JANUARY TO JULY 1941

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117 HEAVY BATTERY

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Unit 117th. Heavy Battery. Date and Time. From Jan. 1st 1941 To Jan. 31st. 1941

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Fort Pierson	3/1/41		Four Naval units appeared in Estuary for several days,	
			anchoring there at nights & leaving each morning for operation	
			in Storm Bay Area.	
	4/1/41	1735	Port closed to shipping.	
	6/1/41	2300	Fort opened for shipping.	
	14/1/41	1700	Two unidentified planes flew over Fort Area.	
	15/1/41		First deductions from pay for Federal Tax.	
	18/1/41	0900	Commenced sending A.A.F.A. 14 (Daily Strength Return to	
			supply office.	
			Capt. Merry replaced by Capt. Black as Medical Officer.	
			Weather generally fine for month.	

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Unit 117 Hy. Bty.

Date and Time.—From 1/2/41 To 28/2/41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Fort Pierson	4th	1500	Aux. H.T. arrived to replace M.T.	
	6th	1100	Attached M.T. returned to Depot.	
	7th	0930	LieutGeneral Smart and party visited on general inspection	
	13 th	1430	Commencement of despatch rider letter service	
	14th		Lieut. Connery mighted sited trenches at south post	
	15th		Construction of trenches commenced	
	16th	2300	Seventy per cent of Battery volunteered for service in	
	21st		Special Tropical Defences. Fifty per cent of Battery, including two officers, discharged	
	22nd	0900	on enlistment in Special Tropical Defences. Militia and Reserves called up for an indefinite period	
		1330	Inspection of camp by Brigs. Blake and Manchester, Lieut-Col. Hall, and Major McPhee	
The state of the s	23 rd	2200	Signals picked up off coast, believed Japanese, maybe whaling	
	2314	2200	fleet - Battery instructed to take appropriate measures regarding same.	
	24th	1000	One Corporal and seven other ranks Hobart Fortress Sig. Sec.	
	2700	1005	marched in to replace Naval personnel.	

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Unit 117th Heavy Battery

Date and Time. From March 1st. To March 31st 1941

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Fort Pierson	2-3-41	1500	13 O/Ranks of Militia transferred to Fort Direction.	
	7		24 Recruits transferred from Fort Direction.	
	3-3-41	1000	Field Engineers commenced construction of pill boxes south of	camp.
	6-3-41	1100	Gnrs. Goyen, Lomas, Vincent, & Walsh attached to Fort Direction experience.	on for 15 days cook-
	7-3-41	1100	Onrs. Forter, Farsell, Bellette, returned to duty from leave	
			Special Tropical Forces. Inauguration of day selected for (Fromotions: I/Bdr. Faton & Gnrs. Faterson and Farsell From	
			Gnrs. Cox & Layton premated to L/ Bdrs.	
	15-3-41		Commencement of weekly lectures & studies set by Hobart Forts	ess H.Q.
	19-3-41		I/Bdms. Bond & Fritchard left for A/A School Sydney.	
	29-3-41		Sgt. Artificer Edwards left to attend 10 days course at Cauli	field.
	31-3-41	0811	War vessel U74 entered river.	
		1016	Above vessel departed.	

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Unit 117th Heavy Battery

Date and Time. - From Mar. 1 1941 To 31 Mar. 1941

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Fort Pierson	Genral	/	Sickness: Average of four so duty for month, Considerate in camouflaging of Fort etc., Five Militia enlisted for Fu	
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Unit117th Heavy Battery R.A.A.

Date and Time. From 1st. April 1941 To 30th April 1941.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Fort Dierson.	2-4-41	1700	Queen Elizabeth escorted by war vessels, admitted to port by	
			by private signal. Auditing of Unit accounts by W.O. Rodwell.	
	5-4-41	1030	H.M.A.F.A. Marana returned to station from Slip-yard.	
		1430	Sgt. L. Graeme-Evans attached pending attendance at AAA School	
	7-4-41	1915	queen Elizabeth & escort passed out of river.	
No.	8-4-41	1530	Visit by Lt. Col. Lewis - O.A. Hbt. Frt. Command.	
		1100	Orders from H.Q. Hbt. Frt. to check & list all motor vehicles	Dass-
			ing through defended area.	
	13-4-41	1200	Sgt. Edwards returned from Artificers School, Caulfield.	
	16-4-41	1130	Lieuts. Peachey & Sowter & Sgt. Graeme-Evans marched out.	
		1600	Gnr. Young J.R. discharged.	
	22-4-41	1530	Visited by Lt. Col. Lewis, Lt. Connery & 2 R.A.A.F. Officers.	
	23-4-41	1400	Arrival of 1 Cpl. & 4 privates to reinforce 6 Grn. bn. & shown	1
			parade state as detached from Fort Direction.	

