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EAST POINT BATTERY

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118
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Unit EAST POINT BATTERY

Date and Time.—From 1st June, 1941 To 30th June, 1941

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
EAST POINT BATTERY	3rd June	0900	8 O/R's marched out to duty Night Cliffs 8 O/R's marched in from Night Cliffs.	
" " "	9th June	0600	1 O/R marched out to part A.R.L.	L/Bdr. Atkins S. 121 Hy. BT
" " "	10th June	1500	1 O/R A.A.O.C. marched out to Unit	Cpl. Pegg
" " "	13th June	0800	1 O/R 7 M.D. Sigs. marched in from Unit	
" " "	14th June	1800	1 O/R 9th Heavy Battery marched out to Eastern Command	Gnr. Stratford
" " "			1 O/R 121st Heavy Battery marched out to Eastern Command	L/Bdr. Atkins S.P.H.
" " "			1 O/R 9th Heavy Battery marched out on A.R.L.	Bdr. Ould
" " "	20th June	1500	1 O/R 121st Heavy Battery marched in from Larakeyah taken on strength.	Gnr. Thomas
" " "	22nd June x	0800	3 O/R's 7 M.D. Sigs. marched out to Unit.	
" " "	25th June	0715	1 Officer 121 Heavy Battery marched out to Southern Command	Captain Gregory
" " "	x		2 O/R's 9th Heavy Battery marched out to A.R.L.	L/B. Dean Gnr. Wilkins
" " "	23rd JUNE	0600	1 O/R 9th Heavy Battery marched out on A.R.L.	S/Sgt. Innes

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EAST POINT BATTERY	2nd June	1000		Ceremonial - Time of War - at Military funerals will be discontinued.		
				Economy to be observed with regards to use of electricity.		
	4th June	1000		R.A.A.F. POOL out of bounds.		
	9th June	1000		Instructions re-observation of Kings Birthday.		
				Lee Point - afforestation to be observed.		
	14th June	1000		Corrigendum - Kings Birthday not to be public holiday.		
	16th June	1000		Instructions Re-1" Aiming practice Emery Point.		
	17th June	1000		Instructions Re practice Seawards on the 18th June, 1941.		
				Applications called for Caretakers at Katherine.		
				Information regarding Medical Benefit Tax Ordinance 1941.		
				Regulations to be observed by troops proceeding overland.		
				Procedure as laid down must be followed in regard to Compensation in respect of Injuries		
				Afforestation to be observed in Northern Territory		
				Instructions Re Concession rate telegrams		

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EAST POINT BATTERY	17th June	1800		Lodgment of Telegrams A.I.F.		
				Information regarding passengers on Adelaide River Ration Truck		
	20th June	1000		Personnel advised of Dental Inspection to be held in R.A.P.		
	24th June	1000		Names of personnel for inoculation		
	26th June	1000		Promotions to date from the 26th June. 9th Hvy. Bty. and 121st Hy. Bty. personnel.		
				Appointments " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "		
	27th June	1000		Instructions re-waste products.		
				Information with regard to Canteen Service		
				New Manning Detail to come into force at 0900 hrs. 28th June, 1941.		
	30th June	1000		Court of inquiry - President Major Gregson Members Captain Sutherland, Lieut. Cox		
				CONSTRUCTION WORK:		
				Construction of Single Apron Wire Fence completed.		
				Splinter-proof trenches nearing completion. Sandbagging Fire Command Post		
				being carried out. Repairs to existing domestic arrangements carried out.		

