



**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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*The 85<sup>th</sup> Heavy Battery is proudly perpetuated by the Gunners of the  
15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA in Vancouver, B.C.*

**June 1941**

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# WAR DIARY

OF

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

*Sw No 390*

FROM June 1st 1941 TO June 30th 1941

VOLUME ~~TWENTY ONE~~ 22

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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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### ORIGINAL

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
York Island	JUNE 1941			
		1	Weather: Dull	
		2	Major J.E. Piercy, R.C.A., arrived on Island after 14 days Furlough	
			Weather: Cloudy	
		3	Census forms received from Dist. Records Office Victoria. Lt. H.V.N. Bankes R.C.A., appointed Enumerator for York Island.	
			Weather: Bright	
		4	Weather: Bright	
		5	Mr. A M Hurst YMCA arrived to make arrangements for library and reading room. J. Steward of Hoffars Ltd. arrived from Vancouver to supervise installation of new crankshaft in lighting plant.	
			Weather: Bright	
		6.	Weather: Dull	
		7	J Steward mechanic of Hoffars Ltd. left York Island having completed repairs on Light Plant. RCASC M.V. "GENERAL CALDWELL" proceeded to Campbell River for light repairs and painting. Wire received from Bde H.Q. for Bdr Dashwood-Jones D. at present on leave to report to H.Q.	
			Weather: Rain	
		8	Weather: Rain	
		9	Water Scow was tried out by filling at the water fall on Hardwicke Island north of the site of collection tank. Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the hose <del>for</del> the top of the fall to the scow and consequently the tanks could be only partially filled in the time available.	-from
			Weather: Wind & Rain	
		10	Capt. Ruffell arrived by CNR boat to supervise completion of collection tank for water on Hardwicke Island. This is found to be leaking badly apparently owing to the cracks in the rock	
			Weather: Rain	
		11	Lt. G. Fanning admitted to York Island Hospital with bad throat. Orders received from DMO for Lt. Rice RCAMC to proceed to Prince Rupert. Capt. T F Saunders RCAMC returning to York Island tomorrow.	
			Weather: Dull	

*for*

PART I ORDERS

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

York Island, B.C.

by

Capt. J.H. Bricker, Officer Commanding

No. 152

152-1 DUTIES : Monday 2nd June 1941

Officer of the Watch - Lt. H.V.N. Bankes R.C.A.  
Next for duty - Lt. D.G. McGavin R.C.A.  
Orderly Officer - Lt. W.A.S. ClaytonRCA  
Orderly Sgt - Sgt Ramsden E.  
Orderly Bdr. - A/Bdr Hammell G D

152-2 FIRE BICQUET

A/Bdr Hammell, Gnrs. Tully, Strain, Mattocks,  
King C, and Pte Bradley.

152-3 GUARD MOUNTING

L/Bdr Mackie, Gnrs. Huff, Harman, Durbin, Young.

*for* H.V.N. Bankes Lt.  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.,  
Officer Commanding York Island

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., A.F.  
York Island, B.C. 1st June

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Officer Commanding,  
4th Fort. E&M Coy. RCE. AF.,  
Vancouver Barracks,  
Vancouver, B. C.

M.F.M. 2, M.F.B. 465,  
M.F.W. 6, M.F.C. 800

1. Enclosed, herewith, please find  
a/m documents for:  
K30012 L/Cpl. Pigg, A.W.  
K31548 Spr. McPherson, C.G.

(J.H. Bricker) Capt., RCA  
Officer Commanding, York Island

/EW  
Enc.

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

1st June 41

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing B&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	58	61	77
	Employed		16	16	
	Att'd 31st Shaughnessy		2	2	
	<del>Yix</del> Sick Leave		2	2	
	Leave		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		11	11	
	On Command	1	7	7	
A.W.L.		-	1	1	
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58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade.	1	-	1	1
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3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	43	45	48
	Employed		3	3	
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10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		4	4	4
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4th E & M Coy RCE AF	Employed		10	10	10
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HQ MDXI (RCAMC)	Employed	1	-	1	1
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#11 Dist Depot AF	Employed		1	1	1
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
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R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		2	2	2
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R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
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Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			8	8	8
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TOTALS		9	178	187	161

RATION STRENGTH FOR 1st JUNE 1941 - 161

*J.H. Bricker*  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.,  
Officer Commanding York Island.

PART I ORDERS

85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.F.)

York Island, B.C.

by

CAPT. J.H. BRICKER, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 153

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153-1 DUTIES - TUESDAY 3rd June 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Ramsden E.	
Orderly Bdr.	- A/Bdr Hammell G D	

153-2 FIRE PICQUET

A/Bdr Hammell G D, Gnrs. Tully, Strain, Mattocks,  
King C, Bradley P.

153-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 2030 Hrs.

A/Bdr Engelen ALD, Gnrs. Curry, Godwin, Hazard, Innes.

W.H.S.  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.,  
Officer Commanding York Island

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

2nd June 1941

Officer Commanding,  
4th E & M Coy R.C.E., (A.F.),  
Vancouver Barracks,  
Vancouver B.C.

LIGHTING PLANT - YORK ISLAND

1. In the interest of the Coy., I suggest that the following equipment be purchased: -

- (a) One set of Valve Reseaters
- (b) Valve Refacer
- (c) Gear Puller up to 8"
- (d) One Wheel Puller - capable of pulling fly wheels and large drive pulleys.

2. This equipment could be held at H.Q. 4th E & M Coy. RCE, and could be sent to different detachments as needed. At the present time all items are needed here, and a very satisfactory job can be done with same.

May the above meet with your approval.

*S.B. Wright - Lt Col.*  
K47348 Lt Col Wright & C  
i/c 4th E & M Coy RCE DET.,  
York Island, B.C.

WSC/PBW



85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.F.),  
 York Island, B.C. 2nd June 1941

Officer Commanding,  
 4th E & M Coy R.C.E. (A.F.),  
 Vancouver Barracks,  
 Vancouver, B.C.

REPORT ON LIGHTING PLANT - YORK ISLAND  
 For Week Ending 31st May 1941

1. Hours in operation - 97½  
 Hours Shut Down - 70½  
 Fuel consumption - 74 gals.  
 Lubricating Oil - 5 gals.
2. Reasons for Shut Down: Plant was shut down on Wednesday 28th May at 0530 Hrs. for decarbonizing and general inspection of system, also at 1600 hrs. 31st May with broken Crankshaft at No. 2 cylinder web.
3. Remarks: Engine was stripped and new crankshaft ordered. Owing to shutdown Refrigeration Plant was put out of operation. Removed engine off water pump in Officers' Mess to run compressor, but cannot run fan in unit as motor is A.C. only. Lights now operating on Searchlight Standby Plant. Recommend that motors in refrigerating system be changed to A.C. D.C. universal motors in case of future shutdowns. Also that gauges for refrigerating system be sent at once as this set up is not automotive and must have constant attention of a man. Valves and valve seats need refacing and reseating and can be done during shutdown if sent up.
4. Personnel. L/Cpl Wright S C, Spr Sproson H, and Spr Crippen arrived York Island at 0830 hrs. 27-5-41. L/Cpl Pigg and Spr McPherson were sent to Vancouver and will report 3rd of June. Spr Clark was granted 14 days Furlough effective 5th June.
5. Herewith a list of R.C.E. Stores urgently needed.

*S.C. Wright. L/Cpl.*  
 K47358 L/Cpl Wright S C  
 i/c 4th E & M Coy RCE DET.  
 York Island, B.C.

Enc.

WSC/PBW

R.C.A.F.C.

Employed

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B.C.N.

85 HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A.F., (A.F.)  
York Island, B.C.

1st June 41

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	58	61	
	Employed		16	16	
	Att'd 31st Shaughnessy		2	2	
	Sick Leave		2	2	
	Leave		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		11	11	
	On Command	1	7	7	
	A.W.L.		-	1	
			1	1	
58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
85 S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	37	39	
	Employed		3	3	42
	Hospital		1	1	
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		4	4	4
HQ MDXI RCAMC	Employed	1	-	1	1
No. 11 Dist Depot AF	Employed		1	1	1
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.	Employed		8	8	8
10th Fort. E&M Coy RCE	Employed		10	10	10
<u>Totals</u>		9	173	182	155

RATION STRENGTH FOR 2nd June 1941 - 155

(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.F.,  
Officer Commanding York Island

/PBW

PART I ORDERS

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

by

MAJOR J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding

No. 1544

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154-1 DUTIES - WEDNESDAY 4th June 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Ramsden E.	
Orderly Bdr.	- A/Bdr Hammell G D	

154-2 FIRE PICQUET

A/Bdr Hammell, Gnrs. Tully, Strain, Mattocks,  
King C, Bradley P.

154-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 2030 Hrs.

Bdr. Garrett, Gnrs. Gatenby, Schofield, Upton, Cameron.

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

85 HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
York Island, B.C.

3-6-41

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q from 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	60	64	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		2	2	80
	LEAVE		11	11	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Att'd to 31st		2	2	
	Bde H.Q.		6	6	
A.W.L.		1	1		
58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	37	39	
	Employed		3	3	42
	Hospital		1	1	
10th Fort Sig Coy RCCS	Employed		6	6	6
4th E & M Coy RCE AF	Employed		9	9	9
No. 11 D.D. (RCAMC)	Employed	1	-	1	1
No. 11 Dist Depot AF	Employed		1	1	1
	Hospital		1	1	
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civilian Employees of the D.E.O.			9	9	9
Totals		9	176	185	160

Ration Strength for June 3rd 1941 - 160

*J. E. Piercy*

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

PART I ORDERS

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

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 155

155-1 DUTIES - Thursday 5th June 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Ramsden E.	
Orderly Bdr.	- A/Bdr Hammell G D	

155-2 FIRE PICQUET

A/Bdr. Hammell, Gnrs Tully, Strain, Mattocks,  
King C, Bradley P.

155-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 2030 Hours.

L/Bdr Foote, Gnrs Adzich, Shore, Fairbairn, Wammer.

*J.H. Bankes Capt*  
For (J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.,  
Officer Commanding York Island.

