SECRET
WAR DIARY
of
A.D.O.S. -- N.Z.DIVISION.

From 1/2/41...

(Volume No. 12...)

To 28/2/41...

31 MAY 1941

OFFICIAL ARCHIVES

Received
Read
Filed

Classification

21/2/41

21/5/1/8 as A.P.M.

21/4
### Summary of Events and Information

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Place</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Hour</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Maadi</td>
<td>Feb 1</td>
<td></td>
<td>Routine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
<td>Conference with Div Comdr, AA&amp;CGM, and CRA. Div Comdr approved use of bivouac tent.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
<td>Produced schedule of main deficiencies of all important items of War Equipment for Div Comdr.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>4</td>
<td></td>
<td>Routine during day. In evening saw ADOS(OS1) re MT parts provision, ADOS(P2) re clothing provision and wastage figures. As a result NZ were advised of an amended clothing provision basis. Made verbal arrangement with ADOS(P2) that RAOC would take over any &quot;boots ankle&quot; that we had to spare.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>5</td>
<td></td>
<td>Routine. Advice from DADOS, NZEF, UK that a fair amount of equipment which was surplus was being shipped from England. This will be of the greatest assistance in completing the equipment of the Div as the items concerned are very short in the Middle East.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Normal routine.
Drew 12 tons of signalling equipment from No. 5 BOD. All this went to the Ordnance Depot, Maadi where it was sorted and issued to Units according to their outstanding deficiencies. Even then this was not sufficient by any means to complete the signalling equipment of the Division. Saw ADOS(LP) about patches, NZ hats and bivouac tents. Unable to see DOS or DDOS(E) about Field workshops as both were away. Conference with S.M. Austin regarding reshuffling and promotion of armourers.

All morning correcting deficiency of War Equipment Returns. In view of change over to capitation, it was necessary for all Units to submit a schedule showing all 1098 equipment not received as at 1 January 1941. This was later amended to 1 December 1940.

After conference with DOS, he agreed to authorise the supply of equipment for a Modified Ordnance Workshop (Air Formation).

Normal routine.
War Diary

Sheet 3

Month and Year: Feb 1941

Summary of Events and Information:

Routine:

Correcting Deficiency of War Equipment Returns. Interviewed Div Comdr and GSO 1 in regard to WO 1 Carlton PCM who had been returned from OCTU as unsatisfactory. Personnel from Div Sigs have assisted to sort up all Signal equipment received at Maadi and distribution is being effected.

Advice that equipment for 1 NZ Field Workshop is to be supplied without demand. Interviewed six (6) prospective candidates for OCTU. Went to Maadi for conference with Officer i/c Administration in respect to provisions for clothing, financial adjustments etc.

Advice that Div Comdr has agreed to commission WO 1 PCM Carlton.

Interviewed further prospective candidates for OCTU. Forwarded corrected "Deficiency of War Equipment" return of 30 units to Officer i/c Administration.

References to Appendix

Routine.

No. 3

To Wos 3 & 14
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Feb 13</td>
<td>Saw ADOS(OSL) about the replacement of evacuated vehicles. A considerable number had been evacuated and not replaced but it appeared that replacement is impossible at present. Conference with C.O. No. 3 Sub-Depot regarding equipment urgently required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb 14</td>
<td>Routine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb 15</td>
<td>Arranged for 26th to draw 5 Bren Guns as first instalment of guns replacing those damaged by bad ammunition. Staff Captain agreed to suggested scheme of work for S.M. Broken.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb 16</td>
<td>Prepared for Div HQ exercise.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb 17-18-19</td>
<td>On exercises - first trial of newly modified Office truck and is proved satisfactory from every point of view. All ADOS Staff can be accommodated and during the exercise we functioned normally. (17-19 Feb)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb 20-21-22</td>
<td>Normal routine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Place</td>
<td>Date</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-------</td>
<td>------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Helwan</td>
<td>Feb 23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
signalling equipment authorised by ADOS(003) - this was distributed to units at once.

Div Comdr approved the wearing of Pith Helmets - made arrangements
to draw 16,000 from No. 5 B.O.D. Drew 250,000 rounds of .45 ammunition for Thompson Sub-machine guns and issued to Bns.

