



War Diaries
85th Heavy Battery
Royal Canadian Artillery

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

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April 1940

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WAR DIARY

OF

85 HEAVY BATTERY R.G.A. *CASF*

(Details) Ser. 390

FROM APR 1 1940 TO APR 30 1940

VOLUME 8

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
York Island	April			
	1		Gnr. McAlister remanded Weather : Bright	
	2		Gnr. McAlister awarded 28 days Detention 4 O.R.s taken on Strength at Vancouver Master Gunner Croft and R.Q.M.S. Thrussel arrived Capt. Jorgensen proceeded on leave "Border Prince" landed stores and water Weather : Bright	
	3		Letter re Lieut. D.R. Pearson, M.O. (See App. "D") 11 O.R.s proceeded on leave 4 O.R.s reported for duty Weather : Fair	6-5-48 61
	4		Weather : Fair	
	5		Letter re establishment of Infantry Guard (See App. "D") Lieut. W. Rushton proceeded to report to 1st S/L Regt. 2 O.R.s proceeded on leave 5 O.R.s reported for duty Weather : Cloudy	5-1-862
	6		Weather : Fair	
	7	0508 0732	No. 2 Gun fired 2 "Bring to Rounds" No. 1 Gun fired 3 "Bring to Rounds" (See App. "D") 1 O.R. proceeded to report to 1st S/L Regt. Weather : Dull	1-0-48 64
	8		10 O.R.s proceeded on Leave Weather : Showers	Prof. Gen RCH

DAILY ORDERS PART I - NO.92 - by MAJOR J.L. PIERCY, RCA
OFFICER COMMANDING 85TH. HVY. BTY. RCA, YORK ISLAND BC

-----1st. APRIL, 1940-----

1. DUTIES
TUESDAY
- To be Orderly Officer - 2-4-40 - Lt. M. J. H. D'Arcy, RCA
Next for Duty - 3-4-40 - Lt. W. Rushton, R.C.F.
- To be Orderly Sergeant - 2-4-40 - Sgt. Woodhouse, RCA
Next for Duty - 3-4-40 - 1/Sgt. Thurlwell, RCA
- To be Orderly B'dier. - 2-4-40 - 1/Bdr. Russell, RCA
Next for Duty - 3-4-40 - Bdr. Garrett, RCA.
- To be Orderly Trump'ter Gnr. Willoughby, RCA

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24hrs. 0745hrs. 2-4-40 to 0745hrs. 3-4-40
TUESDAY

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

No.1 Sgt. Cox
8 ORs. as detailed

Sgt. Ransden
8 ORs. as detailed

No.2 Bdr. Mackie
8 ORs. as detailed

Sgt. Woodhouse
8 ORs. as detailed

3. MORNING PARADE 0900hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches
TUESDAY

4. FATIGUES
TUESDAY

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE

(b) CANTEEN DETAIL

Gnr. Willoughby
" Johns.

Gnr. Mayman

5. SENTRY DUTY from 0600hrs. 2-4-40 to 0600hrs. 3-4-40
TUESDAY

Ptes. Etherington H., Vogel, and Irvine, C.S. Regt.



Dixon

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

APRIL 1ST 1940

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

507 REPORTING ONE PATIENT IN HOSPITAL

D.R. LEAROYD, LT. R.C.A.N.C.

OFFICER COMMANDING

STATION HOSPITAL, YORK ISLAND, B.C.

T.O.O. 1445 HRS.

(IN CIPHER)

9 per

VANCOUVER, B.C.

APRIL 1/40

O. C. YORK ISLAND

06 DIRECT INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED ALL WIRELESS
MESSAGES MUST BE IN CIPHER ACKNOWLEDGE

O.C. VAN AREA

received in cipher

Diary
DAILY ORDERS PART I - NO.93 - BY MAJOR J.W. PIERCY, R.C.A.
OFFICER COMMANDING 85TH. HVY. BTY. R.C.A. - YORK ISLAND

3-4-40

1. DUTIES To be Orderly Officer 3-4-40 - Lt. W. Rushton, R.C.A.
WEDNESDAY Next for Duty 4-4-40 - Lt. W. J. M. D'Arcy, R.C.A.
- To be Orderly Sergeant 3-4-40 - 1/Sgt. Thurwell, R.C.A.
Next for Duty 4-4-40 - Sgt. Cox, R.C.A.
- To be Orderly B'dier. 3-4-40 - Bdr. Garrett, R.C.A.
Next for Duty 4-4-40 - 1/Bdr. McConnell, R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES

WEDNESDAY

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

No. 1 Sgt. Ramsden
8 ORs. as detailed

Sgt. Wood
8 ORs. as detailed

No. 2 Sgt. Woodhouse
8 ORs. as detailed

1/Sgt. Thurwell
8 ORs. as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 0900hrs. 3-4-40 H. Q. Party and Duty Watches.
WEDNESDAY

4. FATIGUES

WEDNESDAY

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE

(b) CANTEEN DETAIL

Cnr. Willoughby
" Skjeie

Cnr. Hamell H.S.

5. SENTRY DUTY

WEDNESDAY

from 1800hrs. 3-4-40 to 0600hrs. 4-4-40

Ptes. Adams, Scott and McQueen, C.S. Regt.



Diary

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

APRIL 2/40

O.C. VAN ARFA

510 X.17090 GNR MCALISTER, C.J. SENTENCED TO 28 DAYS
DETENTION STOP PLEASE ARRANGE ACCOMODATION DETENTION
BARRACKS VICTORIA IMMEDIATLY STOP NO GUARD ROOM FACILITIES
HERE STOP VESSEL LEAVING HERE TONIGHT FOR VANCOUVER
STOP INTEND SUPPLY PRISONER AND ESCORT WITH STATEROOM ON
VESSEL STOP TELEGRAPH REPLY BEFORE 2 1800 HERE TODAY

O.C. YORK ISLAND

Diary

3 C I E

12 N B W

VANCOUVER? B.C.

APRIL 2/40

O.C. YORK ISLAND, B.C.

08 YOUR 500 MARCH 30/40 NO ORDERS YET HAVE UP WITH DISTRICT

O.C. VAN ARFA

(SENT IN CIPHER)

Duty

VANCOUVER, B.C.
APRIL 2/40

O.C. YORK ISLAND

10 REFERENCE YOUR 5-1-0 SEND PRISONER/ AND ESCORT AS YOU
OUTLINED STOP ADVISE TIME OF ARRIVAL IN VANCOUVER

O.C. VAN AREA

(SENT IN CIPHER)

85th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND, R.C.

5/4/40

Part I Orders # 94

BY

MAJOR J.R. FINNEY

1. DUTIES
- | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| To be Orderly Officer | 4/4/40 | Lt. H.J.H. D'Arcy | R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty | 5/4/40 | Lt. W. Rushton | R.C.A. |
| To be Orderly Sergeant | 4/4/40 | Bdr. Mackie | R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty | 5/4/40 | Sgt. Rarsden | R.C.A. |
| To be Orderly Bombardier | 4/4/40 | L/Bdr. McConnell | R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty | 5/4/40 | Cpl. Turnbull | C.S.R. |
2. DUTY WATCHES for twenty-four hours from 0745 hrs 4/4/40 to 5/4/40
- | <u>On Duty</u> | <u>Standing by</u> |
|---|--|
| #1 Gun Detachment | |
| Sgt. Wood and 8 O.R.s
as detailed | Sgt. Davidson and 8 O.R.s
as detailed |
| #2 Gun Detachment | |
| L/Sgt. Thurlwell and
8 O.R.s as detailed | Bdr. Mackie and 8 O.R.s
as detailed |
3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs 4/4/40
R.C. and Duty Watches
4. FATIGUES THURSDAY 4/4/40
- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) <u>Sanitary Fatigue</u> | (b) <u>Canteen Detail</u> |
| Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. McCowan | Cnr. Shore |
5. Sentry duty from :800 hrs 4/4/40 to 0600 hrs 5/4/40
Ptes. Pugh, Waugh and Witherington H. C.S.R.



