



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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December 1941

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WAR DIARY

OF

85th. Heavy Battery RCA (A F)
YORK ISLAND, B. O.

Ser. No. 390

FROM DEC 1st 1941 TO DEC 31st 1941

VOLUME XXVIII

Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY
OR
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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M.F.W. 11,
F.C. 211,
M.I. 4-12 (1754)
H.Q. 1772-45-13

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
York Island	Dec.	1st	1941. Ceiling 1000 feet, overcast, visibility 5 miles, wind SE 5, sea rough. Lieut. W. Davenport RCNR left for Victoria, B.C. One 8 Pounder stopping round fired to stop fish-boat "Alie" V012D bound for Vancouver, B.C.	<i>Edal</i>
		2	Ceiling twenty-five hundred, overcast, visibility 20 miles, wind NW 15, sea rough Major Carr-Harris R.C.O.C. arrived for technical inspection on M.V. "Kitchener".	<i>Edal</i>
		3	Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 20 miles, sea calm. Major Carr-Harris left for Victoria, B.C. on M.V. "Kitchener". Major A.A. Ransom and Lieut. D.K. Brown returned from Vancouver, B.C. Capt. Coburn R.C.O.C. and Lieut. A.C. Setterfield (DO) R.C.A. arrived to carry out inspection and to prepare guns for practice shoot.	<i>Edal</i>
		4	Ceiling two thousand, overcast, visibility 20 miles, sea calm. Practice shoots with 1 inch Aiming Rifle carried out commencing at 10:30 hours and night shoots with Searchlights at 20:00 hours. Everything very satisfactory. Lieut. C.C. Locke R.C.A. left for Victoria, B.C.	<i>Edal</i>
		5	Ceiling three hundred, overcast, visibility nil, heavy rain, sea calm. Capt. Coburn R.C.O.C. and Lieut. A.C. Setterfield (DO) R.C.A. left for Vancouver, B.C. by Canadian National Steamship.	<i>Edal</i>
		6	Ceiling eight thousand, scattered, visibility 20 miles, wind S 2, sea calm.	<i>Edal</i>
		7	Ceiling eight hundred, overcast, visibility 3 miles, rain, sea calm. Precautionary period in force. Necessary action taken as per Defence Scheme.	<i>Edal</i>
		8	Ceiling two thousand, overcast, visibility 5 miles, cloudy, SE wind, sea calm. Garrison at battle stations at 1930 hours on receipt of warning message. All necessary measures taken as per Defence Scheme.	<i>Edal</i>

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

NO. 334

Dec 1st 1941

334-1 DUTIES - Tuesday Dec. 2nd 1941

Officer of the Watch Lieut. G.H. Davidson R.C.A.
Orderly Officer Lieut. C.C. Locke R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Martin F.

334-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Bdr. Moxey, Gnrs., Richardson, Coomber, Finch-Alger,
Black, Hughes, Hyde.

334-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1645 hours

Guard Commander - Bdr Martin A F
Guard - No to be detailed

334-4 SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION:

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

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

- (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) Measures which have been taken or which are projected for the defence of any place.

W.F. Osburn

(W.F. Osburn) Capt. R.C.A.
for Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 335

Dec. 2nd 1941

335-1 DUTIES - Wednesday Dec 3rd 1941.

Officer of the Watch Lieut. G.C. Locke R.C.A.
Orderly Officer Lieut. B.H. Davidson R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Liversidge N.G.

335-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Bdr. Moxey, Gnrs. Richardson, Coomber, Finch-Alger,
Black, Hughes, Hyde.

335-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1630 hours

Guard Commander - Bdr. Beaulieu
Guard - to be detailed

335-4 RETREAT -

Effective this date, Retreat will be at 16:30 Hours

335-5 MILITARY SECRECY / PROHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHY

(1) Subject to any exemptions for which provision may be made by order of a competent authority, no person shall, except under the authority of a written permit granted by or on behalf of a competent authority:-

- (a) make or publish any photograph, sketch, plan or other representation
- i. of a protected place, or of any part of or object in a protected place, or of an object of any such description as may be specified by order of a competent authority; or
 - ii. of, or of any part of or object in, any area in Canada as may be specified by order of a competent authority, being an area in relation to which the restriction of photography appears to that competent authority to be expedient in the interest of the safety of the State.

(b) Have a camera with him in any such place or area.

- (3) Any camera found in any such place or area as aforesaid contrary to the provisions of this regulation, or any camera found anywhere being used or suspected to have been or to be about to be used for any purpose contrary to the provisions of this regulation, may be seized without warrant by any constable in uniform or by any member of His Majesty's Forces being in uniform and on duty, and any such camera so seized may be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (4) of Regulation fifty-eight of these Regulations
- (4) For the purpose of this regulation, a competent authority shall mean the Minister of Justice or the Minister of National Defence.

W. F. Osburn
(W.F. Osburn) Capt. R.C.A.
for Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 336

Dec. 3rd 1941

336-1 DUTIES - Thursday Dec. 4th 1941

Officer of the Watch Lieut. D.K. Brown R.C.A.
Orderly Officer Lieut. C.C. Locke R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Spinks G.O.

336-2 WIRE PICKUP

L/Hdr. Hoxey, Gnr. Richardson, Coomber, Finch-Alger,
Black, Hughes, Hyde.

336-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1630 hours

Guard Commander - Hdr. Thomson J.
Guard - To be detailed

336-4 WEB EQUIPMENT BRASS

It has been brought to notice that metal on Web
Equipment is being polished contrary to C.A.R.O. 713
This practice will be discontinued immediately.

336-5 ECONOMY COMMITTEE

An Economy Committee consisting of the following
members will meet in the Orderly Room at 1630 hrs.
Dec. 4th 1941.

Capt. W.F. Osburn, R.C.A.
B.Q.M.S. Gren O.E.I.
L/Hdr. Wright P.B.
Gnr. Richardson
Gnr. Hyde

336-6 VOLUNTEERS FOR ACTIVE FORCE

Any (HD) of C.A. Personnel who wish to volunteer
for the Active Force will submit their names to
their Section Commander.

336-7 OFFICIAL WAR PICTURES

Official War Pictures in sound taken during the
present conflict will be shown in the Mens' Mess
Hall at 1900 hrs. this date (Dec. 3rd 1941)

A.A. Ransom
(A.A. Ransom) Major R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 337

Dec. 4th 1941.