85 HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

4-6-41

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total drawing R&amp;Q at 85 Bty</u>
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	60	64	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		2	2	80
	Leave		10	10	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Att'd to 31st		3	3	
	Bde H.Q.		5	5	
	A.W.L.		1	1	
Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	38	40	
	Employed		3	3	43
	Hospital		1	1	
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		9	9	9
No 11 Dist Depot RCAMC		1	-	1	1
No. 11 Dist Depot AF	Employed		1	1	1
	HOSP		1	1	
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the DEO			8	8	8
Dominion Govt. Telegraph Service			1	1	1
Mechanic - Hoffars Lts.			1	1	1
<b>Totals</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>161</b>

Ration Strength for June 4th 1941 - 161

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

PART I ORDERS

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

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 156

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156-1 DUTIES - FRIDAY 6th June 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt	- Sgt Ramsden E.	
Orderly Bdr.	- A/Bdr Hammell G D	

156-2 FIRE PICQUET

A/Bdr Hammell, Gnrs. Tully, Strain, Mattocks,  
King C, Bradley P.

156-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 2030 Hrs.

L/Bdr Mackie D A, Gnrs. Sydney, Kinkaid, Confrey, Smith.

156-4 BATTERY COMMANDER'S PARADE

B.C.'s Parade will be held on the Parade Grounds at  
1330 Hours Friday 6th June 1941.

DRESS: Battle Order.

*W+Borden Capt*

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

85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
York Island, B.C. 5th June 1941

Officer Commanding,  
No. 11 Dist. Depot. (A.F.),  
Bay St. Armouffes,  
Victoria, B.C.

K.74669 Gnr. BRADLEY P.  
85 Hvy. Bty. R.C.A., (A.F.)

1. The m/n soldier has made application for Tradesmens' Pay while employed as Baker while with this Bty. He has recently been posted to the 85th on transfer from your Unit.
2. Please advise the date of his qualification and the D.R.O. in which his name should appear. If he has not qualified will you advise us in the matter and if possible send the necessary forms to qualify him.

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

/PBW

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

5th June 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at York Island (85 Bty)
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	57	61	77
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy Hospital		2	2	
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	Leave		12	12	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Att'd 31st		3	3	
	Bde H.Q. A.W.L.		6 1	6 1	
58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	38	40	43
	Employed		3	3	
	Hospital		1	1	
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E & M Coy RCE AF	Employed		10	10	10
No. 11 Dist Depot (RCAMC)		1	-	1	1
No. 11 Dist Depot AF	Employed		1	1	1
	Hospital		1	1	1
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp of the D.E.O.	Employed		8	8	8
Dom. Govt. Telegraph Service			1	1	1
A.M. Hurst Y M C A			1	1	1
Mechanic - Hoffars Ltd.			1	1	1
Totals		9	179	188	160

Ration Strength for 5th June 1941 - 160

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

PART I ORDERS

85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (AF)  
York Island, B.C.

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 157

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157-1 DUTIES - SATURDAY 7th June 1941.

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Ramsden E	
Orderly Bdr.	- A/Bdr Hammell G D	

157-2 FIRE PICQUET

A/Bdr Hammell, Gnrs. Tully, Strain, Mattocks,  
King C, Bradley P.

157-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 2030 Hrs.

A/Bdr Engelen, Gnrs. Merritt, McDonald, Humphrey,  
Bradley F.P.

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

85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
York Island, B.C. 6th June 1941

Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria, B.C.

BRING TO ROUNDS - U.S.S. CAVANAUGH

1. Re your VS638-2-5-16, d/2-6-41.
2. Enclosed is a sketch showing the fall of shot and the approximate course taken by the "Cavanaugh" until she was closed by the X.V. together with a table of bearing, ranges, etc.
3. A copy of the Report of Examination by the Skipper of the X.V. is also attached.

Enc.  
/PEW

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

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

6th June 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at York Island (85 Bty)
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	57	61	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy Hospital		22	22	77
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	Leave		12	12	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Att'd 31st		3	3	
	Bde H.Q.		6	6	
A.W.L.		1	1		
58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	38	40	
	Employed		3	3	43
	Hospital		1	1	
10th Port Sig RCSS	Employed		5	5	5
4th K & M Coy RCE AF	Employed		10	10	10
No. 11 Dist Depot (RCAMC)		1	-	1	1
No. 11 Dist Depot AF	Employed		1	1	1
	Hospital		1	1	
R.C.A.B.C.	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp of the D.E.O.	Employed		8	8	8
Dom. Govt. Telegraph Service			1	1	1
A.M. Hurst Y M C A			1	1	1
Mechanic - Hoppers Ltd.			1	1	1
<b>Totals</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>160</b>

Ration strength for 6th June 1941 - 160

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

PART I ORDERS

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

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 158

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158-1 DUTIES - SUNDAY 8th June 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. H.V.N. Banks R.C.A.,
Next for duty	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton R.C.A.,
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton R.C.A.,
Next for duty	-	Lt. H.V.N. Banks R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	-	Sgt. Davidson G.
Orderly Bdr.	-	A/Bdr Engelen A.L.D.

158-2 FIRE PICQUET

A/Bdr Engelen ALD, A/L/Bdr Stephens EL, Gnr McKay,  
Gnr. Gnr Reynolds, Gnr Cameron, Gnr Larson.

158-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 2030 Hrs.

Bdr. Garrett F.C., Gnrs. Alford, Harman, Mackie D.E.,  
Gnr Huff.

158-4 C E N S U S

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the notices dealing with the questions to be answered for the above mentioned Census.

158-5 CANADIAN UNITS OVERSEAS  
Press Releases

Attention of all ranks is drawn to the following re the m/n.

1. That no mention is to be made in any press release, interview, or radio broadcasting programme, of the names of Units which are serving outside of Canada. ~~It~~ Furthermore, Units are not to be described in such a way that they may be identified from the description.
2. Press Censors have supplied all newspapers and periodicals with a list showing the territorial affiliation of Units which are overseas. Such Units may be referred to, in the Press and over the Radio, by their territorial designations only.

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

/PBW

N O T I C E

Row Boats must be pulled up onto the floats after use, due to the low tide, and damage in consequence.

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

7th June 1941

		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	65	69	
	Employed		16	16	85
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	Leave		5	5	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Att'd 31st		3	3	
	Bde H.Q.		7	7	
	A.W.L...		1	1	
58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	38	40	
	Employed		3	3	43
	Hospital		1	1	
4th E & M Coy RCE AF	Employed		10	10	10
No. 11 Dist Depot (RCAMC)		1	-	1	1
No. 11 Dist Depot AF	Hospital		1	1	
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ Emp of the D.E.O.	Employed		8	8	8
Dom. Govt. Telegraph Service			1	1	1
M. Huret Y M C A			1	1	1
Hoffars Ltd. Mechanic			1	1	1
Totals		9	175	184	163

Rations for 7th June 1941 - 163

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Officer Commanding York Island.

PART I ORDERS

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

by

MAJOR J. E. PIERCY, Officer Commanding

No. 159

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159-1 DUTIES - MONDAY 9th June 1941

Officer of the Watch - Lt. W.A.S. Clayton R.C.A.  
Next for duty - Lt. H.V.N. Bankes R.C.A.  
Orderly Officer - Lt. H.V.N. Bankes R.C.A.  
Next for duty - Lt. W.A.S. Clayton R.C.A.  
Orderly ~~Officer~~ Sgt. - Sgt. Davidson G.  
Orderly Bdr. - A/Bdr Engelen A.L.D.

159-2 FIRE PICQUET

A/Bdr Engelen, Gnrs. McKay, Reynolds, Cameron,  
King G, Larson.

159-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 2030 Hours.

Bdr. Hammell, Gnrs. Curry, Godwin, Hazard, Shore.



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/PBW

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

8th June 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	C.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	65	69	
	Employed		16	16	85
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	On Command		5	5	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q. Leave		6 5	6 5	
58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	38	40	
	Employed		3	3	43
	Hospital Y.I.		1	1	
4th E & M Coy RCE AF	Employed		8	8	8
No. 11 Dist Depot (RCAMG)		1	-	1	1
No. 11 Dist Depot AF	Bde H.Q.		1	1	
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			8	8	8
A.M. Hurst Y.M.C.A.			1	1	1
Totals		9	175	184	164

Rations for the above date - 164

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York Island

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 160

160-1 DUTIES - Tuesday 10th June 1941.

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Davidson G.	
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr Engelen A L D.	

160-2 FIRE PICQUET

Bdr Engelen, Gnr. McKay, Reynolds, Cameron,  
Fehr, Abbott.

160-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 2030 Hrs.

L/Bdr Foote, Gnr. Rorison, Rudrum, Durbin, Young.

/PBW

*H.V.N. Bankes Lt.*  
(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.,  
Officer Commanding York Island.

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

9th June 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing Rm at 85 Bty.
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	65	69	
	Employed		16	16	85
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	On Command		5	5	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		6	6	
	Leave		5	5	
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	38	40	
	Employed		3	3	45
	Hospital Y.I.		1	1	
4th E & M Coy RCE AF	Employed		8	8	8
No. 11 Dist Depot (RCAMC)		1	-	1	1
No. 11 Dist Depot AF	Bde H.Q.		1	1	
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			8	8	8
A.M. Hurst Y.M.C.A.			1	1	1
<b>Totals</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>164</b>

Rations for the above date - 164

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PART I ORDERS

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York Island, B.C.

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 161

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161-1 DUTIES - Wednesday 11th June 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. Mc Gavin,	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Davidson	U.
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr Engelen A.L.D.	

161-2 FIRE PICQUET

Bdr. Engelen, Gnr. McKay, Reynolds, Cameron, Fehr,  
Abbott.

161-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 2030 hours.

L/Bdr Mackie D.A., Gnr Innes, Adzich, Fairbairn, Merritt.

161-4. CONSERVATION OF WATER

All ranks are warned that water on York Island is to be used economically, if there is to be no shortage. Letting a tap run five minutes or more, while brushing teeth or washing hands is no economy. ~~Therefore~~ Furthermore care must be taken to see that taps are shut off and toilets not left running.

161-5 TRAINING SYLLABUS

Effective as of this date all M.M.G. Training in the m/n is cancelled and L.M.G. Training substituted.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (AF)  
York Island, B.C.

10th June 1941

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

WATER SCOW

1. The Engineers are now operating the Water Scow which will be in use as soon as the collection tank is made water tight..

