



**War Diaries**  
**85<sup>th</sup> Heavy Battery**  
**Royal Canadian Artillery**

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

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

**August 1939**

## Foreword

Canada did not officially declare war on Germany until 10 September 1939, however the 85th Heavy Battery, 15th (Vancouver) Coast Brigade, RCA received their warning order at 0400 on 26 August 1939. At 0800 the Battery was given 72 hours to prepare for the move to Yorke Island.

Yorke Island is a small islet located off of the north end of Hardwicke Island in the south end of Johnstone Strait. It occupies a choke point in the Johnstone Strait where all vessels travelling from the north to Vancouver must pass. The island consists of 39 hectares of wooded hilly terrain with a maximum height of about 30 meters. Considered the back door invasion route to Vancouver during World War II, Major B.C.D. Treatt, Royal Artillery, included a coastal artillery installation on the island in his report after his tour in 1936.

Treatt's recommendation was adopted by the Canadian government in 1936 and work was initiated in late 1937. By July 1938, two Quick Firing (Q.F.) 4.7-inch guns had been mounted and test firing carried out. Due to restraints in the purchase of new weapons, these guns were taken from Halifax, Nova Scotia, where they had last been calibrated for wear of their barrels in April 1914.

By July 1938 two Quick Firing (Q.F.) 4.7-inch guns had been mounted and test firing carried out. Once installed, the guns were secured and maintained by a small detachment of Permanent Force gunners from Esquimalt on a six-month tour of duty. On the evening of the 28th, Capt. F.W. Guernsey, three other officers and fifty-two men boarded the H.M.C.S. Comox, which slipped its lines at 2100 hours. At 1000 hours the next morning, the ship arrived dockside at Yorke Island.

The following War Diary records the days spent on Yorke Island until 1945 when the final soldiers departed and the Department of National Defence began the dismantling of the guns and accomadation. the format of letters and message has been replicated to some extent with messages mostly in uppercase and shaded yellow while are in new times roman and shade grey. Not all messages have dates and their position in the paper is estimated. Complete Part I Orders are only provided for the first of each month due to their repetitiveness of names and duties. Other excerpts from Part I Orders are provided based on their importance.

Enjoy the read!

Leon Jensen OMM CD  
President  
Vancouver Artillery Association  
[www.vancouvergunners.ca](http://www.vancouvergunners.ca)

## Organization

The 15<sup>th</sup> (Vancouver) Coast Artillery Brigade, RCA consisted of three batteries – the 31st Heavy Battery, 58th Heavy Battery and the 85th Heavy Battery. The 31st was responsible for the Stanley Park Fort at Ferguson point; the 58th manned the guns at Point Grey and the 85th were sent to Yorke Island.

Yorke Island was also home to elements of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, 10th Fortress Signals Company; "C" Coy 2nd (MG) Battalion Canadian Scottish Regiment and the 5th Troop 3 Searchlight Battery.

Members of the Battery were rotated with the soldiers of the other Batteries in Vancouver. This was done on an individual basis to avoid the administrative work of transferring the battery from one location to another.

Command of the Battery was vested in the Battery Commander, a Major. There was discussion as to if that command authority extended to the other elements, such as the Naval communicators, on the island.

## Ordnance

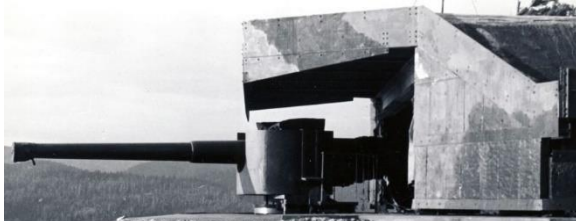
### 4.7-Inch Quick Firing Mark IV "B" Gun on Mark III Garrison Carriage



Two of these guns were originally mounted at Yorke Island at the beginning of World War II and subsequently traded with the 6" guns at Stanley Park. Their history goes back even further than that, as they were originally mounted at Halifax Nova Scotia and were given to Canada on the handover of the Halifax Fortress in 1905. Their rate of fire was ten

rounds per minute by day and eight by night. Maximum range was 11,800 yards although the effective range with automatic sights was usually half of that.

