



**War Diaries  
85<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**June 1940**

**SECRET**

ORIGINAL

(Strike out where not applicable)

# WAR DIARY

OF

85<sup>A</sup> Heavy Battery R.C.A. (Details) Serial No 390

FROM 1 Jun 40 TO 30 Jun 40

VOLUME ① 10

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

# WAR DIARY

OR

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

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to O. (i/c 2nd Echelon for disposal.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and Initials
85th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A. York Island	June 1940			
	June	1	Letter re refrigeration (see app. D) " " typewriter (" " D) " " W/T Schedules (" " D) Return of religious denominations 3 O.R.'s reported for duty. Lt. Webster granted 3 days leave. 1 O.R. sent to Shaughnessy Hospital "Border Prince" delivered stores and water. Weather: Bright	8-1 5-5 104 8-4
		2	Weather: Bright	
		3	Weather: Bright	
		4	Letter re Overseas drafts (see app. D.) " " Polar Forcite (" " D.)	6-0 7-2
	0845		Bring to round fired by No.1 gun (see app.D) Weather: bright	1-0
		5	Lt. Webster and 10 O.R.'s returned from leave 10 O.R.'s proceeded on leave "Border Prince" delivered water. Weather: Showers	
		6	Capt. French, C.D.C. and 1 O.R. returned to Victoria 3 O.R.'s 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. arrived Weather: raining	
		7	Letter re additional rations (see page app. D) 3 O.R.'s 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. return to Vancouver m/v "Columbia" took 35 O.R.'s on trip to Rock Bay. Weather: Bright	8-1
		8	Lt.-Cpl. R.H. Webb, RCASC, arrived Sgt. McAlister, escort and 1 O.R. RCASC, in detention proceeded to Victoria 7 O.R.'s proceeded on leave and 1 O.R. returned from leave Lt. Webster and 1 O.R. proceeded to New Westminster Weather: bright and warm	
		9	10 O.R.'s proceeded to Vancouver Weather: bright	
		10	6 O.R.'s proceeded on leave 1 O.R. taken on strength at Vancouver Weather: warm	

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55th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. CASE.

York Island, B.C.

June 1st 1940

PART I ORDERS NO. 152

- by -

Major. J. E. Piercy, R.C.A.

<u>DUTIES</u>	To be Orderly Officer	2-6-40	Lt. D.G. McGavin,	R.C.A.
	Next for Duty	3-6-40	Lt. J.G. Moore,	R.C.A.
	To be Orderly Sgt.	2-6-40	L/Sgt. Guddeford,	R.C.A.
	Next for Duty	3-6-40	Sgt. Davidson	R.C.A.
	To be Orderly Bdr.	2-6-40	L/Bdr. McConnell	R.C.A.
	Next for duty	3-6-40	Bdr. Larsen	R.C.A.

4. DUTY WATCHES : For 24 Hrs from 0745 Hrs 2-6-40 to 5-6-40

On Duty

Standing By

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

2nd Sgt. Bdr. Parker and  
8 O.R's as detailed

5. MANNING PARADE : 0900 Hrs. 2-6-40. H.Q. Party, and Duty Watches.

FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 2-6-40

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE

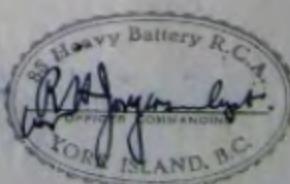
Gnr. Willoughby  
" Hammell, Hx.

(b) CANTER DETAIL

Gnr. Schofield.

5. SENTRY DUTY : from 1800 Hrs 2-6-40 to 0600 Hrs 3-6-40.

Ptes. McNeill, Docksteader, Howard. Can.Scottish Regt.



## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

85th Heavy Bty., R.C.A., GASH.,  
York Island, B.C.

1st June, 1940.

G.C. Van Arco,  
 Federal Building,  
 Vancouver, B.C.

inclosure

REASON TO ROUNDER:

1. At 1525 hrs 30th May, 1940 the chief Examination Officer asked for a bring to round on a vessel in Sunderland Channel, proceeding Southward which refused to stop. #1 Gun fired one round, the vessel stopped and was dealt with by the Examination Vessel.
2. At 1840 hrs 31st May, 1940 the Examination Officer signalled to bring to a vessel in Sunderland Channel. #1 Gun fired 4 rounds ahead of the vessel, the last round being 50 Yds directly ahead. The vessel continued, so the Army boat E.M.B with an officer was sent out to endeavour to stop the vessel rather than fire to sink her.
3. The Army boat managed to catch her and she was brought in to York Island where the G.N.D. dealt with her.
4. The vessel was Japanese owned M.V. "YI" of Vancouver.



## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

85th Heavy Bty., R.C.A. CAMP,  
York Island, B.C.

180th May, 1940.

O.C. Van Aken,  
Federal Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

REFRIGERATION

Reference your 5-16-5 dated 25th May, 1940.

1. The ice box arrived in fairly good shape and after some minor repairs is fit for use.
2. The ice on S.S. "Border Prince" arrived in good condition. No ice was received on the S.S. "Venture" Thursday, and I am wiring today for ice to be shipped on the S.S. "Catala" Friday night.
3. Referring to para 2, re root cellar, I have inspected the site with Lieut. A Webster, R.C.E. and we are both of the opinion that it would cost a considerable sum to excavate a cellar, as we would run into clay hardpan or rock.
4. Apart from potatoes, we consider that we can carry on till a proper refrigerator is built.
5. The cook complains that the old potatoes sprout very much when kept in present premises. This can be remedied by D.D.S.T.O. supplying new potatoes until refrigeration is installed.



## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

65th Heavy Bty., RCA, C.A.S.P.,  
York Island, B.C.

1st June, 1940.

O.O. Van Area,  
Federal Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

TYPEWRITERS

1. The question of Typewriters at York Island is becoming more and more pressing.
2. On April 23rd we shipped our privately owned machine to H.Q. (15th Van) Cst. Bde., RCA, on your instructions for overhauling; as it had become practically unserviceable.
3. In the meantime, we have been using a machine loaned by the H.Q. 15th (Van) Cst. Bde., RCA. This machine is similar to the original machine, about 18 years old, and it is rapidly wearing out. It now requires new keys and several adjustments.
4. About two weeks ago, we were informed that repairs to our former machine would cost \$16.00 and that this expense would have to be approved by H.D.H.Q. Ottawa, before the work could be performed.
5. As previously pointed out, there is too much work here for one 10" carriage machine. A great deal of typing has to be done on larger sized forms, such as Diet Sheets, War Diaries, Reg't'l charges sheets, Rations & Quarters, Civilian pay lists M.F.B. 242, and numerous Q.M. forms.
6. In view of the above, would you please make every effort to expedite the following.
  1. Hasten return of original machine in serviceable condition.
  2. Procure another serviceable machine with a 16" or 20" carriage.
7. With regard to the latter, it is understood that the department has provided many units with rented machines, and it is felt that the department should not refuse to provide this H.Q. with a suitable typewriter. You will undoubtedly agree that typewriters are essential to the efficient operation of any military office, and that the department could not have any valid objection to repairing a private machine which has given eight months of useful and essential service.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
York Island.~~SECRET~~85th Heavy Bty., R.C.A. CAMP.  
1st June, 1940.District Signal Officer (Tech).  
H.Q. H.D. XI.  
Victoria, B.C.w/t schedules, York Island, B.C.Ref. your V S 38-2-5-11  
to 38-2-5-11 dated 28-5-40

1. Reception acknowledged of the above letter and enclosure.
2. This complaint has been investigated, and the H.C.O. in charge of the station advises that whenever there are no messages to relay on schedules, he reports to the station "see you in two hours" but before going off the air, he always gets the "O.K." from the receiving station. This is always noted in the "log". However, the operators have been instructed to be sure that they always receive confirmation that the transmitting station has no messages to send before they leave the schedule.
3. If possible it would be appreciated if the date, hour, and message number concerned any such occurrence referred to in the letter of the O.C. 9th Ft. Sig. Co., could be advised this H.Q. for investigation.
4. The H.C.O. in charge of this station states that he has experienced difficulty at times due to incorrect procedure being followed by w/t operators at Prince Rupert, who he believes, are probably still somewhat inexperienced. If this is the case, there may have been occasions when occurrences as complained of may have occurred which are probably due to alleged incorrect procedure at the Prince Rupert Station.



JR/S

25A. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A., C.A.S.F.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

MONTHLY RETURN OF RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS

MAY 1940

(1) Church of England.....	51
(2) Presbyterian.....	22
(3) United Church.....	15
(4) Roman Catholic.....	9
(5) Other Denominations.....	7
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TOTAL	134

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

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

June 1st, 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
	Off.	O.R.'s	TOTAL	TOTAL AT YORK ISLAND	
85th Heavy Bty.	On Parade	3	52	55	
	Employed		11	11	
	On Command		2	2	
	H.Q.		3	3	
	Leave		5	5	
5th Troop	On Parade	1	9	10	
3rd S/L Bty.	Employed		8	8	
	Leave		3	3	
	Unit H.Q.				21
5th Hvy. Bty.	On Parade		3	3	3
6th Fld. Coy. R.G.P.	On Parade	1	12	13	13
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	2	5	7	7
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		1	1	1
Gan. Scottish Regt.	On Parade		14	14	14
10th Pt. Sig. Co.	On Parade		3	3	3
Naval Personnel Attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Att'd.				36	36
GRAND TOTAL.	8	138	182	172	

Extend to Column (4) all personnel who  
are actually at York Island.



*Dear*  
85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A., C.A.S.T.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

2/6/40

DAILY ORDERS - PART I - No. 153

BY

MAJOR J.W. PIERCY

1. DUTIES : To be Orderly Officer 3-6-40 Lt. J.G. Moore ROR  
Next for Duty 4-6-40 Lt. D.G. McCavie RGA  
To be Orderly Sgt. 3-6-40 Sgt. Davidson RGA  
Next for Duty 4-6-40 Sgt. Wood RGA  
To be Orderly Bdr. 3-6-40 Bdr. Larsen RGA  
Next for Duty 4-6-40 L/Bdr. Hamell RGA
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hrs from 0745 hrs 3-6-40 to 4-6-40.  
ON DUTY STANDING BY
- No. 1 Gun Detachment  
L/Sgt. Thackeray and  
8 O.R.s as detailed Sgt. Cox and  
8 O.R.s as detailed
- No. 2 Gun Detachment  
Bdr. Parker and  
8 O.R.s as detailed Sgt. Davidson and  
8 O.R.s as detailed
3. HANING PARADE 0900 hrs 3-6-40 H.Q. Party and Duty Watches
4. FATIGUES FOR MONDAY 3-6-40
- (a) SANITARY FATIGUE (b) CANTRELL DETAIL
- Gnr. Willoughby Gnr. Downie  
Gnr. O'Malley
5. SVTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 3-6-40 to 0600 hrs 4-6-40  
Ptes Clark, Dickson and Webster - San. Sects. Regt.



85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. CAMP  
York Island, N.Y.

JUN 2 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

(1) (2) (3) (4)

Off. OR's TOTAL TOTAL AT YORK ISLAND.

85th Heavy Bty.	On Parade	3	49	52	
	Employed		11	11	63
	On Command		2	2	
	H.Q.		4	4	
	On Leave		3	5	
	Stn. Hospital		3	5	3
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5th Troop	On Parade	1	9	10	
3rd S/L Bty.	Employed		6	6	10
	Leave		3	3	
	Unit H.Q.				
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5th Hwy. Bty.	On Parade		3	3	3
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6th Fld. Coy. R.C.E.	On Parade	I	12	12	
	On Leave	1			12
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R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	2	5	7	7
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R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		1	1	1
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Can. Scottish Regt.	On Parade		14	14	14
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10th Ft. Sig. Co.	On Parade		3	3	3
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Naval Personnel Attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Att'd				56	36
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GRAND TOTAL		8	139	147	148
				165	168

Extend to Column (4) all personnel who  
are actually at York Island.

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

3-6-40

PART I ORDERS No. 154

BY

MAJOR J.V. FINNEY

<b>2. DUTIES :</b>	To be Orderly Officer	4-6-40	Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
	Next for Duty	5-6-40	Lt. J.G. Moore	RCA
	To be Orderly Sgt.	4-6-40	Sgt. Wood	RCA
	Next for Duty	5-6-40	L/Sgt. Thackery	RCA
	To be Orderly Bdr.	4-6-40	L/Bdr. Hammell	RCA
	Next for Duty	5-6-40	Bdr. Parker	RCA

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hrs from 1800 hrs 4-6-40 to 5-6-40ON DUTYSTANDING BY

#1 Gun Detachment

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

#2 Gun Detachment

Sgt. Davidson and  
8 O.R.s as detailedSgt. Wood and  
8 O.R.s as detailed3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs 4-6-40 H.Q. Party and Duty Watches4. FATIGUES FOR FUNSDAY 4-6-40(a) SANITARY FATIGUEGnr. Willoughby  
Gnr. O'Malley(b) CANTINE DETAIL

Gnr. Dickinson

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 4-6-40 to 0600 hrs 5-6-40

Ptes. Bullis, Brown and Watt - Can. Scots. Regt.



YORK ISLAND B.C.

3RD JUNE 1940

DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER  
M.D. XI  
ESQUIMALT B.C.

585 REPORTING THREE PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

O.C. YORK ISLAND

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VANCOUVER. JUNE 3 1230

O.C. YORK ISLAND

119 Grant compassionate leave to L/Cpl Witts, W.J. R.C.E.  
His mother has died.

O.C. Van Area.

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JUNE 5 1940

O.C. YORK ISLAND

120-121 FORWARD INFO FOR PTE KEACHEE C S R IMMEDIATELY

O.C. VAN AREA

*Diary*  
 88th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. CAMP  
 York Island, R.C.

