



War Diaries
85th Heavy Battery
Royal Canadian Artillery

A sub-unit of
15th (Vancouver) Coast Brigade
Royal Canadian Artillery
Canadian Active Service Force

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15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA in Vancouver, B.C.*

July 1940

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WAR DIARY

OF

85th Heavy Battery R.C.A. (Details) Serial No 390

FROM 1 Jul 40 TO 31 Jul 40

VOLUME ~~X~~ 11

APPENDICES A TO E

WAR DIARIES, C.A.S.F.

Instructions for Compilation and
Despatch

1. A War Diary is SECRET.

2. The War Diary takes the place of the Historical Record when on active service. (K.R. Can. Para. 1530). Its objects are: to supply authentic material for the history of the unit, and of the force; to furnish a historical record of operations; and to provide data upon which to base improvements in training, equipment, organization and administration.

3. Unless otherwise ordered, the original and duplicate copies are sent on the first day of the succeeding month, through the usual channels, to the A.G., 2nd Echelon, wherever that office may be. The triplicate copy may be held by the unit for three months and then forwarded, also through the usual channels, to A.G., 2nd Echelon.

4. Post-war disposal will be as under:

Original—retained at Ottawa for historical purposes.

Duplicate—to British Record Office for historical purposes.

Triplicate—to unit for custody with unit records.

5. The War Diary will be entered up daily on M.F.M. 11 and rendered monthly in triplicate (Mohn. Instr. for C.M. 1937. App. "C"). Each entry will be initialed by the officer detailed to keep the War Diary, which will be signed at the end of each month by the commander. (F.S.R. Vol. II, Sec. 35, para. 3 iii).

6. The following should be recorded daily as events occur:

- (i) Important orders, instructions, reports, messages or despatches received and issued, and decisions taken. *Original documents* should be attached as appendices to the Original copy of the War Diary.
- (ii) Daily map location, employment, movements and dispositions of unit headquarters and of batteries, companies, etc. March tables should be attached as appendices.
- (iii) Important movements of officers and matters relating to the duties of each branch of the staff. A complete set of the *routine orders and instructions, Part I Orders*, issued by the unit during the month should be attached as an appendix to the original copy.
- (iv) Detailed account of operations—to include:—Exact hour, location and circumstances of important occurrences. Movements and names of neighbouring units. Commanders of batteries, companies, etc., names of Officers and number of O.R. (i) engaged and (ii) battle casualties. Dispositions, activities and identity of enemy forces. Prisoners and trophies captured. Ammunition expended. Factors affecting operations, topographical and climatic. *Maps and sketches* showing dispositions of batteries, companies etc., at important phases. The record of *communications, both written and verbal*, received or despatched during active operations as an appendix. A complete set of the *operation orders and instructions* issued during the month. Notes on conferences and reports rendered to higher formations, or received from lower formations, as appendices to the original copy.

(v) Nature and description of trenches, field works or accommodation occupied or constructed. Meteorological notes.

(vi) Changes in establishment or strength. Names and ranks of officers and number of O.R. Attachment of units and individuals. Reinforcements. *Copy of Part II Orders and Weekly Field Returns of Officers and O.R.* should be attached as appendices to the original copy. Changes in organization, stores, transport, etc.

7. It is essential that all copies of both text and appendices are legible. Appendices will be numbered and referenced to the text in the last column of the form. Current issues of any regimental publication should be attached.

8. It will be found convenient at the end of each month, when the War Diary is being completed and the correspondence in unit files for the month is being reviewed and distributed (F.S.R. Vol. I, sec. 174, para. 3) if the material considered to be of historical value in the light of the above is attached as appendix to the original copy of the War Diary.

9. A good war diary makes possible the accurate and detailed reconstruction of circumstances, conditions and action.

NOTE: If monthly diary is more than one inch thick, use a second folder. If appendices are bulky, tie folder up with tape or string to make a firm package.

PRESERVE IMPORTANT ORIGINAL
DOCUMENTS FOR POSTERITY: INSERT
THEM AS APPENDICES IN ORIGINAL
COPY OF WAR DIARY

THE EXTRACTION AND RETENTION OF APPENDICES, MAPS, ETC., FROM A WAR DIARY IS AN OFFENCE
UNDER THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT

Instructions regarding preparation of War Diaries, (which will be kept from first day of mobilization, creation or embodiment), are contained in P.S. Regs. Vol. 1.

This page will be prepared.

88th Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

WAR DIARY

OR

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~ ORIGINAL

(Erase heading not required)

M.F.P. 11
Cat. No. 2427 (Rev. 1/54)
H.Q. 27345-10

Original, duplicate and triplicate to be forwarded to O. 1/c 2nd Echelon for disposal.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendix and initials
	July 1940			
88th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. York Island	July	1	13 O.R.'s taken on strength at Vancouver Weather: fair	
		2	6 O.R.'s taken on strength at Vancouver Letter re ammunition supply (see app.D) " " aid to navigation (" " D) " " accommodation (" " D) 2 O.R.'s returned from leave Lt. Comdr. G.A. Thompson, RCNR, CXO, relieved by Lieut. Smyly, RCNR Weather: Bright	9-2 1-0 7-4
		3	8 O.R.'s 3 S/L proceeded to Vancouver 2 O.R.'s proceeded on leave 10 O.R.'s T.O.S. at Vancouver Weather: Bright	
		4	Capt. R.H. Jorgensen and 2 O.R.'s returned from leave 2 O.R.'s returned from Camp Borden 10 O.R.'s taken on strength at Vancouver Weather: warm and bright	
		5	" Bright	
		6	3 O.R.'s returned from leave 1 O.R. proceeded on compassionate leave Lt. P.F. Dockerill and A/BSM I.C. Morrison reported for duty Lt. J. Beck, RCASC, arrived Lt. P.H. Smyly, RCNR, CXO, relieved by Lt. J.M. Gillison, RCNR Weather: Bright	
		7	Lt. D.G. McGavin and Lt. J.G. Moore, proceeded to Vancouver Lt. J. Beck returned to Vancouver. Weather: fair	
		8	Letter re search parties (see app. D) " " life boat (" " D) Major J.E. Fiercy proceeded on leave Weather: bright	6-2 5-8

Handwritten signature/initials

REGT. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CASE.

YORK ISLAND R.C.

DAILY ORDERS PAGE 1- NUMBER

by

July 1, 1940.

MAJOR FISBY R.C.A.

1. ROLLS - TUESDAY - July 2, 1940.

To be Orderly Officer
Next for Duty
To be Orderly Sergeant
Next for Duty
To be Orderly Bombardier
Next for Duty

-Lt. D.G. McGavin, R.C.A.
-Lt. L.F.V. Moore, R.C.A.
-I/Sgt. Thackery, R.C.A.
-Sgt. Davidson, R.C.A.
-Bdr. Parker, R.C.A.
-Bdr. Mackie, R.C.A.

2. DEUTY WATCHES - from 0745hrs. 2/7/40 to 0745hrs. 3/7/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1. Detachment

Sgt. Wood and
8 O.N.s. as detailed

I/Sgt. Thackery and
8 O.N.s as detailed

#2. Detachment

Bdr. Wilson and
8 O.N.s. as detailed

I/Sgt. Thurlwell and
8 O.N.s. as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - Tuesday 0600hrs. H.Q. Party & Duty Watches.

4. SENTINEL PATROL

Cnr. Hazell
" O'Malley

5. SENTINEL DUTY - from 06 1800hrs. 2/7/40 to 0600hrs. 3/7/40

Ptes. Bullis, Brown, and Watt, 1st. Bn. C.S. Regt.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

YORK ISLAND R.C.

July
~~1940~~

July 1st, 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.S.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
86th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	52	54	
	Employed		10	10	
	On Command		2	2	64
	On Leave	1	6	7	
	H.Q.		5	5	
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Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		2	2	2
	On Leave		1	1	
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Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
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Det 3rd. S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	10	11	
	Employed		7	7	18
	On Leave		4	4	
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Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade.		14	14	14
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Det. 12 FLD. AAB. R.C.A.H.Q.	Employed	1	5	4	4
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Det. 10th Ft. Sig. Coy. R.C.C.S.	On Parade		1	1	1
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H.Q. 15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.	Employed	1	1	1	1
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Naval Personnel Attached	1	1	7	8	8
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Civilian personnel attached			24	24	24
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GRAND TOTAL		7	100 154	100 161	141 140



YORK ISLAND B C
JULY 1/40

D M O
H D XI VICTORIA

607 REPORTING NO PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

H O YORK ISLAND

85th. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CASE.

YORK ISLAND R.C.

DAILY ORDERS PART 1- 1940

by

MAJOR J.E. FINNEY R.C.A.

1. DUTIES * WEDNESDAY - July 3, 1940.

To be Orderly Officer	-Lt. L.F.W. Moore	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	-Lt. D.C. McGavin	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant	-Sgt. Davidson	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	-Bdr. Gilson	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bombardier	-Bdr. Mackie	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	-L/Bdr. Gayton	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES -from 0745hrs. 3/7/40 to 0745hrs. 4/7/40.

ON DUTY

#1. Detachment

L/Sgt. Thackeray and
8 O.Ss. as detailed

#2. Detachment

L/Sgt Thurlwell and
8 O.Ss. as detailed

STANDING BY

Sgt. Davidson and
1/Sgt. Tharistell and
8 O.Ss. as detailed

Bdr. Larsen and
8 O.Ss. as detailed

3. MORNING PARADE - 0900hrs. H.C. Party and Duty Watches.

4. SANITARY FATIGUE -Wednesday

Cmr. Haznell
" O'Malley

5. SENTRY DUTY -from 1800hrs. 3/7/40 to 0600hrs. 4/7/40

Ptes. Burt E., Burt F., Presley. 1st. Bn. C.S. Regt.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. U.S.A.R.

York Island B.C.

July 2nd, 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	50	52	
	Employed		10	10	62
	On Command		2	2	
	On Leave	1	8	9	
	R.C.		12	12	

Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
	On Leave		2	2	2

Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2

Det. 3 S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	11	12	
	Employed		8	8	20
	On Leave		2	2	

Det. 1st. CSRegt.	On Parade		14	14	14

Det. 12th Fla. Ass. R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4

Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. ROCB	On Parade		3	3	3

R.C. 15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.	Employed		1	1	1

Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			24	24	24

GRAND TOTAL		7	159	166	141



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40 HBW *July 2*
VANCOUVER B.C.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

264 SEND LIEUTS MOORE J G AND MCGAVIN AND FOLLOWING SEARLIGHT
PERSONNEL DOWN BY NEXT BOAT SGT WOOD BDRS GILSON AND
MACKIE GHS VAIL WOODHOUSE TURNER GARNET DOWNIE AND
WADHAM STOP ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR RELIEF

O.C. VAN AREA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
 88th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
 York Island, B.C.

SECRET

2nd July, 1940.

Headquarters,
 H. B. No. 11,
 Victoria, B.C.

AMMUNITION SUPPLY.

1. The Ordnance Dept. sent up 598 cartridges which arrived on 29th June, 1940. We now have cartridges for all the live shell with 51 cartridges to spare for miss fires and bring to rounds.
2. I have to point out that with 622 rounds live shell we are 20% below minimum war establishment.
3. TUBES. We have 166 Tubes Electric, whereas we should have tubes electric for all rounds plus 10% spare, being a shortage of 752 for the ammunition in hand. As the cartridges cannot be fired without tubes, a large proportion of our ammunition is useless, until Ordnance send us tubes.
4. S.A.A. Ammunition. We are short 44,500 rounds S.A.A. Will you please instruct the District Ordnance Officer to supply the ammunition required immediately, especially, tubes electric and S.A.A., as it is obviously necessary to have sufficient ammunition in hand now that there is a probability of war in the Pacific.

(J.W.Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
 Officer Commanding
 York Island

C.C. O.C. Vancouver Area.
 c.c. O.C. 18th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A.

JWD/JS

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
 85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
 York Island, B.C.

2nd July, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
 Vancouver Area,
 523 Federal Building,
 Vancouver, B.C.

AID TO NAVIGATION

1. The R.C.A.F. mooring buoy broke away during a severe gale and has disappeared. The Senior Naval Officer telegraphed this information to C.O.F.C., Esquimalt, with the request that the R.C.A.F. be notified that no moorings for aircraft are now available at York Island.
2. The buoy also served the purpose of marking the end of the rock reef which lies off the wharf. I enclose letter from the Master of the s.s. "Border Prince" that another buoy or beacon be erected, as soon as possible, as an aid to navigation.
3. The s.s. "Border Prince" is the only vessel willing to call in at York Island with supplies and water. The Union S.S. Co. absolutely refuse to call in owing to the dangerous navigation.
4. Under the circumstances I request that the D.N.O. be instructed to provide either a floating buoy or else a beacon to mark the reef.

(J.F.Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
 Officer Commanding
 York Island

JFP/JS
 RHC

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
 25th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
 York Island, B.C.

2nd July, 1940.

Headquarters,
 N. D. No. 11,
 Victoria, B. C.

Attention D.A.S.M.S.

ACCOMMODATION

Replying to your letter of 27th June, 1940.
 File: Y36-1-1

1. I have shown your letter to Mr. Kern, the foreman, and he informs me that he has been instructed at various times by the D.E.O.'s representatives, Lieut. Connister, R.C.N., Lieut. A. Webster, R.C.E. and Major Macdonald, that he takes his orders from the D.E. O. or his representatives, and does not take orders from C.O. York Island or anyone else except in small details, e.g., the placing of a door, fixing a partition, etc., in a building.

2. The question arose when Col. Sebb wanted additional buildings erected for vegetable room, refrigerator room, coal sheds, rebuilding the kitchen, etc., the foreman quite properly stated that he had no authority to erect those buildings and that the D.E.O. should issue instructions for them.

3. As the D.E.O. has issued no instructions whatever to him, the foreman is going ahead finishing the buildings in hand which are now nearing completion. If instructions are not received soon, the men will have to go home as no new material has been sent up by the D.E.O.

4. For your information he is waiting for instructions and material to commence the following work:

- (a) Crew shelter and parapet walls at Fort.
- (b) Water mains and tanks to supply the Fort and give essential fire protection.
- (c) Additional sleeping huts.
- (d) Guard house.
- (e) Tractor shed, machine shop and house for fire equipment.
- (f) Plank road and sidewalks.

F.E.O.

Headquarters.
M.D. No. 11.

2nd July, 1940.

5. All the above have been reported on by the
D.F.C.'s engineer, in some cases, months ago; all are urgent
and I would request you to instruct the D.F.C. to issue
orders so that these works can be carried out.

(J.M.Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island

JMP/JS

c.c. O.C. Vancouver Area.
cc. Mr. Mann

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65th Hvy. Bde. R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

DAILY ORDERS --PART I #104

BY

JULY 3rd 1940

MAJOR J.W. RINNEY R.C.A.

1. WU IES - THURSDAY JULY 4th

To be Orderly Officer
Next for Duty
To be Orderly Sgt.
Next for Duty
To be Orderly Bdr.
Next for Duty

1A. KERR, D.C. McDevin
1A. L.F.W. Moore
Sgt. Hummel
1/Sgt. Emarwell
1/Bdr. Cayton
1/Bdr. Strom

R.C.A.
R.C.A.
R.C.A.
R.C.A.
R.C.A.
R.C.A.