### 6-Inch Breach Loading Mark VII Guns on Mark II(L) Garrison Mounting



At the beginning of World War II, three of these guns were mounted at Point Grey and two were at Stanley Park. These guns were deemed obsolete by the late thirties but there was little prospect of receiving upgrades in the near future so they were quickly moved out from Halifax and from Quebec City where

they had been installed since the World War I.

The maximum range was 12,000 yards and the weight of the shell was 100 lbs

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# WAR DIARY

OF

85 HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. *CASF (Detach) Serial no 390*

FROM AUG 26 1939 TO SEP 30 1939

*PART II ORDERS  
PASSED TO W.S.R  
7 June 1962  
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VOLUME 1

APPENDICES "A" TO "H"

## WAR DIARY

OR

ORIGINAL

M.F.M. 11  
1 P.C. 100  
1 M.C. - 2-28 (1940)  
R.G. 17045 (1)Instructions regarding preparation of War  
Diaries: (which will be kept from first day of  
mobilization, creation or embodiment), are con-  
tained in F.A. Regs. Vol. 1.

85th Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF

Title pages will be prepared.

~~INTER-OFFICER'S SUMMARY~~  
(Brass binding not required)Original, duplicate and triplicate to be furnished  
to O. i/c 2nd Echelon for disposal.


Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Vancouver	26 August	0400	Precautionary period Notified.	
		0800	Battery ordered to be ready to move to York Island with 72 hrs Notice. 3 Officers and 50 O.R.s required for original detachment. Day spent notifying members. 11th A.A. Bty. asked to supply volunteers to make up 50 O.R.s	
		1400	Brigade Parade for men volunteering for Active Service. Weather : Fair	
	27	0800	Medical inspection of all O.R.s called up; uniforms issued, recruits attested, and Transfers arranged. No definite order received to move. Capt. Guernsey attached to 85th Bty. in lieu of Major Bradley, as M.O. would not pass defect in his left eye. Weather : Raining	
	28	1800	Men given time off to clear up private affairs. Battery parade for volunteers proceeding to York Island. Parade consisted of Capt. Guernsey, Capt. Jorgensen, 2/Lt. Mulhern, 50 O.R.s 85th Hvy. Bty. Major. H.H. Pitts, RCAMC, was detailed as Medical Officer. / and 2 O.R.s 10th Fort. / Sig. Coy.	
		1830	Inspection by Lt. Col. G.Y.L. Crossley	
		1900	Inspection by Col. H.F.G. Letson	
		2000	Embussed in two busses, and proceeded to Ballantyne Pier.	
		2030	Embarked on H.M.C.S. Comox - Loaded baggage and small stores and lumbars Friends, relatives came to wharf for farewells.	
		2100	H.M.C.S. Comox, Lt. Comdr. Soulsby, sailed from Vancouver Harbour en route to York Island. Troops slept on deck and below deck. Weather : Raining	
York Island	29	1000	Arrived off York Island. Passage to wharf carefully sounded.	
		1100	Landed at wharf and unloaded baggage and stores	
		1200	S.S. "Border Prince" arrived and landed large quantities of miscellaneous stores and supplies (See Appendix "F")	
			Master-Gunner Blake, Sgt. Instructor, 2 Ordnance Artificers and a Signals Sgt. Major arrived on the "Border Prince".	28/8/39 R.M. [Signature]

85<sup>th</sup> Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.F.E.

Daily Strength

Saturday <sup>Aug</sup> ~~Sept~~ 26/39

Vancouver, B.C.

	OSs	ORs	Total
85 <sup>th</sup> Hvy, Bty R.C.A.	4	25	29
 Total	4	25	29

28th August, 1939.

Copy No. 7VANCOUVER GARRISON ORDER No. 3.TROOP MOVEMENT1. Prince Rupert Detachment.

- (a) The following units will move to Prince Rupert via C.N. Steamship to-night.

	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
Irish Fusiliere (Van. Regt.).....	3	51
11th Div. Signals, R.C.C.S.....	2	34
6th Div. R.C.A.S.C.....	2	4
Total.....	7	89

Capt. W.S. Morse R.C.C.S. is detailed as O.C. Troops.