York Island

APRIL 3/40

O.C. VAN ARFA

512 PRISONER AND ESCORT ARRIVING VANCOUVER ABOUT 1700 HRS.
TODAY STOP YOUR CIRCULAR RE MAJOR GENERAL ASHTON JUST RECEIVED
NEXT MAIL LEAVES HERE SATURDAY STOP REQUIRE PERMISSION ISSUE
TRANSPORTATION R G H S THUSSELL MASTER GUNNER CROFT TO
RETURN VANCOUVER

O.C. YORK ISLAND

(SENT IN CLEAR)

diary

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

APRIL 3/40

O.C. VAN AREA

513 YOUR 08 DETACHMENT CANADIAN SCOTTISH STOP ADVISE
MOVEMENT SOON AS POSSIBLE STOP MEN APPLYING FURLOUGH
ALL HAD SEVEN MONTHS WITHOUT LEAVE AND NEARLY FIVE
MONTHS ON YORK ISLANDS STOP NECESSARY ACT QUICKLY
FORESTALL POSSIBLE TROUBLE WHICH WOULD REQUIRE
SEVERE DISCIPLINARY ACTION

O.C. YORK ISLAND

(SENT IN CIPHER)

Diary

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

APRIL 3/40

O.C. VAN AREA

514 YOUR LETTER APRIL 1ST FILE 5-16-5 STOP

NO ACCOMMODATION EXTRA OFFICER STOP OFFICERS QUARTERS
AUTHORISED BUT NO MATERIAL AVAILABLE MATERIAL RECEIVED
FOR THE BUILDING

O.C. YORK ISLAND

SENT IN CIPHER)

file
O.C.IV

VANCOUVER, B.C.

APRIL 3/40

O.C. YORK ISLAND

13 YOUR 513 DISTRICT ADVISE RELIEF WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE END
OF MONTH AND AM ENDEAVORING EXPEDITE

O.C. VAN AREA

(SENT IN CIPHER)

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 6-5-4-8.61

3rd April 1940

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

Lieut. B.H. LEAROLD, R.C.A.M.C.

1. Will you please advise me which unit this officer belongs to:
 - (a) 12th Field Ambulance Corps
 - (b) 13th Field Ambulance Corps
 - (c) R.O. 15th (Vanc) Coast Bde., attached York Island.
2. This officer received no pay at the end of the month. The previous Medical Officers were attached to the 15th (Vanc) Coast Bde., and received their pay through the Brigade Paymaster in a similar manner to other Artillery officers of the Brigade.
3. A telegram was sent to you on March 30th (#803) but apparently no action was taken.
4. Will you please arrange to have this matter straightened out.



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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

4/4/40

Part I Orders # 95

BY

MAJOR J.R. PIERCE

1. DUTIES

To be Orderly Officer	5/4/40	Lt. W. Rushton, R.C.A.
Next for Duty	5/4/40	Lt. W.J.H. D'Arcy, R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant	5/4/40	Sgt. Ramsden R.C.A.
Next for Duty	6/4/40	1/Sgt. Thackeray R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bombardier	5/4/40	Cpl. Turnbull C.S.A.
Next for Duty	6/4/40	Sdr. Jones R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0745 hrs 5/4/40 to 6/4/40

On Duty

Standing By

#1 Gun Detachment

XXXXXXXXXX

Sgt. Davison and
8 O.A.s as detailed

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 5/4/40 H.Q. party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FRIDAY 5/4/40

(a) Sanitary Fatigue

(b) Canteen Detail

Gnr. Willoughby
Gnr. Engelen

Gnr. Dickinson

5. Sentry Duty from 2800 hrs 5/4/40 to 0600 hrs 6/4/40

Pter. Etherington, W. Begoff and Ellie; C.S.R.

6. SERVICE

Divine Service will be conducted by Rev. Wills of the Shantymens' Mission at 2000 hrs Thursday 4th April in Hut No. 8.



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

YORK ISLAND, N.S.

PART I ORDERS #96

BY

5/4/40

MAJOR J.E. PIERCE

1. BUSINES

To be Orderly Officer	6/4/40	Lt. H.J.E. B'Aray, R.C.A.
Next for Duty	7/4/40	Lt. W. Rushton, R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant	6/4/40	L/Sgt. Thackeray, R.C.A.
Next for Duty	7/4/40	Sgt. Davidson, R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bombardier	6/4/40	Sgt. Jones, R.C.A.
Next for Duty	7/4/40	Sgt. Mackie, R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours, from 0745 Hrs. 6/4/40 to 0845 Hrs. 7/4/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. MORNING PARADE 0900 Hrs. 6/4/40 U.C. party and Duty Watches

4. PATIGUES SATURDAY 6/4/40

(a) Sanitary Fatigue

(b) Canteen Detail

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. Cooney

Cnr. Assich

5. Sentry Duty from 1800 Hrs. 6/4/40 to 0600 Hrs. 7/4/40

Ptes. McLuoen, Irvine and Adams. C.S.R.

6. WASTE PAPER

The practice of throwing waste paper, empty cigarette packages, candy bar wrappers, etc. around the camp must cease. Seniors in each hut will see that a waste paper box is provided and that no paper is thrown in the coal bins.

7. SANITATION

The Sanitary Detail will skin the grease trap back of the Kitchen daily and give it a thorough cleaning once each week.



1 CIV

21 NEW
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
VANCOUVER B.C.

APR 5/1705

O.C. MORK ISLAND

16 LT RUSHTON TO BE RETURNED TO VANCOUVER AT SOON PROCEEDING
OVERSEAS STOP WILL BE REPLACED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

OC. VANCOUVER AREA

(Received in cipher)

GG/TT/1740

YORK ISLAND B.C.

5th APRIL 1940

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

518 NO RATIONS ARRIVED TODAY PLEASE ARRANGE TO SHIP PER UNION

VESSELS LEAVING VANCOUVER TONIGHT AND TRANSFER TO EXAMINATION

VESSEL IN ROBINSON STRAIT IF NECESSARY STOP HAVE INSUFFICIENT

RATIONS TO LAST TILL UNION VESSEL ARRIVING NEXT WEDNESDAY

O.C. YORK ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND B.C.

File No 5-1-3 62

April 5/40

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

War Establishment

Will you please obtain for me from H.Q. M.D.XI,
War Establishment of Infantry for Defence of York
Island, and number of Machine Guns allotted for
same. While I have at present only 14 M.G.s
and 2 H.G.s, I understand the War Establishment
should be one Platoon under an Officer and the
usual allotment of M.G.s, but have no confirmation
of same.

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

PAGE 1 ORDERS # 97

BY

6/4/40

MAJOR J.E. BIRNEY

- DUTIES

To be Orderly Officer	7/4/40	Lt. H.J.H. D'Arcy,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	8/4/40	Lt. H.J.H. D'Arcy,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	7/4/40	Sgt. Davidson,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	8/4/40	Sgt. Cox,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sdr.	7/4/40	Sdr. Mackie,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	8/4/40	Sdr. Garrett,	R.C.A.
- DUTY WATCHES for 23 Hrs. from 0645 Hrs. 7/4/40 to 0745 Hrs. 8/4/40

<u>ON DUTY</u>	<u>STANDING BY</u>
#1 Gun Detachment	
Sgt. Wood and 8 O.R.s as detailed	Sgt. Davidson and 8 O.R.s as detailed
#2 Gun Detachment	
L/Sgt. Thurwell and 8 O.R.s as detailed	Sdr. Mackie and 8 O.R.s as detailed
- MAINING PARADE 1100hrs. 7/4/40 H.Q. Party & Duty Watches
- FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 7/4/40

(a) <u>Sanitary Fatigue</u>	(b) <u>Canteen Detail</u>
Cnr. Dyer, Cnr. Mackie	Cnr. Thompson
- SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 7/4/40 to 0600 Hrs. 8/4/40
Ptes. Begoff, McQueen, Ellis. C.S.R.
- All Bunks are warned they will not be carried on M.V. "YORK" or any vessels of the Royal Canadian Navy while under the influence of liquor.
Men going on leave or for any other purposes will be held at York Island until such time as they are in condition to proceed.



1 CIV

16 HBW

VANCOUVER APR 6 / 1115

O.C. YORK ISLAND

18 SGT. WOODHOUSE 3rd S L BTY TO BE RETURNED TO VANCOUVER
AT ONCE STOP IS GOING OVERSEAS

O.C. VANCOUVER AREA

EP/TT/ 1230

YORK ISLAND B.C.

6th APRIL 1940

O.C. VAN AREA

521 YOUR 16 LT HESHTON WILL ARRIVE VANGOUVER 1400 HOURS TODAY
PLEASE SEND LT MCCAVIN 85th BATTERY ON CANADIAN NATIONAL
STEAMER MONDAY NIGHT TELEGRAPH REPLY

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 0930 HRS

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

7/4/40

Part I Order No. 98

MAJOR J. M. FLEMING

1. DUTIES

To be Orderly Officer	8/4/40	Lt. R.J.H. D'Arcy	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	9/4/40	Lt. R.J.H. D'Arcy	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant	8/4/40	Sdr. Cox	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	9/4/40	Sgt. Cuddihoe	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bombardier	8/4/40	Sdr. Garrett	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	9/4/40	L/Sdr. McConnell	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours, from 0745 hrs 8/4/40 to 9/4/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Gun Detachment

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

Sgt. Rensden and
8 C.R.s as detailed

#2 Gun Detachment

Sdr. Mackie and
8 C.R.s as detailed

Sdr. Cox and
8 C.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs 8/4/40 H.Q. Party & Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES MONDAY 8/4/40

(a) Sanitary Fatigue

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. Richards

(b) Canteen Detail

Cnr. Johns

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 8/4/40 to 0600 hrs 9/4/40

Ptes. Bagoff, McQueen and Willis, C.S.R.



