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Unit "H" Hvy Bty, Cairns.

Date and Time—From Jan 1st 1943 To Jan 7th.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Cairns	1-1-43	0900 to 1700.	Maintenance on guns. Engines brought all CASH gear & parts to Staging Camp. 159 Rounds Amm. unloaded.	
"	2 nd	0900.	Maintenance on guns and CASH's, all day.	
"	3 rd	0900-1200.	Loaded punt with camp stores, timber etc. Painting guns.	
		1400.	General leave.	
"	4 th	0900.	Capt Allen & 32 of ranks went over to Camp site at False Cape with punt. Moved all ammunition from Pura to Stratford magazine.	
		-1700.	Painting & maintenance of guns. Generators & lights tested & found correct.	
"	5 th	0900	Loaded punt pipes, timber, cement. Maintenance on guns. Commenced erection of tents at False Cape.	
		-1700.		
"	6 th	0900	Organised Appt for Half Battery. Remainder working unloading punt at False Cape & erection of tents.	
		-1700		
"	7 th	0900	N°2 gun taken to workshops for altering of sight. Maintenance other gun & CASH's. Exposed 20th lights 2100 less & found correct.	
		-1700		

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Unit "H" Heavy Bty, Cairns.

Date and Time—From Jan 8th To Jan 13th 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Cairns.	8 th Jan/43	0900 -1700.	Working on N°2 gun sights & completed 1600 lbs. gun returned to Camp. Loaded boat building materials for Cape. Commenced latrine at Cape.	
"	9 th	0900 -1200.	N°1 gun taken to workshop to fix sights. Commenced small dam at Cape for water supply. Also made temporary latrine. General leave ^{1400hrs}	
"	10 th	0900 -1700.	Work on N°2 gun sights. Rest day.	
"	11 th	0900 -1700.	Commenced 5 hole latrine at False Cape. Picked up 50pb x 30pb punt for our use. Loaded 20 tons reinforcing bars, cement, buoy, chain, wire mesh, etc. for punt. N°1 gun completed & rtd. Camp.	
"	12 th	0900 -1700.	Working party on punt. Loaded 3 x 3 ton axle weights, took punt to Penny Beach. Laid 3 moorings, unloaded punt & returned.	
"	13 th	0900 -1900.	Loaded N°1 gun, both lights & generators & stores, paint, timber on to large punt. Sgt Cole (USA Ord) arrived & removed plates off end of gun trails.	

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Unit "H" Hvy Bty. Cairns

Date and Time.—From Jan 14th To Jan 20th 1943.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Cairns	Jan 14 th 14 1943	0800 -	All personnel as working party on punt which was towed	
	2115	2115	over to Sunny Beach and all gear removed.	
"	Jan 15 th	0900 - -1700.	Commenced abutment block at False Cape. Dam on creek completed & pumping water to tank by semi-rotary pumps.	
"	Jan 16 th	0900 - -1730.	Unloaded 20 tons timber from railway trucks and re-loaded on to punt. Kitchen completed at False Cape.	
"	Jan 17 th	0900	Organised spots, cleared passage and rest day after 1230 hrs.	
"	" 18	0900 - -1700.	Lt's Hawley, Oats & 18 O/parks left for Russell Head to obtain 8000 ft water pipe for water articulation scheme at Cape. Working on road to gun site at False Cape.	
"	" 19 th	0900 - 1700.	Loading punt. Working on road at Cape. R.A.P. constructed at Camp site. Abutment block (temporary) completed.	
"	" 20 th	0830 - 1915.	Loaded No 112 gun, and all gun stores & accessories, D-6 Bulldozer, 5 hosemen, all ammunition, fuel, 20 tons timber, 8 tons steel girders on to punt. Total weight on punt - 70 tons.	

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Unit "H" Heavy Battery, Cairns.

Date and Time.—From 21st Jan. To 27th Jan. 1943.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Cairns	21 st Jan	0700 -1715	Towed punt over to Dunny Beach. Commenced unloading. Removed all ammunition & timber.	
"	22 nd Jan	0900 -1700	Working party to complete unloading of punt. Commenced large dam on Brown Bay creek for permanent water supply. Lt Alcock remained at False Cape to install guns in temporary site.	
"	23 rd Jan	0900 -1700.	Commenced to install both guns at Cape. Lt Harvey's working party returned with all piping & unloaded piping on No 6 wharf.	
"	24 th Jan	0900.	Quail Parade & rest day.	
"	25 th Jan	0900 -1730.	Obtained 2-800 gall tanks. Loaded punt 10 tons timber, piping, tanks, P Room stores & camouflage stores. 5 hole latrine completed.	
"	26 th Jan	0900 -1700.	Towed punt to Brown Bay & unloaded pipes & tanks. Then continued to Dunny Bay. Lt Harvey & 11 sappers marched into False Cape.	
"	27 th Jan	0900 -1700.	Unloaded punt remainder stores, etc. Commenced lay pipe line from Brown Bay to Dunny Bay's Camp site.	