JUN 3 1940

DAILY ATTENDANCE STATE

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
	G.R.	G.R.'s	TOTAL	TOTAL AT YORK ISLAND	
88th Heavy Bty.	On Parade	5	49	52	
	Employed		11	11	63
	On Command		2	2	
	H.C.		4	4	
	On Leave		3	3	
	Stn. Hospital		3	3	3
5th Troop	On Parade	1	9	10	
3rd S/L Bty.	Employed		8	8	18
	Leave		3	3	
	Unit H.C.				
8th Hwy. Bty.	On Parade		3	3	5
6th Pla. Coy. R.C.E.	On Parade	2	12	12	
	On Leave	1		1	
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	2	5	7	7
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		1	1	1
Can. Scottish Regt.	On Parade		14	14	14
10th Ft. Sig. Co.	On Parade		3	3	5
Naval Personnel Attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Att'd				36	36
GRAND TOTAL		6	129	135	135
			163	163	

Extend to Column (4) all personnel who are actually at York Island.

*Dick*  
25th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A. CASE.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

4-6-40

2 Pages

PART I ORDERS NO. 155

- by -

Major. J.E. Piercy.

1. DUTIES : To be Orderly Officer 5-6-40 Lt. J.G. Moore, R.C.A.  
Next for Duty 6-6-40 Lt. D.G. McGavin, R.C.A.  
To be Orderly Sgt. 5-6-40 Sgt. Ramsden R.C.A.  
Next for Duty 6-6-40 Sgt. Cox, R.C.A.  
To be Orderly Bdr. 5-6-40 Bdr. Parker R.C.A.  
Next for Duty 6-6-40 Bdr. Burgess R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES For 24 Hrs from 0745 Hrs 5-6-40 to 6-6-40

On Duty

Standing By

#1 Gun Detachment

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

#2 Gun Detachment

Sgt. Wood. and  
8 O.R's as detailed. Bdr. Parker and  
8 O.R's as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE : 0900 Hrs. 5-6-40 • H.Q. Party and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR WEDNESDAY 5-6-40

(a) Sanitary Fatigue

(b) Canteen Detail

Gnr. Willoughby  
" O'Malley.

Gnr. Ramsden.

5. SENTRY DUTY From 1800 Hrs 5-6-40 to 0600 Hrs. 6-6-40.

Ptes. Burt, P. Burt, P. Presley. Can.Scott. Regt.

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June 4th 1940.

6. PENSION ACT - DEATH OR DISABILITY

C.A.S.F. Personnel in Canada.

The following instruction regarding the marginally noted have been received from the Acting Adjutant-General, National Defence Headquarters:

1. I am directed to inform you that an Order-in-Council P.C.1971, dated 21st May, 1940, cancels Order-in-Council, P.C.2491 (C.A.S.F. Routine Order No.85), in respect to the application of the Pension Act to members of the Canadian Forces serving on active service.
2. P.C. 1971 makes a distinction between those serving in Canada and those serving outside Canada, as stated hereunder:-
  - (a) In respect of members of the Forces serving on active service outside Canada who suffer disability or death, and in respect of members of the Forces serving on active service in Canada who on or prior to May 21st, 1940, have suffered disability or death, the Pension Act applies without limitation.
  - (b) With respect to members of the Force serving on active service in Canada, who subsequent to May 21st, 1940, suffer disability or death, eligibility for Pension will arise only if the disability or death was attributable to military service as such.
3. In view of the foregoing, action will be taken to cancel C.A.S.F. Routine Order No.85



YORK ISLAND  
June 4th 1940

O.C. VAN AREA  
VANCOUVER.B.C.

586 Your 119 Please inform Mr.W.W.Witts telephone  
Fowlers Store Cloverdale 44 G. his son L/Cpl  
Witts will arrive Vancouver on "Chelohsin"  
1700 Hrs Wednesday stop Your 120 unable decipher.

O.C. York Island

TOD

(sent in cipher)

LCV

12 NEW  
VICTORIA JUNE 4 1730

O.C. YORK ISLAND

260 COL WEBB ARRIVED WED UNION S S CARDENIA

H.C. H.D. XI

## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

10th Heavy Regt., R.C.A. YORK ISLAND,  
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

4th June, 1940

G.G. Van Area.  
 Federal Building.  
 Vancouver, B.C.

Priority Draft : ( Reference your letter 30 May 1940 File 5-11-6-6 )

1. There seems to be a misunderstanding by 10th (Van) Coast Rgt. about this, because we have a letter dated 31 May, their file 6-6 advising us that this be handled by Vancouver Area.
2. Will you please issue orders to 10th(Van) Coast Rgt., that they are to advise us of any calls for reinforcements if necessary using the telegraph.
3. This was brought to my attention last week when G.O. 3rd S/L Regt. wrote direct to Major Moore (contrary to your instructions that all correspondence has to be addressed to G.O. York Island) asking for volunteers for Vancouver overseas.

I have enquiries from Officers and men continually who wish to volunteer for overseas, but can give no information.



cc 10th(Van) C.R.A.

## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

85th Heavy Bty., R.C.A. GASH.,  
York Island, B.C.

6th June, 1940.

O.O. VAN AREA,  
Federal Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

M.V. "Polar Force"

1. The above mentioned vessel arrived at York Island about 2100 Hrs. 3rd June, and the Skipper W. Melbourne informed me that he had orders to report to me for service at York Island.
2. The crew consists of :- W. Melbourne and G. Fogden.
3. The skipper advises me that on the way up from Nanaimo, the vessel had a breakdown to her engines, and had to be towed into Campbell River, where the engines were repaired with spare parts sent up from Nanaimo.
4. Will you please issue instructions on the following points :-
  1. Does this vessel come under my orders.
  2. Do we supply rations and quarters to the crew.
  3. Do we supply Diesel Oil & supplies to this vessel.
  4. What is to be done with the motorboat K.M.B.
  5. What is to be done with Pte. Nunn, R.C.A.S.C.



## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

85th Heavy Bty., R.C.A. GASH.  
York Island, B.C.

4th June, 1940.

O.C. Vancouver Area,  
Federal Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.BRING TO ROUND

1. At 0945 Hrs 2nd June 1940 the Chief Examination Officer requested the Port to bring to a vessel proceeding South-East along Sunderland Channel.
2. No.1 Gun fired one round. The vessel stopped and was dealt with by examination officer. I am informed the vessel was M.V. "Edith V"



DRAFT

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

June 4th, 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Off.	O.R's	TOTAL	TOTAL AT YORK ISLAND
85th Heavy Bty.	On Parade	3	49	52	
	Employed		11	11	
	On Command		2	2	63
	H.Q.		5	5	
	On Leave		5	5	
	Stn. Hospital		2	2	2
5th Troop	On Parade	1	10	11	
3rd S/L Bty.	Employed		8	8	19
	Leave		2	2	22
	Unit H.Q.				
5th Hwy. Bty.	On Parade		3	3	3
6th FLD. COY R.C.E.	On Parade		12	12	12
	Leave.	1		1	
Can. Dental C.	Employed	1	1	2	2
No. 11 Coy.					
12th Fld Amb.	Employed	1	4	5	5
R.C.A.M.C.					
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		1	1	1
1st Bn. CAN. SCOTTISH REGT	On Parade		14	14	14
10th Ft. Sig. Co	On Parade		3	3	3
Naval Personnel Attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Att'd				36	36
GRAND TOTAL :-		8	139	147	168
				183	

Extend to Column (4) all personnel who are actually at York Island.



## 25th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A. CAMP

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

5-6-40

## PART I ORDERS NO. 186

- by -

Major. J.R. Piercy, R.C.A.

1. DUTIES : To be Orderly Officer 6-6-40 Lt. D.G. McGeivin, R.C.A.  
 Next for Duty. 7-6-40 Lt. A. Webster, R.C.E.  
 To be Orderly Sgt. 6-6-40 Sgt. Cox, R.C.A.  
 Next for Duty 7-6-40 Sgt. Hummel, R.C.A.  
 To be Orderly Bdr. 6-6-40 Bdr. Burgess, R.C.A.  
 Next for Duty 7-6-40 Bdr. Gilson, R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES : For 24 Hrs from 0745 Hrs 6-6-40 to 7-6-40

On DutyStanding By

## #1 Gun Detachment

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

## #2 Gun Detachment

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

3. MANNING PARADE : 0900 Hrs. 6-6-40. H.Q. Party, and Duty Watches.

4. PATIGUES FOR THURSDAY 6-6-40

(a) Sanitary FatigueGnr. Willoughby  
" O'Malley(b) Canteen Detail

Gnr. Salmon

5. ENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 6-6-40 to 0600 Hrs. 7-6-40

Ptes. McNeill, Decksteader, Howard. Can.Scottish Regt.



Dear

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

June 5th.

DAILY STRONGHOLD STATE

		Off.	O.R.'S.	TOTAL	TOTAL AT YORK ISLAND
85th Heavy Bty.	On Parade	3	50	53	
	Employed		42	42	
	On Command		11	11	
	H.Q.		2	2	
	On Leave		5	5	
	Stn. Hospital.		8	1	X 1
			1		
5th Troop 3 S/L Bty.	On Parade	1	11	12	
	Employed		8	8	
	Leave.		2	2	
	Unit H.Q.				
5th Hvy Bty.	On Parade		3	3	3
6th Fld. Coy. RCE	On Parade	1	12	13	13
	Leave.				
Can. Dental C. No. 11 Coy.	Employed	1	1	2	2
12th Fld. Amb. R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	4	5	5
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		1	1	1
1st Bn. Can. Scottish Regt	On Parade		14	14	14
10th Ft. Sig. Co.	On Parade		3	3	3
Naval Personnel Attd.		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Attd.				36	36
GRAND TOTAL .		8	140	182	170
				184	

Extend to Column (4) all personnel who are actually at York Island.



*Dear*

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

York Island, B.C.

6-6-40

PART I ORDERS No. 157

- by -

Major. J.V. Piercy, R.C.A.

<u>1. DUTIES</u>	To be Orderly Officer	7-6-40	Lt. A. Webster.	R.C.A.
	Next for Duty	8-6-40	Lt. J.G. Moore.	R.C.A.
	To be Orderly Sgt.	7-6-40	Sgt. Hummel	R.C.A.
	Next for Duty	8-6-40	Sgt. Gray	C.S.R.
	To be Orderly Mr.	7-6-40	Bdr. Gilson.	R.C.A.
	Next for Duty	8-6-40	L/Bdr. Stren	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES For 24 Hrs from 0745 Hrs. 7-6-40 to 8-6-40

On Duty

Standing By

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

Sgt. Wood, and  
8 O.R's as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE : 0900 Hrs 7-6-40 H.Q. Party and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR FRIDAY 7-6-40

Sanitary Fatigue

Gnr. Willoughby  
" O'Malley.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs 7-6-40 to 0600 Hrs 8-6-40

Ptes. Clark, Dickson, Webster, Can.Scott. Regt.



YORK ISLAND  
June 6th 1940

O.C. Van Area.  
Vancouver, B.C.

587 K62064 Pte Dunn W.R. R.C.A.S.C. sentenced to 21 days  
detention stop please arrange accommodation Victoria stop  
No guard room York Island stop Sending him down to Vancouver  
under escort next boat stop Require man for motorboat.

O C York Island

T O O 0930 Hrs

YORK ISLAND B.C.

O.C. VAN AREA

588 PTE NUMM AND ESCORT WILL ARRIVE VANCOUVER C N STEAMSHIP  
STOP ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION STOP AND ACCOMODATION TO VICTORIA  
DETENTION BARRACKS

O.C. YORK ISLAND

YORK ISLAND

O.C. VAN AREA

583 YOUR 124 INFORM MR J S WOOD 647 CANBIE ST PHONE TRINITY  
6062 L THAT SGT WOOD ARRIVING VAN C H STEAMSHIP SAT AFTERNOON

O.C. YORK ISLAND

YORK ISLAND B C

O.C. VAN AREA

590 YOHR 125 LIEUT. WEBSTER AND CPL ARRIVING VANCOUVER  
BORDER PRINCE STOP ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION TO BARRACKS

O.C. YORK ISLAND

DIARY

June 6th. 1940

DAILY STRENGTH RETURN

		<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R's</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>TOTAL AT YORK ISLAND</u>
85th Heavy Bty.	On Parade	3	50	53	
	Employed		11	11	64
	On Command		2	2	
	H.Q.		5	5	
	Stn. Hospital	1		1	1
	On Leave.		5	5	
5th Troop Searchlight Rgt	On Parade.	1	10	11	
	Employed		8	8	19
	On Leave.		2	2	
	Hospital Stn	1		1	1
5th Hwy Bty.	On Parade.		3	3	3
( 5th Fld. Coy RCE	On Parade	1	12	13	13
12th Fld Amb RCAMC	Employed	1	4	5	5
R. G.A.S.C.	In Arrest		1	1	1
1st Bn. Can. Scott. Regt.	On Parade.		14	14	14
10th Ft. Sig. Co	On Parade.		6	6	6
Naval Personnel Attd.		1	7	8	8
( Civilian Personnel Attd.				36	36
GRAND TOTAL		7	142	185	171



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

York Island, B.C.

7-6-40

PART I DAILY ORDERS NO. 108

- by -

Major. J.P. Piercy, R.C.A.