They state that they require the following:-

2 Pyrene Fire Extinguishers.

1 # 8 common Spark Plug.

1 #10" Crescent adjustable wrench.

1 24" Stillson Pipe Wrench.

1 Small Socket Wrench Kit, - comprising 1 socket wrench and the following sockets - sizes 3/16 to 1/2 inch. Similar to kit shown in Gordon & Belyea's Catalogue page 160.

1 6" Motor Kit Pliers. Gordon & Belyea Cat. page 162, No. G 26.

1 Coil Hindus water packing size 5/16" as shown in G.B. Cat. page 548.

1 Padlock Key for tool cupboard (Padlock & Key)

The fire extinguishers are for gasoline fires in the pump house on the Scow. The ordinary Fomite is too large to use in a confined place, so suggest Pyrene. The other tools are for use on the water pumps and the pipe line.

2. I have instructed the Engineers to have the carpenter build a tool cupboard in the pump house capable of being locked up and it is the intention to keep the tools permanently on the Water Scow.

3. The expense of the above is not very great and they are necessary to operate the scow.

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

10th June 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	65	69	85
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	On Command		5	5	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Bde H.Q.		6	6	
	Leave		5	5	
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58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
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1st S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	38	40	43
	Employed		3	3	
	Hospital Y.I.		1	1	
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10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
-----					
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		8	8	8
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No. 11 Dist Depot (RCAMC)		1	-	1	1
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No. 11 Dist Depot AF	<del>Hospital</del> Bde HQ		1	1	
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R.C.A.S.C.			3	3	3
-----					
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
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Civilian Employees of the DEO			5	5	5
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A.M. Hurst Y.M.C.A.			1	1	1
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Totals		9	172	181	161

Ration Strength For 10th June 1941 - 161

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P A R T I O R D E R S

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

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 162

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162-1 DUTIES - THURSDAY 12th June 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. D.C. McGavin	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Davidson	G.
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Engelen	A L D

162-2 FIRE PICQUET

Bdr Engelen, Gnrs. McKay, Reynolds, Cameron, Feht,  
Abbott.

162-3 GUARD MOUNTING 2030 Hours.

Bdr. Garrett, Gnrs. Gatenby, Schofield, Upton, Sydney.

162-4 OUT OF BOUNDS

The premises known as the "NEW ORLEANS CLUB" Granville  
and Drake Sts., Vancouver B.C., are out of bounds to all troops.

*J.E. Piercy*  
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Officer Commanding York Island.

N O T I C E

/PBW

The Medical Officer reports four or five cases  
of Athlete's Foot on York Island. All ranks are warned to  
dip their feet in the antiseptic solutions both before and  
after taking showers.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
85 Heavy Battery, R2C.A., (AF)  
York Island, B.C.

File 8-4-1

11th June 1941

Officer Commanding,  
4th E & M Coy R.C.E., (A.F.)  
Vancouver Barracks,  
Vancouver B.C.

REPORT ON LIGHTING PLANT - YORK ISLAND for week ending 7th June 1941.

1. Hours in operation - 30  
Hours shut down -138  
Fuel oil consumption 25 gals.  
Lub. oil " 4 gals. (change including)
2. Reasons for shut down:- Broken crankshaft being replaced.
3. Maintenance. Tractor being operated on logging and general heavy hauling. Power Saw repaired to operate successfully. Refrigerator fan motor installed after being rewound. Crankshaft of Diesel engine installed. Water Scow fitting changed to transfer water from dam and S.S. Border Prince to local tanks at Fort. Tool boxes being built for scow and work shop.
4. Remarks. Crankshaft on Diesel engine broke on Friday May 30th at 1600 hours. The camp was lighted by D.C. of Searchlights (Engine), -Four hours later, and continued so until repairs were completed at 1500 hours on June 6th when service was resumed by the Diesel plant of the Fort. The Refrigerator fan motor was burnt out and rewound and replaced. The water scow proceeded to the dam and loaded with 2500 gals. of water and pumped into local tank. All equipment in our charge is functioning except the power saw which is operating in temporary capacity; pending parts replacement.
5. Personnel Sgt. Redden arrived at York Island on Friday June 6th, and departed Sunday 8th June.

K30014 L/Cpl DeRochie R.W.,  
i/c RCE Det. at York Island.

APBW

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

11th June 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total drawing R&amp;Q at 85 Bty</u>
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade.	4	62	66	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		1	1	82
	On Command		5	5	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		6	6	
	Leave		8	8	
58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	38	40	
	Employed		<del>1</del> 3	3	43
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE	Employed		10	10	10
No. 11 D.D. (RCAMC)		1	-	1	1
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			5	5	5
A.M. Hurst YMCA			1	1	1
Capt. Ruffell MDXI		1	-	1	1
<b>Totals</b>		<del>10</del> 10	<del>175</del> 172	<del>188</del> 182	<del>184</del> 161

Ration Strength For 11 th June 1941 - 161

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Officer Commanding York Island



Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY  
OR  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY  
(Erase heading not required)

M.F.W. 11

A.F.C. 211

I.M.L. - 5-49 (3243)

H.Q. 1772-99-1658

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
York Island	June 1941	12	<p>Capt. T.F. Saunders RCAMC arrived by CNR Boat and Lt. Rice left for Prince Rupert by the same boat.</p> <p>R.S.M. Watson of Bde arrived at York Island for his first visit to this Fort since the outbreak of war.</p> <p>Mr. A.M. Hurst of the YMCA left York Island for Vancouver after making all the arrangements for a reading room and leaving a fine selection of some 300 books, many new, and all in first class condition.</p> <p>Weather: Overcast and windy</p>	
		13	<p>Bdr Dashwood-Jones D, shown On Command to COTC WC Victoria. Subject to his qualification as to which there would be little doubt, this will be the first O.R. to be granted a commission in this Battery.</p> <p>Letter to HQ MDXI re Artificer's Workshop</p> <p>Weather: Showers</p>	7-4 "A"
		14	<p>Capt. A. Greene, CCS, arrived on periodical visit to York Island</p> <p>Weather: Fair</p>	
		15	<p>Garrison Church Parade at 1400 hours.</p> <p>Weather: Bright</p>	
		16	<p>The collection tank having been made water proof, Capt. Ruffell timed the filling of the water Scow which was found to take from four and a quarter hours to five. The water is plentiful at present owing to wet weather, but this may not be the case later in the Summer. The water has a pure taste but is of a somewhat dark colour.</p> <p>Weather: Rain</p>	
		17	<p>R.S.M. Watson left York Island to return to Bde. H.Q. The RSM expressed himself as being very satisfied with all he had seen both in regards to conditions of quarters etc. and conduct generally.</p> <p>Lt. G. Fanning R.C.A., returned to duty on being discharged from Hospital.</p> <p>Letter to HQ MDXI re telephone station at Kelsey Bay</p> <p>In the absense of Sgt Mackenzie who is being admitted to Hospital, Stg Strom of the 3rd S/L Bty is now acting as skipper of the "General Caldwell".</p> <p>Weather: Fair</p>	1-4 "A"  jed

PART I ORDERS  
85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., A.F.  
York Island, B.C.

by

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No. 163

163-1 - DUTIES - FRIDAY 13th June 1941

<u>Off</u>	Officer of the Watch -	Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
	Next for duty -	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
	Orderly Officer -	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
	Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Davidson G.	
	Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Engelen A.L.D.	

163-2 FIRE PICQUET

Bdr. Engelen, Gnr. McKay, Reynolds, Cameron,  
Abbott, McCartney.

163-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 2030 hours.

Bdr. Hammell, Gnr. McDonald, ~~Berry~~<sup>Curry</sup>, Humphrey, Bradley FF

163-4 BATTERY COMMANDER'S PARADE

A B.C.'s Parade will be held on the Parade Ground at  
1330 hours Friday 13th June 1941.

DRESS Battle Order, ~~Summer Drill~~, and Capes in case of rain.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL WILL PARADE: 85 Hvy. Bty. Personnel, -  
Headquarters Party including those employed in various kitchens, etc

3rd S/L Bty. Personnel as available.

4th &EM Coy RCE as available.

R.C.C.S. as available.

163-5

ROWBOATS. Except on duty, written permission to use rowboats  
must be obtained from the Orderly Officer. Q.M. Stores will  
not issue oars without such permission.

163-6

TOOLS. All tools such as shovels, axes, saws, wedges, hammers,  
picks, etc. are to be returned to Q.M. Stores by Saturday,  
14th June 41 in order that an audit of such tools may be made.

163-7

GENERAL MEETING. A meeting for the election of members of  
a Canteen Committee and a Sports Committee will be held at  
1330 hours Saturday 14th June 41 in the Recreation Hall.

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Copy to O.C. 3rd S/L Bty RCA York Island.

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

12th June 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

			Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade.	4	63	67		
	Employed		16	16		
	Shaughnessy		2	2		83
	On Command		3			
	Sick Leave		1	1		
	Bde. H.Q.		4	4		
	Leave		9	9		
Bde. H.Q.	On Parade		1	1		1
58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1		1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	38	40		
	Employed		3	3		43
10th Fort. Sig. RGCS	Employed		5	5		5
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		10	10		10
M.D. No. 11 (RCAMC)		2	-	2		2
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3		3
R.C.N.		1	8	9		9
Civ Emp of the DEC			5	5		5
Capt. Ruffell MDXI		1	1	1		1
Totals			1011	1717	192	163

Ration Strength for 12th June 1941 - ~~163~~ 162

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Officer Commanding York Island.

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P A R T I O R D E R S  
85 HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
York Island, B.C.

by

MAJOR H.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 164

164-1 DUTIES - Saturday 14th June 41

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt Davidson, G.	
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Engelen A.L.D.	

164-2 FIRE PICQUET

Bdr Engelen, Gnrs. McKay, Reynolds, Cameron,  
Abbott, McCartney.

164-3 GUARD MOUNTING at 2030 hours.

L/Bdr Beaulieu, Gnrs. Kinkaid, Confrey, Smith,  
Alford.

164-4 FLASHLIGHTS

N.C.O.s in charge of the Guard are reminded that cords attached to flashlights are not to be removed. They will see that all guards have their flashlights suspended by the cords in order to prevent further breakage.