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

Daily Strength

April 7, 1940

	Offr.	OR.	Total
85 th Hvy. Bty. RCA	1	58	59
5 th Hvy Bty RCA.	-	2	2
3 rd S/L Bty	-	11	11
1 st Sig Coy	-	3	3
Det. 1 st Coy C.S.R.	-	14	14
Det No. 11. Coy RCASC	-	1	1
RCAMC	1	-	1
58 th Hvy. Bty	1	-	1
R.C.N.	1	5	6
Civilians	-	19	19
<u>Total</u>	4	113	117



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

YORK ISLAND, R.C.

Part I Orders No. 99

MAJOR J.N. PIERCE

8/4/40

1. DUTIES
- | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|-------------------|--------|
| To be Orderly Officer | 9/4/40 | Lt. H.J.H. D'Arcy | R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty | 10/4/40 | Lt. H.J.H. D'Arcy | R.C.A. |
| To be Orderly Sgt. | 9/4/40 | L/Sgt. Cuddeford | R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty | 10/4/40 | Sgt. Pearce | U.S.R. |
| To be Orderly Bdr. | 9/4/40 | L/Bdr. McConnell | R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty | 10/4/40 | Bdr. Jones | R.C.A. |
| Orderly Tpnr. | 9/4/40 | Gnr. Willoughby | |
2. Duty Watches for 24 hrs. from 0745 hrs. 9/4/40 to 10/4/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. MARCHING PARADE 0900 hrs. 9/4/40 H.Q. party and duty watches

4. Fatigues Tuesday, 9/4/40

(a) Sanitary Fatigue

(b) Canteen Detail

Gnr. Willoughby
Gnr. Ramsden, D.

Gnr. Crabbe

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 9/4/40 to 0600 hrs. 10/4/40

Ptes. Segoff, McQueen, Ellis. U.S.R.



YORK ISLAND B.C.

8th APRIL 1940

D.M.O.

H.C. H.D. XI

VICTORIA, B.C.

524 REPORTING TWO PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL STOP LT LEAROLD ROAME

O.C. YORK ISLAND

(SENT IN CIPHER)

YORK ISLAND B.C.

8th APRIL 1940

D.O.O.

ES UIMALT

525 PLEASE TELEGRAPH AUTHORITY CONTINUE SENDING LAUNDRY TO LEWIS
LAUNDRY UNDER OLD CONTRACT PENDING ARRANGEMENT NEW CONTRACT STOP
HAVE HOSPITAL AND OTHER CLOTHING URGENTLY REQUIRING WASHING

(SENT IN CIPHER)

O.C. YORK ISLAND

2 CIV

TT

41 MBW

VANCOUVER

APT 8/1600

O.C. YORK ISLAND

24 LT WEBSTER WITH ONE SGT AND 1 OR LEAVING TONIGHT BY UNION
STOP LT MCGAVIN ALSO ON SAME BOAT STOP D'ARCY TO RETURN AT
ONCE STOP INSPECTOR GENERAL ASHTON DUN YORK APRIL 15 STOP
LETTERS FOLLOW STOP NEW ROWBOAT BEING SHIPPED TOMORROW ACK

(RECEIVED IN CIPHER)

GG/TT/1817

2 CIV

32 HBW

VANCOUVER APRIL 8/ 1950

O.C. YORK ISLAND

21 YOUR 518 RATIONS SHIPPED TODAY AS INSTRUCTED IN INDENT #2
PART #1 STOP WIRE RECEIVED TOO LATE TO CORRECT SAILING STOP
PART #2 INSTRUCTS SHIP THURSDAY AT 1700 HRS

O.C. VANCOUVER AREA

EP/ RC/ 1627

(RECEIVED IN CIPHER)

1 CIE

VANCOUVER B.C.

18 NEW

8th APRIL 1940

O.C. YORK ISLAND

481 PERMISSION GRANTED AIRCRAFT CP--AWL PASS THROUGH
PROHIBITED AREA YORK ISLAND

HQ MD11 ATTENTION GSO

EP/WH/1635

(RECEIVED IN CIPHER)

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 1-C-4-R.64

8th April 1940

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

BRING TO BOUNDS

1. At 0506 hrs on April 7th, 1940, the examination vessel signalled the Port to bring to a vessel proceeding East on Johnston Straits. No. 2 Gun fired a round at 0508 hrs. The vessel failed to stop and the examination vessel signalled for a second round, after which the vessel stopped and was dealt with by the Naval authorities.
2. The vessel is reported as H.V. National, of Seattle.
3. At 0731 hrs on April 7th, 1940, the examination vessel signalled the Port to bring to a vessel proceeding East on Sunderland Channel which had failed to stop after being signalled.

At 0732 hrs No. 1 Gun fired a round. The vessel still proceeded so the L.V. ordered a second round which was fired. The vessel then changed course, so the L.V. ordered a third round which was fired and the vessel stopped.

4. The vessel was ordered to proceed to the wharf at York Island, where an armed guard was provided by me at the request of the C.M.O., while he dealt with the case.
5. The vessel was H.V. Joan P., of Vancouver



Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendix and initials
York Island	April			
	9		Capt. R.H. Jorgensen and 8 O.R.s reported for duty. Weather : Fair "Border Prince" Landed stores and Water	
	10		Letter re Wireless Traffic (See App. "D") Lieut. D.G. McGavin, Lieut. A. Webster, R.C.E., and 4 O.R.s reported for duty Weather : Bright	1-0-4 S 66
	11	1110 1856	No. 1 Gun fired 1 "Bring to Round" (see app. "D") No. 2 Gun fired 1 "Bring to Round" Lieut. N.J.H. D'Arcy proceeded to report to 15th (Vano) Coast Bde.	1-0-4 S 69
	12		9 O.R.s reported for duty 4 O.R.s proceeded on leave Weather : Clear	
	13		Weather 1 Cloudy	
	14		R.C.E. tender "Kitchener" arrived Weather : Dull	
	15		Inspection by Major-General E.C. Ashton, Inspector General, accompanied by Brigadier C.V. Stockwell, Col. A.C. Greer, and a staff Captain, arrived in a Flying Boat Commanded by Sqdn.-Edr. W. Murray. On completion of inspection, luncheon was served in the Orderly Room, party less Brigadier Stockwell took off for Prince Rupert at 1415 hrs. Brig. Stockwell remained until 1600 hrs, and proceeded to Campbell River via M.v. "Kitchener" 1 O.R. reported for duty. Weather : Bright	
	16		"Border Prince" landed stores and water 4 O.R.s reported for duty 1 O.R. proceeded on leave Weather : Fair	

R.H.L. GURON

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

PART I ORDERS #100

2/4/40

BY

MAJOR J.N. FLEMING

1. DUTIES

To be Orderly Officer	10/4/40	Lt. H.J.H. D'Arcy	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	11/4/40	Lt. H.J.H. D'Arcy	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant	10/4/40	Sgt. Pearce	C.S.R.
Next for Duty	11/4/40	Bdr. Garrett	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	10/4/40	Bdr. Jones	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	11/4/40	Bdr. Cox	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	10/4/40	Gnr. Willoughby	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hrs from 0745 hrs 10/4/40 to 11/4/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs 10/4/40 - H.Q. party & Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES WEDNESDAY 10/4/40

(a) Sanitary Fatigue

(b) Canteen Detail

Gnr. Willoughby
Gnr. Pearson

Gnr. Downie

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 10/4/40 to 0600 hrs 11/4/40

Ptes. Bogoff, McQueen and Ellis C.S.R.



2 CIV

31 NW
VANCOUVER APR 9/40

O.C. YORK ISLAND

26 CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE NAME D FEARN LEAVING TONIGHT VIA S S
ARRANGE TO MEET STOP D D S & T O SHIPPING RATIONS INDENT 2 PART 2
LESS PORK ON CARDENA TONIGHT AND WRITING

O.C. VAN AREA

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

PART I ORDERS # 101

10/4/40

BY

MAJOR J.E. PIERCEY

1. DUTIES

To be Orderly Officer	11/4/40	Lt. D. McGawin	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	12/4/40	Lt. A. Webster	R.C.F.
To be Orderly Sergeant	11/4/40	Bdr. Garrett	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	12/4/40	L/Sgt. Thurlwell	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bombadier	11/4/40	Bdr. Cox	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	12/4/40	L/Bdr. Gayton	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hrs from 0745 hrs 11/4/40 to 12/4/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs 11/4/40 H.C. Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES THURSDAY 11/4/40

(a) Sanitary Fatigue

(b) Canteen Detail

Gnr. Willoughby
Gnr. Dickinson

Gnr. Atkins

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 11/4/40 to 0600 hrs 12/4/40

Ptes. Begoff, McQueen and Ellis / C.S. Regt.

6. OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS FORBIDDEN TO CORRESPOND WITH STRANGERS

(C.A.S.F. Routine Order No. 387, dated 30/5/40)

(a) It has been brought to attention that offers or requests to correspond with soldiers are frequently made through the press and otherwise.

(b) While many of these offers and requests may be bona fide, it is pointed out that such correspondence might provide a means for obtaining military information of value to the enemy, or of instituting enemy propaganda:

(c) Accordingly, officers and other ranks are forbidden:
(1) to insert advertisements or letters in any publication
(2) to permit strangers to communicate with them.
(3) to enter into correspondence with strangers in response to advertisements or other invitations;
(4) in any other way to communicate with strangers by letter or otherwise concerning anything of a military nature.



46 NEW
VICTORIA Apr. 10/1930

O.C. YORK ISLAND

498 YOUR NO 525 DATED 8 STOP LEWIS LAUNDRY CONTINUES WASHING
CONTRACT PERIOD 1940-41 STOP PRICES IN CENTS HEREWITH BLANKETS
19 1/2 OVERALLS COMBINATION 35 SHEETS 6 SLIPS PILLOW 2 1/2
SHIRTS SERVICE 12 TROUSERS SERVICE 20

RP/WW/1128

H.W. M.D.11 ATTENTION D.O.O.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 1-4-3.66

10th April 1940

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

WIRELESS TRAFFIC

1. Ref your letter file 5-11-6-3-, dated 6/4/40
2. In view of the infrequent mail service and isolated character of York Island, H.C. H.D. XI advised that authority was given for personnel of the Garrison and attached units to use the Military Wireless for private telegrams.
3. A short time ago instructions were received that all wireless messages were to be transmitted in cipher.
4. Possibly the best way to get over this difficulty would be for authority to be obtained to send all private telegrams in plain English, as they contain no Military secrets.
This will save a lot of work in ciphering both at York Island and Vancouver; at the same time it is essential that some means of communication should be arranged for York Island.
5. Will you please take this matter up with higher authority and obtain a ruling.



Diary

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

PART I ORDERS # 102

11/4/40

BY

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY

1. DUTIES

To be Orderly Officer	12/4/40	Lt. A. Webster	R.C.N.
Next for Duty	13/4/40	Lt. D. McGavin	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	12/4/40	L/Sgt. Thurwell	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	13/4/40	Sgt. Davidson	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	12/4/40	L/Bdr. Gayton	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	13/4/40	L/Bdr. Larnen	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 Hrs. from 0745 Hrs. 12/4/40 to 13/4/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Gun Detachment
Bdr. Cox and 8 O.R.s
as detailed

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

#2 Gun Detachment
L/Bdr. Hammel and
8 O.R.s as detailed

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

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 Hrs. 12/4/40 H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FRIDAY 12/4/40

(a) Sanitary Fatigue

(b) Canteen Detail

Gnr. Willoughby
Gnr. Adshah

Gnr. McGeragle

5. SENIOR DUTY from 1800Hrs. 12/4/40 to 0600 Hrs. 13/4/40

Ptes. Begoff, McQueen and Ellis. C.S. Regt.

6. MAIL

In future all mail will be sorted and distributed
by the Orderly Room Clerks.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

NAVY RECORDS, A-9.

File No. 1-2-4-3.60

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

BRING TO BUNKER

At 1100 hours on 11 April 1940, the Port observed two vessels proceeding south on Sunderland Channel. The attention of the H.M.C.S. "Santa Maria" Examination vessel was drawn to these vessels and the examination vessel proceeded in their direction and signalled them to stop. The vessel failed to stop so the A.V. signalled the Port to bring them to.

At 1100 hours a plugged shell, the vessels stopped and were dealt with by the examination officer.

I am informed their names were H.V. "Great Bay" of New Westminster, and H.V. "Golden Arrow" of New Westminster.

At 1050 hours on 11th April, H.M.C.S. "Warrender" examination vessel signalled the Port to bring a vessel on Johnston Straits which had refused to stop.

At 1050 hours a plugged shell and the vessel stopped and was dealt with by A.V.

I am informed the vessel was H.V. "Vance" of Seattle.

O.C. (Van) Coast Div.

65th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., C.A.S.F.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

PART I/ ORDERS # 103

BY

12/4/40

MAJOR J.E. FITZROY

1. DUTIES

To be Orderly Officer	13/4/40	Lt. D. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	14/4/40	Lt. A. Webster	R.C.S.
To be Orderly Sgt.	13/4/40	Sgt. Davidson	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	14/4/40	Bdr. Cox	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	13/4/40	L/Bdr. Larsen	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	14/4/40	L/Bdr. Hammel	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 25 hrs. from 0745 hrs. 13/4/40 to 0845 hrs. 14/4/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 Hrs. 13/4/40 H.Q. Party and DUTY WATCHES.

4. FATIGUES FOR SATURDAY 13/4/40

(a) Sanitary Fatigue

(b) Canteen Detail

Gnr. Willoughby
Gnr. Thompson

Gnr. Blackburn

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 13/4/40 to 0600 hrs. 14/4/40

Ptes. Begoff, McQueen, and Ellis. C.S.R.



YORK ISLAND, B.C.
12th APRIL, 1940.

D.O.
15th (VAN) COAST BDE.

532

~~535~~ BRUSHES PERSABA BOTH CLEANING RODS BROKEN STOP
BEEN REPAIRED BROKEN AGAIN STOP REPLACE IMMEDIATELY
UNABLE WASH OUT GUNS WITHOUT RODS

G.S. YORK ISLAND

(SENT IN CLEAR)

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VANCOUVER

APR 12

O.C. YORK ISLAND

31 DISCONTINUE STRENGTH RETURN LETTER FOLLOWS

O.C. VAN AREA

(RECEIVED INCIPHER)

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

PART I/ ORDERS # 104

BY

13/4/40

MAJOR J.W. PIERCY

1. DUTIES

To be Orderly Officer	14/4/40	Lt. A. Webster	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	15/4/40	Lt. D. McGavin	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	14/4/40	Bdr. Cox	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	15/4/40	1/Sgt. Thackeray	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	14/4/40	1/Bdr. Hannel	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	15/4/40	1/Bdr. Strom	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 23 Hrs. from 0845 Hrs. 14/4/40 to 0745 Hrs. 15/4/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

1 Gun Detachment

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

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

2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE 1100 Hrs. 14/4/40 R.C. Party & Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 14/4/40

(a) Sanitary Fatigue

(b) Carteen Detail

Cnr. Holt-Barlow
Cnr. Luney

Cnr. Waddy

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 14/4/40 to 0600 Hrs. 15/4/40.

Ptes. Begoff, McQueen, Ellis. C.S.R.

6. INSPECTION

The Inspector General, Major-Gen. F.C. Ashton, will inspect the Fortifications and camp at York Island on April 15th, 1940.

All Ranks are warned that huts must be cleaned and tidy, and area of camp kept free from rubbish of all description.

The Watch on Duty will wear Battle Dress and the remainder will be ready for inspection parade if necessary in the afternoon. (Battle Dress).

Special care will be taken to see that all rifles and bayonets will be cleaned.



2 CIV

31 NW

VANCOUVER

Apr 13/1951

OC YORK ISLAND

33 FORWARD BROKEN PIASABA RODS AND END STAVES TO ARMAMENT OFFICER
IMMEDIATELY STOP WILL ADVISE REPLACEMENT WITH ORDNANCE REPLY
TO OUR URGENT INDENT STOP D.A.O.

O.C. VAN AREA

(RECEIVED IN CIPHER)

YORK ISLAND E.C.

O C 16 th fortress Signal Co'y APRIL 13th 1940

Keying relay of Transmitter Marconi P.T.5 20 Assembly No 52227
broken stop may replacement be sent as soon as possible

O C YORK ISLAND

(Sent in Cipher)

85th Heavy Battery R.C.A., C.Daily StrengthApril 13, 1940

	Offr.	O.R.s	Total
85 th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	3	62	65
5 th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	-	2	2
3 rd S/L Bty	-	19	19
T.F. Sig Coy	-	3	3
Det "C" Coy. C.S.R.	-	6	6
Det. No 11 Coy RCASC	-	1	1
6 th Fid. Coy. R.C.E.	1	2	3
R.C. A.M.C.	1	-	1
58th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.			
R.C.N.	1	5	6
Civilians		22	22
<u>Total</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>128</u>



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

York Island, B.C.