1. DUTIES : To be Orderly Officer 8-6-40 Lt. J.G. Moore, R.C.A.  
     Next for Duty 9-6-40 Lt. D.G. McGavin, R.C.A.  
     To be Orderly Sgt. 8-6-40 Sgt. Gray, C.S.R.  
     Next for Duty 9-6-40 Bdr. Larsen, R.C.A.  
     To be Orderly Bdr. 8-6-40 L/Bdr. Strom, R.C.A.  
     Next for Duty 9-6-40 Bdr. Mackie, R.C.A.
2. DUTY WATCHES : FOR 25 Hrs. from 0745 Hrs. 8-6-40 to 0845 Hrs. 9-6-40
- | <u>On Duty</u>                          | <u>Standing By</u>                       |
|---|--|
| #1 Gun Detachment                       |  |
| Sgt. Hummel and<br>8 O.R's as detailed. | Sgt. Ramsden and<br>8 O.R's as detailed. |
| #2 Gun Detachment                       |  |
| Sgt. Wood, and<br>8 O.R's as detailed.  | Bdr. Parker and<br>8 O.R's as detailed.  |
3. MANNING PARADE : 0900 Hrs. 8-6-40 H.Q. Party & Duty Watches.
4. SANITARY FATIGUES SATURDAY 8-6-40  
     Gnr. Willoughby,  
     " Woodward.
5. SENTRY DUTY : From 1800 Hrs 8-6-40 to 0600 Hrs. 9-6-40  
     Ptes. Bullis, Brown, Watt, Can.Scott.Regt.



VANCOUVER B.C.

JUNE 7 1940

O.C. YORK ISLAND

124 COMPASSIONATE LEAVE MAY BE GRANTED TO K 21085 SGT I L WOOD  
MOTHER HAS DIED

O.C. VAN AREA

## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

85th Heavy Battery, RGA-CAN  
York Island, B.C.

7th June, 1940

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

Additional RationsNaval Personnel.

1. You are aware that the Naval establishment on shore at York Island include one Officer and 7 ratings. The ratings are employed in the naval w/t station and in the Post War signal station. Four ratings are on duty each night, and the Naval Officer in charge has raised the question of additional rations of coffee, tea or soluble chocolate and milk and sugar, for the men on night duty.
2. Copy of art 1825 (4) from K.R. & A.I. is attached.
3. As the Navy pays the Army for the rations for naval personnel stationed here, please advise if it will be in order for this Unit to indent for such additional rations as authorized for naval personnel on night duty.

VANCOUVER B C

JUNE 7 1940

O.C. YORK ISLAND

125 LIEUT WEBSTER AND CPL SHOWERIDGE H H RCE WILL BE RETURNED  
IMMEDIATELY TO REPORT TO O C 6TH FIELD COMPANY

O.C. VAN AREA

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

June 7th, 1940

DAILY STRENGTH RETURN

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		OFF.	O.R'S	TOTAL.	TOTAL AT YORK ISLAND
85th Heavy Bty.	On Parade	3	50	53	
	Employed	11		11	64
	On Command	2		2	
	H.Q.	5		5	
	On Leave.	5		5	
	Stn.Hospital	1		1	
5th Troop 5 S/L Bty.	On Parade	1	10	11	
	Employed		8	8	19
	On Command				
	On Leave	2		2	
	Stn Hospital	1		1	1
5th Heavy Bty.	On Parade		2	2	
	Stn.Hospital		1	1	3
6th Fld.Coy.RCE	On Parade	1	12	13	15
12th Fld. Amb. R.C.A.M.C.	Employed.	1	4	5	5
No.11 Det.RCASC	In arrest.		1	1	1
1 Bn. Can. Scottish Regt.	On Parade.		14	14	14
10th Ft.Sig.Co.	On Parade		6	6	6
Naval Personnel Attached.		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Attd.				36	36
GRAND TOTAL :		7	142	155	170

Extend to Column (4) all personnel who  
are actually at York Island.



## 88th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A., C.A.B.P.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

DAILY ORDERS PART I - NO. 159 8/6/40

BY

MAJOR J.W. FINNEY

<b>1. DUTIES :</b>	To be Orderly Officer	9/6/40	Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
	Next for Duty	10/6/40	Lt. J.H. Moore	RCA
	To be Orderly Sgt.	9/6/40	Bdr. Larsen, J.	RCA
	Next for Duty	10/6/40	L/Sgt. Guddeford	RCA
	To be Orderly Bdr.	9/6/40	Bdr. Mackie, V.H.	RCA
	Next for Duty	10/6/40	Bdr. Garrett F.J.	RCA

**2. DUTY WATCHES** for 23 hrs from 0845 hrs 9/6/40 to 0745 hrs 10/6/40ON DUTYSTANDING BY

#1 Gun Detachment

Sgt. Ramsden and  
8 O.R.s as detailedSgt. Cox and  
8 O.R.s as detailedL/Sgt. Thrulwell and  
8 O.R.s as detailedBdr. Larsen and  
8 O.R.s as detailed**3. MANNING PARADE** - 1100 hrs 9/6/40 - H.Q. Party and Duty Watches**4. SANITARY FATIGUE SUNDAY 9/6/40**Gnr. Willoughby  
Gnr. O'Malley**5. SENTRY DUTY** from 1800 hrs 9/6/40 to 0600 hrs 10/6/40

Ptes. Burt, E. Burt, F. and Presley, Can. Schts. Regt.

NOTICE

Hon. Capt. Reverend Allan Green, Chaplain to York Island, is pleased to announce receipt of \$7110 from collection made at meeting in Recreation Hut, Thursday, June 6th 1940.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CASE  
York Island, B.C.

8th June 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		OFFR.	O.R.s	TOTAL	TOTAL AT YORK ISLAND
85th Hwy. Bty.	On Parade	3	44	47	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hospital		1	1	
	On Command		2	2	
	Leave		8	8	
	H.Q.		5	5	
5th Troop					
3rd S/L Bty.	On Parade	1	8	9	
	Employed		8	8	
	Stn. Hospital		1	1	
	Leave		5	5	17
5th Hwy. Bty.	On Parade		1	1	
	Stn. Hospital		1	1	
	On Command		1	1	2
6th Pd. Coy. R.C.E.	On Parade		9	9	9
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	4	5	5
Det. 1st. Bn. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
10 F. Sig. Coy.	On Parade		3	3	3
Naval Personnel Attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Attached			23	23	23
GRAND TOTAL		6	142	171	150

Extend to Column (4) all personnel who  
are actually at York Island.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A., C.A., S.Y.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

DAILY ORDERS - PT. I - No. 160 9/6/40

BY

MAJOR J.W. PIERCY

<u>1. DUTIES :</u>	To Be Orderly Officer	10/6/40	Lt. J.G. Moore	RCA
	Next for Duty	11/6/40	Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
	To Be Orderly Sgt.	10/6/40	L/Sgt. Cuddeford	RCA
	Next for Duty	11/6/40	L/Sgt. Thurlwell	RCA
	To Be Orderly Bdr.	10/6/40	Bdr. Garrett	RCA
	Next for Duty	11/6/40	Bdr. Parker	RCA

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hrs from 0745 hrs 10/6/40 to 11/6/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

No. 1 Gun Detachment

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

sgt. Hurnel and  
8 O.R.s as detailed.

No. 2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. HANING PARADE : 0900 hrs 10/6/40 : Hdqrs Party and Duty Watches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE Monday 10/6/40

Gnr. Willoughby  
Gnr. O'Malley

5. SENTRY DUTY : from 1800 hrs 10/6/40 to 0600 hrs 11/6/40

Ptes. McNeil, Docksteader and Howard, Can. Scots. Regt.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CASF  
YORK ISLAND B.C.

9th June 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offr.	O.R.s	TOTAL	Total at York Is.
85th Hvy. Bty.	On Parade	3	114	117	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hospital		1	1	
	On Command		2	2	59
	Leave		5	5	
	H.Q.		5	5	
SEN TROOP					
3rd S/L Bty.	On Parade	1	8	9	
	Employeed		8	8	
	Stn. Hospital		1	1	
	Leave		5	5	17
5th Hvy. Bty.	On Parade	1		1	
	Stn. Hospital		1	1	
	On Command		1	1	2
6TH FIELD COY	On Parade		9	9	9
R.C.E.					
No. 12 Fld.					
Amb. R.C.A.M.C.	Employeed	1	4	5	5
Det. 1st Bn. CSR	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 10Fort Sig.	On Parade	2		2	
Coy. R.C.C.S.	Employeed	1		1	
Naval Personnel Attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Attached			33	33	33
GRAND TOTAL		6	159	171	150

Note: Extend into Column (4) all personnel who are actually at York Is.



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

YORK ISLAND, N.C.

DAILY ORDERS & PART I No. 161

10/6/40

BY

MAJOR J.F. FINNEY

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1. DUTIES

To Be Orderly Officer	11/6/40	Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	12/6/40	Lt. J.G. Moore	R.C.A.
To Be Orderly Sgt.	11/6/40	L/Sgt. Thurwell	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	12/6/40	Sgt. Cox	R.C.A.
To Be Orderly Bdr.	11/6/40	Bdr. Parker	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	12/6/40	/Bdr. McConnell	R.C.A.

2. Duty Watches for 24 hrs. from 0745 Hrs. 11/6/40 to 12/6/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

No. 1 Gun Detachment

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

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

No. 2 Gun Detachment

Bdr<sup>k</sup> Gilson and 8 O.R.s  
as detailed

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

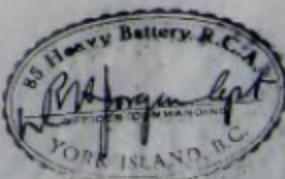
3. MANNING PARADE : 0900 Hrs. 11/6/40 - H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE TUESDAY 11/6/40

Gnr. Willoughby  
Gnr. O'Malley

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs 11/6/40 to 0600 Hrs 12/6/40

Ptes. Clark, Dickson, Webster, G.S.R. Regt.



10th June 1940

YORK ISLAND B.C.

DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER  
H.C. M.D. XI  
VICTORIA

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591 REPORTING ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL SIGNED D.R. LEAROYD  
LIEUT. RCACMC STATION HOSPITAL YORK ISLAND

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1200 HRS

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

YORK ISLAND B.C.

10th June 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offr.	O.R.s	TOTAL	Total at York Is.
85th Hvy. Bty.	On Parade	3	44	47	
	Employeed		11	11	
	Stn. Hospital		1	1	
	On Command		2	2	
	Leave		8	8	
	H.Q.		5	5	
5th Troops	On Parade	1	5	5	
3rd S/L Bty.	Employeed		7	7	
	Stn. Hospital		1	1	
	Leave		5	5	
5th Hvy. Bty.	On Parade		1	1	
	Stn. Hospital		1	1	
	On Command		1	1	
Det. 6th Fld. Coy. R.C.E.	On Parade		9	9	
Det. No. 12 Fld. Amb. R.C.A.M.C.	Employeed	1	4	5	5
Det. 1st Bn. CSR	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 10 Fort. Sig. Coy. R.C.C.S.	On Parade		2	2	
	Employeed		1	1	
Naval Personnel Attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Attached			33	33	33
GRAND TOTAL		6	165	171	150

NOTE: Extend into column (4) all  
Personnel who are actually at York Is.



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

Title pages will be prepared.

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

# WAR DIARY

OR

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Delete heading not required)

# ORIGINAL

M.F.M. 11

1940

Q. 1940-11

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. York Island	1940 June 11		Letter re Lieut. D.R. Learoyd (see app. D) " Strength of Officers (" " D) 5 O.R.'s returned from leave Lt.-Col. R.H. Webb proceeded to Vancouver Weather: warm and bright	6-1 6-1
		12	" "	
		13	2 O.R.'s reported for duty Weather: bright	
		14	1 O.R. proceeded on leave 1 O.R. T.O.S. at Vancouver Weather: warm	
		15	Letter re detachment 6th Fd. Coy. R.C.E. (see app. D) " water transportation 7 O.R.'s returned from leave. Det. 9 O.R.'s 6th Fd. Coy. proceeded to New Westminster 4 O.R.'s proceeded on leave - 1 O.R. T.O.S. at Vancouver Weather: bright	8-0-1
		16	2 O.R.'s proceeded to Vancouver Weather: bright and warm	
		17	Letter re mattresses (see app. D) 2 O.R.'s T.O.S. at Vancouver (see app. D.) Weather: very warm	9-3 8-1
		18	7 O.R.'s returned from leave. 6 O.R.'s proceeded on leave 1 O.R. posted to 58th Bty. and 1 O.R. posted to 31st Bty. Weather: bright	
		19	1 O.R. proceeded on leave. Weather: bright	
		20	Lt.L.F.W. Moore reported for duty Master Gunner and R.Q.M.S. arrived. 1 O.R. returned from leave. Weather: bright	
		21	Letter re civilian aircraft (see app. B) 5 O.R.'s proceeded on leave 1 O.R. S.O.S. on transfer to 12th Fd. Ambulance Weather: bright	3-4

6/14/40 RHD

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

DAILY PART I ORDERS NO. 162

BY

11-6-40

MAJOR J. E. FINCHY

1. DUTIES

To Be Orderly Officer	12/6/40	Lt. J.G. Moore	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	13/6/40	Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
To Be Orderly Sgt.	12/6/40	Sgt. Cox	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	13/6/40	Bdr. Gilson	R.C.A.
To Be Orderly Bdr.	12/6/40	L/Bdr. Burgess	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	13/6/40	L/Bdr. Hammel	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hrs. from 0745 hrs. 12-6-40 to 13-6-40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 Hrs. 12/6/40. - H.Q. PARTY AND DUTY WATCHES

4. SANITARY PATROL / W.M. 12/6/40

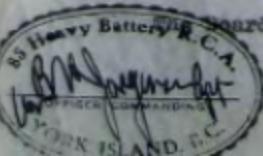
Gnr. Willoughby  
Gnr. O'Malley

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 12/6/40 to 0600 hrs. 13/6/40

Ptes. Bullis, Brown and Watt. CSR Regt.

