



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

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**Royal Canadian Artillery**  
**Canadian Active Service Force**

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# WAR DIARY

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88th Heavy Battery RGA (CASF)  
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, reference to Appendices and initials
	1939			
88th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	Dec. 1		Letter re Water Supply (see App.D.) Weather: rainy	E182
York Island	2		" dull	
	3		" cloudy	
	4		" cloudy with showers	
	5		Letter re accommodation (see App. D) Weather: fair	E194
	6		" "	
	7		" "	
	8		Letter re shipments (see App. D) Weather: cloudy Letter re lanterns	8-1-F 219
	9		1 N.C.O. 10th Fortress Sig. Coy. reported to repair motor Weather: rainy	8-3-2 203
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	11		Report on Cartridges S.A. Ball Weather: dull	
	12		1 N.C.O. 10th Fortress Sig. Coy. returned to Vancouver <del>xxxx</del> Lt. J.P. Keen and 14 O.R.'s 5 tp. 3/8/L Bty. reported for duty Weather: cloudy	
	13		3 O.R.'s proceeded on leave of absence Weather: fair	
	14		" "	
	15		" rainy	
	16		Letter re 2nd Lt. G.A. Mulheron (see app. D) Weather: cloudy Letter re Motor Boat York	6-1-E 226
	17		" "	8-0-1-E 228
	18		" rain	
	19		20 O.R.'s proceeded on leave Weather: cloudy	
	20		Letter re detachment "C" Coy. 2nd Bn. (M.G.) C.S.R. 12 O.R.'s "C" Coy. 2 Bn. (M.G.) C.S.R. relieved 19 O.R.'s 5th tp. 3 8/L Bty. reported for duty 12 O.R.'s "C" Coy. 2 Bn. (M.G.) C.S.R. reported for duty. Weather: fair	6-0 E236

RM 4/RCA

85th. NAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

1/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 94.

BY

MAJOR J.W. PINNEY.

1. DUTIES.
- |                         |         |                      |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| To be Orderly Officer   | 2/12/39 | 2/Lt. G.A. Mulhern   |
| To be Orderly Sergeant  | 2/12/39 | Sgt. Upton V.        |
| Next for Duty           |         | Sgt. Clarke J.A.     |
| To be Orderly Trumpeter |         |                      |
|                         | 2/12/39 | Cnr. Willoughby H.W. |
| Next for Duty           |         | Cnr. O'Malley C.R.   |
2. DUTY WATCHES. For 24 hours from 0630 hrs. 2/12/39 to 0630 hrs. 3/12/39.

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. Ramsden F.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Upton V.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Clarke J.A.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed

L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE. 0900 hrs. 2/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR SATURDAY 2/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

L/Bdr. Richardson A.  
Cnr. Jordison E.  
Cnr. Knight J.P.

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Cnr. Spring R. to report  
to Launch 'York' for duty

5. SENTRY DUTY. FROM 1800 hrs. 2/12/29 to 0600 hrs. 3/12/39.

Pte. Pattison G.L. Pte. Rutledge C.W. and Pte. Geary A.H.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE.

YORK ISLAND B.E.

File No. F.182.

D.M.O. M.D. XI.

Victoria B.C.

DEC 1 1939

WATER SUPPLY: YORK ISLAND.

1. I wish to report that to date nothing has been done to solve our problem of water supply and distribution. We have no further facilities than were present when the Battery first arrived at York Island.
2. Water has to be heated in improvised oil drums and tanks over an open fire, and this water is carried in pails for washing, laundry, and improvised shower baths is all that is available.
3. The O.R.s. Kitchen and Mess is supplied with water from 50. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon drums which are stored just outside the Kitchen. The only means of heating water for the Kitchen is by large containers on top of the Kitchen Range. The Range has a heating coil in the fire box, but no piping or Boiler have been supplied so that these coils can be utilised. It has been suggested that a system be installed whereby water could be distributed at pressure throughout the Camp. This is badly needed.
4. I strongly recommend that water closets be installed to replace the ditch latrines. It is undoubtedly bad Hygiene to continue using such latrines where men are confined to such a small space for months and years.
5. We have waited for 6 weeks for a supply of galvanised iron to complete our kitchen and ablation hut. We have had to improvise and use Tar Paper in place of this galvanised iron, and this is very unsatisfactory, as the tar from the paper gets over everything.
6. I hope that you may be able to urge that this work be done in the near future.

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

2/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 95.

BY.

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	3/12/39	2/Lt. G.A. Mulheron
To be Orderly Sergeant	3/12/39	Sgt. Clarke J.A.
T next for duty		*/Sgt. Ramsden E.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	3/12/39	Gnr. O'Malley C.R.
next for duty		Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 2/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 4/11/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

# 1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Upton V.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Bdr. Mills W.J.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Bdr. Darby G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 3/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 3/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Luney R.J.  
Gnr. Willoughby H.W.  
Gnr. Kitching R.

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. McGeragle J. to report  
to Launch "York" for duty.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 3/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 4/12/39.

L/Bdr. Richardson A.; Gnr. Jordison E.; Gnr. Mumford H.A.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

3/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 96.

BY.

MAJOR J.E. PIROXY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer 4/12/39 2/Lt. G.A. Malheran.  
To be Orderly Sergeant 4/11/39 L/Sgt. Ramsden F.  
next for duty Sgt. Cox S.D.

To be Orderly Trumpeter 4/12/39 Cnr. Willoughby H.W.  
next for duty Cnr. O'Malley C.R.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 4/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 5/12/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

# 1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Bdr. Mills W.J.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

L/Sgt. Ramsden F.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Bdr. Darby G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Sgt. Clarke J.A.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MARKING PARADE 0900 hrs. 4/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR WEDNESDAY 4/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUES.

L/Bdr. Parker J.L.  
Cnr. O'Malley C.R.  
Cnr. Schofield A.L.

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Pte. Heary A.H. to report  
to Launch Security.

5. STERNY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 4/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 5/12/39.

Cnr. Kitching R.; Cnr. McGeragle J.; Cnr. Laney R.J.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND, R.C.

4/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 97

BY.

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer.	5/12/39	2/Lt. G.A. Malheron
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	5/12/39	Sgt. Cox S.D. L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	5/12/39	Gnr. O'Malley C.E. Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0820 hrs. 5/12/39  
to 0820 hrs. 6/12/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

# 1 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. Ramsden E.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Sgt. Upton V.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Clarke J.A.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Sgt. Davidson G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 5/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR TUESDAY 5/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Adzich D.  
Gnr. Mumford H.A.  
Gnr. Christenson

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Waddy R.V. to report  
to Launch "York" for duty.

5. ENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 5/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 6/12/39.

Pte. DeLuce F.; Pte. Whitehouse J.W.; Pte. Hilder J.



## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 6-2-F 193

4 December, 1939.

Headquarters, H.D. XI,

Victoria, B. C.

York Island Garrison Strength Return.December, End. 1939.

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
85th Heavy Battery R.C.A.	3	69	72
8th Heavy Battery R.C.A.	-	2	2
10th Port. Sig. Coy. R.C.C.S.	-	3	3
"C" Coy. 2 (RD) G. Sct. Regt.	-	14	14
No. 11 Det. R.C.A.S.C.	-	1	1
R.C.A.S.C.	1	-	1
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Total Strength	4	89	93

ATTACHED

R.C.N.	1	5	6
R.C.E. Civilian Employees	-	3	3
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	5	97	102
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D  
A & Q M.D. XI  
VICTORIA

YORK ISLAND  
DEC 4

217 OUR LETTER E 174, 28 NOVEMBER ACCOMODATION FOURTEEN  
MTH READY STOP ADVISE IF MOVEMENT WILL BE ARRANGED

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

15 H.B.W.

C.S.O. V.C.D.

YORK ISLAND.

VICTORIA

DECEMBER 4th.

216. ENGINE STOPPED SEVERAL TIMES REQUIRES OVERTHAULING  
SUGGEST SEND ARTIFICER ALSO SPARE ENGINE.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND, R.C.

5/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 98

BY.

MAJOR J.E. FITZCI.