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Unit "H" Heavy Bty. CairnsDate and Time.—From 28th Jan To 31st Jan 1943.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Cairns	28 th Jan	0900 -1700.	Working on pipe line to camp site. Small building for Canton constructed. N ^o 2 gun now in position & ready for action as from 2000 hrs 27-1-43. Working on road to guns & to searchlight positions.	
"	29 th Jan	0900 -1700	Working on loading gravel on to punt. Also working on N ^o 1 gun & dismantling in order to free upper & lower carriage.	
"	30 th Jan	0900 -1700.	Working on re-assembling N ^o 1 gun. Piece & cradle lowered on to carriage. Gun maintenance stores etc, loaded on boats & taken over.	
"	31 st Jan	0900 -1700.	Capt Allen marched out to "L" Heavy Battery. Working on loading gravel on to punt. Also working N ^o 1 gun to get it ready for action. Remainder of personnel rest day.	

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"False Battery", Cairns.

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Date and Time.—From Feb 1stTo 5th February 1943.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Cairns	1-2-43	0900.	One hour training. Working pipeline from Browns Bay.	
		-1700	Loaded D8 wire, phones, BC's telescopes & sundry other stores on Ration boat. Working N°1 gun.	
"	2-2-43	0900.	One hour training. Obtained Marquee for Plotting Room also 3 12x10	
		-1700	Huts for Base End Stations & Command Post (temporary). N°1 gun now ready for action. Very wet day.	
"	3-2-43	0900	Loaded more gravel on punt (30 tons) & punt now fully loaded with	
		-1700.	metal. Loaded 12 lengths rail & 6 tumbling trucks on to punt. Discussed positions of huts at Camp with Mr O'Meara.	
"	4-2-43	0900	Commander Dawson (Navy Cairns) came to Cape, selected sites for	
		-1700.	Navy buildings. More building materials loaded on punt. Constructed cartridge magazine in rear of guns. Cartridges installed.	
"	5-2-43	0900	N°2 CASL ready for action. One hour night training carried out.	
		+1700	Pipe line progressing well. Completed loading punt (100 tons total)	

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Date and Time.—From 6th Feb To 10th February, 1943.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Cairns	6-2-43	0900 -1700	Completed construction of floorboards. Left 1 Rub at Bessie Point for construction as Base End Station. Pent left Cairns, arrived False Bay. Sports afternoon.	
"	7-2-43	0900 -1700	Rest day for personnel. Picked up 4" x 5" Bulldozer type water pump from Railway & sent to Browns Bay for installation.	
"	8-2-43	0900 -1700	Five big rafts sent to Cape to make a floating wharf. Started to unload pent. Commenced erection of P/Room and Base End station at tip of False Cape. Commenced installation water pumps.	
"	9-2-43	0900 -1700	Commenced construction of temporary War Shelter near guns. Unloading pent. Evacuated Cannon Park, moved to 1/4 Medical B. Sundry stores, tools, timber sent over to Cape.	
"	10-2-43	0900 -1700	Dam at Browns Bay completed. Both guns camouflaged very successfully. Very wet day. Commenced cement floor for Plotting Room. Unloading pent.	

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Date and Time.—From 11th Feb To 16th February 1943.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Cairns.	11-2-43	0900 -1700	11 more C.C.C. personnel commenced work on gun emplacements. Work on road progressing well. One hour training at night with CASL. No 1 CASL working from temporary site on beach. Completed unloading punt.	
"	12-2-43	0900 -1700	Transported quantity Camp & Base stores. Also Medical stores received. Plotting room completed. Commenced unpacking instruments.	
"	13-2-43	0900 -1700	Completed False Cape Base End Station. Punt returned to Cairns. Commenced new abatement block near stream. Sports in afternoon.	
"	14-2-43	0900 -1700	Cluec Parade. Rest day. 1 hour training at night with CASL's and Motor Torpedo Boats.	
"	15-2-43	0900 -1700	1 ton Cement for general work, sundry Base stores received. Commenced installation of temporary Command Post above Beesie Pt. B/End Station.	
"	16-2-43	0900 -1700	CFD. Townsley & Maja Sherman visited False Bty. Commenced kitchen wash stand. Commenced laying telephone lines & installation of phones & switchboard in Plotting Room.	

