

1 October 1939 – York Island

Started to convert power house into barrack hut.

HMCS "Nootka" called.

Weather: fine.

<u>85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.S.F.</u>		
<u>YORK ISLAND.</u>		
<u>PART I. ORDER # 34.</u>		<u>1/10/39.</u>
<u>BY.</u>		
<u>MAJOR J. E. PIERCY.</u>		
1. <u>DUTIES.</u>		
To be Orderly Officer	2/10/39	2/Lt. G.A. Mulheron
To be Orderly Sergeant	2/10/39	L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.N.
Next for duty		Sgt. Upton V.
To be orderly Trumpeter	2/10/39	Gnr. Willoughby H.W.
Next for Duty		Gnr. O'Malley C.R.
2. <u>DUTY WATCHES.</u> for 24 hours from 1600 hrs 2/10/39 to 1600 hrs 3/10/39		
<u>ON DUTY.</u>		<u>STANDING BY.</u>
<u>#1 GUN DETACHMENT.</u>		
Bdr. Mills and 4 other ranks as detailed		L/Sgt. Clarke J. A. and 4 other ranks as detailed
Bdr. Darby. and 4 O.R.s as detailed		L/Sgt. McAfee A. and 4 O.R.s as detailed
3. <u>MANNING PARADE 1600 HRS 2/10/39.</u> H.Q. and Duty Watches.		
4. <u>FATIGUES FOR MONDAY 2/10/39.</u>		
1. <u>KITCHEN FATIGUE.</u>		2. <u>SANITARY FATIGUE.</u>
Gnr. Fox P.		Bdr. Gosse J.
Gnr. Buchan H.		Bdr. Richards W.H.
Pte. Geary A.H		Pte. Webb A.V.
2. <u>FUEL FATIGUE.</u>		4. <u>LAUNCH DETAIL</u>
L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.		L/ Bdr. Richardson to
Gnr. Atkins D.		report to launch 'York'
Gnr. O'Malley C.R.		for duty at 0820 hrs.
5. <u>SENTRY DUTY.</u> from 1800 hrs. 2/10/39 to 3/10/39 . A/L/Bdr. Parker J. L. Gnr. Cholowski W. and Gnr. Cooper F.		

H.Q. M.D. XI.

VICTORIA B.C.

98. PROGRESS REPORT STOP 4000 GALLONS WATER SUPPLIED BY BORDER PRINCE SATURDAY

YORK ISLAND.

1ST. OCTOBER.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

85th Heavy Battery R.C.A.
York Island B.C.
1st October 1939

Headquarters M.D.11
Victoria B.C.

Officers establishment

The establishment of this battery consists of 1 Major, 1 Captain, and 1 Subaltern.

In addition to its own men, the battery has to administer the following:

Detachment R.C.N. under the C.X.O.

Detachment 2 Battn Canadian Scottish

Personnel R.C.A. Permanent force, also CASC

Civilian Personnel working for the D.E.O.

Later on it will also have a detachment of the 1 Searchlight Regt.

These attached personnel amount to very nearly the strength of the battery.

It has been found that the administration of the Island takes up nearly all the time of the two senior officers, and the subaltern officer is on continual orderly duty. It is impossible to administer a battery, and at the same time control fire from guns 800 yards away up the hill.

This results in the situation that the watches are under the control of a Sergt. (#1). Of course if a serious action developed, administration would be dropped, and the officers would take command of the Battery.

I consider that it is too much responsibility to place on the shoulders of an N.C.O., to be responsible for opening fire at the call of the examination vessel, especially at night. There is always the possibility that the N.C.O. might mistake the signals from the examination vessel and open fire which might lead to international complications.

I would request that this battery be loaned three subalterns so that the guns could be under control of an officer at all times. The 1 A.A. Rgt R.C.A., and the 1 S.L. Rgt. R.C.A. are not on active service at present, and could probably loan us officers for this purpose, pending increase of the war establishment.

J.E. Piercy
Major RCA
O.C. York Island

2 October 1939 – York Island

Letter re Officer's Establishment (see App. "E").

Weather: raining.

Excerpts from PART I ORDERS #35 2/10/39

6. VENEREAL DISEASE.

Any soldier suffering from venereal disease or believing himself to be suffering from Venereal Disease shall report himself sick without delay.

7. RECRUITING.

Attention of all concerned is drawn to Vancouver and Fraser Valley Area Order No. 16, dated 25th Sept, 1939. para 4 as follows:

With the exception of the Westminster Regiment (MG) bracket and the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, no recruits are to be taken on strength of units subsequent to 24th Sept. 1939 until further orders.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND NOMINAL ROLLS.

In future the C.A.S.F. Regimental Number must precede the name of the O.R. whenever it appears in orders, Nominal Rolls or Official Correspondence. In the event of a C.A.S.F. Regimental Number not having been allotted, the N.P.A.M. Regimental number should be stated.

9. DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCES.

Attention to C.A.S.F. Routine Order No. 12 dated 20 Sept., 39, as follows”

"DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE OFFICERS, W.O.s, AND MEN.

1. With reference Para. 29 of Recruiting Memorandum No. 1 and in accordance therewith, Dependents Allowance, as provided in the Financial Regulations and Instructions for the Canadian Active Service Force, will not be paid to an officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer, or man in respect of more than 3 dependents, -- For example Wife and two children, or three motherless children. The Financial Regulations and Instructions for the C.A.S.F. are being amended accordingly

2. In the case of officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men already taken on the strength of the C.A.S.F. who have more than three dependents, and who do not wish to continue to serve in the C.A.S.F. under the above limitations respecting Dependents Allowances --

(a) Officers will be struck off the strength of their C.A.S.F. unit and revert to their pre-war Militia Status;

(b) W.O.s, N.C.O.s, and men will be discharged from the C.A.S.F., those who were members of the N.P.A.M. reverting to the non effective strength of their N.P.A.M. unit.

(This does not refer to officers, W.O.s, N.C.O.s, and men who were members of the Permanent Active Militia prior to the 1st September, 1939, who will be dealt with as set out in para. 3 hereunder.)

Those having more than three dependents may be continued on the C.S.A.F. strength, however, if they are satisfied to receive Dependents Allowance within the limitations written above. A written undertaking to this effect must be obtained in each case.

3. In the case of officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers who were members of the Permanent Active Militia prior to 1st September, 1939 and who are affected by this regulation, they may elect to continue on the rates of pay and allowance granted for the Permanent Active Militia, as provided for in article 177 of the Financial Regulations and Instruction for the C.A.S.F.

4. In the future, those desiring to be appointed or to enlist and who have more than three dependents, may be appointed or listed, but on the understanding that

Dependents Allowance will only be paid for a total of three dependents. A written undertaking to this effect must be obtained in each case.

10. PERMISSION TO MARRY C.A.S.F.

Attention of all concerned is drawn to C.A.S.F. Routine Order No. 13, dated 20 Sept, 1939 as follows:

“1. Permission to marry is not required in the case of Warrant Officers, C.A. S.F. A Warrant Officer C.A.S.F., who has married will immediately notify his Commanding Officer of such fact.

2. Permission to marry may be granted non-commissioned officers and men of the C.A.S.F. by the Commanding Officer concerned. Permission will only be granted when the Commanding Officer concerned has satisfied himself under the provisions of K.R. (Can) 933 (b).

3. A soldier who has been granted permission to marry will, as soon as practical after the marriage, hand into his Commanding Officer the marriage certificate in order that the necessary notification of the marriage may be published in Daily Orders, Part II, after which the marriage certificate will be returned to the soldier.

4. Soldiers who marry without previously obtaining the permission of their Commanding Officer will not be eligible for Dependents Allowance.

11. INTERPRETERS EXAMINATION.

Attention of all concerned is drawn to District Routine Order No. 27, dated 21 September, 1939, as follows:

“Names of candidates desiring to attend the Interpreters Examination in January, 1940, will be forwarded so as to reach District Headquarters on or before the 7th Oct., 1939.

12. BREACHES OF DISCIPLINE.

Attention of Battery Commanders is drawn to Vancouver and Fraser Valley Area Order No. 15, dated 22 Sept. 1939, Para. 1 as follows:

“All Officers Commanding Units are reminded that all troops now on duty are on active service. They should therefore take steps to acquaint all ranks with the consequence of the breaches of discipline while on active service.

13. DETAIL YORK ISLAND CANCELLATION.

Bdr. Part I Orders No. 40, dated 27th. Sept., 1939. Para. 10-2 is cancelled in so far as it relates to the 16 Other Ranks therein mentioned.

Major J. E. Piercy will proceed to York island at 2100 hours. 29th Sept., 1939 as previously ordered.

The detail referred to in the above order will hold themselves in readiness to proceed to York Island on further orders.