- (b) Detachment will be inspected by Col. H.F.G. Letson, MC. ED. at 1930 hrs. 28 Aug at Stanley Park Armoury.
- (c) Detachment will move by Bus from Stanley Park Armoury to C.N. Wharf, foot of Main St., embussing at 2000 hrs., embarking SS "Prince Rupert" at 2030 hrs. Ship sails at 2100 hrs.
- (d) Tickets will be provided by agent at Wharf Ticket Office under supervision of D.D.S. & T.O., Vancouver Area. Meals will be furnished by Steamship Company.

2. Yorke Island Detachment

- (a) The following units will move to Yorke Island via HMCS "Comox":

	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
85th Bty. R.C.A.....	3	50
11th Div. Signals, R.C.C.S.....		2
Major H.H. Pitts R.C.A.M.C.....	1	
Totals...	4	52

Capt. F.W. Guernsey will command the detachment.

- (b) Detachment will be inspected at Bessborough Armoury by Col. H.F.G. Letson MC. ED. at 1900 hrs.
- (c) Detachment will move by Bus from Armoury to Ballantyne Pier, embussing at 2000 hrs., embarking HMCS "Comox" at Ballantyne Pier 2030 hrs. Ship sails at 2100 hrs.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

## 3. D.D.S. &amp; T.O., Vancouver Area will provide:

- (a) Prince Rupert Detachment:
1. Three days reserve rations. (Standard ration. No Fresh meat.)
  2. Necessary transport for baggage and personnel from Armoury to Wharf.
- (b) Yorke Island Detachment:
1. One weeks reserve rations. (Standard ration. No fresh meat.)
  2. Necessary transport for baggage and personnel from Armoury to Wharf.

AMMUNITION

4. Ammunition will be issued under special arrangements.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*H.A. Francis*  
Major.  
(H.A. Francis)  
Brigade Major  
14th Inf. Bde.

Issued by Runner.  
Time: 1300 hrs.  
Distribution:

- Copy No. 1. Irish Fus. (Van Regt)
- 2. 15 (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.
- 3. 11 Div Sigs. R.C.C.S.
- 4. 6 Div. R.C.A.S.C.
- 5. 12 Pd. Amb. R.C.A.M.C.
- 6. Capt. Morse. R.C.C.S.
- 7. Capt. Guernsey. R.C.A.
- 8. O.C. 14th Inf. Bde.
- 9. Bde. Major. " " "
- 10. Staff Capt. " " "
- 11. D.D.M.C.
- 12. D.D.S. & T.O.
- 13. H.Q. M.D. No. 11,
- 14. File.
- 15. File.
- 16. War Diary.
- 17. War Diary.



AUGUST 26th. 1939

LIST OF ARMY SUPPLIES FOR YORK ISLAND.

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
125. BOXES	SHELLS 4.7	
7. BOXES	SHELLS	
3. BOXES	FUSES	
49. BOXES	CARTRIDGES	
1 BOX	TUBES VENT FLEC	
24 BOXES	TUBES V.S. PFCR	
15. BOXES	GUN PARTS	
1. BOX	GUN PARTS	
1. BDL.	SPRING	
1. BDL. (2PCS)	IRON PARTS	
2. SACKS	PARTS	
1. BDL. (2PCS)	PARTS	
1. BDL. (3PCS)	PARTS	
1. B BDL	PARTS	
1. BDL.	PARTS	
2. CRATES	PARTS	
1. BDL.	ROPE	
1. BDL	PULLYS AND ROPE	
1. IRON	STAND	
3. BALS	PILLOWS	
1. BOX	TOOLS	
1. GYN. (6PCS.)	COMPLETE	
1. BALE	SUPPLYS	
53. IRON	COTS	
53. IRON	MATRESSES	
125 TABLES	FOLDING	
30 Benches	FOLDING	
7. CASES	SUPPLYS	
3.	DRESSERS	
2. BDL.	FOLDING CHAIRS	
12. VALISES	BLANKETS	
3.	FOLDING COTS H.P.	
1. BDL.	TENT POLES	
1. SACK	SODA	
1.	BOILER	
1. SAW		
1. BDL.	BROOMS	
2. BDL.	BUCKETS	
1. BDL	SKUTTLE& TUBS	
1. BDL.	HOES AND MOPSTICKS	
2. BDL.	BUCKETS LATRINE	
1. BDL.	OID CLOTH	
1. BDL.	MOP STICKS AND MASHIN	
1. WHEELBARROW		
1. SACKS	TENT	
1.	RANGE	
1.	GARBAGE PAIL OF SUPPLYS	

AUGUST 28th 1939.