6. BOARD OF OFFICERS

A BOARD OF OFFICERS will assemble at York Island to audit the accounts of the 85th Hwy. Bty. Canteen. The Officers' Mess, Sgts. Mess and Mens' Mess. Date, Time and Place will be notified to those concerned by the president of the Board.



The Board will consist of:-  
 Capt. R.H. Jorgensen, 85th Hwy. Bty.  
 President.  
 Lt. D.G. Moore, 3 S/L Bty. Member  
 Lt. D.R. Learoyd 12th Fld. Amb.  
 Member.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

60th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A. GASP  
York Island, B.C.

11th June 1940

Officer Commanding,  
Vancouver Area.

LIEUT. D.R. LEAROYD - RCACB.

1. This Officer arrived on 20th March, 1940  
and is due for relief on 20th June, 1940. Will you  
please make arrangements for his relief and advise what  
has been done.

2. Please arrange that Major W.L. Boulter  
R.C.A.M.C. is not sent to this Island, as he has a  
very disturbing influence here and we have enough troubles  
on this Island without him to add to them.

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

17 NO. 6-1

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

65th Bty. Bty. N.C.A. - Class  
Port Island, B.C.

11th June 1940

Officer Commanding,  
Vancouver Area.

RECOMMENDATION

b. With the departure of Major. Officer accommodation is available for another Subaltern at Port Island.

c. I request that an additional experienced qualified Artillery Subaltern be supplied to this Island. This was taken up with G.S.C. I. Lt. Col. Preston, on his visit, who stated we should have two more Subalterns in order that one officer could be on watch continually at the Port.

d. In view of the shortage of accommodation I would prefer an Artillery Subaltern to an Adjutant Officer, because it is essential to have the Art properly officered.

(S.M. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding Port Island.

65th Heavy Battery R.C.A. GASY

York Island, B.C.

11th June 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		O.F.R.	O.R.N.S.	Total	Total at York Is.
65th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade Employed Stn. Hospital On Command Leave H.Q.	3 11 1 2 7 6	47 11 1 2 7 6	50 11 1 2 7 6	62
Det. 3rd S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade Employed Stn. Hospital Leave	1 7 6	8 7 6	9 7 6	16
Det. 5th Hwy. Bty.	On Parade Stn. Hospital On Command		1 1 1	1 1 1	2
Det. 6th Fld. Coy. R.C.Y.	On Parade Leave		9 2	9 2	9
Det. 12th Fld. Amb. R.C.A.M.C.	Employee	1	4	5	5
Det. 1st Bn. CSR	On Parade	16	14	14	
Det. 10th Port Sig. Coy. R.C.C.S.	On Parade Employee	2 1	2 1	2 1	3
Naval Personnel Attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Attached		35	35	35	
GRAND TOTAL		6	172	178	154

NOTE: Extend into column (4) all personnel who are actually at York Is.



## 85th Heavy Battery R.C.A. CASE

York Island, B.C.

12th June 1940

Daily Orders - Pt. I No. 163

by

MAJOR J.W. PERRY

<b>1. DUTIES:</b>	To be Orderly Officer	13/6/40	Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
	Next for Duty	14/6/40	Lt. J.C. Moore	RCA
	To be Orderly Sgt.	13/6/40	Sgt. Gilson	RCA
	Next for Duty	14/6/40	Sgt. Ramsden	RCA
	To be Orderly Bdr.	13/6/40	L/Bdr. Maxwell	RCA
	Next for Duty	14/6/40	L/Bdr. Stroh	RCA

**2. DUTY WATCHES** for 24 hours from 0745 hrs 13/6/40 to 14/6/40ON DUTYSTANDING BY

#1 Gun Detachment

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

#2 Gun Detachment

Bdr. Mackie and  
8 O.R.s as detailedBdr. Gilson and  
8 O.R.s as detailed**3. MANNING PARADE** 0900 hours 13/6/40 : H.Q. Party and Duty Watches**4. SANITARY FATIGUE FOR THURSDAY 13/6/40**Gnr. Willoughby  
Gnr. O'Malley**5. SENTRY DUTY** from 1800 hrs. 13/6/40 to 0600 hrs 14/6/40

Ptes. Burt, E. - Burt, F. - Presley Can. Scots. Regt.

**6. HAIRCUTS**All ranks will wear hair cut short. This is important  
for reasons of hygiene and comfort, as well as appearance.

## 80th Heavy Battery R.C.A. - GALT

York Island, B.C.

12th June 1940

DAILY ATTENDANCE STATEMENT

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Officer	Sergeant	Total	Total at York Is.
80th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	3	40	51	
	Employed		10	10	
	Stn. Hospital	1	1	1	62
	Leave		7	7	
	H.Q.		6	6	
	On Command	2	2	2	
Det. 3rd S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	8	9	
	Employed		7	7	16
	Leave		6	6	
Det. 5th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	1	
	Stn. Hospital	1	1	1	2
	On Command	1	1	1	
Det. 6th F.M. Coy. R.C.A.	On Parade		9	9	
	Leave		2	2	9
Det. 12th F.M. A.M. R.C.A. H.Q. Employed		1	4	5	5
Det. 1st. CSR	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 10 P. Wigs. Coy. R.C.C.B.	On Parade	2	2	2	
	Employed	1	1	1	3
Naval Personnel Attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Attached		35	35	35	35
GRAND TOTAL		6	172	178	154

NOTE: Extend into column (4) only personnel who are actually at York Is.



*B.M.W.*  
85th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., C.A.S.P.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

DAILY ORDERS / PART I No. 164

BY

JUNE 13th 1940

MAJOR J.E. FINCHY

1. DUTIES

To be Orderly Officer	14/6/40	Lt. J.G. Moore	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	15/6/40	Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	14/6/40	Egt. Ramsden	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	15/6/40	Bdr. Mackie	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	14/6/40	L/Bdr. Strom	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	15/6/40	L/Bdr. Burgess	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24Hrs. from 0745 Hrs. 14/6/40 to 15/6/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

# 1 Gun Detachment

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

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

# 2 Gun Detachment and  
RECOILERS as detailed

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

Bdr. Gilson and

X. 8 O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 Hrs. 14/6/40. H.Q., PARTY AND DUTY WATCHES

4. SANITARY FATIGUE

Gnr. Willoughby  
Gnr. O'Malley

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 14/6/40 to 0600 Hrs. 15/6/40

Ptes. McNeill, Docksteader, Howard. C.S. Regiment.



YORK ISLAND, B.C.

June 12/40

592 YOUR 133 ALL IN F M 2 ARE/ AT UNIT H Q

O.C. YORK ISLAND

## 80th Heavy Battery R.C.A. - DAILY

York Island, B.C.

13th June 1940

DAILY STATISTICS STATE

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Officer	Non-Officer	Total	Total at York Is.
80th Hwy. Bty R.C.A.	On Parade Employed Stn. Hospital Leave On Command	3 10 1 7 2	49 10 1 7 2	58 10 1 7 2
Det. 3rd B/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade Employed Leave	1 7 6	8 7 6	9 7 6
Det. 5th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade Stn. Hospital	2 1	2 1	3 3
Det. 6th Fld. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade Leave	9 2	9 2	9 9
Det. 12th Fld. Amb. R.C.A. R.G.	Employed	1	4	4
Det. 1st C.S.M.	On Parade	14	14	14
Det. 10 Fort. Sig. Coy. RCGC	Employed On Parade	1 2	1 2	1 3
Naval Personnel Attached		1	7	8
Civilian Personnel Attached		35	35	35
GRAND TOTAL	6	174	180	188

NOTE: Extend into column (4) only personnel who are actually at York Is.



*Duty*  
85th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., G.A.S.F.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

DAILY PART I - ORDERS No. 165

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Page 1.

BY

JUNE 14th 1940

MAJOR J.W. PIERCY

1. DUTIES

To be Orderly Officer	15/6/40	Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	16/6/40	Lt. J.G. Moore	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	15/6/40	Mr. Mackie	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	16/6/40	Sgt. Rummel	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	15/6/40	Bdr. Jones	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 25 Hrs. from 0745 Hrs 15/6/40 to 0845 Hrs. 16/6/40.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1. Gun Detachment

Sgt. Remaden and 8 O.R.s as detailed	Sgt. Cox and 8 O.R.s as detailed
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#2. Gun Detachment

L/Sgt. Thurwell and 8 O.R.s as detailed	Bdr. Mackie and 8 O.R.s as detailed
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3. MARCHING PARADE 0900 Hrs. 15/6/40 . H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE Saturday 15/6/40

Gnr. Mayman  
Gnr. McGowan

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 15/6/40 to 0600 Hrs. 16/6/40

Ptes. Clark, Dickson and Webster. C.S. Regt.

6. VULNERABLE POINTS - ORDERS FOR SENTRIES

Questions have been raised as to the duties and responsibilities of armed sentries guarding vulnerable points, and in order to remove any possible misunderstanding as to their position it has been decided that all orders for sentries guarding vulnerable points will be amended to include orders to the following effect:-

(see page 2)

## DAILY ORDERS - PART I No. 166 (Continued)

(i) Any person approaching a post will be challenged:-

"HALT, WHO GOES THERE?"

The sentry must be perfectly certain that his challenge is given in the loudest possible manner so that even those who may be dull of hearing can have the chance of responding:-

"FRIEND"

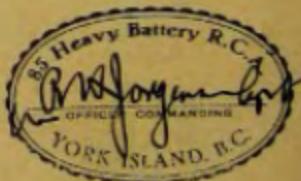
(ii) If a person who is challenged in this way does not halt, he will then be challenged again by the sentry:-

"HALT OR I FIRE!"

(iii) If a person does not halt after this warning, he will be challenged once again in the same manner. If the person does not halt and, if no other means are available to stop him, it is then the duty of the sentry to use his rifle and shoot -- aiming low to hit but not to kill. The sentry must remember that it is his duty to stop a person from advancing farther should he fail to respond to the challenge and warning.

(iv) If a person can be stopped in another way, for example, by calling the guard to assist, then the sentry will not shoot. The sentry must remember his responsibility but he will also use common sense when deciding whether to shoot.

(v) At night or in thick fog, a sentry must not allow himself to be rushed, and he must be well on the alert, even more so than in daylight. He must be ready to take such action as is necessary to prevent any person who refuses to respond to his challenge or warning from approaching his sentry post any farther.



YORK ISLAND B C  
JUNE 14/40

O.C. VAN AREA

594 ~~AD~~ O.C. SIXTH FIELD COY MAIL PAY CHARGES PER S S CARALA TODAY

O.C. YORK ISLAND

VANCOUVER B.C.  
JUNE 24/40.

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O.C. WORK ISLAND

146 ALL R.C.E PERSONNEL TO BE RETURNED TO UNIT IMMEDIATELY  
STOP ADVISE TIME OF ARRIVAL

O.C. VAN AREA

## 85th Heavy Battery R.C.A. CAMP

York Island, B.C.

14th June 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offr.	O.R.s	Total	Total at York Is.
85th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	3	49	52	
	Employeed		10	10	
	Stn. Hospital	1		1	
	Leave	7		7	
	On Command	2		2	
Det. 3rd S/B Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	8	9	
	Employeed		7	7	
	Leave	6		6	
Det. 5th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2		2	
	Stn. Hospital	1		1	
Det. 6th Fld. Coy. R.C.E.	On Parade	9		9	
	Leave	2		2	
Det. 12th Fld. Amb. RCAAC	Employeed	1	4	5	
Det. 1st CSR	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 10F. Sig. Coy. R.C.C.S.	On Parade	2		2	
	Employeed	1		1	
Naval Personnel Attached		1	7	8	
Civilian Personnel Attached			35	35	35
GRAND TOTAL		6	174	180	156

Note: Extend into column (4) only personnel who are actually at York Island.



80th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.R.P.

1940 JUNE 16TH H.Q.

DAILY PARADE ORDERS - NO. 106

BY

June 16th 1940

MAJOR J.V. PARKER

1. DUTIES

To be CHIEFLY OFFICER	16/6/40	Mr. J.G. Moore
HQ CO. DUTY	17/6/40	Sgt. Major
To be Orderly Sgt.	16/6/40	Mr. D.G. McEvitt
HQ CO. DUTY	17/6/40	Sgt. Burnell
To be Orderly Mtr.	16/6/40	L/Cpl. Thurlwell
HQ CO. DUTY	17/6/40	Mtr. Mrs. Jones

2. DUTY WATCHING from 0845 Hrs. 16/6/40 to 0745 Hrs. 17/6/40

3. GUARD

WAKING BY

#1 Gun Detachment

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

#2 Gun Detachment

Mtr. Mackie and	Mtr. Gilson and
8 O.R.s as detailed	8 O.R.s as detailed

3. WAKING PARADE 1100 Hrs. H.Q. PARADE AND DUTY WATCHES

4. SUNDAY PARADE - SUNDAY 16/6/40

Gen. McAlley  
Gen. Hayman

5. DINNER DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 16/6/40 to 0600 Hrs. 17/6/40

Ptes. Ballie, Brown and Nott. Gen. Scott. Regt.

DIVINE SERVICE

Rev. J.B. Addison will conduct a service in the Mess Hall at 2000 Hrs. on Sunday, June 16th, 1940.

Orderly Sgt. will make arrangements for meeting, lights and other work required.

A Communion Service will be held on H.Q. "Benbow" at 0745 Hrs. on Monday, June 17th.

Rev. A. Greene will hold a moving picture show at 1900 Hrs. on Sunday June 23rd., followed by Divine Service at 2100 Hrs.