1. DUINS:

To be Orderly Officer	6/12/39	2/Lt. C.A. Mulheron.
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	6/12/39	L/Sgt. McAfee A.M. Sgt. Pearce R.C.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	6/12/39	Gnr. Willoughby H.W. Gnr. O'Malley C.R.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0850 hrs. 6/12/39  
to 0870 hrs. 7/12/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Upton V.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Davidson G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Sdr. Darby G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MARCHING PARADE 0900 hrs. 6/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUE FOR WEDNESDAY 6/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Sdr. Mills W.J.  
Gnr. McGeragle J.  
Pte. Pattison C.L.

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Willoughby H.W. to  
report to Launch "York"  
for duty.

5. ENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 6/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 7/12/39.

Gnr. Cholowski W.; Gnr. Dyer A.; Gnr. Cochrane W.A.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 6-2-F 194

5 December, 1939.

A.A. & Q.M.G., M.D. XI.

Victoria, B.C.

Accommodation, York Island.

1. One additional hut has been completed, which will provide accommodation for 14 O.R.'s, 3 Searchlight Bty. This information was telegraphed you yesterday.
2. By the 13th December another hut will be completed which will give accommodation for another 14 O.R.'s 3 Searchlight Bty, making 28 O.R.'s in all.
3. There is also accommodation available for the balance of the 85th Heavy Battery still in Vancouver.
4. Will you please telegraph me whether it is the intention to send up these men of the 3 Searchlight Bty. and balance of the 85th Bty., on the 13th instant, as it affects the leave to be granted to our men now on the Island.

Officers.

I would like to complete the accommodation for the additional officers, but the civilian personnel are wanting to leave after the men's huts are finished, as they wish to go home for Christmas. This will delay completion of officer's hut.



3C1E      CIF      TD      JA      1140      49MBW  
O.C. YORK ISLAND      VICTORIA

DTU 5

138 YOUR E ONE EIGHT FIVE DATED THIRTEETH NOVEMBER IT WOULD  
APPEAR THAT MY RADIOGRAM NOUGHT THREE NOUGHT NOT PROPERLY  
UNDERSTOOD STOP TRANSPORTATION WILL BE SUPPLIED ONLY IF  
AVAILABLE OTHERWISE TRAVEL WILL BE UNDER OWN RESOURCES STOP  
READ PARA TWO MY LETTER TWENTIETH NOVEMBER STOP LETTER  
FOLLOWS

A AND Q ELEVEN.

4C1E      CIP      RP      TD      1528      15NBW  
OFFICER COMMANDING                      VICTORIA  
YORK ISLAND                                      DEC5

FV 212 YOUR 216 SENDING ARTIFICER STOP NO SPARE ENGINE  
AVAILABLE.

C.S.O. W.C.D.

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5C1E          CIF          TD          RP          1535          43NBW

OFFICER COMMANDING

VICTORIA

YORK ISLAND

DEC 5

134 MY 775 TO BE AMENDED FROM 2 OFFICERS 21 ORS SEARCHLIGHT  
REGIMENT TO 1 OFFICER 33 ORS STOP ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE  
FOR 1 OFFICER 14 ORS 3RD SEARCHLIGHT BATTERY TO REPORT  
STOP TIME AND ARRIVAL WILL BE GIVEN YOU LATER

A AND Q ELEVEN

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

6/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 99

BY.

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	7/12/39	2/Lt. G.A. McHeron
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	7/12/39	Sgt. Pearce R.C. Sgt. Upton V.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	7/12/39	Gnr. O'Malley C.R. Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 7/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 8/12/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

# 1 GUN DETACHMENT.

I/Sgt. McAfee A.H. and 6 O.R.s as detailed.	I/Sgt. Ramsden F. and 6 O.R.s as detailed.
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# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Ede. Darby G. and 6 O.R.s as detailed.	Sgt. Clarke J.A. and 6 O.R.s as detailed.
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3. MAINTENANCE PARADE 0900 hrs. 7/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR THURSDAY 7/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.      2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Buchan M.J.  
Gnr. Skjeie S.  
Gnr. Ryan G.

Gnr. O'Malley C.R. to  
report to Launch "York"  
for duty.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 7/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 8/12/39.

Gnr. Snow C.H.; Gnr. Engelen A.L.D.; Gnr. Spring R.





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ME

19NBW

O.C. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

DEC 6

176 HAVE ARRANGED WITH ORDNANCE TO SHIP TWELVE COLTMAN LAMPS  
TODAY STOP PLEASE SUBMIT INDENT FOR SAME

H.O. M.D. XI

1635-TD-6

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

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YORK ISLAND, R.C.

7/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 100.

BY.

MAJOR J.E. PLESCY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	8/12/39	2/Lt. G.A. Malheron.
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	8/12/39	Sgt. Upton V. Sgt. Clarke J.A.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	8/12/39	Gnr. Willoughby, H.W. Gnr. O'Malley C.R.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0630 hrs. 8/12/39  
to 0870 hrs. 9/12/39

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

# 1 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. Ramsden E.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Sgt. Upton V.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Clarke J.A.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Sgt. Davidson G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 8/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR FRIDAY 8/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Cooper F.  
Gnr. Waddy R.V.  
Gnr. Wilson J.R.

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Cholowski W. to  
report to Launch "York"  
for duty.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 8/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 9/12/39.

Pte. Arzol A.; Pte. Stark E.; Pte. Harris J.

(OVER)

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

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YORK ISLAND, B.C.

7/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 100.

6. INFORMATION.

Please note the attached extract from the Defence of Canada Regulations, Reg. # 16.

No person shall, in any manner likely to prejudice the safety of the State or the efficient prosecution of the war, obtain, record, communicate to any other person, publish, or have in his possession any document or other record whatsoever containing, or conveying any information being, or purporting to be, information with respect to any of the following matters, that is to say:-

- (a) the number, description, armament, equipment, disposition, movement or condition of any of His Majesty's forces, vessels or aircraft;
- (b) any operations or projected operations of any of His Majesty's forces, vessels or aircraft;
- (c) any measure for the defence or fortification of any place on behalf of His Majesty;
- (d) the number, description or location of any prisoners of war;
- (e) munitions of war;
- (f) any other matter <sup>so</sup> whatever information as to which would or might be directly or indirectly useful to the enemy.

7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Attention is directed to the attached tentative leave list.



AC1E            CIF            MV            TD            1150            35 KBW  
O.C. YORK ISLAND                            VICTORIA    DEC 7

184 YOUR SIX DASH ONE DASH E DASH ONE NINE SEVEN DATED  
FIFTH DECEMBER LEAVE APPROVED STOP TO BE SHOWN IN YOUR ORDERS  
ALSO NAME OF OFFICER WHO ASSUMES COMMAND DURING YOUR ABSENCE

A AND A ELEVEN

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

8/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 101

BY.

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	9/12/39	2/Lt. G.A. Halheron.
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	9/12/39	Sgt. Clarke J.A. L/Sgt. Ramsden E.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	9/12/39	Gnr. O'Malley C.R. Gnr. Willoughby W.H.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 9/12/39.  
to 0830 hrs. 10/12/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

# 1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Upton V.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.H.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Davidson G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Bdr. Darby G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MORNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 9/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR SATURDAY 9/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Bdr. Darby G.  
Gnr. Snow C.H.  
Gnr. Spring R.

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Foote J.K. to report  
to Launch "York" for duty.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 9/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 10/12/39.

Gnr. Adrich D.; Gnr. Christensen H.; Gnr. Knight J.F.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. S-1-F 219

8 December, 1939.

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

Shipments.

Reference your STV<sup>2</sup>SUP-1, dated 4th December.

