



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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February 1941

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WAR DIARY

OF

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

See No. 390

FROM Feb 1st, 1941

TO Feb. 28th, 1941

VOLUME 18

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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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1 M.D. - 5-43 (3249)
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
York Island	1-Feb		Hon. Capt. A.D. Greene, Canadian Chaplain Service arrived. Father Bradley, Catholic Priest arrived. Weather : Fair.	
	2-Feb		Church Parade for R.C's at 0730 hours. Church Parade for C of E at 1000 hours. Hon. Capt. Greene left Island. Weather : Fair and cloudy.	
	3-Feb		8 O.R's taken on strength. Father Bradley left Island. Weather : Rain.	
	4-Feb		Report re Gnrs. Ritter and McPherson. Report re ammunition records. Weather : Rain.	
	5-Feb		Weather : Fair.	
	6-Feb		Quarantine lifted. Major A.W.Y. Des Brisay arrived and left. Nominal Rolls of Drafts for change-over forwarded to Ed H.Q. Water pump broke down. Wired for parts. Weather : Bright.	
	7-Feb		R.Q.M.S. Thrussell arrived from H.Q. Weather : Bright.	
	8-Feb		Weather : Dull.	

85 Heavy Battery R.C.A.
John
OFFICER COMMANDING
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery R.C.A., (A.F.)

York Island
by

Major R.T. DuMoulin, O.C.

1st February, 1941

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32-1 DUTIES: Sunday February 2nd 1941

Officer of the Watch	- 2/Lt. F.B. Walker
Next for Duty	- Lt. D.F. Thomas
Orderly Officer	- Lt. H.W. Selbie
Next for Duty	- 2/Lt. F.B. Walker
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Cartwright
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Griffin

32-2 FIRE PICQUET:

Bdr. Griffin L/Bdr. Dixon and Grant. Gnr. Johnson, L.,
Glanville, Monroe and Kibler

32-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 1700 hours

L/Bdr. Russ. Ptes. Durbin, Bevan-Fritchard, Robertson,
and Gnr. Roeder.

32-4 GUARDS: Until further orders guards will be paraded for Orderly
Officers' Inspection at 1215 hours daily

32-5 CHURCH PARADE:

(a) Church Parade will be held in mess hall at 1000 hours
the 2nd of February 1941 for All Ranks of H.Q. and Left Section (less
R.C.'s).

(b) Dress: Battle dress, f.s. caps, and anklets.

(c) Following Church Parade will be a voluntary communion
service for all those desiring to attend.

(d) R.C.'s: Church Parade will be held for R.C.'s at
0730 hours in Writing Room.

32-6 FLAGS ON MOTOR CARS:

For the information of All Ranks a colour sketch
showing the flags authorized to be flown on the cars of the Officers
indicated on the sketch is posted on Orders Board. It should be noted
that when cars flying these flags are encountered they should be saluted

32-7 SPECIAL ORDERS FOR SENTRIES GUARDING VULNERABLE POINTS:

Battery Order No. 31-6 dated 31st of January 1941 is hereby
cancelled and the following substituted therefor:-

1. The following instructions will be observed by sentries guarding
vulnerable points:

(a) Any person approaching a post will be challenged--

"HALT, WHO GOES THERE".

The sentry must be perfectly certain that his challenge is given in
the loudest possible manner, so that even those who may be dull of
hearing can have the chance of responding:-

"FRIEND"

(over)

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32-7 SPECIAL ORDERS FOR SENTRIES GUARDING VULNERABLE POINTS: (cont'd)

(or giving some similar indication regarding their identity).

- (b) A person having responded to the challenge in this way is expected to remain halted. The sentry will then call out--

"ADVANCE ONE--TO BE RECOGNIZED".

By "one" one person is meant. If the party challenged comprises more than one person, the sentry will repeat this order for each member of the party and only one will advance in response to this order. If the credentials of the person who approaches the post are in order, he will be allowed to pass, but if not he will be detained and the guard turned out.

- (c) If a person who is challenged under (a) does not halt, he will then be challenged again by the sentry:-

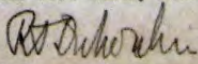
"HALT, OR I FIRE".

- (d) If a person does not halt after this warning, he will be challenged once again in the same manner. If he does not halt, and if no means are available to stop him, it is then the duty of the sentry to use his rifle and shoot--aiming low to hit but not to kill. The sentry must remember that it is his duty to stop a person from advancing further should he fail to respond to the challenge and warning.

- (e) If a person can be stopped in any other way, for example, by calling to the guard to assist, then the sentry will not shoot. The sentry must use his intelligence and sense of responsibility to decide whether he will shoot or not.

- (f) At night or in thick fog, a sentry must not allow himself to be rushed and he must be well on the alert, more so than in daylight, and ready to take such action as is necessary to prevent any person who refuses to respond to his challenge and warning from approaching his sentry post further.

2. The above forms of challenge by sentries supersede those laid down in the Manual of Elementary Drill (all Arms) where they are at variance with the above.
3. Standing Orders for Guards and for Fort Sentry will be taken as amended accordingly.


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

NOTICE

Moving pictures will be shown in the Dining Hall at 1930 hours this evening (Saturday)

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

1st February

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

Change-Over

Re. your 5-0-1 dated 29th January, 1941.

1. It is understood that R.Q.M.S. Thruscell will take inventory at York Island with A/B.Q.M.S. McConnell before the latter leaves for Point Grey.
2. Since McConnell has never been to Point Grey it is suggested that he be sent down with the first group leaving York Island in order that he may spend a little time with B.Q.M.S. Upton who it is understood will be leaving with the last group.
3. May arrangements be made therefore, to have Thruscell arrive at York Island not later than Friday 7th February, 1941 in order that he and McConnell may take inventory together, please.

RTD
(R.T. DuMoulin) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island

RTD/EW

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

1st February

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S E C R E THeadquarters,
M.D. No. XI,
Victoria, B. C.Arcs of Fire
York Island DefencesRe. your VS. 38-2-5-1, dated 29th January,
1941.

1. The left limit of the arc of A/2 is correctly stated as 145° (Grid), but this is only effective between ranges of 900 yards and 1075 yards from the Fort. Further than 1075 yards is obscured by high ground on Hardwicke Island. Closer than 900 yards is obscured by trees on York Island.

RTW
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York Island

RTD/EW

85th Heavy Battery, RCA AF
York Island, B. C.

1st February, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE.

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.'s.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island.</u>
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	54	58	
	Employed		17	17	
	Stn. Hosp		1	1	76
	Leave		1	1	
	A. W. L.		2	2	
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	
	Employed		2	2	3
	Att 58th	3	85	88	
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	Employed		1	1	1
Canadian Chaplain Service		2		2	2
10th Fort, Sig. Coy RCSS	Employed		3	3	3
4th Fort. E. & M. Coy. RCE	Employed		4	4	4
2nd Bn. CSR AF	On Parade		8	8	8
	Furlough		1	1	
13th Fd. Amb. Corps RCAMC	On Command		1	1	
Q. M.D. XI.	Employed	1		1	1
	Furlough	1		1	
Sub/Depot M. D. XI	Employed		3	3	3
D.D. M.D. XI	Employed		1	1	1
Royal Canadian Navy	Employed	2	7	9	9
	Furlough		1	1	
Civilians	Employed		13	13	13
	TOTAL	<u>14</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>219</u>	<u>124</u>

RATION STRENGTH ----- 124

R. T. DuMoulin
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York Island.

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York Island
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No. 33

February 2nd, 1941

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33-1 DUTIES: Monday February 3rd, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.F. Thomas
Next for Duty	- 2/Lt. F.B. Walker
Orderly Officer	- 2/Lt. F.B. Walker
Next for Duty	- Lt. D.F. Thomas
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Cartwright
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Griffin

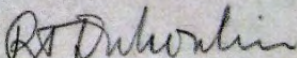
33-2 FIRE PICQUET:

Bdr. Griffin. L/Bdr. Dixon and Grant. Gmrs. Johnson, L.,
Glanville, Monroe and Kibler.

33-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 1700 hours

L/Bdr. Russ, Ptes. Strain, Hough, Fairn and Godwin

33-4 SERGEANTS MESS: Will hold a meeting at 1930 hours, all members not
on duty to attend.


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York Island

85th Heavy Battery, RCA AF
York Island, B. C.

2nd February, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.'s.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	54	58	
	Employed		17	17	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	76
	Leave		1	1	
	A. W. L.		2	2	
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	
	Employed		2	2	3
	Att. 58th	3	85	88	
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	Employed		1	1	1
Canadian Chaplain Service		2		2	2
10th Fort. Sig. Coy. RCCS	Employed		3	3	3
4th Fort. E. & M. Coy. RCE	Employed		4	4	4
2nd Bn. CSR AF	On Parade		8	8	8
	Furlough		1	1	
13th Fd. Amb. Corps RCAMC	On Command		1	1	
H. Q. M.D. XI	Employed	1		1	1
	Furlough	1		1	
Sub-Depot M.D. XI	Employed		3	3	3
D. D. M.D. XI	Employed		1	1	1
Royal Canadian Navy	Employed	2	7	9	9
	Furlough		1	1	
Civilians	Employed		13	13	13
TOTAL		14	205	219	124

RATION STRENGTH ----- 124

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York Island
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Major R.T. DuMoulin, O.C.

3rd February, 1941

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34-1 DUTIES: Tuesday February 4th, 1941

Officer of the Watch - ~~2/Lt. F.B. Walker~~ Lt. H.W. Selbie
Next for Duty - ~~Lt. D.F. Thomas~~ Lt. D.F. Thomas
Orderly Officer - Lt. D.F. Thomas
Next for Duty - 2/Lt. F.B. Walker
Orderly Sgt. - L/Sgt. Cartwright
Orderly Bdr. - Bdr. Griffin

34-2 FIRE PICQUET: Bdr. Griffin, L/Bdr. Dixon and Grant. Gnr. Johnson, L.,
Glanville, Monroe and Kibler

34-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 1700 hours

L/Bdr. Russ. Ptes. Durbin, Bevan-Fritchard, Robertson,
and Gnr. Roeder.

34-4 SALE OF BEER:

No beer will be sold or distributed in the Canteen in un-
opened bottles.

34-5 REPORTS:

Orderly Sgts' and Orderly Bdrs.'

- (a) Before being presented to the Orderly Officer, Orderly Sgts.'
and Orderly Bdrs' Reports will first be initialled by the
B.S.M.
(b) The above reports will be presented to the Orderly Officer
at the Officers' Mess between 2200 hours and 2230 hours each
night, and will be initialled by the Orderly Officer, except
on Saturdays when the above procedure will be carried out
 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour later.

34-6 GUN FIRING CIRCUIT:

Testing of firing circuits on the guns will be done
once only during the day at the morning Preparation for Action in the
presence of the Section Commander.

34-7 DATUMING AUTO-SIGHTS:

Datuming will be carried out daily at Preparation for
Action morning and evening using the "A" Slide Rule. If the layer and
his casualty find it necessary to use the clicker to bring the gun onto
the False Datum Point, this will be left on the clicker until the next
Preparation for Action.

34-8 D.R.F. DATUMING:

Datuming of the D.R.F. instrument will be carried out
hourly during hours of daylight by the O.P. staff.

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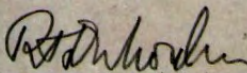
85th Heavy Battery, RCA AF
York Island, B. C.

3rd February, 1941.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE.