YORK ISLAND B C

JUNE 15/40

O.C. VAN AREA

595 YOUR 146 PERSONNEL LEFT BORDER PRINCE ARRIVING NEW WESTMINSTER  
ABOUT 2300 HOURS SATURDAY STOP ARRANGE FOR MOTOR TRANSPORT  
NEED VESSEL STOP SEND US BY CANADIAN NATIONAL VESSEL R C E  
TRACTOR DRIVER AND DRAG SAW ATTENDENT WITH ASSISTANT FOR EACH  
MACHINE

O.C. YORK ISLAND

O.O.C. 0830 HRS.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

85th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.C.F.  
York Island, B.C.

June 15/40

Officer Commanding,

Van Area.

DETACHMENT - 6th PLD. COY. R.C.E.M.

1. Your Telegram 146 arrived at 2200 hrs. last night, and the detachment was embarked on the S.S. "Border Prince" which sailed at 0830 hrs. this morning and is due to arrive at New Westminster about 2200 hrs. tonight.  
The call at New Westminster is fortunate as it is understood that the 6th Pld. Coy. is now at Westminster Barracks.
2. A telegram (our 595) was sent you to the effect.
3. Will you please arrange to send up as soon as possible:  
 1. Tractor driver and helper for RCM Tractor.  
 2. Operator and helper for Drag Scr.
4. The best vessel north-bound is the C.M. St. John leaving Monday night, as the Union S.S. Chelchais leaving 1800 hrs. on Monday does not arrive till 2300 hrs. Tuesday.

(J.W. PERRY) Major, R.C.E.M.

Officer Commanding, York Island

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

88th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A. CAST  
York Island, B.C.

June 15/40

Officer Commanding.  
Van Area.

WATER TRANSPORTATION - YORK ISLAND

Ref. your 5-17-1, dated June 10th.

1. Motorboat KIB It is impossible to return this vessel to Vancouver without expense to the public.

I suggest the cheapest way is to send it down with two of our men.

K.22100 L/Bdr. Stromand K.21126 Cmr. Roberts 3 S/1 Bty. have had experience with small boats and I suggest that it be sent down with them in charge.

There would however be expenses for gasoline, meals and travelling expenses back to York Island.

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

50th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., GALT

50th Heavy B.C.

10th of June 1940

BALTIMORE MARCHING STAFF

(1) (2) (3) (4)

		On Parade	Sick	Total	Total at York Island
50th Hwy. Bty.	On Parade	2	10	12	
Det. Detach.	Employed	10	10		
	Stn. Hqrs.	1	—	1	
	Leave	4	4		8
	On Command	2	2		
	H.Q.	1	6		
Det. 2nd B/L	On Parade	1	10	11	
Bty. Detach.	Employed	7	7		
	Leave	3	3		6
	H.Q.	1	1		
Det. 5th Bty.	On Parade	3	3		6
R.C.A.					
Det. 6th Fld.	On Parade	9	9		18
Det. R.C.A.	Leave	2	2		
Det. 13th Fld.	Employed	1	4	5	
Am. R.C.A.					
Det. 1st C.R.	On Parade	14	14		28
Det. M.R. Sig.	On Parade	2	2		
Coy. R.C.C.S.	Employed	1	1		2
NAVAL STAFF OFFICERS ATTACHED		1	7	8	
Civilian Personnel Attached		35	35		35
GRAND TOTAL					
		6	179	185	161

Note: Extend into column (4) only personnel who are actually at York Island.

C.O. TO H.Q. INDEX every Sat.



*Draugy*  
THE DIV. STAFF, R.C.A., CASE

YORK ISLAND R.C.A.

DAILY ORDERS PART I - No. 167

by

17th June, 1940

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

1. DUTIES - Monday

To be Orderly Officer 17/6/40 Lt.J.G.Moore, R.C.A.

To be Orderly Sergeant 17/6/40 L/Sgt.Thurwell, R.C.A.  
Next for Duty 18/6/40 Sgt.Davidson R.C.A.

To be Orderly Bomb'dier 17/6/40 Bdr.Parker R.C.A.  
Next for Duty 18/6/40 L/Bdr.Burgess R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES from 1745hrs. 17/6/40 to 0745hrs. 18/6/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

# 1 Detachment

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

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

# 2 Detachment

Rdr.Gilson and  
8 O.R's as detailed

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

3. MANNING PARADE 1100hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches.

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - MONDAY, 17-6-40

Gnr.O'Malley  
" Mayman

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 17/6/40 to 0800hrs. 18/6/40

Ptes. Burt E., Burt F. and Presley,L. Can.Scot.Regt.



## 55TH HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., CASP

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

June 16th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offr.	O.R.s	TOTAL	Total at York Is
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	55	55	
	Employed		10	10	
	Stn. Hosp.	1	--	1	
	Leave		4	4	66
	On Command		2	2	
	H.Q.		6	6	
Det. 3rd. S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	10	11	
	Employed		7	7	18
	Leave		3	3	
	H.Q.		1	1	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade			3	3
Det. 12th Fld. Amb. RCAMC	Employed	1	4	5	5
Det. 1st. CSR	On Parade			14	14
Det. 10th Ft. Sig. Coy. RGCS	On Parade			2	2
	Employed			1	1
Naval Personnel	Attached	1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel	Attached			35	35
Grand Total		6	167	170	152

Note: Extend into column (4) only personnel who are actually at York Island



*Duty*

S. H. B. Y. B. C. R. C. A. B. C.  
YORK ISLAND, B.C.  
DAILY ORDERS PART I - NO. 168.

by  
MAJOR J. E. P. DIXON, R.C.A.

18th June, 1940

1. DUTIES - Tuesday

To be Orderly Officer 18-6-40 Lt. J.G. Moore, R.C.A.  
To be Orderly Sergeant 18-6-40 Sgt. Davidson, R.C.A.  
Next for Duty 18-6-40 Sgt. Gray, C.S.Rgt.  
To be Orderly B'dier. 18-6-40 L/Bdr. Burgess, R.C.A.  
Next for Duty 18-6-40 L/Bdr. Hall, R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745hrs. 18-6-40 to 0745hrs. 19-6-40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Detachment

Sgt. Ramsden and  
S O.Rs. as detailed

Sgt. Cox and  
S O.Rs. as detailed

#2 Detachment

L/Sgt. Thurlwell and  
S ORs. as detailed

Sgt. Davidson and  
S O.Rs. as detailed

3. MARCHING PARADE 0800hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches.

4. SANITARY DUTY - Tuesday, 18-6-40

Cnr. O'Malley  
" Mayman

5. SANITARY DUTY from 0800hrs. 18-6-40 to 0600hrs. 19-6-40

Ptes. McNeill, Docksteader and Howard, 1st. Bn. C.S.Rgt.

FIRST AID INSTRUCTIONS

1. Commencing Friday June 21st and continuing each Monday and Friday until further notice, the following personnel will parade for First Aid Instructions from 1400 hrs. to 1500 hrs. in the wet canteen. -

Det. 1st. Bn. Can Socts. Rgt.,  
Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. RCGS  
Cooks and Kitchen staffs (less 1st. cooks)  
Orderly Room Clerks  
Battach  
Storemen  
Sanitary Fatigue

2. Sgt. Gray, 1st. Bn. CSR will give copy of the nominal roll of the above personnel to the M.O. and will keep attendance records.



YORK ISLAND B.C.  
JUNE 17-40

D.H.O.  
H.D.XI  
VICTORIA

596 REPORTING NO PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

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O.C. YORK ISLAND

157 Lieut. L.F. W. MOORE LEAVING FOR YORK ISLAND VIA C E  
PLEASE MEET

O.C. VAN AREA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE85th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.C.M.  
York Island, B.C.

June 17/40

Ordnance Officer,  
1150 Hamilton St.,  
Vancouver, B.C.MATTERS

1. I understand that the D.O.O. has received a shipment of 3500 mattresses.
2. I request that authority be given to substitute mattresses and pillows for the palliases and boulettes now in use.  
This garrison is a permanent garrison with not many changes in personnel and mattresses are more comfortable than palliases.
3. Further with poor accommodation for keeping straw, it means that we are continually having to bring straw from Vancouver.

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

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

80th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A., GASH  
York Island, B.C.

June 17-40

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

I.O.M.

1. Last week we received two lots of 300<sup>c</sup>f of ice, which is insufficient.
2. O.C. Van Area advised that you were shipping 600<sup>c</sup>f each shipment and this is necessary, as the Station Hospital alone is using about a third of the present supply.

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

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

June 17th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	On Parade	Offrs.	O.R.s	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
				Total	Total at York Island		
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	3		52	54		
	Employed			10	10		
	Leave			4	4		
	On Command			2	2		
	H.Q.			6	6		
Det. 3rd. S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1		10	11		
	Employed			7	7		
	Leave			3	3		
	H.Q.			1	1		
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade			3	3		
Det. 12th Fld. AMb. RCAC	Employed	1		2	3		
Det. 1st. CSR	On Parade			14	14		
Det. 10th Ft. Sig. Coy. RCCS	On Parade			2	2		
	Employed			1	1		
Naval Personnel Attached		1		7	8		
Civilian Personnel Attached				34	34		
Grand Total		6		159	168		
							148

Note: Extend into column (4) only  
personnel w ho are actually at York Island



*Duty*  
2.DUTY WATCHES from 0745hrs. 19-6-40 to 0745hrs. 20-6-40  
Sgt. COX, H.V.Y., R.C.A., C.A.S.P.  
ON DUTY YORK ISLAND, B.C.  
BY ONE S. PART I - NY 1000. Thackray and  
1 Detachment BY M/Sgt. DICKSON, 19-6-40  
Sgt. Cox and J.W. PLACKEY, R.C.A. Sgt. Thackray and  
8 ORs. as detailed 8 ORs. as detailed

#2 Detachment  
1.DUTIES - Wednesday

Sgt. Davidson and L/Sgt. Thurlwell and  
To be Orderly 0745hrs. 19-6-40 S/Sgt. MacEachan.  
To be Orderly Sergeant 19-6-40 Sgt. Gray, C.S.Rgt.  
Next for Duty 20-6-40 L/Capt. Thackray, R.C.A.  
To be Orderly Bomb'dier 19-6-40 L/Bdr. Hammell, R.C.A.  
Next for Duty 20-6-40 L/Cpl. Connatty C.S.Rgt.

2.DUTY WATCHES from 0745hrs. 19-6-40 to 0745hrs. 20-6-40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Detachment

Sgt. Cox and  
8 ORs. as detailed

Sgt. Wood  
8 ORs. as detailed

#2 Detachment

Sgt. Davidson and  
8 ORs. as detailed

Sgt. Hammel  
8 ORs. as detailed

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

4.SANITARY DETAIL - Wednesday, 19-6-40

Gnr. O'Malley  
" Hammell H.



5.SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 19-6-40 to 0600hrs. 20-6-40

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

SENTRIES - PASSWORD

1. Henceforth all ranks on duty in and in the vicinity of the fort will give a nightly password.
2. It will be the duty of all ranks concerned to obtain the password from the Senior N.C.O. of the watch, and this password must be used when challenged by sentries.
3. The Password will be given to the following personnel daily at 1800 hrs.

1. O.C. YORK ISLAND	4. REMAIN/2 NAVAL W/T
2. O.C.E.O. YORK ISLAND	5. SENIOR N.C.O. on Watch
3. SENIORITY OFFICER	6. SENIOR SERGEANT

The Orderly Sgt. will advise any sentries of the password.

2 CIV

B3NBW

VANCOUVER JUNE 18/40

O.C YORK ISLAND

162 ONE OFFICER ONE OTHER RANK FIRST SEARCHLIGHT REGT.

PROCEEDING YORK ISLAND TO ISSUE SUMMER CLOTHING  
TO SEARCHLIGHT PERSONNEL CAN YOU ACCOMODATE  
THEM FOR A DAY OR SO

O.C. VAN AREA

## 85th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., C.A.B.P.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

June 18th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hwy. Bty. H.C.A.	On Parade	3	46	49	
	Employed		10	10	
	On Leave		10	10	59
	On Command		2	2	
	H.Q.		6	6	
Det. 3rd. S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	13	14	
	Employed		7	7	21
	On Leave		1	1	
	H.Q.		1	1	
Det. 5th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		3	3	3
Det. 12th Fld. Amb. RCACMC		1	2	3	3
Det. 1st. GSR	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 10th Mort. Sig. Coy. RCCS.	On Parade		2	2	5
	Employed		1	1	
NAVAL personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			34	34	34
GRAND TOTAL		6	159	165	145

Note: Extend into column (4) only personnel who are actually at York Island



*Duty*  
S.S.B., H.Y. B.T.Y. R.C.A., CASE

YORK ISLAND R.C.

DAILY ORDERS PART I - NO. 170

by

19th June, 1940

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

1. DUTIES - Thursday

To be Orderly Officer	- Lt. J. G. Moore, R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant	- L/Sgt. Thackray, R.C.A.
Next for Duty	- Bdr. Mackie R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bombardier	- L/Cpl. Connatty, C.S. Regt.
Next for Duty	- Bdr. Larsen R.C.A.

2. DUTY MATCHES from 0745hrs., 20-6-40 to 0745hrs. 21-6-40

ON DUTY

STANDBY

1 Detachment

Sgt. Wood and  
8 ORs. as detailed

L/Sgt. Thackray and  
8 ORs. as detailed

#2 Detachment

Sgt. Hammell and  
8 ORs. as detailed

L/Sgt. Thurlwell and  
8 ORs. as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 0900hrs. 20-6-40 H.Q. party and Duty Matches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Thursday, 20-6-40

Gnr. O'Malley  
" Hammell H.Q.

