry out repairs to officers boots &amp; shoes at a</td>
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<td>stipulated price, in their bootmakers shops.</td>
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<td>Request made to Army H.Q. for the provision of two more Ordnance Mechanical engineers/</td>
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<td>for the Force; suggestion made that two men at Trentham Ord. Workshops suitable.</td>
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<td>Publication in orders of transfers to corps A lists of members of this H.Q. w.e.f 24/1/43.</td>
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<td>Lt.-Col. Myers, Majors Evers and Simmiss (S.O.M.Es) posted to X1 corps lists.</td>
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<td>Five personnel of Base Ordnance Depot recommended for promotion to rank of W.O.II</td>
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File 1/4/1/24

RO 21/43,
ORDNANCE WORKSHOP SECTION
attached to
28 Hy A.A. Regt, 3-DIV.

W A R D I A R Y
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from:
1 Jan 43

to
31 Jan 43.

3 sheets
and
3 appendices.

VOLUME IV.

(FURTHER notes will be incorporated in War Diary of Formation - Div. Ord. HQ)
Cpl. K. M. Corre despatched to Ngapoli to collect few cases of equipment addressed to us. Only small amount arrived. No gear which is urgently required amongst it. Lack of full air bottles and facilities for filling same limits work on the guns.

Normal W/Shop Routine. O.C. reports to P.G.1. with Lt. Lawson of D.O.W. and Major Simms to attend transport meeting.

Two trucks required for Convoy Movement
Could not supply as we had none available. Burrs on guns giving trouble through oil leaks

Pte. D. Robertson detailed to go to Ngapoli to collect timber etc. for much needed construction work around W/Shop site.

Pte. T. C. Flowers despatched to 204 Bty. The Nou to check over instruments etc.

Normal W/Shop Routine.

O.C. Lt. Costello went to B.O.D. Bourail to unit equipment and business.
Normal W/Shop Routine. Advised tornado expected. All W/Shop buildings dismantled, Orderly Room packed and stores tent made secure against eventualities.

Normal W/Shop Routine. Tornado did not visit us.

Normal W/Shop Routine.

Six men and four trucks arrive back from Convoy work. Trucks had done approximately 1200 miles and need fairly severe maintenance.

Normal W/Shop Routine.

O.C. Lt. Costello went to B.O.D. Bourail to Unit Equipment. Brought back tyres, tubes etc.
Normal W/Shop Routine.

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CWA TOM | JAN 15 |


Particulars of Sgt. Brown's promotion to W.O. 2 confirmed in H/O Div. Orders of 13 Jan. 43. No. 5/43 w.e.f. 24 Nov. 42. Also promotion of Pte. S.H. Tomlinson to L/Cpl.

"C" Troop 203 Bty. pulled barrel back on No. 2 Gun and now report Buffer leaking very badly. Cannot do much as we have no packings for intensifier.

Normal W/Shop Routine. C.C. returned from inspection of 202 Bty. Guns etc. and from conference at 3 (NZ) DIV. H.Q. 203 Bty. advise that three guns leaking badly at buffers after the guns had been pulled back. Cant men to inspect but could do no good as no 'O' Packings available and short of Compressed Air.

Normal Sunday Routine. Major Evers S.O.M.E. (Armsments) arrived at camp and stays for shoot of 3.7 A.A. Guns on the Monday.

Normal W/Shop Routine. 203 Bty. 'G' and 'I' Troops hold practice shoot. C.C. and Major Evers attend. Sgt. Turner, Ptes. Flawers, Burstow, Mortimer, Batty, Fauling also attend in case of repairs being needed to instruments or guns.


Normal W/Shop Routine.

Normal W/Shop Routine. C.C. inspected guns etc at 'D' Troop. C.C. drew up Training syllabus for training in small arms etc.


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<td>50% of Personnel on Picnic Leave to River 20 Miles South. Normal Sunday Routine. Tow in Vehicle belonging to Malaria Control Unit.</td>
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<td>O.C. at aerodrome re filling of air bottles and then inspected &quot;Q&quot; Troop Guns. Filling bottles not successful. Adjustments to be made to valve which has to be sent to D.O.W. with particulars of adjustments. Normal W/Shop Routine.</td>
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<td>Normal W/Shop Routine. Pte. Robb, Don R., takes valve to D.O.W. for adjustments. Most important that this be done urgently as air is required for guns.</td>
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<td>Normal W/Shop Routine. Lt. Lawson left for D.O.W.</td>
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<td>Normal Sunday Routine. Percentage have day off at river 20 miles South.</td>
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Remarks and References to Appendix.
1. The following Recce. Cars will move from CWMACH to NAPOLI on 5 Jan:

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2. Vehicles will move in the following order:

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3. (a) Leading vehicle will pass R.H.Q. gate at 0730 hrs.
   (b) Speed 20 M.I.H.
   (c) 20 V.T.M.

4. Ten minute halt will be made every two hours.

5. Rations. 48 hour rations will be carried. Drivers will take blankets, mosquito nets and personal gear and will remain with their vehicles until ordered to return to CWMACH.

6. Drivers will remain correctly dressed at all times.

7. Drivers will pay special attention that vehicles maintain their correct intervals.

8. Smoking by drivers is forbidden.

9. Drivers will report to G.O. 214 Bty. on arrival NAPOLI.

Lt/COL.NZ
APPENDIX A

1. A convoy of 10 5-ton vehicles will move to CENTRAL CAMP on 2 Jan to move troops.


3. (a) Leading vehicle will pass B/H gate 265 Bty. at 1100 hrs.
(b) Speed 15 m.p.h.
(c) Density 20 V.P.E.
(d) Back vehicle will carry a relief driver.

