

	<p>Charlotte Waters on 20th August. A new police station is opened at Finke on 21st August. [see telegram in CA 1173/1 as cited by McLaren p813]. Due to a lack of room in the new police quarters, the postal services cannot be transferred in their entirety. It is therefore recommended that telephone services be maintained by employing the policeman's wife [[NAA D960 B1837/2963/, McLaren p831]. The Finke posting is for a married officer.</p> <p>The policeman undertaking the transfer is Bill McKinnon [see also McKinnon TP 813, TS 789 NTAS] who later observes that the newly constructed police quarters at Finke are no where near as spacious or cool as the quarters he has just left at Charlotte Waters. [NTAS TS 789]. According to McLaren, one of the reasons the police station moved was so police could board the train as it crossed the border. [McLaren p813 or 831 citing CRS F77 38/592]</p> <p>The ration station for aged and infirm Aboriginals moves with the police station and marks the moment when, Kim Doohan thinks, Aboriginal people first 'sit down' at Finke [Doohan p40 see also year 1930 in timeline above].</p> <p>The commonwealth railway station is, at this time, located at Rumbalara not Finke and ... 'the Railways Department advises' that it has 'no intention at the present time of placing a Stationmaster at Finke' [NAA D960 B1837/2963]</p> <p>November 1938 – residents of Finke Siding and district petition for a non official post office to be created at Finke when the police station moves. 32 people sign the petition. The petition wasn't needed because the government had always wanted to put postal services at Finke. The petition suggests that the government hadn't told the people. [NAA D961 C1960/90]</p>
<p>1939</p>	<p>Cecil Madigan Crosses the Simpson Desert. 'Crossing the Dead Heart' his book about his expedition is published in 1946.</p> <p>1939-1942 – "The outbreak of the Second World War and hostilities in the Pacific result in massive increase in traffic on the Old Ghan Railway. Trains increase from just three per week to 56 trains". [Ghan Brochure]</p> <p>Government telegram negotiating the working hours of the non-official post office at Finke with post-mistress Mrs Grace Briscoe notes that 'travellers' are unlikely as 'no roads pass through Finke'. [NAA D961 C1960/90]</p> <p>Constable McKinnon requests the urgent need for more rations stating that:</p> <p>"Since [last year], a big camp has been established at Horseshoe Bend</p>