$D = 3485/5.20 = 670.2$

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			CONSTRUCTION WORK (Cont.)													
EAST POINT			100 yards of road constructed by Public Works, leading from													
			road to Battery following main line of electric light poles.													
			Swimming pool renovated.													
			<u>EXERCISES</u>													
	18/6/41	10.00	Practice commences., seawards.													
		12.20	" conc luded.													
			<u>METEOROLOGICAL REPORT</u>													
			DRY	WET		DRY	WET		DRY	WET		DRY	WET		DRY	WET
		0900	79	73		84	77		82	77		73	62		75	62
	1/6/41	1500	88	77	7/6/41	89	79	13/6/41	89	81	19/6/41	84	67	25/6/41	84	69
		0900	83	76		84	77		79	74		76	66		76	66
	2/6/41	1500	85	77	8/6/41	88	79	14/6/41	86	78	20/6/41	88	72	26/6/41	87	71
		0900	77	71		80	75		75	70		77	67		75	67
	3/6/41	1500	85	76	9/6/41	89	78	15/6/41	83	74	21/6/41	89	72	27/6/41	86	72
		0900	81	73		76	70		75	68		72	63		76	68
	4/6/41	1500	85	75	10/6/41	85	75	16/6/41	80	75	22/6/41	85	74	28/6/41	86	74
		0900	80	75		79	75		77	69		71	60		78	69
	5/6/41	1500	85	76	11/6/41	87	76	17/6/41	85	76	23/6/41	84	69	29/6/41	83	74
		0900	79	73		82	76		74	65		68	58		77	67
	6/6/41	1500	89	80	12/6/41	86	78	18/6/41	85	76	24/6/41	83	69	30/6/41	86	77

0.3485/0.50 = 0.697

J. K. M. Foster Major, R.A.A. 60
B.C. East Point Battery

DISTRICT RECORDS OFFICE 7TH M. D.		
REG. NO.	DATE REC'D	FILE NO.
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
EAST POINT	2. 7. 41	1100	I O/R marched in from Larrakeyah - 9th Hy. Bty.- On Strength	Gnr. Walsh
			I O/R marched in from Larrakeyah - 121st Hy. Bty. " "	Gnr. Podmore.
EAST POINT	6. 7. 41	1300	I O/R marched in from Larrakeyah - 121st Hy. Bty. " "	Gnr. Watson
EAST POINT	8. 7. 41	1400	{ I Officer marched out to Emery Point - Off strength.	Major Forster J&KK.M.
			{ I Officer marched in from Emery Point - On strength.	Major Spain I.A.H.
			{ Due to Interchange of Battery Commanders.	
EAST POINT	18. 7. 41	1200	I Officer 9th Hy Bty. marched out to Emery Pt.- Off strength	Lieut. Glassford R.
			I Officer 121st Hy. Bty. marched in from Emery Pt.- on Strength	Lieut. Cox B.B.
EAST POINT	20. 7. 41.	1800	3 O/R's 9th Hy. Bty. marched out to West Point	
			9 O/R's 121st Hy. Bty. marched out to West Point.	
EAST POINT	20. 7. 41	0900	I O/R Aust. C. of Signal marched out to Unit- Off ration Strength	
EAST POINT	21. 7. 41	0800	I O/R Aust. C. of Signal s marched out to Unit " " "	
EAST POINT	26. 7. 41	1000	I O/R 121st Hy. Bty. struck off Strength as from 26/6/41.	I/B. Lyon

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Place	Date	Hour	R.I'S	Summary of Events and Information	R.I'S	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
EAST POINT	4. 7. 41	1000		Changes in Designation of Appointment relating to Artillery.		
				Court Of Inquiry on Damages to Rifles of East Bty. Personnel.		
				Travel Concessions for Home Leave.— Members of the Forces.		
	5. 7. 41	1000		I.A.H. Change of Duties Major Spain take over duties of Battery Commander		
				vice Major J.K.M. Forster as from 7/7/41.		
				Lieut. B.D.W. O'Neil take over duties of supervising Officer.		
				East Point Sergeants Mess, vice Major J.K.M. Forster		
				Audit Board to assemble under Major R.L. Gregson.		
	8. 7. 41	1000		Annual Specialists Examinations - Board Form.		
				Court of Inquiry - re Loss of Kit Bags of East Point Personnel		
				Examinations to Start 14/7/41.		
	10.7.41	1000		Colour Patches - instructions re wearing of same.		
	21.7.41	1000		Instructions re Governor Generals Inspection .		
	23.7.41.	1000		Instructions re March Past - Darwin.		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
EAST POINT	25. 7. 41	1000	Enquiry re Linguistic Qualifications of personnel.	
	29. 7. 41	1000	Applications called for Volunteers for Quarrymen	
			Construction Work, & Training Syllabus.	
EAST POINT			Continuation of Splinter Proof Shelters and Preparation of	
			Ground for Tennis Court.	
			Individual training and Annual Specialist Examination	
			Installation of two 6" B.L. Mk. XI ^x Guns on Semi Portable	
			Cruciform Mountings.	
	29. 7. 41		Selection of sites decided to be on crest to rear of beach.	
	30. 7. 41		Sites 50' x 50' marked off and cleared. On test holes being	
			sunk, it was shown that light non-binding top soil 8" to 1'	
			and sand and gravel (mixed) with a little clay well packed	
			below was the composition of the soil. Top soil removed.	