Part I Orders # 105

14/4/40

By

Major J.R. Piercy

1. DUTIES

To be Orderly Officer	15/4/40	Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	16/4/40	Lt. A. Webster	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant	15/4/40	L/Sgt. Thackeray	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	16/4/40	Bdr. Mackie	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	15/4/40	L/Bdr. Stren	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	16/4/40	L/Bdr. McConnell	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hrs from 0745 hrs 15/4/40 to 16/4/40

On Duty

Standing By

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. MAINTENANCE PARADE 0900 hrs 15/4/40 - H.Q. and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR MONDAY 15/4/40

(a) Sanitary Fatigue

(b) Canteen Detail

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. Skjelic

Cnr. Jones, R.S.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 15/4/40 to 0600 hrs 16/4/40

Ptes. Begoff, McQueen and Ellis - C.S.R.



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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

PART I ORDERS # 108

16/4/40

BY

MAJOR J. V. FINNEY

1. DUTIES :

To be Orderly officer	16/4/40	Lt. A. Webster, R.C.A.
Next for duty	17/4/40	Lt. D.G. McGavin R.C.A.
To be order Sergeant	16/4/40	bdr. Mackie, R.C.A.
Next for duty	16/4/40	Sgt. Hummel "
To be Orderly Bdr.	16/4/40	L/Bdr. McConnell "
Next for duty	17/4/40	Bdr. Gilson. "

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hrs from 0745 hrs 16/4/40 to 17/4/40

On DUTY

Standing RELY

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 Hrs. 16/4/40 - H.Q. party and
duty watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR TUESDAY 16/4/40

(a) Sanitary Fatigue

(b) Canteen Detail

Wnr Willoughby
" Vail.

Wnr. Mumford.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 16/4/40 to 0600 Hrs 17/4/40

Ptes Begoff, McQueen, and Ellis. - C.S. R.



YORK ISLAND B.C.

EX 15th APRIL 1940

D.M.O.

536
H.C. M.D. XI

REPORTING NO PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL D.R. LEAROYD LIEUT RCAMC

O.C. YORK ISLAND

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

York Island, B.C.

PART I ORDERS No. 107

16/4/40

- by -

Major, J.E. Piercy.

1. DUTIES :

To be Orderly Officer	17-4-40	Lt. D.G. McGavin,	R.C.A.
Next for duty :	18-4-40	Lt. A. Webster,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant	17-4-40	Sgt. Hummel,	R.C.A.
Next for duty :	18-4-40	L/Sgt Thurlwell	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	17-4-40	Bdr. Gilson,	R.C.A.
Next for duty :	18-4-40	Bdr. Garrett,	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 Hrs from 0745 Hrs to 17-4-40 to 18-4-40

<u>On Duty</u>	<u>Standing By</u>
#1 Gun Detachment Sgt. Davidson and 8 O.R's as detailed.	Sgt. Hummel and 8 O.R's as detailed.
#2 Gun Detachment Bdr. Mackie and 8 O.R's as detailed.	Bdr. Cox and 8 O.R's as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE : 0900 Hrs 17-4-40 H.C. party & duty watches

4. FATIGUES FOR WEDNESDAY 17-4-40

(a) <u>SANITARY FATIGUE.</u>	(b) <u>Canteen Detail.</u>
Gnr. Willoughby	Gnr. Gatenby.
" Martel.	

5. SENTRY DUTY

From 1800 Hrs 17-4-40 to 0600 Hrs 18-4-40.
Ptes. Begoff, McQueen, Ellis. - C.S.R.



Dear

YORK ISLAND B.C.

16th APRIL 1940

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
D.D.S. & T.O.

VANCOUVER

537 RATIONS ORDERED ON INDENT NO 3 PART II TO BE SHIPPED APRIL
15th PER BORDER PRINCE NOT RECEIVED PLEASE ADVISE

O.C. YORK ISLAND

Dear

1 CIV

17NBW

VANCOUVER APR 16/40

O.C. YORK ISLAND

35 Gnr. Court LEAVING TONIGHT VIA UNION S S STOP
ADVISE IF ROWBOAT RECEIVED IN GOOD ORDER

O.C. VAN ARFA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, reference to Appendices and initials
York Island	April		Weather : Showers	
	17		"Border Prince" landed water	
	18		Letter re Extra Buildings (See App/ "D")	8-0-2-874
			1 O.R. reported for duty	
			1 O.R. S.O.S. on transfer to 108 A/T Battery, R.C.A.	
			Weather : Fair	
	19	0702	4 O.R.s proceeded on leave	
			No. 2 Gun fired 2 "Bring to Rounds" (See App. "D")	1-0-4-875
			2 O.R.s proceeded "On Command" to Camp Border to attend school of cookery	
			Weather : Fair	
	20		Letter re Leave - Attached Personnel (See App. "D")	6-0-882
			4 O.R.s reported for duty	
			Weather : Cloudy	
	21		1 O.R. proceeded to Vancouver for Medical Attention	
			Weather : Dull	
	22		Major J.E. Piercy and 4 O.R.s proceeded on leave	
			Weather : Bright	
	23		"Border Prince" landed stores and water	
			10 O.R.s reported for duty	
			Weather : Bright	
	24		Weather : Rainy	
	25		"Border Prince" landed Water	
			6 Civilians arrived	
			Weather : Showers	

Handwritten signature/initials

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

York Island, B.C.

PART I ORDERS NO. 108

17-4-40

- by -

Major. J.E. Piercy.

1. DUTIES :

To be Orderly Officer	18-4-40	Lt. A. Webster,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	19-4-40	Lt. D.G. McGavin,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant	18-4-40	L/Sgt. Thurlwell,	R.C.A.
Next for duty	19-4-40	Sgt. Davidson,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	18-4-40	Bdr. Garrett,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	19-4-40	L/Bdr. Larsen	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 Hrs. from 0745 Hrs 18-4-40 to 19-4-40.

On Duty

Standing By

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE : 0900 Hrs 18-4-40 H.Q. party & duty watches

4. FATIGUES FOR THURSDAY 18-4-40

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE
Cnr. Willoughby
" Fox.

(b) Canteen Detail.
Cnr. Rose.

5. SENTRY DUTY :

From 1800 Hrs 18-4-40 to 0600 Hrs 19-4-40.
Ptes. Begoff, McQueen, Ellis. - C.S.R.

6. MESS & CANTEN BOARD

A Board of Officers as u/m will audit the accounts of Officers Mess- Sergeants Mess- Gunners Mess- and Wet and Dry Canteens.

Capt. R.H. Jorgensen, R.C.A.
Lieut. D.G. McGavin, R.C.A.
Lieut. A. Webster, R.C.E.

7. MAIL

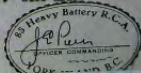
SUMMARY Mail Schedule effective April 15th.

Leave York Island

Tuesday. 2100 Hrs.
Sunday. 1500 Hrs.

Leave Vancouver

Monday 1800 Hrs.
Wednesday 1400 Hrs.
Friday. 2100 Hrs.



YORK ISLAND. B.C.
17 APRIL 1960

O.C. VAN AREA

538 REQUEST AUTHORITY TO ISSUE TRANSPORTATION
YORK ISLAND TO VANCOUVER TO CIVILIAN
EMPLOYEE INJURED ON WORK

O.C. YORK ISLAND

1 CIV

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SNEW
VANCOUVER? B.C.
APRIL 17/1703

O.C. YORK ISLAND

39 ~~YOUR 538 AUTHORITY GRANTED.~~

YOUR 538 AUTHORITY GRANTED

O.C. VAN AREA

GG/TT/1716

O.C. YORK ISLAND

- 43 SCHOOL OF COOKERY ASSEMBLING CAMP BORDEN 026 APRIL
FOR 008 WEEKS STOP SUBMIT IMMEDIATELY NAMES TWO
ORs TO ATTEND STOP MUST BE GOOD MEN CAPABLE MAKING
GOOD COOKS STOP IF UNABLE TO SEND TWO MEN SUBMIT
NAME OF ONE STOP MEN SELECTED MUST REPORT THERE
IMMEDIATELY READY LEAVE VANCOUVER 022 APRIL STOP
MUST HAVE NAMES TODAY ADVISE WHEN REPORTING HERE

O.C. VAN AREA

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

PART I ORDERS # 109

18/4/40

BY

MAJOR J.E. PIRNEY

DUTIES

To be Orderly officer	19/4/40	Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	20/4/40	Lt. A. Webster	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	19/4/40	Sgt. Davidson,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	20/4/40	L/Sgt. Cuddeford	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	19/4/40	L/Bdr. Larsen	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	20/4/40	Bdr. Jones	R.C.A.

1. DUTY WATCHES FOR 24 Hrs. from 0745 Hrs. 19/4/40 to 20/4/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE 1900 Hrs. 19/4/40.- H.C. PARTY & DUTY WATCHES

4. FATIGUES FOR FRIDAY 19/4/40

(a) Sanitary Fatigue

Gnr. Willoughby
Gnr. Phillips

(b) Canteen Detail

Gnr. Blackburn.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 19/4/40 to 0600 Hrs. 20/4/40
Ptes. Begoff, McQueen, Ellis, C.S.R.