164-5 AUDIT BOARD

A Board of Officers composed as hereunder will assemble at the call of the President for the purpose of ~~examining~~ auditing the following accounts. /-

- (1) York Island Officers' Mess
- (2) York Island Sergeants' Mess
- (3) ~~xxx~~ 85th Hvy. Bty. Canteen

Board of Officers is:

President:- J.S. Moore, Lieut., R.C.A.  
Members :- D.G. McGavin, Lieut., R.C.A.  
          :- H.V.N. Bankes, Lieut., R.C.A.

The Board of Officers will assemble at 1400 hours 14th June 41.

The proceedings of the Board will be duly recorded, completed and handed to O.C. York Island. Attention of the Board is drawn to D.R.O. 1094 d/2-12-40, re Financial Statements, particularly para "g".

N O T I C E

DEPOSIT PASS BOOKS. All ranks are warned not to remove pages from their deposit books.

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Officer Commanding York Island,

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

13th June 1941

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

ACCOMMODATION AND WORKSHOPS - YORK ISLAND

1. The D.O.M.E. requested that accomodation be made for an Artificer's Artillery Work Shop and it was proposed to partition part of the present No. 1 hut which is the oldest hut on the Island with small windows and low ceiling. This is not been done as it has been used as a sleeping hut.
2. The 4th E & M Coy R.C.E. have taken over the operation and maintenance of Mechanical Engineering on York Island and the need is very urgent for an Engineer's General Workshop.
3. At present they are using a coal shed as it is the only available place and the coal is storred on the wharf where it is exposed to rain and breakage from people walking over it; as twenty five tons of coal nearly fills the wharf.
4. I suggest that No. 1 hut be converted into a general work shop for the Engineers and Artillery Artificer's and that a modern standard sleeping hut 24 x 40 be built to replace it.
5. The 3rd S/L Bty Detachment is below establishment and also the 85th Bty, consequently when recruits are available and these two Batteries are brought up to strength together with increases Engineer personnel it will be necessary to build a further standard sleeping hut 24 x 40.
6. May this request be given your immediate attention, please.

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/PBW

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

13th June 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	C.R.s	Total	Total drawing Rtg at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	62	66	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		2	2	82
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	On Command		3	3	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Ede. H.Q. Leave		4 9	4 9	
58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
Ede. H.Q. W.O. I			1	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	38	39	
	Employed		3	3	42
	Y.I. Hospital	1	-	1	
10th Fort Sig Coy RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th B & M Coy R.C.E.	Employed		10	10	10
M.D. No. 11 (RCAMC)		1	-	1	1
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the D.B.C.			5	5	5
Totals		9	171	180	159

Ration Strength for 13th June 1941 - 159

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PART I ORDERS  
85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (AF)  
York Island, B.C.

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 165

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165-1 DUTIES for Sunday 15th June 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt Thackeray	P.A.
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr Beaulieu	J.L.

165-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Bdr Beaulieu, Gnrs. McKay, Reynolds, Cameron,  
Abbott, McCartney.

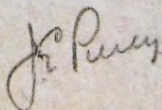
165-3 GUARD MOUNTING at 2030 hours.

L/Bdr Mackie, Gnrs. Fehr, Rolland, Godwin, Hazard.

165-4 GARRISON CHURCH PARADE

A Garrison Church Parade will be held at the Parade Ground at 1400 hours Sunday 15th June 1941.

Divine service will be held in the Recreation Hut at 1430 hours. All ranks will be notified reAddress.  
Holy Communion at 0900 hours Sunday June 15th in No. four hut.



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

85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
 York Island, B.C. 14th June 1941

Headquarters,  
 Vancouver Defences,  
 Vancouver Barracks,  
 Vancouver, B.C.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Enclosed is copy of letter from Officer i/c Administration M.D. No. 11, their file 2-3-3-3, d/ 27-5-41, advising that the troop at York Island is to be administered by the Officer Commanding York Island.
2. The O.C. 3rd S/L Bty. has taken no notice of this order, as I find that he is corresponding directly with the Subaltern in charge of the troop, and not with the O.C. York Island; will you please instruct him that in future all correspondence has to be addressed to the O.C. York Island and not to the O.C. 3rd S/L Troop at York Island. This is in accordance with instructions from Col. L.W. Miller.
3. The matter has been brought to my attention by a request from the O.C. 3rd S/L Bty. Troop to issue transportation for eight O.R.s who are being relieved by other men sent up from Vancouver. This Officer also states that the balance of the Troop is to be relieved and sent to Vancouver at a later date.
4. I have no advise as to the relief of this Troop which apparently is to take place any time after three months on York Island, consequently I do not feel that I have authority to issue transportation, as I understand that Staff Captain Vancouver Defences is the only Officer authorized to arrange transportation of troops.
5. To expedite matters I have wired for this authority, but would be very pleased to have instructions in advance on any further movements.

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

JEP/PBN

c.c. to H.Q. MD No. 11.



85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
York Island, B.C. 14th June 1941

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

TRAINING

1. Through promotions to Commissions and transfers to Artillery Schools this Battery is losing all qualified instructors in Lewis M.G. and Gas.
2. I request that arrangements be made to send one Officer and an N.C.O. to the next Lewis M.G. and Gas Course.

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

/PBW

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

14th June 1941

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

M. T. COURSE

1. This Battery has a 15 cwt. truck on issue and in use on York Island, but has no experienced drivers.
2. I request that two vacancies be allotted to this Battery on the next M.T. Course.

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Officer Commanding York Island

/PBW



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

14th June 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	58	62	78
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	On Command		3	3	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
	Leave		12	12	
58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
Bde. H.Q. W.O. I	On Parade		1	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	47	48	51
	Employed		3	3	
	Y.I. Hospital	1	-	1	
10th Fort Sigs RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		10	10	10
MD XI (RCAMC)		1	-	1	1
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
1st Royal Canadian Navy		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			5	5	5
On Chaplain C.C.S.		1	-	1	1
Totals		10	180	190	165

Ration Strength for 14th June 1941 - 165

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Officer Commanding York Island.

PART I ORDERS  
85 Heavy Battery R.C.A., AF  
York Island B.C.

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 166

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166-1 DUTIES Monday 16th June 1941

Officer of the Watch - Lt. H.V.N. Banks, R.C.A.  
Next for duty - Lt. D.G. McGavin, R.C.A.

Orderly Officer - Lt. W.A.S. Clayton, R.C.A.

Orderly Sgt. - L/Sgt. Thackeray P.A.  
Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Beaulieu J.L.

166-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Bdr Beaulieu J.L., A/L/Bdr Caldwell, Gnr. McCartney,  
Tully, Lewis, Howarth.

166-3 GUARD MOUNTING at 2030 hours.

L/Bdr. Foote, JKA, Gnr. Thomson, Mackie, Huff, Rorison.

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Officer Commanding York Island.

/PBM

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

15th June 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	58	62	78
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	W.I. Hospital		1	1	
	On Command		3	3	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
Bde. H.Q.			5	5	
	Leave		12	12	
Bde. H.Q. W.O. I	On Parade		1	1	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	47	48	51
	Employed		3	3	
	Y.I. Hospital	1	-	1	
10th Fort Sigs RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		10	10	10
HQ MDXI (RCAMC)		1	-	1	1
R.C.A.S.C.			3	3	3
Royal Canadian Navy		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			5	5	5
One Chaplain C4C.S.		1	-	1	1
Totals		10	189	190	165

Ration Strength for 15th June 1941 - 165

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Officer Commanding York Island.

PART I ORDERS  
85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (AF),  
York Island B.C.

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 167

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167-1 DUTIES for Tuesday 17th June 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lieut. D.G. McGavin,	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lieut. H.V.N. Bankes,	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lieut. W.A.S. Clayton,	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt Thackeray P.A.	
Orderly Bdr.	- B/Bdr Bealeau J.L.	

167-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Bdr Beaulieu, A/L/Bdr Caldwell, Gnrs. McCartney,  
Tully, Lewis, Howarth.

167-3 GUARD MOUNTING at 2030 hours

Bdr. Hammell, G.D., Gnrs. Innes, Adzich, Shore, Merritt.

167-4 FIRE PROTECTION

All Ranks are warned to read and acquaint themselves  
with Fire Fighting Orders posted this date.

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Officer Commanding York Island.

/PBM

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

16th June 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	58	62	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		2	2	78
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	On Command		3	3	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Bde H.Q.		5	5	
	Leave		12	12	
58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
Bde. H.Q.	W.O. I.		1	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	38	39	
	Employed		3	3	42
	Y.I. Hospital	1	-	1	
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		10	10	10
HQ MDXI (RCAMC)		1	-	1	1
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		2	2	2
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
Royal Canadian Navy		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			5	5	5
One Chaplain C.S.S.		1	-	1	1
Totals		10	171	181	155

Ration Strength for 16th June 1941 - 155

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PART I ORDERS

85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., AF.  
York Island, B.C.

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 168

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168-1 DUTIES - WEDNESDAY 18th June 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes,	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin,	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton,	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt Thackeray P. A.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr Beaulieu J.L.	

168-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Bdr Beaulieu, Gnrs. McCartney, Tully, Lewis,  
Howarth, King C., Larson.

168-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 2030 hours.

Bdr. Garrett, F.C., Gnrs. Rudrum, Durbin, Young, Gatenby.

168-4 THEFT

All ranks are warned that improper possession of any article of clothing or equipment the property of a gamrade, constitutes theft and is punishable as such.

Personnel report the loss of articles of clothing from the drying room. This will cease immediately or severe measures will be taken.

168-4 FIRE PICQUET. Effective this date the Fire Picquet will mount daily at 0900 hours. Standing Orders will be read and the Orderly Sgt. will ensure that all members of the Fire Picquet are familiar with their jobs.

*J.E. Piercy*  
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Officer Commanding York Island.

/PBW

85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
 York Island, B.C. 17th June 1941.

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

TELEPHONE STATION - KELSEY BAY

1. I am informed by the Officials of the Dominion Govt. Telegraph & Telephone Service that the telephone and telegraph stations at Kelsey Bay is to be operated by Army Signalmen and two RCCS men have been sent up for this work.
2. Will you please inform me as to whether O.C. York Island is responsible for operation and maintenance of this station, as I have no written orders to this effect.
3. If O.C. York Island is to be responsible, will you please instruct me as to the manner of operation, because, first of all the officials of the Tel. Service said they wished the station open from 0900 to 1800 hours daily except Sundays, but now they are suggesting that the station should remain in operation from 0900 to 2200 hours daily to take care of the local telephone business.
4. Accommodation. A business hut has been erected at Kelsey Bay without any sanitary facilities and I am sure that in its present state the District Hygiene Officer will condemn it.
5. Please advise who is responsible for this work.