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Date and Time.—From 17th Feb To 21st February 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Cairns	17-2-43	0900 -1700	Received Camp, Barrack stores from Camp Staff Office, also sundry items from Salvage. 1 hour training in morning. Inspected water pump.	
"	18-2-43	0900 -1700	Completed erection temporary Command Post. Received bricks & fire clay to install stove. Commenced digging slit trenches. Laying of telephone wires progressing favourably.	
"	19-2-43	0900 -1700	3 Personnel Blood grouped. Rails & reinforcing bars loaded punt, also more material for floorboards. 3" mortar amm. & hand grenades, 2 - No 10 directors, 1 Thompson sub-machine gun arrived to-day.	
"	20-2-43	0900 -1700	Bessie Pt. Base Station completed. 1 hour training morning. all telephone lines laid, now being connected to board & phones. Organised spot in afternoon. Completed loading punt with timber.	
"	21-2-43	0900 -1700	Rest day for troops. Col Thompson & W/O Tucker arrived to inspect Battery. Capt Loutlet (OC. 2 Fab. Coy) & 50/parcs marched in. Punt towed over to False Cape.	

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Date and Time.—From

22nd Feb

To

28th February 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Cairns.	22-2-43	0900	Commenced unload pent. Ditchboard erection completed & tested	
		-1700.	plows. 2 more tents erected for 2 Tolness Coy. Received stationary parcels.	
"	23-2-43	0900	Pipe fittings & 5 more plows arrived. Erection of water pump completed.	
		-1700.	Work on gun sites progressing also on magazine (5000s) position. One	
			hour training in morning on guns.	
"	24-2-43	0900	St Collins camouflage officer arrived to inspect camouflage. 8 men	
		-1700.	inoculated, vaccinated.	
"	25-2-43	0900	Completed unloading of pent. Very wet all day. Completed slit	
		-1700	trenches. Serviced all ammunition & small arms & 3" matas.	
"	26-2-43	0900	Exceptional heavy rain all day. Tent maintenance & drainage.	
		-1700.	Received more sports gear. No training owing to weather.	
"	27-2-43	0900	D-6 bulldozers returned to Cairns. Very wet day. Received 3 tents	
		-1700.	for use at Base End stations & Command Post.	
"	28-2-43	0900	Rest day for personnel. 1 tent erected as Q Store. N° 10 Mista	
		-1700.	erected in Base End Station False Cape.	

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"H" Heavy Battery, Manning
 2nd Base Battery, Cairns

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Date and Time—From

1st March

To

4 March 1943.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Cairns	1-3-43	0900	Erected new tent for Battery Office. General Camp maintenance.	
		-1700	All phones & batteries tested to-day.	
"	2-3-43	0900	Visit by CFD Island L of C, Col Meredith and Captain Medina.	
		-1700	Departed 1645 hrs. Finished drainage of ditch.	
	3-3-43	0900	Commenced take tent & floorboards to temporary Command Post. Mr	
		-1700	Ruddy, Dalgety (Mulgrave Shie Engineer) & Redmond (Slooper D of I) came over to inspect works at Cape. One hour gun drill in morning.	
	4-3-43	0900	Erected tent (USA) for Officers. One Bombadier & 30/rambs to	
		-1700	Bessie Point Base End Station for manning. Quarters in empty house close to Station. Diesel water pump started to-day for first time & pumped water to required height of 320 feet. Erection commenced of tent at C/Post. Commenced instal. 6 ft range in temporary ditch.	

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Date and Time.—From 5th March To 11th March 1943.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Cairns.	5-3-43	0900 -1700.	Working store in Bitelan. Commenced & completed erection tent at False Cape Base End station. Clothing issued to-day.	
	6-3-43	0900 1700.	Completed store in Bitelan. One hour training in morning. General camp clean up and drain maintenance. Sports in afternoon	
	7-3-43		Rest day.	
	8-3-43.	0900 -1700.	Completed clothing issue. Installation of temporary abolutions, water to Bitelan etc, progressing well.	
	9-3-43	0800 -1700.	Tent & cooking arrangements completed at Command post. Cape Base end manned & P Room sentinelled manned as from 0900hrs	
	10-3-43	0900 -1700.	Battery training all morning. AALMG training during afternoon	
	11-3-43	0900 -1700.	Materials for mess huts, Bitelans, administration commenced to come over to Cape. General camp area improvement jobs carried out to-day.	