LIST OF SUPPLIES FOR ENGINEERING DEPT.

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WEIGHT.</u>
5		
5	FOLDING COTS	
5	MATTRESSES	
1 VALISE	BLANKETS	
2 BOXES	SUPPLIES	
1	TOOL BOX	
2 PCS.	LUMBER	

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, reference to Appendices and initials
York Island	29		<p>Officers reconnoitered the Island and surveyed available accommodation which consisted of the Caretakers Quarters, a 5 room bungalow; a bunkhouse, 18 by 50; a mess hut 22 by 45; a small hut, 16 by 16; also a radio station hut, 10 by 14. The caretakers house was found to be occupied by two District Gunners of 5th Hvy. Bty and a signalman of No. 11 Det. RCCS. A Cold lunch was prepared as no stove pipe was sent with the camp stove. The launch "York" was sent to Kelsey Bay for various supplies, including stove pipe and kerosine for the lanterns. The men worked hard in pouring rain sorting out stores and carrying them away from the wharf. The tractor delivered was useless, as it refused to start. 34 men were quartered in the bunk house, 9 N.C.O.s in the small hut. 4 N.C.O.s in the empty w/t station at the Fort, 2 O.R.s in the launch "York", 4 O.R.s in the Mess Hut, 4 O.R.s in the basement of the caretakers quarters, 2 O.R.s in the Radio Station, and the 4 Officers in the Caretakers Quarters.</p>	
	30		<p>Spent day cutting wood, moving stores and ammunition. A "Cat Driver" from the Salmon River Logging Co., was engaged to start and operate the tractor. More ammunition was sent up by the tractor in the afternoon. Weather : Raining</p>	
	31		<p>Continual fatigues. Foreman and 4 helpers arrived to build fence around Fort and construct a sleeping hut. Weather : Fair</p>	
Sept.	1		<p>Completed carrying Gun Stores to Fort. Wire fencing transported to Fort. Weather : Cloudy</p>	
	2		<p>Work continued. "Border Prince" called to pick up tractor. Mr. Gunner Blake returned to Vancouver. Tractor retained.</p>	
	3		<p>S.S. "Salvor" delivered sand, gravel, cement, roofing paper, etc.</p>	<p><i>and others</i></p>

PART II ORDERS  
BY  
CAPTAIN F. W. GIBNEY.

1. DUTIES.

To be orderly officer	Sgt. G. A. Mulhern.
To be orderly sergeant	Sgt. Cox G. D.
To be orderly next for duty	Sgt. Davidson G.
To be O. Tptr. Cnr.	W. W. Malloy next Cnr. O'Malley C.
To be medical orderly	Cnr. Scheffels A. L.
To be cooks	Sdr. Gosse J.F. Sdr. Cuddiford. T. Sdr. Cox H.G. Cnr. Angelen A.L.D. Sdr. Jarrett I.B. Cnr. Confrey S. Cnr. Layton J.H.
To be clerks	Cnr. Cockburn P.L.
To be batmen and messengers	
To be Bty Orderly	
To be in charge of Launch "York"	

2. FATIGUES FOR WED. 30/8/39.

i. Kitchen Fatigue.

Cnr. Cooper E.  
" Cheney R. H.  
" Cuddiford L.  
" Connor R.

ii. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Sdr. Darby G.  
Cnr. Adsiex D.  
" Anderson R.  
" Atkins D. A.  
" Buchan F.  
" Cooper. F.

iii. G. M. STORES AND FUEL.

Sdr. Mills W. J.  
Cnr. Cholowsky W.  
" Fisher O. W.  
Foots J.H.  
" Fox P.  
" Hicks J.D.  
" Jenkins F.R.  
" Jordison R.J.

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O. C. R. C. A.

VICTORIA.

ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT ONE RANGE CAMP COOKING COMPLETE  
WITH STOVE PIPE BE SENT IMMEDIATELY STOP MAY  
ENGINEER PERSONNEL BE SENT TO CONSTRUCT SHELTERS STOP  
WATER PIPING TO HUBS AND OTHER NECESSARY WORK STOP TWO  
HUNDRED FIFTY FEET PIPING WITH TAPS UNIONS AND ELBOWS  
ETCETRA STOP

F. W. GUERSEY

**55th HEAVY BATTERY R. C. A.**

**YORK ISLAND.**

**PART I ORDER # 2 30/8/39**

BY

**PART II ORDERS**

**MAJOR F. W. GUERNEY**

**1. DUTIES.**

to be Orderly Officer 30/8/39 2/Lt. G. A. Mulhern

to be Orderly Sergeant 30/8/39 Sgt. Davidson G.  
31/8/39 L/Sgt. Thurlwell W. N.

next for duty

L/Sgt. McAfee.

to be Orderly Trumpeter 30/8/39 Gnr. O'Malley C. R.  
31/8/39 Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

next for duty

Gnr. O'Malley C. R.

to be H.C.O. i/c of canteen A/L/Sgt. Thackery P.H.

**2. POSTINGS.**

Major F. W. Guernsey	to Bty H.Q.	as Bty COMMANDER.
Major H. H. Pitts	to " "	as Med. Officer.
Capt. R. H. Jorgensen	to " "	as Bty. Captain.
B. S. M. Lockhart E.J.	to " "	" "
B.Q.M.S. Woodward T.P.L.	" "	" "
Sgt. Cox S. D.	to " "	as B. C. A.
L/Sgt. Thurlwell W. N.	to " "	as Range Finder.
L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.	to " "	as " "
L/Bdr. Jones D. D.	to " "	as " "
Bdr. Jameson I.N.	to " "	as Signl & Teleph.
A/Bdr. Garrett P. C.	to " "	as " "
Gnr. Cuddeford L.	to " "	as " "
Gnr. Anderson R.	to " "	as " "
Gnr. Parrot H.H.	to " "	as " "
Bdr. Cox H. G.	to " "	as Clerk
Gnr. Engelen A. L. D.	to " "	as " "
Bdr. Gesse J.	to " "	as Cook
Bdr. Cuddeford T.	to " "	as " "
Gnr. Schofield A. L.	to " "	as Medical Orderly
Gnr. Layton J.H.	to " "	as Bty. Orderly.
2/Lt. G. A. Mulhern	to " "	as Sec. Commander.

Sgt. Upton V. to No 1 Gun Detachment.

Bdr. Mills W. J.	to " " "
L/Bdr Richardson H.	to " " "
Gnr. Adzich D.	to " " "
Gnr. Cooper M.	to " " "
Gnr. Caensy R. H.	to " " "
Gnr. Knight J.F.	to " " "
Gnr. McDeragle J.	to " " "
Gnr. O'Malley C. R.	to " " "
Gnr. Richards W. H.	to " " "
Gnr. Taylor W. H.	to " " "
Gnr. Willoughby H.W.	to " " "
Gnr. Confrey E.	to " " "
Gnr. Jenkins P.R.	to " " "
Gnr. Jordison E. J.	to " " "
Gnr. Luney R.	to " " "
Gnr. MacClung W. R.	to " " "

The Officer in charge of the Ordnance (Part II) Orders when required to be issued will be sent to the District Ordnance Commandant and to the Officer in charge of the Ordnance (Part I) Orders (Part II) Orders, who will retain them for reference.

2. POSTINGS (con't)

UNIT

Sgt. Davidson	to	No 2 Gun Detachment.
Bdr. Darby G.	to	" " "
A/L/Sgt. McGee W.M.	"	" " "
A/L/Sgt. Thackeray P.H.	"	" " "
A/L/Bdr. Parker J.L.	"	" " "
A/L/Bdr. Snow C.H.	to	" " "
Gnr. Atkins D.A.	to	" " "
Gnr. Buchan E.	to	" " "
Gnr. Cholowsky W.	to	" " "
Gnr. Connor R.	to	" " "
Gnr. Cooper F.	to	" " "
Gnr. Fisher G. W.	to	" " "
Gnr. Foote J.K.	to	" " "
Gnr. Fox P.	to	" " "
Gnr. Hicks J. D.	to	" " "
Gnr. Spring R.	to	" " "