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 Officer Commanding York Island.

/PDS

85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
 York Island, B.C. 17th June

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

M.V. "GENERAL CALDWELL"

1. Last week K.78459 Sgt. MacKenzie C.A., skipper of the m/n vessel slipped and fell while boarding his boat, and damaged his ribs. He kept on working for two or three days and then reported to the York Island Military Hospital where he is now resting. It is hoped that he will recover in a few days.
2. In the meantime we had to have a competent skipper so through the courtesy of the C.X.O., I asked the chief Skipper of H.M.C.S. San Thomas to examine the engineer, Pte Davie and deckhand Pte O'Dare of the 2nd Fort. RCASC and also Sgt. Strom of the 3rd S/L Bty. whom I knew to have had previous experience as a fisherman in these waters.
3. Skipper J.L. Detweller, after examining the above mentioned men, recommended Sgt. Strom U.V., to operate a boat in these waters.
4. I have appointed Sgt. Strom U.V. as Skipper of the M.V. General Caldwell pending the recovery of Sgt. MacKenzie, which I hope will be in a few days.
5. For your information.

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 Officer Commanding York Island.

JEP/PB



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

17th June 1941

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

WATER SCOW

1. The Engineers state that the collection reservoir on Hardwicke Island is now completed and we have tried out using the Water Scow for the transport of water to York Island, and the scow appears to be fairly satisfactory.
2. It is apparent however that the M.V. General Caldwell is not powerful enough to hand this scow in the tidal currents of York Island, especially when a westerly is blowing, and while they are very careful in the use of this vessel, I beg to inform you that if it is continued, sooner or later there will be an accident which will result in the loss of either or both the Water Scow and the M.V. General Caldwell.
3. Personnel. I want to draw your attention to the fact that the personnel whom you are sending up to operate the "General Caldwell" are not experienced in handling small boats in these waters. Sgt. MacKenzie C.A., is very willing to work but while he may be excellent on handling a freighter in the Pacific, he does not know how to handle a 45 Ft. boat; even without the scow he has been ashore two or three times, and his health is such, I doubt if he is capable of doing this satisfactorily. Sgt. Bucke C.E., the previous skipper admitted that he was a Diesel operator and not a navigator, and nearly damaged the scow on one or two occasions. What is required is an experienced tug boat man with knowledge of local waters in the Johnstone Straits, but you cannot obtain them at the pay the Army is willing to give for this work.
4. If the Army cannot supply efficient boat operators, I suggest that the Navy be asked to take over both crew and boat for this work from the Fishermens' Reserve as otherwise one of these days there will be a serious accident due to inefficient personnel.
5. For your information, please.

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Officer Commanding York Island.

JEP/PBM

85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A&F.)  
York Island, B.C.

17th June 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	57	61	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		2	2	77
	Y.I. Hospital		2	2	
	On Command		3	3	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q. Leave		5 12	5 12	
58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
Bde H.Q.	W.O. I		1	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	38	39	
	Employed		3	3	42
	Y.I. Hospital	1	-	1	
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		10	10	10
HQ MDXI (RCAMC)		1	-	1	1
RCASC	Employed		2	2	2
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O			7	7	7
One Chaplain (C.C.S.)		1	-	1	1
Totals		10	173	183	156

Ration Strength for 17th June 1941 - 156

*J. E. Piercy*  
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Officer Commanding York Island.

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

Title pages will be prepared.

# WAR DIARY

OR

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

M.F.M. 11

A.F.C. 2115

1 Mil.-5-40 (3242)

H.Q. 1172-39-1658

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
York Island	June 18		Lt. T.S. Maunsell R.C.A., asst. Adjutant at 15 (Van <sup>o</sup> Coast Bde and Capt. F.M. Lord Area Auxiliary Officer arrived from Vancouver. Master Gnr. Blake arrived on periodical visit. Weather: Overcast	
	19		Capt. Lord, and Lt. Maunsell left York Island to return to Vancouver. Wire received from Bde H Q requesting name of one Officer for a six weeks school at International Harvester Co. Capt. J.H. Bricker, R.C.A., submitted. Lt. Clayton, R.C.A., left to Vancouver for Dental Treatment. Weather: Cloudy and rain	
	20		Weather: Overcast and light drizzle	
	21		Weather: Overcast and rain	
	22		Sgt. MacKenzie i/c RCASC MV General Caldwell sent down to Vancouver with fractured rib. Capt. J.H. Bricker R.C.A., left for the above mentioned course. Master Gunner Blake left to return to HQ Weather: Overcast	
	23		L/Bdr Mackie left for C.D. Arty. School at Nanaimo. Lt. G. Fanning R.C.A., of the 3rd S/L Bty left for Vancouver. Weather: Fair	
	24		Sgt Pickwell RCASC arrived to take charge of M.V. "General Caldwell". Sgt. Strom having returned to Vancouver Word received from signaller on duty at Kelsey Bay that the Dom Govt. wishes to keep line open for 24 hours, daily. Major J.E. Piercy visited Kelsey Bay and contacted HQ Pacific Command by telegraph. Report sent to HQ MDXI re quarters, etc. Bring to Round ordered and fired on M.V. Cherry" at 0715 hours. Vessel stopped and allowed to proceed after examination. Bring to Round fired on M.V. "Janette" at 1944 hours. Vessel stopped after 2 rounds and allowed to proceed after examination. Weather: Bright.	1-4 "A"
	25		Bring to Round fired on M.V. "Minstrel" at 1111 hours, the vessel stoppe after 2 rounds and was allowed to proceed after examination.	JCP

PART I ORDERS  
85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
York Island, B.C.

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 169

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169-1 DUTIES - Thursday 19th June 41

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin, R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes, R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Thackeray P.A.
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr Beaulieu J.L.

169-2 FIR PICQUET

L/Bdr Beaulieu, Gnsr. McCartney, Tully, Lewis,  
Howarth, King, C., Larson.

169-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 2030 hours.

L/Bdr Mackie, Gnsr. Brunt, Bradley F.P., Curry, Fehr.

169-4 SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION

All ranks of the Active Force are warned against communicating either verbally or in writing, any item of information respecting Naval, Army or Air Force matters which may be of value to the enemy.

In particular, private correspondence should make no mention of the following:-

- The disposition, movement or projected movement of warships, merchant ships, troops or aircraft.
- Details as to numbers, armament, equipment, or condition of ships of all kinds, troops or aircraft.
- Measures which have been taken or which are projected for the defense of any place.

~~THIS INFORMATION IS TO BE KEPT SECRET~~

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

/PBW



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

18th June 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty R.C.A. AF	On Parade	4	64	68	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		1	1	84
	Y.I. Hospital		4	4	
	On Command		4	4	
	Bde. H.Q.		8	8	
	Leave		9	9	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
Bde. H.Q.		1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	46	47	
	Employed		3	3	50
	Y.I. Hospital	1	-	1	
Area Auxiliary Officer		1	-	1	1
HQ MDXI (RCAMC)		1	-	1	1
10th Fort Sig. RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		10	10	10
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		2	2	2
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
Civ. Emp. of the DEO			7	7	7
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Totals		11	188	199	171

Ration Strength for 18th June 1941 - 171

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

19th June 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

			Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing
			<u>K</u>			R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade		4	59	63	
	Employed			16	16	
		Shaughnessy		1	1	79
		Y.I. Hospital		5	5	
		On Command		4	4	
		Bde H.Q.		9	9	
	Leave		8	8		
86 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade.		1	-	1	1
	Bde H.Q.		1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade		2	46	48	
	Employed			3	3	51
Area Auxiliary Officer			1	-	1	1
HQ MDXI RCAMC			1	-	1	1
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed			5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed			11	11	11
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed			2	2	2
	Y.I. Hospital			1	1	
Civ. Emp. of the DEO				7	7	7
R.C.N.			1	8	9	9
Totals			11	185	196	168

Ration Strength for 19th June 41 - 168

*J. E. Piercy*  
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Officer Commanding York Island.

/PBW

PART I ORDERS

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

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

20th June, 1941

No. 171

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171-1 DUTIES - Saturday 21st June, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	21-6-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes,	22-6-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	21-6-41
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Thackeray, P.A.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Beaulieu, J.L.	

171-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Beaulieu, Gnrs. McCartney, Tully, Lewis,  
Howarth, King, C., and Larson.

171-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hrs. 21-6-41

L/Bdr. Dyer, Gnrs. Latibeaudiere, Trim, Rolland,  
and Godwin.

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

NOTICE

ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

All sporting equipment such as baseballs, boxing gloves etc., now in possession of personnel on the Island is to be returned to L/Bdr. Caldwell in the Canteen so that a record of this equipment can be obtained.

65th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
York Island, B.C.

20th June,

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C.E.O.,  
York Island, B.C.

BUOY

1. The Navigation Buoy marking the end of the reef opposite the wharf was fouled and sunk by one of your Examination Vessels.
2. This Buoy is the only mark showing the presence of a reef for freighters like the S.S. "Border Prince", and is very necessary for navigation.
3. We have no grapnels or other equipment to drag for this buoy, and would suggest you approach the naval authorities at Esquimalt to see whether they could lend us grapnels or other dragging equipment so we could recover this buoy and replace it to its original position.
4. We are willing to replace the buoy providing we can get the equipment.

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

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

File 6-0

20th June 1941.

Officer Commanding,  
15 (VAN) Coast Bde R.C.A., (A.F.),  
Bessborough Armouries,  
Vancouver, B.C.

K.92764 Gnr. REYNOLDS R.J.  
85 Hvy Bty R.C.A., (A.F.)