2. DUY WATCHES from 0745 Hrs. 5-7-40 to 0745 Hrs. 5-7-40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Detachment

Sgt. Davidson and
S O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Hummel and
S O.R.s as detailed

#2 Detachment

Bdr. Larson and
S O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Wood and
S O.R.s as detailed

3. MARCHING PARADE 0900 Hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Thursday

Cnr. O'Malley
Cnr. Hummel

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 5-7-40, to 0600 Hrs. 5-7-40

Ptes. McNeill, Dockstader, and Howard. 1st. C.S.R.



86th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CASE

YORK ISLAND B.C.

JULY 3rd 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	(1)	(2)	(3)	
	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
86th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. On Parade	2	50	52	
Employed		10	10	62
On Command		2	2	
On Leave	1	8	9	
R.C.		12	12	

Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.		1	1	1
On Leave		2	2	

Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	1	1	2	2

Det. 3 S/1 Bty. R.C.A.	1	11	12	
Employed		8	8	20
On Leave		2	2	

Det. 1st. C.S.R.		14	14	14

Det. 12th Fld. Amb. RCMC	1	3	4	4

Det. 10th Ft. Sig. Coy. RGS		3	3	3

R.C. 10th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.		1	1	1

NAVAL PERSONNEL ATTACHED	1	7	8	8

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ATTACHED		24	24	24

GRAND TOTAL	7	169	166	<u>141</u>



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27 HBW
VANCOUVER JULY 3/1952

O.C. YORK ISLAND

271 RE TEL OUR N F 264 OTHER RANKS TO COME DOWN BY FIRST BOAT
SGT WOOD I E , BDRS MACKIE AND GILSON, GNSRS VAIL WOODWARD
DOWNIE GARNETT AND ~~WADHAM~~ WADHAM

O.C. VAN AREA

85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

DAILY ORDERS - PART 1 #188

By

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, R.C.A.

July 4, 1940

1. DUTIES - FRIDAY, JULY 5TH, 1940.

To be Orderly Officer	Lt. L.F.W. Moore, R.C.A.
Next for duty	Lt. J.C. Moore, R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	L/Sgt. Thurlwell R.C.A.
Next for duty	Bdr. Larsen R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	L/Bdr. McConnell R.C.A.
Next for duty	Bdr. Jones

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745 hrs. 5-7-40 to 0745 hrs. 6-7-40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Detachment

Sgt. Hummel
8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Sgt. Thackeray
8 O.R.'s as detailed

#2 Detachment

L/Bdr. Strom
8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Sgt. Thurlwell
8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - 0900 hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Friday: Gnr. Hammell and Gnr. O'Malley

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 5-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 6-7-40

Ptes. Clark, Dickson, Webster - 1st Bn. C.S.R.

6. SENTRIES - WARNING

All sentries and guards will be warned that they must NOT discuss with the public any details of the fortifications or work which they are guarding.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CASE

YORK ISLAND B.C.

JULY 4th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	3	50	53	
	Employed		10	10	
	On Leave		9	9	63
	H.C.		21	21	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	2
	On Leave		2	2	1
	A.W.C.		1	1	
Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
Det. 3 S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	10	11	
	Employed		2	2	15
	On Leave		1	1	
Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 12th Fld. Arb. RCAMC	Employed	1	3	4	4
Det. 10th Ft. Sig. Coy. ROCS	On Parade		3	3	3
H.C. 15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
		1			
NAVAL PERSONNEL ATTACHED		1	7	8	8
CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ATTACHED			24	24	24
GRAND TOTAL		7	169	166	153



YORK ISLAND B C
4 JULY 1940

O C VANCOUVER AREA

609 B RE YOUR 271 OTHER RANKS ARRIVING CATALA
TODAY

O C YORK ISLAND

YORK ISLAND B C
JULY 4/40

O.C. VAN AREA

611 RE YOUR 216 FURTHER VOLUNTEERS CATEGORY A L/BDRS STROM
GAYTON GNRS MCCARDELL PHILLIPS SALMOND STOCKEN
CATEGORY BV GNRS ROBERTS STOP THESE MEN WERE NOT AVAILABLE
FOR WUESTIONING AT TIME OF YOUR 216

O.C. YORK ISLAND

YORK ISLAND B C
JULY 4/40

H.Q. M.D.XI
VICTORIA

612 REF YOUR LETTER JULY 2 FILE 7-4 RE ACCOMMODATION PARAGRAPH
THREE AND FOUR STOP PLEASE WIRE AUTHORIZATION PROCEED SOME
OF THIS WORK STOP UNLESS AUTHORIZATION RECEIVED NECESSARY
DISCHARGE MAJORITY CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

O.C. YORK ISLAND

86th.Hvy.Bty.R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

Daily Orders - PART 1 #100.

By

MAJOR J.E.PIERCY. R.C.A.

July 5th.1940.

1. DUTIES - SATURDAY, JULY 6th.1940.

To be Orderly Officer	Lt. J.G.Moore,	R.C.A.
Next for duty	Lt.D.G.McGavin	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant	Bdr.Larsen	R.C.A.
Next for duty	Sgt.Gray	1st.C.S.R.
To be orderly Bdr.	Bdr.Jones	R.C.A.
Next for duty	L/Bdr.Strom	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745 hrs 6/7/40 to 0845 hrs 7/7/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1. Detachment

L/Sgt.Thackeray
8 O.R.'s as detailed

Sgt.Davidson
8 O.R.'s as detailed

#2. Detachment

L/Sgt.Thurlwell
8 O.R.'s as detailed

Bdr.Larsen
8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - 0900 hrs H.Q.Party and Duty Watches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Saturday

Gnr O'Malley
Gnr Curran

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 6/7/40 to 0600 hrs 7/7/40

Ptes.Bullis,Brown,Watt, - 1st Btn.C.S.R.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

JULY 5th 1950

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offns.</u>	<u>O.N.S</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	3	50	53	
	Employed		10	10	63
	On Leave		9	9	
	H.S.		21	21	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
	On Leave		1	1	
	A.W.S.		1	1	
Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
Det. S S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	9	10	
	Employed		3	3	13
	On Leave		1	1	
Det. 1st. C.S.F.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 12th Flt. Agh. R.C.A.H.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
Det. 10th Ft. Sig. Coy. HQCS	On Parade		3	3	3
H.Q. 15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
Naval Personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Attached			24	24	24
GRAND TOTAL		7	159	166	183



VICTORIA B C JULY 5/40

O.C. YORK ISLAND

135 R C A F ADVISE GINGER COOTES WACO CF-AZN OR AZE WILL LEAVE
VANCOUVER FOR PORT ALICE MORNING JULY 5TH STOP WILL PASS
VICINITY YORKE ISLAND RETURN TRIP LIKELY IN AFTERNOON
OR MORNING JULY 6TH

H.Q. M.D.XI

VANCOUVER JULY 5/40

O.C. YORK ISLAND

279 OUR 264 LTS MCGAVIN D MOORE J G MUST BE RETURNED THE FIRST
AVAILABLE BOAT.

O.C. VAN AREA

86th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

DAILY PARY I ORDRES NO.187

BY

JULY 6th 1940

MAJOR J.F. PIERCY

1. DUTIES - Sunday
To be Orderly Officer LT. D.G. McGavin R.C.A.
Next for Duty LT. L.F.W. Moore R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt. Sgt. Gray 1st. C.S.R.
Next for Duty L/Sgt. Thackeray R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr. L/Bdr. Strom R.C.A.
Next for Duty Bdr. Parker R.C.A.
2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745 Hrs. 7-7-40 to 0745 Hrs. 1 1/2/31 8-7-40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

1 Detachment

Sgt. Davidson and
8 O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Hugel and
8 O.R.s as detailed

Bdr. Larsen and
8 O.R.s as detailed

L/Bdr. Strom and
8 O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE--1100 Hrs. - H.C. PARTY AND DUTY WATCHES

4. SANITARY FATIGUE

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. McKay

5. SMITHY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 7-7-40 to 0600 Hrs. 8-7-40

Ptes. Burt E., Burt F., Presley. 1st. C.S.R.

6. PERSONNEL OF THE C.A.S.F. ENTERING THE U.S.A.

Officers Commanding Units will ensure the above mentioned Order is published in Unit Orders from time to time as it is definitely laid down that members of Military Forces in Canada are forbidden to enter the United States in uniform.



65th STAFF BATTAL, R.C.A., C.A.S.F.

KIRK ISLAND B.C.

JULY 6th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>C.S.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
65th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	5	52	57	
	Employed		10	10	65
	On Leave		4	4	
	M.C.		23	23	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
	On Leave		1	1	
	A.W.O.		1	1	
Det. 1st. A.I. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	11	13	
	Employed		3	3	16
Det. 1st C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 16th Fort. Sig. Coy. R.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
Det. 16th Hld. Art. R.C.S.	Employed	1	3	4	4
M.C. M.15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
R.C.A.S.C. (Attached)		1	-	1	1
Naval personnel attached		1	8	9	9
Civilian personnel attached			24	24	24
GRAND TOTAL		9	121	130	140

1 copy H.Q. H.D.XI for July 6th



YORK ISLAND B.C.
JULY 6th 1940

O.C. VAN AREA

615 LIEUTS BECK MCGAVIN MOORE ARRIVING VANCCOVER MONDAY MORNING
PER C P R

O:C. YORK ISLAND

T O O 2005 Hrs.

PART I ORDERS

88th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

York Island, B.C.

By
Major J. P. Fierow

Order No. 188

7th July, 1940

1. DUTIES: Monday, July 8, 1940

To be Orderly Officer
Next for duty
To be Orderly Sgt.
Next for duty
To be Orderly Bdr.
Next for duty

Lt. L.F.W. Moore, R.C.A.
Lt. Dockerill R.C.A.
L/Sgt. Thackeray, R.C.A.
Sgt. Cox R.C.A.
Bdr. Garrett R.C.A.
Bdr. Larsen R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745 hrs. 8-7-40 to 0745 hrs. 9-7-40

On Duty

Standing by

#1 Detachment

Sgt. Rummel
8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Sgt. Thackeray
8 O.R.'s as detailed

#2 Detachment

Bdr. Cox
8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Sgt. Thurlwell
8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - 0900 hrs. - H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

4. Sanitary fatigue - Monday

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. McKay

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 8-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 9-7-40

L/Cpl. Connatty, Pte. McNeill, Pte. Dockstead
1st Bn. C.S.R.



Diary

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.A.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

July 2, 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total at <u>York Island</u>
88th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	3	51	54	
	Employed		11	11	66
	On Leave		5	5	
	H.C.		23	23	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
	On Leave		1	1	
	A.W.L.		1	1	
Det. 1st A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
Det. 1st S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	10	12	
	Employed		4	4	16
Det. 1st C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. R.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
Det. 12th Fd. Arb. RQANG	Employed	1	3	4	4
Det. 15th (Vam.) Coast Bde. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
R.C.A.S.C. (Attached)		1	-	1	1
Naval Personnel attached		2	8	10	10
Civilian " "			26	26	26
Grand Total		10	160	170	170 <u>174</u>



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O.C. YORK ISLAND

182 C O P C HAS REQUESTED PARTY TO SEARCH FOR MISSING MAN STOP
ARRANGE WITH X O BUT ONE FULL DETACHMENT PER ~~MAN~~ REMAIN IN PORT

D.O.C.

2400

88th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.S. C.A.S.F.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

DAILY ORDERS - Part I No. 109

July 8th 1940

1. DUTIES - Tuesday

To be Orderly Officer	Lt. P.F. Deckerill	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Lt. L.F.W. Moore	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	Sgt. Cox	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Russell	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Mdr.	Mdr. Larson	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Mdr. Cox	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745 Hrs. 9-7-40 to 0745H10-7-40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Detachment

L/Sgt. Thackeray and
8 O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Cox and 8 O.R.s
as detailed

#2 Detachment

L/Sgt. Thurlwell and
8 O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Davidson and
8 O.R.s as detailed

3. MARCHING PARADE 0900 Hrs. H.Q. PARTY AND DUTY WATCHES

4. SANITARY PATROL - Tuesday

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. McKay

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 9-7-40 to 0600 Hrs. 10-7-40

Ptes Clark, Dickson and Webster, 1st. C.S.R.



Diary
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.P.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

July 8, 1940.

Daily Strength State

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>C.A.'s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	51	53	
	Employed		11	11	64
	On Leave		5	5	
	H.S.	1	23	24	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
	On Leave		1	1	
	H.S.L.		1	1	
Det. 1st A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
Det. 1st S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	10	11	15
	Employed		4	4	
Det. 1st C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 10th Port. Sig. Coy. RCUS	On Parade		3	3	3
Det. 12th Field Arb. RCANC	Employed	1	3	4	4
H.S. 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. RCA	On Parade		1	1	1
Naval Personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian " "	" "		24	24	24
		7	160	167	176



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8th JULY ~~1940~~

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VICTORIA BC

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YORK ISLAND

CONFIRMATION

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
 85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
 York Island, B.C.

8th July, 1940.

Headquarters,
 H.Q. No. 11,
 Victoria, B.C.

SEARCH PARTIES - TEL. BARLOW, R.C.A. REF. W/T 1932 d/7-7-40 162

1. For your information the C.O. of the HMCS "Leola Vivian" reported to the Naval Officer i/c York Island that Tel. Barlow failed to return from trout fishing at 1600 hrs., 3rd July, 1940. The missing man was fishing in a stream which runs out of Stafford Lake into Fraser Bay at Loughborough Inlet. The crew of the vessel searched for this man until night fall of that day and then proceeded to York Island where the occurrence was reported at about 0100 hrs., 4th July.
2. The H.O. i/c requested assistance from the O.C. York Island to continue the search that day, and Lieut. Learoyd, RCAMO, and 12 O.R.'s experienced in the woods, embarked on the "Leola Vivian" at about 0500 hrs. and arrived early in the morning at Fraser Bay. This party searched the stream and surrounding area until 1800 hrs. without success. The party returned to York Island about 2200 hrs., and it was decided to send a larger party as possible early next morning to continue the search.
3. At 0630 hrs., 8th July, Capt. E.H. Jorgensen with two officers and 57 O.R.'s including some experienced civilian employees embarked on the HMCS "Vanale" to continue the search. This party thoroughly examined the stream and combed the wooded areas on each side for a distance of about three miles from the mouth. Dynamite charges were set off in some of the deeper pools of the stream, but no trace of the missing man was found, except a small tin in which he carried some fishing tackle. As this was found near the mouth of the stream it is believed that he was drowned. This party returned to York Island that evening at about 2200 hrs. and the result of this search was reported to the H.O. i/c.

Headquarters,
MD. No. 11.

4. On the morning of 7th July the H.O. 1/c received orders from the C.O.F.C. to continue the search, and Lieut. L.F.W. Moore and 18 O.R.'s were sent with the HMCS "Vanisle" with dragging equipment and instructed to assist in dragging operations and searching until night fall 8th July. Your wireless message No. 182 was received some time after this party had left.