1. We have for acknowledgement the above letter together with enclosure from Union Steamships Ltd.
2. With reference to para 1 of their letter, which states that one case of marmalade was landed and that there was no marking on this particular case.
3. For your information, the S.S. Venture did not call at York Island as previously scheduled; and, when the ship passed us without calling, the Launch was sent to Sayward dock to pick up any shores which it might have left. The manifest was found in the middle of a pile of stores marked for York Island, but one carton was checked short; and, if the steamer landed an unmarked carton of marmalade, the officer who accompanied the detail with the Launch had no means of knowing that this unmarked carton was for us.
4. Had we known that the York Island call would be cancelled, arrangements would have been made to meet the vessel.
5. We will try to investigate the disposition of this case of marmalade with the storekeeper at Kelsey Bay, but doubt that it will be found at this late date.
6. With reference to the last sentence in their para 2, we always make a point of checking out shipments when landed, but in this particular case it was not done for the above reason.
7. Had the purser marked this unmarked carton we would have picked it up.
8. I would stress the desirability of shipping as many a ration as possible on the S.S. Border Prince, which does call at this island. The system of landing goods on an unguarded pier open to the public at Kelsey Bay is very undesirable. I cannot guarantee that we will be able to meet all arrivals of Union S.S. Co., especially those arriving at night, because with an unseaworthy vessel like the H.S. York which is not equiped with a spotlight it is often too dangerous to send men over at night. Under these circumstances, I cannot be held responsible for stores landed at Kelsey Bay, especially at night.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 8-3-E 203

8 December, 1939.

D.O.O., H.D. XI.

Victoria, B. C.

Lanterns

1. Enclosed is indent for Coleman Lanterns sent in on telegraphed orders from H.Q. H.D. XI.
2. We have added to it extra mantles, generators, and other spare parts. The Navy has loaned us two or three and our experience is that these things are absolutely necessary, as the Coleman Lamp while an excellent light is constantly going wrong.
3. The cost of these spare parts is very small only a few cents each.
4. These lamps will be very useful, as our hurricane lamps are gradually being rendered useless, because of broken chimneys. They crack whenever they are taken out in the rain, and the men have to use them in the rainy weather owing to the deep mud. An indent has been sent forward for more chimneys which we hope will arrive safely.



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3C1E            C1E            MV            TD 1843       57NBW  
O.C. YORK ISLAND                          VICTORIA  
DTC 8

210 FURTHER MY 134 OF 5 DECEMBER 1 OFFICER 14 OR'S 3 SL BTY  
PROCEEDING BY UNION S.S. LEAVING VANCOUVER MONDAY 1800 HOURS  
11 DECEMBER STOP PERSONNEL ON ARRIVAL WILL BE ATTACHED TO 85  
BATY STOP ADVISE WHEN ACCOMODATION IS AVAILABLE FOR REMAINDER  
OF DETACHMENT ALSO FOR 6 ORS REQUIRED TO BRING 85 BTY TO FULL  
ESTABLISHMENT

A & Q M.D. XI

Received in cipher.



A & Q M.D. X1  
VICTORIA

YORK ISLAND  
DEC 8

220 YOUR 210 PLEASE SHIP REINFORCEMENTS CARDENA TUESDAY  
NOT MONDAY REFER MY LETTER E166 DATED 25 NOVEMBER STOP A  
ACCOMODATION REMAINDER DETACHMENT AND SIX O.R.\* AVAILABLE  
WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER REFER LETTER 5 DECEMBER FILE  
6-6-E 194.

**o.c. york island.**

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

9/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 102

BY.

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	10/12/39	2/Lt. G.A. Mulhern.
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	10/12/39	1/Sgt. Ramsden F. Sgt. Cox S.D.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	10/12/39	Gnr. Willoughby W.H. Gnr. O'Malley C.R.

DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 10/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 11/12/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

# 1 GUN DETACHMENT.

1/Sgt. McAfee A.M.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

1/Sgt. Ramsden F.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Bdr. Darby G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Sgt. Clarke J.A.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 10/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 10/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Mayman C.  
Gnr. Cameron R.E.

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. McConnell J.S. to  
report to Launch "York" for  
duty.

5. ENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 10/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 11/12/39.

Gnr. Willoughby W.H.; Gnr. Blackburn J.W.; Gnr. McGeragle J.



## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

6-2-E 204

9 December, 1939.

Headquarters, M.D. XI.

Victoria, B. C.

York Island Garrison Strength Return.December 9th, 1939.

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
85th Heavy Battery R.C.A.	3	69	72
5th Heavy Battery R.C.A.	-	2	2
10th Fort. Sig. Coy. R.C.C.S.	-	3	3
"C" Coy. 2 (MG) C. Sot. Regt.	-	14	14
No. 11 Det. R.C.A.S.C.	1	1	1
R.C.A.M.C.	1	-	1
<b>Total Strength</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>93</b>
<u>ATTACHED</u>			
R.C.N.	1	5	6
R.C.N. Civilian Employees	-	3	3
	<b>5</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>102</b>



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YORK ISLAND, R.C.

18/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 103.

BY.

MAJOR J.W. PITNEY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	11/12/39	2/Lt. G.A. Mulheron.
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	11/12/39	Sgt. Cox S.D. L/Sgt. McAfee A.H.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	11/12/39	Gnr. O'Malley C.R. Gnr. Willoughby W.H.

DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 11/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 12/12/39

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

# 1 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. Ramsden F.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Sgt. Upton V.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Clarke J.A.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Sgt. Davidson G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

2. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 11/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUE FOR MONDAY 11/12/39.

1. SAHITARY FATIGUE.

L/Bdr. Richardson A.  
Gnr. Jordison E.  
Gnr. Knight J.F.

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Mumford H.A. to report  
to Launch "York" for duty.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 11/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 12/12/39.

Gnr. Schofield A.L.; Gnr. Skjeie S.; Gnr. Ryan G.

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YORK ISLAND, B.C.

10/11/39.

PART I      ORDERS # 105.

6. ADDRESSING MAIL.      (V. & F. V. A. ORDER).

Attention of all Units is drawn to C.A.S.F. Routine Order No. 181. This Order should be repeated in Unit Orders:

1. All mail intended for the member of the Canadian Active Service Force after proceeding overseas should be addressed as follows:-

Regimental Number  
Rank  
Name  
Unit (name of Battalion, Battery, Engineer company, Field Ambulance, etc.)  
C.A.S.F.  
c/o Base Post Office, Canada.

The address should, as far as possible, be printed in clear, distinct block letters and all mails should bear the return address or the sender.

As far as possible, all mail should be addressed in ink but in no case should indelible pencil be used.

All mail must be properly prepaid.

7. VENTRAL DISTASTE--WARNING CARDS.

Reference C.A.S.F. Routine Order No. 171 dated 29th Nov./39

M.P.'s W 122 are being distributed to all detachments. These cards will be retained in the possession of all ranks and will be produced on all kit inspections.



8th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A., CASE.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

11/12/39.

PAGE I ORDERS # 104.

BY.

MAJOR J.V. PIERCE.

1. DUTIES.
- |  |          |  |
|--|----------|--|
| To be Orderly Officer                    | 12/12/39 | 2/Lt. G.A. Malheron.                       |
| To be Orderly Sergeant<br>next for duty  | 12/12/39 | L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.<br>Sgt. Pearce H.C.     |
| To be Orderly Trumpeter<br>next for duty | 12/12/39 | Cnr. Willoughby H.V.<br>Cnr. O'Salley C.R. |

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 12/12/39  
to 0870 hrs. 13/12/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

# 1 gun Detachment.

Sgt. Upton V.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Davidson G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Cnr. Darby G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 12/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. PAUSE FOR TUESDAY 12/12/39.

1. SANITARY PAUSE.

Cnr. Mills W.J.  
Cnr. Kitching R.  
Cnr. Blackburn J.W.

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Cnr. Luney R.J. to report  
to Launch "York" for duty.

5. ENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 12/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 13/12/39.

Cnr. Cooper F.; Cnr. Waddy R.V.; Cnr. Wilson J.R.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 9-2-R 215

11 December, 1979.

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

Cartridges S.A. Ball.

Reference your C.L. V27-1-10-2.

This unit has on charge 28,148 rounds of Cartridges  
S.A. Ball 303" MC. VII at this date. This includes  
7,050 rounds for machine gun use only.



D  
H.Q. M.D. XI.

YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

DEC 11

221 REFERENCE YOUR 262 STOP MEDICAL REEXAMINATION COMPLETED 88  
ALL RANKS STOP ONE MAN NOT BOARDED ~~XXX~~ IS NOW IN USQUINALE  
ON LEAVE TO REPORT TO MEDICAL BOARD STOP TWO MEN REQUIRE  
SPECIAL EXAMINATION STOP THIS RECOMMENDED STOP RECOMMENDED CATEGORY  
OF TWO MEN BE RAISED STOP CATEGORY FOUR OTHERS DOUBTFUL STOP  
79 MEN CATEGORY UNCHANGED STOP NONE DISCHARGED STOP ALL MEN  
1 AND 2 ARE HELD BY 15th (VAN) COAST BDE IN VANCOUVER

O.C. YORK ISLAND



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101E            CLF            RP    TD    1150    36NEW

O.C. YORK ISLAND                    VICTORIA DEC 11

262    REFERENCE MEDICAL REEXAMINATION C.A.S.F. ROUTINE ORDER  
93 PERSONNEL FOUND CATEGORY "F" STOP WERE NUMBER INVOLVED STOP  
NUMBER DISCHARGED TO DATE STOP NUMBER BEING HELD STOP ESTIMATED  
NUMBER DOUBTFUL STOP URGENT

D.A.A.G. ELEVEN.

A  
A.A. & Q.M.G. H.D.XI

YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

DEC 11

222 YOUR 210 PLEASE INSTRUCT REINFORCEMENTS BRING B'YDS  
BLANKETS MATTRESSES CROCKERY CULLERY STOP UNDERSTAND  
THESE ALREADY ISSUED TO ONE SL. REGT.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

sent in cipher.  
no confirmation copy

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

12/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 106.

BY.

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	12/12/39	2/Lt. G.A. Mulhern.
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	12/12/39	Sgt. Pearce H.C. Sgt. Upton V.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	12/12/39	Gnr. O'Malley C.R. Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 12/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 14/12/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

# 1 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

L/Sgt. Ramsden E.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Bdr. Darby G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Sgt. Clarke J.A.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MARCHING PARADE 0900 hrs. 12/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR WEDNESDAY 12/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Burgess J.  
Gnr. O'Malley C.R.  
Gnr. Schofield A.L.

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Skjeie S. to report  
to Launch "York" for duty.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 12/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 14/12/39.

Pte. Harris J.; Pte. Pattison C.L.; Pte. Rutledge C.W.



88th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A., CASE.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

12/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 106

BY.

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY.

1. COURT OF ENQUIRY.

A Court of Enquiry will be held at York Island at the earliest possible moment to enquire into the alleged conduct of End. Lieut Grant A. Mulheron on, or about, the 25th day of November and on, or about, the 9th and 10th day of December 1939.

The following are the members:-

Capt. R.H. Jorgensen, R.C.A. President.  
Lieut. F. Jackson, R.C.N.R.  
Lieut. J.R. Kidston, R.C.N.V.R.

The court will examine witnesses under oath and will submit the evidence in writing on the alleged stories made by L/Sgt. McAfee A.M., Sgt. Clarke J.A., Bdr. Darby G., and any others they may call.



86th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A., CAMP.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

15/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 107.

BY.

MAJOR J.W. FURCY.

1. DEUTY.

To be Orderly Officer	14/12/39	Capt. R.H. Jorgensen.
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	14/12/39	Sgt. Upton V. Sgt. Clarke J.A.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	14/12/39	Gnr. Willoughby H.W. Gnr. O'Malley C.R.

2. DEUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 14/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 15/12/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

# 1 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. Remsen F.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Sgt. Upton V.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Clarke J.A.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Sgt. Davidson G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 14/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUE FOR TUESDAY 14/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Dyer A.  
Gnr. Cochrane W.A.  
Pte. Leedsen C.L.

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Cooper F. to report to  
Launch "York" for duty.

5. STRIKE DEUTY from 1800 hrs. 14/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 15/12/39.

Gnr. Hayman C.; Gnr. Cameron B.W.; Gnr. McConnell.



401E      CIF      RP    TD      1953      31NW  
O.C. YORK ISLAND      VICTORIA  
MPC 13

343 REFERENCE MY 282 SHC-A1-HI DATED 5 DECEMBER R.C.A.  
ADVISE VESSEL WILL LEAVE FOR YORK ISLAND 1630 HOURS WEDNESDAY  
RETURNING TO ESQUIMALT LEAVING YORK ISLAND 15 DECEMBER

A. & Q. ELEVEN.

received in cipher

88th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.A. CAMP.

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YORK ISLAND, R.C.

14/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 108

BY.

MAJOR J.E. PATRICK.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	15/12/39	Lt. J.P. Keen.
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	15/12/39	Sgt. Clarke J.A. L/Sgt. Ramsden F.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	15/12/39	Gnr. O'Malley C.R. Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 15/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 16/12/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

# 1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Upton V.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Davidson G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Bdr. Derby G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE from 0900 hrs. 15/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR FRIDAY 15/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

L/Bdr. Jones D.D.  
Gnr. Power P.L.  
Bdr. DeLace F.

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Foote J.K. to report  
to Launch "York" for duty.

5. STERY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 15/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 16/12/39.

L/Bdr. Richardson A.; Gnr. Jordison E.; Gnr. Knight J.F.

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

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YORK ISLAND. R.C.

14/12/39.

PART I ORDRES # 108.

6. CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The Executive and Members of the Lion's Gate Riding and Polo Club War Service have extended an invitation to all ranks of the Bde. and their respective wives and children to attend a Christmas Party to be held at the Beesborough Armouries on Friday, the 22nd. December, 1939, and 1930 hrs.

7. DISCIPLINE.

Everything in the nature of combination to obtain redress of grievances is strictly forbidden among individuals composing a military force. Each individual must speak for himself alone. Appeals for redress by "round robins" or by means of any document bearing the signature of more than one complainant are strictly forbidden.

(K.R. Can. Sec. VIII, para 419)

8. CERTIFICATES OF QUALIFICATION.

All ranks on York Island are required to submit to the Orderly Room details of any Certificates of Qualification e.g., "A" Wing, "B" Wing, "C" Wing, etc., signifying certificates etc., which they may hold.

This information to be submitted as early as possible.





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RP

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43NW

O.C. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

DEC 14

354 H.M.C.S. ARMENTIERES ARRIVING FROM PRINCE RUPERT EITHER  
SAT OR SUNDAY PROCEEDING TO VANCOUVER STOP WIRE ME IF ANY  
PERSONNEL WISH TO PROCEED TO VANCOUVER ON LEAVE AND ARRANGEMENTS  
WILL BE MADE FOR ARMENTIERES TO STOP AT YORK ISLAND

G.S.O. M.D.XI

received in cipher.

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501E C1F GC JN 1807 46 NBW  
OFFICER COMMANDING VICTORIA  
YORK ISLAND DEC 14

379 REFERENCE YOUR 7-3-E 202 DATED 8th DECEMBER 1939 ARRANGEMENTS  
BEING MADE FOR RELIEF OF LIEUTENANT GANCHORN BY MAJOR W.L.  
BOULTER STOP YOU WILL BE ADVISED WHEN THIS OFFICER WILL REPORT  
FOR DUTY

A AND Q ELEVEN.

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

YORK ISLAND, R.C.

16/12/39.

PAGE I ORDERS # 109.

BY.

MAJOR J.A. PIERCE.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	16/12/39	Lt. J.F. Keen.
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	16/12/39	L/Sgt. Ramsden F. Sgt. Moore J.E.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	16/12/39	Gnr. Willoughby H.W. Gnr. O'Salley C.R.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0630 hrs. 16/12/39  
to 0630 hrs. 17/12/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

# 1 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.H. and 6 O.R.s as detailed.	L/Sgt. Ramsden F. and 6 O.R.s as detailed.
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# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Darby C. and 6 O.R.s as detailed.	Sgt. Clarke J.A. and 6 O.R.s as detailed.
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3. MARCHING PARADE 0900 hrs. 16/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. PATROLS FOR SATURDAY 16/12/39.

1. BARITARY PATROL.

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Sgt. Charlwell U.H.  
Gnr. McCann J.B.  
Gnr. Dunwoody L.

Gnr. Mayman to report to  
Launch "York" for duty.

5. SENTRY To clean up canteen at 2130 hrs. Gnr. Cameron B.W.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 16/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 17/12/39.

Pte. DeLace F.; Pte. Leeson C.L.; Pte. Hilder J.

NOTE.

Sanitary detail to scrub out Mess Hall daily in future.

Men detailed to clean up canteen will clear tables and sweep up each night after canteen closes.