337-1 DUTIES - Friday Dec 5th 1941.

Officer of the Watch Lieut. C.C. Locke R.C.A.
Orderly Officer Lieut. D.K. Brown R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Pidgeon W.T.

337-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Sdr. Moxey, Gnrs. Richardson, Coomber, Finch-Alger,
Black, Hughes, Hyde.

337-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1630 hours

Guard Commander - L/Sdr Holmes E.
Guard - to be detailed

337-4 B.C.'s PARADE

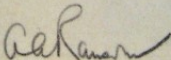
B.C.'s Parade at 13:50 hours Friday Dec. 5th 1941.
R.C.A. Personnel only.
Dress - Battl_e Order.

337-5 MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Soldiers Granted Sick Leave.

Para. 4 of Instructions on M.F.B.322 (Furlough) states:

"Soldiers on Furlough who require medical aid shall apply for it to the nearest medical station. When this is impractical, they shall apply to the nearest medical representative of the Department of Pensions and National Health. If no such representative exists in the locality, they may apply to a civil practitioner to whom they will show this furlough paper."



(A.A. Ransom) Major R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

NOTICE

During Moving Picture Shows in the Mess Hall,
Personnel will not sit on the tables.

NOTICE - PICTURE SHOW

The Moving Picture Show of this date (Dec. 4th 1941)
Will be shown at 18:00 hours.

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

4th December

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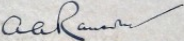
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General Staff,
Pacific Command,
Victoria, B.C.

DEFENCE SCHEME

York Island, B.C.

1. It is requested that two Thompson Sub. Machine Guns be supplied to complete the defence against landing parties.
2. It is proposed to place two L.M.G.'s in the Fort for general defence. Two L.M.G.'s for defence of wharf and camp area. One Thompson Sub. Machine Gun would be in the post at Courtney Bay and the other at Sunderland post for patrols operating through the woods from these two latter points; and it is felt that the Sub. Machine Guns would prove of great value in the event of any action developing along the trails leading through the woods to the Fort and the camp area. Map is attached showing the position of all Machine Gun posts.
3. May this be given consideration, please.


(A.A. Ranson) Major R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

ENC.
/CFB

- c.c. to C.C. 15th (Van) Coast Bde.
c.c. to H.Q. Vancouver Defence.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 338

Dec 8th 1941

338-1 DUTIES - Saturday Dec 8th 1941.

Officer of the Watch Lieut. D.K Brown R.C.A.
Orderly Officer Lieut. G.H. Davidson R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Martin F.

338-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Bdr. Moxey, Gmrs Richardson, Coomber, Finch-Alger,
Black, Hughes, Hyde.

338-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1630 hours

Guard Commander - L/Bdr Burnett
Guard - to be detailed

338-4 SIDE ARMS - OFFICERS

Effective this date, side arms will be carried
by all officers from dark till dawn when outside
Camp area.

338-5 EXCHANGE OF SOCKS

Socks when well worn will be exchanged in Q.M.
stores. These must show that an effort to properly
darn and get the full wear out of these articles
has been made. Socks that have been deliberately
torn in the heel etc., will not be accepted.
Socks must also be clean and dry before turning in.

338-6 LANGUAGE CLASSES

Language Classes, giving instruction in French,
German, Russian, Spanish or Japanese, will be
held twice weekly for those wishing to study
same when Battery returns to Vancouver.
Applicants are instructed to submit names to
Orderly Room by the 10th Dec. 1941.

A.A. Ransom

(A.A. Ransom) Major R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

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85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., C.A.
York Island, B.C. 6th Dec. 1941

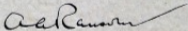
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Headquarters,
PACIFIC COMMAND,
Victoria B.C.

BRING TO ROUNDS

1. Herewith Report number ten re the
m/n fired by six pounder Bring to Gun on the
6th Dec. 41.

For your information.



(A.A. Ransom) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding York Island

Enc
/PB

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

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 339

Dec. 6th 1941

339-1 DUTIES - Sunday Dec 7th 1941

Officer of the Watch Lieut. G.H. Davidson R.C.A.
Orderly Officer Lieut. D.K. Brown R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Liversidge H.G.

339-2 FIRE PICQUET

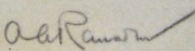
L/Bdr. Wright P B ⁴hrs. Clark A., Phillip Stanley,
Snelgrove, Thys H.K. Nelberg

339-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1630 hours

Guard Commandér - L/Bdr. Palmer
Guard - to be detailed

339-4 EQUIPMENT

All members of the 31st Heavy Battery RCA CA
will report to the Quarter Stores with their
Respirator, Bayonet, and Scabbard, sometime
between 09:00 hrs. and 17:00 hrs. Monday
8th December 1941.


(A.A. Ransom) Major R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

DEPARTMENT OF NAVAL DEFENSE

Yorke Island, B.C.

REPORT # 10

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REPORT ON FIRE-TO-SUNFIRE

Lt. G.H. Davidson

DATE _____

OFFICER
SIGNATURE A.H. Freeman
(S. Chives)

	SHOT 1	SHOT 2	SHOT 3	SHOT 4	SHOT 5
STAND BY ----	0145 hrs				
ORDER TO FIRE XV CXO	0145				
ORDER TO FIRE XV OC	0145				
SHOT FIRED	2700 ^X				
RANGE	2100				
BEARING	40 Left				
DIRECTION	1200 ^X				
OBSERVATION LINE	430 ^X				
RANGE	6 par.				
TYPE OF SHOT	0145 hrs			ALLIED VOIED	
CLEAR FIRE	Good		NAME OF BOAT	B.C. Packers	
VISIBILITY	Prince Rupert		NAME OF OWNER	Charles Allen	
PORT OF REGISTRY	YANCOUVER B.C.		NAME OF MASTER	Greaves Bay B.C.	
PORT BOUND FOR	0145 hrs		FROM		
BOAT CLEARED					
REMARKS	Vessel heaved to on first round.				

A.H. Freeman
... (Signature) ...
Officer Commanding Yorke Island, B.C.

/PBM

Officer Commanding Yorke Island, B.C.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 340

Dec. 7th 1941

340-1 DUTIES - Monday Dec 8th 1941

Officer of the Watch Lieut. D.K. Brown R.C.A.
Orderly Officer Lieut. G.H. Davidson R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Spinks G.S.