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Place Place	Unit 117	Hour	Buttery R.A.A. Date and Time.—From 1st. April 1941 To 30th April 1940. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Fort Pierson	30-4-41	1500	Inspection by Lieut. General Smart & A.D.C. accompanied by	
			Commandant & Lieut. Col. Lewis.	We want
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			General. Discipline-good.	
			Sickness - average of three for month,	DE L
			Schools - 6 Detached.	
			Total Strength anc. detached 1 Off. & 60 O.Ranks.	
		1 1000	Duties of Examination Battery maintained.	
		4	Lt. Col. Turner and Capt. Ikin of the Canteens Board visited Camp re taking over this Canteen.	
			Was V don	
			B.C. FORT PIERSON.	

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Unit 117th. Heavy Battery.

Date and Time. From 1st. May 1941 To 31st. May 1941.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Fort Pierson.	1-5-41	1430	Gnr.Cox visited Area 40 A. for Medical Examination.	
	5-5-41	1600	Dry. Tewis (10th. Aux. H.T.) murched in .	
	6-5-41	1515	Col. Lewis arrived at 1515. Deputed 1900.	
	11-5-41	1000	Gnr.Lomas discharged from 11th. A.G.H. to duty.	
		н	Gnr.Dinon admitted to 11th. A.G.H.	
	12=5=41	1500	Col. Lewis and W.O. Robertson arrived . Departed at 1900.	
	14-5-41	1100	Inspection of Fort Fierson by Major Atkins.	
	11	1700	Col.Lewis and Capt.Fritchard arrived.Departed 2200.	
	15-5-41	1000	Gnr.Dinon discharged from 11th. A.G.H. to duty.	
	16-5-41	2400	Gnr. Payne transferred to 36th. Fortress Goy.	
THE RESERVE TO SERVE	u	и	I/Bdr. Layton transferred to Tay Corps.	
	18=5-41	1400	Gnr. Breen admitted to C.D.S.	
	21-5-41		X.S. broke propelloe shaft.	
	21-5-41	TO THE PARTY OF TH	Gnr. Doran discharged from 11th. A.G.H. to duty.	

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Unit 117th. Heavy Battery.

Date and Time. From 18t. May 1941 To 318t. May 1941.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ft. Pierson.	21-5-41	1000	Gnr.Gox evacuated to 11th.A.G.H.	
	11	1000	Gnr. Breen discharged from C.D.S.	
	24-5-41	1100	W.O. Chowski (A.I.C.) marched in to carry out cooking supervisi	on.
	25-5-41	1500	Arrival of No.5 Director to replace D.R.F. Mark 11.	
	28-5-41	0900	Gun 4" Q.F? Mark vil. measured for Gun-Cover.	
	11	1700	Camp visited by Col.Lewis. Departed at 2130.	
	11	1000	Gnr.Cox sischarged from 11th.A.G.H. to duty pending decision of	Medical Board.
	н	1200	Drvs.King and Ray (10th.M.T. Res.) attached for three days for	axe-work.
	29-5-41	1300	D.R.F. Mark 11 forwarded to Ordnance Workshops, Angleses Barrack	s for repairs.
		u	Lt. Goodwin and det chment of 6 Grn. Btn. marched outReplaced	by Lt. Glozier
			and detachment of 6 Grn. Btn.	
	н	п	X.S. Marana arrived back at Station , being absent for 8 days un	dergoing repairs
	30-5-41	1100	Arrival of Latrine and also timber for latrine.	

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Unit 117th. Heavy Rattery Date and Time. From 1st. May 1941 To 31st. May 1941.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Fort Pierson.	GENERA	Į.	SICKNESS. Average of 2 for the month.	
			WEATHER. Commencing generally fine ,deterristing gradually	tothe 18th
			and gradually improving to fine towards end of the	month.
			STRENGTH OF UNIT. 1 Officer and 55 Other Rans at Fort Pierson	
			63 Other Ranks at Fort Direction	on.
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WAR DIARY OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY DISTRICT ARMY FORM CALLS