14. OFFENCES -- DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

Attention of all concerned is drawn to Vancouver and Fraser Valley Area Order No. 17, dated, 28th Sept., 1939, Para. 4 as follows:

The provisions of K.R. (Can) and the Army Act are to be enforced, and men will, therefore, no longer be discharged from strength for the commission of offenses, but will be punished in an appropriate manner in accordance with K.R. (Can) or the Army Act. If discharge is contemplated, such discharge should take place after the appropriate punishment or sentence has been served. Attention is directed to K.R. (Can), para. 319 and 371-395, and especially to para. 394.

15. GAMBLING.

The attention of all ranks is directed to K.R. (Can) Paras. 348 and 440.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA.

2nd. OCTOBER.

499. YOUR 97. CATEGORY E MEN ARE TO BE DISCHARGED IMMEDIATELY AND TRANSPORTATION GIVEN TO PLACE FROM WHICH THEY CAME ACTION BEING TAKEN REGARDING OTHER MATTERS IN YOUR RADIOGRAM.

A.A. & Q.M.G. XI.

H.Q. M.D. XI

YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA B.C.

OCT 2

100 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY IS THREE NINE HUNDRED GALLONS

O.C. YORK ISLAND

3 October 1939 – York Island

"Border Prince" delivered lumber and water. Started construction of mess hut.

Letter re: living conditions (see App. "E").

Weather: dull.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND

File No. E 34

3 October, 1939.

D. M. O., M. D. XI,
Victoria, B.C.

Living Conditions.

1. I have several recommendations to make regarding this camp. The huts are not sufficiently insulated for winter occupation. The floors should have two ply of board with a layer of building paper between. The walls should be finished inside with ship lap.
2. The facilities for ablution, bathing and laundering are very inadequate. Lieut Cunningham, R.C.E. Victoria, knows the situation but as yet no action has been taken. It is advised a fresh water supply be available at pressure for distribution to the kitchen and for ablution, bathing, and laundering. A building has been planned for ablution with shower baths and laundry. There should also be a hut constructed for drying the clothes.

3. There are no facilities for recreation on this island. The island is heavily wooded and rugged in character, leaving no level clearing of any size for exercise. It is suggested that a recreation hall be built large enough for two badminton courts.

(J. A. Ganshorn, Lieut. R.C.A.M.C.
M.O. York Island.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND

File No. E 35

3 October, 1939.

D. M. O., M. D. XI,
Victoria, B.C.

Tools.

1. The scale of issue of tools to a Coast Defense Battery is absolutely inadequate for the work here.
2. Troops on Yorke Island have a tremendous amount of work to do in building a camp and clearing underbrush. The latter is very essential as the vicinity of the camp and fort is covered with underbrush which would be a firetrap next summer.
3. The area around the fort is especially dangerous as the contractors cut down nearly all the trees in front to give a clear field of fire. This timber is now dry, and with the number for men on the island smoking cigarettes etc. would certainly catch fire next summer.
4. There has already been one bush fire on the island caused by the civilian employees, which was put out by the troops with difficulty. The period for burning is the autumn and spring, but before anything is done we require tools.
5. Most of the few tools in charge are in bad shape, e.g., axes with broken handles, saws worn down, saw filing equipment worn out, etc. What we need is practically a new issue.
6. Enclosed is a list of tools which are required for this purpose. It is anticipated that as soon as accomodation is available there will be nearly 150 troops on the island (artillery, machine gunners, search lights, etc.) So you will see that this is not excessive.
7. As it is useless have tools unless we can keep them in good condition, I am including gear for this purpose
8. There is considerable amount of work to be done in building huts, living huts, building sidewalks, laying water pipe, laying drains, etc.
9. I find ample talent among the men here for this purpose, so it will be unnecessary to employ civilian labour. These men cannot function without tools, so it will be necessary to consider supplying tools for this purpose. Carpenters and plumbers tools will be necessary.

10. Please send the tools asked for as soon as possible as we cannot progress without tools. Mr. Whybrow, civilian employee, has been most generous in loaning us tools from his small supply, but he will be returning shortly to Victoria.

H.Q. YORK ISLAND
15th (VAN) COAST BDE. R.C.A. OCT 3
VANCOUVER B.C.
102 NEXT REINFORCEMENT INCLUDE TWO COOKS ALSO SEND HEWITT WITHERS COMPETENT PLUMBER.
O.C. YORK ISLAND.

H.Q. M.D. XI. YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA B.C. OCT 3
103 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY IS THREE FIVE HUNDRED GALLONS
O.C. YORK ISLAND

4 October 1939 – York Island

Completed power house floor (see App. "E").
Weather: fair.



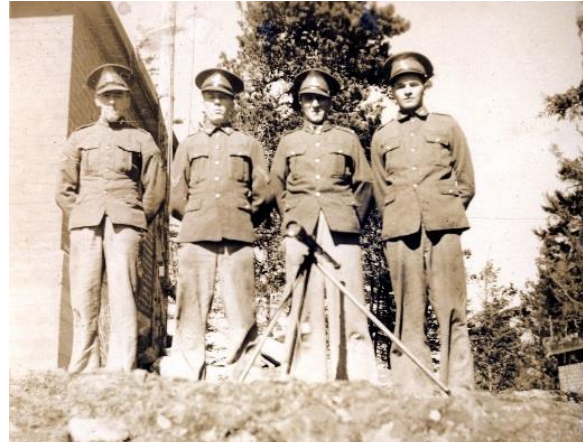
H.Q. M.D. XI. YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA B.C. OCT 4
104 PROGRESS REPORT STOP BORDER PRINCE DELIVERED ONE SIX HUNDRED GALLONS YESTERDAY
STOP WATER SUPPLY FIVE TWO HUNDRED GALLONS STOP LUMBER CARRIED TO POWER HOUSE
FOR CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TO LAY FLOOR STOP CLEARING COMPLETED FOR NEW MESS HALL
O.C. YORK ISLAND.

H.Q. 15th. VANCOUVER COAST BRIGADE. 4TH. OCTOBER.
105 HAVE RECEIVED ORDER FROM VICTORIA PREPARE ACCOMMODATION ADDITIONAL MEN STOP
ADVISE WHEN YOU EXPECT TO SEND THEM
O.C. YORK ISLAND.

C.O. YORK ISLAND VANCOUVER
OCT 4
Q332 REFERENCE TO YOUR 105 DETAIL 16 O.R. WILL LEAVE FOR YORK ISLAND FRIDAY NIGHT BOAT
WITH BEDS CUTLERY BLANKETS FOR 7 STOP CAPT JORGENSEN ARRIVED TODAY
O. C. 15th COAST BRIGADE R.C.A



Washing their plate, cup, bowl and 3 pieces of silver. Bdr Ted Cuddeford in cookhouse door, Dick Jenkins, Bert Parrott, Don Atkins (Fritz), Pete Coburn. Meat house in rear.



LBdr Charlie Snow, Bdr George Darby, Gnr Mel Cooper and Gnr Bob Spring

5 October 1939 – York Island

Letter re: surveys (see App. "E").

Weather: raining.

H.Q. M.D. XI. VICTORIA B.C. 109 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY FOUR SEVEN HUNDRED GALLONS STOP WORK PROCEEDING ON NEW MESS HALL STOP DETACHMENT CARRYING LUMBER TO SITE OF NEW BUILDING	YORK ISLAND OCT 5 O.C. YORK ISLAND
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15th (VAN) COAST BRIGADE R.C.A. VANCOUVER 110 ENQUIRE WHETHER REINFORCEMENTS LANDING SAYWARD OR YORK ISLAND INSTRUCT QUARTERMASTER SEND ADDITIONAL RATIONS	YORK ISLAND OCT 5 O.C. YORK ISLAND.
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O.C. YORK ISLAND REFERENCE YOUR 110 REINFORCEMENTS WILL BE SENT VIA UNION STEAM SHIP TO SAYWARD IF FINAL AUTHORITY GIVEN STOP YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE PROCEEDING TOMORROW STOP ARRANGEMENT FOR RATIONS WILL BE MADE	VANCOUVER OCT 5 O.C. 15th VAN COAST BDE.
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O.C. YORK ISLAND 598 REPORT IMMEDIATELY WHETHER ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE REINFORCEMENTS SIXTEEN MEN 85th BATTERY	VICTORIA OCT 5 A Q ELEVEN
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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND

File No. M 38

Chief Examination Officer,
York Island, B.C.

Surveys.

1. Can you obtain for us copies of the latest surveys that are available of the vicinity of this island, Johnston Straits and Sunderland Channel. I understand the Canadian Hydrographical Survey spent considerable time last year on this channel, the results of which were never published; but should be available from their records.
2. I notice numerous survey marks, which were probably put in by them and if they have accurate trigonometrical coordinates of any of these points available, it would be very useful for us as datum points for guns.

6 October 1939 – York Island

Letter re maps (see App. "E").