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.'s.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	52	56	
	Employed		17	17	
	Stn Hosp.		3	3	76
	On Leave		1	1	
	A. W. L.		2	2	
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	
	Employed		2	2	3
	Att. 58th	3	85	88	
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	Employed		1	1	1
Canadian Chaplain Service		1		1	1
10th Fort. Sig. Coy	Employed		3	3	3
4th Fort. E. & M. Coy.	Employed		4	4	4
2nd Bn. CSR AF	On Parade		8	8	8
	Furlough		1	1	
13th Fd. Amb. Corps	On Command		1	1	
H.Q. M. D. XI	Employed	1		1	1
	Furlough	1		1	
Sub-Depot M.D. XI	Employed		3	3	3
D. D. M.D. XI	Employed		1	1	1
Royal Canadian Navy	Employed	1	7	8	8
	Furlough		1	1	
Civilians	Employed		13	13	13
TOTAL		12	205	217	122

RATION STRENGTH /// 122


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Officer Commanding
York Island.

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery R.C.A., (A.F.)

York Island
by

Major R.T. DuMoulin, O.C.

4th February, 1941

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35-1 DUTIES: Wednesday February 5th, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.F. Thomas
Next for Duty	- 2/Lt. F.B.Walker
Orderly Officer	- 2/Lt. F.B.Walker
Next for Duty	- Lt. H. W. Selbie
Orderly Sgt.	L/Sgt. Cartwright
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Griffin

35-2 FIRE PICQUET: Bdr. Griffin L/Bdr. Dixon and Grant Gars. Johnson, L.,
Glanville, Monroe and Kibler.

35-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 1730 hours

L/Bdr. Martindale Ptes. Strain, Hough, Fairn and Godwin.

35-4 BOUNDS:

Pt. I Order No. 347-4 dated 16th December 1941 is republished
for the information of All Ranks:-

All ranks are reminded that the kitchen is out of bounds to all
personnel not employed there. Instances have occurred where personnel
not authorized to do so were obtaining food other than at regular
hours. This practice will be discontinued, immediately.

35-5 RETREAT:

Until further orders Retreat will be sounded at 1730 hours.

35-6 MANNING PARADE:

Until further orders Evening Manning Parade will be held
at 1715 hours.

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

85th Heavy Battery, RCA AF
York Island, B. C.

4th February,

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Officer Commanding
15th (Van) Coast Brigade, RCA AF,
Vancouver, B. C.

ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE.

K16244 - Gnr. Ritter, H. P.

K16246 - Gnr. MacPherson, J.

58th Heavy Battery, RCA AF.

Reference this office W/T No. 883 dated February 1st and your unnumbered W/T's. dated Feb. 2nd and Feb. 3rd, 1941.

1. S. S. "Border Prince" docked at York Island wharf at 17:30 hours 31st January, 1941 for the purpose of pumping water. She sailed at approximately 21:20 hours.

2. It appears that there was a rumour current in the camp that evening to the effect that Gnr. Ritter and some other man intended to leave via the a/m ship, although no personnel had a pass or furlough permitting them to do so, except Gnr. Reamsbottom who was due to leave on the Border Prince on ten days compassionate furlough (which he did). This rumour came to the attention of the Orderly officer shortly before the ship sailed. The master of the ship was advised of this and was requested to check up on whether any military personnel other than Gnr. Reamsbottom were on board. He did so and reported back that no such persons were on board. After this the ship sailed.

3. Some time after the ship had sailed it was reported that a soldier had seen Gnr. Ritter and another man, both dressed in dryback hats and coats and fatigue trousers, go on board the "Border Prince" while she was docked. There is no report that either of these men disembarked here after embarking.

4. On a roll call being taken it was found that both the m/n O.R.'s. were absent.

5. From the above information it was concluded that these men had left as stowaways aboard the ship.

6. Upon its being established that these men were definitely missing, efforts were made to intercept the "Border Prince", but it was not possible to do so.

7. Upon arrival of the "Border Prince" at York Island this morning the master was interviewed and the following elicited from him:-

- (a) During the voyage to Vancouver his ship anchored this side of Seymour Narrows for several hours waiting for a favorable tide.
- (b) During this wait he is satisfied no one left the ship.
- (c) After passing through the Narrows he reported to his Vancouver office by radio that he expected to dock at Vancouver at 01:30 hours 2nd February, 1941. Later, however, due to the weather conditions becoming more favourable, he estimated that he would be able to dock by 23:30 hours 1st February, but was unable to reach his Vancouver office by radio to report this.
- (d) The ship actually docked at approximately 23:30 hours, 1st February.
- (e) At approximately 01:30 hours, 2nd February certain M.P. personnel visited his ship inquiring for the m/n men, but he reported that these men were not aboard.
- (f) At no time did he see either of these men aboard his ship.

8. From the above information it is concluded that the m/n O.R.'s. must have landed in Vancouver from the "Border Prince" surreptitiously between 23:30 hrs. 1st February and 01:30 hours, 2nd February. Upon arrival of the "Border Prince" at York Island on her next southbound trip it is proposed to question members of the crew as to their knowledge (if any) of this matter. It is also intended to question Gnr. Reamsbottom regarding the matter on his return from furlough.

9. As regards the provisions of C.A.S.F. R.O. 412 (2) it is presumed that the descriptive report therein mentioned is being forwarded from your H. Q. as particulars of the men's descriptions are on their M.F.M's. 2 in your office.

10. The articles mentioned in para. (1) of the a/m order have been duly placed in safe custody and an inventory taken as required.

11. Appropriate entries are being made in Part II Orders as required by para. (3) of the a/m order.

12. The last known addresses and names of the next of kin of the m/n O.R.'s. according to this office's records are:

Mrs. Viola Ritter (wife)
2284 - W. 8th Ave.,
Vancouver, B. C.

previous address:

1569 Grant St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Gnr. MacPherson:

Mrs. Watson Hunger, (Sister)
9756 - 97th St.,
Edmonton, Alta.

Before joining the Canadian Army Gnr. Ritter came from Texas and there are rumours to the effect that he may be endeavoring to return there, taking Gnr. MacPherson with him.

13. Any further information will be reported immediately.

RTD
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Officer Commanding
York Island.

RTD/WBE

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

4th February 1

Headquarters,
~~Headquarters,~~
Pacific Command,
Victoria, B. C.

Amunition Recesses

Reference your V.36-2-36 dated 23rd January
1941.

1. Since reporting that the recesses storing cartridges were not waterproof considerable work was done to overcome this difficulty and make them waterproof by means of roofing paper and alterations to the doors. By reason of this, despite wet weather the cartridges were found to be free of wetness and dampness.
2. The method of storage set forth in your letter was tried and found to be feasible. However, if cartridges are stored in their boxes it is not so economical as regards space and the number of cartridges that may be stored at the guns is reduced by over half, as only three boxes or eighteen cartridges may be kept in the same space that houses forty using pigeon holes.
3. If the cartridges continue to keep dry in the pigeon holes it is proposed to carry on with this method of storage.

RTD
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York Island

RTD/EN

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

4th February

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SECRET

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

Militia Service Cipher

Re. your V.S. 38-3-6 dated 20th January
1941.

1. This will certify that copy No. 2 of
Key Memorandum No. 15 was destroyed by fire in the
presence of Captain J.H. Bricker, R.C.A. on the 4th
day of February, 1941.

RTD
(R.T. DuMoulin) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island

RTD/EW

Witness:

JHB

(J. H. Bricker) Capt., R. C. A.

85th Heavy Battery, RCA AF
York Island, B. C.

4th February

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Officer Commanding
15th (Van) Coast Brigade, RCA AF
Vancouver, B. C.

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

Reference this office letter 58th
file dated 21st January and Brigade Part I
Order No. 4-4

1. On checking over the length of service set forth in the Statutory Declaration of K25040 L/Bdr. Burrage, J. H., it is found that this now totals more than five years and that, therefore, the said N.C.O. should be entitled to two stripes instead of one.
2. May the necessary entry in orders be made accordingly therefore, please.

RTP
(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA
Officer Commanding
York Island.

RTD/WBE.

P.S. It would appear from reference to K.R. (Can) Para. 1514 (xv) that awards of good conduct badges should appear in Part II Orders rather than in Part I Orders.

RTP

85th Heavy Battery, RCA AF
York Island, B. C.

4th February, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.'s.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island.</u>
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Civilians	Employed		16	16	16
TOTAL		11	209	220	125

RATION STRENGTH ----- 125

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York Island.

PART I ORDERS

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York Island
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5th February, 1941

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36-1 DUTIES: Thursday February 6th, 1941

Officer of the Watch - 2/Lt. F.B. Walker
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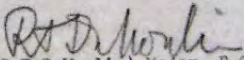
36-2 FIRE PICQUET: Bdr. Griffin L/Bdr. Grant and Dixon. Gnr. Johnson, L.,
Glanville, Monroe and Kibler.

36-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 1730 hours

Cpl. McMillan, Ptes. Durbin, Bevan-Pritchard,
Robertson and Gnr. Roeder

36-4 EQUIPMENT:

The practice of leaving safety catches not applied on rifles
and of leaving corks in water bottles will be discontinued
forthwith.


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

NOTICE

i. BOXING TOURNAMENT

1. The Canadian Corps Association in British Columbia is sponsoring a
Boxing Tournament for all members of His Majesty's Armed Forces stationed
in N.D.XI. to be held in the near future.

The present arrangements, so far as the three Services are concerned,
are in the hands of a Committee with Lieut. Cmdr. R.B. Kingscote, President,
representing the Navy, three officers representing the Army and Flight
Lieut. E.B. de Witte and Flying Officer Poupoure representing the Air Force.

Captain G.J. Archer is in charge of the Canadian Corps arrangements.
The District will be divided as follows:-

1. Vancouver & New Westminster
 2. Victoria
 3. Nanaimo
 4. Prince Rupert
- The Divisions are:-

a. Flyweight	112-118 lbs.	e. Welterweight	142-155 lbs.
b. Bantam weight	118-126 lbs.	f. Middleweight	155-163 lbs.
c. Featherweight	126-135 lbs.	g. Light heavy	165-178 lbs.
d. Lightweight	135-142 lbs.	h. Heavy Weights	178-up lbs.

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York Island
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BOXING TOURNAMENT (cont'd)

The lengths of rounds are recommended to be:-

Two 2 min. and one 3 min. for the district bouts.
Three 3 min. for finals.

The finals will take place in Vancouver.

Further details will be announced later.

2. Any personnel interested will report to the B.S.M.

Professional fighters will not be eligible.

88th Heavy Battery, RCA AF
York Island, B. C.

5th February, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE.

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R's.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island.</u>
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	52	56	
	Employed		17	17	
	Stn Hosp		3	3	76
	On Leave		1	1	
	A. W. L.		2	2	
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	
	Employed		2	2	3
	On Command	1		1	
	Att. 58th	2	85	87	
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	Employed		1	1	1
1st Fort. Sig. Coy. RCES	Employed		4	4	4
4th Fort. E. & M. Coy RCE	Employed		4	4	4
2nd Bn. CSR AF	On Parade		8	8	8
	Furlough		1	1	
H. Q. M. D. No. XI	Employed	1		1	1
	Furlough	1		1	
Sub-Depot M.D. XI	Employed		3	3	3
D. M. D. XI	Employed		1	1	1
Royal Canadian Navy	Employed	1	7	8	8
	Furlough		1	1	
Civilians	Employed		16	16	16
TOTAL		11	208	219	125

RATION STRENGTH ----- 125

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85th Heavy Battery, RCA AF
York Island, B. C.
6th February, 1941
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37-1 DUTIES: Friday February 7th, 1941.

Officer of the Watch:	Lt. H. W. Selbie
Next for Duty :	2/Lt. P. B. Walker
Orderly Officer :	Lt. D. F. Thomas
Next for Duty :	Lt. H. W. Selbie
Orderly Sergeant :	L/Sgt. Cartwright
Orderly Bombardier :	Bdr. Griffin

37-2 FIRE PICQUET: Bdr. Griffin, L/Bdrs. Grant & Dixon, Gnrs. Johnson, L, Glanville, Monroe & Kibler.

37-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 1730 hrs.

L/Bdr. Martindale - Ptes. Strain, Hough, Fairn & Godwin.

