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ORIGINAL

PETROL COMPANY  
TASMANIA FORCE





**FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS***Retained by AASC.* (Unit)**PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels .....			
Majors .....			
Captains .....	1	-	-
Lieutenants .....	2	-	1
2nd Lieutenants .....			
Quartermasters .....			
Totals .....	3	-	1

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

**PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.****Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.**

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

## (1) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



**PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.**

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfr. Required (b)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfr. Required (b)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfr. Required (b)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		10	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths		1	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helo Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical		3	Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensars			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		12	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toomakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		2
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
276 Operators:		1						
Drivers		2						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		7			15			2

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved, the rank must be stated.  
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists:  
*Petrol Coy. RASC.*  
Unit.

(500) T. F. Bernald Capt.  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 25 Apr 42.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.







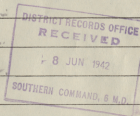
# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

Unit PETROL COMPANY, T.A.S. FORCES. Date and Time.—From 1 May 42. To 31 May 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Campania	1 May 42		Total Strength, 86. 30 Officers, 2 W.O.s, 2 S/Sgts; 2 Sgts; 5 Cpls; 72 Ptes.;	J.M.
"	" " "		B.I.P.O.D. commenced to operate.	J.M.
"	2 " "		One O.R. marched in from Water Tank Filter Course; Brighton.	J.M.
"	6 " "		" " transferred from Eight Army Troops; Walder in W/shep.	J.M.
"	10 " "		Cold, wet weather set in; ground muddy and boggy—commenced construction of metalled road in Bivouac Area.	J.M.
"	17 " "		One Sgt. marched in from Workshop School; Geelong.	J.M.
"	26 " "		Lieut. J.I. Murtagh " " H.Q. Gas School; Bonegilla.	J.M.
"	31 " "		Largest air raid on Germany; 1200 bombers participated.	J.M.
"	" " "		Total Strength 87; 3 Off.; 2 W.O.s; 2 S/Sgts.; " Sgts.; 5 Cpls.; 73 Ptes.;	J.M.
			J.I. Murtagh R. Lieut. 2 April 42.	







Details of the Plan Privately Involved.



**FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS***Retrol Bay AASC* (Unit)**PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

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Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains	1	-	-
Lieutenants	2	-	1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	3	-	1

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

**PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.****Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.**

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (name Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt.	1198	Fitzgerald T.	MAJCO.		
Lieut.	117807	Likon B.P.	do.		
Lieut.	1192164	Murphy G.T.	do.		

## (ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

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Pointe à la Pigeonne  
(Unit.)

30 May 112.

(Date of Despatch.)

(SGO) T. Fitzgerald Capt.  
(Signature of Commander.)

Tas. Force

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit PETROL COMPANY, A.A.S.C.  
TAS. FORCE

Date and Time.—From 1 Jun 42

To 30 Jun 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Campania	1 Jun 42		Total Strength - 87, 3 Officers; 2 W.O.'s; 2 S/Sgts; 2 Sgts; 5 Cpls; 73 Ptes.	
"	1 " "		2 O.R.'s marched out Junior N.C.O.'s School, Elphin.	
"	1 " "		Capt. T. FitzGerald marched out to Supply Course, Geelong.	
"	8 " "		Lieut. J. I. Murtagh transferred to G.D.D.	
"	9 " "		Cpl O. E. McGuire " " "	
"	12 " "		Pte A. W. Norris trans. from 8 Arm. Div - Promoted Cpl fitter.	
"	13 " "		L/Cpl E. V. White prom. Cpl fitter to L/Sgt fitter.	
"	13 " "		Sgt. G. S. Millhouse prom S/Sgt. Mech.	
"	13 " "		2 O.R.'s marched in from Junior N.C.O.'s School, Elphin.	
"	20 " "		Work Commenced on Petrol Bunds.	
"	22 " "		1 O.R. admitted lll A.G.H. - result M/C accident whilst on manoeuvres.	
"	22 " "		17 pers. under Sgt. H. Castles commenced 4 day manoeuvres with combined A.A.S.C. Units. Direction staff highly commended Sgt. Castles and pers. on capable manner in which work was carried out.	
"	24 " "		Capt. T. FitzGerald marched in from Supply Course, Geelong.	
"	28 " "		1 L/Sgt. marched out to No. 8 Workshop School, Geelong.	
"	29 " "		W.O.1 N. J. Cross detached from A.A.S.C. Eng. Depot to Supply Col.	
"	30 " "		Total Strength 86. 2 Officers; 2 W.O.'s; 3 S/Sgts; 3 Sgts; 5 Cpls; 71 Ptes.	

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