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O.C. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

DEC 15

384 5 O.R.s 85th BTY AND 19 O.R.s SEARCHLIGHT BTY WILL  
ARRIVE YORK ISLAND 1430 HRS 20th DECEMBER

A. & Q. ELEVEN.

received in cipher

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

YORK ISLAND, B. C.

16/12/39

PART I ORDERS # 110

BY.

MAJOR J.E. FITZKY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	17/12/39	Lt. J.P. Keen.
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	17/12/39	Sgt. Moore J.S. Sgt. Cox S.D.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	17/12/39	Gnr. O'Malley C.R. Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 17/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 18/12/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. Ramsden E.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Sgt. Upton V.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Clarke J.A.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Sgt. Davidson G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE for 0900 hrs. 17/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 17/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Cooper F.  
Gnr. Cholowski W.  
Gnr. Fraser E.S.

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Pte. Arrol A. to report to  
Launch for duty.

5. Canteen Detail.

Gnr. Knight J.F.

6. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 17/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 18/12/39.

Gnr. Waddy R.V.; Gnr. Cochrane W.A.; Gnr. Wilson J.F.

*Lt. Col. Carter Gnr. O'Malley Gnr. Vail.*



D.A. & Q M.D. XI

YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

DEC 16

229 YOUR 403 SUGGEST <sup>ESCORT</sup> ~~REPLY~~ TAKE UNION VESSEL MONDAY ARRIVE  
KELSEY BAY TWENTY THREE FIFTY-NINE HOURS TUESDAY TO STOP  
WE DELIVER MULHERON UNDER ESCORT TO UNION VESSEL KELSEY  
BAY RETURN BY SAME VESSEL STOP UNLESS THIS DONE NEXT VESSEL  
WOULD BE SATURDAY NIGHT.

C.C. YORK ISLAND.

H.Q. V.D. VI.

YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA B.C.

16th. DECEMBER 1939

OUR LETTER SEVEN DASH THREE DA H E TWO NOUGHT ONE DETACHMENT  
TWO CANADIAN SCOTTISH PLEASE ADVISE IF ARRANGEMENTS MADE TRANSFER  
AND DATE

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

RCAF Station Vancouver

16th December 1939

228 Number 633 departed 1700 hours for Alert Bay

O.C. York Island



2.C.I.E. C.I.F. J.A. T.O. 1130

26.N.B.W.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

DECEMBER 16th.

403 OFFICER COMMANDING VANCOUVER AREA HAS BEEN ORDERED TO SEND AN  
OFFICER TO YORK ISLAND TO CONDUCT LIEUTENANT MULHERON FROM HIS  
PRESENT STATION TO VICTORIA

D.A.Q. ELEVEN.

## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File 6-S-E.220

16 December, 1939.

Headquarters, H.D. XI.

Victoria, B. C.

York Island Garrison Strength Return.December 16th, 1939.

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
85th Heavy Battery R.C.A.	3	68	71
5th Heavy Battery R.C.A.		3	3
5 T.P. 3 S.L. Regt. R.C.A.	1	14	15
10 Fortress Sig. Coy. R.C.C.S.		3	3
"C" Coy 8 (MG) Can. Sect. Regt.		14	14
No. 11 Det. R.C.A.S.C.		1	1
R.C.A.M.C.	1	-	1
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Total Strength	6	103	109
 <u>ATTACHED.</u>			
R.C.M.	1	5	6
R.C.E. Civilian Employees	-	3	3
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	6	111	117
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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.C

File No. 6-1-E.226

16 December, 1939.

D.A. & C.M.G. M.D. XI.

Victoria B.C.

End Lieut. Mulheron.

Reference your telegram 403, dated 16 December, 1939.

1. The Union Steamship Co. S.S. Venture leave Vancouver, Monday evening, and arrives at Kelsey Bay about 2359 Hours Tuesday, 19th December. From there it returns to Vancouver.
2. I have suggested that escort from Vancouver travels on this vessel and I will arrange to deliver Lieut. Mulheron to him at Kelsey Bay. If he comes on to York Island to take his prisoner, he will not be able to get away till late Saturday night, December, 23rd, arriving Vancouver December 24th, arriving Victoria December 25th.
3. Replacement for Lieut. Mulheron.

Can another experienced artillery Lieutenant be sent up to replace this officer as soon as possible please. While my leave has been approved from December 24 to January 1st, and Capt. Jorgensen from 7th to 15th of January, I do not see how either of us can take this leave as it would result in the island having one artillery officer and one Searchlight Subaltern, who does not know much about artillery work.

4. If another experienced artillery Lieutenant was sent, up this leave could be arranged as we would then have three artillery officers on the island, which would allow one to go on leave.
5. Lieut. J.P. Keen of 3 S.L. Bty. appears to be likely to be a good artillery officer, but he needs training in artillery work.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 8-O-1-R.228

16 December, 1939.

Headquarters, M.D. XI,

Victoria, B. C.

Attention Ordnance Officer.

Motor Boat "York".

Reference your letter E 141, dated Nov. 15th 1939.

1. Please forward the eight lifebelts and one 8", 6 volt spotlight promised in your letter.
2. Also please have the engineer forward the material for cupboard.
3. As an example of my difficulties, I may state that this boat is taking 8 men on leave plus two men crew, over tomorrow morning to Kelsey Bay, for S.S. Cardena. This boat has to leave here at 0600 hrs. in the dark and proceed through Johnston Straits, which is a rough sea, and full of drift logs, without spotlight and with only 4 lifebelts. If the boat strikes a log in the dark and sinks, there is liable to be a sever drowning accident.



85TH. HEAVY BATTERY RCTAL

YORK ISLAND R.C.

17th December 1939

PART I ORDERS #111.

BY

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer 18/12/39 Lt. J.P. Egan  
To be Orderly Sergeant 18/12/39 Sgt. Cox S.D.  
Next for Duty Sgt. Pearce H.C.

To be Orderly Trumpeter 18/12/39 Car. Willoughby H.W.  
Next for Duty Car. O'Malley C.R.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 18/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 19/12/39.

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Upton  
and G.O.R.s as detailed

L/Sgt. McAffee  
and G.O.R.s as detailed

#2. GUN DETACHMENT

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

Bdr. Darby G.  
and G.O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE. for 0900 hrs. 18/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR MONDAY 18/12/39

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Bdr. Darby G.  
Car. Spring R.  
Bte. Harris J.

2. LAUNCH DETAIL

Car. Power P. to report  
to launch York for Duty

3. CANTEN DETAIL. Car. Foote J.V.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 18/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 19/12/39

Car. Waddy E.V. Car. Cochrane W.A. Car. Wilson J.R.



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O.C. YORK ISLAND

D.A.Q. M.D. XI

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DEC 18

420 DETACHMENT CANADIAN SCOTTISH LEAVING VANCOUVER 2100 HRS  
 19 DECEMBER ARRIVING SAYWARD 0900 HRS 20 DECEMBER STOP O.C.  
 YORK ISLAND TO ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN SAYWARD AND YORK  
 ISLAND STOP AUTHORITY GRANTED PTE WHITEHOUSE TO COME OUT WITH  
 RELIEVED DETACHMENT STOP RELIEVED DET. WILL LEAVE SAYWARD  
 0400 HRS 21 DECEMBER ON SAME WHICH BOAT ARRIVING VANCOUVER  
 1600 HOURS 21 DEC.

D.A.Q. M.D.XI

Received in cipher.

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YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

DFC 17

EZE RE YOUR NF 403 HAVE ARRANGED TO SEND LIEUT ROYCE WITH  
LIEUT MULLERON ON S.S. PRINCESS ADELAIDE ARRIVING VANCOUVER  
0700 HRS DEC 18

O.C. YORK ISLAND

Repeated to O.C. Vancouver Area.

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

18/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 112

BY.

MAJOR J.W. FITZROY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	19/12/39	Lt. J.P. Keen.
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	19/12/39	Sgt. Pearce H.C. 1/Sgt. McAfee A.H.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	19/12/39	Gnr. O'Malley C.R. Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 19/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 20/12/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

# 1 GUN DETACHMENT

Sgt. Cox S.D.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

L/Bdr. Parker J.L.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Bdr. Derby G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Clarke J.A.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MARCHING PARADE 0900 hrs. 19/12/39.