Weather: dull.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

OCT 6

618 YOU WILL BE INFORMED BY DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS WHEN SIXTEEN OTHER RANKS 15th VANCOUVER COAST BDE LEAVE VANCOUVER FOR YORK ISLAND

AA & QMG.

A.Q. MD XI

YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

OCT 6

RE YOUR 598 STOP POWER HOUSE FLOOR COMPLETED STOP ACCOMMODATION READY STOP 15 VAN COAST BDE ADVISE FORWARDING BEDS ETC WITH REINFORCEMENTS.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

VANCOUVER

OCT 6

O 356 REFERENCE OUR LETTER B4-42 B DATED A 29-9-39 STOP PLEASE ADVISE IF FOUR CATEGORY E MEN HAVE LEFT YORK ISLAND. THEY HAVE NOT REPORTED HERE.

O.C. 15th COAST BDE.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

OCT 6

619 YOUR 110 ADMINISTRATION CONCERNING DETAILS OF MOVEMENT ACCOMMODATION FEEDING AND OTHER POINTS NOT NECESSARILY REGIMENTAL ROUTINE YORK ISLAND IS RESPONSIBILITY DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS NOT O.C. FIFTEEN COAST BDE STOP ANY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY YOU WILL BE SENT IN THE USUAL WAY TO THIS HEADQUARTERS WHO WILL FORWARD REPLY STOP SIGNALS DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS HAVE BEEN INFORMED STOP ADDRESSED O.C. YORK ISLAND REPEATED O.C. VANCOUVER AREA FOR INFORMATION O. C. 15th COAST BRDE.

AA & QMG XI

H.Q. M.D. XI YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA OCT 6
112 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY FOUR TWO HUNDRED GALLONS STOP POWER HOUSE
FLOOR COMPLETED.
O.C. YORK ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND

File No. E 42
6 October, 1939

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

Maps.

1. Please forward some copies of the latest maps of the vicinity of this island, as we have no maps or charts up here at all.
2. Can you supply us any map references you may have about Datum Points for use with the guns.
3. I also require Gun Co-ordinates, and co-ordinates of any trig points available; also, height of guns.
4. At the time the fort was built, I imagine the guns were all surveyed in by the Survey-section of the R.C.E., so should be available.

7 October 1939 – York Island

4 ORs sent to Vancouver - category "E".

Weather: cloudy.

Excerpts from PART I ORDERS #40 7/10/39

6. TRAINING PROGRAMS.

The 85th Heavy Battery, York island will despatch training programs to reach Bde H.Q. not later than Saturday.

12. CASES REFERRED TO D.P. & N.H. FOR HOSPITALIZATIONS.

Attention is drawn to District Routine Order No. 104, dated, 3rd. Oct. 1939 as follows:-

Numerous incidents have occurred where patients have been referred for admission to hospital under the D.P. & N.H. and the Unit Medical Officer has been the attending physician. This practice is not in accordance with the arrangements made by this department with the D.P. & N.H. All cases referred for admission to hospital under D.P. & N.H. are to be treated by D.P. & N.H. representative in the locality and not the unit Medical Officer (V.9EF-1-6-2)

H.Q. M.D. XI YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA OCT 7

114 FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT NONE AVAILABLE EXCEPT FEW BUCKETS STOP PROVINCIAL FORESTRY DEPARTMENT HAS EQUIPMENT AT THURSTON BAY USED IN SUMMER NOW UNUSED STOP REQUEST PERMISSION SEND OFFICER AND BOAT TO THURSTON BAY THIRTY MILES BORROW PUMPS OTHER FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT PENDING ESTABLISHMENT PERMANENT FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT STOP NECESSARY OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR LOAN FROM PROVINCIAL FORESTRY DEPARTMENT VICTORIA.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

PAYMASTER
2ND BAT. CAN. SCOTTISH RGT.
VICTORIA

YORK ISLAND
OCT 7

115 YORK ISLAND ATTACHMENT OF C. COY. HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY PAY SINCE COMMENCEMENTS OF WAR STOP TELEGRAPH WHAT ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR PAYING THESE MEN STOP DO YOU WANT US TO MAKE OUT SIGNED EQUIPMACQUITANCE ROLLS.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

H.Q. M.D. XI
VICTORIA

YORK ISLAND
OCT 7

116 PROGRESS REPORT 7th OCT STOP WATER SUPPLY THREE SEVEN HUNDRED GALS.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

8 October 1939 – York Island

Letter re training report (see App. "E").

Weather: rainy.

OFFICER COMMANDING YORK ISLAND

from 11

UNION STEAMSHIP WITH 16 PERSONNEL LEAVING VANCOUVER 1800 OCT 9TH STOP IF NIGHT IS DARK AND STORMY SHIPPING COMPANY HAVE REQUESTED PLACING TWO RED LANTERNS AT END OF WHARF AND ASSISTANCE IN DOCKING SHIP STOP ACKNOWLEDGE.

1401/8

H.Q. M.D. XI
VICTORIA

YORK ISLAND
OCT 8

117 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY THREE THOUSAND GALS.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND

File No. V 95
8 October, 1939

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

Training Report.

1. One of the many problems of O.C. York Island is the question of jurisdiction between H.Q., M.D. No. 11, and 15th (Van) Coast Bde., R.C.A. I think that O.C. Vancouver Area has no jurisdiction over the training of the troops on York Island, but probably H.Q., M.D. No. 11 would not object to a letter to you which can be shown to O.C. Vancouver Area.
2. In Vancouver the D.E.O. employed civilian contractors to do all the construction work in the provision of camps, i.e. for the troops, and in consequence, the troops could devote all their time to military duties. On York Island the D.E.O. used five civilian workers (including one carpenter) who had been sent up to put a wire fence around the fort. The troops have had to assist by supplying fatigue parties to clear the camp site, unload the building materials from the scow, pack the building materials to the site and assist in the building. For example; yesterday I had 14 men carrying lumber to site of the mess hall and two men assisting the civilian employees in nailing up shiplap.
3. Undoubtedly, if a civilian contractor had been employed and 50 civilian workmen had been sent up the beginning of the war, a complete camp with proper cooking, washing, and toilet facilities, including water supply, could have been provided, instead of the present insanitary conditions and uncomfortable conditions under which they are living, but this a problem over which neither of us have jurisdiction.
4. I find that in practice the only time for training gunners is when the men are on watch at the guns, which is about every three days. Thus they get instruction from the P.F. instructor up here, and they are improving as rapidly as could be expected.
5. The signallers are coming on very well as they have to signal constantly to the Examination Vessel.
6. It should be remembered that our strength is now down to 41 O.R.s in the 85th Hvy. Bty. After allowing 5 signallers, 4 instrument men, B.S.M., B.Q.M.S., cooks, and batmen, this only leaves about 25 men to man the guns, supply fatigues, etc., which is clearly insufficient.
7. Under the circumstances, I think you will agree that it is a waste of time to fill in elaborate training reports, as one third of the gunners and signallers are on 24 hour watch, one third reserve and one third off duty.

9 October 1939 – York Island

Weather: rainy.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

OCT 9

679 REFERENCE INDICATORS CLICKING SIGHTS AUTOMATIC STOP OBTAIN BE CLINOMETER AVERAGE VALUE OF ONE CLICK AT 1750 YARDS IN DECIMALS OF MINUTES STOP RADIO REPLY FOR EACH MOUNTING URGENT

D.O.O. XI

H.Q. M.D. XI YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA OCT 9
121 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY TWO FIVE HUNDRED GALS STOP WIRE FENCING
AROUND FORT COMPLETED STOP ROOF COMPLETED ON NEW MESS HALL STOP
O.C. YORK ISLAND

D.O.O. M.D. X I YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA OCT 9
122 YOUR 619 STOP GUN NO. SEVEN EIGHTY VALUE ONE CLICK ONE DECIMAL FOUR FIVE
MINUTES STOP GUN SEVEN EVENTY ONE DECIMAL FIVE SEVEN MINUTES STOP RANGE SEVENTENN
FIFTY
O.C. YORK

10 October 1939 – York Island

Letter re Overseas Volunteers (see App. "E").

Weather: dull.

O.C. 85th BTY R.C.A. VICTORIA
YORK ISLAND OCT 10
700 REFERENCE YOUR ONE NAUGHT EIGHT AND ONE ONE FOUR FORESTRY DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN
ASKED FOR AUTHORITY TO LOAN FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT STOP YOUR ARRANGEMENTS
REGARDING TRACTOR SATISFACTORY STOP IT IS THE INTENTION TO WITHDRAW THIS TRACTOR
FROM YORK ISLAND AFTER CONSTRUCTION OF FENCE AND ACCOMMODATION HAVE BEEN
COMPLETED STOP BUILDING MATERIAL ON YOUR ONE NAUGHT SEVEN SHOULD BE ON BORDER
PRINCE LEAVING VANCOUVER MONDAY
D.E.O.