340-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/bdr Wright P B Gnr Clark A., Phillip Stanley,
Snelgrove, Gys H K. Heiberg.

340-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1630 hours

Guard Commander - Bdr Martin A.
Guard - to be detailed

340-4 WARNING ORDER

In view of change in tactical situation,
all ranks are warned to be on the alert for any
sign of hostile action.

KEEP COOL AND OBEY ORDERS!

(A.A. Ransom) Major R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 341

Dec 8th 1941

341-1 DUTIES - Tuesday Dec 8th 1941.

Officer of the Watch	Lieut. G.H. Davidson R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	Lieut. D.K. Brown R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Pidgeon W.T.

341-2 PINE PICQUET

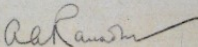
L/Sdr. Moxey J.E. Gnr. Clark A., Phillip, Stanley,
Snelgrove, Mysz H.K., Neiborg.

341-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS

Guards and patrols as detailed.

341-4 ELECTRIC SHAVERS & CLIPPERS

Until further orders Electric Shavers and Clippers
will not be used.



(A.A. Ransom) Major R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

WAR DIARY

OR

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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M.F.M. 11.

A.F.C. 111.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
York Island	9 Dec 1941		Ceiling three thousand, broken, visibility 15 miles, wind SSE 15, sea choppy.	444
	10		Ceiling three thousand, overcast, visibility 20 miles, sea calm.	444
	11		Ceiling two thousand, broken, visibility 25 miles, sea choppy.	444
	12		Ceiling four thousand, overcast, visibility 15 miles, SE 5 sea calm. Hon. Major M.H. Jackson CCS arrived to conduct church services. Lieut. G. Fanning R.C.A. and Lieut. W.M. Penny R.C.A. of 3rd S/L Bty arrived for duty.	444
	13		Ceiling five hundred, overcast, visibility 3 miles, rain SE 2, sea choppy	444
	14		Ceiling four thousand, overcast, visibility 14 miles, sea calm. Church services for the Garrison conducted in the Recreation Hut by Hon. Major M.H. Jackson CCS Alarm sounded at 15:00 hours on approach of unidentified warship.	444
	15		S.S. "Border Prince" hit and damaged dock at approximately 08:15 hours. (see letter App. "A") Ceiling three thousand, overcast visibility 10 miles, sea calm.	444
	16		Ceiling three thousand, overcast visibility 12 miles, rain sea calm. Hon. Major M.H. Jackson CCS left for Vancouver via Union Steamship. Capt. J.W. Kilpatrick of the District Audit Board arrived to audit accounts.	444
	17		Ceiling one thousand, overcast, visibility 10 miles, misty, sea calm. Mr. R.A. Mann and six other civilian employees arrived to start construction on P.W.S.S. station.	444
	18		Ceiling three thousand, overcast, heavy rain visibility 3 miles, S 7 wind, sea rough.	444
	19		Ceiling six thousand, broken, visibility 25 miles, sea calm.	444

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

By Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 342

Dec. 9th 1941

342-1 DUTIES - Wednesday 10th Dec. 1941.

Officer of the watch	Lieut. D.K. Brown R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	Lieut. C.C. Locke R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Martin F

342-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Sdr Hoxey Gnr. Clark A, Phillips, Stanley,
Snelgrove, ~~Thys~~ H.K., Heiborg.

342-5 GAUDES AND PATROLS

Gaude and patrols as detailed

W.F. Osburn
(W.F. Osburn) Capt. R.C.A.
For Officer Commanding York Island

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

By Major A.A. Ransom, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 343

Dec 10th 1941

343-1 DUTIES - Thursday Dec 11th 1941

Officer of the Watch - Lt. C.C. Locke R.C.A.

Orderly Officer - Lt. D.K. Brown R.C.A.

Orderly Sergeant - Sgt Martin F

343-2 FIRE SQUAD

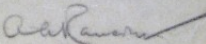
L/Dr Moxey, Gnr. Clark, Phillips, Stanley,
Inelgrove, Thys H K, Heiberg.

343-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS

Guards and Patrols as detailed.

343-4 WARNING ORDER

Effective immediately ~~Alert~~ Alarm will
only be rung in the event of an actual attack on
the Island.



(A.A. Ransom) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding York Island

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

10th Dec. 1941

Headquarters,
Pacific Command,
Victoria B.C.

WATER SUPPLY
York Island

1. In view of the necessity of keeping a constant guard on the water supply for York Island, which means maintaining an M.C.C. and three men on duty at the reservoir all the time, would consideration be given to constructing a small hut for the accommodation of these men.
2. For your information and necessary action, please.

(A.A. Ransom) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding York Island

/PBR

c.c. to O.C. 15 (VAN) Coast Bde R.C.A. }
e.c. to H.Q. Van. Defences } For information.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

By Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 344

Dec 11th 1941

344-1 DUTIES - Friday Dec 12th 1941

Officer of the Watch	Lieut. D.K.Brown R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	Lieut. C.C.Locke R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Spanks G.S.

344-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Bdr Moxey Gnr. Clark, Phillips, Stanley
Snelgrove, Thys H.K., Weiborg.

344-3 GAARDS AND PATROLS

Garuds and patrols as detailed.

344-4 MARKINGS ON ANTI-GAS EQUIPMENT

All personall will immediatley mark their name and numbers on the right cotton loops of the cape anti-gas and also on the cotton lining of the curtains helmet. The markings to be done in indelible pencil and as neatley as possible in normally small figures. Until further order, capes anti-gas and curtains helmet will not be worn. Personnal will keep the capes anti-gas rolled and left on shelves above each bed. Curtains helmet will be folded and left with capes on shelf.

W.F. Osburn

(W.F. Osburn) Capt. R.C.A.
For Officer Commanding York Island

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 345

Dec. 12th 1941.

345-1 DUTIES - Saturday Dec 13th 1941

Officer of the Watch Lieut. C.C. Locke R.C.A.
Orderly Officer Lieut. D.K. Brown R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Pidgeon W.T.

345-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Sdr Moxey, Gnr. Clark A., Phillips, Stanley,
Snelgrove, Enys H.K., Heiberg.