2. FATIGUES FOR TUNERS. 31/8/39.

- KITCHEN FATIGUE
- I. Gnr. Cooper K.  
Gnr. Cheney R. H.  
Gnr. Cuddeford L.  
Gnr. Adzich D.
- II. SANITARY FATIGUE.  
Sgt. Clarke.  
L/Bdr. (A/Bdr) Garrett  
Gnr. McGeragle J.  
Gnr. O'Malley C.R.  
Gnr. Parrot H. H.  
Gnr. Richards. W. H.
- III. Q. M. STORES AND FUEL FATIGUE.  
L/Bdr (A/L/Sgt. Thackeray.  
L/Bdr. Jones D. D.  
Gnr. Spring R.  
Gnr. McGlugs W. R.  
Gnr. A/L/Bdr. Parker J.L.  
Gnr. A/L/Bdr. Snow C. H.  
Gnr. Connor R.  
Gnr. Anderson R.
- IV. LAUNCH DETAIL.  
L/Bdr. Richardson A. to report to Launch "York".

4. RELIEFS.

1. GUN DETACHMENTS.  
Nos 1 will arrange reliefs within their own detachments for detachments on duty at the guns.
2. SPECIALISTS.  
The following O. R. who have been detailed for other duties may be detailed for reliefs as follows.
- |                       |    |                          |
|-----------------------|----|--------------------------|
| Sgt. Cox S.D.         | as | No 1                     |
| L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.H. | as | B. C. A.                 |
| L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.    | as | B. C. A.                 |
| Bdr. Cox M. C.        | as | E. F.                    |
| Bdr. Cuddeford L.     | as | Signaller and Telegraph. |
| Gnr. McGeragle J.     | as | " " "                    |
| Gnr. Angelen A. L. D. | as | E. F.                    |

R.S.A. Ferguson Capt.

for 04 85 HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

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OFFICER COMMANDING

ESQUIMAULT

9th A A BATTERY YORK ISLAND

AUG 30

378 RANGE CAMP COOKING BEING SENT BY NEXT BOAT STOP

SUBMIT INDENT FOR IT AND SUBSEQUENTS STOP REFERENCE TO

CONSTRUCTION WORK ENGINEERS HAVE ALREADY LEFT.

ADJUTANT R.C.A.



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D. N. O.

YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA B. C.

AUG 31

9 GUNNER TAYLOR W. H. EVACUATED FROM YORK ISLAND AT  
1545 HOURS TO ROCK BAY HOSPITAL

O. C. YORK ISLAND.

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W. J. WHYBROW

VICTORIA

ENGINEER FOREMAN

AUG 31

YORK ISLAND

416 PROCEED CONSTRUCTION ONE TWENTY BY FORTY HUT.

D.R.O

MD XI

NOMINAL ROLL FOR YORK ISLAND.

30-8-39

85th HEAVY BATTERY.

Major F. W. ~~GOSSETT~~ ~~FEY~~

Captain R. H. JORGENSEN.

2nd Lt G. A. Mulheron.

5008 B.S.M. Lockhart E.J.  
5021 B.Q.M.S. Woodward T.P.L.  
5053 Sgt. Upton V.  
5131 " Cox S.D.  
7120 " Davidson G.  
7294 L/Sgt. Thackeray P. A.  
5156 " " Thurlwell W.H.  
7345 " " McAfee A.M.  
7321 " " Clarke J.A.  
5042 Bdr? Jameson I.H.  
5130 " Cox H.G.  
5165 " Cuddeford T.  
5176 " Gosse J.  
5187 " Mills W.J.  
5186 " Darby G.  
7337 L/Bdr(A/Bdr) Garrett F.O.  
5200 L/Bdr. Richardson A.  
5201 " Jones D.D.  
7367 Gnr.(A/L/Bdr) Parker J.L.  
7357 " " " Snow C.H.  
5233 Gnr. Adsieh D.  
5232 " Anderson R.  
7356 " Atkins D.A.  
7362 " Euchen E.