Diary

YORK ISLAND, B.C.
APR. 18/40

Lieut. WINGETT
BESSBOROUGH ARMOURIES
C/O VAN ARPA

539 PIASABA HEADS SHIPPED WITH STORES IN ERROR STOP
RETURN THEM NEXT BOAT.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

O.C. VAN AREA
VANCOUVER

541 YOUR 44 ROWBOAT ARRIVED IN GOOD ORDER STOP
CONVEY THANKS WRITING

O.C YORK ISLAND



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

60th Hvy. Battery,
York Island, B.C.

April 16th 1940.

File 8-0-2^B:74

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

WATER BUILDINGS

The Inspector General and the D.C.C. inspected the fort and camp on 15th inst., and instructed me that the following additions were necessary.

1. New Oil and Gasoline store to replace the present shack which is ~~now~~ the quartermasters' store, too near
2. New building for Orderly Room and Offices.
3. Double ammunition storage sheds at the guns.

Lieut. A. Webster, R.C.N. has prepared detailed sketch, plans and bills of material for the above which are attached.

4. Officers quarters
New officers quarters sufficient for eight officers are required immediately. The Inspector General enquired about this, and was informed that they were authorized and would be the next building erected.

Please ask the D.N.O. to arrange for the above.



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

York Island, B.C.

PART I ORDERS NO. 110

19-4-40

- by -

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

1. DUTIES :

To be	Orderly Officer	20-4-40	Lt. A. Webster,	R.C.V.
	Next for Duty	21-4-40	Lt. D.G. McGavin,	R.C.A.
To be	Orderly Sgt.	20-4-40	L/Sgt. Cuddeford,	R.C.A.
	Next for duty	21-4-40	Sgt. Pearce,	C.S.R.
To be	Orderly Bdr.	20-4-40	Bdr. Jones,	R.C.A.
	Next for duty	21-4-40	L/Bdr. Stron,	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES : For 25 Hrs. from 0745 Hrs 20-4-40
to 0845 Hrs 21-4-40.

On DUTY

Standing By

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE : 0900 Hrs 20-4-40. H.Q. party & Duty watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR SATURDAY 20-4-40

(a) Sanitary Detail.
Cnr. Willoughby.
" Waddy.

(b) Canteen Detail.
Cnr. Richards.

5. SENTRY DUTY : From 1800 Hrs 20-4-40 to 0600 Hrs 21-4-40
Ptes. Bogoff, McQueen, Ellis.- C.S.R.

6. DRESS - OFFICERS :

All Officers will provide themselves with Battle Dress not later than Saturday, 20th April 1940, and will wear same on all occasions when parading with the troops. Attention of all Officers is directed to GASP. R.O.396, 3-4-40.

7. DRESS. O.R.'S

Henceforth, lanyards will only be worn by O.R.'s when walking out. They will not be worn while on duty in the Port.



YORK ISLAND

19th April 1940

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

542 YOUR 43 NAMES ARE KIVOLA GHR A/L BDR RYAN J
KEBOLL GHR JONES T E STOP WILL REPORT 22 APRIL
VAN CNSS

O C YORK ISLAND



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

80th Hvy. Battery,
York Island, B.C.

19th April, 1940.

File 1-2-4 275

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

BRIDE TOO BOUND

1. At 0700 Hrs April 19th, 1940, the signaller (R.C.E.V.R.) on duty at the Fort, reported to the C.K.C. that a vessel had passed down the Straits and had not reported the Examination vessel. The C.K.C. ordered the Fort to bring it to bay by firing.
2. No. 3 Gun fired one round, and the vessel changed its course and proceeded. The second round was fired; the vessel stopped and returned to the Examination vessel where the case was dealt with.
3. I am informed the name of the vessel was the H.V. "Western Spirit"



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

York Island, B.C.

PART I ORDERS NO. 111

20-4-40

- by -

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

1. DUTIES :

To be Orderly Officer	21-4-40	Lt. D.G. McGavin,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	22-4-40	Lt. A. Webster,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	21-4-40	Sgt. Pearce,	C.S.R.
Next for Duty	22-4-40	Bdr. Mackie	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	21-4-40	L/Bdr. Strom,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	22-4-40	A.L/Bdr. McConnell	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 23 Hrs from 0645 Hrs 21-4-40
to 0745 Hrs 22-4-40.

On Duty:-

Standing By :-

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE : 1100 Hrs 21-4-40 . H.Q. party & Duty watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 21-4-40

(a) Sanitary Detail.
Gnr. Johnson
" Schofield.

(b) Canteen Detail.
Gnr. Crabbe.

5. SENTRY DUTY : from 1800 Hrs 21-4-40 to 0600 Hrs 22-4-40.
Ptes. Begoff, McQueen, Ellis. - C.S.R.



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O.C. YORK ISLAND

47 TRANSPORTATION GNR GOSBEN APPROVED INSTRUCT HIM REPORT UNIT

O.C. ON ARRIVAL STOP ADVISE WHEN MAJOR PIERCY INTENDS TO PROCEED

ON LEAVE SUGGEST HEAWAIT ARRIVAL THURSDAY NEXT MAJOR BRADLEY APPOINTED
RELIEF BATTERY COMELANDER.

O.C. VAN AREA

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YORK ISLAND

20 APRIL

O C VANG AREA

543 YOUR 47 BR COSBY WILL REPORT 22 APRIL STOP
MAJ. PIERRY ENROUTE VANCOUVER

OC YORK ISLAND

sent in cipher
TCC. 1950 hrs.

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

Daily Strength

April 20, 1940

	OSFR	OR.	Total
85 th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	3	62	65
3 rd S/L Bty. R.C.A.	—	24	24
Det "C" Coy. C.S.R.	—	6	6
10F Sig. Coy. R.C.C.S.	—	3	3
R.C.A.S.R.	—	1	1
6 th Eld. Coy. R.C.E.	1	2	3
R.C.A.M.C.	1	—	1
5 th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	—	3	3
RCN	1	5	6
Civilians	—	21	21
Total	6	127	133



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

York Island, B.C.

PART I ORDERS NO. 112

21-4-40

- by -

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

1. DUTIES :

To be Orderly Officer	22-4-40	Lt. A. Webster,	R.C.V.
Next for Duty	23-4-40	Lt. D.G. McGavin,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	22-4-40	Bdr. Mackie	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	23-4-40	Bdr. Cox,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	22-4-40	A.L./Bdr. McConnell	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	23-4-40	Bdr. Gilson,	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES : for 24 Hrs from 0745 Hrs 22-4-40 to 23-4-40
in

On duty

standing by

#1 Gun detachment

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

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

#2 Gun detachment

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE : 0900 Hrs. 22-4-40. H.Q. party & duty watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR MONDAY 22-4-40

(a) Sanitary Detail.

(b) Canteen Detail.

Gnr Willoughby
" Shore.

Gnr. Mumford.

5. SENTRY DUTY : from 1800 Hrs. 22-4-40 to 0600 Hrs 23-4-40

Ptes. Begoff, McQueen, Ellis, - C.S.R. -



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

York Island, B.C.

PART I ORDERS No. 113

23-4-40

- by -

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

1. DUTIES :

To be Orderly Officer	23-4-40	Lt. D.G. McGavin,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty :	24-4-40	Lt. A. Webster,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	23-4-40	Bdr. Cox,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty :	24-4-40	L/Sgt. Thackeray,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	23-4-40	Bdr. Gilson,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty :	24-4-40	Bdr. Parker,	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES : for 24 Hrs from 0745 Hrs 23-4-40 to 24-4-40.

On DUTY

Standing By

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment.

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE : 0900 Hrs 23-4-40, H.C. Party & Duty watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR TUESDAY 23-4-40.

(a) Sanitary Detail.

(b) Canteen Detail.

Gnr. Willoughby
" O'Brien.

Gnr. Dickinson.

5. SENTRY DUTY : from 1800 Hrs 23-4-40 to 0600 Hrs 24-4-40.

Ptes. Begoff, McQUEEN, Ellis - C.S.R.

6. SIGNING OF CHEQUES :

All ranks bear in mind that when initialing A/R pay cheques, use initials of their Christian names only.

When signing private bank account cheques, sign your name as shown on Bank signature card. Otherwise bank refuse cheques.



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VANCOUVER APR 22/1950

O.C. YORK ISLAND

50 HBW EXCHANGE

50 L/Bdr. Burgess leaving for York Island
tonight via C.N.R.

O.C. Van Area

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

York Island, B.C.