37-4 DISCIPLINE:

(a) Attention of All Ranks is drawn to the provisions of Part I Order No. 24-5, dated 24th January, 1941 re consumption of liquor in Hostess Houses in Vancouver.

(b) Part I Order No. 357-5 dated 27th December, 1940 is republished for the information of All Ranks.

"(A) Dress and Conduct: Troops proceeding on leave or furlough will pay particular attention to the following:

1. When appearing in public always be properly and smartly dressed.
2. Do not loiter about on streets, etc., but move smartly to your destination.
3. Conduct yourselves in such a manner as to command respect of the Unit to which you belong.
4. Misbehaviour on trains or boats will render offenders liable to removal therefrom, cancellation of leave and disciplinary action.

(B) Saluting:

1. The impression that saluting is not required between Retreat and Reveille is erroneous and contrary to Regulations.
2. Troops will ensure that they salute all officers, naval, military or air, at all necessary times.
3. The above is to be borne in mind especially during the approaching leave and furloughs."

37-5 DRESS:

The attention of All Ranks proceeding to Vancouver is drawn to Bde. Pt. I Order No. 6-19 dated 11th January, 1941 which reads as follows:

"Wearing of Anklets with Battle Dress:

1. In future, all ranks will wear anklets with battle dress when on parade or duty or when off duty out of quarters, barracks or camps, except when overshoes are worn.
2. N.D.M.Q. letter of the 5th June, 1940 H.Q. 54-27-8-8, is hereby cancelled.

37-6 AUDIT BOARDS:

(a) A Board of Officers, composed as hereunder will assemble at the call of the President, not later than 7th February, 1941, for the purpose of auditing the following accounts, respectively:

1. York Island Officers' Mess.
President: Capt. J. H. Bricker, RCA
Members : Lieut. H. W. Selbie, RCA
2/Lt. P. B. Walker, RCA
2. York Island Sergeants' Mess.
3. York Island Canteen.

37-6 AUDIT BOARDS: (Cont'd)

President: Capt. J. H. Bricker, RCA
 Members : Lieut. D. P. Thomas, RCA
 S/Lt. F. B. Walker, RCA

(b) The Proceedings of the Boards will be duly recorded, completed, and handed to O. C. York Island by 1800 hrs. 8th February, 1941.

(c) Attention of the Board is drawn to D.R.O. 1094 dated 2nd December, 1940 re Financial Statements and to M.D. No. XI C/L V.86-1-1 dated 31st January, 1941, re Canteen Sales.

37-7 CANTEN COMMITTEE MEETING:

(a) The regular monthly meeting of the York Island Canteen Committee will be held in the Reading Room at 1400 hrs, Saturday 8th February, 1941.

(b) Members of the Sub-Committee will attend.

37-8 QUARANTINE:

Kelsey Bay and Salmon River Logging Company Camp cease to be out of bounds as mentioned in Part I Order No. 24-6 (b) dated 24th January, 1941, w/e 5th February, 1941.

37-9 SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION:

All ranks of the CASF 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:

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

Accordingly, officers and other ranks are forbidden to:

- Insert advertisements or letters in any publication inviting strangers to communicate with them.
- To enter into correspondence with strangers in response to advertisements or other invitations.
- In any other way to communicate with strangers by letter or otherwise concerning anything of a military nature.

37-10 PRECAUTIONS IN REGARD TO DISCUSSION OF ARMAMENT AND DESIGN:

(a) Advice has been received from National Defence H. C. requesting that a high degree of secrecy be maintained in regard to any matters involving a change of armament or design. A certain laxity has been observed in this regard, with particular reference to discussions which have taken place concerning the armament and design of tank and anti-tank equipment.

(b) All Ranks will refrain from discussion of any such items which may have come to their knowledge or notice, except as may be necessary in connection with their official duties. Any future indiscretions of this nature will be made subject of disciplinary action.

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York Island, B.C.

6th February


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

Change-over

Reference your 5-0-1, dated 1st February, 1941

1. Nominal rolls of drafts are enclosed herewith.
2. It is possible, but not likely that some contingency may arise necessitating some changes in these drafts. If so, they will be reported as soon as possible.
3. Major R.T. DuMoulin's name does not appear with any draft as it is not known yet when Major Piercy is due to arrive. It is intended that, if he arrives with the 1st Draft Major DuMoulin proceed on the 2nd. If he arrives on the 2nd, Major DuMoulin could proceed on the 3rd.


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
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15th (Van) Coast Brigade, RCA AF.
Vancouver, B. C.

ELECTRICAL FIRE CONTROL.

Reference your letter No. 4-6 dated
31st January, 1941.

1. There do not appear to be any RCA personnel at this Station who have any of the qualifications listed in your a/m letter.


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Officer Commanding
2nd Bn. C. S. R. (AF),
Parson's Bridge Camp,
Victoria, B. C.

Attention Quartermaster

BOXES, SOLDIERS.

Reference letter 30th January, 1941.

1. The mn'd were allowed to be taken away on the understanding that they would be returned.
2. Since the boxes are on charge to this Station and since Ordnance have ruled that this is a permanent post, they have to remain here.
3. R.V. B-196 is therefore being returned and it would be appreciated if the boxes could be forwarded immediately, please.

RTP
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Vancouver, B. C.

PERSONNEL FOR 1ST CANADIAN ARMoured BRIGADE.

Reference H.Q. Vancouver Defences C/L
29-0-1 dated 30th January, 1941, a copy of which was
received direct at this office on 5th February, 1941.

1. The following is a list of applicants
who are desirous of transferring to the 1st Canadian
Armoured Brigade:

Category

K92578 A/BSM Cook G P	A
K16013 A/Bdr Copas E O	A
K16118 A/Bdr Griffith J A M	A
K16122 L/Bdr Cunningham H J	A
K16097 L/Bdr Johnson R R	A
K16221 A/L/Bdr Russ A B	A
K16016 A/L/Bdr Wilkinson CEG	Av
K18043 A/L/Bdr Husted J W	A
K16040 Gnr Dunn W	A
K16200 Gnr Ferrier A B	A
K16157 Gnr Harrington W E	A
K16162 Gnr Jones C R	A
K16175 Gnr Johnson W A	A
K16161 Gnr Kibler F W	A
K16192 Gnr King E V	C2
K19020 Gnr Milner A C	B
K25031 Gnr Moran C A	C
K16201 Gnr Stockley W	A
K16248 Gnr Vaughan A D	A

2. Although the a/m circular letter requests
that a note be made of any particular qualifications any
personnel may have for the Armoured Corps, it does not
state what such qualifications would be. However, it is
considered that any of the above personnel would be suit-
able for service in such a Corps.

3. In addition to the a/m personnel of the 58th
Heavy Battery, RCA, the u/m O. R's. have submitted their names
and it would be appreciated if these names could be drawn to
the attention of their respective O. C's.

2nd Bn. CSR AF

K62037 A/Cpl MacMillan H G	B
K62410 Pte Bevan-Pritchard D	B
K62409 Pte Durbin C	B

(The latter 2 O.R's. are attached to the 85th Heavy Battery,
RCA pending transfer.)

4th Fortress E. & M. Coy. RCE AF

K30014 Spr DeRochie R W	A
K30007 Spr Gage-Cole R R	A
K30012 Spr Pigg A W	A

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M. D. XI (Tech)		1		1	1
4th E. & M. Coy. RCE	Employed		4	4	4
2nd Bn. CSR AF	On Parade		8	8	8
	Furlough		1	1	
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38-1 DUTIES: Saturday February 8th 1941

Officer of the Watch - 2/Lt. F.B. Walker
Next for Duty - Lt. D.F. Thomas

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Next for Duty - 2/Lt. F.B. Walker

Orderly Sgt. - L/Sgt. Cartwright

Orderly Bdr. - Bdr. Griffin

38-2 FIRE PICQUET: Bdr. Griffin L/Bdrs. Grant and Dixon, Gnr. Johnson, L.,
Glanville Monroe and Kibler.

38-3 CAMP INSPECTION: 1030 hours by Battery Commander

38-4 GUARD MOUNTING: 1730 hours

A /L/Bdr. Russ Ptes. Durbin, Bevan-Fritchard, Robertson
and Gnr. Roeder.

38-5 WATER:

Owing to the fact that the S. S. "Border Prince" will not be
delivering water to York Island before 14th February, 1941 all ranks
are warned that the Ablution Room will be open for washing and showers
at the following hours only each day:

0630 - 0830

1130 - 1300

1630 - 1830

Further all ranks are cautioned to avoid waste of water in any way
and to be sure that toilets are not left running after using.

38-6 CANADIAN UNITS OVERSEAS: PRESS RELEASES, ETC.,

No mention is to be made in any press releases, interviews or
radio broadcasting programmes of the names of units which are serving
outside of Canada. Furthermore, units are not to be described in such
a way that they can be identified from the description.

38-7 MARCH DISCIPLINE: Officers Commanding, all Detachments and formations
on the march, will give the command to "Break Step" when crossing all
bridges in the Vancouver Defences Area with the exception of the Burrard
Street Bridge.

38-8 BOARD OF OFFICERS - EXAMINATIONS: A Board of Officers, constituted as
as under, will assemble at Point Grey Fort at 0900 hours, Sunday, 16th
February, 1941, for the purpose of conducting a qualifying examination
for D.R.F. Specialists of the 15th(Van) Coast Bde., R.C.A., RF.:-

President - Major W.R. Bradley, R.C.A.

Members - Capt. J.H. Bricker, R.C.A.

- Lieut. P.F. Dockerill, R.C.A.

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PERMISSION TO MARRY
K92437 Gnr. Middlemass, J.

1. The m/n man wishes to apply for permission to marry.
2. He has been examined by Captain G. C. Ferguson, M. O. York Island, who reports in writing dated 5th February, 1941 that,

"A recent medical examination and blood test of the marginally named man shows him to be physically fit for marriage".
3. May the necessary arrangements be made, please, for this man to appear before the C. O. to make his application.

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


WAR DIARY - JANUARY, 1941.

1. Enclosed please find War Diary for January, 1941 made up as follows:

- (a) Original copy plus
 copies of correspondence Appendix "A"
 copies of Part I Orders " " "B"
 copies of Part II Orders " " "C"
 copies of Strength States " " "D"

(b) Duplicate and triplicate copies of War Diary.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.


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WBE.

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39-1 DUTIES: Sunday February 9th, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.W. Selbie
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Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Ramsden
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Dyer

39-2 EMBARKATION:

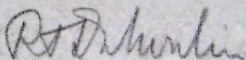
O.R.'s as detailed will parade for inspection by B.C.
at 1015 hours.

39-3 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Dyer, Grant and Dixon. Gnr. Glanville, Monroe,
and Kibler.

39-4 GUARD MOUNTING: 1730 hours

Cpl. McMillan Ptes. Strain, Hough, Fairn and Godwin



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ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE

K16244 Gnr. Ritter, H. P.
K16246 Gnr. MacPherson, J.

Reference out letter
No. 5-4 dated
February, 4th, 1941

1. Enclosed herewith please find minutes of evidence of members of the crew of S.S. "Border Prince" taken at York Island 6th February, 1941 and minutes of evidence of R. Jack taken at York Island 7th February, 1941 re the m/n case for your information, please.

2. A copy of H.Q. Vancouver Defences letter No. 23-0-2 dated 3rd February, 1941 has been received. It is noted that it is therein stated that the military police who attended at the Border Prince early 2nd February made a thorough search of the ship. From what is said by members of the crew present at the time of the visit of the police it is understood that they did not make a search. Possibly they presumed that, because of the fact that the ship had docked two hours previously, the men were not there.