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Date and Time.—From 1.7.41 To 31.7.41

Place	Date	Hour	Construction and Training Syllabus Summary of Events and Information				Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.					
EAST POINT	31.7.41.		All pegs necessary for excavation were placed in position									
			Centre peg for No.2 Gun mounting and all other necessary pegs									
			for excavation placed in position. Commenced removal of top soil									
			Track cleared through scrub to bring up all equipment.									
METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.												
EAST POINT	1.7.41	0900	DRY 76	WET 67	DRY 79	WET 73	DRY 71	WET 58	DRY 74	WET 60		
		1500	86	71	10.7.41	85	74	19.7.41	85	69	28.7.41	85
	2.7.41	0900	74	69	78	74	76	60	74	66		
		1500	86	71	11.7.41	84	74	20.7.41	85	76	29.7.41	85
	3.7.41	0900	78	70	71	70	78	70	73	62		
		1500	86	75	12.7.41	84	74	21.7.41	86	75	30.7.41	86
	4.7.41	0900	78	70	78	65	71	68	76	68		
		1500	85	74	13.7.41	87	74	22.7.41	89	71	31.7.41	87
	5.7.41	0900	79	70	79	64	73	62				
		1500	89	73	14.7.41	83	71	23.7.41	87	70		
	6.7.41	0900	76	69	76	68	74	64				
		1500	90	73	15.7.41	82	73	24.7.41	86	71		
	7/7.41	0900	76	66	72	66	74	66				
		1500	87	73	16.7.41	89	71	25.7.41	84	71		
	8.7.41	0900	78	70	73	65	76	64				
		1500	86	74	17.7.41	89	73	26.7.41	85	72		
9.7.41	0900	79	71	74	65	71	64					
	1500	85	76	18.7.41	86	70	27.7.41	84	74			

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..... MAJOR
Battery Commander
EAST BATTERY R.A.A.

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Date and Time.—From 1st AUGUST 41. To 31st AUGUST 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
EAST POINT	16/8/41.	1000	2 O/R's F.T.D. struck off strength on transfer to West Point	Gnr. Baker
			Battery.	Gnr. Newburn
EAST POINT		1100	1 O/R R.A.E. marched in from Unit attached for duty.	L/Cpl. Nelms
EAST POINT	18/8/41	0800	5 O/R's marched out to Larrakeyah for duty.	GNR'S. CHATFIELD, CALLE GEARY, JAMES. BDR. POTLAND.
		1800	1 O/R marched out to Eastern Command. Struck of strength.	GNR. Leach
		1500	4 O/R's R.A.E. 1/54 A.A. Searchlight Company marched in for duty.	
EAST POINT	21/8/41	0800	1 Officer F.T.D. marched out to West Battery R.A.A. on transfer	Lieut. Molyneux
EAST POINT		1800	1 Officer F.T.D. marched in from West Battery R.A.A. taken on strength.	Lieut. Abbott.
EAST POINT	22/8/41	0830	10 O/R's marched out to West Battery R.A.A. struck off strength.	
EAST POINT	25/8/41	1100	2 Officers 27 O/R's 2/1 Hy. Bty. A.I.F. marched in for training.	