O.C. YORK ISLAND VICTORIA
OCT 10
707 ADVISE FULLY WHAT ESSENTIAL DUTIES THE MOTOR BOAT YORK PERFORMS DURING THE
WINTER MONTHS.
D.S. & TO XI

H.Q. M.D. XI YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA OCT 10
123 PROGRESS REPORT STOP BORDER PRINCE NOW UNLOADING FOUR THOUSAND FEET LUMBER
AND WATER STOP PREVIOUS WATER SUPPLY TWO THOUSAND GALLONS.
O.C. YORK ISLAND

D.S. & T O. M.D. XI YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA OCT 10
124 YOUR 707 MOTORBOAT YORK ESSENTIAL FOR TRANSPORTATION RATIONS SUPPLIES AND
PERSONNEL FROM SAYWARD NEAREST PORT OF CALL OF UNION STEAMSHIP CO. ALSO FOR
EMERGENCY CASES TRANSPORTATION TO ROCK BAY HOSPITAL AS THEY LIMITED MEDICAL FACILITIES
ON ISLAND
O.C. YORK ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND

File No. E 52
10 October, 1939

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

Overseas Volunteers.

1. There has been a report that volunteers have been called from the 1st A.A. Rgt., and 1st Searchlight Rgt. For service in the Battery from Nelson which is forming part of the first division to go overseas. Two or three of our men have expressed a desire to join this Battery.
2. Will you please advise us:-
 1. what arrangements are being made for recruiting and training in this field battery.
 2. whether volunteers from the 85th Heavy Battery would be accepted for overseas service in this Battery.

11 October 1939 – York Island

"Border Prince" delivered lumber and water. 16 OR's reported for duty.

Weather: fair.

O.C. YORK ISLAND	VICTORIA OCT 11
745 LIEUT COLONEL TURNER GENERAL STAFF EXPECTS TO REACH YORK ISLAND ABOUT 1000 HOURS OCTOBER TWELTH FOR STAY OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR STOP HAVE NOTES READY OF ANY MATTER YOU WISH TO DISCUSS	
	G.S.O.

H.Q. M.D. XI VICTORIA	YORK ISLAND OCT 11
126 PROGRESS REPORT STOP SIXTEEN O.R.S ARRIVED TWENTY TWO THIRTY TENTH OCTOBER STOP WATER SUPPLY SIX SEVEN HUNDRED GALS.	
	O.C. YORK ISLAND

12 October 1939 – York Island

Weather: rainy.

COLONEL G. R. TURNER C.X.O. YORK ISLAND	VICTORIA OCT 12
775 DISTRICT HYGIENE OFFICER HAS NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF VISITING YORK ISLAND OR PRINCE RUPERT STOP D.M.O. HAS REQUESTED MEDICAL OFFICERS AT BOTH STATIONS TO REPORT FULLY ON SANITARY AND HYGIENE THEIR AREAS STOP MIGHT YOU REQUEST MEDICAL OFFICERS THAT EXPEDITE THE REPORTS.	
	D.M.O.

H.Q. M.D. XI	YORK ISLAND
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VICTORIA OCT 12
128 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY SIX THOUSAND GALS.
O.C. YORK ISLAND

H.Q. M.D. XI YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA OCT 12
129 COL TURNER, AIR COMMODORE JOHNSON AND MAJOR CHETWYND ARRIVED TWELVE THIRTY
BY AIRPLANE STOP DEPARTED THIRTEEN THIRTY FIVE HOURS
O.C. YORK ISLAND.

AAQMG MD11 Victoria B.C. OCT 12
130 Accommodation personnel now at Vancouver Stop Understand Mr. Whybrow civilian employee
expects finish a mess ablution medical huts next week Stop Then return Victoria Stop Suggest
approach DEO order material two huts shipment Border Prince leaving Vancouver Saturday When
finished can accommodate remaining personnel
OC York island

13 October 1939 – York Island

Lt. Col. G.R. Turner, G.S.O., arrived in R.C.A.F.
aircraft accompanied by Air Commodore G.O.
Johnson and Major Chetwynd, RCE.
Weather: fair.



OFFICER IN CHARGE VICTORIA
YORK ISLAND BATTERY OCT 13TH
YORK ISLAND
812 LIST OF TOOLS YOUR LETTER THIRD OCTOBER HAS JUST BEEN PASSED TO ME I WILL ARRANGE
TO HAVE THEM PURCHASE AND FORWARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
DISTRICT ENGINEER OFFICER XI

H.Q. M.D. XI YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA OCT 13
131 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY FIVE FOUR HUNDRED GALLONS.
O.C. YORK ISLAND

14 October 1939 – York Island

Completed temporary ablution hut. Letter re clothing (see App. "G"). Letter re personnel (see App.
"G").
Weather: dull.

O.C. YORK ISLAND VICTORIA
OCT 14
833 YOUR E52 10th OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS FROM 85th HEAVY BATTERY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
AT PRESENT TIME

A.A. & Q.M.G.

H.Q. M.D. XI

VICTORIA

135 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY FOUR EIGHT HUNDRED GALLONS

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND

File No. E 64
14 October, 1939

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

Coats Waterproof I.R.

Hats Sou'Wester.

1. I would request that authority be obtained From N.D.H.Q. for the issue of the above to each O.R. of the detachment now stationed on York Island, which includes the following:-
85th Heavy Battery R.C.A.
Detachment of 2nd Btn. C.S.R.
One O.R. C.A.S.C., i/c e of launch "York"
2. This district is notorious for wet and stormy weather in winter and I strongly suggest that they should be supplied.

c.c. to Q.M. 2nd Btn. C.S.R.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND

File No. V 105
14 October, 1939

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

Personnel.

1. Reference our telegram 102, dated Oct 3, in which we asked you to include in the reinforcements detachment send up to us two cooks. We regret that these two cooks did not come with the detachment, neither did Gnrs Hewitt and Withers, a carpenter and plumber who would have been very useful.
2. We have no cooks here at present on our strength and cooking is being done by amateurs.
3. Will you please arrange to have them sent up in the next draft to this establishment.

4. We know that you have taken on twenty recruits for this Battery. Please arrange you do not take on too many recruits as there will be no room for these tradesmen.

15 October 1939 – York Island

SS "Columbia" called. Church service held.

Weather: rain.

H.Q. M.D. XI

VICTORIA

136 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY FOUR FOUR HUNDRED GALLONS STOP

YORK ISLAND

OCT 15

O.C. YORK ISLAND

16 October 1939 – York Island

Weather: fair.

O.C. 85th HEAVY BATTERY VANCOUVER
YORK ISLAND OCT 16
Q443 MCAFEE HERE ON LEAVE WISHES TO TRANSFER TO ELEVENTH A.A. REGIMENT IN PLACE OF TOWN WHO WISHES TO TRANSFER TO EIGHTY FIFTH HEAVY BATTERY STOP IS THIS ACCEPTABLE TO YOU IF SO WHAT RANK WOULD TOWN HOLD STOP HE IS NOW A/SERGEANT STOP YOUR SLATE OF NCOS NOT YET RECEIVED
O.C. 15th COAST BDE.

H.Q. M.D. XI YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA OCT 16
137 PROGRESS REPORT STOP BORDER PRINCE NOW DELIVERING WATER
O.C. YORK ISLAND

October 16th 1939
15 Vancouver Coast Brigade R.C.A.
Vancouver B. C.
138 your Q443 agree transfer Macafee to Antiaircraft Stop do not want Town have surplus NCOS AT present Stop Telegraph action taken Stop Unable to submit slate NCO until advised decision transfer former eleventh battery NCOS now on our strength
OC York island

17 October 1939 – York Island

Letter re accommodation (see App. "E"). Letter re shelter for reserve watch (see app. "E"). "Border Prince" delivered water and tools.

Weather: rain.

O.C. YORK ISLAND VANCOUVER
OCT 17
Q 446 REFERENCE OUR LETTER B DASH FOUR SIX DASH FOUR FIVE DATED SEVENTH OCTOBER STOP HAVE YOU NOT A COPY OF ITEM NUMBERED ONE IN PARA TWO.
O.C. 15th COAST BDE.

O.C. YORK ISLAND VICTORIA
OCT 17
910 YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO GUNNER PATRICK BOWER 85th BATTERY R.C.A. YORK ISLAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING COURT IN VANCOUVER AS A WITNESS STOP ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A BOAT BELONGING TO THE PROVINCIAL POLICE TO TAKE THIS MAN TO VANCOUVER WITHER WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY MORNING STOP AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE COURT HEARING THE PROVINCIAL POLICE BOAT WILL TRANSPORT HIM TO YOU YORK ISLAND FOR DUTY STOP ADDRESSED O.C. YORK ISLAND REPEAT COMMISSIONER B.C. PROVINCIAL POLICE
A AND Q ELEVEN

H.Q. M.D. XI YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA OCT 17
141 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY SIX SIX HUNDRED GALS
O.C. YORK ISLAND

O.C. 15th VAN COAST BDE
VANCOUVER
143 REFERENCE YOUR Q446 STOP NEGATIVE REPLY

YORK ISLAND
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O.C. YORK ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND

File No. E 72
17 October, 1939

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

Accommodation.