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Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

ORIGINAL

M.F.M. 11

A.F.C. 2116

1 M.U. - 5-40 (2242)

H.Q. 1772-39-1658

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
ork Island	9-Feb	1941	First draft from Point Grey consisting of Capt. A.L. Foreman and 28 O.R's arrived. Gns. Ritter and MacPherson returned with draft. First draft for Vancouver left, consisting of Lieut. D.F. Thomas and 2/Lt. P.B. Walker and 26 O.R's. Weather : Cloudy.	
	10-Feb		Bring to round fired by 6-Pdr. at 1224 hours. Weather : Dull.	
	11-Feb		Capt. Saunders, R.C.A.M.C. returned from leave. Capt. Ferguson, R.C.A.M.C. left island. Bring to round fired by 6-Pdr. at 1226 hours. Weather : Rain.	
	12-Feb		2nd draft arrived from Vancouver consisting of Major J.E. Piercy, 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton and 29 O.R's. 2nd draft left for Vancouver consisting of Lt. H.W. Selbie and 24 O.R's. Capt. J.A. Ganshorn arrived with draft from Vancouver and left with draft going down. 4 O.R's taken on strength from No. XI Sub-Depot. 8 O.R's taken on strength from 2nd Bn. C.S.R., A.F. Weather : Bright.	
	13-Feb		S/Sgt. Brown, R.C.E. arrived to supervise installation of searchlights. Weather : Bright.	
	14-Feb		3rd draft arrived from Vancouver consisting of Lt. D.G. McGavin, B.S.M. Lockhart and 32 O.R's. 3rd draft left for Vancouver consisting of Major R.T. DuMoulin, Capt. J.H. Ericker and 25 O.R's. Major J.E. Piercy assumes duties of O.C. York Island vice Major R.T. DuMoulin. Weather : Bright.	
	15-Feb		Weather : Cloudy.	



PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery R.C.A., (A.F.)

York Island
by

Major R.T. DuMoulin, O.C.

9th February, 1941

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40-1 DUTIES: Monday February 10th, 1941

Officer of the Watch - Capt. J.H. Bricker
N
Orderly Officer - Lieut. H.W. Selbie
Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Ramsden
Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Dyer

40-2 FIRE PICQUET: L/Bdrs. Dyer and Grant, Gns. Glanville, Monroe, Kibler,
& L/Bdr. Query Tully.

40-3 CAMP INSPECTION: by Orderly Officer at 1100 hours.

40-4 BATTERY COMMANDERS PARADE: 1330 hours at Water Tower. Off duty
section, one half of Gun Watch & H.Qrs.
Party as detailed.

40-5 GUARD MOUNTING: 1730 hours

L/Bdr. Cunningham, Ptes. Durbin, Bevan-Pritchard,
Robertson and Gunner Doyle.

40-6 FIRE ORDERS AND GENERAL BATTLE ALARM ORDERS:

The attention of All Ranks
is drawn to the above mentioned orders which have been posted through-
out the Camp. All previous orders for Fire Alarm and General Battle
Alarm are hereby cancelled.

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

85th Heavy Battery, RCA
York Island, B. C.

9th February, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R's.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
58th Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	5	53	58	
	Employed		17	17	
	Stn Hosp		2	2	
	In Custody				
	Camp Guard House		2	2	79
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	24	25	
	Employed		5	5	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	
	Att. 58th	3	64	67	31
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	Employed		1	1	1
20th Fort Sig. Coy.	Employed		3	3	3
15th (Van) Coast Bde.			1	1	1
4th E. & M. Coy. RCE	Employed		4	4	4
2nd Bn. CSR AF	On Parade		8	8	8
	Furlough		1	1	
H.Q. M.D. XI	Employed	1		1	1
	Furlough	1		1	
Sub-Dep. M.D. XI	Employed		3	3	3
D.D. M.D. XI	Employed		1	1	1
Royal Canadian Navy	Employed	1	7	8	8
	Furlough		1	1	
Civilians	Employed		16	16	16
TOTAL		12	214	226	156

RATION STRENGTH ----- 156

R. T. DuMoulin
(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA
Officer Commanding
York Island.

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery R.C.A., (A.F.)

York Island

by

Major R.T. DuMoulin, O.C.

10th February, 1941

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41-1 DUTIES: Tuesday February 11th, 1941

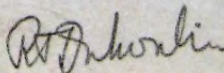
Officer of the Watch - Lt. H.W. Selbie
Orderly Officer - Capt. J.H. Brieker
Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Ramsden
Orderly Bdr. - ~~1/4~~Bdr. Dyer

41-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Dyer, Grant and Query. Gnsr. Glanville, Monroe,
Kibler and Tully.

41-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 1730 hours

L/Bdr. Russ. Ptes. Strain, Hough, Fairn and Godwin.



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

85th Heavy Battery, RCA AF
York Island, B. C.

10th February

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SECRET

Headquarters,
Pacific Command,
Victoria, B. C.

SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION

V.C. 84-1-4-16

V.C. 27-1-2-2 - G.S. 94

1. This is to certify that CASP RO No. 218/39 as amended by RO No. 305/40 and the m/n letter wherein it deals with "Precautions in regard to discussion of Armament and Design was drawn to the attention of all ranks at this Station on a muster parade the 5th February, 1941.

RTD
(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA
Officer Commanding
York Island.

JHB/WBE

cc 15th (Van) Coast Bde. RCA AF.

85th Heavy Battery, RCA
York Island, B. C.

10th Feb. 1941.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R's.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island.</u>
58th Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	3	30	33	
	Employed		14	14	
	Stn. Hosp.		2	2	
	Detention		2	2	51
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	22	23	
	Employed		6	6	
	Stn Hosp		2	2	31
	Att. 58th	3	64	67	
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	Employed		1	1	1
1st Fort. Sig. Coy.	Employed		3	3	3
15th (Van) Coast Bde.			1	1	1
4th E. & M. Coy. RCE	Employed		4	4	4
2nd Bn. CSR AF	On Parade		8	8	8
	Furlough		1	1	
H.Q. M.D. XI	Employed	1		1	1
	Furlough	1		1	
3rd-Dep. M.D. XI	Employed		3	3	3
D. D. M. D. XI	Employed		1	1	1
Royal Canadian Navy	Employed	1	7	8	8
	Furlough		1	1	
Civilians	Employed		16	16	16
TOTAL		10	188	198	128

RATION STRENGTH ----- 128

R. T. DuMoulin
(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA
Officer Commanding
York Island.

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery R.C.A., (A.F.)

York Island, B.C.

by

Major R.T. DuMoulin, O. C.

11th February, 1941

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42-1 DUTIES: Wednesday February 12th, 1941

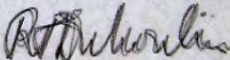
Officer of the Watch - Capt. J.H. Bricker
Orderly Officer - Capt. A.L. Foreman
Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Ramsden
Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Dyer.

42-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Dyer and Dixon. Gns. Agnew, Tully, Hatton and Woodbury.

42-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 1730 hours.

Cpl. McMillan. Ptes. Durbin, Bevan Pritchard, Robertson and Gnr. Swan.


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

85th Heavy Battery, RCA AF
York Island, B. C.


11th February,

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District Audit Board,
Headquarters,
M. D. No. XI,
Victoria, B. C.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Canteen, Sergeants'
Mess and Officers' Mess. (York Island)

1. Enclosed please find Financial Statements in triplicate for the month of January, 1941 covering the m/n accounts.
2. Acknowledge receipt, please.


(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA
Officer Commanding
York Island.

WBE
enc.

85th Heavy Battery, RCA AF
York Island, B. C.

11th February, 1

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

BRING-TO ROUND.

1. At 1224 hours 10th February, 1941 X.V., HMCS "West Coast", signalled for a "bring-to" round on a vessel proceeding east down Sunderland Channel. The 6-pdr. fired one round; the vessel stopped and was dealt with by X. O.

2. The name and number of the vessel were reported to be "Terranova" - V092R.

RTD

(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA
Officer Commanding
York Island.

RTD/WBE.
c.c. 15th (Van) Coast Bde., RCA AF.

85th Heavy Battery, RCA AF
York Island, B. C.

11th February

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

BRING-TO ROUND.

1. At 1226 hrs. 11th February, 1941 X.V., HMCS "Santa Maria", signalled for a "bring-to" round on a vessel proceeding east down Sunderland Channel. The 6-pdr. fired one round; the vessel stopped and was dealt with by X. O.

2. The number of the vessel was reported to be YD054T.

RTD

(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA
Officer Commanding
York Island.

RTD/WBE
c.c. 15th (Van) Coast Bde., RCA AF

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

11th February 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE.

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.'s.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island.</u>
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	31	34	
	Employed		14	14	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	
	Detention		2	2	51
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	22	23	
	Employed		6	6	
	Stn Hosp		2	2	
	Att. 58th	3	62	65	31
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	Employed		1	1	1
10th Fort Sig Coy.	Employed		3	3	3
15th (Van) Coast Bde.			1	1	1
4th E. & M. Coy RCE	Employed		4	4	4
2nd Bn. CSR AF	On Parade		8	8	8
	Furlough		1	1	
H.Q. M.D. XI	Employed	1		1	1
	Furlough	1		1	
Sub-Dep. M.D. XI	Employed		3	3	3
D.D. M.D. XI	Employed		1	1	1
Royal Canadian Navy	Employed	1	7	8	8
	Furlough		1	1	
Civilians	Employed		16	16	16
TOTAL		10	186	196	128

RATION STRENGTH ----- 128

R. T. DuMoulin
(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA
Officer Commanding
York Island.

PART I ORDERS

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

York Island
by

Major R.T. DuMoulin, O.C.

12th February, 1941

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43-1 DUTIES: Thursday 13th February, 1941

Officer of the Watch - ~~2/Lt.~~ Capt. A.L. Foreman
Next for duty - 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton

Orderly Officer - 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton
Next for duty - Lt. D.G. McGavin

43-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdrs. Dyer and Rose. Gnr. Sayer, Schofield,
McKay and Beaulieu.

43-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 1730 hours

L/Bdr. Engelen, Ptes. Strain, Hough, Fairn and
Godwin.

43-4 WATER:

Order number 38-5 dated 7th February is re-published for the
information of All Ranks.

Owing to the fact that the S.S. "Border Prince" will not be
delivering water to York Island before the 14th of February, 1941.
All Ranks are warned that the Ablution Room will be open for washing
and showers at the following hours only each day:

0630 - 0830
1130 - 1300
1630 - 1830

Further All Ranks are cautioned to avoid waste of water in any way
and to be sure that toilets are not left running after using.

R.T. DuMoulin

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

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

17th February,

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

SEARCHLIGHTS.

1. Staff Sgt. Brown, R.C.E. who is installing the Searchlights informs me that #3 Searchlight will be ready for operation in two days, and I have telegraphed asking that 1 NCO, 3 Light Operators and 3 Engine Operators be sent up to operate it under his supervision. He informs me that this is all he needs for this purpose.
2. #1 & 2 Searchlights will take some considerable time to install, owing to the difficult approaches to same.
3. I request that instructions be issued me as to how much use should be made of these searchlights so that I can pass them on to the officer in charge of the Searchlights. The Naval Officers on this station have frequently advised me that on a dark night, without searchlights in operation there would be no difficulty in a vessel slipping past the X.V. provided the enemy ship was in total darkness. On a dark night the Port could not observe a vessel proceeding with lights out, in fact even on a bright moonlight night small vessels without navigation lights cannot be observed across the channel.
4. I am informed the distance which the lights cover is about 9-10,000 yards, which distance could be covered by a vessel travelling 20 knots in less than 18 minutes.
5. There have been no instructions issued to this Port about the operation of these lights but Major R. Hunter, 3rd S/L Bty. RCA. has informed me that he understands two lights are to be fixed beams, one on each channel, and the third light to be a moving beam.
6. In view of the reported threatening position on the Pacific, I intend to issue orders to the officer in charge of searchlights to have #3 Searchlight in continuous operation all night sweeping the channel until such time as #1 & 2 are ready for operation, when I propose to use all the lights in continuous operation as described above by Major Hunter.