PART I ORDERS NO. 114

- by -

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

23/4/40

1. DUTIES :

To be Orderly Officer	24-4-40	Lt. A. Webster,	R.C.A.
Next for duty :	25-4-40	Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	24-4-40	L/Sgt. Thackeray,	R.C.A.
Next for duty	25-4-40	Sgt. Davidson,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	24-4-40	Bdr. Parker	R.C.A.
Next for duty	25-4-40	L/Bdr. Larsen	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES : for 24 Hrs from 0745 Hrs 24-4-40 to 25-4-40.

On Duty

Standing By :

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE : 0900 Hrs 24-4-40, H.C. party & duty watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR WEDNESDAY 24-4-40.

(a) SANITARY DETAIL

(b) CANTREN DETAIL

GR. Rose
" Adsieh.

Gnr. McGeragle.

5. SEWERY DUTY : from 1800 Hrs 24-4-40 to 0600 Hrs. 25-4-40.

Ptes. Begoff, McQueen, Ellis, -C.S.R -



YORK ISLAND

23 APRIL

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R.C.E. WORKS OFFICER
VANCOUVER AREA

545 SEND 6 CIVILIAN LABOURERS VIA UNION BOAT
SAILING APRIL 24 STOP THESE MEN URGENTLY
REQUIRED

O.C. YORK ISLAND

APRIL 23/40
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

D M O
M D #11
VICTORIA

546 REPORTING ONE PATIENT IN HOSPITAL

DR LEAROWD LT R C A M C
M D YORK ISLAND

1 CIE

23 MBW
VICTORIA APR 28/1955

O.C. YORK ISLAND

726 BE ADVISED AIR CRAFT GINGER COOTE AIRWAYS PROCEEDING VANCOUVER
TO FORT ALICE THIS AFTERNOON VIA YORK ISLAND

H.C. M.D. XI

WW/WH/1128/28

95th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. CASF.

York Island, B.C.

PART I ORDERS NO. 115

- by -

24-4-40

MAJOR. J.M. FIERCEY, R.C.A.

1. DUTIES :

To be Orderly Officer:	25-4-40	Lt. D.C. McGavin,	R.C.A.
Next for duty	: 26-4-40	Lt. A. Webster,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	: 25-4-40	Sgt. Davidson,	R.C.A.
Next for duty	: 26-4-40	Sgt. Hummel	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	: 25-4-40	L/Bdr. Larsen	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	: 26-4-40	L/Bdr. Gayton.	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 Hrs from 0745 Hrs 25-4-40 to 26-4-40.

On DUTY

Standing By :

IS

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE : 0900 Hrs 25-4-40. H.Q. party & duty watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR THURSDAY 25-4-40

(a) Sanitary Fatigue

(b) Canteen Detail.

Cnr. Willoughby
" Mackie.

Cnr. Salmond.

5. SENTRY DUTY : FROM 1800 Hrs 25-4-40 to 0600 Hrs 26-4-40

Ptes. Adams, Etherington W., Etherington H. - C.S.R.

6. ROWBOATS :

Until further notice, personnel are forbidden to use rowboats except in the course of duties, without obtaining permission from the B.S.M. In each case, said permission must be approved by the Commanding Officer.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

85th Hvy. Bty., R.C.A.
Yorke Island, B.C.

File 6-0-3.62

24 April 1940.

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

LEAVE & FURLOUGH :

Ref. your 5-11-19 D. 21-4-40.

1. Out letter 6-3-3 H.448 of 18th April 1940 requesting authority for granting furlough to K.62064 Pte. Dunn, W.R. was written in compliance with District Circular Letter V 2-1-26-36 dated 20-11-39 which in part reads as follows. (Para 3) "Troops other than Artillery, i.e. Infantry & Signals, shall not be granted leave, but may be relieved after having completed (3) months duty at Yorke Island."
2. For the above reason, application for leave for attached troops have been referred to you for authorization.
3. Your advice regarding any amendments to the instructions mentioned will be appreciated.



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

York Island, B.C.

PART I ORDERS NO. 116

25-4-40.

- by -

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

1. DUTIES :

To be Orderly Officer :	26-4-40	Lt. A. Webster,	R.C.E.
Next for Duty :	27-4-40	Lt. D.G. McGavin,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt. :	26-4-40	Sgt. Hummel,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty :	27-4-40	L/Sgt Thurlwell,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr. :	26-4-40	L/Bdr. Gayton,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty :	27-4-40	L/Bdr. Strom,	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 Hrs from 0745 Hrs 26-4-40 - 27-4-40.

On Duty

Standing By

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment.

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE : 0900 Hrs 26-4-40. H.Q. party & duty watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR FRIDAY 26-4-40.

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE

(b) CANTEREN DETAIL

Gnr. Willoughby.
" Luney.

Gnr. Mayman.

5. SMETRY DUTY : From 1800 Hrs 26-4-40 to 0600 Hrs 27-4-40.

Ptes. Irvine, Scott, Waugh, - C.S.R.-



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

Title pages will be prepared.

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

WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

ORIGINAL

M.F.M. 24
4 F.C. 2118
1 M.L. - 4-29 (1939)
R.G. 1774-48-12

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
York Island	April			
	26		Weather : Dull	
	27		3 O.R.s reported for duty Weather : Raining	
	28		Weather : Raining	
	29		Letter re Water Supply (See App. "D") 5 O.R.s proceeded on leave Weather : Dull	8-1-1-M 463
	30		"Border Prince" landed stores and water Major J.R. Piercy and 4 O.R.s reported for duty Letter re Discipline (See App. "D") Letter re Water Transport (See App. "D")	5-4-5396 7-2-S



R.H. [unclear]
R.C.A.

det 24
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. CASF.

York Island, B.C.

PART I ORDERS No. 117.

26-4-40.

- by -

MAJOR J.E. FIERCY, RCA.

1. DUTIES :

To be Orderly Officer	: 27-4-40.	Lt. D.G. McGavin,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	: 28-4-40.	Lt. A. Webster,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	: 27-4-40.	L/Sgt. Thurlwell	R.C.A.
Next for duty	: 28-4-40.	Sgt. Ramsden,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	: 27-4-40.	L/Bdr. Strom,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	: 28-4-40.	L/Bdr. Burgess,	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES : for 25 Hrs. from 0745 Hrs 27-4-40 to 0645 Hrs 28-4-40.

On Duty

Standing by

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE : 0900 Hrs 27-4-40. H.C. Party and Duty watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR SATURDAY 27-4-40

(a) Sanitary Fatigue

(b) Canteen Detail

Gnr. Willoughby.
" McCardell.

Gnr. Johnson.

5. SENTRY DUTY : from 1800Hrs. 27-4-40 to 0600 Hrs 28-4-40.

Ptes. Whitehouse, Ellis, McQueen. - C.S.R. -



V. 22-P-368.

Victoria, B.C.
26th APRIL 1940.

Militia Cipher.

Officer Commanding.
York Island, B.C.

No. 709. Due to illness wife Sergeant, H.C.
Pearce 2nd Scottish request received from
attending physician that he be granted one
weeks leave STOP Please arrange.

A & C. M.D. XI.

(H.C. Greer)
Colonel.

A.A & C.M.G., MD LL

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

York Island, B.C.

PART I ORDERS NO. 118

27-4-40.

- by -

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

1. DUTIES :

To be Orderly Officer :	28-4-40	Lt. A. Webster, R.C.A.
Next for Duty :	29-4-40	Lt. D.G. McGavin R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt. :	28- 4-40	Sgt. Ramsden R.C.A.
Next for Duty :	29-4-40	Sgt. Wood R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr. :	28-4-40	L/Bdr. Burgess R.C.A.
Next for Duty :	29-4-40	Bdr. Cox. R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES : For 23 Hrs. from 0845 Hrs 28-4-40 to 0745 Hrs. 29-4-40.

On DUTY

Standing By

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE : 1100 Hrs 28-4-40. H.Q. Party & Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 28-4-40

(a) Sanitary Fatigue

(b) Canteen Detail

Gnr. McGowan
" Allen.

Gnr. Downie

5. SENTRY DUTY : FROM 1800 Hrs 28-4-40 to 0600 Hrs 29-4-40.

Ptes. Adams, Pugh, Vogel. C.S.R.



Heavy Battery, R.C.A., CASFDaily StrengthApril 27, 1940

	Offr.	ORs	Total
85 th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASF	2	56	58
3 rd S/L Bty. R.C.A.	-	24	24
7 th "C" Coy. C.S.R.	-	14	14
10 th Sig. Coy. R.C.C.S.	-	3	3
Det. No. 11. Coy R.C.A.S.C.	-	1	1
6 th Fld. Coy. R.C.E.	1	2	3
5 th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	-	3	3
R.C.A.M.C.	1	-	1
R.C.N.	1	5	6
Civilians	-	25	25
Total	5	133	138



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

PART I ORDERS #119

BY

28/4/40

MAJOR J.M. PIERCEY

DUTIES

1. To be Orderly Officer	29/4/40	Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	30/4/40	Lt. A. Webster	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	29/4/40	Sgt. Wood	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	30/4/40	Bdr. Parker	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	29/4/40	Bdr. Gilson	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	30/4/40	L/Bdr. Strom	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 Hrs. from 0745 Hrs. 29/4/40 to 30/4/40.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Gun Detachment

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

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

#2 Gun Detachment

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE 1900 Hrs. 29/4/40 - H.C. Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR MONDAY 29/4/40

(a) Sanitary Fatigue

(b) Canteen Detail

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. Gatenby

Cnr. Engelen

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 29/4/40 to 0600 Hrs. 30/4/40

Ptes. Irvine, Scott, Waugh, Can. Scots. Regt.