In compliance with the instruction of Lt. Col. G. Turner, G.S.O., I submit herewith suggested plan for the construction of Permanent Camp on this island and make the following observations on it:-

Fresh Water Supply.

This camp has no running water supply. Fresh water is stored in a small tank under the officer's quarters. This is too low to supply the camp by gravity so all water for cooking and washing has to be carried by hand. I suggest that a wooden tank holding 10,000 gallons be installed higher up the hill and that from there water pipes be laid to the kitchen and ablution rooms it will be necessary to install a small pump to pump the water to the tank up the hill.

Salt Water Supply.

I suggested salt water be used for water closet and for fire protection. A pump could be installed at sea-level pumping seawater to a wooden storage tank higher up the hill. From there water pipes could be laid to the water closets and pipes laid throughout the camp, with suitable hose connections for fire protection. At present the Camp has practically no fire protection. The wooden tanks I suggest are similar to the water tanks used by the Railways. These are supplied by the Canadian Pipe Co. and Pacific Coast Pipe Co. of Vancouver, and could be supplied at short notice. For pumps, I suggest a pattern used by the Forestry Dept. which are both economical and efficient. I am informed by one of their officers that their pumps lift up to 150 feet in height, which is ample for our purpose. I suggest the Provincial Forestry Service be approached to loan us some of their pumps, which are unused at present as they are only used in the Fire Season.

I suggest that another pump be installed to pump to a pressure tank above the fort. This is the method used by the Forestry Department in fighting fires on hill sides.

Hut Accommodation.

I suggest that some more huts be built, to accommodate the personnel of this Battery now in Vancouver and also to permit recreation huts for the men and a mess hut for the Sergeant's. I present the Sergeants.

At present the Sergeants have to eat with the men which is undesirable, and bad for discipline.

The number I suggest are required are:-
2 huts for personnel now in Vancouver
1 hut for personal now in Power House.
1 men's recreation hutt and canteen.

1 sergeants mess.
1 hut near the Fort for reserve watch on duty.

Board Walks.

As the ground becomes very wet and muddy in winter I suggest board walks be laid in front of the huts.

Lighting.

At present all lighting is done by hurricane lamps using Kerosene. I am informed however that the D.E.O. intends to send out a Diesel plant to Light the camp temporarily pending the installation of Diesel Engines for Searchlights which presumably could be also used for lighting the camp.

Labour.

We have enough skilled labour in our ranks and in the 15th (Van) Coast Bde. to do this ourselves. providing the D.E.O. supplied the tools and material. It should, however, be pointed out so we cannot be training men as soldiers and at the same time using them to build camps. Possibly they could spend half their time on the camp, and half on training and on guard.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND

File No. E 75
17 October, 1939.

Headquarters, M.D. 11,
Victoria, B. C.

Shelter for Watch in Reserve.

1. In paragraph 5, Pamphlet #8, Coast Artillery Training Vol. 111 it states that the watch on reserve should be sleeping in quarters as close to the gun as possible.
2. The easiest accommodation is the regular camp shack, 700 yards from the guns, and the men have to climb a steep hill to the fort. This will take at least ten to fifteen minutes, depending on the weather.
3. I would recommend that a hut be built near the guns to provide temporary sleeping quarters for the watch in reserve so that they get into action within two or three minutes.

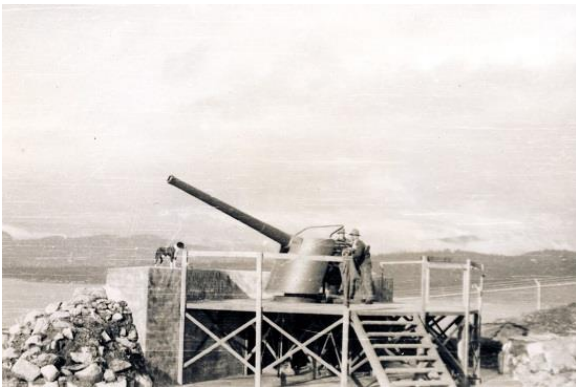
18 October 1939 – York Island

Letter re ammunition (see App. "E").

Weather: heavy rain.

O.C. 85th HEAVY BATTERY YORK ISLAND Q 563 CHELOHSIN ARRIVING YORK ISLAND ABOUT NINE FRIDAY MORNING.	VANCOUVER OCT 18 O.C. 15 COAST BDE.
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O.C 85th HEAVY BTY YORK ISLAND Q 564 NO TRANSFERS TO A/A REGIMENT STOP MCAFFEE TO RETURN TO YORK ISLAND STOP PLEASE SUBMIT SLATE OF N.C.O.S BASED ON YOUR PRESENT PERSONNEL INCLUDING FORMER A A MEN.	VANCOUVER OCT 18 O.C. 15 COAST BDE.
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Ammunition storage under gun



Outside the army W/T shack. Tom Britton RCASC, Bill Barker, RCCS chap, Pete Coburn and Ted (also RCCS).

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File No. E 79
18 October, 1939

Armament Officer, M.D. XI,
Victoria, B. C.

Ammunition.

1. When the emplacements for the guns were constructed, no recess for storage of ammunition at the guns were constructed.
2. At present, we are storing the shells and cartridges for immediate firing under the steel plates of the gun platform, and covering up as well as we can with sacking, old canvas, etc., to protect them from the rain blowing under the platform.

3. Only 12 rounds (2 plugged, 10 H.E.) are stored at the guns in place of 70 rounds (35 per gun) as called for in C.A.T. Vol. 3, pamphlet No.8 sec. 11 s.s. 6 as it is obviously unwise to expose more rounds to the weather.
4. So far the weather is right rarely good, but with winter approaching, it is desirable that ammunition recesses be provided. This was pointed out to Lt. Col G. R. Turner, G.S.O. in his visit to the island.

19 October 1939 – York Island

Letter re fresh water (see App. "E").

Weather: heavy dull.

Excerpt from PART I ORDERS #52 19/10/39

6. DISCUSSION OF MILITARY MATTERS IN PUBLIC.

Commanding Officers will draw the attention of all ranks to the Official Secrets Act. All ranks should also be cautious against the discussion of confidential military matters in public places or with strangers.

This order will be re-published in Unit Orders.

District Routine Order No. 150, dated 11th Oct. 1939.

H.Q. M.D. XI

VICTORIA

146 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY FIVE SIX HUNDRED GALS.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND

File No. E 83

19 October, 1939

District Engineer Officer, M.D. XI,
Victoria, B. C.

Fresh Water.

1. In an effort to solve the water supply problem, I have sunk a well about 25 feet in depth: which shows signs of developing a good water supply.
2. I have two experienced well diggers on my strengths who are employed on this work,
3. Progress has been stopped by a large boulder which needs blasting. My well diggers tell me that we should strike water soon after the boulder is blasted.
4. Will you please approve and send up some hand rock drills and other tools necessary for this work. We have sledge hammers and a forge. Blacksmiths coal has been indented for.
5. We are trying at another site with very promising results as the water has to be bailed out of the hole frequently.
6. If we can discover fresh water, it will save the Department considerable sums in freighting fresh water by S.S. Border Prince every week. Even if the water supply

lasts only nine months for annum, it will mean a considerable saving for the Department of National Defence.

20 October 1939 – York Island

Weather: rainy.

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	O.C. YORK ISLAND

D.E.O.	YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA	OCT 20
149 CHELHOSIN ARRIVED YORK ISLAND WITH NO LUMBER OR MATERIAL FOR CONSTRUCTION STOP MR WHYBROW ADVISES CREW WILL BE FINISHED SUNDAY NIGHT WITH PRESENT WORK STOP PLEASE ADVISE REGARDING BALANCE OF FLOORING STOP BORDER PRINCE LEAVING SUNDAY STOP PLEASE SEND ANY FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS IMMEDIATELY	
	O.C. YORK ISLAND

21 October 1939 – York Island

Letter re rations. Civilian employees (see App. "E"). Letter re reliefs. Letter re searchlights.

Weather: dull.

H.Q. M.D. XI	YORK ISLAND
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151 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY FOUR SIX HUNDRED GALLONS	
	O.C. YORK ISLAND

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YORK ISLAND

File No. V 122
21 October, 1939

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

Rations, Civilian Employees.

Reference your letter B-4a18-3, dated 17th Oct.