1. The a/m paraded before me and states that he saw the O.C. 15(Van) Coast Bde about the 9th April 41, about a transfer from No. 11 "A" Coy. Veterans Guard of Canada at Ioco, to the 15th (Van) Coast Bde R.C.A., (A.F.).
2. He states that the O.C. 15 (VAN) Coast Bde. promised him Trades Pay as a cook and the prospects of promotion to a Sgt. Cook, that with this promise he applied to transfer to this Bde., was accepted, and started work at Bde H.Q. on the 15th April 41.
3. He was posted to the 85 Bty 15-4-41, and came to York Island on the 1st of May.
4. Unfortunately the 85 Bty. has on the Establishment only two cooks which are L/Sgt Patterson and L/Bdr Rose, who are now drawing the trades pay allowed on the Establishment, consequently, I cannot grant the trades pay to Gnr. Reynolds, R.J.
5. He has also informed me that his wife is in a delicate state of health, and that both his sons are in the Service and away from her, and that therefore he would like to be closer to her at this time.
6. If the statements of Gnr Reynolds are correct, I suggest it would be adviseable to post him to a Vancouver Battery where he would have the opportunity of obtaining Trades Pay and be able to look after his wife to a greater extent than being out here at York Isl.
7. If this is not possible, he requests to be allowed to transfer back to the Veterans Guard of Canada, where he obtained Trades pay as a cook.

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

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

20th June,

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Officer Commanding,  
15th (Van.) Coast Bde. RCA, AF,  
Bessborough Armouries,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Tradesman's Pay  
K30019 Gnr. Woodbury, E.A.

Re your 6-5-2 dated 13 May 41.

1. Establishment of 85th Battery, dated 28 May 40 allows two clerks.
2. Presently L/Bdr. Wright is the only clerk drawing clerks pay.
3. It is desired that the m/n commence drawing clerks pay and he will, therefore, be shown as such in Pt. II orders.

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

JHB/EW

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

20th June,

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D.D.S. & T.O.,  
#317 Vancouver Barracks,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Accommodation

Re your ST/Van 7-4 dated 11 June 41.

1. Capacity allowed each man based on R.O. 185 of 6/12/39 must also leave 400 cubic feet of air space per man. We are, therefore, in some instances reducing the number of O.R.'s per hut as ceilings vary from 7 to 10 feet depending on date of construction.

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Officer Commanding, York Island

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

20th June,

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

War Establishment

In reference to VS.638-2-5-1 over  
VS.638-2-5-3 over V.2F-3-H-85 dated 2 June 41.

1. Re paragraph 3, we understand date effective is 13th December 1940, not 13th December 1941 as shown.
2. Please confirm.

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

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

20th June,

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D.D.S. & T.O.,  
#317 Vancouver Barracks,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Coil of 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Rope & 24" wheel on M/L "General Caldwell"

Re your ST-Van-7-1-2 dated 14 June 41.

1. The replaced 24" wheel on the a/m boat was shipped down by car from Campbell River at the time she was there for repairs.
2. The 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " rope will be shipped back via "Border Prince".

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

/EW

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

York Island, B. C.

20th June, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing Rations at 85th Battery
85th Heavy Battery, RCA AF	On Parade 4	59	63	
	Employed	16	16	
	Shaugh, H.	1	1	79
	Y.I. Hosp.	5	5	
	On Command	4	4	
	Bde. H.Q.	9	9	
	Leave	8	8	
3rd S/L Bty. RCA AF	On Parade 2	38	40	
	Employed	3	3	43
HQ MD XI RCAMC	1		1	1
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed	5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed	11	11	11
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed	2	2	2
	Y.I. Hosp.	1	1	
Civ. Emp. of the DEO		7	7	7
R.C.N.	1	8	9	9
Master Gunner		1	1	1
	TOTALS	8	178	186
				158

Ration Strength for 20th June 41 - 158

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

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
York Island, B.C.  
21st June,

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

WEATHER REPORTS

1. Western Air Command are more and more frequently requesting us to send weather reports.
2. To facilitate matters we have drawn a form which we are sending to you for mimeographing. Please let us have two or three hundred.
3. For your necessary action, please.

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

JHE/EW

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

21st June,

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SECRET

Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria, B. C.

Militia Service Cipher

1. Received the above of copy No. 2 of  
Key Memorandum No. 21 for use in connection of  
Militia Service Cipher with York Island.

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

JEP/EW

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

21st June,

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

M.V. "General Caldwell"

1. The M.O. has certified that K78459 Sgt. MacKenzie, C.A. is suffering from a fractured rib and has requested that he be sent to Shaughnessy Hospital for X Ray and treatment.
2. As advised in my letter of 17 June, After examination by Skipper Detweiler R.C.N.F.R. I appointed K22100 Sgt. Strom, V.U., of 3rd S/L Bty. R.C.A. as the most competent man available on the island, and so far he is the best skipper this vessel has had since she was sent up here.
3. It will be necessary to appoint a new skipper for this vessel, and I suggest that you consider the appointment of Sgt. Strom of the 3rd S/L Bty., as I know you have difficulty obtaining good men for your Inland Water Transport. This man is a fisherman brought up in this district. He took your vessel the K.M.B. down to Victoria last year, and so far he has handled the "General Caldwell" and water scow in a very careful and satisfactory manner. If you have no vacancy on your establishment, arrangements could probably be made through District for 3rd S/L Bty. to attach him to you until you are satisfied with him.
4. He is overdue for two weeks annual leave which should be given him, as he has been 4 months on the island.
5. In the meantime would you please arrange to send up another relief skipper to handle the M.V. "General Caldwell", so that either Sgt. Strom can get his leave or the new skipper take charge for good.
6. In any event do send back Sgt. Bucke or Sgt.

MacKenzie as you will have an accident .

7. Captain Ruffell R.C.E. Works Officer was up here for several days and was very alarmed over possible damage to R.C.E. Wharfs by Sgt. MacKenzie, but appears satisfied with what he saw of Sgt. Strom. It would be worth your while to have a talk with Captain Ruffell.

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

/EW

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

21st June 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

##		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	59	63	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		1	1	79
	Y.I. Hospital		5	5	
	On Command		4	4	
	Bde H.Q.		8	8	
	Leave		9	9	
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	46	48	
	Employed		2	2	50
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
Hq MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		14	14	14
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		2	2	2
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
Civ. Emp of the D.E.O.			7	7	7
Master Gunner			1	1	1
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
TOTALS		8	189	197	168

Ration Strength - 168

*J.E. Piercy*

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



PART I ORDERS

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

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

22nd June, 1941

No. 173

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173-1 DUTIES: - Monday 23rd June, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	23-6-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	24-6-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	23-6-41
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Cartwright, W.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Dyer, A.	

173-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Dyer, Gnr. Reynolds, Parady, McDonald  
Cameron and Hough.

173-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hrs. 23-6-41

L/Bdr. Mackie, Gnr. Scott, Wammer, Shore, and Merritt

173-4 WATER:

An excess of water is being used when scrubbing floors. Water is to be used as sparingly as possible and is to be mopped up after scrubbing and not swilled out the doorway. N.C.O.'s i/c huts and kitchens will be held responsible for seeing that this is done.

*J.E. Piercy*

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

/ZW

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

22nd June,

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Officer Commanding,  
Vancouver Defences,  
Vancouver Barracks,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Lieut. G. Fanning  
3rd S/L Bty. R.C.A.

1. This officer has applied for his annual furlough commencing about 29th June 41.
2. He has been ill recently with Streptococcal poisoning on York Island Hospital, and has not completely recovered. I recommend that this leave be granted, as in addition he has been over 4 months on York Island.
3. If leave approved, will you please instruct 3rd S/L Bty. to send up an officer in his place.

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

/EW

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

22nd June 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing Rtg at 85 Bty
85					
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	59	63	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		1	1	79
	Y.I. Hospital		5	5	
	On Command		4	4	
	Bde H.Q.		8	8	
	Leave		9	9	
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	46	48	
	Employed		2	2	50
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1
10th Fort Sig RCGS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		14	14	14
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		2	2	2
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
Civ. Emp of the D.R.O.			7	7	7
Master Gunner			1	1	1
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
TOTALS		8	189	197	168

Ration Strength - 168

*J.E. Piercy*

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

PART I ORDERS

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

York Island, B.C.  
by

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

23rd June, 1941

No. 174

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174-1 DUTIES: Tuesday 24 June 41

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes,	24-6-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	25-6-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	24-6-41
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Cartwright, W.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Dyer, A.	

174-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Dyer, Gnrs. Reynolds, Parady, McDonald,  
Cameron and Hough.

174-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hrs. 24-6-41

L/Bdr. Beaulieu, Gnrs. Huff, Rorison, Newell, Flewin

174-4 GUARD:

In future the guard will consist of one N.C.O. and six  
gunners. Two gunners being detailed from S/L personnel.

N.C.O. i/c guard will ensure that guard roster is made up  
so that no man will be on sentry duty longer than two hours in  
accordance with K.R.O.

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

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
 ARMY  
 85th Heavy Battery, RCA, CA  
 York Island, B.C.

23rd June, 1941

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

Electric Light Plant

1. On the 5 Apr. 41 Captain A.R. St. Louis R.C.C.S. inspected the electric light plant and reported that the electric light plant was not delivering the correct voltage at the wireless station in the Fort or the Army wireless station in the camp, for the following reasons:
  - (a) The exciter was too small.
  - (b) The main distribution cables be increased in capacity to points adjacent to Radio Stations.
  - (c) A volt meter switch should be provided to allow volt meter at switchboard to indicate on each of the three phases.
2. A new Exciter has been supplied and is now in operation on temporary foundations, but it is found that while this helps very considerably, there is still a very large loss of voltage at the wireless stations due to the main distribution cables not having been increased in capacity.
3. This is affecting the efficiency of the two radio stations on the Island, and I would request that the DEO be instructed to carry out Capt. St. Louis recommendations in paragraphs b. & c. of above.
4. Enclosed is a list of materials which the Electrician of the 4th E&M Coy. now stationed on the Island states is necessary to supply before the distribution cables can be increased.
5. The situation appears to be the power plant generates sufficient power, but owing to the small size of the distribution cables, a considerable proportion of this energy is consumed in heating the atmosphere instead of being delivered at the radio station.
6. Capt. St. Louis reported that the radio station would not be made efficient until his recommendations to distribution cables etc., were carried out.

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

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 Enc.

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

York Island, B.C.