J. E. Piercy
(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island.

85th Heavy Battery, RCA
York Island, B. C.

12th February, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE.

		Offrs.	O.R.'s.	Total	Total at York Island.
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	41	44	
	Employed		4	4	
	Stn. Hosp		1	1	
	Detention		2	2	51
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	40	43	
	Employed		17	17	
	Stn Hosp.		2	2	62
	Att. 58th	1	33	34	
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	Employed		1	1	1
10th Fort. Sig. Coy. RCCS	Employed		3	3	3
15th (Van) Coast Bde. RCA		1	1	2	2
4th E. & M. Coy. RCE	Employed		4	4	4
2nd Bn. CSR AF	On Parade		8	8	8
	Furlough		1	1	
H.Q. M.D. XI ^{MEDICAL} (RCAAF)	Employed	1		1	1
Sub-Dep. M.D. XI ^{MEDICAL} (RCAAF)	Employed		3	3	3
D. D. M. D. XI	Employed		1	1	1
Royal Canadian Navy	Employed	1	7	8	8
	Leave		1	1	
Civilians	Employed		16	16	16
TOTAL		10	186	196	160

RATION STRENGTH ----- 160

R. T. DuMoulin
(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA
Officer Commanding
York Island.

PART I ORDERS

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

York Island

BY

Feb. 13th 1940

MAJOR E.T. DUMOULIN, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 44

44-1 DUTIES : FRIDAY Feb. 14th 1941

Officer of the Watch	2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	RCA
Next for duty	Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
Orderly Officer	Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
Next for duty	2/Lt W.A.S. Clayton	RCA

44-2 FIRE PIQUET - L/Bdrs. Dyer and Rose. Gnrs. Tully, Mattocks, Coltman and Agnew.

44-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1730 Hrs.

Cpl. Thompson, Btes. Durbin, Robertson, Bevan, Pritchard, and Gnr Shore.

R.T. Dumoulin

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

LOST

One Pair of Horn Rimmed Glasses in case between H.Q. Hut and Orderly Room. Finder will please turn same to Orderly Room.

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE - FEB 13th 1940

		Offrs	O Rs	Total	Total at York Is.
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	39	42	
	Employed		17	17	
	Stn Hosp		3	3	62
	Att'd 58th	1	30	31	

666 58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	18	20	
	Employed		4	4	
	Detention		2	2	26

666 31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	Employed		1	1	1

HQ 15(VAN) Coast Bde	RCA AF		1	1	1

10th Ft Sig Coy	RCCS		3	3	3

4th E & M Coy	RCE		4	4	4

No. 11 Det	RCE		1	1	1

2nd Bn	CSR AF		9	9	9

HQ MDXI (Medical)	Employed	1	2	1	1

Sub-Depot MDXI (Medical)	Emp.		3	3	3

13th Fld Amb(Detail)	RCAMC Emp		1	1	1

D D MDXI	Employed		1	1	1

Royal Canadian Navy		1	7	8	8

Civilian Personnel			17	17	17

Totals		8	161	169	138

RATION STRENGTH

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

PART I ORDERS

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

By

Feb. 14th 1941

Major J. E. Piercy, O.C.

No. 45

45-1 DUTIES : SATURDAY FEB 15th 1941

Officer of the Watch - Lt. D.G. McGavin RCA
Next for duty 2/Lt W A S Clayton RCA

Orderly Officer - 2/Lt W A S Clayton RCA
Next for duty Lt. D G McGavin RCA

Orderly Sgt - Sgt Ramsden E
Orderly Bdr L/Bdr Dyer

45-2 FIRE PIQUET - L/Bdr Dyer & L/Bdr Rose, Cnrs Sayer, Schofield,
McKay, Wright.

45-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1730 Hrs.
Bdr Hammell, Ptes Strain Haugh, Fairn, Godwin.

for O.L. Foreman Capt.
(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding York Island.

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE - FEB 14th 1941

		OFFRS	O.R.s	TOTAL	TOTAL AT YORK ISLAND
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	4	70	74	
	Employed		17	17	
	Stn Hosp		4	4	95
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	20	22	
	Employed		4	4	26
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	Employed		1	1	1
15th (VAN) Coast Bde RCA AF			1	1	1
10th Ft Sig Coy RCCS	Employed		3	3	3
4th E & M Coy RCE AF	Employed		4	4	4
No. 11 Det. RCE AF	Employed		1	1	1
2nd Bn CSR AF	On Parade		9	9	9
HQ MDXI (Medical)	Employed	1		1	1
Sub-Depot MDXIII (Medical)	Employed		3	3	3
1st Fld Amb (Detail) RCAMC	Emp		1	1	1
D D MDXI	Employed		1	1	1
R.C.N.		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel			17	17	17
Totals		8	163	171	171

Ration Strength

171

J.E. Piercy
(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding York Island.

Diary

PART I ORDERS

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

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

Feb 15th 1941.

No. 46

46-1 DUTIES : SUNDAY FEB 16th 1941.

Officer of the Watch - 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton
Next for duty Lt. D.G. McGavin

Orderly Officer - Lt. D.G. McGavin
Next for duty - 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton

Orderly Sgtl - Sgt. Cox
Orderly Bdr. - Bdr. Garrett

46-2 FIRE PICQUET - Bdr. Garrett & L/Bdr. Rose, Gnrs. Lawrence, Curry,
Innes, O'Reilly.

46-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1800 Hrs.
Bdr. Cuddeford, Ptes. Durbin, Bevan-Pritchard &
Gnrs. Allen, Harman.

46-4 DIVINE SERVICE.

A Divine Service will be held in the Mess Hall at 2000 hours,
Sunday 16-Feb-1941.

J.E. Piercy

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding York Island.

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE - Feb 15th 1941

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Isd.</u>
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	69	72	
	Employed		17	17	
	Stn Hosp		5	5	95
	Bde H Q		1	1	
	Att'd 58th Shaugnessy Hosp	1	1	2	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	1
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	Employed		1	1	1
Bde H Q	Employed		1	11	1
10th Ft Sig Coy RCCS	Employed		3	3	3
4th E & M Coy RCE AF	Employed		4	4	4
No. 11 Det RCE AF	Employed		1	1	1
2nd B n CSR AF	On Parade		8	8	8
HQ MD XI (Medical)	Employed	1		1	1
Sub-Depot MD XI (Medical) Emp.			3	3	3
13th Fld Amb RCAMC	Employed		1	1	1
D D MD XI	Employed		1	1	1
R.C.N.		1	7	8	8
Civ. personnel	Employed		17	17	17
Totals		7	142	149	145

Ration Strength

145

J.E. Piercy
(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding York Island.

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

Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

ORIGINAL

MG. F.M. 31

A.F.C. 2118

I.M.H.—4-40 (524)3

H.Q. 1772-29-1954

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
York Island	16-Feb		R.Q.M.S. Thrussel returned to H.Q. Divine Service at 2000 hours by Rev. Addison of Columbia Coast Mission. Wire to M.D. XI for 1 N.C.O. and 3 engine operators to assist installation of searchlights. Weather : Bright, frost at night.	
	17-Feb		Letter to M.D. XI re searchlights. Letter to R.C.E. Works Officer re fire pumps. Wire to R.C.E. Works Officer re fire pumps. Weather : Bright, frost at night.	
	18-Feb		1 Sgt. and 6 O.R's of 3rd Searchlight Battery arrived. Letter to H.Q. Vancouver Defences re telephones for Searchlights. Letter to District Ordnance Officer re stoves for Searchlights. Weather : Bright, frost at night.	
	19-Feb		Letter to D.E.O. re electric light plant. Letter to M.D.XI re baker. Wire to D.M.O. re single case of measles. Capt. Harrison and Sgt. Sheridan from H.Q. for one day. Weather : Bright.	
	20-Feb		Letter to D.E.O. re wharf accommodation. Weather : Bright.	
	21-Feb		Weather : Bright.	
	22-Feb		Weather : Bright.	



PART I ORDERS

83th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., A.F.
York Island

by

Feb 16th 1941

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No 47

47-1 DETTIES : MONDAY FEB 16th 1941

Officer of the Watch - Lt. D.G. McGavin RCA
Next for duty Lt W A S Clayton RCA

Orderly Officer - Lt W A S Clayton RCA
Next for duty Lt D G McGavin RCA

Orderly Sgt. - Sgt Cox S.D.
Orderly Bds. - Bdr Garrett F C

47-2 FIRE PIQUET - Bdr Garrett, Bdr Bonnett, Gnr, McKay, Schofield,
McCartney, King.

47-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1800 hrs.
Cpl. Thompson, Ptes. Fairn, Hough, Strain, Godwin.

47-4 MILITARY SECRECY

All ranks are again warned against indulgence in casual conversation regarding units serving overseas. This practice may result in the leakage of information which is of value to the enemy. Mention must NOT be made of the names of units of the Canadian Army serving out of Canada.

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding York Island

85th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., A.F.
York Island, B.C.

Feb 16th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF On Parade	3	70	73	
Stn Hosp		4	4	
Employed		17	17	94
Bde HQ		1	1	
Att'd 58th	1	1	1	
Shaughnessy Hosp		2	2	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF On Parade	1		1	1
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF Employed		1	1	1
10th Ft. Sig. Coy RCCS Employed		3	3	3
4th E & M Coy RCE AF Employed		4	4	4
No. 11 Det RCE AF Employed		1	1	1
2nd Bn CSR AF On Parade		8	8	8
Hq MDXI (Medical) Employed	1		1	1
Sub-Depot MDXI (Medical) Emp.		3	3	3
13th Fld Amb RCAMC Employed		1	1	1
D D MD XI Employed		1	1	1
R.C.N.	1	7	8	8
Civ Employees of the DEB		17	17	17
BDE HQ		1	1	1
Totals	7	142	149	144

Ration Strength

144

J. E. Piercy
(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding, York Island.

Diary

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., A.F.
York Island
by

Feb 17th 1941.

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING.

No. 48

48-1 DUTIES : TUESDAY FEB 19th 1941

Officer of the Watch - 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton ~~RCA~~ ~~RCA~~
Next for duty Lt. D.G. McGavin ~~RCA~~ ~~RCA~~

Orderly Officer - Lt. D.C. McGavin RCA
Next for duty 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton RCA

Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Cox, S.D.
Orderly Bdr. - Bdr. Garrett, F.C.

48-2 FIRE PICQUET - Bdr. Garrett, L/Bdr. Rose, Gnrs. Mattocks, King,
Moltman, Gatenby

48-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1800 hours.
L/Bdr. Engelen, Gnrs. Alford, Blackburn.
Ptes. Durbin, Bevan-Pritchard

J.E. Piercy

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding, York Island.

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

17th February,

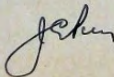
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D.D.S. & T.O.
Room 317
Vancouver Barracks
Vancouver, B.C.

BOATS

1. Can you arrange to obtain for us four rowlock sockets for Dinghy, supplied by Turner Boat Works last spring by D.S.& T.O., also one pair spruce oars and rowlocks for same.

2. Would you also obtain for us one-half gallon copper paint to paint the bottom as pin worms are getting in and one gallon white marine enamel to paint the top and inside.



(J.E. Piercy) Major, RCA, AF.
Officer Commanding.
York Island.

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

17th February,

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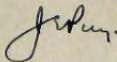
District Ordnance Officer
M.D. No. XI
Victoria, B.C.

SEARCHLIGHTS.

1. Staff Sgt. Brown, R.C.E. who is installing the Searchlights has requested that you send up some positive and negative carbons for searchlight operations.

2. I suggest that it is advisable to keep a fair stock of carbon on hand due to time taken in furnishing supplies, and would suggest that you send up one or more crates each of positive and negative carbons.