1. Re Para 1. We have written Headquarters, MD XI, to confirm previous verbal instructions from the D.E.O., regarding rations for the m/n five civilians.
2. Re Para 2. These men have been drawing rations since 31/8/39. Please refer to our Part II Order #8, sub N. 24, dated 31/8/39/
3. For your information, these men had been ordered to proceed to York Island before the voluntary calling up of the Battery, and their previous orders included a cook,

which was subsequently amended by Major Sherwood because this Battery had been stationed here in the meantime.

4. Headquarters' written confirmation should be forthcoming shortly.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND

File No. E 89
21 October, 1939.

Headquarters, M.D. XI,
Victoria, B. C.

Reliefs of Garrison on York Island.

Reference H.Q. M.D. No. 11 letter No. V2F-3-B-15 and V2F-1-30-1 and H.Q. 15th Vancouver Coast Bde. B-4C-63-B, and B-4C-55-D.

1. I would recommend that in order to preserve efficiency, the principle be maintained of keeping each Battery intact as far as possible. This was carried out in the last war when the relieving Battery took over the gun position, guns and stores of a Battery in action.
2. I would recommend that the 85th battery take over two guns of either the 31st (at Stanley Park) or 58th (at Point Grey) and the relieving Battery should take over the two guns at York Island.
3. In order to accustom the relieving Battery to their new position, I would recommend that the change over be made in 3 or 4 detachments, one week apart. As an example, I suggest:-

Captain	and	19 O.R.s	November 11th	leave York Island.
Lieut.	"	19 O.R.s.	" 18th	" " "
Lieut.	"	19 O.R.s.	" 25th	" " "
Major	"	18 O.R.s.	December 2nd	" " "

4. The S.S. Chelohsin leaves Vancouver at 6 P.M. Thursday arriving York Island Friday. Southbound the vessel leaves York Island Saturday arriving Vancouver Sunday. This is the only passenger vessel calling at York Island.
5. I would suggest that, (assuming the 31st Battery are the relieving Battery) they send up as follows:-

Captain	and	19 O.R.s	November 9th	leave Vancouver.
Lieut.	"	19 O.R.s.	" 16th	" "
Lieut.	"	19 O.R.s.	" 23rd	" "
Major	"	18 O.R.s.	" 30th	" "

6. I suggest that the First Narrows Detachment of the 31st Battery be left to man their own guns under the supervision of 85th Battery Commander, until the 31st Heavy Battery returns to Vancouver on being relieved by the 58th Heavy Battery.

7. In this way the battery organization, orderly room, etc., would be maintained intact, and the officers would know all their men. The men tagain would know their comrades and be accustomed to working with their officers and N.C.O.'s.
8. I do not think that the system of first exchanging twenty men from the 31st followed by twenty men from the 58th would be conducive to efficiency as the commanders at all Forts would be constantly receiving new men of whose capability they would know nothing.
9. M.O.'s Lieut. J. A. Ganshorn, R.C.A.M.C., has been M.O. on this Island since Sept. 12th. I would suggest that he be relieved when one of the detachment goes down to Vancouver. I suggest eithert November 25th or December 2nd.
10. Detachment 2nd Btn (MG) C.S. Regt. The S.S. Chelohsin which would bring up the reliefs calls in at Campbell River, both Northbound and Southbound. This Detachment arrived on 21st September.
I recommend that they go down on the same vessel as the artillery. In this way they would travel under the supervision of an officer of the artillery. It might even be possible to persuade the Union S.S. Co. to pick them up and discharge them at Comox, only three miles from Courtenay. I suggest that they be changed on December 2nd.
11. R.C.C.S. Detachment. There is a detachment of 3 O.R.'s maintaining a wireless station. I suggest they be relieved about November 9th.
12. R.C.A.S.C. Corporal Britton is in charge of Motor Boat York. I suggest he be relieved at the same time as the artillery.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND

File No. E 90
21 October, 1939.

Headquarters, M.D. XI,
Victoria, B. C.

Searchlights.

1. Enclosed is copy of letter from the Chief Examining Officer (R.C.N.R.) on the Island.
2. There are so many small fishing vessels proceeding up and down with more or less poor lights that it is sometimes difficult to be sure of firing at night safely.
3. Last night the Examining Officer wanted us to fire, but as the guns could not distinguish the target clearly, we refrained from firing.
4. I know that searchlights are at present unattainable, but suggest that one be sent out at first opportunity.

22 October 1939 – York Island

Weather: fair.

Excerpt from PART I ORDERS #55 22/10/39

6. MODIFICATION OF DRESS OF OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS.

- (1) Full dress, undress, and mess dress will not be worn on any occasion. Service dress or battle dress will be worn on all occasions by all ranks except that officers on leave may be permitted to wear plain clothes and all ranks at their station may also be permitted to wear plain clothes for the purpose of athletic exercises for which a special dress is necessary.
- (2) The wearing of orders, decorations, and medals will cease. The rivandss of orders, decorations and medals will continue to be worn in service dress as prescribed in Para. 74, Drill Regulations for the Militia, 1932 and will also be worn in battle dress.
- (3) The carrying of regimental or other types of chains and whips by other ranks will cease forthwith.

23 October 1939 – York Island

Weather: heavy rain.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA
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081 GUNNER BOWER WILL ARRIVE SAYWARD ON S. S. CHELOHSIN TWENTY THREE HOURS TUESDAY TWENTY FOURTH STOP ARRANGE TRANSPORT YORK ISLAND

DS & TO XI.

OFFICER COMMANDING 85TH HEAVY
BATTERY R.C.A. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA
OCT 23

083 REFERENCE MOTOR LAUNCH YORK STOP CAN SECURE CRANK HANDLE SUITABLE FOR MILLER ENGINE FROM FACTORY SAME AS ONE SHIPPED JUNE THIRTIETH NINETEEN THIRTY NINE STOP IS STARTING BAR YOUR REQUISITION FOR TO TAKE PLACE OF CRANK HANDLE STOP WE ARE ADVISED BY ARMSTRONG'S LTD THAT BAR WOULD NOT BE AS EFFICIENT FOR STARTING ENGINE STOP ADVISE WHY REQUISITION FOR STARTING BAR INSTEAD OF CRANK HANDLE AND HOW PREVIOUS CRANK HANDLE WAS BROKEN STOP YOU FAILED TO GIVE MEASUREMENTS OF HOLE AND LUG IN HUB OF BAR WHICH FIT OVER CRANKSHAFT

TRANSPORT ELEVEN

O.C. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA
OCT 23

088 LETTER RECEIVED NO OBJECTION YOUR LETTER BEING SENT STOP YOU WILL BE PLEASED TO HEAR WATER PROOF CLOTHING NOW BEING APPROVED SOME WILL REACH YOU IN NEAR FUTURE

D. O. C. XI

O.C. 85th HEAVY BATTERY
YORK ISLAND

VANCOUVER
OCT 23

MAY SLATE OF N.C.O.'S BE RECEIVED AT THIS HEADQUARTERS IN NEXT MAIL PLEASE

O.C. 15th VAN COAST BDE
VANCOUVER.

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24 October 1939 – York Island

Letter re slate of N.C.O's (see App. "E").

Weather: dull.

O.C. YORK ISLAND YOUR 153 BORDER PRINCE LEAVE VANCOUVER WEDNESDAY NIGHT ARRIVES YORK ISLAND THURSDAY MORNING	VANCOUVER OCT 24 O.C. 15 COAST BDE.
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H.Q. M.D. XI VICTORIA 157 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY THREE FOUR HUNDRED GALLONS	YORK ISLAND OCT 24 O.C. YORK ISLAND
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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND

File No. V 129
24 October, 1939.

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

Slate of N.C.O.'s. 85th Hvy. Bty.

The following is a slate of N.C.O.'s of the m/n Bty., stationed at York Island:-

K 17027 B.S.M. Lockhart E. J.
K 17028 B.Q.M.S. Woodward T. P. L.
K 17029 Sgt. Upton V.
K 17030 “ Cox S. E.
K 17031 “ Davidson G.
K 17035 “ Clarke J.A.
K 17026 L/Sgt. Ramsden E.
K 17034 “ McAfee A. M.
K 17033 Bdr. Thurlwell W. N.
K 17032 “ Thackeray P. A.
K 17036 “ Cox N. G.
K 17037 “ Cuddeford T.
K 17038 “ Mills W. J.
K 17039 « Darby G.
K 17040 L/Bdr. Garrett F. C.

K 17041 “ Richardson A.
K 17042 “ Jones D. D.
K 17061 “ Parker J. L.

Please note there is no room for Sgt. Robinson on this establishment.

25 October 1939 – York Island

Weather: cloudy.