(R.H. Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
For Commanding Officer
York Island

RHJ/JS

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
 86th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
 York Island, B.C.

8th July, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
 Pacific Coast,
 Royal Canadian Navy,
 Esquimalt, B. C.

LIFE BOAT

1. Major J.D. Pieray, R.C.A., B.C., York Island, has directed me to express his thanks and appreciation for the 26-ft. steel life boat delivered here yesterday by HSCS "MacDonald."
2. The presentation to us of this boat is deeply appreciated by all ranks as a further means of recreation.
3. We are attempting to procure suitable care for this boat in Vancouver, and in this connection respectfully suggest that any suitable care which you may have in your stores that are possibly not fit for service at sea but would still be useful for this boat, may be forwarded at your convenience to this station.
4. Again please accept our thanks.

(R.H. Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
 For Officer Commanding
 York Island

RHJ/JS

C.C. O.C., Vancouver Area.

Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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88th Heavy Battery RCA (CASH)
YORK ISLAND, B. O.

Place	Date 1940	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
88th Hvy. Bty. RCA York Island	July 9		Letter re ration shipments (see App. D) 7 O.R.'s proceeded on leave Weather: rain	8-1
	10	1610	No. 2 Gun fired one Bring-to round (see app. D) Weather: rain	1-0
	11		Letter re "Z" Force (see app. D) Weather: showery	6-9
	12		1 O.R. proceeded on leave 1 O.R. T.O.S. at Vancouver	
		1130	No. 1 gun fired Bring-to Round (see app. D) Weather: cloudy with showers	1-0
	13		Letter re ration shipments reinforcements " " wireless telegraph traffic 1 O.R. T.O.S. at Vancouver Weather: cloudy with showers	8-1 6-0 3-1-2
	14		16 "Z" Force volunteers proceeded to Vancouver	
	15		Letter re clothing recruits (see app. D) fire protection (see app. D) 1 O.R.'s committed suicide while returning from leave Weather: Bright	6-2 9-6
	16		Letter re K18030 Gnr. Wilson, J.R., deceased (see app. D) Dental Attention (see app. D) Capt. A.L. Cornish, RCAMC arrived to relieve Lt. Learoyd 1 O.R. Posted to this Bty. in Vancouver Weather: Bright	6-2 5-2
	17	0925	No. 1 Gun fired one Bring-to round (see app. D) 1 O.R. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. arrived to install radio station equipment 2 O.R.'s proceeded on leave Weather: Bright	1-0
	18		Major J.E. Piercy and 1 O.R. returned from leave Capt. T.L. Harrison and Lt. F. Wingert arrived 1 O.R. RCOO arrived to inspect and adjust small arms 1 O.R. proceeded on leave Lt. D.R. Learoyd, RCAMC, and L.F.W. Moore, R.C.A. proceeded to Vancouver Weather: fair	

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85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.B.F.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

JULY 9th 1940

DAILY PAGE 1 ORDERS NO. 100

1. Duties - Wed. July 10th

To be Orderly Officer	Lt. L.P.W. Moore	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Lt. P.F. Dockerill	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	Sgt. Hummel	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	L/Sgt. Thurlwell	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	Bdr. Cox	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	L/Bdr. Strom	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745 Hrs. 10-7-40 to 0745 Hrs 11-7-40

1 Detachment ON DUTY

Sgt. Cox and
8 O.R.s as detailed

STANDING BY

Sgt. Hummel and
8 O.R.s as detailed

2 Detachment

Sgt. Davidson and
8 O.R.s as detailed

Bdr. Cox and
8 O.R.s as detailed

3. MARCHING PARADE - 0900 Hrs. H.Q. PARTY AND DUTY WATCHES

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Wed.

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. McKay

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 10-7-40 to 0600 Hrs. 11-7-40
Ptes. Bullis, Brown, Wggt, 1st. Sn. C.A.B.



86th HEAVY BATTEN R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

July 9th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offrs.	O.N.S.	Total	Total at York Island
86th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	48	50	
	Employed		10	10	60
	On Leave		0	0	
	M.G.	1	24	25	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	1	1
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	A.W.L.		1	1	
Det. 1st A.A. Bgt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	1
Det. 1st. S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	10	11	
	Employed		4	4	15
Det. 1st. C.S.B.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. R.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
Det. 12th Amb. R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
H.Q. 15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
Naval personnel attached		1	7	8.	8
Civilian personnel attached			32	32	32
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GRAND TOTAL		7	167	174	139



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.

9th July, 1940.

D.D.S. & T.O.,
Immigration Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

RATION SHIPMENTS.

1. It has been noted that the last two or three shipments of rations on Mondays have been via Union Steamships whereas we have requested shipments per s.s. "Border Prince."

2. As previously explained s.s. "Border Prince" arrives Tuesday morning whereas the s.s. "Chelovin" arrives late Tuesday evening. This means that the "Polar Forsite" has to make a crossing to Sayward late at night to load the rations in bad weather which is hazardous as well as inconvenient. We would therefore request that whenever s.s. "Border Prince" sails from Vancouver on schedule Mondays that rations be shipped with this vessel.

(R.H.Jorgenson) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding
York Island

RHJ/JS

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

York Island, R.C.

By
Major J. E. Stacey C.S.

ORDER NO. 191

10th July, 1940

1. Duties: Thursday, July 11th, 1940

To be Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. F. F. Deckerill,	R.C.A.
Next for duty		Lieut. L. F. N. Moore,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	-	L/Sgt. Thurlwell,	R.C.A.
Next for duty		Sgt. Davidson,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sdr.	-	L/Sdr. Stross,	R.C.A.
Next for duty		Sdr. Jones	R.C.A.

2. Duty Watches from 0745 hrs. 11-7-40 to 0745 hrs. 12-7-40

On duty

Standing by

#1 Detachment
Sgt. Hummel
8 C.R.'s as detailed

L/Sgt. Thackeray
8 C.R.'s as detailed

#2 Detachment
Sdr. Cox
8 C.R.'s as detailed

L/Sgt. Thurlwell
8 C.R.'s as detailed

3. Manning Parade -

0900 hrs. R.C. party & duty watches.

4. Sanitary Fatigue - Thursday

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. McKay

5. Sentry Duty from 1800 hrs. 11-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 12-7-40

Ptes. Burt, E., Burt, F., Presley, 1st Sm. C.S.R.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CASB

YORK ISLAND R.C.

JULY 10th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>C.M.S.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	48	49	60
	Employed		11	11	
	On Leave	1	8	9	
	H.Q.	1	22	23	

Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
	A.W.L.		1	1	

Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2

Det. 1sts/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	10	11	15
	Employed		4	4	

Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14

Det. 10th Fort. Sig. BCCS	On Parade		3	3	3

Det. 12th Fld. Amb. RCAMC	Employed	1	3	4	4

H.Q. 15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1

Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			32	32	32

GRAND TOTAL		7	166	173	140



PAGE 1 ORDER

88th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

York Island, B.C.

By

Major J. W. Piggay, O. C.

ORDER NO. 122

11th July 1940

1. DUTIES: Friday, July 12, 1940.

To be Orderly Officer -	Lt. L. F. W. Moore, R.C.A.
Next for duty -	Lt. F. F. Dockerill "
To be Orderly Sgt. -	Sgt. Davidson "
Next for duty -	Sgt. Rensden "
To be Orderly Bdr. -	Bdr. Jones "
Next for duty -	Bdr. Cox

2. DUTY RANGERS from 0745 hrs. 12-7-40 to 0745 hrs. 12-7-40

On Duty

Standing by

#1 Detachment

L/Sgt. Thackeray
8 O.R.'s as detailed

Sgt. Cox
8 O.R.'s as detailed

#2 Detachment

L/Sgt. Thurlwell
8 O.R.'s as detailed

Sgt. Davidson
8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - 0900 hrs. H.C. Party and Duty Watches

4. SANITARY PATROL - Friday

Cnr. Willoughby
" McKay

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 12-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 12-7-40

L/Cpl. Connatty, Pte. McNeill, Pte. Deckstead
1st Bn. C.S.R.

6. "A" FORCE: The following personnel from 88th Hvy. Bty. have been

absent:

K17027 S.B.M. Lockhart, F.J.
 K17031 Sgt. Davidson, G.
 K17033 L/Sgt. Thurlwell, W.B.
 K17061 Bdr. Parker, J.L.
 K17023 Bdr. Larsen, J.
 P9976 Cnr. Gale, R.J.
 K17010 L/Bdr. McConnell, J.W.
 K17043 Cnr. Adrich, D.
 K17015 Cnr. Skjel, S.
 K17022 Cnr. Beaulieu, J.L.
 K17084 Cnr. Court, L.A.

K42099 Cnr. Dickinson, A.F.
 K17054 Cnr. Fox, F.S.
 K17060 Cnr. O'Malley, C.R.
 K17025 Cnr. Power, P.L.
 K17064 Cnr. Schofield, A.L.
 K17083 Cnr. Thompson, L.R.
 K19030 Cnr. Wilson, J.R.
 K17092 Cnr. Ramsey, R.H.
 K17002 Cnr. Hayman, G.

Waiting

K17049 Cnr. Cooper, F.A.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CAMP

YORK ISLAND B.C.

July 11th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.S</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	47	48	
	Employed		11	11	59
	On Leave	1	8	9	
	H.Q.	1	34	35	
--	A.W.L.		2 /	2 /	

Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		2	2	2

Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2

Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	10	11	
	Employed		4	4	15

Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14

Det. 10th Fort. Sig. RCCS	On Parade		3	3	3

Det. 12th Fld. Asb. R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	4	5	5

Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			32	32	32

Grand Total		7	179	186	<u>140</u>



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VANCOUVER JULY 11/1615

O.C. YORK ISLAND

320 11 O.R.s Vancouver Coast Bde. LEAVING FOR YORK ISLAND VIA UNION 12TH STOP ON THEIR ARRIVAL ALL PERSONNEL FOR Z FORCE WILL BE RETURNED TO VANCOUVER ON 1st. AVAILABLE BOAT STOP ADDITIONAL REPLACEMENTS WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

O.C. VAN AREA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
58th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B. C.

11th July, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. CASF,
Bessborough Armouries,
Vancouver, B.C.

"E" FORCE

1. The O. C., Vancouver Area, today wired instructions to return all personnel for "E" Force to Vancouver on the first available vessel after arrival of eleven replacements sailing on the s.s. "Catala" Friday evening. The twenty men listed on your memo of 8th July will report to you on Monday, July 15th. They will arrive via Union s.s. "Venture" about 0001 hrs.
2. K17049, Cnr. Cooper, P.A., who has been designated as a waiting man will not be sent down unless you telegraph instructions to this effect.
3. Please advise as soon as possible the effective date of transfer to the "E" Force of this draft, and advise, if possible, the correct name or number of battery which they are joining, to be shown in our Part II Orders.
4. We will show K17027 B.S.M. Lockhart, E.J., as having reverted at his own request to the rank of B.Q.M.S., effective the date of transfer.

(R.R.Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding
York Island

RHJ/JS

Ready

60th HEAVY BATTALION R.C.A. CASE

York Island R.C.

DAILY PART II ORDERS

No.195

JULY 12th 1940

I 1. DUTY - SATURDAY

To be Orderly Officer	Lt. F.F. Dockerill	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Lt. L.F.W. Moore	R.C.A.
To be orderly Sgt.	Sgt. Ramsden	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	L/Sgt. Thackeray	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	Bdr. Cox	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	L/Bdr. Stross	R.C.A.

2. DEUTY WATCHES from 0745 Hrs. 13-7-40 to 0845 Hrs. 14-7-40

1 Detachment ON DEUTY

STANDING BY

Sgt. Cox and 8 O.R.s
As detailed

Sgt. Huxford and 8 O.R.s
as detailed

2 Detachment

Sgt. Davidson and 8 O.R.s
as detailed

Bdr. Cox and 8 O.R.s
as detailed

3. MANUING PARADE 0900 hrs. - R.C. Party and Duty Watches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Saturday

Sr Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. - Scooper

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 13-7-40 to 0600 Hrs 14-7-40

Ptes. Clark, Dickson, Webster. 1st. Bn. C.S.R.

6. FIRST AID INSTRUCTIONS

All personnel concerned will take notice that First Aid Lectures will resume as per schedule today, July 12th, at 1400 to 1500 Hrs. in the Recreation Hut.



65th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CASEYORK ISLAND R.C.

July 18th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Officer</u>	<u>O.R.S</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Is.</u>
65th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	48	49	
	Employed		11	11	60
	On Leave	1	9	10	
	A.W.O. H.Q.	1	24 15	25 16	

Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On parade	2	2	2	2

Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2

Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	10	11	
	Employed		4	4	15

Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14

Det. 10th Fort. Sig. ROCS	On Parade		3	3	3

Det. 18th Fld. Amb. RCAMC	Employed	1	4	5	5

Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			22	22	22

GRAND TOTAL		7	100	107	<u>141</u>



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VANCOUVER
JULY 12/1720

O.C. YORK ISLAND

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CAPT A H CORNISH ARRIVING 1000 HRS JULY 15TH VIA C L
TO REPLACE LIEUT LEAROYD. AFTER ACQUAINTING HIM WITH DUTIES
LIEUT LEAROYD WILL REPORT TO MAJOR F.W. LEES AT VANCOUVER
FOR DUTY

O.C. VAN/AREA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
 85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
 York Island, B.C.

12th July, 1940.

Headquarters,
 H.D. No. 11,
 Victoria, B.C.

BRING TO MOUND

1. At about 1610 hours, July 11, 1940, a small vessel of the speed boat type passed through the examination line without being "passed" by the HMS "MacDonald" L.V.
2. The Fort signalled the L.V. which started up at full speed to intercept this vessel but being unable to overtake it, BRING-TO signal was flashed to the Fort, and a round was fired at 1618 hours by No. 2 gun at 3500 yards range. The vessel stopped and was dealt with by the L.V.
3. The vessel proved to be the "Patsyna" (No. V029R, owner-master, Lorne Mahanec, #SIA Indian Reserve, North Vancouver, B.C.

(R.H. Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
 For Officer Commanding
 York Island

c.c. O.C. Vancouver Area.
 c.c. O.C. 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. CASF.

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PART I ORDER

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

York Island, R.C.

By

Major J.E. Pickery, C. C.

ORDER No. 194

13th July, 1940

1. DUTIES: Sunday, July 14, 1940

To be Orderly Officer	- Lt. L.F.W. Moore, R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Dockerill "
To be Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Thackeray "
Next for duty	- Sgt. Gray, C.S.R.
To be Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Strom R.C.A.
Next for duty	- L/Bdr. Burgess

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0645 hrs. 14-7-40 to 0745 hrs. 15-7-40

On Duty

Standing by

#1 Detachment
Sgt. Hammel
8 C.S.R.'s as detailed

L/Sgt. Thackeray
8 C.S.R.'s as detailed

#2 Detachment
Bdr. Cox
8 C.S.R.'s as detailed

3. MARCHING PARADE 1100 hrs. 14-7-40 H.Q. party and duty watches.

4. HABITARY PARADE - Sunday

Cnr. McKay
" Harbord

5. Sentry duty from 1900 hrs. 14-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 15-7-40

Ptes. Bullis, Brown, Watt, 1st En. C.S.R.