5. CLEANUP DUTY - from 1800hrs. 20-6-40 to 0000hrs. 21-6-40

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

USE OF TELEPHONE

1. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO INSTRUCTIONS POSTED AT EACH TELEPHONE, WHICH MUST BE ADHERED TO.
2. SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR WILL ASK FOR "NUMBER PLEASE" AND REPEAT THE NUMBER GIVEN.
3. "RING OFF" AFTER EACH CALL.



YORK ISLAND, B.C.

June 19th 1940

DISTRICT OFFICER

c/o O.C. VAN AREA

598 ALDIS SIGNALLING LAMP RAPIDLY BECOMING UNSERVICABLE  
STOP RUSH REPLACEMENT STOP URGENT.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

WORK ISLAND B C  
JUNE 19-40

O.C. VAN AREA

597 YOUR 162 YES PLEASE ADVISE ARRIVAL DATE NAME OF VESSEL

O.C. YORK ISLAND

VANCOUVER B.C.  
JUNE 19-40

O.C. VAN AREA YORK ISLAND

165 Your 597 Venture arrives approximately 0900 Hrs. June 20

O.C. VAN AREA

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

June 19th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total at <u>York Island.</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	3	46	49	
	Employed		10	10	
	On Leave		10	10	
	On Command		2	2	59
	H.Q.		6	6	
Det. 3rd. S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	13	14	
	Employed		7	7	21
	On Leave		1	1	
	H.Q.		1	1	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade			3	3
Det. 12th Fld. Amb. RCAMC	Employed	1	2	3	3
Det. 1st. CSR.	On Parade			14	14
Det. 10th Ft. Sig. Coy. RCCS	On Parade		2	2	
	Employed		1	1	3
Naval Personnel Attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Att.			34	34	34
Grand <del>EXXEL</del> Total		6	159	165	145

Note: Extend into column (4) only personnel who are actually at York Island.



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“ “ 85TH DIV. R.Y. R.C.A.C. A.S.P.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

DAILY ORDER'S PART I - NO. 171

BY

20th June, 1940

MAJOR J. J. FERGUSON, R.C.A.C.

1. DUTIES - Friday

To be Orderly Officer -	Lt. L.F.W. Moore	R.C.A.
	Bdr. G. C. Gray	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant -	Bdr. Mackie,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty -	Sgt. E. M. Wood,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bomberdier -	Bdr. Larsen	R.C.A.
Next for Duty -	L/Bdr. Gayton,	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745hrs., 21-6-40 to 0745hrs. 22-6-40

ON DUTY STANDING BY

1 Detachment

L/Sgt. Thackray and 8 O.Rs. as detailed	Sgt. Cox and 8 O.Rs. as detailed
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2 Detachment

L/Sgt. Thurlwell and 8 O.Rs. as detailed	Sgt. Davidson and 8 O.Rs. as detailed
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3. MAINTAIN PARADE 0900hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Friday, 21-6-40

Gnr. O'Malley  
" Hammell, H.S.

5. SANTRY DUTY - from 1800hrs. 21-6-40 to 0600hrs. 22-6-40

Ptes. Purt E., Burt F. and Cresley, 1st Bn. C.S. Regt.

DIVINE SERVICE

CAPT. Rev. Madden will arrive on Saturday June 22nd. and will be pleased to see any Roman Catholics who wish to see him.  
Time of services to be notified later.

DISCLOSING INFORMATION

It is noted that evidence has accumulated that the troops have been telegraphing and telephoning their relatives and acquaintances and referring to their projected movements towards seaports, together with probable dates of sailing in convoy, etc. In this connection it has been noted that, in some cases, officers are the worst offenders.

It is requested that the necessary action be taken to impress upon all ranks under your command ~~not~~ the danger of disclosing to the general public information of a nature valuable to the enemy. ~~particularly~~ Particularly troops must be told that it is expressly forbidden to reveal to any person by telephone, telegraph, letter or by ordinary conversation, any details relating to the movements either of themselves or of their ~~comrades~~ comrades.



~~GOVERNMENT~~

VANCOUVER JUNE 20/40

O.C. YORK ISLAND

169 Your 598 NO ALDIS LAMPS AVAILABLE AT PRESENT STOP NEW TYPE  
EXPECTED HERE DAILY STOP WILL FORWARD ONE IMMEDIATELY UPON  
ARRIVAL STOP IF PRACTICABLE SEND LAMP HERE CAN PROBABLY BE  
REPAIRED STOP IF SITUATION SERIOUS SUGGEST BORROWING FROM THE NAVY

O.C. VAN AREA

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

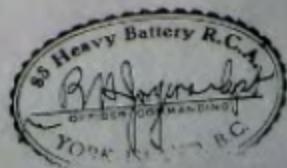
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

JUNE 20th, 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 Employed On Leave On Command H.Q.	3 10 9 2 9	48 10 9 2 9	51 10 9 2 9	61
Det. 3rd. S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade Employed On Leave	1 7 1	13 7 1	14 7 1	21
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade On Leave		2 1	2 1	2
Det. 12th Fld. Amb. R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	2	3	3
Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. RCGS	On Parade		3	3	3
Naval Personnel Attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Attached			34	34	34
Ist. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.		1	--	1	1
H.Q. 15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.			2	2	2
Grand Total		7	163	170	149

Note: Extend into column (4) only personnel who are actually at York Island.



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CC CC  
65th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A., C.A.S.H.P.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

DAILY ORDERS - PART I. No. 178

III

JUNE 21st, 1940

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

1. DUTIES - SATURDAY

To be Orderly Officer	- Lt. J.E. Moore	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	- Lt. L.J.W. Moore	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Wood	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	- L/Sgt. Thurwell	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Gayton	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	- L/Bdr. Strom	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES - from 0745 Hrs. 22-6-40 to 0745 Hrs. 23-6-40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

# 1 Detachment

Sgt. Cox and 8 O.R.s as detailed	Sgt. Wood and 8 O.R.s as detailed
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# 2 Detachment

Sgt. Davidson and 8 O.R.s as detailed	Bdr. Gilson and 8 O.R.s as detailed
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3. MANNING PARADE 0900 Hrs. H.Q. party and Duty Watches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - REMA Saturday June 22nd.

Cnr. O'Malley  
Cnr. Richards

5. SENTRY DUTY From 1800 Hrs. 22-6-40 to 0600 Hrs. 23-6-40

Ptes. McNeill, Docksteader, Howard. 1st. Rn. C.S. Regt.

DRESS - WEARING OF ANKLETS

All ranks will wear anklets with battle dress when on parade or armed duty, except when overshoes are worn.

When walking out or off duty anklets will not be worn.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

85th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A. CAMP  
York Island, B.C.

June 21st, 1940

Officer Commanding,  
Vancouver Area

CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT

1. At approximately 1240 hrs. on the 21st of June 1940 a civilian aircraft marked with the identifying letters "CF - AZE" flew over Johnstone Straits from the south-east and turned back in the same direction, in the vicinity of York Island.
2. The aircraft passed within one mile of the island, at about 1500 ft. altitude.
3. As we were not advised that this aircraft was not given permission to fly over this area, this report is submitted in accordance with the regulations.

*DIST*  
85th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A. C.A.M.P.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

JUNE Elec. 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	5	48	53	
	Employed		10	10	61
	On Leave		9	9	
	On Command		2	2	
	H.Q.		9	9	
Det. 3rd. S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	15	14	
	Employed		7	7	21
	On Leave		1	1	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		2	2	
	On Leave		1	1	
Det. 12th Fld. Amb. R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	2	3	3
Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. RCCS	On Parade		3	3	3
Naval Personnel Attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Attached			34	34	34
1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.		1	--	1	1
H.Q. 15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.			2	2	2
Grand Total		7	163	170	149

Note: Extend into column (4) only personnel who are actually at York Island.



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

Title pages will be prepared.

# WAR DIARY

OR

ORIGINAL

M.F.M. 11

17-1000

1 Q. 100-41-2

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

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

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

Place	1940	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. YORK Island	June 22		Letter re Motor-Boat KMB & m/v Polar Forceite (see app D) Hon. Major Madden, Lt. Milner, R.C.A. arrived 10 O.R.'s reported for duty - 4 O.R.'s proceeded on leave 3 O.R.'s returned from leave. Hon. Capt. Greene arrived Weather: fair	7-2
	23		" bright	
	24		Hon. Capt. Greene left. Letter re summer underwear (see app. D) 1 O.R. S.O.S. under age Lt. Milner and 1 O.R. proceeded to Vancouver. 5 O.R.'s returned from leave	8-4
	25		Weather: bright Letter re buildings and roadway (see app. D) " " drag saw { " " D) " " Irish Fusiliers { " " D) " " Searchlight Machinery { " " D)	8-0 8-4 8-5 9-5
	26		Weather: bright 1 O.R. reported for duty. 7 O.R.'s T.O.S. at Vancouver Capt. R.H. Jorgensen proceeded on leave	
	27		Weather: bright Letter re insufficient postage (see app D) Letter re Officers (" " D) 2 O.R.'s 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. arrived	8-5 8-1
	28		Weather: fair 6 O.R.'s proceeded on leave Letter re rations (see app. D) " re fish { " " D) " re pay civilian employees (" " D) Weather: bright	8-1 8-1 6-5-4
	29		Letter re cooking range (see app D) " promotion of N.C.O.'s	9-5 6-0
	30		4 O.R.'s returned from leave Weather: bright Weather: bright	



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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

DAILY ORDERING - PART I, NO. 173.

BY

JUNE, 22nd, 1940

MAJOR J. L. PLINCY, R.C.A.

1. DUTIES - SUNDAY

To be Orderly Officer -	Lt. L.P.W. Moore,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty -	Lt. J.G. Moore,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant -	L/Sgt. Thurlwell,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty -	Sgt. Cox,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bir. -	L/Bdr. Strom,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty -	Bdr. Larsen	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES - from 0745hrs. 23-6-40 to 0745hrs. 24-6-40

ON DUTY

STANDED BY

#1 Detachment

Sgt. Wood and 8 O.R.s as detailed	L/Sgt. Thurlwell and 8 O.R.s as detailed
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#2 Detachment

Bdr. Gilson and 8 O.R.s As detailed	L/Sgt. Thackray and 8 O.R.s as detailed
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3. MANNING PARADE 0900hrs. H.Q. Party and Dut Watches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Sunday, 23rd. June

Gnr. Hammell, R.S.  
" McCordell

5. ENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 23-6-40 to 0600hrs. 24-6-40

Ptes. Clark Diskcon and Webster, 1st.Bn.C.S.Regt.

APPLICATION TO SERVE IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE

Applications for discharge from the C.A.S.F. in order to join the Royal Canadian Navy or the Royal Canadian Air Force are being submitted to District Headquarters without sufficient particulars as to the qualifications of the soldier and the work for which he is required in the Royal Canadian Navy or the Royal Canadian Air Force.

It is pointed out that all such applications are considered only on the basis of the interests of the Services, and particular care should be taken to ensure that sufficient information is forwarded to permit adequate consideration and decision by higher authority.

HOLY MASS - R.C. Personnel

Hon. Maj. the Rev. Father Madden will hold Mass in the Recreation Hall at 0745 hrs Sunday June 23rd.



1 CIV

20NBW  
VANCOUVER JUNE 22/1120

O.C. YORK ISLAND

185 LT. MILNER AND QM'S FENNY THIRD SEARCHLIGHT BATTERY  
ARRIVING TODAY VIA UNION STEAMSHIPS

O.C. VAN AREA

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

JUNE 22nd, 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

(1) (2) (3)

Offrs. O.R.S Total Total at  
York Island.

85th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade Employed On Leave On Command H.Q.	3 10 9 2 9	48 10 9 2 9	51 10 9 2 9	
Det 3 S/L Bty R.C.A.	On Parade Employed On Leave	1 1 1	13 8 1	14	23
85th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade On Leave		2 1	2 1	2
Det. 12th Fld. Amb. R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
Det. 1st. CSR	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 10th Ft. Sig. Coy. RCCS	On Parade		3	3	3
Naval Personnel Attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			34	34	34
1st. A.A. Regt. H.Q. 15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A. Can. Chaplain Service		1 2 1	1 2 -	2 2 1	2 2 1
GRAND TOTAL		9	167	176	154

1 Copy to H.Q. M.D.XI



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

YORK ISLAND B.C.

DAILY ORDERS - PART I, NO. 124.

by

23rd. June, 1940

MAJOR J. E. PIERCY, RCA

1. DUTIES - MONDAY

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	- Sgt.Cox,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	- Sgt.Gray,	1st.C.S.R.
To be Orderly Bomb'dier	- Bdr.Larsen,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	- Bdr.Gilson,	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES - from 0745 hrs. 24-6-40 to 0745 hrs. 25-6-40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Detachment

L/Sgt.Thunwell and 8 O.Rs. as detailed	Sgt.Cox and 8 O.Rs. as detailed
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#2 Detachment

L/Sgt.Thackray and 8 O.Rs. as detailed	Sgt.Davidson and 8 O.Rs. as detailed
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3. MANNING PARADE 0900hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Monday, 24-6-40

Gmc O'Malley  
" Hammell H.S.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 24-6-40 to 0600hrs. 25-6-40

Ptes.Bullis, Brown and Watt, 1st.In.C.S.Reg't.



1 CIV BL/JW

26 NBW  
VICTORIA JUNE 23/1800

O.C. YORK ISLAND

798 REFERENCE 2-7-98-2 dated JUNE 21 RELIEF DETACHMENT FIRST  
SCOTTISH NOT NOW BEING MARRIED OUT AT PRESENT TIME

H.Q. MDXI ATTENTION D A A & QMG

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. ON YORK ISLANDYORK ISLAND B.C.