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Date and Time.—From 12th March To 17th March 1943.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Cairns.	12-3-43	0900	Mr Cochran, O'Meara (Main Roads) & Mr Rudge over to Cape to inspect works. Commenced erection of huts. General camp work.	
	12	-1700.		
	13-3-43	0900	Command Post now manned & False Bdy ready for action with Horizontal Base Line system of rangefinding. Water tanks (2x1000 gal) arrived Brown Bay, taken to site, pipes connected. Organised spots.	
		-1700		
	14-3-43		Rest day	
	15-3-43	0900	Plotting room training. Guns on AA LMS training. Two new AA LMS posts erected, one at C/Post, one at False Cape Base end.	
		-1700		
	16-3-43	0900	Plotting room E/Post, Base lads training all day. Gun detachments working on cleaning & re-stocking shells & putting cartridges in containers. Motor Landed "Local" obtained temporarily for water transport	
		-1700.		
	17-3-43	0900	Training all day. Engineer maintenance on "Local". 1/4 land grenades fixed.	
		-1700		

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Date and Time.—From 18th March To 25th March 1943.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Cairns	18-3-43	0900	Granades distributed to posts. 3" mortar to False Cape Base end with	
		-1700	126 rounds amm. All 3" mortar amm. cleaned of luting, etc round land.	
	19-3-43	0900	War shelter cleared out & rope racks erected. All gun area cleaned	
		-1700	up. Laying pipes from Camp to C/Post new position & gun emplacements	
	20-3-43	0900	Commenced erection of temporary porton wharf from beach. Completed	
		-1700	abolutions, showers, water supply to kitchen. Spots afternoon.	
	21-3-43		Rest day. Abolutions, showers, etc, tested for first time & found sound.	
	22-3-43	0900	Very wet day. P/Room training & gun detachments on small arms.	
		-1700	Working water line to guns.	
	23-3-43	0900	Training battery drill. Working on wharf.	General camp
		-1700	maintenance after heavy rain	
	24-3-43	0900	Quarter guard now accommodated in temporary war shelter	
		-1700	at guns. Training all day	
	25-3-43	0900	Training all day. Line Water line to guns & C/Post site	
		-1700	now completed and working - good flow of water.	

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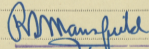
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Date and Time.—From 26th March To 31st March 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Cairns	26-3-43	0900 -1700	General camp cleaning & maintenance. Spots in afternoon	
	27-3-43		Rest day	
	28-3-43	0900 -1700.	Col Cook. (Command 17 LofC sub area) Lt Col Mander Jones, Major Blomfield & Pickering (LofC sub area) visited Cape & departed 1500hrs. Captain Allen marched in from Townsville as Battery Captain	
	29-3-43	0900-1700.	Battery training all day.	
	30-3-43.	0900-1700.	Pontoon wharf completed. Training, individual, all day.	
	31-3-43	0900 -1700.	Battery drill morning. Camp jobs afternoon.	
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False Battery.
"H" Heavy Battery, Cairns.

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Unit

Date and Time.—From April 1st.

To

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
False Cape.	1/4/43.	0900hrs.	5 hours Battery yrainng. Timber, rails, cement XXX	
		-1700hrs.	arrived per punt for gun emplacements.	
		2000hrs.	Battery training with search lights and target XXX	
		2100hrs.	vessel.	
	2/4/43.	0900hrs.	4 hours Battery training. 6 more C.C.C. carpenters started on hut & forms. Cement work on Panama mounts in progress. Sig. personnel started on land line fro, False Cape to Edmonton.	
		-1700hrs.	1 hours Battery training with searchlights and target vessel, launch Coral.	
	3/4/43.	0900hrs.	Brig. Mayne arrived to inspect progress in all works. Camp & equipement maintenance-Sport.	
		-1700hrs.	Rest day for all troops. C.C.C. unloading punt and moving material to hut and gun sites.	
	5/4/43.	0900hrs.	5 hours Battery training. Work on Q store, Gunners Mess and Admin: huts progressing. Material for gun sites and magazines moving steadily. Eng. work section placing piles for pontoon. C.C.C. carpenters building forms and bridge builders preparing timber for searchlight platforms. Rails for tramway being placed in readiness for linkin -g up to facilitate faster movement of material from beach to Battery site.	
	6/4/43.	0900hrs.	5 hours Battery training. Engineer work section preparing bush timber for footbridge across creek k between sleeping huts and Admin. buildings. 4 more C.C.C. carpenters arrive to work on huts.	
		-1700hrs.	C.R.E. Col Main wearing came to inspect Eng: & other works. 2hrs Battery Training, stand down for Note:-An Exercise was carried out between the American M.T.Bs & this Battery, commencing at 0140hrs & finishing at 0350hrs, very succesful exersise & a lot of useful experience gained.	
	7/4/43.	0900hrs.		
		-1700hrs.		