6. "B" FORCE VOLUNTEERS:

The following personnel will parade on the deck before embarking on the m/v "Polar Forcite" at time to be announced

K17027 BSM Lockhart, E.J.	K17004 Cnr. Court, L.A.
K17031 Sgt. Davidson, G.	K17054 Cnr. Fox, P.S.
K17033 L/Sgt. Thurlwell, W.H.	K17080 Cnr. O'Malley, C.R.
K17061 Bdr. Parker, J.L.	K17064 Cnr. Schofield, A.L.
K17025 Bdr. Larsen, J.	K17088 Cnr. Thompson, L.H.
K17010 L/Bdr. McConnell, J.W.	K17092 Cnr. Hensley, R.M.
P9978 Cnr. Gale, R.J.	K17002 Cnr. Mayson, G.
K17043 Cnr. Adsieh, D.	K17049 Cnr. Cooper, F.A.
K17015 Cnr. Skjeie, S.	K17019 Cnr. Wood, A.E.
K17085 Cnr. Beaulieu, J.L.	



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A., C.I.S.F.

FOUR ISLAND

JULY 13th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offsrs.</u>	<u>S.R.S.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	59	60	
	Employed		11	11	71
	On Leave	1	9	10	
	H.Q.	1	28	29	
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Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		2	2	2
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Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
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Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	9	11	
	Employed		4	4	15
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Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
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Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. R.C.S.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
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Det. 12th Fld. Amb. R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	4	5	5
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RAF. Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			22	22	22
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Extra copy to H.Q. HKI	TOTAL	8	100	108	<u>152</u>



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
 85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
 York Island, B.C.

SECRET

18th July, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
 Vancouver Area,
 323 Federal Building,
 Vancouver, B.C.

Wireless Telegraph Traffic
Militia Service Cipher

1. We have for acknowledgment your S.76-2, dated 12th July, 1940. It is presumed this refers to our W/T 620 and not 120 as stated.
2. Your comments in para. 1 are noted but it is suggested that you refer to your H.Q. letter, file S-11-6-3, dated 19th April, 1940, and to your letter, file S-24-1, dated 1st April, 1940, together with copy of H.Q. XI circular letter, file V.S. 38-2-1-6, dated 29th March, 1940.
3. Inasmuch as H.Q. M.D.11 last year authorized military wireless station at York Island to accept personal or non-military messages of an urgent nature at the discretion of the O.C., York Island, on account of the infrequent mail service, and that the instructions referred to above were quite definite in this matter, it is requested that the instructions given in your letter of 12th July, 1940, be reconsidered.
4. It is realized that cipher messages necessitate a lot of time and effort in coding and decoding, and this method of communication with you is only used when considered urgent enough to warrant it.
5. Your comments will be appreciated.

(R.H.Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
 for Officer Commanding
 York Island

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
 85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
 York Island, B.C.

13th July, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. CASE,
 Vancouver, B.C.

REINFORCEMENTS - 85th HVY. BTY. R.C.A.

1. Today 11 O.R.'s, mostly recruits, reported for duty at York Island. On inspection by the Medical Officer here several of these men were found to be defective in several respects. A full report will be forwarded later. In the meantime the certificate issued by the Unit Medical Officer who inspected these men before they left Vancouver, will be appreciated.
2. It is also pointed out that none of these men had been issued with razors nor hand towels.

(R.H. Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
 for Officer Commanding
 York Island

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

York Island, B. C.

15th July, 1940.

D. D. S. & T. O.,
Immigration Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

RATION SHIPMENT

1. Further to our letter of 9th July, 1940, re the above wherein it was pointed out that shipment of rations should not be made on the s.s. "Chelosin" unless the s.s. "Border Prince" was too far off schedule, I have the following observations to make:

- 1) 165 gallons of fresh milk was found to be sour when opened on Wednesday morning. You will realize that this shipment of milk was delivered to the Union Steamship Co.'s dock Monday afternoon and stood in the warm freight shed for several hours before being loaded on the steamer, and then spent some 30 hours in the unrefrigerated hold of the vessel. This milk was finally placed in the refrigerator at York Island at about 0130 hours Wednesday. It is therefore suggested that if shipments are to be made by the s.s. "Chelosin", evaporated milk be substituted for fresh milk.
- ii) The steamer docked at Sayward wharf at about 0030 hours Wednesday morning. It was a very dark night and the ration party had to load the stores on our launch in complete darkness, and in doing so lost one ~~half~~ quarter of beef weighing about 150-lbs. overboard due to the breaking of the rope which was used to lower the stores from the wharf to the deck of the boat. As it was impossible to retrieve it that night the piece of beef had to be left on the bottom until low tide the next day when we were fortunately able to retrieve it with grappling hooks.

2. Had this ration shipment been sent forward via s.s. "Border Prince" it would have arrived at 1030 hours Tuesday morning, and the milk would have been placed in our refrigerator fifteen hours earlier, and the ~~meat~~ would have been landed by ship's tackle directly on the wharf at York Island.

(R.H.Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding
York Island

Diary

PART 1 ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

York Island, B. C.

By
Major J.V. Pierce, C. C.

ORDER NO. 125

14th July, 1940

1. Rotations Monday, July 15, 1940.

To be Officer of the watch:	E/Lt. I.C. Morrison	R.C.A.
Next for duty	Lt. L.F.V. Moore	"
To be Orderly Officer	Lt. P.F. Bookerill	"
Next for duty	E/Lt. I.C. Morrison	"
To be Orderly Sgt.	Sgt. Gray,	G.S.R.
Next for duty	Sgt. Hammel	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	L/Mr. Burgess	"
Next for duty	Mr. Jones, D. B.	"

2. Duty Ratches from 0845 hrs. 15-7-40 to 0745 hrs. 16-7-40

On Duty

Standing by

#1 Detachment
1/Sgt. Thackery
8 O.R.'s as detailed

Sgt. Cox
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

#2 Detachment
1/Sgt. Caddford, T.
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

Bdr. Jones, D.B.
and 8 O.R.'s

3. MARKING PARADE 0900 hrs. H.C. party and Duty watches

4. Sanitary Fatigue -Monday

Cmr. Willoughby
Cmr. King

5. Sentry Duty from 1800 hrs. 15-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 16-7-40

Ptes. Bart F., Bart F., Presley, 1st Sm. G.S.R



Diary

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

YORK ISLAND

14th July, 1940.

DAILY BETWEEN SEATS

		<u>SEAT</u>	<u>R.C.A.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total York Is.</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	60	61	
	Employed		10	10	
	On leave	1	9	10	71
	R.C.		16	16	
	Attached 53- th Bty.	1		1	
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Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On parade		2	2	2
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Det. 1st A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
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Det. 1st S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	9	11	
	Employed		4	4	15
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Det. 1st C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
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Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
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Det. 12th Fd. Arb. R.C.A.M.S.	Employed	1	4	5	5
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Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Att.			32	32	32
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	Total	8	171	179	188



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JULY ~~13~~ 14TH 1940

O.C. VAN AREA

622 YOUR 320 16 O.R.s ARRIVING VANCOUVER MON MORNING
VIA S S ADELAIDE

O.C. YORK ISLAND

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PART I ORDERS

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
YORK ISLAND B.C.

No. 196

July 16th 1940

1. DETIRES - TUESDAY July 16th

OFFICER OF THE WATCH	Lieut. L.F.W. Moore	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Lieut. P.F. Dockerill	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	S/Lt. I.C. Harrison	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Lt. L.F. Moore	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	Sgt. Hummel	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	L/Sgt. Gadsford	R.C.A.
Orderly Bdr.	Bdr. Cox	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Bdr. Garrett	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745 Hrs. 16-7-40 to 0745 Hrs. 17-7-40

‡ 1 Detachment	<u>ON DUTY</u>	<u>STANDING BY</u>
	Sgt. Cox and 8 O.R.s as detailed	Sgt. Hummel and 8 O.R.s as detailed
‡ 2 Detachment	Bdr. Jones D.D. and 8 O.R.s as detailed	Bdr. Cox and 8 O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - 0900 Hrs. R.C. Party and Duty Watches

4. BARITARY FATIGUE - TUESDAY

Cmr. Willoughby
Cmr. King

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 16-7-40 until 0600 Hrs. 17-7-40.

Ptes. McNeill, Dockerstead, Howard, 1st. Bn. C.S.R.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.S.V.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

July 15th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.S.S.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	44	45	
	Employed		10	10	
	On Leave	1	9	10	
	H.Q. Att. 80th	1	30	30	55

Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1

Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2

Det. 1st. S/E Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	9	11	
	Employed		4	4	15

Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14

Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. R.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3

Det. 12th Fld. Amb. RCAMC	Employed	1	4	5	5

Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			16	16	16

Grand Total		8	152	160	<u>119</u>



YORK ISLAND B.C.
JULY 15/40

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623 REPORTING TWO PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL/SIGNED O.C. STE HOSPITAL

O.C. YORK ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.

15th July, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. CASF,
Vancouver, B.C.

CLOTHING - RECRUITS

1. On examination of M.F.C.800 for each of the eleven men who reported for duty July 15th it is noted that five of these men were issued with battle dress serge but no denim or service clothing. The remainder were issued with overalls denim but no serge clothing. They were issued with only one pair of boots, some had no towels and some had no razors. There were also several other deficiencies in each man's kit.
2. The difficulty in obtaining sufficient clothing from Ordnance is appreciated, and it is hoped that these men will receive first consideration when complete issues are available.

(R.H.Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding
York Island

RHJ/Jg

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

Yerk Island, B.C.

15th July, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
Vancouver Area,
325 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

FIRE PROTECTION

1. Indent No. 45, dated 11th June, 1940, for 4500 feet of fire hose has not been approved by Ordnance. This fire hose is urgently required.

2. Last night, July 14th, a small bush fire was reported to be burning in the North-west portion of the Island. The gun crew at the fort attempted to extinguish the fire but due to a strong westerly wind blowing they were unable to cope with it, and the general fire alarm was given. All available men and tools were mobilized to extinguish this blaze which was gaining momentum every minute. However, it was finally put under control when sea water was pumped on it. In this connection I have the following observations to make:

- i) At present our available hose consists of 14 - 100 ft. lengths which was barely sufficient to reach from the shore to the scene of the fire.
- ii) As this hose is maintained for use at the stand pipes in the camp area, considerable delay ensued in gathering this together.
- iii) Although this hose appears to be of fairly good quality several splits and leaks developed due to the high pressure produced -- 175 to 200 lbs. per sq. in. -- in order to lift the water to a height of about 160 ft. It is therefore suggested that authority be obtained to issue two or three lengths of rubber hose for each of our three pumps. This stronger hose will be used where the pressure is the greatest, just above the pump.
- iv) With regard to the fittings, the quick action couplings provided were attached to the hose by means of the usual type of clamp which is held together with a nut and bolt. This system is not satisfactory. It is pointed out the Forestry Branch have a special type of tool which they use to twist the double wire very tightly and securely to fasten the couplings at the end of the hose. It is suggested that the R.C.A. Works Officer may be able to provide us with such a tool as several couplings will now have to be reattached.

F.T.O.

Officer Commanding,
Vancouver Area.

16th July, 1940.

FIRE PROTECTION

3. Fortunately the fire did not attain very serious proportions nor did it cause any damage. It could have been extinguished in very much less time had we had sufficient hose available to have used two or three fire pumps.

4. Your efforts to hasten delivery of the fire hose which is urgently required will be appreciated.

(R.H. Jorgenson) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding
York Island

RHJ/JS

c.c. Ordnance Officer
Vancouver, B.C.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
 85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
 York Island, B.C.

10th July, 1940.

Headquarters,
 H. B. No. 11,
 Victoria, B.C.

BRING TO ROUND

1. At about 1150 hours, 10th July, a fishing packer crossed the examination line on the north side of the channel, without reporting to the examination vessel, H.M.C.S. "MacDonald," which was checking two vessels proceeding east on the south side of the channel.
2. The fishing packer was apparently unable to hear or understand the stop signals given by the I.V. and continued on its course. When it was evident that it would take considerable time for the I.V. to overhaul the vessel the C.K.O. ordered a Bring-To round to be fired across the bow. No. 1 gun fired a round but this signal was ignored and a further round was fired which was also ignored. On the third round the vessel gave way and altered course to report to the I.V., and the K.O. dealt with the case.
3. The boat proved to be the "Ray Roberts" (V0010), master, Walter Silda, R.R. No. 1, New Westminster, B.C.

(R.H. Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
 for Officer Commanding
 York Island

RHJ/JS

C.C. O.C. Vancouver Area
 C.C. O.C. 16th (Van.) Coast Bde. RGA CASF

Diary

852nd HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

YORK ISLAND B.S.

DAILY ORDERS PART I

197

July 16/40

1. DUTIES - Wed.

Officer of the Watch	Lt. P.F. Beckerill	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	S/Lt. I.C. Morrison	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Officer	Lt. L.F.W. Moore	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Lt. P.F. Beckerill	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	L/Sgt. Cuddeford	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Cox	R.C.A.
Orderly Bdr.	Bdr. Garrett	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	L/Bdr. Burgess	R.C.A.

2.

DUTY WATCHES from 0745 Hrs. 17-7-40 to 0745 Hrs. 18-7-40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

1 Detachment

Sgt. Hummel and 8 O.R.s
as detailed

L/Sgt. Thackeray and 8 O.R.s
as detailed

2 Detachment

Bdr. Cox and 8 O.R.s
as detailed

L/Sgt. Cuddeford and 8 O.R.s
as detailed

3. MORNING PARADE - 0900 Hrs. 17-7-40, H.C. Party and Duty Watches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Wed.

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. King.

5. SERREY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 17-7-40 until 0600 Hrs. 18-7-40
Ptes. Clark, Dickson and Webster. 1st. Bn. C.S.R.

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., C.A.S.F.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

By

Major J.L. Firsey, O.C.

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16th JULY, 1940

197-6 MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

"I have just taken over the post of Minister of National Defence. My Colleague the Minister of National Defence for air and the Honourable A.L. Macdonald Minister designate of National Defence for Naval Services join with me in sending you this message. We are workers together in the biggest task which CANADA has ever undertaken. Stop World conditions make it impossible to tell with any certainty what lies ahead of us. Stop No man can foretell what will be required of this Nation. stop Our job is to be prepared for whatever may come. Stop The foundation of that preparation is physical fitness and discipline and training in the basic principles of the fighting services. stop Then with that foundation training in any arm or any special branch can be readily added. Stop The Department of National Defence must spare no effort to provide the personnel and manpower. stop The task of providing equipment is not being allowed to lag for a moment. stop The abrupt cutting off of major sources of supply and the greatly increased requirements which the changes in the last two months have called for are making tremendous demands on purely Canadian production. Stop We ask everybody to make the very best use of the things we have and to use their brains and ingenuity to improve and keep going at full speed even when complete supplies are not available. Stop We did that in the last war and we can do it again. Stop We know that every Officer and man will work as he has never worked before. Stop The enemy works Sunday and Holidays as well as week days and nights as well as days. Stop And so shall we because victory depends directly on the untiring energy and effort of us all. Stop Major Power, Mr. Macdonald and I pledge you the very best we can give in this great undertaking. Stop Signed J. L. Keston, Minister of National Defence"



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.I.S.F.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

JULY 16th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	ON PARADE	1	43	44	
	EMPLOYED		10	10	
	SEN HOSPITAL		2	1	55
	On Leave	1	4	5	
	A.V.L.		5	5	
	Att. 50th	1	-	1	
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Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
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Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
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Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	9	11	
	Employed		4	4	15
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Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
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Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. R.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
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Det. 12th Flt. B. RCAMC	Employed	2	4	6	6
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Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			16	16	16
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Grand Total		9	153	161	180



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
 85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
 York Island, B.C.