JUNE 23/40

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		On Parade	On Duty	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	3	40	51	
	Employed		9	9	
	On Leave		9	9	60
	On Command		2	2	
	H.Q.		10	10	
Det. 8th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		2	2	2
	On Leave		1	1	
Det. 3 S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	15	14	
	Employed	1	7	8	
	On Leave		1	1	22
Int. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 12th Fld. Am. R.C.A.C.	Employed.	2	1	3	4
Det. 10th Ft. Reg. Coy. R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
Naval Personnel Attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			34	34	34
H.Q. 15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.			2	2	2
Can. Chaplain Service		2	-	2	2
Grand Total		10	166	176	165



85TH HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A., C.A.S.P.

YORK ISLAND R.C.A.

DAILY ORDERS PART I NO. 175.

by

24th June, 1940

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

1. DUTIES - Tuesday

To be Orderly Officer	-	Lt.D.G.McGavin,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	-	Lt.J.H.Moore	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant	-	Sgt.Gray	1st.C.S.R.
Next for Duty	-	Sgt.Tackson	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bombardier	-	L/Bdr.Hammell	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	-	Bdr.Parker	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES - from 0745hrs. to 0745hrs. 26-6-40.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Detachment

Sgt.Cox and S.O.Rs. as detailed	Sgt.Wood and S.O.Rs. as detailed
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#2 Detachment

Sgt.Davidson and S.O.Rs. as detailed	Bdr.Gilson and S.O.Rs. as detailed
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3. MANNING PARADE 0900hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches.

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Tuesday, 25-6-40

Cnr.O'Malley  
" Hammell H.S.

5. GURRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 25-6-40 to 0600hrs. 264640

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

6. FIRE PRECAUTIONS

~~ALL ranks are warned to take every precaution against causing outbreaks of fire in view of the dry state of the forest on the island. Extreme care must be taken with matches, cigarettes, and pipes to see that no fires commence in the forest which would possibly destroy the fort and camp.~~

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YORK ISLAND B.C.  
June 24th 1940

DMO  
MDXI  
VICTORIA B.C.

600 REPORTING ONE PATIENT IN HOSPITAL

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*Bismarck*  
85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.B.P.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

JUNE 24th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Officer	O.R.s	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	3	48	51	
	Employed		9	2	60
	On Leave		9	9	
	On Command H.Q.		2	2	
			10	10	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		2	2	2
	On Leave		1	1	
Det. 3 S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	13	14	
	Employed	1	7	8	22
	On Leave		1	1	
Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 12th F.M. Amb. R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
Det. 10th Ft. Sig. Coys. R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
Hava Personnel Attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Attached			34	34	34
Gen. Chaplain Service		1	-	1	1
Grand Total		9	168	175	<u>150</u>



*Dearl.*

85TH HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A.G.A.S.F.

YORK ISLAND R.C.

DAILY ORDERS PART I-NO. 174

by

26th June, 1940

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

1. DUTIES - WEDNESDAY

To be Orderly Officer	- Lt.J.G.Moore,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	- Lt.L.P.W.Moore,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant	- L/Sgt. Thackray,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	- Sgt.Davidson,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bombardier	- Bdr.Parker,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	- Bdr.Mackie,	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745 hrs. 26-6-40 to 0745 hrs. 27-6-40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Detachment

Sgt.Wood and 8 O.Rs. as detailed	L/Sgt.Thackray and 8 O.Rs. as detailed
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#2 Detachment XDR

Bdr.Gilson and 8 O.Rs. as detailed	L/Sgt.Thurlwell and 8 O.Rs. as detailed
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3. MARCHING PARADE 0900 hrs. 26-6-40 H.Q. Party and Duty Watches.

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Wednesday, 26-6-40

Gnr.O'Malley  
" Hammell

5. GENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 26-6-40 to 0600 hrs. 27-6-40

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

6. CHEQUES - CANTEEN

When making cheques out to Canteen proper title  
is : 85th Heavy Battery, Canteen.



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VANCOUVER JUNE 25/40

O.C. YORK ISLAND

216 SUBMIT NAMES VOLUNTEERS SEARCHLIGHT PERSONNEL FOR TRANSFER  
ELECTRIC LIGHT UNITS SERVICE AT POINT UNSTATED PRESUMABLY OVERSEAS  
CATERGORY A REPLY BY THURSDAY.

O.C. VAN AREA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

20th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A. CAST  
York Island, B.C.

June 20th 1940

R.C.A. & R.C.  
Headquarters  
Victoria, B.C.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Under instructions of C.C. Von Arx letter dated June 19th, file no. S-17-1, this vessel is proceeding to Victoria under control of L-22100 L/Mar. Stroh V.V., and L-22126 Gun. Roberts, J.A.
2. They have been instructed to tie the vessel up at Armstrong Boat Works and report to you on arrival, for reimbursement of their expenses en route and return transportation to York Island.

H.M.V. POLAR FROG

This vessel seems to be having trouble with the engine, and she was out of action last Wednesday and for short periods before that was out of commission. I suggest that before purchase, this vessel should be carefully inspected.

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

C. Copy to Von Arx

C. Copy to L-22100 L/Mar. Stroh V.V.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

65th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A. CASF  
York Island, B.C.

June 25th 1940

Officer Commanding.  
1st. Bn. C.S. Regt. CASF  
Victoria, B.C.

SUMMER UNDERWEAR

Please ship the following summer underwear for your detachment on York Island. Your detachment at present only has winter underwear.

Except for ceremonial purposes they wear service shorts and trousers, and in consequence need drawers as well as shirts.

Size roll is as follows:

Drawers cotton short 6/34 22/36  
Shirts under cotton 10/36 18/36

Will you please instruct your Q.M. to treat this as urgent.

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

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE85th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A. CAMP  
York Island, B.C.

June 25th 1940

Officer Commanding,  
Vancouver Area.BUILDINGS

The Officers' Quarters and the Administration Building are now nearly completed.

Lieut. A. Webster, R.C.E. reported that he had recommended the construction of another sleeping hut, Guard House, tractor and radio Building.

Will you please advise if these are approved, and if not yet approved, arrange for them to be so.

The plans were left up here by Lt. Webster and we can send down the list of material required.

PLANK ROADWAY AND SIDEWALKS

Lieut. Webster advised that he recommended construction of a plank roadway and sidewalks. Please advise if this has been approved so we can order material.

Major MacDonald of the D.E.O.'s Department advised Lt. Webster and myself that an allotment of \$10,000 had been granted by the D.M.Q. for buildings on York Island, but we have no information of what the D.E.O. has approved.

As the work in hand will soon be completed it is necessary decide quickly on the additional buildings in order to avoid the expense of sending the carpenters and building workmen to Vancouver and them bringing them back again.

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

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

35th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A. C.A.S.P.  
York Island B.C.

June 25th 1940

Officer Commanding,  
Vancouver, B.C.

DRAG SAW

1. Ref. your letter May 14th File No. S-16-5, also my letter May 7th and 25th, File S-4, also D.S. & T.O. letter May 13th File 297-1-3.
2. The new saw promised has not yet been received, consequently we are having to use the old one, a delapidated rented saw.
3. B.Q.M.S. Upton is bringing down a drip oiler for the old machine which needs repairs. This is only the beginning of other numerous parts which need repairs.
4. Will you please authorize supply of new parts required for this machine or alternatively send up the new saw and let us return the old one to D.S. & T.O.

(J.H. PERRY) Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding York Island.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

88th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A. CAMP  
York Island B.C.

June 25th 1940

Officer Commanding,  
Vancouver Area.

IRISH FUSILIERS

2. This morning R.M.C.B. Sans Peuplement York Island northbound, with some members of the above Battalion on board.
2. The captain of the vessel handed the bag of mail to the chief examination Officer, York Island for censoring and posting.
3. The C.X.O. asked my opinion about the matter, drawing my attention in particular to a letter addressed to Mrs. Eileen Mascall, signed by Lieut. S.L. Brown, advising the destination of the detachment.
4. As neither of us have any information as to the requirements of secrecy in this move, I am forwarding the bag by BQMS Upton with instructions to hand them in to your office for censorship.

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

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

- YORK ISLAND, B.C. -

25th of June, 1940.

Officer Commanding,  
Vancouver Area,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Searchlight Machinery

1. I am informed that the Diesel engine for the above have arrived at Victoria and are awaiting delivery of Searchlights.
2. It will take nearly four weeks to install the concrete bases, and allow the concrete to set hard before installation of the engines.
3. I recommend that instructions be given the D.E.O. to proceed with the concrete base while the civilian workmen are here.
4. If the Diesel engines and dynamos could be installed as soon as possible it would be possible to use them for lighting the camp pending approval of an electric plant.

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

## 85th HEAVY BATTALION R.C.A. CAMP

YORK ISLAND B.C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

June 25th 1940

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	3	54	57	
	Employed		9	9	
	On Command		2	2	66
	On Leave		3	3	
	H.Q.		10	10	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		2	2	2
	On Leave		1	1	
Det. 3 S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	11	12	
	Employed	1	7	8	80
	On Leave		3	3	
Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det 12 Flg. Amb. RCAC	Employed	1	5	4	4
Det. 10th Ft. Sig. RCCS	On Parade		3	3	3
Naval Personnel Attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			34	34	34
Grand Total		8	164	172	155



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BATTALION HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A., CANADA.

YUKON LAND, B.C.

DAILY ORDERS PART I- NO. 177

by

16th June 1940

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

1. DUTIES - THURSDAY
- |                           |                    |         |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| To be Orderly Officer     | -Lltl. F.W. Moore, | R.C.A., |
| Next for Duty             | -Ltr. G. McGavin,  | R.C.A., |
| To be Orderly Sergeant    | -Sgt. Davidson,    | R.C.A., |
| Next for Duty             | -Bdr. Gilson,      | R.C.A., |
| To be Orderly Bombarider, | -Bdr. Mackie,      | R.C.A., |
| Next for duty             | -Bdr. Gayton,      | R.C.A., |

2. DUTY WATCHES - from 0745hrs. 27-6-40 to 07 Shrs 28-6-40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Detachment

L/Sgt. Thckray and 8 O.Rs, as detailed	Sgt. Davidson and 8 O.Rs. as detailed
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#2 Detachment

L/Sgt. Thurlwell and 8 O.Rs. as detailed	Bdr. Larsen and 8 O.Rs. as detailed
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3. MANNING PARADE - 0900hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches.

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - THURSDAY

Gnr. O'Malley

" Hammell

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 27-6-40 to 0600hrs. 28-6-40  
Ptes. McNeill, Dockeader and Howard, 1st.Btn.C.S.Regt.

DRESS, OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS, C.A.S.C.

(2) Modification in collar of battle dress blouse.

- (a) As it has been found that the collar of the battle dress-blouse causes irritation in certain cases, authority is granted for the collar to be lined with khaki drill or other similar material when considered necessary by the wearer. The colour of the fabric used for the lining should form a reasonable match with the colour of the blouse.
- (b) No expense to the public will be admitted in connection with this modification.

(2) Wearing of collars and ties with battle dress

- (a) On all parades and duties in camps and quarters and when walking out, the collar of the battle dress blouse will normally be worn closed.
- (b) During summer season, officers who have not been able to provide themselves with khaki drill uniform may wear the collar of the battle dress blouse open on all occasions with the regulation drab collar and tie. Regimental ties will not be worn with battle dress.
- (c) Other ranks for whom an issue of khaki drill uniform may not be available may wear the collar of the battle dress blouse open on all occasions during summer season. The regulation khaki flannel or cotton shirt will be worn with battle dress. The wearing of various coloured shirts and collars is not permitted. Other ranks will not wear ties.

- (3) Routine Order No. 437 is hereby cancelled.

(Effective June 1st, 1940)



VANCOUVER 26/40

O.C. YORK ISLAND

FURTHER OUR 216 ADVISE IMMEDIATELY IF LIEUT J.G. MOORE VOLUNTEERS

ALSO

No 222

O.C. VAN AREA

VANCOUVER

JUNE 26/40

O.C YORK ISLAND

228 LIEUT. MCGAVIN SELECTED AS REINFORCEMENT OFFICER TIME  
TO REPORT WILL BE NOTIFIED

O.C. VAN AREA

YORK ISLAND B.C.

PRIORITY

JUNE 26th 1940

D.D.S. & T.O.

VANCOUVER

602 PLEASE ADVISE WHEN BORDER PRINCE WILL ARRIVE AT YORK ISLAND  
STOP FRESH WATER NEARLY EXPENDED STOP ONLY 400 GALLONS LEFT

O.C. YORK ISLAND

JUNE 26, 1940

O.C. VAN AREA  
*box*

RE YOUR 222 YES STOP REYOCN 216 CATEGORRY A VOL-STEELIS SGT WOOD  
IL GNR VAIL WH GNR TURNER WH GNR WOODWARD GH STOP CATEGORRY B VOLUNTE  
ERS WISHING REBOARD BDRS GILSON JA MACKIE VM GNR SCHWANOFF

O.C. YORKE ISLAND

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.S.H.YORK ISLAND R.C.Daily Strength State

June 26th 1940

		(2)	(3)	(4)	
		Offrs.	O.R.s.	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	3	54	57	
	Employed		9	9	
	On Command		2	2	
	On Leave		3	3	66
	H.Q.		10	10	
Det. 5th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		2	2	
	On Leave		1	1	2
Det. 3 S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	12	13	
	Employed	1	7	8	
	On Leave		3	3	21
Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 12 Fld. Amb. R.C.A.M.C.	On Parade		1	3	4
	Employed				4
Det. 10 Ft. Sig. Coy. R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
Naval Personnel Attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Attached.			34	34	34
Grand Total		7	164	172	163



Dawn

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

YORK ISLAND B.C.

