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117 HEAVY BATTERY

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

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

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 operations 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	Lieut.-General Smart and party visited on general inspection	
	13th	1430	Commencement of despatch rider letter service	
	14th		Lieut. Connery sighted sited trenches at south post	
	15th		Construction of trenches commenced	
	16th	2300	Seventy per cent of Battery volunteered for service in Special Tropical Defences.	
	21st		Fifty per cent of Battery, including two officers, discharged on enlistment in Special Tropical Defences.	
	22nd	0900 1330	Militia and Reserves called up for an indefinite period Inspection of camp by Brigs. Blake and Manchester, Lieut-Col. Hall, and Major McPhee	
	23rd	2200	Signals picked up off coast, believed Japanese, maybe whaling fleet - Battery instructed to take appropriate measures regarding same.	
	24th	1000	One Corporal and seven other ranks Hobart Fortress Sig. Sec. marched in to replace Naval personnel.	

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Army Form C.2148
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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.	
			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 for 15 days cooking experience.	
	7-3-41	1100	Gnrs. Porter, Parsell, Bellette, returned to duty from leave whilst on duty with Special Tropical Forces. Inauguration of day selected for General Camp Pay Day.	
			Promotions:— L/Bdr. Paton & Gnrs. Paterson and Parsell promoted to Bombardier	
			Gnrs. Cox & Layton promoted to L/ Bdrs.	
	15-3-41		Commencement of weekly lectures & studies set by Hobart Fortress H.Q.	
	19-3-41		L/Bdr. Bond & Pritchard left for A/A School Sydney.	
	29-3-41		Sgt. Artificer Edwards left to attend 10 days course at Caulfield.	
	31-3-41	0811	War vessel U74 entered river.	
		1016	Above vessel departed.	

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117 Hy. Bty. R.A.A.

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Unit 117th 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 Pierson.	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 AFA School	
	7-4-41	1915	Queen Elizabeth & escort passed out of river.	
	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 pass- 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 parade state as detached from Fort Direction.	

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Unit 117th Heavy Battery R.A.A.

Date and Time.—From 1st. April 1941 To 30th April 1940

Wm. V. Cow Capt.
U.S. PORT 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.Lewis (10th.Aux.H.T.) marched in .	
	6-5-41	1515	Col.Lewis arrived at 1515. Depated 1900.	
	11-5-41	1000	Gnr.Lomas discharged from 11th. A.G.H. to duty.	
		"	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 Pierson by Major Atkins.	
	"	1700	Col.Lewis and Capt.Pritchard 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 Coy.	
	"	"	I/Bdr. Layton transferred to Pay Corps.	
	18-5-41	1400	Gnr.Breen admitted to C.D.S.	
	21-5-41	1230	X.S. broke propellor shaft.	
	21-5-41	1000	Gnr.Doran discharged from 11th. A.G.H. to duty.	

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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.
<u>Ft. Pierson.</u>	<u>21-5-41</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>Gnr. Cox evacuated to 11th. A.G.H.</u>	
"	"	<u>1000</u>	<u>Gnr. Breen discharged from C.D.S.</u>	
	<u>24-5-41</u>	<u>1100</u>	<u>W.O. Onowski (A.I.C.) marched in to carry out cooking supervision.</u>	
	<u>25-5-41</u>	<u>1500</u>	<u>Arrival of No. 5 Director to replace D.R.F. Mark 11.</u>	
	<u>28-5-41</u>	<u>0900</u>	<u>Gun 4" Q.F. Mark VII. measured for Gun-Cover.</u>	
	"	<u>1700</u>	<u>Camp visited by Col. Lewis. Departed at 2130.</u>	
	"	<u>1000</u>	<u>Gnr. Cox discharged from 11th. A.G.H. to duty pending decision of Medical Board.</u>	
	"	<u>1200</u>	<u>Drvs. King and Ray (10th. M.T. Res.) attached for three days for axe-work.</u>	
	<u>29-5-41</u>	<u>1300</u>	<u>D.R.F. Mark 11 forwarded to Ordnance Workshops, Angleses Barracks for repairs.</u>	
	"	"	<u>Lt. Goodwin and det. chment of 6 Grn. Btn. marched out--Replaced by Lt. Glozier</u>	
			<u>and detachment of 6 Grn. Btn.</u>	
	"	"	<u>X.S. Merana arrived back at Station, being absent for 8 days undergoing repairs</u>	
	<u>30-5-41</u>	<u>1100</u>	<u>Arrival of latrine and also timber for latrine.</u>	

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B.C. FORT PIERSON.

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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	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	Lt. 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 Lt. Baker.	
		1430	Detachment of 18 O/Ranks marched out. (6 Sn Bn.)	
		1430	Detachment of 18 O/Ranks marched in. (6 Sn Bn.)	
	9/6/41	1100	Canopy erected over Kitchen stove	
		1500	H.M. Warship U 74 entered river.	
		1100	2 carpenters (K.S.B.) marched in for work on refrigerator.	

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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	Lt. Col. Lewis and Major Larsson inspected Camp and Fort.	
			Administrative staff, 36th Frt. Coy., transferred to DIRECTION.	
		1300	X.S. damaged in collision with H.M.S. W 74. Returned to port	
			for repair.	
		1300	GLOZIER. Lt. Glozier (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 (believed Queen Mary) escorted by H.M. Warship	
			entered river and proceeded to Port.	

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FORT PIERSON	16/6/41	0001	Sgt's Pritchard and Brodribb detailed as A/section Commanders.	
	17/6/41	1030	Personnel from Artificers School returned to duty.	
	18/6/41	1030	Capt. Black M.O. and Lt. Palfreyman arrived.	
	20/6/41	1100	W.O.11. Anowski marched out.	
	21/6/41	1200	Lt. Goodwin and 18 men marched out. (6 <i>Lmn. Bn.</i>)	
		1300	Lt. Weston and 18 men marched in. (6 <i>Lmn. Bn.</i>)	
			No dispatch rider on account of accident at Sandy Bay.	
	24.6.41	1300	L/Bdr. Anderson, Grs. Hume, Russell and Deacon 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.	

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Q.C., 117th HEAVY BATTERY

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