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Date and Time.—From 1 August 41 To 31 August 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
EAST POINT	25/8/41	0800	I O/R P.M.F. struck off strength on Discharge.	Gnr. Cochaud.
EAST POINT	28/8/41	0800	I O/R P.M.F. struck off strength on transfer to Eastern	
			Command	Sgt. Williams.
EAST POINT	31/8/41	1100	2 Officers 27 O/R's 2/1 Hy Bty. A.I.P. marched out to Unit,	
			on completion of training.	
			<u>E.R.I's.</u>	
	5/8/41	1400	Defence Exercise - Black Out(21.10 hrs. to 21.30 hrs)	
	6/8/41	1400	" " - Black Out(23.59 hrs to 04.30 hrs)	
	7/8/41	1400	" " - Black Out(23.59 hrs to 04.30 hrs)	
	11/8/41	1400	Personnel of ex "M" Bty. commence Battery Training.	
			Draft of 10th to commence Recruit training.	
	14/8/41	1400	Reduction in Ranks: T/SGT. MASTERMAN to Gunner T/SGT. PHILLIPS to Gunner	
			Repository Squad drafted for A.A. Emplacements at Golf Links	
			Court/Inquiry; Pres. Major Gregson: Members - Capt. Dench Lieut. Goulding	

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Place	Date	Hour	B.R.I's. cont. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
EAST POINT	16/8/41	1400	APPTMTS.: Specialists - GNR. MCGREGOR A.D. - Cook L/B. ATKINS T. - Clerk GNR. FISHER T.A. - Tech. Storeman	
			Transfer of personnel to Larrakeyah for duty	BDR. PUTLAND to C.F.D. GNRS. CALLIS; CHATFIELD; GEARY; JAMES to 29th Employment Coy.
	19/8/41	1400	Change of Canteen hours - Sat. 1930 hrs to 2100 hrs. Sun. 1930 hrs to 2200 "	
	21/8/41	1400	Transfer of personnel to West Battery.	
	22/8/41	1400	Form A205 to be signed before A.I.F. applications will be acknowledged. Court/Inquiry -- Pres. Major McDonald -- Members: Capt. Sutherland Lt. Allen	
	23/8/41	1400	Personnel of Repository Squad notified.	
			Personnel of P.A.D. Works Squad also notified.	
	25/8/41	1400	Extension of Service 7 M.D. -- 12 months --	SGT. PARSONS S.V.
	27/8/41	1400	Roving piquet instituted to cover Left Section	
	28/8/41	1400	Sentry posted Main Magazine by Watch on duty. Change in designation: distinction between 9th & 121st Hy Bty. disregarded; to be referred to as D.F.D.- Heavy Artillery. Volunteers called for Working Party - West Point. Changeover Respirator Containers to "E" Type. (modified)	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information								Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.			
EAST POINT	29/8/41	1400	Weekly Inspection of Respirators Anti-Gas											
			<u>GENERAL and Construction Works</u>											
	23/8/41	1000	Proofing of Mountings No.2 (Gun No.2326) 3 e.f.c's fired; and Mounting No.23 (Gun No.2325) 3 e.f.c's fired; both mountings being on semi-portable platforms.											
	25/8/41	1130	Inspection of Battery by Commandant - Brigadier Blake.											
			WORKS:- Construction of Shell and Cartridge Recesses- Left Section. A.A.L.M.G. emplacement - Left Section. Slit Trenches. Mangroves topped in field of fire. Installation of Section of Mk XI ^K Guns on semi-portable Platforms.											
			Transfer of Laundry to new position alongside Showers.											
			<u>METEOROLOGICAL REPORT</u>											
			DRY		WET		DRY		WET		DRY		WET	
EAST POINT	1/8/41	0900	74	85	81	73	73	60			77	62		
		1500	88	72	5/8/41	89	79	9/8/41	84	69	13/8/41	83	69	
	2/8/41	0900	81	70	73	69	78	61			76	68		
		1500	86	75	6/8/41	85	73	10/8/41	86	70	14/8/41	84	72	
	3/8/41	0900	82	75	78	67	75	64			75	65		
		1500	89	79	7/8/41	86	72	11/8/41	88	69	15/8/41	82	71	
	4/8/41	0900	77	71	76	62	77	68			76	67		
		1500	84	73	8/8/41	86	68	12/8/41	88	72	16/8/41	83	72	

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Unit.....EAST HEAVY BATTERY.....