M.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR TUESDAY 19/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

L/Bdr. Jones D.D.  
Gnr. Foote J.K.  
Gnr. Power P.L.

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Cochrane W.A. to report  
to Launch "York" for duty.

3. CREW DETAIL.

Gnr. Wilson J.R. to

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 19/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 20/12/39.

Pte. Evans H.; Pte. Arrol A.; Pte. Geary A.H.





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DHO ARRANGING TOMORROW MORNING

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VICTORIA DEC 18

O C YORK ISLAND

448 REFERENCE 7-3-E 202 DATED 8TH DECEMBER 1939 STOP MAJOR W L BOULTER  
MEDICALS WILL LEAVE VANCOUVER EVENING 26TH DECEMBER ARRIVING YORKISLAND  
27TH DECEMBER TO RELIEVE LIEUTENANT J A GANSHORN WHO WILL REPORT TO  
O C 15TH COAST BRIGADE FOR DUTY

A AND Q ELEVEN

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O.C. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

DEC 18

426 S.S. CATALA CANNOT DOCK AT SAYWARD WHARF THEREFORE YOU  
MUST ARRANGE FOR YOUR BOAT TO TRANSFER PARTY TO STEAMER IN  
STREAM EARLY MORNING ~~21st~~ DECEMBER STOP SHIP WILL BROADCAST ARRIVAL  
IN CHANNEL-

D S & T O ELEVEN

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 4-6-7,220

18 December, 1939.

Royal Canadian School of Artillery,

Esquimalt, B. C.

4.7" Q.F., Mk VII, Land Service.

1. Would it be possible for you to make up a number of multigraphed precis of the equipment and ammunition for this gun, somewhat similar to those you have made for 15 pdr. and 6" guns.
2. At present the only hand books we have are very obsolete and we are informed that some of the nomenclatures have been changed. After the new year, I am instructing Sgt. McAllister to start a course of training for N.C.O.'s for which we will need this precis.
3. Please advise if it would be possible to have an examination so that these N.C.O.'s can be qualified in Coast Defence Gunnery. Most of them have been Field or Anti-aircraft, and very few have had more than two camps Coast Defence as this Battery was only converted in 1938.



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YORK ISLAND. R.C.

19/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 115.

6. CORRESPONDENCE COURSE, C.M. SGTS.

A correspondence course for C.M. Sgts. will be held commencing 8th Jan. 1940. Allotment of vacancies are limited. Candidates must be of suitable education and character. A preliminary test paper will be held to test candidates educational qualifications prior to acceptance for this course. Applications must be submitted on or before Dec. 22nd.

7. CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION.

Information required in Part I Orders No. 108, para 8, dated 14/12/39., must be submitted to the orderly room on or before Dec. 22nd.

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

19/12/39

PART I ORDERS # 117

BY.

MAJOR J.E. PITNEY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	20/12/39	Lt. J.P. Keen.
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	20/12/39	L/Sgt. McAfee A.M. Sgt. Woodhouse, J.A.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	20/12/39	Gnr. Willoughby H.W. Gnr. O'Malley C.R.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0820 hrs. 20/12/39.  
to 0830 hrs. 21/12/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

# 1 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Bdr. Parker J.L.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

L/Bdr. Richardson A.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Clarke J.A.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MORNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 20/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR WEDNESDAY 20/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

L/Bdr. Richardson A.  
Gnr. Waddy R.V.  
Gnr. Martell W.L.  
Gnr.

2. LAUNCH DETAIL

Bdr. Darby G. to report to  
Launch "York" for duty.

3. CANTEEN.

Gnr. Cooper F. to

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 20/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 21/12/39.

Gnr. Adzich D.; Gnr. Humphries L.; Gnr. McCordell J.



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VICTORIA DEC 19

471 RADIO 426 CANCELLED STOP UNION S S COZ ADVISE CATALA  
WILL CALL AT SAYWARD WHARF BETWEEN 2400 HRS 20 DEC 0200 HRS  
21 DEC TO PICK UP YORK ISLAND DETACHMENT

D S & T O M D ELEVEN

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Received in cipher

85th. NAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

20/12/39

PART I. ORDERS #114

BY

MAJOR J.E. FIVROY.

1. DUTY. To be Orderly Officer 20/12/39 Lt. J.F. Keen  
To be Orderly Sergeant 21/12/39 Sgt. Woodhouse  
Next for Duty Sgt. Clarke J.A.  
To be Orderly Trumpeter 21/12/39 Cnr. Wilson

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 Hours from 0830 hrs. 21/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 22/12/39

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Bdr. Richardson A  
and 6 O.R.S as detailed

Sgt. Cox I.D.  
and 6 O.R.S as detailed

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.B.  
and 6 O.R.S as detailed

Bdr. Darby G.  
and 6 O.R.S as detailed

3. MORNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 21/12/39

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR THURSDAY 21/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Bdr. Mills W.J.  
Cnr. Strom  
Cnr. Blackburn

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Cnr. Humphreys to report  
to Launch YORK

3. CAMPFIRE DETAIL.

Cnr McCordell

5. STOVE DUTY From 1800 hrs. 21/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 22/12/39

Cnr. Musford ; Cnr. Martell and Cnr. Jordison.

6. NOTE. In future the Seaman's G.O. of each bunkhouse will detail one man daily to clean up both inside and outside his bunkhouse. This job must be carried out first thing in the morning, so that the man will be available for duty in the afternoon.





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QUARTERMASTER

YORK ISLAND

15th (VAN) COAST BDE. R.C.A.

DWC 20

VANCOUVER

235 REFERENCE YOUR 81 WE CONCUR BUT CONSIDER SIXTY EIGHT POUNDS  
INSUFFICIENT FOR RATION STRENGTH STOP INCREASE TO ONE HUNDRED  
POUNDS IN LIEU OF BETT EACH TIME IF POSSIBLE STOP PLEASE  
ADVISE

O.C. YORK ISLAND

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O. C. YORK ISLAND

YOU WILL RECEIVE IN EXCESS OF EIGHTY TWO POUNDS STOP FORMER  
FIGURE IN ERROR

Q M 15th VAN COAST ~~SEE~~.

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VANCOUVER DEC 20

O C 85TH HEAVY BATTERY  
YORK ISLAND

81 HAVE ORDERED SIXTY EIGHT AND A HALF POUNDS OF TURKEY IN LIEU OF  
MEAT FOR CHRISTMAS STOP TO BE SHIPPED THURSDAY STOP ADVISE IF NOT  
SATISFACTORY STOP SAME FOR NEW YEARS IF DESIRED

QUARTERMASTER 15TH VAN COAST BDE

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No4-0-226.F.

20th. December 1939.

O.C. EnG.BTN.(M.G.)C.S.R.

Work Point Camp, Esquimalt, B.C.

DETACHMENT: EnG.BTN.(M.G.) C.S.R. 'C' COY.

1. The following is the Nominal Roll of the m/n Detachment that are leaving York Island 20th. December 1939.

K.62215.	Cpl. Grant A.G.
K668220.	Pte. Arrol A.
K.62224.	" DeLuce F.
K.62228.	" Evans H.
K.62231.	" Geary A.H.
K.62235.	" Harris J.
E.62224.	" Hilder J.
K.62239.	" Jackson A.W.
E.62240.	" Leedam C.L.
K.62250.	" Pattison C.L.
K.62251.	" Rutledge C.W.
K.62252.	" Starke F.

2. Enclosed are the Forms M.P.M.2. and M.P.M.4 . covering this Detachment.



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

Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY

OR

ORIGINAL

FORM 101  
1 MAR 46 23 1730  
H.Q. 117548-10

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

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

(Erase heading not required)

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

Summary of Events and Information

Remarks, references to Appendices and initials

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
	1939		
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. York Island	Dec. 21		3 O.R.'s proceeded on leave Weather: cloudy
	22		Weather: dull
	23		2 O.R.'s proceeded on leave
			Weather: cloudy
	24		Major J.S. Piercy proceeded on leave.
			Weather: rainy
			Garrison Christmas turkey dinner
	25		Weather: dull
	26		20 O.R.'s returned from leave
			Weather: cloudy
	27		Major W.L. Bouher, RCAMC, reported for duty.
			Weather: dull
	28		Christmas Services and motion pictures by Rev. Allan Green of Columbia Coast Mission
		Weather: rainy	
29		3 O.R.'s returned from leave	
		Weather: cloudy	
30		Lt. J.D. Ganshorn, RCAMC. returned to Vancouver Weather: cloudy	
31		Lt. R. Jackson, RCNR, CXO, relieved by Lt. W.R. Kirkland, R.C.N.R.	
		1 O.R. 3 S/L Bty. sent to Vancouver for dental attention	
		2 O.R.'s returned from leave	
		Weather: dull.	