Excerpts from PART I ORDERS #58 25/10/39

6. INOCULATION AND VACCINATION.

Regulation require that every officer and man mobilized be vaccinated. Officers commanding units will instruct Medical Officers to proceed with this at once and complete the work as soon as possible. Where Medical Officers are not available the work will be carried out by Medical Representatives of Department of Pensions and National Health. On completion of the inoculation and vaccination proper entries will be made on M.F.M. 1 and M.F.M. 2 and a Certificate sent to District Headquarters. The inoculation may be carried out in three or two injections (see wrapper in the containers) as circumstances warrant. The three injection method is preferable. Due regard will be given to paragraph 396 p.p. 46 “Instructions for R.C.A.M.C. & C.A.D.C. 1937”.
(V.92F-1-12.)

7. REGISTER OF POSTAGE.

In order that correct entries may be made in Bde. Register of Postage, all ranks leaving official mail at the Bde. Orderly Room for posting will inform the Mail Orderly of the Description of the contents of each envelope.

8. DISCIPLINE.

Attention of all ranks is drawn to Headquarters, M.D. XI Circular letter dated 17th October, 1939, in part as follows:-

(1) The information given below is forwarded to Commanding Officers in order that officers and other ranks may be informed of the fact that it is an offence for civilians or others to make statements prejudicial to His Majesty's Forces.

(2) On 12th Oct. 1939, at Duncan, B.C. Frederick Lonsdale, a civilian was charged with making unlawful statements, false or otherwise, likely to prejudice the recruiting, training, or discipline of some of His Majesty's Forces.

Among the statements made by Lonsdale were:-

“They would have to come and get him to join the Army and then he would rather be behind the bars.”

“A man would be a bloody fool to join the Army.”

“Chamberlain was just as wrong as Hitler and that he would never join the Army.”

(3) The accused pleaded not guilty to the charge but the court found him guilty and sentenced Lonsdale to three months imprisonment.

9. CERTIFICATES.

Capt. R.H. Jorgensen 85th Hvy Bty RCA No. 91271 Art. (C.D.)
Major 26/7/39.

10. SALE OF BEER IN MESSES AND CANTEENS.

Attention to District Routine Order No. 180, dated 18th Oct. 1939.
Where the sale of beer is desired in Sgt. Messes or Canteens, the Battery Commander concerned will forward his recommendation in duplicate to Bde. H.Q. for forwarding a D.O.C.

Until Authority for such sale has been received no draught or other beer will be sold in any sergeants' mess or canteen.

11. REGIMENTAL NUMBERS.

Battery Commanders will ensure that all O.R.'s under their command are familiar with their C.A.S.F. Regimental numbers; cases have been reported of O.R.'s being admitted to hospital giving their N.P.A.M. Regimental number, due to their not appreciating the importance of having their C.A.S.F. Regimental numbers inserted before their names in all records and documents.

12. BAYONETS AND SCABBARDS.

Bayonets and scabbards are issued from Ordnance with the metal parts browned in accordance with existing regulations.

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that this browning is not to be removed under any circumstances.

In the event that there are any polished bayonets and scabbards in possession of units at this time, same are to be returned to Ordnance immediately in order that they may be re-browned and returned with the least possible delay.

(V.58-1-8-4)

O.C. YORK ISLAND FORT

VICTORIA

OCT 25

137 SERGT PITTENDREIGH IS TO PROCEED TO ESQUIMALT BY FIRST BOAT STOP THIS MAN IS BEING SENT ON A MASTER GUNNERS COURSE LEAVING NOVEMBER 1ST STOP LETTER FOLLOWING

ADJUTANT R.C.A.

ESQUIMALT

H.Q. M.D. XI

YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

OCT 25

158 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY THREE THOUSAND GALLONS

O.C. YORK ISLAND

26 October 1939 – York Island

Weather: rain.

Excerpts from PART I ORDERS #59 26/10/39

6. DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE & ASSIGNED PAY.

Attention of all ranks has drawn to M.D. XI, circular letter, No. V.38-1-1-1FD.21 dated 23rd. Oct. 1939, as follows: -

“ENQUIRIES REGARDING INITIAL PAYMENT OF
DEPENDANT ALLOWANCE & ASSIGNED PAY.

- (1) It is understood that a number of enquiries are being received in Units as to the amount received by Dependents in their initial check for dependents allowance. & Assigned Pay.
- (2) It would appear that, in the case of N.P.A.M. personnel called out for duty, payment has only been made, in some instances, from the date enlisted in the C.A.S.F. as shown by Question 6 of M.F.M. 16 & 16a and not from the date reported for duty as shown by Question 7.
- (3) All enquiries of this nature are to be submitted to this Office at the earliest possible moment, giving the following information:-

Unit, Regimental Number, Rank, full name, date actually taken on strength for pay (i.e. in the case of members of the N.P.A.M. called out for duty, the actual date they reported for duty) as shown by Unit Part II Orders.

- (4) Separate letters are not required for each enquiry. They may be forward in the form of a nominal roll, ut should be submitted the day they are reported.
- (5) Please treat this as urgent.

D.E.O. M.D. XI	YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA	OCT 26
159 BORDER PRINCE ARRIVED STOP NO LUMBER OR MATERIAL STOP CONSTRUCTION CREW FINISHED WORK STOP PACKED READY TO LEAVE	
	O.C. YORK ISLAND

H.Q. M.D. XI	YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA	OCT 26
160 PROGRESS REPORT STOP BORDER PRINCE DELIVERED THREE FOUR HUNDRED GALS WATER STOP WATER SUPPLY NOW EIGHT SIX HUNDRED GALS STOP NO CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL ARRIVED STOP CIVILIAN UNABLE PROCEED DUE LACK OF MATERIAL ORDERED BUT NOT DELIVERED	
	O.C. YORK ISLAND.

27 October 1939 – York Island

Letter re ammunition supply (see App. "E").

Weather: rain.

D.E.O. M.D. XI YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA OCT 27
161 OUR 160 AWAIT REPLY STOP HAVE THREE HUTS INCOMPLETE AWAITING MATERIAL STOP
UNABLE USE NEW MESSHALL, KITCHEN, ABLUTION HUT, HOSPITAL S TOP TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS
O.C. YORK ISLAND

O.C. 85th HVY BTY VICTORIA
YORK ISLAND OCT 27
156 ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR SHIPMENT MATERIAL ASKED FOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
D.E.O.

H.Q. M.D. XI YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA OCT 27
162 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY SIX THREE HUNDRED GALS.
O.C. YORK ISLAND

AA& QMG MD11 Victoria B.C. 27th October 1939
163 your 833 have received letter from 15 Vancouver Coast Brigade asking for names volunteer
transfer overseas Stop Does this supersede your telegram refusing transfers
OC York Island

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND

File No. E 99
27 October, 1939.

Headquarters, M.D. XI,
Victoria, B. C.

Ammunition Supply.

1. Col. Turner, on his visit up here, stated that the D.O.O. wanted information as to storage capacity for ammunition. Approximate estimates based on visual survey.
2. For your information, the following are the dimensions of the magazine:-

Shell room- length 7'6" breadth 12'2" height 8'0"
Cartridge room—" 13'5" " 12'2" " 8'0"
3. The shell room has ample capacity for any number of shells likely to be sent up as the shells are taken out of their cases cleaned and stacked in rows.
4. Cartridge room. I estimate that this room would hold 1400 rounds of cartridges stacked 4 boxes high (6 cartridges pr. box). This would leave a small passage for access.
5. When proper ammunition recesses of the guns are built, there should be additional storage space for 25 or 50 rounds at each gun.
6. A present there are no suitable ammunition recesses at the guns, and ammunition is stored under the steel gun platform, which is open at the sides. The ammunition is

covered with sacking but it is not a very suitable arrangement. In consequence, I have instructed that only 10 rds. In all be kept at the two guns, in place of the 25 per gun. A letters has already been sent about the need for ammunition recesses.

28 October 1939 – York Island

Weather: dull.

D.E.O. M.D. XI YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA OCT 28
164 IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS MR WHYBROW LEFT ON H.M.C.S. PINE LEAF THIS MORNING STOP WILL REPORT ON MONDAY STOP REMAINDER OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE STAYING HERE
O.C. YORK ISLAND

5th HEAVY BATTERY YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA OCT 28
165 SERGEANT PITTENDREIGH LEFT ON H.M.C.S. PINE LEAF THIS MORNING FOR ESQUIMALT
O.C. YORK ISLAND

H.Q. M.D. XI YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA OCT 28
166 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY FIVE EIGHT HUNDRED GALLONS
O.C. YORK ISLAND

O.C. YORK ISLAND BATTERY VICTORIA
OCT 28
170 YOU WILL RECEIVE WATER PROOF CLOTHING BY FOURTEEN HOURS TODAY STOP VOUCHERS WILL FOLLOW STOP IT IS TO BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT ARTICLES ARE PUBLIC CLOTHING AND DO NOT BECOME PROPERTY OF MAN AND WILL BE WITHDRAWN AND ISSUED TO REPLACEMENTS STOCK ENSURE WORN OVER APPROPRIATE CLOTHES STOP ADVISE WHEN SHIPMENT RECEIVED
D.O.O.