7304	"	Cooper F.
5226	"	Cooper M.
9067	"	Cheney R. H.
5194	"	Cuddeford L.
7579	"	Connor R.
9082	"	Gholowski W.
5218	"	Engelen A.L.D.
7307	"	Fisher G.W.
7392	"	Foots J.K.
7389	"	Fox P.
7326	"	Hicks J.D.
7396	"	Jenkins P.R.
	"	Jordison E.J.
5224	"	Knight J.F.
7391	"	Layton J.H.
	"	Laney R.I.
7385	"	McClung W.R.
5185	"	McGeragle J.
5322	"	O'Malley G.R.
7366	"	Errot H.H.
<del>4897</del>	"	<del>Palmer H.F.</del>
5214	"	Richards W.H.
10007	"	Schofield A.L.
9078	"	Spring R.
<del>5227</del>	"	<del>Tagler W. H.</del>
7573	"	Willoughby H.W.
5234	"	Confrey E.

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PART II ORDERS

MAJOR F. W. GURSESKY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	1/9/39	Lt. G.A. Mulhern
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	1/9/39	L/Sgt. McAfee A.M. L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.

To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	1/9/39	Gnr. O'Malley C.R. Gnr. Willoughby H.W.
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2. FATIGUES FOR FRIDAY 1/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

Gnr. Buchan N.  
Gnr. Fisher G.W.  
Gnr. Luney R.  
Gnr. McGeragle J.

11. SANITARY FATIGUE.

L/Sgt. Thurwell W. H.  
L/Bdr. Richardson H.  
Gnr. Atkins D. A.  
Gnr. Cheney R. H.  
Gnr. Cholowky W.  
Gnr. Knight J. F.

111. Q. M. STORES AND FUEL FATIGUE.

Bdr. Darby G.  
L/Bdr. Jones D.  
Gnr. Willoughby H.W.  
Gnr. Adzich D.  
Gnr. Foote J. K.  
Gnr. Jordison E. J.  
Gnr. Jenkins P. R.  
Gnr. Fox F.

IV. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr.(A/L/Bdr.) Snow C.H. to report to Launch "YORK".

*R. J. Ferguson Capt*  
FOR C. 85 HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

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D. M. O.

WORK POINT BARRACKS ESQUIMAULT

7 ONE OF MEN HAS A DIFFUSE PURULENT DERMATITIS STOP

PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE ANTISEPTIC BATHS STOP NO FACILITIES  
HERE FOR SAME AND FEEL HE SHOULD BE HOSPITALISED IMMEDIATELY  
PLEASE ADVISE.

H.H. PITTS MAJOR RCANC

M. O. 85th HEAVY BATTERY

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MEDICAL OFFICER

VICTORIA

YORK ISLAND

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415 ARRANGE ADMISSION OF PATIENT WITH DERMATITIS TO  
ROCK BAY HOSPITAL COLUMBIA COAST MISSION.

D.M.C. M.D. XI

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W. J. WHYBROW

VICTORIA

AUG 31

ENGINEER FOREMAN

YORK ISLAND

416 PROCEED CONSTRUCTION ONE TWENTY BY FORTY HUT.

D.E.O

MD XI



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H. Q. M.D. No XI

VICTORIA

ACCOMODATION Y. I. VERY POOR STOP MEN OVERCROWDED STOP  
WHEN MAY I EXPECT ENGINEERS OR HAVE I AUTHORITY TO  
CONSTRUCT HUTS STOP I MAY NEED LOCAL CIVILIAN  
CARPENTERS STOP HAVE EMPLOYED LOGGER TO REPAIR TRACTOR.

F. W. GUERNSEY.

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OFFICER COMMANDING

85th BATTERY YORK ISLAND

391 YOUR WIRE ACCOMODATION MEN FOR CONSTRUCTION HUTS ON  
UNION LINE ARRIVING SEYWARD TODAY ARRANGE FOR YORK TO MEET  
THEM IF ADDITIONAL CARPENTERS REQUIRED OBTAIN THEM LOCALLY BUT  
KEEP ME ADVISED.

DISTRICT ENGINEER.

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DISTRICT ENGINEER OFFICER

VICTORIA

REFERENCE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS NOT YET ARRIVED STOP  
WILL ADVISE LATER

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O. C. 85th HEAVY BATTERY  
YORK ISLAND