Note:- Use of Searchlights for night training was authorised by H.Q. Target vessel used was Motor Launch Coral.

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Date and Time.—From 5th April 1943. To 18. 4. 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
False Cape.	8/4/43.	0900hrs. to 1700hrs.	Six hours Battery drill. 25% personnel to Cairns to view security film "Next of Kin". Punt with rails, roofing & timber for huts came. Work on guns and magazines progressing.	
	9/4/43.	0900hrs. to 1700hrs.	25% of personnel to Cairns to view security film, remainder on Camp maintenance. Telephone land line now about 4 miles from Camp site.	
	10/4/43.	0900hrs. to 1700hrs.	General Camp cleaning and equipment maintenance during morning. Organized sport during afternoon. C.C.C. working all day hauling materials for the Gun sites.	
	11/4/43.	0900hrs. to 1700hrs.	Stand down rest day. C.C.C. working all day hauling materials for gun sites.	
	12/4/43.	0900hrs. to 1700hrs.	25% personnel to Cairns to view security film. Remainder on Battery drill. Sigs. progressing favourably with land line. First portion of No. 2. mounting laid ready to take circular trail track.	
	13/4/43.	0900hrs. to 1700hrs.	Battery drill and general duties. Remaining personnel to see security film. C.C.C. Carpenters working on huts. Good progress being made. Lieut.-Col. Wilson, C.F.D. T'ville spent day inspecting Battery.	
	14/4/43.	0900hrs. to 1700hrs.	Battery training and P.T. during the morning. A.A.L.M.G. TRAINING WITH PHONES DURING AFTERNOON.	
	15/4/43.	0900hrs. to 1700hrs.	Battery drill and P.T. training during the morning. Rifle and bayonet drill during the afternoon.	
	16/4/43.	0900hrs. to 1700hrs.	Battery drill 1st. period. A.A.L.M.G. practise with live rounds 2nd. period. P.T. 3rd. period of morning training. Rifle exercises, route march and bayonet drill during the afternoon.	
	17/4/43.	0900hrs. to 1700hrs.	Camp cleaning and maintenance during the morning. Organized sport during the afternoon.	
	18/4/43.	0900hrs. to 1700hrs.	Stand down.	

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Unit "H" Heavy Battery.

Date and Time.—From 19th. April 1943.. 26-4-43
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
False Cape.	19/4/43.	0900hrs.	Training (Battery) 1st. period. P.T. 2nd. period. Commenced work on tennis court, assault course and vegetable garden in the afternoon. All work by C.C.C. progressing favourably.	
		to 1700hrs.		
	20/4/43.	0900hrs.	Ditto.	
		to 1700hrs.		
	21/4/43.	0900hrs.	Two proof rounds fired from Battery today at fixed target. As laid down for these Batteries one round per gun will be fired each month. Quite a lot of useful information was obtained from the first two rounds. Maintenance and work on assault course, tennis court and garden carried out during the afternoon.	
		to 1700hrs.		
	22/4/43.	0900hrs.	Battery drill and P/T during the morning and work on assault course, tennis court and vegetable garden during the afternoon.	
		to 1700hrs.		
	23/4/43.	0900hrs.	Stand down as ordered in G.R.O.'s.	
	to 1700hrs.			
24/4/43.	0900hrs.	Camp maintenance during the morning. Organized sport during the afternoon.		
	to 1700hrs.			
25/4/43.	0900hrs.	Normal stand down.		
	to 1700hrs.			
26/4/43.	0900hrs.	Battery drill and P/T during the morning. Work on assault course, tennis court and garden during the afternoon.		
	to 1700hrs.	Extra C.C.C. Personnel arrived today to speed up work on gun sites, magazines and hutments.		