345-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS

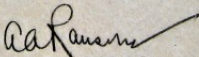
Guards and patrols as detailed

345-4 CENSORSHIP

Effective this date all out going mail will be censored
All mail must be posted unsealed, otherwise
it will not be allowed to leave the Island.
Under no circumstances must any mention
be made of the disposition of men or guns
or any reference made to defence arrangements.

345-5 CAMP INSPECTION

At 11:00 hours Saturday 13th 1941, and inspection
of the Camp will be carried out by the Officer
Commanding York Island.



(A.A. Ransom) Major R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

- NOTICE -

Third showing of the Moving Pictures will be at 1900 today
for personnel who have not been able to attend.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 346

Dec. 13th 1941

346-1 DUTIES - Sunday Dec. 14th 1941.

Officer of the Watch Lieut. D.K. Brown R.C.A.
Orderly Officer Lieut. C.C. Locke R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant Sgt. ~~Maxxxx~~ Martin F.

346-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Bdr Moxey, Gnr., Clark A., Phillips, Stanley,
Snelgrove, Thys R.K., Neiborg

346-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS

Guards and patrols as detailed

346-4 ADJUSTING OF TELEPHONES - D.3 & D.5

Effective immediately no attempt will be made
to adjust D.3's or D.5's telephone sets,
except by N.C.O. 1/c Signals R.C.A.

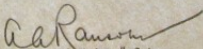
346-5 CHURCH PARADE

H/Major Jackson CCS will conduct a Garrison
Church Service in the Recreation Hut at
13:50 hours Sunday Dec. 14th 1941
Dress:- Serge & Anklets
Rifles, Web skeleton, Respirators, Steel Helmets

Communion Service at 11:00 hrs. in the Reading Room

346-6 LEAVE

All leave is cancelled and no leave will be
granted until further ~~orders~~ orders.



(A.A. Ransom) Major R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 347

Dec. 14th 1941

347-1 DUTIES - Monday Dec 15th 1941

Officer of the Watch	Lieut. C.C. Locke R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	Lieut. D.K. Brown R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Liversidge W G.

347-2 FIRE PIQUET

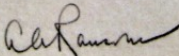
Lt Sdr Moxey, Gnrs. Poutre, Richardson, Coomber
Finch-Alge r, Black, Hyde.

347-3 GUARD AND PATROLS

Guards and patrols as detailed

347-4 BLACKOUT

Until further orders a Blackout will be maintained
on York Island.



(A.A. Ransom) Major R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 348

Dec. 15th 1941

348-1 DUTIES- Tuesday Dec. 16th 1941

Officer of the Watch Lieut. D.K. Brown R.C.A.
Orderly Officer Lieut. G. Fanning R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Spanks G.S.

348-2 FIRE PLOUQUET

L/Bdr Moxey, Gnrs. Foutre, Richardson, Coomber
Finch-Alger, Lack, Hyde.

348-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS

Guards and Patrols as detailed

348-4 AUDIT BOARD

An Audit Board composed of the following Officers will convene at the call of the President to audit the Canteen, Officers' Mess, Sgts' Mess and Pay and Allowances accounts.

Lieut. G. Fanning, R.C.A. President.
Lieut. C.C. Locke, R.C.A. Member
Lieut. W.M. Penny, R.C.A. Member

348-5 PICTURE SHOW

There will be no showing of pictures Dec. 15th & 16th.

348-6 EQUIPMENT

All respirators and bayonets will be taken to Q.M. Stores on Tuesday Dec. 16th, 1941, between the hours of 0900 to 1700 for checking.

-only
Effective this day belts and pouches will be worn.
This does not apply on parades.

(A.A. Ransom) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding York Island.

NOTICE

Xmas Entertainment. It is proposed to have an entertainment programme immediately following dinner on Xmas Day. Anyone with even a remote suggestion of talent of any sort and with sufficient courage to expose same to the tender mercy of the rest of the Battery is asked to submit his name to the respective section Sgts so that a programme may be lined up.

It will be up to each member of the Battery to contribute their part to make this a success.

The Officer Personnel will endeavour to show the brighter side of their respective natures at this time which would aid in making the tone of events a happy one.

The cook has ~~promised~~ committed to provide a meal of no mean proportions and of excellent taste befitting the occasion.

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

Dec. 15th

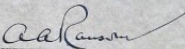
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Armament Officer,
Bessborough Armouries,
Vancouver, B.C.

FUZES SHELL SHRAPNEL 4.7
YORK ISLAND

1. May we be supplied with a sufficient number of fuzes 45P for above ammunition in hand at York Island.

2. Permission is also requested to remove screen in top of powder filling and about one inch of powder so that fuze 45P can be fitted; unless a short fuze can be supplied.


(A.A. Ransom) Major R.C.A. C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island

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

15th Dec. 1941

Headquarters,
Pacific Command,
Victoria B.C.

EXAMINATION SERVICE

F.W.S.S. - York Island

1. At approx 1530 hrs on 14th Dec. 41, a major war vessel approached York Island at high speed. She was challenged by the FWSS at 1200 yds, but did not answer. The alarm was given and the guns manned and the entire garrison took battle stations. Preparations were made to fire for effect.
2. At approx 9000 yds the vessel slowed down and gave her private signal.
3. Apparently the lamp now in use by the FWSS is not powerful enough to be seen at any long distance.
4. With ref to telegram sent 14th Dec., it is requested that York Island be supplied with a ten inch Aldus to avoid further complications as above.

For your consideration and approval, please.

(A.A. Ranson) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding York Island.

/PSW

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

c.c. to H.Q. Van. Defences.

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

15th Dec. 1941

Headquarters,
Pacific Command,
Victoria B.C.

DOCK
York Island

1. At approximately 0815 hours on 14th Dec. 41, the S.S. BORDER PRINCE when attempting to dock at York Island was caught by a strong tide and did a certain amount of damage. One pile of dock was split at the top and the float secured by four piles to which the M.V. GENERAL CALDWELL is moored was carried away. A row boat lying on this float was stove in. The GENERAL CALDWELL was touched but showed no sign of damage.
2. A statement was immediately secured from the Captain of the S.S. BORDER PRINCE, copy of which is attached. A telegram was sent to H.Q. Pacific Command immediately requesting pile driver to repair damage.
3. For your information, and necessary action, please.