3. Please ship these so as to catch the S.S. Border Prince leaving Vancouver on Monday, 24-Feb-1941.



(J.E. Piercy) Major., R.C.A., A.F.
Officer Commanding
York Island.

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88th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., A.F.
York Island, B.C.

Feb 17th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
88th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	70	73	
	Stn Hosp		4	4	
	Employed		17	17	94
	Bde HQ		1	1	
	Att'd 58th	1	1	1	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		2	2	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	1
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	Employed		1	1	1
10th Ft. Sig. Coy RCCS	Employed		3	3	3
4th E & M Coy RCE AF	Employed		4	4	4
No. 11 Det RCE AF	Employed		1	1	1
2nd Bn CGR AF	On Parade		8	8	8
HQ MEXI (Medical)	Employed	1		1	1
Sub-Depot MEXI (Medical) Emp.			3	3	3
13th Fld Amb RCAMC	Employed		1	1	1
D D MD XI	Employed		1	1	1
R.C.N.		1	7	8	8
Civ Employees of the DEG			17	17	17
Totals		7	141	148	143
Ration Strength		<u>143</u>			

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding York Island

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., A.F.
York Island
by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING.

Feb. 18th, 1941.

No. 49

49-1 DUTIES : WEDNESDAY FEB 20th 1941.

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	RCA
Orderly Officer	- 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	RCA
Next for duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Cox, S.D.	
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Garrett, F.C.	

49-2 FIRE PICQUET - Bdr. Garrett, Bdr. Bonnett, Gnrs. Larson, Olsen
Scott, Stephens

49-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1800 hours.
L/Bdr. Dyer, Gnr. Curry, Ptes. Fairn, Hough, Godwin

49-4 GAMBLING.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to para. 440, Kings
Regulations & Orders, reading as follows:

"All gambling in garrisons, camps, barracks and encampments is
forbidden. This includes bookmaking or acting as agents for a
bookmaker."

49-5 CONSUMPTION OF BEER.

In future no Beer will be taken outside the Wet Canteen and empty
beer bottles are to be left in the Canteen.

J.E.P.
(J.E. Piercy) MAJOR, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island.

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

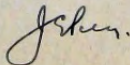
18th February,

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Headquarters
Vancouver Defences
Vancouver Barracks
Vancouver, B.C.

TELEPHONES FOR SEARCHLIGHT EMPLACEMENTS.

1. Will you please arrange to send up telephones and telephone wire for telephone lines from the Command Post to the Searchlight Emplacements.
2. The Searchlights are being installed and we will need to use telephone communication.



(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island.

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c.c. O.C., 10th Fortress Signals, RCCS, AF.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., A.F.
York Island, B.C.

File 8-4-1

Feb 18th 1941

District Engineer Officer,
Headquarters, MD XI,
Victoria, B.C.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING PLANT

1. M.V. "KITCHENER" took down the armature for repairs and a borrowed generator was sent up to York Island. Will you please trace this Armature up, and have it repaired and sent up here immediately.
2. The N.C.O. i/c of the plant advises me that the pulley on the borrowed generator is very dangerous as they have no means to lock the pulley to its shaft as it has come loose three or four times.
3. If this pulley came off while running at full speed, it is quite possible to kill the operator, as it weighs 50 lbs., and is turning at 1700 revolutions per minute.
4. Please treat this matter as urgent.

JEP/PBW

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding York Island

C.C. to R.C.E. Works Officer

C.C. to C. C. 4th Fortress Coy. E & M, R.C.E., A.F.

85th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., A.F.
York Island, B.C.

Feb 18th, 1941.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE.

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.R's</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF On Parade	3	70	73	
Stn Hosp		4	4	
Employed		17	17	94
Bde HQ		1	1	
Att'd 58th	1	1	2	
Shaughnessy Hosp		2	2	

58th Hvy Bty RCA AF On Parade	1		1	1

31st Hvy Bty RCA AF Employed		1	1	1

1st Ft. Sig. Coy RCCS Employed		3	3	3

4th E & M Coy R6E AF Employed		4	4	4

No. 11 Det RCE AF Employed		1	1	1

2nd Bn CSR AF On Parade		8	8	8

HQ MDXI R.C.A.M.C. SW Employed	1		1	1

Sub-Depot MDXI RCAMC Employed		1	1	1
On Leave		1	1	

13th Fld Amb RCAMC Employed		1	1	1

D D MD XI Employed		1	1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA. AF Employed		7	7	7

R.C.N.	1	7	8	8

Civ Employees of the DEO		17	17	17

Totals	7	147	154	148

Ration Strength 148

J. E. Piercy
(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery., R.C.A., A.F.
York Island
by

Feb. 19th, 1941.

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING.

No. 50

50-1 DUTIES : THURSDAY FEB 21st 1941.

Officer of the Watch - 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton RCA
Next for duty Lt. D.G. McGavin RCA

Orderly Officer - Lt. D.G. McGavin RCA
Next for duty 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton RCA

Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Cox, S.D.
Orderly Bde. - Bdr. Garrett, F.C.

50-2 FIRE PICQUET - Bdr. Garrett, L/Bdr. Rose, Gnrs. McKay, Anderson
Tully, Latibeaudiere.

50-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1800 hours.
Bdr. Jones, Gnrs. Mackie, D.E., Ten Hoeve.
Ptes. Durbin, Bevan-Fritchard.

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island.

NOTICE

There will be a Picture Show dealing with Forest Conservation by the Canadian Forestry Association in the Mess Hall on Saturday, 22-Feb-1941.

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

19th February,

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

BAKER.

1. Last autumn the D.A.Q.M.G. visited York Island and suggested that it would be cheaper to bake bread on York Island, consequently arrangements were made by No.11 District Depot to send up K73339 Pte. Boyer, G.R. to act as baker, which has resulted in considerable savings to the public.
2. Enclosed is correspondence between this Battery and No.11 District Depot which shows that this man, while carrying out the duties of baker, is not entitled to receive Tradesmen's Pay due to the fact there is no establishment for him.
3. I request that a letter be written to N.D.H.Q. asking that the establishment of the 85th Battery be increased by one baker so as to allow a baker to be paid Tradesmen's Rate of Pay.
4. May this increase in establishment be made retro-active from the 11-Nov-1940 to cover the time this man has been acting as baker on York Island.

J. E. Piercy
(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island.

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85th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., A.F.
York Island, B.C.

Feb 19th, 1941.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE.

	Offrs	O.R's	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF On Parade	3	69	72	
Stn Hosp		4	4	
Employed		17	17	93
Bde HQ		1	1	
Att'd 58th	1	1	2	
Shaughnessy Hosp		2	2	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF On Parade	1		1	1
Bde. H.Q.	1	1	2	2
10th Ft. Sig. Coy RCOS Employed	3	3	3	3
4th E & M Coy RCE AF Employed	4	4	4	4
No. 11 Det RCE AF Employed	1	1	1	1
2nd Bn CSR AF On Parade	7	7	7	7
HQ MDXI R.C.A.M.C. Employed	1	1	1	1
Sub-Depot MDXI RCAMC Employed	1	1	1	1
On Leave	1	1	1	
13th Fld Amb RCAMC Employed	1	1	1	1
D D MD XI Employed	1	1	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA. AF Employed	7	7	7	7
R.C.N.	1	9	10	10
Civ Employees of the BEO		17	17	17
Totals	8	147	155	149

Ration Strength 149

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

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

20th February,

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

ATTENTION DISTRICT ENGINEER OFFICER

WHARF ACCOMMODATION.

1. When the M.V. General Caldwell and the water scow is delivered to York Island, there will be insufficient wharf accommodation for all the vessels attached to this Island. This matter was drawn to the attention of the D.E.O. verbally on 1-Feb-1941, who recognized the necessity and suggested a triangular addition to the existing wharf.

2. Capt. Gosse, Master of S.S. Border Prince advises me that a letter has been sent to the Border Line Transportation Company by the D.E.O. asking for their opinion of the proposed addition. Capt. Gosse advises me that in his opinion the proposed triangular addition would throw the end of his ship too near the rocks, also that it is undesirable to reduce the narrow maneuvering space between the wharf and the reef south of the wharf.

3. The Naval Officer on York Island also condemns the triangular addition.

4. A suggestion has been made by Naval Officers that it would be much cheaper to build a new float about 150 feet long, moored to the shore by big stiff logs along the shore in map square 7885 or 7986 (York Island map 1/1200).

5. The advantages stated are:

- (a) Economy.
- (b) Relieve congestion at present wharf.
- (c) Ease of approach.
- (d) Saving of expense in towing pile-drivers and crew from Vancouver.
- (e) Logs could be obtained locally at reasonable rate.
- (f) Unnecessary to buy 50 or 60' cresoted piling and timber.

Disadvantages:

- (i) Small approach road about 150 yards would have to be made.
- (ii) Distance from camp about 300 yards.

6. This site was shown to Capt. Macdonald, R.C.E. last summer by Lieut.-Commander G.A. Thompson, R.C.N.R., the C.K.O., who is responsible for the original idea. Commander Hart, R.C.N. stated that the proposed site was the most sheltered on York Island.

7. This is an engineering problem for the D.E.O. to decide, but I suggest that careful consideration be given to Lieut.-Commander Thompson's idea. This officer was C.X.O. for a year at York Island and knows the local navigation problems. He is at present stationed at Esquimalt, and I suggest that he be consulted about navigation problems in connection with increased wharf accommodation, as the tidal currents round York Island make navigation difficult.

8. The D.S. & T.O. advise me that the M.V. General Caldwell should be here before the end of February, and the water scow during March so would request that prompt action be taken in this matter.

J.E. Piercy

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island.

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c.c. Lieut.-Commander G.A. Thompson, RCNR.,
Esquimalt, B.C.

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE - FEBRUARY 20th/41

		<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at</u> <u>C York Island</u>
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	73	76	
	Employed		20	20	
	Stn. Hospital		4	4	100
	Shaughnessy Hosp.		2	2	
	Att'd 58th	1	3	4	
	Bde H Q		2	2	
	On Command	1		1	
88th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	1
3 S/L Bty RCA AF	Employed		7	7	7
1st Fort Sig Coy RCCS	Employed		3	3	3
4th Fort E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		4	4	4
No XI Det RCE AF	Employed		1	1	1
HQ MDXI RCAMC	Employed	1		1	1
Sub Depot MDXI RCAMC	Employed		1	1	1
	On Leave		1	1	2
Sub Depot MDXI	Employed		1	1	1
13 Fld Amb RCAMC	Employed		1	1	1
D.D. MDXI	Employed		1	1	1
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ Employees /of the DEO			17	17	17
Totals		8	149	157	147

RATION STRENGTH --- 147

J. E. Piercy
(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding York Island

PART I ORDERS

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

York Island

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING.

Feb. 21st, 1941.

No. 52

52-1 DUTIES : SATURDAY FEB 22nd, 1941.

Officer of the Watch	- 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	RCA
Next for duty	Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
Orderly Officer	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
Next for duty	2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	RCA
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Cox, S.D.	
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Garrett, S.C.	

52-2 FIRE PICQUET - Bdr. Garrett, L/Bdr. Rose, Gnrs. Olsen, Gatenby
Scott, Confrey

52-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1800 hours.
Bdr. Cuddeford, Gnrs. Durbin, Bevan-Fritchard,
Smith, Newell.

52-4 INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ECONOMIC CONTROL OF RATIONS; Etc.

Routine Order No. 151, dated 22nd November, 1939, as amended by
Routine Order No. 680, dated 18th September, 1940, is further amended
as follows:

Under sub-paragraph "Serving of Food" delete all reference to
Canned Tomatoes and substitute the following:

"Canned Tomatoes are to be served as a vegetable only either
cold, warmed or hot. If served hot, care should be taken in the
cooking to ensure that the tomatoes are only brought to boiling
point, and must not be boiled or stewed. Only the surplus of
such servings will be used in the preparation of macaroni, soups,
etc."

for *A. L. Foreman Capt.*
(J.E. Piercy) Major., R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island.