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Unit False Battery Train Date and Time.—From May 12 43 To 6-5-43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>False Battery</u>	<u>1-5-43</u>	<u>0900 hrs 1700 hrs</u>	<u>General Camp Maintenance during morning Organised Sport During afternoon.</u>	
			<u>Notes handed for Battery use picked up today from HQ.</u>	
	<u>2-5-43</u>	<u>0900 hrs 1700 hrs</u>	<u>Main Camp for all personnel. Work - mend day</u>	
	<u>3-5-43</u>	<u>0900 hrs 1700 hrs</u>	<u>Work on Miniature Rifle & Grenade Range also assault course. P.T. & Lecture on mortar 3".</u>	
	<u>4-5-43</u>	<u>0900 hrs 1700 hrs</u>	<u>Individual Training for Battery in morning. P.T. Work on Assault Course and Grenade Range</u>	
			<u>Administration Block complete & how furnished other buildings under construction progressing.</u>	<u>Work on</u>
	<u>5-5-43</u>	<u>0900 1700.</u>	<u>Field Order Exercise for all troops for whole day. Ordnance Officer marched in to check guns & sights.</u>	
	<u>6-5-43</u>	<u>0900 1700</u>	<u>Battery Training during morning also P.T. Instruction by section leaders on Assault Course</u>	

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Unit Talse Baking Co. Date and Time.—From May 7th 43 To May 14th 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Talsebape	7-5-43	0900 1700	Baking Training P.T. during morning competition as Assault course during afternoon. Lecture on unarmed combat & Bayonet fighting Ordnance Officer marches out.	
	8-5-43	0900 1700	General camp maintenance, Organized sport.	
	9-5-43	0900 1700	Stand Down for all personnel.	
	10-5-43	0900 1700	All personnel collecting fuelwood, Gas Training & Individual training at posts Lecture on Mortar Communication.	
	11-5-43	0900 1700	Baking Drill, P.T. Exercise as Assault course.	
	12-5-43	0900 1700	Rifle Drill P.T. Baking Drill with Respirators Lecture to NCO's by O.C.	
	13-5-43	0900 1700	Baking Drill P.T. Work as Rifle Range, Gas NCO training personnel.	
	14-5-43	0900 1700	Baking Drill P.T. Work as Rifle Range & Kunzi court. Lectures as Mortar & Gren Gun.	

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Unit Talse Battery, 6888th Central Postal Directory Date and Time.—From 15th May 43 To 21st May 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Talse Camp	15.5.43	0900 1700	General camp Maintenance & Organisation Sport	
	16.5.43	—	Stand Down for all personnel.	
	17.5.43	0900 1700	Battery Training with Respiration P.T. Lecture	
	18.5.43	0900 1700	Exercise attacking heights. Lecture on Gas by Gas WCO Battery training + P.T. NCO's Training as Motor OP's Rifle Exercise.	
	19.5.43	0900 1700	Gene put through calibration tests. Training as assault course Gas WCO training for Squad. Lecturette on Grenades, New Gun & Ammunition.	
	20.5.43	0900 1700	Battery Training + P.T. Lecture on P.A.D. scheme by P.A.D. Officer & 100 Yards Exercise during afternoon.	
	21.5.43	0900 1700	Battery Training with Respiration. P.T. Grenade Practice during afternoon. Lecture on Motor & Ammunition during evening.	

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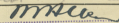
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Unit 1st Airborne Battalion Date and Time.—From 22nd May 43 To.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Talse Cape	22-5-43	0900 1700 hrs	General Maintenance & Organised Sport	
	23-5-43	—	Stand Down for all personnel.	
	24-5-43	0900-1700	Proofshots fired from temporary gun positions. Work on assault course & extra obstacles added.	
	25-5-43	0900 -1700 hrs	Dorlin & Dentist arrived at Bty early & spent free day on overhauling and personnel.	
			Night Exercise with hand searchlights in conjunction with Bty.	
	26-5-43	0900 1700 hrs	Further proofshots taken but weather too rough for target. Battalion training during afternoon, night Exercise with hand	
	27-5-43	0900 1700 hrs	Battalion training in preparation for shoot.	
	28-5-43	0900 1700 hrs	as above.	
	29-5-43	0900 1700	Ordnance Bty training, maintenance on camp & sports.	
	30-5-43	—	Stand Down for all personnel.	
	31-5-43	0900 1700	Battalion training & P.T. during morning. <u>Lead and Prod Rounds.</u> General Work during afternoon.	

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