*Prof Lt. Rca*



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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

21/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 118

BY.

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY.

1. DUTY.

To be Orderly Officer	22/12/39	2/Lt. W.F. Osburn.
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	22/12/39	Sgt. Clarke J.A. Sgt. Cox S.D.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	22/12/39	L/Bdr. Parker J.L. Gnr. Wilson J.R.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 22/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 23/12/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

# 1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Cox S.D.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed

L/Bdr. Parker J.L.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Bdr. Darby G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Sgt. Clarke J.A.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 22/12/39.

H. Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUE FOR FRIDAY 22/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Bdr. Meckie V.N.  
Gnr. Dinham T.  
Gnr. Holt-Barlow.A.A.

2. LAUNCH DETAIL

Gnr. Vann J.A. to be  
permanent Launch detail.

3. GAZEYER. Pte. Ervin W.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 22/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 23/12/39.

Gnr. Kitching R.; Gnr. Whitehead B.D.; Gnr. Strom V.U.

6. COURT OF ENQUIRY.

Court of Enquiry will be held at York Island at 1415 hrs.  
to investigate and report upon the loss or theft of a  
bayonet and scabbard on charge to K62356, Pte. J. Ellis  
The court will be composed as follows:

Capt. R.H. Jorgensen	R.C.A., President
Lieut J.P. Keen,	R.C.A., Member
A/Lt. J.R. Kidston	R.C.E.V.R.? Member.

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

21/12/59.

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NOTE.

Attention is called to the notice regarding Defaulters.  
These notices are posted in each bunkhouse.



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O C YORK ISLAND  
RADIO STATION  
YORK ISLAND

FV 228 SHIP RECEIVERS C S R 2 M B AS RECEIVED FROM GOLDFIELDS RADIO  
STATION AND VOUCHER SAME TO O C NUMBER TEN FORTRESS SIGNAL COMPANY  
BESSBOROUGH ARMOURIES VANCOUVER B C

C S O W C D



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O.C. 1st STARBUCKS REGT.  
VANCOUVER

YORK ISLAND  
DEC 81

236 POUNDS C EIGHT HUNDRED FOR PERSONNEL FIFTH TROOP THIRD  
BY NOT RECEIVED STOP PLEASE FORWARD ISSUO VOUCHERS FOR ALL  
STORES SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

23/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 116

BY.

MAJOR J.E. FIERCY.

1. DEUTY.

To be Orderly Officer 23/12/39 Lieut. J.P. Keen.  
To be Orderly Sergeant 23/12/39 Sgt. Cox S.D.  
next for duty Sgt. Wood A.J.

To be Orderly Trumpeter 23/12/39 L/Bdr. Parker J.L.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 23/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 24/12/39.

ON DUTY

L/Bdr. Parker J.L.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

STANDING BY.

L/Bdr. Richardson A.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Clarke J.A.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. McAfee A.M.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MORNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 23/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUE FOR SATURDAY 23/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Cholowski W.  
Gnr. Emerson W.  
Gnr. Gosby L.O.  
Gnr. Robertson D.A.

2. CANTEN DEWAIL.

Pte. Adams A.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 23/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 24/12/39.

Gnr. Dickinson A.W.; Gnr. Johnston R.M.; Gnr. Jones E.S.



86th NAVY BATTERY R.C.A., CASE.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

23/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 117

BY.

MAJOR J.E. FURCY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	24/12/39	2/Lt. W.F. Osburn
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty.	24/12/39	Sgt. Wood A.J. Sgt. Hummel F.C.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	24/12/39	L/Bdr. Parker J.L.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 24/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 25/12/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

# 1 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Bdr. Richardson A.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Bdr. Hills W.J.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.R.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Bdr. Darby G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 24/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 24/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

2. CANTYEN DETAIL.

Cpl. Fleming  
Pte. Etherington W.  
Pte. Vogel

Pte. Etherington H.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 24/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 25/12/39.

Gnr. Holt K.G.; Gnr. Dove C.L.; Gnr. Garnett C.



## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 6-2-R.244

23 December, 1939.

Headquarters, H.D. 11.

Victoria, B. C.

York Island Garrison Strength Return.December 23rd. 1939.

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
86th Heavy Battery R.C.A.	5	75	78
5th Heavy Battery R.C.A.	2	2	2
8th Tp. 3 S/L. Regt. R.C.A.	1	33	34
10th Fortress Sig. Coy R.C.C.S.		5	5
"C" Coy 2 (MG) Can. Sect. Regt.		14	14
No. 11 Det. R.C.A.S.C.		1	1
R.C.A.M.S.	1	-	1
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Total Strength	5	120	133
 <u>ATTACHED.</u>			
R.C.N.	1	5	6
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	6	125	139
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85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A., CASP.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

24/12/39.

PART I ORDERS # 118

BY.

MAJOR J.E. PERCY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	25/12/39	Lieut J.P. Keen.
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	25/12/39	Sgt. Hummel Sgt. Moore J.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	25/12/39	L/Bdr. Parker J.L.

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0830 hrs 25/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 26/12/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

# 1 GUN DETACHMENT

Bdr. Mills W.J.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed

L/Bdr. Parker J.L.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Bdr. Derby G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Clarke J.A.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 25/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR MONDAY 25/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Foote J.K.  
Gnr. Power P.L.  
Gnr. Spring R.

2. LAUNCH DETAIL

Gnr. Barber to report to  
Launch "York" for duty.

3. CATERIN DETAIL

Gnr. Philips.

5. SEETRY DUTY ffrom 1800 hrs. 25/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 26/12/39.

Gnr. Salmond; Gnr. Stocken; Gnr. Kitching C.K.



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

YORK ISLAND B.C.

25/12/39.

PART 1 ORDERS #119

BY

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer 26/12/39  
To be Orderly Sergeant 26/12/39  
next for duty

Lieut. J.P. Keen.  
Sgt. Moore, J.S.  
A/Sgt. Woodhouse.

To be orderly Trumpeter 26/12/39  
next for duty

Gnr. Wilson  
L/Bdr. Parker, J.E.

2. DUTY WATCHES. from 0830 hrs. 26/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 27/12/39

ON DUTY

L/Bdr. Parker J.L. #1 Gun.  
Sgt. Clarke J.A. #2 Gun.

STANDING BY

L/Bdr. Richardson #1 Gun.  
L/Sgt. McAfee A.E. #2 Gun.

and 6 O.R.'S as detailed for each of the above Detachments.

3. Manning Parade 0900 hrs. 26/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. Fatigues for <sup>TUESDAY</sup> ~~Monday~~ 26/12/39

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

L/Bdr. Richardson  
Gnr. Jordison  
Gnr. Knight

2. Launch Detail

Pte. Adams to report to the  
Launch "York" for duty.

3. Canteen Detail.

Gnr. Humphreys L.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 26/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 27/12/39.

Gnr. Johns H.E.; Gnr. Wadham ; Gnr. Woodward.



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26/12/39.

PART I ORDERS § 120

BY.

CAPT. R.H. JONYPHYS.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	27/12/39	E/Lt. W.F. Osburn.
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	27/12/39	A/Sgt. Woodhouse Sgt. Clarke J.A.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	27/12/39	L/Sdr. Parker J.L. Gnr. Wilson.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 27/12/39  
to 28/12/39

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

§ 1 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sdr. Richardson A.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Sdr. Mills W.J.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

§ 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Sdr. Darby G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MORNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 27/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR WEDNESDAY 27/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Kitching R.  
Gnr. Whitehead B.D.  
Pte. Adams

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Emerson W. to report  
to Launch "York" for duty.

3. CABINET DETAIL.

Gnr. Stevens.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 27/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 28/12/39.