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE - FEBRUARY 21st/1941.

		Offrs	O.R.'s	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	73	76	
	Employed		20	20	
	Stn. Hospital		4	4	100
	Shaughnessy Hosp.		2	2	
	Att'd 58th	1	3	4	
	Bde. H.Q.		2	2	
	On Command	1		1	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	1
3 S/L Bty RCA AF	Employed		7	7	7
10th Fort Sig Coy RCCS	Employed		3	3	3
4th Fort E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		4	4	4
No. XI Det RCE AF	Employed		1	1	1
HQ MDXI RCAMC	Employed	1		1	1
Sub-Depot MDXI RCAMC	Employed		1	1	1
	On Leave		1	1	
Sub-Depot MDXI	Employed		1	1	1
13 Fld Amb RCAMC	Employed		1	1	1
D.D. MDXI	Employed		1	1	1
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ Employees of the DEO			17	17	17
Totals		8	149	157	147

RATION STRENGTH --- 147

for A.P. Foreman Call.
(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

Diary

PART I ORDERS

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

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING.

Feb. 22nd, 1941.

No. 53

53-1 DUTIES : SUNDAY FEB 23RD, 1941.

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
Next for duty	2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	RCA
Orderly Officer	- 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	RCA
Next for duty	Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Davidson, G.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Engelen, A.L.D.	

53-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Engelen, L/Bdr. Rose, Gnrs. Kincaid, Rolland, Ament, Flewin.

53-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1800 hours.
Bdr. Hammell, Gnrs. Fairn, Hough, Godwin, Doyle.

53-4 LAUNDRY.

The practice of hanging laundry to dry in the Barrack Huts must stop immediately, a room is provided for this purpose in the Ablution Hut.

53-5 FIRE WOOD.

It has been noticed that the floors of the Barrack Huts have been cut up considerably by persons chopping wood in the hut. This practice is to stop immediately, and any person found chopping wood in the huts in the future will be liable for BARRACK ROOM DAMAGES.

53-6 VENTILATION.

During fine weather the windows in the huts will be opened first thing in the morning, and left open throughout the day. This will give the huts an opportunity to be thoroughly aired. Blankets are to be hung outside at least three times a week, but advantage should be taken of fine weather to air blankets as often as possible.

53-7 QUARTERMASTER STORES.

No issues will be made from the Q.M. Stores after 1700 hours, daily, except in cases of emergency.

53-8 FUEL.

All Coal Oil, Gasoline, and Diesel Fuel must be drawn during daylight hours, except in emergency or special order by an Officer.

J. E. Piercy

(J.E. Piercy) Major., R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island.

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE - FEBRUARY 22nd/41.

		<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	72	75	
	Employed		20	20	
	Stn Hospital		4	4	99
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	Att'd 58th	1	2	3	
	Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
	On Command	1		1	
	On Leave		1	1	
	Purlough		1	1	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	1	2	2
3 rd L Bty RCA AF	Employed		7	7	7
10th Fort Sig Coy RCGS	Employed		3	3	3
4th Fort E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		4	4	4
No. XI Det RCE AF	Employed		1	1	1
HQ MDXI RCAMC	Employed	1		1	1
Sub Depot MDXI RCAMC	Employed		1	1	1
	On Leave		1	1	
Sub Depot MDXI	Employed		1	1	1
13 Pld Amb RCAMC	Employed		1	1	1
D.D. MDXI	Employed		1	1	1
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ Employees of the DEO			17	17	17
Totals		8	149	157	147

RATION STRENGTH -- 147

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

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

Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

ORIGINAL

Form 11
A.F.O. 211a
1 MIL-5-43 (24/3)
H.Q. 1772-39-1658

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
York Island	23-Feb	1941	S/Sgt. Brown, R.C.E. and Mr. A.W. Bradley left Island on completion of installation of Searchlights. Letter to R.C.E. Works Officer re pumps. Letter to D.E.O. re installation of Searchlights. Letter to M.D. XI re installation of Searchlights. Letter to M.D. XI re cable trenches for Searchlights. Letter to D.D.S. & T.O. re bread, coal and Diesel oil. Weather : Cloudy A.M., snow P.M.	
	24-Feb		Weather : Snow.	
	25-Feb		Bdr. Dashwood-Jones proceeded to Bde. H.Q. to attend instructional course. Letter to M.D. XI re handbooks for M.M.G. Wire to R.C.E. Works Officer re fire pump. Weather : Rain.	
	26-Feb		Letter to O.C. 4th Fortress E & M Coy R.C.E. re lighting plant. 3 bring to rounds fired at 1742 hours. Weather : Rain	
	27-Feb		Letter to 15th (Van.) Coast Brigade re firing practice. Wire to Armament Officer re cancellation of firing practice. Wire to D.M.O. re lifting of quarantine. Wire from D.M.O. granting lifting of quarantine. One bring to round fired at 1325 hours. Weather : Rain.	
	28-Feb		Bdr. Cuddeford promoted to L/Sgt. L/Bdr. Engelen promoted to A/Bdr. Gnrs. Coltman, Beaulieu, Foote, Parrott, Mackie and Wright, promoted to L/Bdr. Gnr. Caldwell promoted to A/L/Bdr. Weather : Rain.	



PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery., R.C.A., A.F.
York Island
by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING.

Feb. 23rd/1941.

No. 54

54-1 DUTIES : MONDAY FEB 24th, 1941.

Officer of the Watch	- 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	RCA
Next for duty	Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
Orderly Officer	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
Next for duty	2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Davidson, G.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Engelen, A.L.D.	

54-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Engelen, Bdr. Bonnett, Cnrs. Rudrum, Ericksson, Lewis, Trim.

54-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1800 hours.
A/Bdr. Thompson, Cnrs. Durbin, Bevan-Pritchard, Upton C, Groome

54-4 KITS.

Any personnel leaving York Island on leave, for medical treatment, or any other purpose will turn in his kit to the Q.M. Stores. The kit must be packed complete in the barrack box and kitbag, and no loose articles are to be left in the huts. If this procedure is not carried out the man will be held responsible for any shortages.

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island.


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York Island, B.C.

Feb 23rd 1941

R.C.E. Works Officer,
41st & Willow Sts.,
Vancouver B.C.

PUMPS

1. By last sailing of the S.S. "BORDER PRINCE", we shipped to you one Paramount Junior & one Paramount Cub for overhaul.
2. The Paramount Junior had a cracked cylinder, of which you were notified some time ago. The Paramount Cub needs the ignition and Carburetor overhauled for which we do not have the proper facilities here.
3. Will you please have these pumps overhauled and sent back to us as soon as possible, as we have only one pump in operation.


(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding York Island.

JEP/PEW

C C to Lieut. Ruffell, BEO's Office

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

Feb 23rd 1941

District Engineer Officer,
H Q MDXI,
Victoria, B.C.

SEARCHLIGHT INSTALLATION

1. I beg to draw your attention to the excellent manner in which S/Sgt Brown and Mr A W Bradley have installed the searchlights in the very short space of time, helped by the civilian employees of Mr R A Mann of the DEC. They have installed these searchlights which appear to be working in a very satisfactory manner.
2. Two of the implacements are in difficult locations, and I fully expected that it would take three or four weeks to complete the installation, whereas, he has done so in ten days, in a very efficient manner.
3. While not presuming to interfere in your administration I would suggest that S/Sgt Brown be considered for promotion, as he appears to be very efficient.

J.E. Piercy
(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding York Island.

JEP/PBW

c c to S/Sgt Brown

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

Feb 23rd 1941

Headquarters,
MDXI, VICTORIA, B.C.

SEARCHLIGHTS

1. S/Sgt Brown, RCE AF, advises me that the Searchlights are now installed in their temporary locations and are ready for operation. He is leaving per S.S. "PRINCESS ADELAIDE" sailing this P.M.
2. Will you please arrange to send up the balance of the S/L personnel to man these searchlights.
3. Would you advise me who is to be responsible for these searchlights, and S/L Stores on York Island, -
 - (a) O. C. York Island,
 - (b) O. C. 3rd S/L Bty by remote control from Vancouver.
4. OPERATION Will you please instruct the Officer Commanding Vancouver Defences to telegraph me sometime before the balance of the S/L Detachment leave Vancouver, so that arrangements can be made to obtain extra rations for this increase in strength.

J. E. Piercy

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding York Island

JEP/PBW

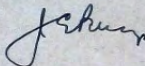
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York Island, B.C.

Feb 23rd 1941

Headquarters,
MD XI, VICTORIA, B.C.

CABLES

1. The engineers advise me that the trenches leading from the Command Post to the guns will be completed by the 27th of Feb. These trenches are for the cables from the D.R.P. to the Guns.
2. Will you please instruct the R.C.C.S. to send up a Detachment as soon as possible to lay the Cable so that the trenches can be filled in as they constitute a source of danger to the gun crews working around the guns.



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Officer Commanding York Island

JEP/PER

C.C. to 10th Fort Sig Coy RCGS

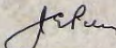
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York Island, B.C.

Feb 23rd 1941

D.D.S. & T.O.
Vancouver Barracks,
Vancouver B C

BREAD

1. The baker is having considerable difficulty in using the new issue of Phosphates and Dessicated Yeast. Up to ten days ago, he was using reserve stocks of old issue of yeast, but this is now exhausted and he is using dessicated yeast with bad results. He now turns out inedible bread. (sour and doughy).
2. I request that Lieut Webber be sent up to investigate the situation. I would suggest that he leave on the S.S. "BORDER PRINCE" leaving Monday PM and arriving here Tuesday AM, and he could leave per Union S S Chelohsin" on Tuesday evening.
3. In addition I would like to take up with him the question of coal as I know that you are paying \$10 per ton, wheress, our previous prices were \$8 per ton, for Bulk Coal.
4. I would also like to take up with him the question of Diesel Oil, as we expect to be using ten to fifteen drums per week with the searchlights now in operation.
5. I am sorry to trouble you about this, but please treat this as urgent.


(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding, York Island.

JEP/PEW

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE - FEBRUARY 23rd/41.

		<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	72	75	
	Employed		20	20	
	Stn Hospital		4	4	99
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	Att'd 58th	1	2	3	
	Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
	On Command	1	1	1	
	On Leave		1	1	
	Furlough		1	1	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	1	2	2
3 rd L Bty RCA AF	Employed		7	7	7
10th Fort Sig Coy RCSS	Employed		3	3	3
4th Fort E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		4	4	4
No. XI Det RCE AF	Employed		1	1	1
HQ MDXI RCAMC	Employed	1		1	1
Sub Depot MDXI RCAMC	Employed		1	1	1
	On Leave		1	1	
Sub Depot MDXI	Employed		1	1	1
13 Fld Amb RCAMC	Employed		1	1	1
D.D. MDXI	Employed		1	1	1
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ Employees of the DEO			17	17	17
Totals		8	149	157	147

RATION STRENGTH -- 147

J.E. Plercy
(J.E. Plercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery., R.C.A., A.F.
York Island
by

MAJOR J.E. Piercy, OFFICER COMMANDING.

Feb 24th/1941.

No. 55

55-1 DUTIES : TUESDAY FEB 25th , 1941

Officer of the Watch - Lt. D.G. McGavin RCA
Next for duty ~~xx2~~/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton RCA

Orderly Officer - 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton RCA
Next for duty Lt. D.G. McGavin RCA

Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Davidson, G.
Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Engelen, A.L.D.

55-2 PIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Engelen, L/Bdr. Rose, Gnrs. Olsen, Gatenby,
Scott, Confrey.