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Unit 117th Heavy Battery

Date and Time.-From 1/6/41

To 30/6/41

Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
2/6/41	1000	Cover for 4" Q.F. Mk. V11 measured.	
4/6/41	1030	Capt. Black and Capt. Gollen M.O's arrived.	
	1000	It. Shelton and Mr. Campbell-Auditors- Marched in.	
	2400	Gr. Cox discharged - medically unfit.	
5/6/41	1100	Major Smith - O.C. Engineer units arrived.	
	1415	Gun covers (Muzzle and Breach) arrived.	
7/6/41	1230	Inspection by Lt. Col. Lewis accompanied by Col. Lane and	
		It. Baker.	
	1430	Detachment of 18 O/Ranks marched out. (69m pr)	
	1430	Detachment of 18 O/Ranks marched in. (6-Sn Bn.)	
9/6/41	1100	Canopy erected over Kitchen stove	
	1500	H.M. Warship 174 entered river.	
	2/6/41 4/6/41 5/6/41	2/6/41 1000 4/6/41 1030 1000 2400 5/6/41 1100 1415 7/6/41 1230 1430 1430 9/6/41 1100	2/6/41 1000 Cover for 4* Q.F. Mk. V11 measured. 4/6/41 1030 Capt. Black and Capt. Gollen M.O's arrived. 1000 It. Shelton and Mr. Campbell-Auditors- Marched in. 2400 Gr. Cox discharged - medically unfit. 5/6/41 1100 Major Smith - O.C. Engineer units arrived. 1415 Gun covers (Muzzle and Breach) arrived. 1420 Inspection by Lt. Col. Lewis accompanied by Col. Lane and Lt. Eaker. 1430 Detachment of 18 O/Ranks marched out. /(6.5m.pm.) 1430 Detachment of 18 O/Ranks marched in. (6.5m. Gm.) 9/6/41 1100 Canopy erected over Kitchen stove 1500 H.N. Warship U 74 entered river.

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Unit 117th Heavy Battery

Date and Time.—From 1/6/41 To 30/6/41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FORT PIERSON	11/6/41	1100	Capt. Black, M.O. inspected camp.	
		1300	Capt. Cox proceeded to FORT DIRECTION for two days.	
	12/6/41	1200	It. Col. Lewis and Major Larsson inspected Camp and Fort.	
			Administrative staff, 36th Frt. Coy., transferred to DIRECTIO	on.
		1300	X.S. damaged in collision with H.M.S. # 74. Returned to port	
			for repair.	
		1300	It. Goldzien (6Gn. Bn.) marched out to FORT DIRECTION.	
		1300	Lt. Goodwin (6Gn. Bn.) marched in from DIRECTION.	
	13/6/41	1100	Brig. Manchester and Col. Lewis inspected Camp and Fort.	
			D.R.F. 11* arrived from Ord. Workshop. No.5 Director returned	
	14/6/41	1300	Detachment 6 Gn. Bn. marched out.	
		1300	Detachment 6 Gn. Bn. marched in.	
		1500	Large vessel (bel# ved Queen Mary) escorted by H.M. Warship	
			entered river and proceeded to Port.	

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Unit 117th Heavy Battery

Date and Time.—From 1/6/41 To 30/6/41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FORT PIERSON	16/6/41	0001	Sgt's Pritchard and Brodribb detailed as A/section Commanders.	The second second
	17/6/41	1030	Personnel from Artificers School returned to duty.	
	18/6/41	1030	Capt. Black M.O. and It. Palfreyman arrived.	
	20/6/41	1100	W.O.11. Anowski marched out.	
	21/6/41	1200	Lt. Goodwin and 18 men marched out. (6 Grn. Hr)	
		1300	It. Weston and 18 men marched in. (6 2m. Bn)	
			No dispatch rider on account of accident at Sandy Bay.	
	24.6.41	1300	I/Bdr. Anderson, Grs. Hume, Russell and Deadon transferred to	
			Art. School at FORT DIRECTION.	
	25/6/41	1430	Sig. Panton tried by Lt. Col. Lewis at Anglesea Barracks.	
	26/6/41	All day	Very heavy fog, rendering visibility almost nil.	
	27/6/41	1500	Capt. Lee-Ray-Meyer and Sgt. Schultz arrived concerning	
			salvage and segregation of refuse.	
			Committee of the Commit	

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Unit 11/th Heavy Battery Date and Time.—From 1/0/41 To 30/0/41						
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.		
FORT PIERSON	28/6/41	1300	Detachment 6 Gn. Bn. marched out.			
		1300	Detachment 6 Gn. Bn. marched in.			
	GENE	RAL A.R.	L Average of two at time for month.			
		Sick				
		Weat	ther - Generally fine, with some rain in middle of month			
			and rain and fog toward end. Light wind prevailing			
			from S.W.			
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				Q.C., 117th HEAVY BATTERY		
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Unit 117th. Heavy Battery

Date and Time.—From 1/7/41 To 31/7/41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Fort Fierson	2/7/41 5/7/41 10/7/41	1030 1600 0900	Sgt. Debson transfered to Fort Direction 6 Grn. Rtln. changed over (liut. Glozáer C.C. Quard) Gnr. Conrades & Onr. Downer Freesed to D.N.R. for 2 days train 2 Dental Officers extracted & examined teeth.	
	11/7/41 15/7/41 16/7/41 21/7/41 30/7/41	0820 1100 1400 1500 1650	Z Yeasele of War entered river (B.B. & C.M.) Capt. Black M.O. errived at camp for medical inspection. Col. Turner, Capt. Iken & Mr. Campbell arrived. Exzercise carried out between NAFO & MOJA. Col. Scanlon & Lieut. Conray inspected & departed 1619.	