/PIS

(A.A. Ranson) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding York Island.

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

c.c. to H.Q. Vancouver Defences

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISONPART I ORDERSby Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 349

Dec 16th 1941

349-1 DUTIES - Wednesday Dec. 17th 1941

Officer of the Watch Lieut. C.C. Locke R.C.A.
 Orderly Officer Lieut. W.M. Penny R.C.A.
 Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Pidgeon W.T.

349-2 FINE PICQUETL/Bdr Moxey, Cnrs. Poutre, Richardson, Coomber,
Finch-Alger, Black, Hyde.**349-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS**

Guards and Patrols as Detailed

349-4 SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION

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

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

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

349-5 POSTAL REGULATIONS: (D.R.O. No. 1392)

(a) The attention of all ranks is drawn to the Provisions of Regulation 14 (2) of the Defence of Canada Regulations.

(b) This Regulation makes it an offence to send or carry out of Canada, or to bring or send into Canada, otherwise than by post, any letter, parcel, document, pictorial representation, photograph, or any other article recording information.

349-6 C.A.A. COMPETITION

The following are the winners of the Canadian Artillery Association prizes for the current year:

<u>Gunlaying</u>	K18030	Cnr Falconer C.A.	\$3.00 & badge
	K18213	" Cosman W.H.	\$2.00 & badge
	K68048	" Dyck J.G.	Badge
	K73775	" Thys J.C.	Badge
	K22111	" Wilson J.R.	Badge
	K18070	" Sullivan R	Badge

<u>Rangefinding</u>	K20022	L/Bdr Holmes E	\$3.00 & Badge
	K18198	Cnr Vallilee	\$2.00 & Badge

Any of the above men on York Island will report to the Orderly Room for their prize money and badges.

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YORK ISLAND GARRISONPART I ORDERSBY Major A.A.Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

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349-7 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS & INSTRUCTIONS:

For the information of all concerned the following amendment to P.R.&I. for the Can. Active Service Force (Canada) is published:

For a dependent son to the age of 16 years and for a dependent daughter to the age of 17 years and for a dependent son or daughter of any age when such child is unable owing to physical or mental infirmity to provide for his or her own maintenance, and in the case of a dependent son or daughter of a ~~soldier~~ soldier below the rank of Warrant Officer, Class I, if such child is following and is making satisfactory progress in a course of instruction approved by the Board and in the case of a High School student has good prospects of completing Junior Matriculation before reaching his or her nineteenth birthday, and allowance may be paid until such child reaches his or her nineteenth birthday, an allowance may be paid until such child reaches his or her nineteenth birthday.....\$12.00

For a second such child..... 12.00

For a third such child of ranks below W.O.I \$9.00

For a fourth such child of ranks below W.O.I \$6.00

Further information may be obtained from the Pay Office York Island, on application.

349-8 FLASHLIGHTS ON LOAN

All flashlights on loan to personnel, will be turned in to Q.M. Stores by 12:00 hrs. ~~WEDNESDAY~~
Wednesday 17th Dec. 1941.

349-9 MAIL - CENSORSHIP

Outgoing mail must be in the hands of the censor at least 2 hours before the mail goes out. With no exception.

A.A. Ransom
(A.A. Ransom) Major R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 350

Dec. 17th 1941

350-1 DUTIES - Thursday Dec. 18th 1941

Officer of the Watch Lieut. D.K Brown R.C.A.

Orderly Officer Lieut. C.C. Locke R.C.A.

Orderly Sergeant A/Sgt. Thompson W.E.L.

350-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Sdr Moxey, Gars. Poutre, Richardson, Coomber,
Finch-Alger, Black, Hyde.

350-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS

Guards and patrols as detailed

350-4 PERMISSION TO LEAVE ISLAND

It must be definitely understood that no member
of the York Island Garrison leaves the island
for any reason without first reporting to the
Orderly Room and obtaining permission.

350-5 RESPIRATORS

Effective this date Respirators will NOT be
Carried.
On an air raid alarm being sounded each ~~man~~
man will obtain his respirator and put it on in
the Alert Position.
This does not apply to the Duty Section in the
Fort.

(A.A. Ransom) Major R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

NOTICE

There will be a moving picture show in the
Mess Hall at 19:00 hours 17th Dec. 1941 (Wednesday)

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 351

Dec 18th 1941

351-1 DUTIES - Friday Dec. 19th 1941

Officer of the Watch Lieut. C.C. Locke R.C.A.

Orderly Officer Lieut. D.K. Brown R.C.A.

Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Martin F.

351-2 FIRE PICQUET

Lt/Bdr Hoxey, Gnrs. Poutre, Richardson, Coomber,
Finch-Alger, Black, Hyde.

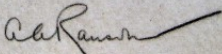
351-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS

Guards and patrols as detailed

351-4 ARMS INSPECTION

N.C.O. in charge of Guard will each morning inspect all rifles belonging to guards or patrols, Making sure that no cartridges are left in the chambers or magazines. No rifles are to be taken into huts without being inspected.

Until further orders rifles will not be loaded but 50 rounds of S.A.A. will be carried at all times.



(A.A. Ransom) Major R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island

NOTICE

The Lions Gate Riding & Polo Club desire a list of the men who have not already received Sleeveless Pullover Sweaters. All ranks wishing to receive one of the above should submit their names to Q.M. Stores before Friday night, at the latest.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 352

Dec 19th 1941

352-1 DUTIES - Saturday Dec 20th 1941

Officer of the Watch Lieut. H.K. Brown R.C.A.
Orderly Officer Lieut. G. Fanning R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Spanks G.S.

352-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Bdr Moxey, Gnr. Poutre, Richardson, Coomber
Finch-Alger, Black, Hyde.

352-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS

Guards and patrols as detailed

352-4 BATTLE STATIONS

Attention of all ranks is drawn to the new copy
of Battle Stations issued this date.

352-5 ELECTRIC SHAVERS & CLIPPERS

Attention is called to Part I Order d/9-12-41
that states:

Until further orders Electric Shavers and Clippers
will not be used.

352-6 CAMP INSPECTION

At 11:00 hours Saturday 20th Dec. 1941 and
inspection of the Camp will be carried out by
the Officer Commanding York Island.