DAILY ORDERS PART -1- No. 178

BY

June 27th 1940

MAJOR J.W. PINEY R.C.A.

1. DUTIES - FRIDAY

To be Orderly Officer	June 26 th	Lt. D.G. McGeivin	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	June 29th	Lt. G.O. Moore	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	June 26th	Bdr. Gilson	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	June 29th	L/Sgt. Thurlwell	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	June 26th	L/Bdr. Gayton	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	June 29th	L/Bdr. McConnell	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES - from 0745 Hrs. 26-6-40 to 0755 Hrs. 29-6-40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Detachment

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

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

#2 Detachment

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

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

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

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - FRIDAY

Mr. O'Malley  
" Hammel

5. NIGHT DUTY from 1800 hrs. 26-6-40 to 0600 hrs. 29-6-40

Ptes. Bullis, Brown and Watt. 1st. Bn. Com. Scots. Regt.



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VANCOUVER B C  
JUNE 27/1600

O.C. YORK ISLAND

238 THREE O R'S REPORTING FOR DUTY VIA UNION 1000 Hrs. SAT JUNE 29

O.C. VAN AREA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASH  
York Island, B.C.

June 27th 1940

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

Insufficient Postage.

1. Reference your letter June 20th, File 8-5. This unit has never been issued with scales for weighing letters in spite of numerous requests for same. In consequence, putting the necessary stamps on letters is purely a matter of guessing the weight. I suppose we are no different to other units, as we are constantly receiving letters with insufficient postage.
2. This will continue until proper postal scales are provided and I request that Ordnance be instructed to issue postage scales to this battery.

(J.W. PERRY) Major, R.C.A.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE85th Hwy. Bty., R.C.A., CAMP  
York Island B.C.

June 27th 1940

Officer Commanding,  
Vancouver Area.OFFICERS

1. Lieut. McGavin Ref. your telegram 228 dated June 26th, advising that this officer has been selected as reinforcement officer.
2. I request that arrangements be made to transfer this officer to one of the Vancouver Batteries for the following reasons:
  - (a) He will have time to settle his private affairs.
  - (b) He can be granted leave before going overseas.
  - (c) When orders arrive for his movement overseas, no time will be lost by waiting for a vessel from York Island to Vancouver.
3. If this transfer is carried out it will be necessary to send another Artillery Lieutenant to the 85th Bty. Please arrange to have this officer sent up before Lieut. McGavin leaves.
4. Lt. J.G. Moore S/L Bty. Ref. your Tel. #228, asking if Lt. Moore would volunteer. I judge that there is a possibility that this officer will be sent overseas, and when his transfer has been decided, I request that similar arrangements be made for his relief by another Lieutenant of the 3rd. S/L Bty.

C. Copy to  
15th (Van) Coast Bde., R.C.A.(J.W. FITROY) Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

65th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.S.E.P.YORK ISLAND B.C.

JUNE 27th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offrs.	C.R.S.	Total	Total at York Island
65th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	3	54	57	
	Employed		9	9	
	On Command		2	2	
	On Leave		3	3	66
	H.Q.		10	10	
Det. 6th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	2	2	
	On Leave	1	1		
Det. 3 S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	12	13	
	Employed	1	6	7	
	On Leave		4	4	20
Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
Det. 1st. C.S.R. On Parade		14	14	14	
Det. 12th Fld. Am. RCAC	Employed	1	5	4	4
DET. 10 Ft. Sig. Coy. RCGS	On Parade		5	5	
	Employed	2	2		5
Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached		34	34	34	34
Grand Total		7	166	174	174



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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

DAILY ORDERS PAGE 1 - NO. 178

by

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

1. DUTY - DETACHMENT

To be orderly Officer	29/6/40	- Lt. P.W.P. Moore	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	30/6/40	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant	29/6/40	- L/Sgt. Thurlwell	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	30/6/40	- Bdr. Larsen	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	29/6/40	- L/Bdr. McConnell	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	30/6/40	- Bdr. Jones	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES - from 0745hrs. 29/6/40 to 0645hrs. 30/6/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

3.1 Detachment

Sgt. Wood and 8 O.R.s. as detailed	L/Sgt. Thackery and 8 O.R.s. as detailed
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3.2 Detachment

Bdr. Gilson and 8 O.R.s. as detailed	L/Sgt. Thurlwell and 8 O.R.s. as detailed
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3.3 MANNING PARADE - 0600hrs. 29/6/40 H.Q. Party and Duty Watches.

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Saturday.

Gnr. Rossell J.  
 Gnr. Kessiden  
 = Cooper

5. ENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 29/6/40 to 0600hrs. 30/6/40

- Ptes. Bullis, Brown, and Watt. 1st. Bn. C.S.Hrgt.  
 6. All H.Q.O.s and C.R.s will report to Orderly Sgt. immediately on returning from leave. The Orderly Sgt. will then parade the men to the Orderly Room.



## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

85th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A. CAMP  
York Island B.C.

June 28th 1940

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

RATIONS

1. During this hot weather we are receiving more potatoes than are necessary and an insufficient quantity of other vegetables.
2. Could authorisation be made please, for us to reduce the amount of potatoes on our indent and increase the amount of other vegetables.
3. The potatoes now supplied are in a very soft condition, which can only be remedied by supplying new season potatoes.

(J.E. PIERREY# Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding York Island

## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

88th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.F. CAMP  
York Island B.C.

June 28th 1940

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

FISH - YORK ISLAND

Replying to your letter June 24th 1940

1. Your scheme for buying fish through our Messing a/c is unworkable for the following reasons:-
  - (a) No fisherman will sign all the numerous forms you require. It takes all his time to sign his own name.
  - (b) The Messing a/c has insufficient money to finance weekly purchase of fish.
  - (c) Our experience with the D.D.S. & T.O. is that he does not pay bills. We have not been paid for the following:-
    - (i) Run issued made on instructions of the M.O. September, 1939.
    - (ii) Purchase of halibut in April has not been paid; ref. your letter 22nd of April.  
File STV-L-L-L
2. The only practical way to purchase fresh fish from fishermen is the following:-
  - (a) D.D.S. & T.O. supplies cash to G.C. York Island for purchases of fresh fish.
  - (b) G.C. York Island arranges with examination vessel (Fishermen's Reserve) to contact fishing vessels in Johnston Straits and purchases the required amount, paying in cash, and obtaining a receipt from the fisherman.
  - (c) G.C. York Island will submit a statement monthly of cash expended supported by one copy of receipt from fishermen.
3. No fisherman passing York Island will bother to call in at York Island with 150 lbs. of fish. He is too busy getting his fish to market or to the cannery, but he will stop for 15 or 20 minutes to sell to a vessel in the Straits.
4. The Fishermen's Reserve skippers know most of these fishermen personally, and could buy from them at prices equal to those paid by the fish buyers, and cheaper than the Department can buy. In addition the Department will save the cost of freighting the fish from Vancouver, which is quite considerable. Further, there is no risk of fish going bad in transit during hot weather.
5. The main problem is how to bend the rules and regulations, so that the Government can save money and the garrison can obtain fresh fish, much fresher than the RCASC can supply.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE85th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A. CAMP  
York Island B.C.

June 28th 1940

District Engineer Officer,  
York Point Barracks,  
Victoria B.C.

PAY - CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

1. Ref. to delay in receipt of cheques for the a/m.
2. I find that these cheques were enclosed in a registered letter addressed to Lt. A. Webster R.C.E. at York Island. This officer has now returned to the 6th Field Coy. North Vancouver, so the letter was forwarded to him and arrived here yesterday.
3. In future I suggest you follow the old army rule of addressing letters to Q.C. York Island and not to any individual, as personal mail should not be opened.

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

25th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

York Island R.C.A.

June 28th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total at York Island
25th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	52	55	
	Employed		5	5	
	On Command		2	2	
	On Leave	1	4	5	
	H.Q.		0	0	
Det. 5th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		2	2	
	On Leave		1	1	2
Det. 3 S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	11	12	18
	Employed		5	5	
	On Leave		4	4	19
Det. 1st. A.A. Bapt. R.C.A.	On Parade	/	1	1	2
	Employed				2
Det. 1st. C.S.E.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 12th Fld. Am. RCAC	Employed	1	5	4	4
Det. 10 Ft. Sig. Coy. RCGS	On Parade		5	5	
	Employed		2	2	5
Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			34	34	34
<b>BRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>151</b>



*D* 10/11/40  
55th. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.R.D.S.

YORK ISLAND R.C.A.

DAILY ORDERLY PARADE NO. 180

by

June 29, 1940.

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

<u>1. DUTIES - SUNDAY</u>		
To be Orderly Officer	-Lt. D.G. McGavin,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	-Lt. L.P.W. Moore,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant	-Bdr. Larsen,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	-Sgt. Wood,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bombardier	-Bdr. Jones,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	-1/Bdr. Hammell,	R.C.A.
<u>2. DUTY WATCHES</u> - from 0845hrs. 30/6/40 to 0745hrs. 1/7/40		R.C.A.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

1. Detachment

L/Sgt. Thackery and  
8 O.Rs. as detailed

Sgt. Davidson and  
8 O.Rs. as detailed

2. Detachment

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

Bdr. Larsen and  
8 O.Rs. as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - 08--1100hrs. 30/6/40 H.Q. Party and Duty Watches.

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Sunday.

Cnr. O'Malley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Blackburn

5. DUTY DUTY from 1800hrs. 30/6/40 to 0600hrs. 1/7/40

Ptes. McNeill, Docksteader, and Howard, 1st. Bn. C.S.Bgt.



## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

68th Infy. Bty. R.C.A. CAMP  
York Island B.C.

June 29th 1940

Officer Commanding.  
Vancouver Area.Attention R.C.M.P. WORKS OFFICERCOOKING RANGE

Please ship by return shipment of S.S. "Border Prince"  
the following part cooking range in the mess' kitchen.

"Model Range" E-84-88  
1 set of five bars for grate.

Range is manufactured by Vancouver Stove Heater Co.  
This is very important as it is only range for cooking  
meals in the camp, and the present grate is nearly falling  
to pieces.

Treat this as urgent.

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

C. Copy to R.C.M.P. Works Officer

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

29th June, 1940.

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

PROMOTION OF R.C.O.'S

1. If there are any promotions to be made to commission ranks in the Brigade, I request that consideration be given to the following R.C.O.'S:-

K17027 B.S.M. E. J. Lockhart  
K17030 Sgt. S. D. Cox  
K17040 Bdr. F. G. Garrett  
K17042 Bdr. W. Dashwood-Jones  
K17025 Bdr. J. Larsen

2. As all the documents are kept in Vancouver, I am unable to verify their educational qualifications, but suggest that consideration be given to them in the order named.

3. I have applied for leave from about 9th July, 1940, and will discuss the matter with you further then.

(J.E.Piercy) Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding  
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

JEP/JS

## 65th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A., CANADA

YORK ISLAND B.C.

June 29th 1940

DAILY PERSONNEL STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Oifc.	O.R. S.	Total	Total at York Island
65th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	52	54	
	Employed		10	10	
	On Command		2	2	
	On Leave	1	8	9	
	H.Q.		6	6	
Det. 5th Hwy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		2	2	2
	On Leave		1	1	
Det. 3 H/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	10	11	
	Employed		7	7	
	On Leave		4	4	10
Det. 1st. A.A. Bogt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 12th Plt. Amb. ROAN	Employed	1	5	6	4
Det. 10th Pt. Bog. Cpl. ROBS	On Parade		4	4	4
Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			34	34	34
Grand Total		7	164	171	<u>150</u>

C.Copy to H.Q. HKI



Wkly. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CAMP.

YORK ISLAND R.C.

DAILY SIGNED DATE 1 - NO. 181

June 30, 1940.

by

MAJOR PIERCY R.C.A.

1. PLATES - MONDAY - July 1, 1940.

To be Orderly Officer	-Lt.L.F.W.Moore,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	-Lt.D.G.McGavin,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant	-Sgt.Wood,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	-L/Sgt.Thackray,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bombardier	-L/Bdr.Hummell,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	-Bdr.Parker,	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES - from 0845hrs. 1/7/40 to 0745hrs. 2/7/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

①. Detachment

Sgt.Davidson and  
S O.Rs. as detailed

Sgt.Wood and  
S O.Rs. as detailed

②. Detachment

Larsen  
Bdr.~~Gilson~~ and  
S O.Rs. as detailed

Bdr.Gilson and  
S O.Rs. as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - 1100hrs. 1/7/40 H.Q. Party and Duty Watches.

4. SANITARY PARADE - Monday.

Cmr. O'Malley  
" Hammell H.S.

5. GARDEN DUTY - from 1800hrs. 1/7/40 to 0600hrs. 2/7/40

Ptes.Clark, Dickson, and Webster, 1Bn. C.B.Rgt.

DEFISSION DAY

July 1st being a holiday all routine as for Sundays  
will be observed.



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

20th 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	2	52	54	
	Employed		10	10	
	On Command		2	2	
	On Leave	1	7	8	
	H.Q.		6	6	
Det 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		2	2	
	On Leave		1	1	
Det. 3 S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	10	11	
	Employed		7	7	
	On Leave		4	4	
Det. 1st. Ag.A. Begt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	
Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	
Det. 12th Fld. Amb. R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	
Det. 19th Ft. Sig. Coy. R.C.C.S.	On Parade		4	4	
H.Q. 15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.		1.	1	1	
Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	
Civilian personnel attached		34	34	34	
Grand Total		7	165	172	<u>151</u>