23rd June, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85 Heavy Battery RCA CA	On Parade	3	64	67	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		1	1	83
	Y.I. Hospital		4	4	
	On Command		3	3	
	Bde. H.Q.	1	8	9	
	Leave		4	4	
3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	40	42	
	Employed		2	2	44
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
HQ MD XI RCAMC		1		1	1
10th Fort Sig Coy RGCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE	Employed		14	14	14
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		2	2	2
R.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			6	6	6
TOTALS		8	178	186	164

Ration Strength for June 41 - 164  
23rd

*J.E. Piercy*  
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Officer Commanding, York Island

PART I ORDERS

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

York Island, B.C.

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

24th June, 1941

No. 175

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175-1 DUTIES: Wednesday 25th June, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	25-6-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	26-6-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	25-6-41
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Cartwright, W.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Dyer, A.	

175-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Dyer, Gnrs. Reynolds, ~~McDonald~~, McDonald,  
~~and Hough~~ and Hough. King, K.R., Davery H E L.

175-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hrs. 25-6-41

L/Bdr. Foote, Gnrs. Doyle, Adzich, and Innes.

*J.E. Piercy*

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

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

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24th June, 1941

Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria, B.C.

Attention Staff Captain of Signals,  
Telegraph station Kelsey Bay

1. Yesterday evening the signaller who had been on duty at Kelsey Bay, informed me that Mr. Meade of the Dominion Government Telegraph, wished a 24 hour shift carried out at Kelsey Bay, because the local settlers wished to use the telegraph line in case of emergency, so they could phone to the Rock Bay Hospital. This morning I went over there and after telegraphing the Staff Captain of Signals, I arranged for 2 signallers to stay there 24 hours a day. At the same time I made arrangements with the Salmon River Logging Camp to feed them at the base logging camp at 45¢ a meal, equivalent to \$1.35 a day, because there are no arrangements at the telegraph office for cooking. The logging camp is closing down on Friday 27th of June, so they can't do anything for us after this date.
2. I stated over the telegraph to the Staff Captain of Signals it would be necessary to supply a stove so the men can cook. The Works Officer, R.C.E. was up here last weekend stated he intended sending up a larger range for the York Island Officers' Mess. The present one is too small, so I telegraphed him suggesting the present one be sent to Kelsey Bay.
3. Accommodation  
If it is intended to maintain a 24 hour watch at Kelsey Bay, it will be necessary to have at least 3 telegraphers with preferably an N.C.O. in charge.
4. The sleeping quarters in the present hut will only accommodate 2 men. The cubic capacity is less than 800 cu. ft. In addition it will be necessary to supply a kitchen, toilet, and washing facilities. The men are at present using an outside Privy belonging to Mr. Smith, which is so filthy that I have obtained from Mr. Smith permission to build another Privy on his property, and wired you stating it was absolutely ~~essential~~ essential to build one for our men. The present accommodation consists of a small hut divided into two rooms, one for the telegraph office and one for the sleeping quarters. The Works Foreman of the D.E.O. estimates this building could be built for \$300.00. It was erected by Mr. Smith, and he charges \$20.00 a month. It is evident he is doing very nicely.
5. In my telegram I have suggested that the Army or Dominion Government telegraph appropriate sufficient land from Mr. Smith to build a decent



telegraph office with suitable living quarters, so that these men can be properly housed. The D.E.O. has a staff of civilian workmen on the Island and they could erect it at much less cost than it could be arranged locally. Either the present building should be taken over and extended with suitable compensation to Mr. Smith or a new building should be built in the vicinity, because I am quite sure the District Hygiene Officer will never stand for the present crude arrangements.

6. Will you please treat this as urgent, because I understand the cable to York Island will probably be in operation sometime next week.

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

JEP/EW

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

York Island, B.C.

24th June, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total drawing R&amp;Q at 85 Bty.</u>
85 Heavy Battery RCA CA	On Parade	3	64	67	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		1	1	83
	Y.I. Hospital		4	4	
	On Command		3	3	
	Bde. H.Q.	1	8	9	
	Leave		4	4	
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3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	40	42	
	Employed		2	2	44
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
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HQ ND XI RCAMC		1		1	1
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10th Port Sig Coy RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
-----					
4th E&M Coy RCE	Employed		14	14	14
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R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		2	2	2
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R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
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Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			6	6	6
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	TOTALS	8	178	186	164

Station Strength for 24th June 41 - 164

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

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

Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY  
OR  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY  
(Erase heading not required)

M.F.M. 11

A.F.C. 716

1 M.I. - 5-40 (2842)

H.Q. 1772-38-1638

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
York Island,	June 1941		(Continued) At 0700 hours the X.V. was observed from the O.P. to be chasing a small fishing vessel in Johnstone Straits. The vessel appeared to be trying to avoid the X.V. On finally closing the boat the X.V. found that the man on board had no Registration Card and no certificate of ownership of the boat. He <del>was</del> The boat was brought into the wharf at York Island for examination by the C.X.O., who after questioning the man ordered him held pending a reply from Esquimalt. The man was accordingly held in the guard room and finally released on orders from Esquimalt. A report on the matter was sent to the G.S.O. Intelligence Pacific Command. Weather: Cloudy	
	26		B.S.M. Buchanan arrived to replace Lieut. G Fanning RCA 3rd S/L Bty. Bring to Round was ordered and fired at M.V. "Sea Rover" at 1057 hours. The vessel stopped after 2 rounds and was allowed to proceed after examination. Weather: Bright	
	27		Weather: Bright	
	28		Bring to round was fired on M.V. "Jean" at 1152 hours. Vessel was passed after examination. Lieut. W.A.S. Clayton R.C.A., returned from Vancouver. Weather: Bright	
	29		Weather: Bright	
	30		Pay Parade at 0900 hours. Weather: Bright with scattered clouds.	



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PART I ORDERS

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

York Island, B.C.

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

25th June, 1941

No. 176

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176-1 DUTIES: Thursday 26th June, 1941

Officer of the Watch - Lt. H.V.N. Banks 26-6-41  
Next for Duty - Lt. D.G. McGavin 27-6-41

Orderly Officer - Lt. D.G. McGavin 26-6-41

Orderly Sgt. - L/Sgt. Cartwright, W.  
Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Dyer, A.

176-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Dyer, X Latibeaudiere, Hough, Davey, Abbott,  
and Appleton, R.

176-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 26-6-41

Bdr. Engelen, Gnrs. Alford, Smith, and Confrey

176-4 PERMISSION TO MARRY:

Before asking permission of the Officer Commanding to marry, all personnel will be medically examined (including blood test) and given a clear bill of health by the Medical Officer.

*J.E. Piercy*

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

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

25th June 1941.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty R.C.A., C.A.	On Parade	3	69	72	88
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	Y.I. Hospital		3	3	
	On Command	1	3	4	
	Bde. H.Q.		3	3	
	Leave		4	4	
3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	38	40	42
	Employed		2	2	
HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	X	1	1
10th For Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E & M Coy RCE	Employed		14	14	14
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ Emp of the D.E.O.			6	6	6
Totals		8	175	183	168

Ration Strength for June 25th 1941 - 168

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Officer Commanding York Island.

/PBW

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

York Island, B.C.

26th June, 1941

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

No. 177

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177-1 DUTIES: Friday 27th June, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	27-6-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	28-6-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	27-6-41
Orderly Sgt.	- E/Sgt. Cartwright, W.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Dyer, A.	

177-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Dyer, Latibeaudiere, Hough, Davey, Abbott,  
and Appleton, R.

177-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 27-6-41

Bdr. Garrett, Gnr. Fehr, Curry, Bradley, F.P.

177-4 REHABILITATION:

Rehabilitation Committees are being set up across Canada with a view to re-establishing men, who have been discharged from the Canadian Active Army, in civil life.

For the information of all concerned, it is submitted that discharged personnel should be advised, where necessary to register with the u/m Officer, who will submit the case to the Committee

Major S.L. Bedson,  
Veterans' Assistance Commission,  
739 West Hastings St., Vancouver, B.C.

*J.E. Piercy*  
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Officer Commanding, York Island

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NOTICE

BOUNDS

The Premises situated at the N.E. corner of the intersection of Comox and Bridge Streets, NANAIMO, B.C. formerly operating as the "Al's Dine & Dance Hall", and now known as the "Island Topper", are out of Bounds to all Troops.

# 'ISLAND TOPPER'

FROM THE DARK TO THE LIGHT

—of the—

# BLACKOUT 'RENDEZ-VOUS'

DINING

BEST OF  
LUNCHES

DANCING

Open till 2 a.m.

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

26th June 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty R.C.A., S.A. On Parade	3	67	70	
Employed		16	16	86
Shaughnessy		1	1	
Y.I. Hospital		4	4	
On Command	1	4	5	
Bde H.Q.		3	3	
Leave		3	3	
85 S/L Bty RCA CA On Parade	1	38	39	
Employed		3	3	42
HQ MD XI RCAMC	1	-	1	1
10th Fort Sig RCCS Employed		5	5	5
4th E & M Coy RCE Employed		14	14	14
R.C.A.S.C. Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.	1	8	9	9
Civ Emp of the D.E.O		6	6	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>166</b>

Ration Strength - 166

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PART I ORDERS

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

York Island, B.C.

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

27th June, 1941

No. 178

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178-1 DUTIES: Saturday 28th June, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	28-6-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	29-6-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	28-6-41
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Cartwright	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Dyer	

178-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Dyer, Latibeaudiere, Hough, Davey, Abbott,  
and Appleton, R.

178-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 28-6-41

L/Bdr. Beaulieu, Gnrs. Schofield, Upton, and Kincaid

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85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (C.A.Φ)  
York Island, B. C.

27th June

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

Rations

1. Re. your issue voucher 350, our receipt voucher No. 4 dated June 21-27, 1941.
2. The S.S. "Catala" did not deliver 100 lbs. fresh milk shown on this voucher. It was probably left on board, together without the beef and pork shown on the same voucher. By telegraphing to Alert Bay we managed to recover the beef and pork from the vessel, and it was brought down by the H.M.C.S. "West Coast", which fortunately happened to be there at the time.
3. The milk, however, was never delivered, and I have instructed the Quartermaster not to accept delivery of this milk as it will probably be bad after having been on the ship about a week.
4. Due to hot weather milk is not being delivered in good condition and for the present we will only indent for evaporated milk.

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Officer Commanding, York Island

JEP/EN

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

27th June,

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Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria, B.C.