352-7 CANTEEN MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Canteen Committee
at 18:15 hours Dec 19th 1941 in the Pay Office

(A.A. Ransom) Major R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

M.F.M. 11

A.F.C. 3118

1 M.S. - 4-38 (1730)

H.Q. 1772-45-28

Original, duplicate and triplicate to be forwarded to O. 1/c 2nd Echelon for disposal.

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

Title pages will be prepared.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
York Island	20	Dec 1941	Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 25 miles, sea calm. Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A., Lieut. G.H. Davidson R.C.A., Lieut. C.C. Locke R.C.A. and thirty O.R.'s left for five days Xmas Leave.	Handwritten initials
	21		Ceiling eight hundred feet, overcast, visibility 4 miles, misty, sea calm. One 6 Pounder stopping round fired to stop fish-boat "North Star" bound for Seattle.	Handwritten initials
	22		Ceiling zero, overcast, rain, visibility 1 mile, S 9 wind, sea rough. R.C.E. army M.V. "Narspur" S/Sgt. Hird in charge, arrived for duty in constructing P.W.S.S. station. Hon. Capt. A.D. Greene CCS arrived on M.V. "Columbia" to spend Xmas on the Island.	Handwritten initials
	23		Ceiling three thousand, scattered, visibility 18 miles, sea calm.	Handwritten initials
	24		Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 24 miles, sea calm.	Handwritten initials
	25		Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 25 miles, sea calm. Very successful Xmas dinner and entertainment held in Men's Mess Hall.	Handwritten initials
	26		Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 20 miles, sea calm. Hon. Capt. A.D. Greene CCS left for Vancouver on the Mission boat "Columbia" Naval vessel H.M.C.S. "MacDonald" stopped at York Island for short time.	Handwritten initials
	27		Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 20 miles, sea calm. Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A. returned from Victoria. Lieut. G.H. Davidson R.C.A., Lieut. C.C. Locke R.C.A. and 30 O.R.S returned from five days Xmas leave. Lieut. D.K. Brown R.C.A., Lieut. W.M. Penny R.C.A. and 29 O.R.s left for Vancouver for five days Xmas Leave. Sgt/Major Pakenham T.H. left for Vancouver B.C.	Handwritten initials
	28		Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A. left for Victoria B.C. on the examination vessel "San Tomas" to assume new duties.	Handwritten initials
	29		Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 20 miles, S 3 wind, sea calm. L/Sgt Thompson W.S.L. and Bdr Thomson J. left for Vancouver to assume new duties.	Handwritten initials

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 353

Dec 20th 1941

353-1 DUTIES - Sunday Dec 21st 1941

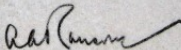
Officer of the Watch Lieut. C.C. Locke R.C.A.
Orderly Officer Lieut. W.M. Penny R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Martin A.F.

353-2 FIRE PICQUET

Lt Sdr Moxey Gnr. CLARK A., Phillips, ~~SMITHSON~~,
Thys H.K Person, Bird, Heiborg

353-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS

Guards and patrols as detailed.



(A.A. Ransom) Major R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

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YORK ISLAND, B.C.

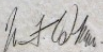
PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 354

Dec 21st 1941

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- 354-1 DUTIES - ~~Sunday~~ Monday
Dec 22nd 1941
- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Officer of the Watch | Lieut. G.Fanning R.C.A. |
| Orderly Officer | Lieut. D.K. Brown R.C.A. |
| Orderly Sergeant | Sgt. Thompson W.E.L. |
- 354-2 FIRE PICQUET
L/Sdr Moxey Gnr. Phillips B., Houlden, Paraday,
Person, Bird, Coomber.
- 354-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS
Guards and patrols as detailed


(W.F. Osburn) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding York Island.

Extra Strong
Rolland

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

. 21st Dec

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Headquarters,
Pacific Command,
Victoria, B.C.

BRING TO GUNDS

1. Herewith report number 11 re the
m/n fired by six pounder Bring To Gun on the
21st Dec. 1941.

For your information.

W.F. Osburn

Enc
/CPB

(W.F. Osburn) Capt R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding York Island.

c.c. to O.C. 15th (Var) Coast Bde., RCA CA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

REPORT # 11

Yorke Island, B.C.

FILE 1-3

REPORT ON BRING-TO-GUNFIRE

DATE 21st Dec 1941OFFICER Lt D.K. BrownSIGNATURES { D. Chiwas{ G. Barnett

	SHOT 1	SHOT 2	SHOT 3	SHOT 4	SHOT 5
STANDARD Y	0149 hrs				
ORDER TO FIRE XV	0149				
SHOT FIRED	0153				
RANGE	1300 ^x				
BEARING	30°				
DIRECTION	R - 4°				
OBSERVATION LINE	250 ^x R				
RANGE	Range				
TYPE OF SHOT	3 pdr				
CEASE FIRE	0154 hrs	NAME OF BOAT <u>North Star</u>			
VISIBILITY	Good	NAME OF OWNER <u>American</u>			
PORT OF REGISTRY	Unknown	NAME OF MASTER <u>Anderson</u>			
PORT BOUND FOR	Seattle	FROM <u>Alaska</u>			
BOAT CLEARED	0210 hrs				

REMARKS

Boat stopped and cleared by XV.

No. 1. 0. 1. 1.

..... (W.F. Ostara) Capt RJC:A:.....

for Officer Commanding Yorke Island, B.C.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 355

Dec 22nd 1941

355-1 DUTIES - Tuesday 23rd Dec: 1941

Officer of the Watch Lieut. W.M. Penny R.C.A.
Orderly Officer Lieut. G. Fanning R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Martin F.

355-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Bdr Hoxey, Gnr. Phillips B., Houlden, Faraday,
Person, Bird, Coomber.

355-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS

Guards and patrols as detailed

355-4 LEAVE - Xmas 5 days

The following O.R.s have been granted 5 days
Xmas leave for period Dec 29th 1941 to Jan. 2nd 1942.

1st Hvy Bty RCA CA

K15022 L/Bdr Burton C.
K20022 A/L/Bdr Holmes E.
K15148 A/L/Bdr Arkininstall A.
K15142 A/L/Bdr Mullen R.P.
K15157 Gnr Anderson J
K15215 Baldwin N
K15223 Innes H.
K87873 Wylie J
K73864 L/Bdr Palmer W.G.
K74490 Gnr Dryborough W.C.
K74630 Taylor J.W.
K15147 Thys H.K.
K15159 Vallillee B.D.
K15037 Harris P.
K15235 Gordon R.S.
K15155 Zawadsky J.
K76118 Jaundrew T.