16th July, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. CASF,
 Vancouver, B.C.

K17050 Gnr. WILSON, J. R.
 DECEASED

1. The m/n man was granted seven days leave of absence from 9th July to 15th July. He was returning to report for duty, York Island, as a passenger on board s.s. "Border Prince" at 2130 hours, July 15th. he shot himself with a .32 calibre revolver.

2.- The master of the s.s. "Border Prince" called at Powell River to put the body ashore and it was taken charge of by Coroner Searlet and Cpl. Sweeney of the Provincial Police. The master of the ship also notified his agents in Vancouver, Borderline Navigation Co., who, in turn, notified the military authorities in Vancouver.

3. It is believed that Wilson took his life during a fit of despondency as his medical category did not allow him to join the draft for the "E" Force.

4. The master of the s.s. "Border Prince" states that all his clothing and equipment which he was carrying with him were turned over to the Provincial Police at Powell River for disposal.

(R.M. Jorgenson) Capt. R.C.A.
 for Officer Commanding
 York Island

RHJ/JS

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.

16th July, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
Vancouver Area,
323 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

DENTAL ATTENTION

1. Attached hereto is copy of letter to C.C., 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. RGA, and copy of report submitted by the Medical Officer, York Island.
2. You will note that four of the eleven reinforcements recently arrived require dental attention, two of whom should have early attention.
3. It is proposed to return K17127 Cnr. Lambe, R.C.A., and K17118 Cnr. McBryer, J., to Vancouver for attention at the Dental Clinic about July 20th.
4. In order to avoid repetition of this with future reinforcements it is urged that any men requiring necessary dental attention should have this completed before leaving Vancouver.

(R.H. Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding
York Island

RHJ/JS

c.c. C.C. 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. RGA CASF

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PART I ORDERS

80th Heavy Battery, M.C.A. C.A.S.F.

YORK ISLAND

BY

Major J. N. Floney, O.C.

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July 17,
1940

1. DUTIES: WEDNESDAY

Officer of the Watch Next for duty	2/Lt. I.C. Morrison Lt. L.P.W. Moore
To be Orderly Officer Next for duty	Lt. P.F. Deckerill 2/Lt. I.C. Morrison
To be Orderly Sgt. Next for duty	Sgt. Cox Mr. Cox
To be Orderly Mr. Next for duty	1/Mr. Burgess 1/Mr. Gayton

2. DUTY WATCHES: from 0745 hrs. 18-7-40 to 0745 hrs. 19-7-40.

On Duty

Standing By

#1 Detachment

1/Sgt. Thackeray
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

Sgt. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

#2 Detachment

1/Sgt. Cuddeford
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

Mr. Jones, D.D.
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - 0900 hrs. 18-7-40 H.C. party & Duty watches

4. SANITARY PARADE - Thursday

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. King

5. Sentry Duty from 1800 hrs. 18-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 19-7-40

Ptes. Bullis, Brown and Watt. C.S.R.

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DAILY ORDERS PART I #1986. LAUNDRY

- (a) Overalls, Denim, Shirts Service and Trousers Service must be laundered every two weeks.
- (b) Clothing worn by cooks and kitchen staff must be laundered weekly.
- (c) Soiled clothing will be left at the Q.M. Stores on Mondays during the period 1130 Hrs. to 1400 Hrs. Each man will leave his laundry personally with a list showing name, for the storeman who receives it.
- (d) Laundry will be drawn from Q.M. Stores every Saturday from 1130 to 1400 Hrs. only.
- (e) All personnel proceeding on Leave will place all spare clothing, blankets etc. in one basket with an itemized list, and turn it in to Q.M. Stores.

7. MAIL

- (a) In future all personnel will call for their mail personally at the wicket (Pay Office) in the Administration Bldg.
- (b) Mail will be called for between 1200 and 1900 Hrs. on Thursdays and Saturdays, and between 0800 to 1200 Hrs. on Wednesdays.
- (c) Wicket will not be opened until mail is sorted.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.S.P.

York Island B.C.

JULY 17th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>C.S.R.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	45	46	56
	Employed		10	10	
	On Leave	1	3	4	
	H.Q.		62	62	
	Att. 85th A.S.L.	1	3	4	

Det. 8th Hvy. Bty.	On Parade		1	1	1

Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2

Det. 1st. S/I Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	9	11	15
	Employed		4	4	

Detl 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14

Det. 10th Fort Sig. R.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	4
	Employed		1	1	

Det. 11th Fld. R.C.S.					
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	2	4	6	6

Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8

Civilian employees attached			16	16	16

GRAND TOTAL		9	183	192	<u>192</u>



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JULY 17/1638

O.C. YORK ISLAND

361 THREE OFFICERS AND 18 O R S THURSDAY PRINCESS ADELAIDE

O.C. VAN AREA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
 85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
 York Island, B. C.

17th July, 1940.

Headquarters,
 M. D. No. 11,
 Victoria, B.C.

BRING TO ROUND

1. At 0925 hours, July 17, 1940, No. 1 gun fired a Bring-to Round across the bow of a vessel proceeding east on Sunderland Channel. This vessel was sighted close to the north shore while the Examination Vessel was on the south shore. As the X.V. HMCS "Vanisle" could not overtake this vessel before it was out of range and bearing, the C.X.C. instructed the Fort to fire a Bring-to Round. The vessel stopped and was examined by the L.O. of the HMCS "Vanisle."

2. The vessel was the O.B.#1, Recognition No. V 070 B, and owned by the O'Brien Logging Company, Vancouver, B.C. It was in charge of Roy F. MacLenzie of Wells Passage, B.C.

(R.H. Jørgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
 for Officer Commanding
 York Island

RHJ/JS

C.C. C.C. Vancouver Area.
 C.C. C.C. 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. CASF

Dear

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery R.C.A. C.A.S.A.F.

York Island, B. C.

BY

Major J. F. PIERCE, O.C.

ORDER NO. 199

10th July, 1940.

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1. DUTIES: Friday

Officer of the watch	- Lt. L.F.W. Moore	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill	"
To be Orderly Officer	- S/Lt. I.C. Harrison	"
Next for duty	- Lt. L.F.W. Moore	"
To be Orderly Sgt.	- Mr. Cox	"
Next for duty	- Sgt. Gray,	C.S.R.
To be Orderly Mr.	- M/Mr. Gayton	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- L/Cpl. Connatty	C.S.R.

2. DEUTY WATCHES: from 0745 hrs. 19-7-40 to 0745 hrs. 20-7-40

On Duty

Standing By

#1 Detachment

Sgt. Cox
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

Sgt. Russell
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

#2 Detachment

Mr. Jones D.D. and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

Mr. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. MARCHING PARADE - 0900 hrs. 19-7-40 as H.Q. Party & Duty Watches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Friday

Cmr. Willoughby
Cmr. King

5. SHORE DUTY from 1800 hrs. 19-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 20-7-40

Itcs. Bart, E. Bart, P. & Proxley

6. APPLICATION FOR DAVE & PURLOUGH, etc.

In future any man who wishes to be paraded before the Sergeant-Major on matters pertaining to leave, etc., will hand his name to the Orderly Sgt. in the morning and will be paraded to the Orderly Room between the hours of 1400 hrs. and 1500 hrs. daily.



Diary

86th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.V.

York Island, B.C.

July 18, 1940.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total at York I
86th Hvy. Bty.	On Parade	2	62	64	
R.C.A.	Employed		11	11	75
	On Leave		2	2	
	R.C.		30	30	
	A.N.L.		2	2	
	50th Att.	1		1	
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Det. 5th Hvy.	On parade	2	1	1	1
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Det. 1st A.A. Regt.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
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Det. 1st S/L Regt.	On Parade	2	8	10	
	Employed		5	5	15
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H.Q. 15th Coast Bde.	On Parade	2		2	2
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Det. 1st Can. Scottish Regt.	On Parade		14	14	14
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Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy.	On Parade	2	3	3	
	Employed	2	1	1	4
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R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	2	3	5	5
	On Leave		1	1	
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R.C.O.C.	On Parade		1	1	1
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Naval personnel att.		1	7	8	8
Civilian employees att.			16	16	16
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Grand total		11	168	179	143



Title pages will be prepared.

85th Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

M.F.M. 14

A.P.P. 7114
1. 20.1.42-22.1.1942
S.Q. 1272-42-14

ORIGINAL

Original, duplicate and triplicate to be forwarded to C. I/c 2nd Echelon for disposal.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendix and Initials		
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. York Island	July 1940	19	Ross Rifles issued in lieu of Le Enfield's 1 O.R. sent to Vancouver for dental attention. Weather: cloudy with showers			
		20	Letter re life boat (see app. D) " " water storage (see app. D) 1 O.R. proceeded on leave Lt. J.H. Brieker reported for duty Lt. A. Lancaster, RCNR, relieved Lt. J.N. Gillison, RCNR, CXO Weather: Bright	5-8 8-1		
		21	Lt. Cdr. G.A. Thomson, RCNR, returned as CXO Capt. T.L. Harrison returned to Vancouver 2 O.R.'s sent to Vancouver for dental treatment. Weather: fair			
		22	Letter re war reserve - food - (see app. D) 1 O.R. S.O.S. on transfer to Seaforths Weather: Bright	8-1		
		23	Major W.K. Hicks, Capt. W.G. Purdy and Master Gnr. Croft, arrived. Practise shoot - 21 rounds fired Lt. Wingart and Master Gnr. Croft returned to Vancouver 1 O.R. proceeded to "C" Wing, CSAS, Sarcee, Alta. Weather: Bright			
		24	Letter re local defence (see app. D) Weather: cloudy	2-7		
		25	1444 hrs. No. 2 gun fired one Bring to-round (see app. D) Major W.K. Hicks and Capt. W.G. Purdy returned to Bde. H.Q. 14 O.R.'s "B" Coy. 2nd Bn. (MG) C.S.A. arrived to relieve det. 1st BN. 1 O.R. reported for duty. 1 O.R. proceeded Weather: cloudy	1-0		
		26	Letter re accommodation (see app. D) Weather: dull and showery	1-0		

*Original
20/1/42*

PART I ORDERS

88th Heavy Battery R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

York Island, B. C.

By

Major J. E. Sigrey, C.C.

ORDER NO. 200

19th July, 1940.

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1. DUTIES: Saturday

Officer of the watch Next for duty	- 2/Lt. I.C. Morrison - Lt. P.F. Deckerill
To be Orderly Officer Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill - 2/Lt. I.C. Morrison
To be Orderly Sgt. Next for duty	- Sgt. Gray, C.S.R. - Mr. Jones, D.L.
To be Orderly Bdr.	- L/Cpl. Connatty

2. DUTY WATCHES from 1000 hrs. 20-7-40 to 2200 hrs. 20-7-40

#1 Detachment Sgt. Cox and 13 O.R.'s as detailed	#2 Detachment L/Sgt. Cuddford and 13 O.R.'s as detailed
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3. DUTY WATCHES from 2200 hrs. 20-7-40 to 1000 hrs. 21-7-40

#1 Detachment Sgt. Russell and 13 O.R.'s as detailed	#2 Detachment L/Sgt. Thackeray and 13 O.R.'s as detailed
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4. Marning Parade 1000hrs. 20-7-40 H.C. and Duty Watches

5. SANITARY PARADE - Saturday

Cmr. Willoughby
Cmr. Conroy

6. SENTRY DUTY from 1600 hrs. 20-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 21-7-40
Ptes. McGill, Deckerill & Howard

7. CARE & PRESERVATION OF RIFLES.

In future the Nos. 1 of the detachments will draw a week's supply of 2 x 4 from the C.M. Stores every Friday, and will be responsible for seeing that the men in their detachments keep their rifles thoroughly cleaned at all times.

8. ORDERLY SERGEANTS.

When the duties of the Orderly Sergeant do not require him to be out around the camp, he will remain in the Orderly Room, so as to be available when required.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

JULY 19th 1960

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.S</u>	<u>T&M</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	8	61	63	
	Employed		11	11	74
	Employed H.Q.		31	31	
	A.S.S.		2	2	
	Att. 58th	1	-	1	
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Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
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Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
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Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	8	10	
	Employed		5	5	15
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H.Q. 15th (Van) Coast BCo. RCA		2		2	2
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Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
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Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. RCGS	On Parade	2	2	2	2
	Employed		1	1	3
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Det. R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On Leave		1	1	
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R.C.O.C.	On Parade		1	1	1
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Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
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Civilian personnel attached			16	16	16
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Grand Total		9	166	174	<u>189</u>



JULY 19 1940

G S O
M D NO. XI
VICTORIA B C

625 YOUR CIRCULAR 12 JULY C WING CANADIAN
SMALL ARMS SCHOOL NOMINATE K17042 BDR. W D
DASHWOOD JONES

C C
YORK ISLAND

CONFIRMATION

T.O.O. 1030 hrs.

Ream

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

York Island, B.C.

IN

Major J.R. Faray, O.C.

ORDER NO. 201

20th July, 1940

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1. DUTIES - Sunday

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| Officer of the Watch
Next for duty | - Lt. P.F. Deckerill
- 2/Lt. I.C. Morrison |
| To be Orderly Officer
Next for duty | - 2/Lt. I.C. Morrison
- Lt. P.F. Deckerill |
| To be Orderly Sgt.
Next for duty | - Mr. Jones
- Mr. Cox |
| To be Orderly Mr.
Next for duty | - L/Mr. Hummel
- L/Mr. Burgess |

2. DUTY WATCHES from 1000 hrs. 21-7-40 to 1600 hrs. 21-7-40

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| #1 Detachment
Sgt. Cox and
15 O.R.'s as detailed | #2 Detachment
L/Sgt. Cuddeford and
15 O.R.'s as detailed |
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3. DUTY WATCHES from 1600 hrs. to 2200 hrs. 21-7-40

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| #1 Detachment
Sgt. Hummel and
15 O.R.'s as detailed | #2 Detachment
L/Sgt. Thackeray and
15 O.R.'s as detailed |
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4. DUTY WATCHES from 2200 hrs. 21-7-40 to 1000 hrs. 22-7-40

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| #1 Detachment
Sgt. Cox and
15 O.R.'s as detailed | #2 Detachment
Sgt. Cuddeford and
15 O.R.'s as detailed |
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5. SANITARY FATIGUE - Sunday

Cnr. Conroy
Cnr. Waddy

6. SLEEPY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 21-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 22-7-40
Ptes. Clark, Dickinson and Webster

7. DIVINE SERVICE - All personnel are cordially invited to attend Divine Service to be held on July 21st at 2000 hrs. in the NESS HALL.