Another 75 Smith & Wesson revolvers ready to draw which will be sufficient to change over Bde HQ and also equip Inf Reinforcement officers with .450 revolvers.

Sent convoys to No. 5 B.O.D. for pith helmets and mosquito nets.

Arranged purchase of over 40,000 patches with ADOS(IP).

Fixed Div Reserve of Clothing. Received further 20 W.T. sets,
30 lamps daylight signalling for distribution to units. We are going to be short of mosquito nets so decided to complete units according to priority of movement.

Normal routine.

To Nos 2 & 3 W/shops with Lt England to inspect work in progress. To Maadi Camp to see Capt Manning at School for Base.
Normal routine. Nine reinforcements reported and were posted to make up deficiencies in LAD's.

Normal routine.

To Nos 2 & 3 sub workshops to inspect Div. work in progress and to rearrange work programmes. To COME of BTE to report on:
(a) Defect report Ford engines.
(b) Painting of vehicles.
(c) Gear oil- Mannon Harrington F A Tractors.
(d) Cutting roofs of Ford trucks.
(e) Inspection of guns and instruments.

Normal routine.

Visit from Major Stubbs, OLG M B, re 2pr 4/7 guns and trailers. To inspect arty equipment at 33 and 34 Btys.

To base workshops to inspect work in progress. Normal routine.

Normal routine. DGS promises to provide 2 Bns W/shops.

Normal routine.

To COME of BTE. To base W/shops to inspect work in progress. Interviewed possible OCTU candidates:

WO 1 Chapman 11LAD
WO 1 Gunn 11LAD
Sgt Avery 12Bn
Pte Taylor 13LAD
Pte Drummond 20Bn

Normal routine.

To Nos 2 & 3 W/shops with Lt England to inspect work in progress. To Mano Camp to see Capt Manning re S A W School for Bns.

Rearranging matters preparatory to Div Bg exercises.
DADCOG(E)
N.Z.DIV.
FEBRUARY 1941.

17.
Div HQ exercise.

18.
Div HQ exercise. To see 5 Fd Rgt on MT matters.

19.
Return from exercise.

20.
Visit from TO's of 2 Contingent re procedure and MT matters. Kennedy of 15LAD reported. Conference with

21.
Pollock re staffing No 1 Fd W/shops.

To Mendi Camp to see 2AAG re assembly of No 1 N.Z. Fd W/shops. To COME BTE re:

\[(a)\] Fd. W/shops.
\[(b)\] LAD deficiencies and 1098 equipment.
\[(c)\] Arty carriage attachment.
\[(d)\] W/c crankcase protection plate.

To base W/shops re work in progress. To ADOS(P) re issue of Ford MT Spares. Issued full details of W/shops personnel to AA & QMG. Visit from Col Harding and Major Rush of OFF which has been detailed as attachment to this Div. Discussed full details and procedure of working with these officers.

Normal routine. To inspect 10LAD.

22.
Worked on MT schedule with DACO. Conference re collection of vehicles from Palestine. Arranged details for convoy.

23.
Attended conference at AA & QMG office. Sent 10LAD to Beersheba to meet Palestine convoy. Made final arrangements with Lt Pollock regarding 1 Fd W/shops. Pte Cross of 19LAD died.

24.
Inspected 15LAD recently arrived. Normal routine.

25.
Advance party of No 1 Fd W/shops left for Mendi. To ME to see Major Stubbs about cutting Ford truck roofs.

26.
To COME BTE and Base W/shops to hasten major repairs. To RVS re issue of MT. Conference with AA & QMG re progress of mobilisation.

27.
Conference with COME re deficiencies in personnel and items of equipment. Arrange reinforcements for W/shops and LAD's. Normal routine matters.

28.
Full complement of No 1 NZ Fd W/shops assembled. Inspect this unit and its equipment. To COME BTE to hasten Base repairs. To 9 and 14 LAD ME re work in progress.

[Signature]
Maj A. H. S.
DADCOG(E) N.Z. Div
Original
S.E.C.R.E.T
WAR DIARY
of
A.D.O.S. -- N.Z.DIVISION.

From 1/2/41...

(Volume No.12...)

To 28/2/41...

31 MAY 1941

OFFICIAL ARCHIVES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Initial</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Received
Read
Fixed

Classification 21.4.41

21.5/1/8 at approx.

21.4 + 21.5