3rd S/L Bty (CD) RCA

K22031 Sgt Gilson J.E.
K22004 Bdr. Bathurst J W
K73652 L/Bdr Savage H
K22446 Gnr Ash J
M36485 Busch E.J.
K22183 Foragren H.
K22203 Graham W.
L 1604 Peerenboom W.M.
K22857 Schumacher G
K600577 Blight D.D.
K600569 Jones J.R.

W.F. Osburn

(W.F. Osburn) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding York Island.

LOCAL DEFENCE

Dec 22nd 1941

Destroy all previous sheets of this type

"A" - NORMAL

Patrols Art. 1 N.C.O. 6 men - 2 men on patrol - from Camp Guard House
S/L 1 N.C.O. 3 men - Courtney Bay Guard House

EQUIPMENT - Steel Helmet, Web, Respirators, Rifles & fixed Bayonets
40 rounds S.A.A. Rifles not Loaded

"B" - PRECAUTIONARY

"C" - BATTLE STATIONS

ARMY. ADMINISTRATIVE BLDG - 1 N.C.O. 4 men - 1 on post
(supplied from H.Q.)

SUNDERLAND POST - 1 N.C.O. 3 men - 1 on post

COURTNEY BAY POST - 1 N.C.O. 3 men - 1 on post

CAMP GUARD HOUSE - 2 N.C.O. 1 on duty

OFFICER'S MESS POST - 3 men - 1 on post

NAVAL OFFICE POST - Manned from Officer's Mess Post

HOSPITAL POST - " " " " "

PATROLS - 6 men - 2 on post

WATER RESIVOIR - 1 N.C.O. 3 men - 1 on post

TOTAL - 5 N.C.O. 18 men

S/L's No. 3 S/L POST - 1 man (Plus No.3 S/L Crew)

PATROLS - 1 N.C.O. 6 men - 2 on patrol

TOTAL - 1 N.C.O. 7 men

EQUIPMENT - Steel Helmets, Web, Respirators, Rifles & fixed Bayonets. 50 rounds S.A.A. Rifles not loaded

1 Officer-1 N.C.O. 4 men - 2 on post
(supplied from H.Q.)

1 N.C.O. 6 men - 2 on post

1 Officer 1 N.C.O. 6 men - 2 on post

2 N.C.O. 1 on post

6 men - 2 on post

6 men - 2 on post

6 men - 2 on post

3 N.C.O. 12 men - 1 N.C.O. 4 men on patrol

1 N.C.O. 3 men

1 Officer 8 N.C.O. 45 men

1 N.C.O. 6 men - 2 on post

1 Officer 3 N.C.O. 9 men - 1 N.C.O. 3 men on patrol

1 Officer 4 N.C.O. 15 men

Steel Helmets, Web, Respirators, Anti-gas Capes & Helmets
Curtains, Rifles & fixed Bayonets. 50 rounds S.A.A.
Rifle magazines loaded only.

DAILY MANNING PARADE IN FRONT OF ADMINISTRATION BLDG

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 356

Dec 23rd 1941

356-1 DUTIES - Wednesday 24th Dec 1941

Officer of the Watch Lieut. D.K. Brown R.C.A.
Orderly Officer Lieut. W.M. Penny R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Spinks G.S.

356-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Bdr Moxey, Gnr., Phillips B., Houlden, Paraday,
Person, Bird, Coomber.

356-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS

Guards and patrols as detailed.

356-4 CHURCH SERVICE - Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Rev. Capt. A.D. Greene, C.C.S. will conduct the
following Chrch Services at York Island during
the Xmas Holidays.

Xmas Eve -	23:15 hours	(Holy Communion)	
Xmas Day -	07:00 hours	{ " " }	Reading Room
Xmas Day -	09:00 hours	{ " " }	

Church Parade Xmas Day at 10:30 hours in the
Recreation Room, to be followed by Holy Communion

W.F. Osburn

(W.F. Osburn) Capt R.C.A.,
for Major A.A. Ransom, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding York Island

Diary

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND BARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 357

Dec 24th 1941.

357-1 DUTIES - Thursday 25th Dec 1941

Officer of the Watch	Lieut. G. Fanning R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	Lieut. D.K. Brown R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt Martin A.P.

357-2 FIRE PICKET

L/Bdr Moxey, Gnr., Phillips B., Houlden, Paraday,
Person, Bird, Cocomber.

357-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS

Guards and Patrols as detailed.

357-4 The following telegram has been received from the General
Officer Commanding, Pacific Command, Victoria B.C.

OFFICER COMMANDING
YORK ISLAND.

"SPECIAL DISTRICT ROUTINE ORDER FROM G.O.C. IN "C"
TO ALL RANKS OF PACIFIC COMMAND READS :
" THIS CHRISTMAS YOU ARE OCCUPYING DEFENSIVE
POSITIONS OR DETAILED TO OPERATIONAL ROLLS IN THE
DEFENCE OF CANADA STOP VERY FEW OF YOU CAN GO
HOME TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH YOUR FAMILIES STOP
THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT YOU CAN GIVE THESE
WHO ARE DEPENDANT ON YOU IS TO ENSURE ~~YOU~~ TO
THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY THAT THEY ARE DEFENDED
FROM THE POSSIBILITY OF ACTION FROM THE TREACHEROUS
AND BARBARIC ENEMY STOP WE CANNOT RELAX OUR
VIGILANCE FOR ONE MOMENT STOP I WISH ALL RANKS AS
HAPPY A CHRISTMAS AS POSSIBLE AND MAY HAPPIER
ONES LIE AHEAD FOR YOU"

Signed G.O.C. I/C
PACIFIC COMMAND

W.F. Osburn
(W.F. Osburn) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding York Island.

NOTICE:

There will be a picture show in the Mess Hall
at 1900 hrs Dec 24th 1941

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 358

Dec 25th 1941

358-1 DUTIES - Friday 26th Dec 1941


Officer of the Watch	Lieut. W.M. Fenny R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	Lieut. G. Fanning R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant	A/L/Sgt Thompson W.E.L.