Diary

July 20th

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Officer	C.M.S.	Total	Total at York Island
66th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.				
On Parade	2	59	61	
Employed		11	11	
Str. Hospital		2	2	74
A.S.L.		2	2	
On Leave		2	2	
4th 66th Bty.	1	21	22	
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Det. 6th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.		1	1	1
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Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.		1	1	1
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Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	2	8	10	15
Employed		8	8	
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S1st. Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	1	-	1	1
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H.Q. 15th (Van) Const Bde. R.C.A.	2	-	2	2
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Det. 1st. C.F.R.		14	14	14
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Det. 10th Port. Sig. Coy. R.C.S.		2	2	3
Employed		1	1	
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Det. R.C.A.M.C.	1	3	4	4
Employed		1	1	
On Leave				
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R.C.S.C.		1	1	1
Employed				
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Naval personnel attached	1	7	8	8
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Civilian personnel attached.		16	16	16
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	10	128	138	140

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.

20th July, 1940.

Headquarters,
M. D. No. 11,
Victoria, B.C.

LIFE BOAT

1. H.M.C.S. "MacDonald" brought up one life boat which was turned over to me. Enclosed is a letter from the Naval Authorities which show that the equipment for this and one other lifeboat was turned over to the Army Authorities at Esquimalt. Will you please arrange to have this forwarded to York Island per S.S. "Border Prince" leaving Vancouver about July 28th.
2. The lifeboat sent up needs painting very badly, and I am having the old paint scaled off, as I presume you wish these lifeboats redelivered back to the Navy at some future date in as good condition as possible.
3. Will you please instruct the D.O.O. to ship:
 - 10 gals. Aluminum paint for a base
 - 10 gals. Antifouling paint for the bottom
 - 20 gals. white paint
 - 5 gals. Turpentine
4. To stand up to the wear and tear these vessels should have four or five coats. I anticipate this should be enough for the two lifeboats and possibly for the other lifeboat to be sent up as water boat.

(E.J.Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island

EJP/JS
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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.

20th July, 1940.

Headquarters,
M. D. No. 11,
Victoria, B.C.

WATER STORAGE

1. In the scheme for water distribution it was proposed to build a tank on the top of the Island to supply water to the Fort and provide fire protection.
2. It was proposed to install a wooden water tank.
3. Our experience with the wood stave tank now installed half way up the hill is that unless the tank is filled up completely nearly all the time the staves dry out at the top, when the water is not standing, during hot weather. This causes considerable leakage when the staves are dried out.
4. After discussing the matter with Mr. R. Mann, the Works Foreman, I suggest that the tank be changed to a concrete or steel tank to avoid this trouble.
5. A concrete mixer will be sent up to build the crew shelter and parapet walls and could be used to build a concrete tank.
6. In addition I request that the tank be increased in size to give at least one week's water supply in case this Fort is cut off by enemy attack. Consumption at present is nearly 5,000 gallons per day, whereas the wooden tank now installed holds 15,000 gallons.

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.B.F.

York Island, B.C.

21st July, 1940

Major J.E. Ficker, O.C.

ORDER NO. 102

PAGE 1

1. DUTIES - Monday

Officer of the Watch
Next for duty

- S/Lt. I.C. Harrison
- Lt. P.F. Deckerill

To be Orderly Officer
Next for duty

- Lt. P.F. Deckerill
- S/Lt. I.C. Harrison

To be Orderly Sgt.
Next for duty

- Sgt. Hummel
- Sgt. Thackeray

To be Orderly Bdr.
Next for duty

- Bdr. Stron
- L/Bdr. Hamell

2. DUTY WATCHES from 1000 hrs. 22-7-40 to 2300 22-7-40

#1 Detachment
Sgt. Hummel and
13 O.R.'s as detailed

#2 Detachment
Sgt. Thackeray and
13 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 2300 hrs. 22-7-40 to 1000 hrs. 23-7-40

#1 Detachment
Sgt. Cox and
13 O.R.'s as detailed

#2 Detachment
L/Sgt. Cuddeford and
13 O.R.'s as detailed

4. SANITARY PATROLS - Monday

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. Conroy

5. SENTRY DUTIES - from 1800 hrs. 22-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 23-7-40

Ptes. Ballis, Brown and Watt



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.M.E.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

JULY 31st 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offrs.	O.N.S	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	59	61	
	Employed		11	11	74
	Hospital (Stn)		2	2	78
	On Leave		2	2	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	H.C.		32	32	
	Att. 50th	1		1	

Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	Stn. Hospital		1	1	1

1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1

Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	8	10	
	Employed		5	5	15

51st. Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1		1	1

H.C. 15th (Von) Const Bde. R.C.A.		2		2	2

Det. 1st. Bn. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14

Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. R.C.S.	On Parade		2	2	
	Employed		1	1	3

R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On Leave		1	1	

R.C.O.C.	Employed		1	1	1

Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8

Civilian personnel attached			16	16	16

GRAND TOTAL 10 168 178 140
160



85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
YORK ISLAND, N. I.

22nd July, 1940

By
Major J.V. Piercy, O.C.

ORDER NO. 203

PAGE 1

1. DUTIES - Tuesday

- Officer of the watch - Lt. P.F. Deckerill
Next for duty - S/Lt. I.C. Morrison
- To Be Orderly Officer - S/Lt. I.C. Morrison
Next for duty - Lt. P.F. Deckerill
- To be Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Thackeray
Next for duty - Sgt. Gray
- To be Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Hassell
Next for duty - L/Bdr. Gayton

2. DUTY WATCHES from 1000 hrs. 23-7-40 to 2200 hrs. 23-7-40

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| #1 Detachment | #2 Detachment |
| Sgt. Hassell and | L/Sgt. Thackeray and |
| 15 O.R.'s as detailed | 15 O.R.'s as detailed |

3. DUTY WATCHES from 2200 hrs. 23-7-40 to 1000 hrs. 24-7-40

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| #1 Detachment | #2 Detachment |
| FSgt. Cox and | L/Sgt. Cuddeford and |
| 15 O.R.'s as detailed | 15 O.R.'s as detailed |

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Tuesday

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. Conroy

5. SENTRY DUTIES from 1800 hrs. 23-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 24-7-40

Ptes. Burt, E., Burt, F. and Presley

6. COVERS, BRUSH, RIFLE

All personnel issued with the above mentioned will return them to C.M. Stores at the earliest opportunity.



86th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.N.F.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

July 22nd 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Office, O.R.S			Total at York Isl.
86th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	54	56	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.		2	2	60
	On Leave		2	2	
	A.M.J.		2	2	
	H.Q.		36	36	
Att. 50th		1		1	

8th Hvy. Bty. RCA	Hospital (Stn)		1	1	1

1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.			1	1	1

Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	8	10	
	Employed		5	5	15

51st. Hvy. Bty RCA		1		1	1

Det. 16th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.		1		1	1

1st. Bn. CSR	On Parade		14	14	14

10th Ft. Sig. Coy. ROCS	On Parade		2	2	
	Employed		1	1	3

R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On Leave		1	1	

R.C.O.C.	Employed.		1	1	1

Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8

Civilian personnel attached			16	16	16

GRAND TOTAL		9	167	176	<u>134</u>



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JULY 22/40

O.C. YORK ISLAND

BDR DASHWOOD-JONES SELECTED TO ATTEND 3 WEEKS "C" WING COURSE
SARCEE TO PROCEED VANCOUVER FIRST AVAILABLE BOAT AND APPLY
D D S & T O THAT POINT FOR TRANSPORTATION TO SARCEE STOP
RESPIRATOR TO BE TAKEN

D A G II

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.

22nd July, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
Vancouver Area,
323 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

WAR RESERVE - FOOD

1. The D.O.C. instructed me to lay in a war reserve of food for the garrison at York Island because in the event of enemy attack the garrison would be cut off for some time.
2. This matter was discussed with Lieut. Beck, R.C.A.S.C., on his recent visit, and he advised that they could make an issue of bully beef, etc., which could be kept in store.
3. I suggest that rations for at least 200 men be issued as we would probably have to support the crews of the examination vessels who would take shelter on York Island. Their crews would be of use in repelling a landing party even though their vessels could not fight.
4. Will you please give instructions to D.S. & T.O. to supply war reserve of food, as instructed.

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island

JEP/JS

C.O. D.D.S. & T.O., Vancouver, B.C.

PART I ORDERS

88th Heavy Batta. W. R.C.A. C.A.F.
York Island, B.C.

23rd July, 1940

Major J. R. Finlay, O.C.

ORDER NO. 204

PAGE 1

1. DUTIES - Wednesday

Officer of the Watch	- R/Lt. I.C. Morrison
Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill
To be Orderly Officer	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill
Next for duty	- R/Lt. I.C. Morrison
To be Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Gray
Next for duty	- Sgt. Cox
To be Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Gayton

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 24-7-40 to 1930 hrs. 24-7-40

Detachment No. 1
L/Sgt. Thackeray
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

Detachment No. 2
Bdr. Cox
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 1930 hrs. 24-7-40 to 0730 hrs. ~~24-7-40~~ 25-7-40

Sgt. Hummel
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Bdr. Hazzell
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

4. ~~SPARE WATCHES~~

SPARE BY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 24-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 25-7-40

Sgt. Cox
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Sgt. Cuddeford
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

5. MANNING PARADE - 0900 hrs. 24-7-40 H.Q. Party & Duty Watches

6. SANITARY PARADE - Wednesday

Gnr. Willoughby
Gnr. Confrey

7. SPERRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 24-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 25-7-40
Ptes. McNeill, Bookstader, Howard



6/20/47
85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.I.C.F.

YORK ISLAND, R.C.

July 23rd 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>OFFER.</u>	<u>O.R.B</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL AT YORK ISLAND</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	54	56	
	Employed		12	12	
	Str. Hospital		1	1	69
	On Leave		2	2	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	H.Q.		36	36	
	Att. 50th	1		1	

85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1

1st. A.A. Regt. RCA	On Parade		1	1	1

Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A./	On Parade	2	8	10	
	Employed		5	5	15

51st. Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Parade	1		1	1

H.Q. 15th (Von) Coast Bde. R.C.A.		3	1	4	4

1st. Bn. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14

10th Fort. Sig. Coy. ROCS	On Parade		2	2	
	Employed		1	1	5

R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On Leave		1	1	

R.C.O.C.	Employed		1	1	1

Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8

Civilian personnel attached			16	16	16

Grand Total		11	168	179	187



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O.C. YORK ISLAND

408 PERMISSION GRANTED FOR U S AIRCRAFT TENDER TEAL AND
MOTOR LAUNCH PROCEEDING SEATTLE VIA SITKA VIA INSIDE PASSAGE
25-30 JULY STOP U S ARMY AIRCRAFT ALSO FLYING SEATTLE TO
JUNEAU AND PRINCE GEORGE

O.C. VAN AREA

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.

24th July, 1940.

by
Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

ORDER NO. 205

PAGE 1

1. DUTIES - Thursday

Officer of the watch - Lt. P.F. Dockerill
Next for duty - S/Lt. I.C. Morrison

To be Orderly Sgt. for
week ending Sat. 27th July - Sgt. Cox, S.D.
Next for duty - Sgt. Hummel

To be Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Burgess

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 25-7-40 to 1930 hrs. 25-7-40

No. 1 Detachment

L/Sgt. Thackeray and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

No. 2 Detachment

Bdr. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 1930 hrs. 25-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 26-7-40

No. 1 Detachment

Sgt. Hummel and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

No. 2 Detachment

L/Bdr. Hummel and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

4. STAND BY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 25-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 26-7-40

No. 1 Detachment

Sgt. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

No. 2 Detachment

L/Sgt. Cuddeford and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

5. MANNING PARADE - 0900 hrs. 25-7-40 H.Q. and Duty Watches

6. SANITARY FATIGUE - Thursday

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. Conroy

7. SPERRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 25-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 26-7-40
Ptes. Clark, Dickinson and Webster

8. SENTRIES - In future the sentries on duty will take the number and name of any man found around the camp after "lights out" and will turn them over to the Sergeant-Major on completion of their tour of duty.

9. M/S POLAR FORCEITE - No H.C.O. or man is to leave the Island on the M/S Polar Forceite, unless he is detailed to a fatigue party or is given special permission.



2nd July

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

York Island, B.C.

July 24th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.S.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade	2	54	56	
	Employed		12	12	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	69
	A.W.L.		1	1	
	H.C.		37	37	
	Att. 58th On Leave On Command	1		2	2
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5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade		1	1	1
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1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade		1	1	1
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Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade	2	9	11	
	Employed		4	4	15
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31st. Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade	1		1	1
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H.Q. 15th (Ven) Coast Bde. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade	2		2	2
<hr/>					
1st. Bn. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
<hr/>					
R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
<hr/>					
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On Leave		1	1	
<hr/>					
R.C.O.C.	Employed		1	1	1
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Naval personnel attached..		1	7	8	8
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Civilian personnel attached.			16	16	16
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GRAND TOTAL		10	167	177	<u>185</u>



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VANCOUVER JULY 24/1920

O.C. YORK ISLAND

407 FURTHER VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING DISTRICT REFERENCE
2-1-26-36 OF 23RD JULY OUTGOING PARTY OF FIRST BN CAN SCOTTISH
WILL BE PICKED UP BY BORDER PRINCE AT 1800 HRS 25th JULY
AND TAKEN TO GOV'T WHARF CAMPBELL RIVER STOP PARTY WILL BE
CONVEYED TO VICTORIA FROM THERE BY R C A S C BUS

O.C. VAN AREA

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.P.
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

24th July,

O.

Headquarters,
H. D. No. 11,
Victoria, B.C.

LOCAL DEFENCE AND CAMOUFLAGE

1. The D.O.C. instructed me to indent for barbed wire to provide for local defence of all available landings as no barbed wire defences are installed on the Island.
2. I understand that in the Vancouver Area the 6th Field Coy. R.C.E. are to instal barbed wire defences and camouflage for all vulnerable points of the forts as part of their training for active service.
3. I request that York Island be included in the work to be done by the 6th Field Coy. R.C.E. as their men are specially trained in erection of local defences and camouflage.

(J.E. Piorey) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island

JEP/JS

c.c. O.C. Vancouver Area

Friday

PART I WATCHES

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.B.C.
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

24th July, 1940

Major J.F. Bieray, C.M.