Report of Bring to Round

1. At 0715 hrs. on 24 June 41 C.X.O. ordered a vessel to be brought to, proceeding East on Sunderland Channel. #2 fired one round. Range 800 yds, bearing 320 degrees. The vessel stopped and was dealt with by X.O. The vessel name, M.V. "CHERRY" of Port Neville.

At 1604 hrs. on 24 June 41 X.V. ordered a vessel brought to, proceeding East on Johnstone Straits. #2 gun fired one round. Range 2800 yds, bearing 250 degrees. The vessel stopped and was dealt with by X.O. Vessel had no name. V046M of Vancouver, B.C.

At 1944 hrs. on 24 June 41 X.V. ordered a vessel brought to, proceeding East on Sunderland Channel. #1 gun fired 2 rounds. Range 2200 yds, bearing 340 degrees. Range 2000, bearing 355 degrees. Vessels name was "JUNETTE", NWO77B of New Westminster.

2. At 1111 hrs. on 25 June 41 X.V. ordered a vessel brought to, proceeding East on Sunderland Channel. At 1115 hrs. #1 gun fired 2 rounds. Range 2200 yds., bearing 315 degrees. Range 2100 yds., bearing 320 degrees. Vessel stopped and was dealt with by X.O. Vessels name was M.V. "MINSTREL", V084L of Vancouver, B.C.

3. At 1057 hrs. on 26 June 41 X.V. ordered a vessel brought to, proceeding East on Sunderland Channel. At 1059 hrs. #1 gun fired 2 rounds. Range 3200 yds, bearing 320 degrees. Range 2800 yds., bearing 335 degrees. Vessel name was M.V. "SEA ROVER", V0046 of Vancouver, B.C.

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

27th June 1941

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty R.C.A., G.A.	On Parade	3	67	70	
	Employed		16	16	86
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	Y.I. Hospital		4	4	
	On Command	1	4	5	
	Bde H.Q.		3	3	
	Leave		3	3	
Ord S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	38	39	
	Employed		3	3	42
Hq MD XI RCAMC		1	-	1	1
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th B & M Coy RCE	Employed		14	14	14
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ Emp of the D.M.O			6	6	6
<b>Totals</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>166</b>

Ration Strength - 166

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PART I ORDERS

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

York Island, B. C.

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

28th June, 1941

No. 179

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179-1 DUTIES: Sunday 29th June, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	29-6-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	30-6-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Cox	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Foote	

179-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Dyer, Latibeaudiere, Hough, Davey, Abbott,  
and Appleton, R.

179-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hrs. 29-6-41

L/Bdr. Dyer, Gnrs. Brunt, Godwin, Hazard

179-4 PAY PARADE:

Pay Parade will be held on Monday June 30th, 1941  
at 0900 hours.

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

28th June 1941.

Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria, B.C.

BRING TO ROUND

1. At 1152 hours 28-6-41, X.V. ordered a bring to round on a vessel proceeding south on Johnstone Straits. No. 2 fired one round at a range of 3750 yds., bearing 255°. The vessel stopped and was dealt with by the X.O.
2. I am informed the name of vessel was M.V. "JEAN".
3. For your information, please.

/PBW

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

c.c. to C.C. 15 (VMI) Coast Bde R.C.A., C.A.

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

28th June 1

SECRET

Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria, B.C.

Defence Scheme - York Island

1. Enclosed is copy No. 1 of the Defence Scheme of York Island.
2. Attached to it is a 1/20000 map of field of fire of 4.7" guns and another map showing field of fire of M.G.
3. Please acknowledge receipt of above on duplicate copy of this letter.

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

/EW

Receipt Acknowledged.....

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

28th June,

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Headquarters,  
D.S. & T.O.,  
Victoria, B.C.

K89048 - Pte. Davie, H.S.

1. The a/m was sent up here to act as engineer on the M.V. "General Caldwell" for two weeks, which expired on the 24th June, and so far no relief has arrived for him.
2. He has applied to me for a transfer from York Island back to his M.T. section as a driver in the 2nd Fortress Coy., R.C.A.S.C.
3. The above mentioned is qualified as a Diesel Engineer and a M.V. fitter, but is acting up here as an engineer and only getting privates' pay, but is doing work that warrants a higher rank and was sent up here with the understanding that he was only going to be up here for two weeks. I suggest arrangements be made at an early date as possible.
4. I would have a request care be taken in sending up a really experienced engineer to take his place, as there are no facilities on York Island for the repair of this boat.

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

JEP/RAW



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

28th June 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty R.C.A., CA	On Parade	3	60	63	
	Employed		16	16	
					79
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	Y.I. Hospital		5	5	
	On Command	1	5	6	
	Bde H.Q.		5	5	
	Leave		8	8	
58 Hvy Bty RCA <del>AF</del> CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	38	39	
	Employed		3	3	42
HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E & M Coy RCE	Employed		14	14	14
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			6	6	6
Totals		8	177	185	160

Ration Strength for 28th June 41 - 160

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Officer Commanding York Island.

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PART I ORDERS

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

York Island, B.C.

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

29th June, 1941

No. 180

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180-1 DUTIES: Monday 30 June, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 30-6-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 1-7-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Cox
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Foote

180-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Foote, Gnrs. Mattocks, Agnew, Erickson,  
Lewis and McCartney.

180-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hrs. 30-6-41

Bdr. Garrett, Gnrs. Rudrum, Durbin and Young

180-4 OBTAINING OF UNIFORM FROM CIVILIAN SOURCES:

An officer or soldier wishing to obtain a uniform from any civilian tailor is to be in possession of a Certificate of Identity or a letter signed by his Commanding Officer and bearing the Unit's Orderly Room stamp, or an authority endorsed by the proper officer at National Defence Headquarters.

180-5 WEARING OF ANKLETS WITH BATTLE DRESS:

It has been brought to the attention of Headquarters that a great many instances have occurred where the provisions of C.A.R.O. 863 in regard to the wearing of anklets with battle dress have not been carried out.

Henceforth All Ranks will see that the provisions of this order are strictly adhered to.

180-6 HOLIDAY - DOMINION DAY TUESDAY JULY 1, 1941:

July 1st, being Dominion Day, will be observed as a Holiday. Reveille and meal hours as for Sundays.

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Officer Commanding, York Island

*J.E. Piercy*

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

29th June 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA GR	On Parade	3	61	64	80
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		1	1	
	Y.I. Hospital		4	4	
	Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
	Leave		8	8	
8 Hvy Bty RCA GR	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	38	39	42
	Employed		3	3	
Hq MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE	Employed		14	14	14
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp of the D.E.O.			6	6	6
<b>Totals</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>160</b>

Ration Strength for 29th June 41 - 160

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PART I ORDERS

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

York Island, B.C.  
by

Major J.E. Piercy, O. C.

30th June, 1941

No. 181

181-1 DUTIES: Tuesday 1 July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	1-7-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Banks	2-7-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. H.V.N. Banks	1-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Cox	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Foote	

181-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Foote, Gnrs. Mattocks, Agnew, Erickson, Lewis,  
and McCartney.

181-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 1-7-41

Bdr. Engelen, Gnrs. Scott, Hough, and Shore.

181-4 LATRINE AT FORT:

Every morning during the summer months before 0600 hrs. the Latrine will be filled with water and a fire lighted. The Latrine seats and floor will be scrubbed with disinfectant and water at 0800 hrs.

*J.E.P.*  
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Officer Commanding, York Isl.

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

30th June, 1

R.C.E. Works Officer,  
41st Ave. & Willow St.,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Glass

1. Will you please forward the following sheets of glass to replace windows broken by gun fire last week:-

2 sheets glass 20-7/8" x 46"	3/16" plate
1 sheet glass 20-7/8" x 44-7/8"	3/16" plate
3 sheets glass 20" x 20"	18 oz.

2. Mr. Mann has requested me to order the following for a new window being built in the Observation Post.

2 sheets glass 12" x 23" 3/16" plate.

3. For the iron frames he requires 2 dozen clips as per sample enclosed. Please also forward, 20 pounds of putty.

4. Please also supply, 3 pounds solder fifty-fifty (50 parts tin & 50 parts lead) as per McLennan, McFeely & Prier catalogue. Page 1485 #50. This is for soldering sheet metal work ordered by Captain Ruffell. Please ship the above by "Border Prince" leaving 7 July 41.

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Officer Commanding, York Island

JEP/2AN  
c.o. District Engineer Officer

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

York Island, B.C.

30th June, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total drawing R&amp;Q at 85 Bty</u>
85th Heavy Battery R.C.A., C.A. On Parade	3	61	64	
Employed		16	16	80
Shaughnessy				
Hospital		1	1	
Y.I. Hosp.		4	4	
Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
Leave		8	8	
58th Heavy Battery R.C.A., C.A. On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA CA On Parade	1	38	39	
Employed		3	3	42
HQ MD XI RCAMC	1		1	1
10th Fort Sig. RCCS Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy ROE Employed		14	14	14
R.C.A.S.C. Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.	1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.		6	6	6
TOTALS	8	177	185	160

Ration Strength for 30th June 41 - 160

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PART I ORDERS

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

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

21st June, 1941

No. 172

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172-1 DUTIES - Sunday 22nd June, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	22-6-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	23-6-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	22-6-41
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Cartwright, W	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Dyer, A.	

172-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Dyer, Gnrs. Reynolds, Parady, McDonald,  
Cameron and Hough.

172-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hrs. 22-6-41

Bdr. Garrett, Gnrs. Rudrum, Young, Gatenby, and  
Mackie, D.E.

172-4 CLOTHING - DRYING:

During wet weather, all clothing, after washing, should be hung to dry on the racks provided in the laundry hut. No clothing is to be dried in sleeping quarters. All lines which have been used for this purpose in sleeping quarters will be removed forthwith.

Marking:- The clothing and equipment of all other ranks will be clearly marked with the regimental number of the owner. A rubber stamp is provided for this purpose and may be obtained on application to the quarter stores and will be returned after use. Clothing and equipment should be marked in some place where marking is not visible when being worn.

~~XXXXX OFFICER COMMANDING, YORK ISLAND~~

The attention of N.C.O.'s i/c huts is especially drawn to these orders.

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*J.E.P.*  
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Officer Commanding, York Island