358-2 FIRE PICQUET

Lt Cdr Moxey, Gnrs., Phillips B., Houlden, Paraday,
Person, Bird, Coomber.

358-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS

Guards and Patrols as detailed


(W.F. Osburn) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding York Island.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 359

Dec 26th 1941

359-1 DUTIES - Saturday 27th Dec 1941

Officer of the Watch Lieut. D.K. Brown R.C.A.

Orderly Officer Lieut. W.M. Penny R.C.A.

Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Martin F.

359-2 FIRE PIQUET

L/Bdr Moxey, Gnr., Phillips B., Houlden, Faraday,
Person, Bird, Coomber.

359-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS

Guards and Patrols as detailed.

W.F. Osburn

(W.F. Osburn) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding York Island.

Exp. Guard
Boys

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND BARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Major A.A. Ransom R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 360

Dec 27th 1941

360-1 DUTIES - Sunday 28th Dec 1941

Officer of the Watch Lieut. D.H. Davidson R.C.A.

Orderly Officer Lieut. G. Fanning R.C.A.

Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Thompson W.E.L.

360-2 FIRE PICQUET

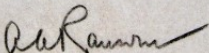
L/Ser Moxey, Gnr., Richardson, Black, Poutre,
~~Schaffer~~ Scheaffer, Clark J.,
Neiborg

360-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS

Guards and patrols as detailed

360-4 SANITATION

Owing to the prevalence of "Mumps" in this Area,
All Ranks are warned against throwing cigarette
butts on the floors of any quarters. This disease
is spread by the rise of germs in the dust from
sweeping.



(A.A. Ransom) Major R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

NOTICE:

There will be a moving picture show in the
Mess Hall at 1900 hrs Dec 27th 1941.
These films are interesting pictures of the
war.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Capt. W.F. Osburn R.C.A.
Officer Commanding

No. 361

Dec 28th 1941

361-1 DUTIES - Monday 29th Dec 1941

Officer of the Watch Lieut. G. Fanning R.C.A.
Orderly Officer Lieut. C.C. Locke R.C.M.
Orderly Sergeant Sgt Martin F.

361-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Dr Moxey, Gnrs., Richardson, Slack, Poutre,
Neiberg, Scheafer, Clark J.

361-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS

Guards and Patrols as detailed.

361-4 A/BSM

X15066 Sgt Spanka G.S. will assume duties as
A/BSM of the 31st Heavy Battery, at York Island,

W.F. Osburn
(W.F. Osburn) Capt. R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

NOTICE:

Picture Show at 19:00 hrs in the Mess Hall 28-12-41
The same pictures as last night will be shown.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Capt. W.F. Osburn R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding

No. 362

Dec 29th 1941

362-1 DUTIES - Tuesday 30th Dec 1941

Officer of the Watch Lieut. G.C. Locke R.C.A.

Orderly Officer Lieut. G.H. Davidson R.C.A.

Orderly Sergeant L/Sgt. Martin A.F.

362-2 FIRE PICQUET

Lt. Sdr Moxey, Gns., Richardson, Black, Poutre,
Nieborg, Scheafer, Clark J.,

362-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS

Guards and Patrols as detailed

362-4 DONATIONS - THE LION'S GATE RIDING & POLO CLUB WAR SERVICES

Besides donating a ~~xxxx~~ box of candy and some cigarettes to each man of this garrison at Xmas time, the above organization has also donated a supply of khaki mending wool which may be picked up as required at the Q.M. Stores. Those men on leave at Xmas time may pick up their box of candy and cigarette tobacco from the Q.M. Stores.

Those men who wish to express their appreciation for the above gifts should write to:-

Mrs. D.F. Thomas,
Lion's Gate Riding & Polo Club War Services,
3441 - W 35th,
Vancouver, B.C.

(W.F. Osburn) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding York Island.

NOTICE:

There will be a picture show in the Mess Hall at 19:00 hours 29th Dec 1941.

Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Original, duplicate and triplicate to be forwarded to O. 1/c 2nd Echelon for disposal.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
York Island	30	Dec 1941	Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 20, sea calm. Lieut. P.L. Malkin R.C.A. arrived from Vancouver B.C.	H.A.L.
	31		Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 20, sea calm.	H.A.L.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Capt. W.F. Osburn R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding

No. 363

Dec. 30 1941

363-1 DUTIES - Wednesday 31st Dec 1941

Officer of the Watch	Lieut. G.H. Davidson R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	Lieut. G. Fanning R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Martin F.

363-2 FIRE PICKET


L/Sdr Moxey, Gars., Richardson, Black, Foutre,
Nieberg, Scheafer, Clark J.

363-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS

Guards and Patrols as detailed

363-4 BARBERS INSTRUMENTS

Effective this date, anyone carrying on the trade of barber in the Camp must make provision for the regular sterilization of his instruments.
Instruments will be disinfected daily under supervision of Gnr Houlden, Camp First-Aid man, who will arrange to provide necessary disinfectants.


(W.F. Osburn) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding York Island

NOTICE:

Show tonight in Mess Hall 19:00 hours
Same picture as last night.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND GARRISON

PART I ORDERS

by Capt. W.F. Osburn R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding

No. 364

Dec 31st 1941

364-1 DUTIES - Thursday 1st Jan 1942

Officer of the Watch Lieut. G.Fanning R.C.A.

Orderly Officer Lieut. C.C. Locke R.C.A.

Orderly Sergeant L/Sgt Martin A.F.

364-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Edr Moxey, Gnrs, Richardson, Black Poutre,
Nieborg, Scheafer, Clark J.

364-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS

Guards and Patrols as detailed

364-4 MESSAGE - from His Excellency the Governor General

"I should be grateful if you would convey my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ranks of the Canadian Army.

Although many of them have not yet been in action they have been entrusted with the guardianship of the heart of our Empire, and by the way they have withstood the strain of constant vigilance they have proved themselves worthy of the great responsibilities which have been entrusted to their care. Those who have met the enemy face to face have once more shown themselves to be unsurpassed by any troops in the world in courage, skill, and devotion to duty.

I am confident that, wherever they may serve our soldiers will keep untarnished their magnificent reputation, of which not only their fellow Canadians but all their comrades in arms are so justly proud.

"ATHLONE."



(W.F. Osburn) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding York Island.