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20 HBT
VICTORIA
APR 28/1960

O.C. YORK ISLAND

727 BE ADVISED AIRCRAFT FAIRCHILD C F B C P LEAVING VANCOUVER
@ 730 HOURS APRIL 29TH FOR RINGBROOK

A A G

GC/ED/1617

1 CIV

19 NBW
VANCOUVER APR. 29/0940

O.C. YORK ISLAND

61 AUTHORITY GRANTED CANADIAN AIRWAYS PLANE PROCEED TO
VANCOUVER TO ENGLEWOOD AND RETURN TODAY

O.C. VAN AREA

GG/ED/1015

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

York Island, B.C.

PART I ORDERS No. 120

29-4-40.

- by -

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

1. DUTIES : To be Orderly Officer 30-4-40 Lt. A. Webster, R.C.A.
Next for Duty : 1-5-40 Lt. D. C. McGavin, R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt. : 30-4-40 Bdr. Parker, R.C.A.
Next for Duty : 1-5-40 Bdr. Mackie, R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr. : 30-4-40 L/Bdr. Strom, R.C.A.
Next for Duty : 1-5-40 Bdr. Garrett, R.C.A.
2. DUTY WATCHES For 24 Hrs from 0745 Hrs 30-4-40 - 1-5-40.
- | <u>ON DUTY</u> | <u>STANDING BY</u> |
|--|--|
| <u>#1 Gun Detachment</u>
Sgt. Hummel and
8 O.R.'s as detailed. | L/Sgt. Thackeray and
8 O.R.'s as detailed |
| <u>#2 Gun Detachment</u>
Sgt. Wood, and
8 O.R.'s as detailed. | L/Sgt. Thurlwell, and
8 O.R.'s as detailed. |
3. MANNING PARADE : 0900 Hrs. 30-4-40. H.Q. Party and Duty watches.
4. FATIGUES FOR TUESDAY 30-4-40
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| (a) Sanitary Fatigue
Gnr. Willoughby.
" Wilson. | (b) Canteen Detail.
Gnr. Fox. |
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5. SENTRY DUTY From 1800 Hrs 30-4-40 to 0600 Hrs. 1-5-40.
Ptes. Adams, Pugh, Ellis, - C.S.R.



YORK ISLAND
• APRIL 29/40

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549 REPORTING ONE PATIENT IN HOSPITAL

H O YORK ISLAND

T O O 1200 HRS.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

86th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. CAMP.
York Island, R.C.

File G-1-1- R. 468

29 April, 1940.

Major J.R. Piracy, R.C.A.
O.C. 86th Hvy. Bty., R.C.A. CAMP.
York Island, R.C.

WATER SUPPLY

With reference to the r/n subject, I wish to make the following recommendations:-

1. In addition to the 15000 Gal. wood stove tank now installed to supply the camp, another tank of 10000 Gal. capacity should be placed at or near the high point of the island. The purpose of this second tank would be to supply the Port, and to act as a reserve supply for the Camp.
2. The second tank should be filled from the 15000 Gal. tank by means of a booster pump and a 2" feed line.
3. A 1 1/2" line should be used to supply the Port from the 10000 Gal. tank.
4. The equipment necessary to install this secondary supply complete with feed line and distribution main would be as follows:-

1 - 10000 Gal. wood stove tank (complete)

1 Pump. To pump against 135' head through 2" line 500' length.

500' 2" Galv. Pipe.

5 2" Tees

3 2" Elbs.

2 2" 45° Elbows.

2 2" Brass gate valves.

600' 1 1/2" Galv. Pipe.

6 1 1/2" Tees.

6 1 1/2" Elbs.

6 45° Elbows.

A. Webster
(A. Webster) Lieut. R.C.A.
86th Hvy. Battery, R.C.A.
York Island, R.C.

YORK ISLAND. B.C.

29th APRIL 1940

O.C. VAN AREA
VANCOUVER.

550 Urgent please ship Tuesday via Border Prince
one forestry type pump, 1400 Ft 1 1/2" fire hose
20 Ft. suction hose stop Forest ranger took
all Forestry equipment today.

O C York Island

T.O.O. 15 Hrs.

Diary

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

York Island, B.C.

PART I ORDERS No. 121 30-4-40

- by -

MAJOR, J.E. PIERCE, MCA

1. DUTIES :
- | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| To be Orderly Officer | 1-5-40 | Lt. D.C. McGavin, | R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty : | 2-5-40 | Lt. A. Webster, | R.C.E. |
| To be Orderly Sgt. | 1-5-40 | Bdr. Mackie, | R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty : | 2-5-40 | L/Sgt. Gudgeford | R.C.A. |
| To be Orderly Bdr. | 1-5-40 | Bdr. Garrett, | R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty | 2-5-40 | Bdr. M Cox | R.C.A. |
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 Hrs from 0745 Hrs 1-5-40 to 2-5-40.
- | <u>ON DUTY</u> | <u>STANDING BY</u> |
|---|--|
| <u>#1 Gun Detachment</u> | |
| L/Sgt. Thackeray and
8 O.R.'s as detailed. | Sgt. Davidson and
8 O.R.'s as detailed. |
| <u>#2 Gun Detachment</u> | |
| L/Sgt. Thurlwell and
8 O.R.'s as detailed. | Bdr. Mackie and
8 O.R.'s as detailed. |
3. MANNING PARADE : 0900 Hrs 1-5-40. H.C. party & Duty Watches.
4. FATIGUES FOR WEDNESDAY 1-5-40.
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| (a) Sanitary Detail. | (b) Canteen Detail. |
| Gnr. Willoughby. | Gnr. Phillips. |
| " Thompson. | |
5. SENTRY DUTY : from 1800 Hrs. 1-5-40 to 0600 Hrs. 2-5-40.
- Ptes. Irvine, Scott, Waugh, C.S.R.



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12 NBW
VANCOUVER
APR 30/1912

O.C. YORK IS

63 YOUR 550 PUMP AND HOSE BEING RETURNED
IMMEDIATELY

O.C. VAN AREA.

GG/DW/1815

YORK ISLAND. B.C.

30 APRIL 1940

O.C. VAN AREA
VANCOUVER

551 SENDING VIA UNION S S TONIGHT K 17009

GER DYER. A M 85 BTY K 22048 GNR HOLT-BARLOW A A

3 SL BTY TO VANCOUVER URGENTLY REQUIRING DENTAL

ATTENTION ON M O INSTRUCTIONS

O C YORK ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

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

File 5-4-F.396.

30 April, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
1st Searchlight Regt. R.C.A. CAMP.
Seaforth Barracks,
Vancouver, B.C.

DISCIPLINE

York Island Detachment - 3rd S/L Bty.

1. Attached hereto is a copy of a letter forwarded by Sgt. Wood, I.L., who is the senior H.C.O. of the detachment.
2. It is pointed out that there is no objection to such correspondence in the ordinary way, but this particular letter states irregularly various complaints which have not been made through the proper channels. Any individual complaints that cannot be settled here have been passed to your H.Q.
3. In view of the fact that this letter alleges "discrimination" etc., and other exaggerated complaints, which have little foundation, in fact, this matter will be held for the attention of Major Piercy, who shortly returns from leave.
4. It is true that a number of men stationed at York Island are dissatisfied with their lot, the reason being that they have not yet learned to be soldiers; and envy the position of their comrades still stationed in Vancouver, who are able to enjoy the "bright-lights" to a certain extent.
5. For your information and comments, please.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

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

File 7-2- 8.84.

30th April, 1940.

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

WATER TRANSPORT
YORK ISLAND

1. On April 29th, a Mr. Armstrong delivered a Motor Launch named "K.M.B." of Victoria. He advises that this vessel is on charter for one month.
2. He states that the D.S. & T.O. asked him to return the launch "York" to Victoria if at all possible. As it is physically impossible to navigate the "York" in its present condition, he will be unable to do this.
3. However, arrangements are being made for an auxiliary naval vessel proceeding to Esquimalt on May 2nd., to tow the "York" to Esquimalt. If these arrangements are satisfactorily completed, we will advise by wire expected date and time of arrival at Esquimalt and will ask the Skipper of the towing vessel to have the D.S & T.O. advised on arrival.