ORDER NO. 206

PAGE 1

1. DUTIES: Friday

Officer of the watch	- 2/Lt. I.C. Mordach
Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill
To be Orderly Officer	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. I.C. Harrison
To be Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Cox

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 26-7-40 to 1930 hrs. 26-7-40

No. 1 Detachment

No. 2 Detachment

L/Sgt. Thackeray and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

Mr. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 1930 hrs. 26-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 27-7-40

Sgt. Hessel and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Mr. Hessel and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

4. STAND BY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 26-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 27-7-40

Sgt. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Sgt. Cuddeford, and
8 O.R.'s detailed

5. MANNING PARADE - 0900 hrs. 26-7-40 H.Q. and Duty Watches.

6. SANITARY PATROL - Friday

Cmr. Willoughby
Cmr. King

7. SENTRY DUTY from 1600 hrs. 26-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 27-7-40

Ptes. Witsker, Cameron, D., Robbins

8. L/Tel. Barlow, R.C.M.E.

A letter has been received from Lieut. J.V. Hughes, R.C.M.E. requesting that the thanks of the Commanding Officer and crew of the HMS "Leola Vivian" be conveyed to the Officers, R.C.O.'s, and men of York Island Garrison and the civilian volunteers for their unstinted efforts in endeavouring to find Telegrapher Barlow, lost near Fraser Bay, Loughborough Inlet. Their help is sincerely appreciated and it was through no lack of trying that he was not found.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.M.F.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

JULY 25th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

SERIAL		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offrs.	C.R.S.	TOTAL	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	55	57	70
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.		2	2	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	H.Q.		37	37	
	On Leave		1	1	
	On Command		1	1	
Att. 50th	1		1		
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	1
1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	9	11	15
	Employed		4	4	
1st. Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Parade	1		1	1
H.Q. 15th (Van) C. B. RCA		2		2	2
1st. Bn. C.S.B.	On Parade		14	14	14
2nd. Bn. (MG) CSR	On Parade		14	14	14
R.C.C.S.	On Parade		5	5	5
RECORDED R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On Leave		1	1	
R.C.O.C.	Employed		1	1	1
Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			16	16	16
GRAND TOTAL		10	183	193	<u>160</u>



PART I ORDERS

86th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. S.A.S.F.
YORK ISLAND, N.C.

26th July, 1940

by
Major J.F. Piercy, O.C.

ORDER NO. 207

PAGE 1

1. DUTIES: Saturday

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill
Next for duty	- Lt. J.H. Morrison
To be Orderly Officer	- R/Lt. I.C. Morrison
Next for duty	- Lt. J.H. Morrison
To be Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Cox
To be Orderly Bdr.	- L/Cpl. Smith, C.S.R.

2. DUTY WATCHES - from 0730 hrs. 27-7-40 to 1930 hrs. 27-7-40

No. 1 Detachment

L/Sgt. Theakeray and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

No. 2 Detachment

Mr. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 1930 hrs. 27-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 28-7-40

Sgt. Hummel and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Sgt. Hummel and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

4. STAND BY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 27-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 28-7-40

Sgt. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Sgt. Cuddeford and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

5. Manning Parade - 0900 hrs. 27-7-40 H.Q. and Duty watches.

6. SANITARY FATIGUE - Saturday

Cmr. Willoughby
" King

7. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 27-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 28-7-40

Ptes. Wilkin, Plamondon, Corroll

8. DRUSS - In future blouses, serge, will be worn by all ranks on the morning parade.

9. RIFLES - All O.R.'s will fall in with rifles on morning parade.



66th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

JULY 26th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O(2)s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
66th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	55	57	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.		2	2	70
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	H.C.		37	37	
	On Leave		2	2	
	On Command		1	1	
	Att. 58th	1		1	
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6th Hvy. Bty. RCA	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	1
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1st. A.A. Regt. RCA	On Parade		1	1	1
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1st. S/L Regt. RCA	On Parade	2	9	11	
	Employed		4	4	15
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51st. Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Parade	1		1	1
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2nd. Bn. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
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R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
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R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On Leave		1	1	
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R.C.O.C.	Employed		1	1	1
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Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
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Civilian personnel attached			14	14	14
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Grand Total		6	168	174	<u>182</u>



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O.C. VAN AREA

65th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. CASF
York Island, B.C.

26th July. O.

Headquarters,
M. S. No. 11,
Victoria, B.C.

BRING TO ROUND

1. At 1444 hrs., July 25, 1940, No. 2 gun fired a "Bring-To" round, range approximately 4,000 yds, bearing 160°, on orders from C.X.O.
2. The gill netter "Sea Cub" of New Westminster, Smith's Sound to Fraser River, passed along the south shore evading contact with the EKCS "MacDonald" engaged in examining other vessels.
3. The boat stopped, was overtaken by the Navy, searched and papers found to be in good order.

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island

HRJ/JS

C.O. C.O. Vancouver Area.
C.O. C.O. 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. RCA CASF

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.

26th July,

O.

SECRET

Officer Commanding,
15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. CASF,
Bessborough Armouries,
Vancouver, B.C.

ACCOMMODATION - YORK ISLAND

Reference your letter 19th July re possible
disbandment of "E" Force.

1. There is plenty of accommodation on York Island for the 20 O.R.'s sent down from this Battery to join the "E" Force because the civilian employees of the D.F.O. have been reduced by 22, and an additional detachment of 3rd S/L Bty. have been reduced by 20.
2. I regret that the "E" Force may be disbanded but would welcome the return of the 20 experienced gunners sent down for it as nearly 40% of my Battery consists of new recruits with consequent loss of efficiency until they are trained.
3. An intensive training course is now under way but it will take time to bring them up to the standard of the 20 men sent down, most of whom had at least a year's training.

(J.E. Picroy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island

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Title pages will be prepared.

85th Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

ORIGINAL

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and Initials
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. York Island	1940 July	27	9 O.R.'s reported for duty	
			1 O.R. returned from compassionate leave	
			1 O.R. proceeded on compassionate leave	
			Letter re meals (see app. D)	
			" " machine guns (see app. D)	1-0
			" " mechanical saw (" D)	9-1
			" " S.A.A. ammunition (see app. D)	8-4
			" " relief of personnel (see app. D)	9-2
			Weather: cloudy	5-1
			28 1 O.R. HQOC and 1 O.R. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. returned to Vancouver	
			Weather: cloudy with showers	
			29 Letter re clothing: (see app. D)	
Weather: fair	60-1			
30 Letter re glass (see app. D)				
Letter re attached O.R.'s (see app. D)	8-4			
1120 No. 2 gun fired one Bring-to round (see app. D)	6-0			
Lt. I.C. Morrison and 12 O.R.'s 3 S/L Bty. proceeded to Vancouver	1-0			
1 O.R. 1st A.A. Regt. RCA proceeded to Vancouver. 1 O.R. 12th Fd. Amb. sent to Shaughnessy Hosp. Weather: cloudy with showers				
31 0922 hrs. No. 1 gun fired one Bring-to round (see app. D)				
Weather: cloudy	1-0			

85th Heavy Battery R.C.A.
J. P. [Signature]
1940

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PART I ORDERS

88th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.B.F.
York Island, B.C.

28th July, 1940.

by
Major J.P. Piercy, O. C.

ORDER NO. 208

Page 1

1. DUTIES: Sunday

Officer of the Watch - Lt. J.H. Bricker
Next for duty - 2/Lt. I.C. Morrison

To be Orderly Officer - Lt. P.F. Deckerill
Next for duty - Lt. J.H. Bricker

To be Orderly Sgt.
for week ending Saturday, Aug. 3rd - Sgt. Hummel

To be Orderly Bdr. -do- - 1/Bdr. Hummel

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 28-7-40 to 1930 hrs. 28-7-40

No. 1 Detachment

Sgt. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

No. 2 Detachment

L/Sgt. Cuddeford and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 1930 hrs. 28-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 29-7-40

L/Sgt. Thackeray and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

Bdr. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

4. STAND BY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 28-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 29-7-40

Sgt. Hummel and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Sgt. Cartwright and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

5. Manning Parade 0830 hrs. 28-7-40, R.Q. Party and Duty Watches

6. SANITARY FATIGUE - Sunday

Cnr. King
" Schuehn

7. SENTRY DUTIES from 1800 hrs. 28-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 29-7-40

Ptes. English, McCulloch, Johnstone



85th HEAVY BATTERY, U.S.A. CAMP
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

July 27th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>S.N.C.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Parade	8	66	66	
	Employed		10	10	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	76
	On Furlough		1	1	
	On Leave		1	1	
	Att. to 85th	1		1	
On Command		2	1		
H.Q.			31	31	
5th Hvy. Bty. RCA	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	1
1st. A.A. Bgty. RCA	On Parade		1	1	1
51st. Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Parade	1		1	1
1st. S/L Bgty. RCA	On Parade	2	9	11	
	Employed		4	4	15
2nd. Bn. (HQ) C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
R.C.C.S. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy.	On Parade		3	3	
	Employed		1	1	4
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	2	3	
	Hosp.		1	1	4
	On Furlough		1	1	
R.C.C.C.	Employed		1	1	1
Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			14	14	14
GRAND TOTAL		8	167	175	<u>139</u>

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YORK ISLAND
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VAN AREA

YOUR LETTER MOVEMENT DETACHMENT 5 SL BY STOP PLEASE
ARRANGE 1 SUBALTERN SS O R 's FROM 15 COAST BDE RCA
~~sent~~ REPLACEMENTS SHIPMENT CANADIAN NATIONAL VESSEL
MONDAY

O C
YORK ISLAND

CONFIRMATION
T.O.O. 1400 hrs.

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. CASF
York Island, B.C.

27th July, 0

Officer Commanding,
Vancouver Area,
325 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

MEALS - PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM YORK ISLAND

Reference your letter 24th July, 1940, file 82-2-15.

1. Will you please advise me the specific instances in which personnel demanded a midnight meal on the boat in addition to the usual breakfast, so that I can check on same. Broad general statements are useless, you can give details.
2. For your information no authorization has been given on warrants for personnel to obtain midnight meals at Government expense. If a man wants a midnight meal and is willing to pay for it, he is, of course, within his rights in asking for it.
3. Reference your para. 3 and 4, your instructions are impracticable because the vessels southbound do not pass at regular hours in the morning like passenger trains. They pass at all hours of the day and night, depending on the amount of cargo to be handled en route, time of slack water in Seymour Harrows, etc. We have had cases when vessels have been 14 hours late, and we have no means of finding out the time of arrival at Johnston Straits or Kelsey Bay. If a man travels all day on the vessel he is entitled to all three meals, and that is what we name on his warrant.
4. Leave Personnel. No personnel proceeding on leave have been supplied with meal warrants.
5. Before issuing such broad sweeping instructions I suggest that it is desirable for Staff Captain, Vancouver Area, to ascertain local conditions on York Island so that he knows what he is talking about. I suggest that he be instructed to pay a visit to York Island, and on his return we could arrange for him to sit in a boat in Johnston Straits waiting three or four hours, in the middle of the night, for a C.M. passenger vessel or sit on Kelsey Bay Wharf for six hours waiting for a Union S.S. Co. vessel.

(J.E. Piroy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding, York Island.

JEP/JS

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.

27th July.

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D. O. O.,
HD. No. 11,
Victoria, B.C.

MACHINE GUNS

Sgt. R.J. Irving, R.C.O.C., advises me of the following defective material.

1. Guns, Machine, Lewis, SOS, Registered No. 5712, A barrel requires replacement.
2. Guns, Machine, Lewis, SOS, Mark 1, Registered No. 51771 Z, 4, barrel requires replacement, not up to gauge.
3. Please wire authority to return these defective barrels to your stores. Sgt. Irving also advises that we need wire gauge for cleaning rifles and R.C., and we are enclosing indent for same.
4. Guns, Machine, Lewis, SOS, Mark 1. The C.S.O.I. advised me that we should have on charge two (2) Lewis Guns for A.A. defence, complete with A.A. mounting, and spare parts, whereas we only have one on charge. The D.O., 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A., advises me that indent for same was submitted a considerable time ago. Will you please arrange to forward this second gun and A.A. mounting as soon as possible.

(J.E. Pioray) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island

JER/JS

c.c. District Officer, 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. RCA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.

27th July, 1940.

Headquarters,
R.D.No.11,
Victoria, B.C.

MECHANICAL SAW - YORK ISLAND

1. In March, 1940, the D.S. & T.O. hired a drag saw for use on York Island (letter D.S.&T.O., 4th March, File 29F-1-3-1).
2. This saw arrived about May 7th and was adversely reported on by Lieut. A. Webster, R.C.E. (letter York Island, 7th May, File 8-4).
3. D.S.& T.O. advised that arrangements have been completed for purchase by D.N.O. of a saw for York Island, and that the hired one was to be returned (letter 15th May, 1940.)
4. The new drag saw promised has not yet been received consequently the old rented one is still in use, with frequent stoppages for repairs. This old saw now needs numerous new parts in order to keep it running, but the Ordnance Officer, R.C.E. Works Officer, D.D.S.& T.O., Vancouver, all disclaim any authority for supply of spare parts.
5. Will you please advise me:-
 - (a) Is the old saw to be retained up here on hire, and if so, which department supplies spare parts;
 - (b) or, alternatively, when will the D.N.O. send up the new saw, as advised in D.S. & T.O. letter 15th May, 1940?
6. The purchase of a new saw is more satisfactory as continued purchase of new parts means eventually the owner of the old saw receives a practically new saw bought piece by piece. I understand the cost of a heavy duty drag saw would be about \$230.00.
7. The saw is used for cleaning up the Island, any logs encountered during clearing operations being sawn up and used for fuel. There is sufficient clearing on the Island to keep the saw going for months, possibly years.

(J.E.Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island

JEP/JS

65th Heavy Battery, R. C. A. CASF
York Island, B.C.

27th July, O.

B. O. O.,
H.D.No.11,
Victoria, B.C.

S.A.A. ASSURANCE

1. The C.S.O. advises me that he was arranging for you to supply 45,000 to 50,000 rounds to bring us up to over war reserve, immediately.
2. Will you please advise when this will be shipped.

(J.F.Pieroy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island

JFP/JS

c.c. D.O. 18th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. CASF
c.c. C.O. Vancouver Area

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
65th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.

SECRET

27th July, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
Vancouver Area,
323 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

RELIEF OF PERSONNELDetachment 3rd S/L Bty.

Reference your letter, 25th July, 1940,
File 64-2-4/64-2-15.

1. A telegram was sent to you asking you to arrange with 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. to send up one Officer and 23 O.R.'s which in the strength H.Q. H.B.H.I laid down in November, 1939, to be supplied by 3rd S/L Bty. as necessary to keep this garrison up to strength.
2. It is requested that these men be sent up by C. N. S. S. Co. leaving Monday evening at 2100 hrs., arriving York Island, Tuesday, 0800 hrs., and not by Union S.S.Co. vessel "Cholosin" leaving Monday, at 1600 hrs. arriving Kelsey Bay 2359 hrs. Tuesday.
3. E. 16065 Gnr. Smith, L., 1st A.A. Regt. Reference your letter dated 26th July, 1940, File 1-18.

This man cannot be sent down until you arrange to send up another tractor driver and assistant, as the tractor is our only means of transportation, and is in use every day. Please arrange to send another qualified tractor driver and assistant to replace the a/m man.

(J.V. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island.

c.c. 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. CASF

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.B.F.
York Island, B.C.

29th July, 1940.

Major J.E.Piercy, O. C.