Date and Time.—From 1st Sept.'41 To 30th September, 1941.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
EAST POINT	2/9/41	0900	1 O/R. marched in from Katherine	GNR. MEAKER
	4/9/41	0900	1 O/R. marched out to H.Q. Fixed Defences	GNR. MEAKER
	6/9/41	1100	1 Off. 37 O/R. 2/1st Hvy. Bty. (attach.) marched out.	
	8/9/41	0900	1 Off. 35 O/R. " " " marched in.	
	9/9/41	0900	2 O/R. " " " marched in.	
	13/9/41	1100	1 Off. 38 O/R. " " " marched out.	
	16/9/41	0830	1 O/R. marched out to 39th Emp. Coy. (Off Rations only)	GNR. GALL
	16/9/41	1100	1 O/R. marched in from 39th Emp. Coy.	GNR. JAMES
	20/9/41	1800	14 O/R. marched in from SOUTHERN COMMAND taken on Strength	
	28/9/41	0630	1 O/R. marched out Pt. A.R.L.	SGT. SMITH F.K.
	28/9/41	1200	18 O/R. marched in from NORTHERN & EASTERN COMMANDS	
	29/9/41	0900	3 O/R. marched out to 1/54 A.A. R.A.E. (Off Strength) 2 O/R. marched out to EMERY BATTERY (Off Strength) B.R.I's.	
	1/9/41	1400	Notification of town of Darwin out of bounds till further notice.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information B.R.I's. (cont.)	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
EAST PT.	2/9/41	1400	Instructions re Special privilege passes to town of Darwin.	
	4/9/41	1400	Advice of relief of personnel who have served 18 months' period.	
	6/9/41	1400	Classes for illiterates to be held.	
	8/9/41	1400	Change in personnel of P.A.D. workers.	
	9/9/41	1400	Lecture under Army Educ. Scheme given in Mess Room at 1945 hrs.	
	12/9/41	1400	"HOLMES" Jungle out of bounds. Instructions re EYE GUARDS DETACHABLE	
			Instructions re LEAVE. No Interstate leave to be granted except under compassionate grounds.	
	13/9/41	1400	Notific. of C.O's. Parade 15/9/41.; and instructions appertaining thereto.	
	17/9/41	1400	Proposed rationing of electricity. Appointments: N73579 L/BDR. ATKINS T. to be Bdr. Clerk Q187791 " WHITAKER W. to be Bdr. Storeman.	(16/9/41) 2
	20/9/41	1400	Attention of all ranks drawn to Standing Orders regarding Sanitation and Hygiene.	
	24/9/41	1400	Applic. Orderly, H.Q. Fd. Def. Return of personnel who have contracted Malaria in the past.	
	27/9/41	1400	Names of personnel and respective Commands to which they are to be relieved, published.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			GENERAL:	
EAST POINT	12/9/41	1000	Fire Orders practised. Drill carried out correctly.	
	22/9/41	1600	Security and Standing Orders read to draft of 20/9/41.	
	15/9/41	0900	C.O.'s. Parade held, and short Route March carried out.	
	29/9/41	1100	Security and Standing Orders read to Draft of 28/9/41.	
			Week Ending 7/9/41 a Syllabus of Training carried out covering Mechanisms, Battery Drill, Anti-Gas, and Close Defence Section Control using D.E.Ls.	
			Week Ending 14/9/41 a further Syllabus of Training covering the above subjects, but in a more advanced stage.	
			Week Ending 21/9/41 Recapitulation of subjects dealt with during the above training.	
			Week Ending 28/9/41 An advanced stage of the above subjects.	
			CONSTRUCTION WORK:- etc.:— Night Latrine constructed near Barrack Room area.	
			Clearance of scrub to enlarge sports area.	
			Magazine, Left Section, in course of construction.	
			Repairs carried out to various buildings.	