YORK ISLAND VANCOUVER
OCT 28
170 YOUR LETTER TWENTY FIFTH FILE BDASH FIVE DASH FORTY FIVE E RECEIVED LAST NIGHT STOP ABOUT EIGHT VOLUNTEERS
O.C. YORK ISLAND

OFFICER COMMANDING VICTORIA
YORK ISLAND B.C. OCT 28
214 YOUR 163 O.C. 15th COAST BRIGADE WAS INFORMED A FEW VACANCIES AVAILABLE KOOTENAY BATTERY STOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THESE WOULD BE ACCEPTED REPLACEMENTS TO BE FROM 1st A. A. REGIMENT STOP IMPROBABLE VERY MANY CAN BE ACCEPTED STOP ADVISE O.C. 15th COAST BRIGADE YOUR NUMBER IF ANY.
A&O ELEVEN.

29 October 1939 – York Island

Weather: heavy rain.

O.C. YORK ISLAND B.C.	VANCOUVER OCT 29
ADVISE IMMEDIATELY BY RADIO NAMES PERSONNEL WHOSE FAMILIES ARE IN DISTRESS	
	O.C. 15th COAST BDE R.C.A

	YORK ISLAND 29th OCT 1939
TO OFFICER COMMANDING 15 (VAN) COAST BRIGADE R.C.A. VANCOUVER	
171 THE FOLLOWING CLAIM THAT THEIR FAMILIES ARE IN DISTRESS K 17033 THURLWELL W N K 17038 MILLS W J K 17039 DARBY G K 17005 CARTER G M K 17050 COOPER M M K 17051 CUDDEFORD L K 17063 RICHARDS W H K 17015 SKJEIE S K 17065 SNOW C H	
	O.C. YORK ISLAND

30 October 1939 – York Island

Weather: fair.

O.C. 85th HVY BTY YORK ISLAND	VANCOUVER OCT 30
REFERENCE YOUR WIRE 170 MIGHT NAMES OF ALL VOLUNTEERS BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.	
	O.C. 15 VAN COAST BDE

H.Q. M.D. XI VICTORIA	YORK ISLAND OCT 30
172 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY FOUR SIX HUNDRED GALS	
	O.C. YORK ISLAND

	YORK ISLAND 30 th OCT. 1940 hours
TO OFFICER COMMANDING 15 (VAN) COAST BRIGADE R C A VANCOUVER B.C.	
174 REFERENCE VOLUNTEERS STOP NAMES ARE K17003 BURGESS J M K 17049 COOPER F K 17047 CHOLOWSKY W K 17021 JOHNS H E K 17056 JORDISON F K 17008 KITCHING R K 17015 SKJEIE S K 17067 WILLOUGHBY H W.	
	O.C. YORK ISLAND

31 October 1939 – York Island

Letter re S/L emplacements (see App. "E").

Letter re clothing (see App. "E"). Letter re relief (see App. "E") and letter re wireless station (see App. "E").

Weather: dull.

H.Q. M.D. XI	YORK ISLAND
VICTORIA	OCT 31
175 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY FOUR TWO HUNDRED GALS. STOP NEW HUT COMMENCED	
	O.C. YORK ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND

File No. E 106
31 October, 1939

Armament Officer, M.D. XI,
Victoria, B. C.

Search Light Emplacements.

1. On inspecting these emplacements, I find that these steel doors and shelters and shelters are beginning to show rust through the paint. Presumably the steel had one or two coats of paint when erected, but the salt air and salt spray has worn most of it away.
2. The naval officers on the island state that the steel should be brushed with wire brushes, then painted with one or two coats of aluminum paint, after which the service green of whatever camouflage you required could be painted on. Ordinary paint is useless without a covering of aluminum paint as the rust will work through the ordinary paints. The steel doors and windows at the Command Post also need attention, though they are not so bad as the emplacement shutters, as no salt spray strikes the Command Post.
3. The concrete needs camouflaging with paint, but the District Gunners state none is left.
4. Enclosed is indent for concrete, aluminum paint and service green for steel work.

c.c. to D.E.O. for information.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND

File No. E 107
31 October, 1939

District Medical Officer, M.D. XI,
Victoria, B. C.

Report on Clothing. Yorke Island.

The following have been issued:-

1. Underwear-
 - Shirts L.W. 1 per man.
 - Drawers L.W. 1 per man.
2. Socks 1 pair per man.
3. Shirts drill 1 per man.
4. Trousers drill 2 per man.
5. Boots ankle leather 1 per man with extras.
6. Jacket sweater 1 per man.
7. Boots Knee rubber 1 pair per man 20 pairs extra.
8. Waterproof clothing:-
 - trousers 1 per man 0 extras
 - Jacket 1 “ “ 0 “
 - Hat 1 “ “ 0 “
9. Service uniform including great coat-all men outfitted.

All men are will clothed but are having difficulty to launder dirty clothing because of no change while laundering. They have an insufficient supply of underwear, socks, and shirts.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND

File No. V143
31 October, 1939.

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

Relief. Yorke Island.

1. Replying to your memoranda of the 25th Oct. 1939. Your file B-dc-44-F.
2. With all due respect to your opinion, I think you overlook the fact that a Battery is not a mere collection of gun crews, it is a compact organization of Officers, headquarters staff, signallers, and gun crews, together with the necessary support personnel of Q.M.S., cooks, etc.
3. All these men have got to be trained to work together as a smooth running organization. The officers have to get to know the men, their capabilities, and also their weaknesses, so that they can put their best men in the right place.
4. Even after four weeks of close contact with these men, I am finding out more of their capabilities and especially weaknesses every day.

5. One of my troubles right now, is that the last reinforcement from Vancouver is forming itself into a little group which is not merging in with the rest of the Battery as much as I want. They have even got a name "The Power House Gang". I am going to break them up as soon as possible. If we have new gun crews from different Batteries, coming and going, the Commander of York Island will never be able to have a smooth running organization; as each group will feel that they belong to say, 31st Battery and not to the York Island Battery.
6. We have a case in point now with the detachment of 14 Machine Gunners from 2 Battn. C.S. Regt. here. They have had to be handled very carefully since they came here. Now they are sure we are giving them a square deal, they know our officers and men, and are working in very well together. If we did not do that, they would do as little work as possible; and you cannot do much with unwilling men.
7. My suggested arrangements were based on the idea that the 85th Battery should take over a 6" gun fort in Vancouver, where the personnel will be approximately equal in number, the outlying detachments of the other Batteries (e.g. Narrows and Steveston) should stay under their own officers and be independant, except for supervision by the O.C. and Captain of 85th Battery.
8. Personally, I would like the transfer to take place as soon as possible, say within a week. The only reason for spreading it over four weeks, was the fact that the A.A. and Q.M.G. wanted not more than twenty to move at one time.
9. Under my suggestion, you would take a smooth running organization from say Stanley Park Battery and transfer it intact to York island, where it continue to run efficiently.
10. If you consult the Battery Commanders of 31st and 58 Batteries, I think you will find very stormy objections on their part, to a mve to York Isaland with a mixed detachment, and leave behind a smooth running Battery, which they have spent much time and thought building up. I think they will be willing to come up with their own men who thay know, but not with a mixed command whom they do not know.
11. A further trouble is responsibility for clothing and stores. The Ordnance have issued direct to this Battery a considerable amount of boots and clothing. How can I be held responsible for clothing issued to men whom I have not seen for months. Even as it is, the transfer of stores on this island will be a difficult business. You have no idea how much engineering and other stores the Officer Commanding York Island has signed for.
12. A considerable number of the men have expressed the opinion that provided (1) they had leave every two months with transportation and meals pay to and from their homes, and (2) the living facilities being approved, which is in progress, they would be quite willing to stay on duty here as long as desired.
13. The cost of transportation to and from Vancouver, which is over \$16.00 is prohibitive for married men, and is nearly half a months pay for single men. They feel that this expense is more than they should have to pay, and point out that it

would cost the Government as much or more to move detachments backward and forward.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND

File No. E 111
31 October, 1939.

Headquarters, M.D. XI,
Victoria, B. C.

Military Wireless Station.

1. Will you please advise me whether the Military wireless station on York Island comes under my jurisdiction or whether it is an independant unit.
2. The Personnel of this unit seem to think they are absolutely independant of any unit on this island and I would like to know where I stand.
3. I had no trouble with C.S.M. Hadfield, but since he left the present personnel do not seem to be willing to take any instructions at all.
4. If they come under my command, will you please instruct the O.C., W.F.E., R.C.C.S. To advise his men accordingly.