4. Ten minute halt will be made every two hours.

5. Generous for 72 hrs. will be carried. Personnel will take blankets, mosquito nets and personal gear for three days.

6. C.O. Convoy will see that personnel are correctly dressed at all times.

7. C.O. Convoy will pay special attention that vehicles maintain their correct intervals.

8. Talking by drivers is forbidden.

9. Vehicles will be supplied as follows:

   805 Bty. 6.
   Sig. Sec. 3.
   Ord./W. shops 10.

Sig. Sec. and Ord./W. shops vehicles will report to C.O. Convoy at B/H 805 Bty. at 1045 hrs.


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   C.O. 26 Bty. 11 Dec.
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<td>3. W.T. .303 Rifle</td>
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<td>6. T.S.M.G.</td>
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<td>7. Bayonet Fighting</td>
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<td>8. Squad Drill</td>
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S.O.M.E. (Arm.)

Intelligence Summary

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Summary of Events and Information

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Arrived Nacel landed at Noumea 0600 hrs. and proceeded to Dumbra Transit Camp. Left Dumbra 0600 hrs. by convoy and arrived Moindah 1500 hrs.

Proceeded to Nepouli Staging Camp, inspected 2 25-pdr Q.F. Guns, 2 40mm Q.F. Guns, 2 2-pdr Q.F. A.T. Guns, which are held by Ordnance Sub-depot. Condition found satisfactory. Issued with unit Jeep at Div Vehicle Pool.

Advised A.A. & Q.M.G. to make enquiries of American Forces re charging same in 3 Div. C.O.M.E. Trentham asked for various Memoranda of Examination for Q.F. 3.7" Guns.

All units circularised to send in a Return of Smal Arms, Compasses and Binoculars before 31.3.43 in order that this Office can compile a Register.

COME Trentham advised of the difficulty being experienced with the running of clock motors in Vickers Predictors due to the evaporation of the lubricating oil.

Received reply from U.S. Forces throughHQ NZEF I.P that "Citrae" tractors should be found at Tontota and Plaines des Calais aerodromes capable of producing pressure up to 2,000 lb per sq. in. These compressors should suit our air-bottles which have a working pressure of 1,800 lb per sq. in.

Notified that one 6" Gun belonging to 33rd Hy Coast Regt. is out of action due to a faulty ball race. Cable sent to NZ by DADGS for the necessary spare parts.

Left on an inspection visit to Oua Tom aerodrome 1400 hrs.

Attended calibration shoot of C & D Troops 203rd Battery, 28th Hy AA Regt. (3.7" Guns). One gun out of action in D Troop due to fractured elevating shaft bracket which I had sent to D.C.W. for repair. Inspected 206th Lt AA Bty - condition of equipment good. Attended conference from 1900 - 2200 hrs with 203rd Hy AA & 206th Lt AA Troop & Bty Commanders. Discussed the various difficulties relating to the supply of stores & equipment.
Investigated the possibilities of using the air compressor for charging air-bottles at Gua Tom aerodrome. Found that an adapter was needed to suit our requirements. Left for Div HQ at 1000 hrs. The Pass at Mcindou was closed owing to an accident to an Air Force lorry. Came home via Beach Rd. and arrived Moindah 1600 hrs. Now reported that the damaged ball race of the 6" Gun, 33rd Hy Coast Brgt. has been repaired by a U.S. Naval unit who were unable to case harden it. Although the gun is traversing satisfactorily at present, it is anticipated that trouble will be experienced in the future.

Interviewed GOC with 800,315 W.O.1 Danby, J., 66,236 Sgt. Sherson, G.C. & 800,373 Sgt. Piercy, J.E. re appointments. Result W.O.1 Danby commissioned immediately and appointed GOC. Sgt. Sherson to be returned to NZ for special CCTU course of approx 4 weeks duration. Sgt. Piercy promoted to W.O.1 as from 22.1.43 and to remain at D.O.W. (Armament Section).

14th Bde report that the luminous marks on the outer cover of liquid compasses MK III, 1942, are not resistant to rain or moisture. Advised 14th Bde that the marks may be protected by the application of a light coat of clear varnish or lacquer. Instructed B.O.D. to order, paint, luminous (radio-active) 5 grams; varnish clear (DuVux) 5 pints, from NZ for use of Instrument Section, D.O.W.

Directed B.O.D. to return damaged ball race of P 3 mounting for 6" Gun to M.O.B. Trentham with a view to repair. Received cable from NZ - One complete ball race being forwarded from P 3 Mounting in NZ. Will advise later if bearing balls are obtainable from trade or other sources. No spares held for equipment in NZ.

Received correspondence re take over of 4 25-Pdr Q.F. Guns and equipment from U.S.A.

Interviewed GOC re 3394 2/Lt. S.J. Conlon being posted to 3 (NZ) Div Art Bty HQ as O.M.E. Agreed to transfer at a later date on condition of his replacement by a suitable officer. Suggested Captain Pritchard or S/Sgt Rodgers, both of M.O.B. Trentham.

At request of DADOS started an estimate of technical stores likely to be required by this Force during the period ending 31st July, 1943.