Pte. Irvine.; Pte. Etherington H.; Pte. Etherington W.

6. Note.

Voluntary Church parade will be held in the Mess Hall  
7 P.M., Wednesday, Dec. 27th. This time is subject to change.  
The service will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Allan  
Green of the Columbia Coast Mission, and will be followed  
by two or more motion pictures as well as an impromptu  
entertainment.



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PART I ORDERS # 121

BY.

CAPT. R.H. JOHNSON.

1. DUTIES.
- |   |          |  |
|---|----------|--|
| To be Orderly Officer                   | 28/12/39 | Lt. J.P. Keen.                         |
| To be Orderly Sergeant<br>next for duty | 28/12/39 | Sgt. Clarke J.A.<br>L/Sgt. McAfee A.M. |
| To be Orderly Trumpeter                 | 28/12/39 | L/Sgt. Parker J.L.                     |
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 28/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 29/12/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

# 1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Bdr. Mills W.J.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

L/Bdr. Parker J.L.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Bdr. Darby G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Sgt. Clarke J.A.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MORNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 28/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUE FOR THURSDAY 28/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Bdr. Mills W.J.  
Gnr. Jones R.S.  
Pte. Scott

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. McCardell to report  
to Launch "York" for duty.

3. CANTEEN DETAIL.

Pte. Pugh.

5. VEHICLE DUTY from 1800 hrs. 28/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 29/12/39.

Gnr. Emerson W.; Gnr. Goshay L.O.; Gnr. Holt-Barlow A.A.

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6. SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION.

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

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

- (a) The disposition, movement, or projected movement of warships, merchant ships, troops or aircraft.
- (b) Details as to numbers, armament, equipment or condition of ships of all kinds, troops or aircraft.
- (c) Any measures which have been taken or which are projected for the defence of any place.

7. X-RAY EXAMINATION.

1. Personnel going on leave must report to X-Ray Dept. Shaughnessy Military Hospital, Vancouver, to have chest X-Ray.

2. It is necessary that all personnel have chest X-Ray examination carried out before returning to York Island.

3. This does not apply to those who have already had this examination.

8. NEW YEAR'S DANCE.

A New Year's celebration and dance will be held at the Sayward Hall on Saturday night December 30th, 1939. Admission is Gents 50¢, Ladies 25¢, including horns, hats, balloons, novelties, etc. We are also asked to take over any musical instruments available.



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PART I      ORDERS # 122

BY.

CAPT. R.H. JOHNSON

1. DUTIES.
- |   |          |  |
|---|----------|--|
| To be Orderly Officer                   | 29/12/39 | Lt. W.F. Osburn                        |
| To be Orderly Sergeant<br>next for duty | 29/12/39 | L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.<br>Sgt. Davidson G. |
| To be Orderly Trumpeter                 | 29/12/39 | Gnr. Willoughby H.V.                   |
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 29/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 30/12/39

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT

L/Sgt. Ramsden E.  
and 6 O.R.'s as detailed

Sgt. Upton V.  
and 6 O.R.'s as detailed.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Clarke J.A.  
and 6 O.R.'s as detailed

Sgt. Davidson G.  
and 6 O.R.'s as detailed.

3. HANNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 29/12/39 .

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR FRIDAY 29/12/39

1. BAITARY FATIGUE

Gnr. Cooper Y.  
Gnr. Holt  
Gnr. Dove

2. LAUNCH DETAIL

Gnr. Waddy to report to  
Launch "York" for duty.

3. CANTINE DETAIL

Gnr. Gernett.

5. ENTRY DUTY FROM 1800 hrs. 29/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 30/12/39.

Gnr. Schofield A.L.; Gnr. Veil; Gnr. Roberts.



88th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CAMP

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

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PART I CENTRE # 123

BY.

CAPT. R.H. JOHNSON

1. DUTIES.
- |                                      |          |                                     |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| To be Orderly Officer                | 30/12/39 | Lt. F.R. Keen.                      |
| To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty | 30/12/39 | Sgt. Davidson G.<br>Sgt. Ramsden T. |
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 30/12/39 to 0830 hrs. 31/12/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

# 1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Woodhouse (Sgt. Upton)  
and 6 O.R.'s as detailed.

Sgt. Wood (Sgt. McAfee)  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed

# 2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Davidson G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

Sgt. Moore (Sdr. Darby G)  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 30/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 30/12/39.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Willoughby H.W.  
Gnr. Luney R.J.  
Gnr. McGeragle J.  
Pte. Waugh

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Pte. McQueen to report to  
Launch "York" for duty.

3. CAMP DETAIL.

Gnr. Blackburn.

5. STRIKING DUTY FROM 1800 hrs 30/12/39 to 0600 hrs. 31/12/39.

Gnr. Waddy.; Gnr. Wilson.; Gnr. Fraser.

NOTE.

Sanitary detail to remove garbage from officer's mess at 1400 hrs. daily.



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PART I ORDERS # 124

BY.

CAPT. R.S. JOSEPH.

X RAY EXAMINATION.

With reference to daily order Part I, # 121, para 7, dated 27/12/39, the following R.C.O.'s and men are detailed to report to the M.O. 15th (Van) Coast Bde., R.C.A., CASP, to arrange an appointment for an X Ray chest examination at the Shegnessy Military Hospital, while they are in Vancouver on leave.

X 17028 B.C.M. Woodward S.P.L.  
X 17029 Sgt. Opton V.  
X 17030 " Cox S.D.  
X 17031 " Clarke J.A.  
X 17034 L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.  
X 17033 Bdr. Thurlwell W.R.  
X 17036 " Cox H.C.  
X 17038 " Mills W.J.  
X 17039 " Derby C.  
X 17040 L/Bdr. Garrett F.C.  
X 17041 " Richardson A.  
X 17042 " Jones D.D.  
X 17061 " Parker J.L.  
X 17045 Cmr. Atkins D.A.  
X 17053 " Foote J.K.A.  
X 17054 " Fox P.S.  
X 25011 " Jones E.W.  
X 17007 " Kitching C.K.  
X 17008 " Kitching R.  
X 17057 " Knight J.F.  
X 17058 " Luney R.P.  
X 17024 " Mumford H.A.  
X 17062 " Parrott H.I.  
X 17066 " Spring R.D.  
X 17018 " *Waddy R.N.*



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PART I ORDERS #125.

BY

CAPTAIN R.R. JORDAN.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer 31/12/39 S/Lt. H.F. Osburn  
To be Orderly Sergeant 31/12/39 L/Sgt. Rowden T.  
Next for Duty Sgt. Russell

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 31/12/39  
to 0830 hrs. 1/1/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Wood  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed

L/Sgt. Rowden T.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT

Sgt. Darby G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Russell.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed.

3. KITCHEN PARADE. 0900 hrs. 31/12/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 31/12/39

1. SANITARY FATIGUE

Cnr. Barber  
Cnr. Phillips  
Pte. Irvine

2 LAUNCH DETAIL.

Cnr. Salmon to report to  
Launch York for Duty

3.

CADET DETAIL

Cnr. Snow C.M.

5. SENTRY DUTY FROM 1800 hrs. 31/12/39 to 0600 hrs 1/1/40

Pte. Begoff J. Pte Pugh and Pte Vogel.



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BY

CAPTAIN R.A. JORDISON.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer 1/1/40 Lt. J.P. Keen  
To be Orderly Sergeant 1/1/40 Sgt. Russell  
Next for Duty Sgt. Woodhouse

2. DUTY WATCHES FOR 24 HOURS FROM 0630 HRS. 1/1/40  
To 0630 HRS. 2/1/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. Remden E  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Woodhouse  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed

#2. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Russell  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Davidson G.  
and 6 O.R.s as detailed

3. MARCHING PARADE. 0900 Hrs. 1/1/40

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR MONDAY 1/1/40

1<sup>st</sup> SANITARY FATIGUE

Cnr. Gilson  
Cnr. Cook  
Cnr. Stevens

2. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Cnr. Jordison to report  
to Launch York for duty

3. CARTON DETAIL

Pte Scott.

5. BEERY DUTY. from 1800 hrs. 1/1/40 to 0600 hrs. 2/1/40

Cnr. Cameron; Cnr. McConnell ; Cnr. Humphreys.