ORDER NO. 209

PAGE 1

1. DUTIES: Monday

Officer of the Watch Next for duty	- 2/Lt. I.C.Morrison - Lt.P.F.Dockerill
To be Orderly Officer Next for duty	- Lt.J.H.Brieker - 2/Lt. I.C.Morrison
To be Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Hummel
To be Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr.Hummel

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 29-7-40 to 1930 hrs. 29-7-40

No. 1 Detachment

Sgt. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

No. 2 Detachment

L/Sgt. Gudsford and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 1930 hrs. 29-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 30-7-40

L/Sgt. Thackeray and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

Bdr. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

4. STAND BY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 29-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 30-7-40

Sgt. Hummel and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Sgt. Cartwright and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

5. MANNING PARADE - 0730 hrs. 29-7-40 H.Q. & Duty watches
and 1930 hrs.

6. SANITARY FATIGUE - Monday

Gnr.Willoughby
Gnr.King

7. SENTRY DUTIES from 1800 hrs. 29-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 30-7-40

Ptes. Legg, Shearer, Hayes



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
85th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., C.A.S.F.

July 28th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offrs.	O.R.S.	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Parade	2	63	65	
	Employed		10	10	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	76
	On Furlough		1	1	
	On Leave		1	1	
	Att. 58th	1		1	
	On Command; H.Q.		1	1	
			31	31	

8th Hvy. Bty. RCA	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	1

1st. A.A. Regt. RCA	On Parade		1	1	1

1st. Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Parade	1		1	1

1st. S/L Regt. RCA	On Parade	2	9	11	
	Employed		4	4	15

2nd. Bn. (MG) CSR	On Parade		14	14	14

R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	
	Employed		1	1	4

R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	2	3	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	4
	On Furlough		1	1	

R.C.O.C.	Employed		1	1	1

Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8

Civilian personnel attached			14	14	14

GRAND TOTAL		8	167	175	<u>189</u>



PAGE 1 DUTIES

66th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.I.B.C.F.
YORK ISLAND, R.C.

29th July, 1940.

by
Major J.W. Flanagan, O.C.

ORDER NO. 210

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1. DUTIES: Tuesday

Officer of the Watch Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Dockerill - Lt. J.R. Bricker
To be Orderly Officer Next for duty	- Lt. J.R. Bricker - Lt. P.F. Dockerill
To be Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Hurrell
To be Orderly Mr.	- Mr. Hurrell

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 30-7-40 to 1930 hrs. 30-7-40.

No. 1 Detachment

No. 2 Detachment

Sgt. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Sgt. Cuddeford and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 1930 hrs. 30-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 31-7-40.

L/Sgt. Thackeray and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

Mr. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

4. STAND BY WATCHES from 0730 hrs 30-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 31-7-40

Sgt. Hurrell and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Mr. Hurrell and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

5. HANDLER PARADES 0730 hrs. and 1930 hrs. 30-7-40, R.C. & duty watches

6. SAFETY PATROL - Tuesday

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. King
Pte. Wilkin

7. SUNNY DUTY - from 1800 hrs. 30-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 31-7-40

Ptes. Witaker, Cameron, Robbins

8. NOTICE: Attention is drawn to the notice in the ablaton hut -
disposing of cigarettes/bats, etc. in the urinals. This notice must
be strictly adhered to.



85th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., CASE.

York Island, B.C.

July 29th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.S</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	60	62	
	Employed		10	10	
	Stn. Hosp.		4	4	76
	On Leave		1	1	
	On Furlough		1	1	
	Att. 88th	1		1	
	On Command H.Q.		1 31	1 31	

5th Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Stn. Hosp		1	1	1

1st. A.A. Regt. RCA	On Parade		1	1	1

31st. Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Parade	1		1	1

1st. S/L Regt. RCA	On Parade	2	9	11	
	Employed		4	4	15

2nd. Bn. (MG) CSR	On Parade		13	13	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	14

R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3

R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	2	3	
	Stn. Hosp..		1	1	4
	On Furlough		1	1	

Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8

Civilian personnel attached			14	14	14

GRAND TOTAL		8	165	173	<u>137</u>



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YORK ISLAND
29 JULY 1940

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633 REPORTING 7 PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

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YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1230 hrs.

CONFIRMATION

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
88th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.

July 29th 1940

Officer Commanding,
2nd. Bn. (MG) Can. Scots. Regt. CASF
Esquimalt, B.C.

CLOTHING - YORK ISLAND DETACHMENT

1. The majority of the men of this detachment arrived here without complete issue of clothing and necessaries. Table attached hereto will serve as a guide to items urgently needed.
2. If overall Battledress Blouses and trousers are not available, please try to obtain shirts service and trousers service. If shirts service are not available please try to issue shirts khaki drill with short sleeves.
3. We presume your Quartermaster has a size roll for each of these men, if not, advise immediately and we will forward this to you.

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer C

TABLE OF SHORTAGES

	Overalls - Blouses	Battledress Trousers	Caps Balmoral	Boots Ankle	Brush Boot Blacking	Brush Boot Polish	Brush Shave	Drawers Woolen	Jackets Sweater	Shirts Woolen	Hosiery Socks	Black Ties
K62066 Sgt. Stilwell G.W.	2	2	1	1								1
K62047 L/Cpl. Smith R.	2	2	1	1								1
K62054 Pte. Wilkin F.S.	2	2	1									1
K62396 Pte. Wytaker H.	2	2	1					2		2		1
K62401 Pte. Cameron D.	2	2	1	1								1
K62609 Pte. Robbins W.	2	2	1	1	1	1		2	1	2		1
K62617 Pte. Plamondon H.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2		1
K62618 Pte. English R.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2		2		1
K62774 Pte. Gerrill W.W.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2		1
K62777 Pte. McCulloch F.L.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2		2		1
K62778 Pte. Jonstone D.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2		1
K62991 Pte. Legg A.S.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2		2		1
K62989 Pte. Shearer H.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2		1
K62995 Pte. Hayes W.G.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2		2		1

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
KORR ISLAND, N.I.

30th July, 1940.

Major J. W. Tierney, O.C.

ORDER No. 211

PAGE 1

1. DUTIES: Wednesday

Officer of the Watch Next for duty	- Lt. J.H. Bricker - Lt. P.F. Deckerill
To be Orderly Officer Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill - Lt. J.H. Bricker
To be Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Cartwright
To be Orderly Mr.	- L/Mr. Hamwell

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 31-7-40 to 1930 hrs. 31-7-40

Detachment No. 1

Sgt. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

Detachment No. 2

L/Sgt. Cuddeford and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 1930 hrs. 31-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 1-8-40

Sgt. Thackeray and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

Mr. COX and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

4. STAND BY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 31-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 1-8-40

L/Sgt. Cartwright and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Mr. Hamwell and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

5. MANNING PARADES - 0730 hrs. and 1930 hrs. 31-7-40 R.C. & Duty watches

6. SANITARY PATROL - Wednesday

Cnr. Willoughby
" King
Pte. English

7. SPERRY DUTY from 1600 hrs. 31-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 1-8-40

Ptes. Wilkin, Diamond-r, Corrill



80th. Heavy Battery R.C.A. (CAF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

Diary

July 30th, 1940.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offrs.	C.N.'s	Total	Total at York Is.
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	51	53	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn.Hosp.		3	3	77
	On leave		1	1	
	On furlough		1	1	
	Att. 56th	1		1	
	On command H.C.		1 51	1 51	
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6th Hvy.Bty. RCA	In Stn.Hosp.		1	1	1
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1st A.A. Regt. RCA	On Parade		1	1	1
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51st Hvy.Bty. RCA	On Parade	1		1	1
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1st S/L Regt. RCA	On Parade	2	9	11	
	Employed		4	4	15
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2nd Bn.(MG) CSR	On Parade		13	13	
	Stn.Hosp.		1	1	14
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R.C.C.B.	On Parade		3	3	3
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R.C.A.H.C.	Employed	1	2	3	
	Stn.Hosp.		1	1	4
	On Furlough		1	1	
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Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	8
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Civilian Personnel Att.			14	14	14
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		8	166	174	158



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SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS ON THE BACK HEREOF:—

YORK ISLAND, B.C.
JULY 30th 1940

O.C. VAN AREA

624 LIEUT. MORRISON AND 12 O.R.S S S/L BTY ONE O.R. 1 AA
REGT ARRIVING VANCOUVER WEDNESDAY A.M. ON S S CAMOSUN STOP
HAVE AMBULANCE MEET VESSEL TO TAKE PTE CUMMING W A TO HOSPITAL

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YORK ISLAND

442 K22066 GNR ROSE CH FIRST SL REGT TO REMAIN YORK ISLAND
PENDING TRANSFER TO 85TH BTY

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443 REFERENCE YOUR LETTER 5-1 27 JULY GNR SMITH L
TO REPORT OWN UNIT AS ORDERED

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VAN AREA

JUL 30 1940

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. CASE
York Island, B.C.

30th July, 1940.

Attention, R.C.E. Works Officer.

Officer Commanding,
Vancouver Area,
323 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

GLASS IN FORT

1. Please forward the following panes of plate glass to repair windows in the Fort which were broken by concussion of the gun firing:

2 pcs. 13½" x 19½" x ½"

1 pcs. 1'9" x 3'8½" x ½"

2. - From time to time there will be other requests as some of the glass does not seem to stand up to gun fire but the above three pieces are all that is required at present.

(J.E.Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island

JEP/JS

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.

30th July, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. CASF,
Vancouver, B.C.

ATTACHED O.R.'s

K17091	Gnr. Barnett, F.	K17081	Gnr. Shore, T.
K17009	" Dyer, A.M.	K17104	" Battelley, J.H.
K17080	" Hammell, R.S.	K17113	" Monaghan, R.A.
K17075	" O'Brien, P.C.	K17119	" Lawrence, C.H.
K17025	" Power, P.L.	K17125	" O'Neill, J.
K17063	" Richards, W.H.	K17128	" Mackie, D.E.
		K17133	" Drayton, J.G.

- All the above men are attached to your Headquarters.
- It is understood that K17081 Gnr. Shore, T., is to be reposted and replaced by another man. When will this be effective?
- It is understood that K17075 Gnr. O'Brien, P.C., is to be reposted to 51st or 58th Bty. Please advise when this will be effective.
- Regarding the balance of the men listed an explanation regarding the reason why they are being retained will be appreciated.

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island

EEB/JS

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
86th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.

30th July, 1940.

Headquarters,
H.D. No. 11,
Victoria, B.C.

NEWS TO ROUND

1. At 1120 hrs. July 30, 1940, No. 2 gun fired a round under orders from XV at the "KUROSHIMA" No. 2, VIII-C, proceeding south in Johnstone Straits. She stopped, was found in good order and allowed to proceed.

(J.F. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island.

JHB/JS

C.C. O.C. Vancouver Area
C.C. O.C. 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. CASF

PART I ORDERS

88th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
YORK ABLETT, B.C.

31st July, 1940.

by
Major J.V. Fiersey, O.C.

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1. DUTIES: Thursday

Officer of the Watch Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Dockerill - Lt. J.H. Bricker
To be Orderly Officer Next for duty	- Lt. J.H. Bricker - Lt. P.F. Dockerill
To be Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Cartwright
To be " " Mr.	- L/Mr. Hammel

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 1-8-40 to 1930 hrs. 1-8-40

No. 1 Detachment

Sgt. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

No. 2 Detachment

L/Sgt. Cuddeford and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 1930 hrs. 1-8-40 to 0730 hrs. 2-8-40

Sgt. Shackaroy and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

Mr. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

4. SEAMEN WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 1-8-40 to 0730 hrs. 2-8-40

L/Sgt. Cartwright and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Mr. Hammel and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

5. MORNING PARADES 0730 hrs. and 1930 hrs. 1-8-40

6. SAFETY FATIGUE - Thursday

Cnr. Willoughby
" King
Ptes. Legg

7. SENTRY DUTIES from 1800 hrs. 1-8-40 to 0600 hrs. 2-8-40

Ptes. English, McCalloch and Johnstone

8. SENIOR NUT H.C.O.'s

- i) The H.C.O. in charge of each hut is responsible for the entire cleanliness of his hut.
- ii) He will see that his men are out of bed no later than five (5) minutes after Reveille.
- iii) He will keep a duty roster of hut orderlies and will hand their names to the Orderly Sgt. before 12 o'clock on the day prior to their tour of duty.
- iv) He will maintain discipline in the hut at all times, and will report any breach thereof to his senior Sgt.

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PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.B.F.

30th July, 1940

by
Major J.E. Flory, C.G.

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9. HUT ORDERLIES:

- i) It is the duty of hut orderly to keep his hut clean and tidy.
- ii) He will sweep the floor, dust off all tables, benches, window sills, and rafters.
- iii) Keep the hut supplied with fuel, and empty the ashes.
- iv) See that all lamps are kept in working condition, and supplied with fuel.
- v) Keep the area under and around the outside of his hut clean of all rubbish.
- vi) He will be present at the Orderly Officer's inspection.



85th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., CAMP
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

JULY 31st, 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.S.R.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL AT YORK ISLAND</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Parade	8	61	69	
	Employed		10	10	
	Str. Hosp.		8	8	76
	On Leave		1	1	
	On Furlough		1	1	
	Att. 50th	1		1	
	On Command H.Q.		3	1	
			31	31	
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8th Hvy. Bty. RCA	Str. Hosp.		1	1	1
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31st Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Parade	1		1	1
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1st. S/L Regt. RCA	On Parade	1		1	
	Employed		1	1	1
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2nd. Bn. (20) Can Scots. Regt.	On Parade		14	14	14
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R.C. C.S. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy.	On Parade.		3	3	3
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15th Flt. Asst. RCAMC (Detail)	Employed				
		1		1	1
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12th Flt. Asst. RCAMC (Detail)	Employed				
		2		2	2
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Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
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Civilian personnel attached			15	15	15
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GRAND TOTAL		7	151	158	<u>183</u>



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VANCOUVER B.C.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

454 DO YOU CONCUR TRANSFER BDR LARSEN #10 COY CFC

O.C. VAN AREA

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. CASF
York Island, B.C.

31st July, 0.

Headquarters,
M.D. No. 11,
Victoria, B.C.

BRING TO BOUND

1. At 0922 hrs. on 31st July, 1940, the
X.V. H.M.C.S. "~~Albatross~~^{MACDUNN}" signalled to bring
a vessel to, proceeding east along Sunderland
Channel. No. 1 gun fired one round at 0923 hrs.,
the vessel stopped and was dealt with by the
X. O.
2. I am informed the name was the m/v "Gleona".

(J.P. Piercy) Major R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island

JEP/JS

C.C. O.C. Vancouver Area
C.C. O.C. 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. CASF

- WAR DIARY -

50th Heavy Batts T.F., R.C.A.C., B.C.F.
York Island, B.C.

Appendix "C"

STANDARD ENGLISH

- WAR DIARY -

20th Bo. Vy Battery, 8, 0, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 4, 5, 6, 8,

York Island, B, C,

Agassiz "D"

HERBERT B. LATTIN

- WAR DIARY -

8:th Navy Battery, B.C.A. C.A.D.E.

York Island, B.C.

Appendix "E"

STRENGTH RETURNS