55-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1800 hours.
L/Bdr. Dyer, Gnrs. Fairn, Hough, Godwin, Merritt.

for Cpl Foreman Call
(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island.

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York Island, B.C.

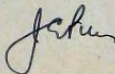
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Headquarters
M.D.XI
Victoria, B.C.

TRAINING EQUIPMENT RETURN

1. Enclosed please find duplicate Training Equipment Return showing complete list of training equipment on hand at this station as at 25th February, 1941.
2. Would you kindly forward to this Battery a supply of the m/n forms.



(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island.

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE - FEBRUARY 24th)41.

		<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.R's</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	72	75	
	Employed		20	20	
	Stn Hospital		4	4	99
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	Att'd 58th	1	2	3	
	Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
	On Command	1		1	
	On Leave		1	1	
	Furlough		1	1	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	1	2	2
3 S/L Bty RCA AF	Employed		7	7	7
10th Fort Sig Coy RCCS	Employed		3	3	3
4th Fort E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		4	4	4
HQ MDXI RGSBC	Employed	1		1	1
Sub Depot MDXI RGSBC	Employed		1	1	1
	On Leave	1	1	1	
Sub Depot MDXI	Employed		1	1	1
13 Fld Amb RCAMC	Employed		1	1	1
D.D. MBXI	Employed		1	1	1
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ Employees of the DEO			16	16	16
Totals		8	147	155	145

RATION STRENGTH -- 145

J. E. Piercy
(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

Diary

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery., R.C.A., A.P.
York Island
by

Feb. 25th/41

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING.

No. 56

56-1 DUTIES : WEDNESDAY FEB 26th, 1941.

Officer of the Watch	- 1st 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	RCA
Next for duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
Orderly Officer	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	RCA
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Davidson, G.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Engelen, A.L.D.	

56-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Engelen, Bdr. Bonnett, Gnrs. McKay, Schofield, King, Coltman.

56-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1800 hours.
Bdr. Garrett, Gnrs. Durbin, Bevan-Pritchard, Robertson, Ramsay.

J. Piercy

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island.

NOTICE.

The water pump is broken, consequently water taps must not be left running more than absolutely necessary.
Every effort will be made to conserve water.

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

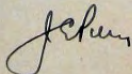
25th February,

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

MAXIM MACHINE GUN

1. This Island has on issue one Maxim Machine Gun dated 1885 and one dated 1902 which are to be used for local defence.
2. Will you please send up as soon as possible some copies of handbooks for the gun and gun drill pamphlets as the parts are very different to the Vickers and the pamphlets are needed for instructional purposes.
3. Please treat this as urgent.



(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island.

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE - FEBRUARY 25TH/41.

		<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.R's</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	72	74	
	Employed		20	20	
	Stn Hospital		4	4	98
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	Att'd 58th	1	1	2	
	Att'd Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
	On Command	1		1	
	On Furlough		1	1	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	1	2	2
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	1
3 S/L Bty RCA AF	Employed		7	7	7
10th Fort Sig Coy RCSC	Employed		3	3	3
4th Fort E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		4	4	4
HQ MDXI RCAMC	Employed	1		1	1
Sub Depot MDXI RCAMC	Employed		2	2	2
Sub Depot MDXI	Employed		1	1	1
13 Fld Amb RCAMC	Employed		1	1	1
D.D. MDXI	Employed		1	1	1
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ Employees of the DEO			16	16	16
Totals		8	145	153	146

RATION STRENGTH -- 146

J. E. Piercy
(J.E. Piercy) Major., R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery., R.C.A., A.F.
York Island,
by

Feb. 26th/41.

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No. 57 Page. 1.

57-1 DUTIES : THURSDAY FEB 27th, 1941.

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
Next for duty	2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	RCA
Orderly Officer	- 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	RCA
Next for duty	Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Davidson, G.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Engelen, A.L.D.	

57-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Engelen, L/Bdr. Rose, Gnrs. Wright, Stephens, Maydole, Fairburn.

57-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1800 hours.
A/Bdr. Thompson, Gnrs. Fairn, Hough, Godwin, Lawrence.

57-4 CHANGE IN ADDRESSING MAIL FOR TROOPS OVERSEAS AND CANADA.

(1) Owing to the recently authorized change in the title of the military forces of Canada, the designation "Canadian Army" will now be used instead of "Canadian Active Service Force (C.A.S.F.)". Mail for soldiers on active service should, therefore, now be addressed as follows:-

MAIL FOR DELIVERY OVERSEAS.

The designation "C.A.S.F., c/o Base Post Office, Canada" is to be omitted and the words "Canadian Army Overseas" substituted therefor, as follows:-

Regimental No., rank and name,
Name and details of Unit (i.e., Company or Section, Squadron, Battery, Holding Unit, etc.)
Name of Regiment or Branch of Service,
Vanadian Army Overseas.

For example:

K-52937, Pte. John Blank,
"B" Company,
Seaforth Highlanders of Canada,
Canadian Army Overseas.

B-12345, Cpl. A.J. Jones,
1st Anti-Tank Regiment,
Royal Canadian Artillery,
Canadian Army Overseas.

M-54321, Signn. John Smith,
No. 3 Company, 2nd Div. Signals,
Royal Canadian Corps of Signals,
Canadian Army Overseas.

NOTE:--If a soldier is overseas the word "Overseas" must appear in the address, but no place name.

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57-4 CHANGE IN ADDRESSING MAIL FOR TROOPS OVERSEAS AND CANADA. (CONTINUED)

MAIL FOR DELIVERY IN CANADA.

The usual particulars as to regimental number, rank and name, name and details of unit and name of regiment or branch of service, and, in addition, the Post Office name of the place in Canada where the soldier is stationed, must be given.

For Example:

C-13962, Pte. Joseph Wood,
No. 7 Field Hygiene Section,
Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps,
Debert P.P.O., N.S.

G-12345, Gnr. John Jones,
15th Heavy Battery,
Royal Canadian Artillery,
Saint John. N.B.

NOTE:--If a soldier is in Canada, the name of the place at which he is stationed must appear in the address.

(2) The foregoing instructions are most important and should be repeated periodically in Unit Orders.

57-5 LANYARDS; OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS.

(1) The colour of the whistle lanyard, and the method of wearing it are left to the discretion of officers commanding units, provided all officers of a unit are dressed alike in this respect.

(2) All pistol lanyards and clasp knife lanyards worn by officers will be khaki colour.

(3) Pistol lanyards and whistle thongs worn by other ranks of all units will be of the pattern and colour issued by Ordnance but officers commanding units are authorized to permit other ranks to wear clasp knife lanyards of the same colour as the white lanyards worn by officers of the unit provided they are supplied without expense to the public. Lanyards of colours other than khaki will not be issued by Ordnance.

(4) When a unit decides to adopt whistle lanyards for officers and clasp knife lanyards for other ranks of a colour other than khaki, notification as to the colour adopted will be forwarded to N.D.H.Q. for record purposes.

J.E. Piercy
(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island.

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

26th February,

41

Officer Commanding
4th Portress E & M Coy, R.C.E., A.F.
Seaforth Camp
Vancouver, B.C.

YORK ISLAND LIGHTING PLANT.

1. The armature sent down for repairs arrived back on the S.S. Border Prince yesterday and is now installed and appears to be working satisfactory.
2. The spare generator is being boxed up and shipped down by the S.S. Border Prince sailing Friday 28-Feb-1941 provided the tractor is finished being overhauled.
3. I would draw your attention to the report of Lt. R.D. Hodge of 10-Jan-1941, paras 7, 8 & 9 reading as follows:
 - "7. 3 - IMP, 600 volt condensers should be supplied, one side of each ganged and grounded in parallel with the neutral wire.
 8. 2 - IMP, 600 volt condensers should be supplied across the two leads from the exciter to ground.
 9. It is recommended that the above steps be taken immediately in order to eliminate the radio interference that is causing trouble with the W/T Station at York Island."
4. Will you please arrange to supply these and send up on S.S. Border Prince leaving Vancouver on Monday 3-Mar-1941.
5. Your electric light plant causes considerable radio interference with the two Wireless Stations at York Island.

J.Piercy

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island.

JEP/RMB

c.c. R.C.E. Works Officer
Lt. Raffell.

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE - FEBRUARY 26th/41.

		<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	71	73	
	Employed		20	20	
	Stn Hospital		4	4	97
	Att'd 58th	1	1	2	
	Att'd Bde. H.Q.		2	2	
	On Command	1		1	
	On Furlough		1	1	
	Shaughnessy Hosp.		2	2	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	1	2	2
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	1
3 rd L Bty RCA AF	Employed		7	7	7
10th Fort Sig Coy RCOS	Employed		3	3	3
4th Fort E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		4	4	4
HQ MDXI RCAMC	Employed	1		1	1
Sub Depot MDXI RCAMC	Employed		2	2	2
Sub Depot MDXI	Employed		1	1	1
15 th Fld Amb RCAMC	Employed		1	1	1
D.D. MDXI	Employed		1	1	1
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ Employees of the DEO			16	16	16
Totals		8	145	153	145

RATION STRENGTH -- 145

J. E. Piercy
(J. E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery., R.C.A., A.F.
York Island
by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING.

Feb. 27th/41.

No. 58

58-1 DUTIES : FRIDAY FEB 28th/41.

Officer of the Watch	- 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	RCA
Next for duty	Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
Orderly Officer	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	RCA
Next for duty	2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	RCA
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Davidson, G.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Engelen, A.L.D.	

58-2 PIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Engelen, Bdr. Bonnett, Gnrs. Anderson, McCartney, Olsen, Desmarais

58-3 GUARD MOUNTING - R 1800 hours.
Bdr. Cuddeford, Gnrs. Durbin, Bevan-Fritchard, Bowler, Knight.

58-4 INSURANCE - OFFICERS' & SERGEANTS' MESSSES.

(a) Attention is drawn to K.R. (Can.), Section 1007, which instructs as follows:

"The Department of National Defence does not assume any responsibility for the loss of or damage to mess property, the whole of which must be adequately insured against such loss or damage while in barracks, in transit or in camps of instruction, the premiums being a charge against the mess fund."

(b) Unit Audit Boards should see that the amount of insurance taken out is noted in the space provided at the back of M.F.D. 923.

58-5 LEAVE AND FURLOUGH TO THE U.S.A.

(1) Further to District Routine Order 1100, dated 3rd December, 1940.

It appears that instances have recently occurred where Commanding Officers granted personnel leave to visit friends or relatives in the U.S.A. with instructions to report to the British Consulate General.

(2) It is again brought to attention that leave and furlough to the United States of America cannot under any circumstances be approved.

58-6 PASSES

(a) It is brought to attention that expired passes are continually being picked up from soldiers in Victoria by the Provost.

(b) Officers Commanding Units will make arrangements for all passes to be collected on expiration.

58-7 REVELLE

Until further notice Reveille will be sounded at 0630 Hrs.

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island.

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

27th February,

41

Officer Commanding
15th (Van.) Coast Brigade., R.C.A., A.F.
Bessborough Armouries
Vancouver, B.C.

PIRINO PRACTICE.

1. This Battery has 20 rounds of full-charge to fire before 31-Mar-1941, in addition to the quantity of 1-inch aiming rifle.
 2. The three Searchlights are now installed ready for operation and a request has been sent down for the personnel of the 3rd Searchlight Battery to be sent up to operate them.
 3. I request that this firing practice be conducted as a night shoot using the Searchlights for the following reasons:-
 - (a) There is less traffic on Johnstone Straits during March than any other time of the year, consequently there is less likelihood of private vessels being hurt.
 - (b) There is less traffic at this time of the year on Johnstone Straits than there is around Vancouver, consequently this firing could be useful as to how effective night firing can be.
 - (c) Any attack on York Island by the enemy is likely to be commenced during the hours of darkness probably just before dawn, consequently we should practice night firing.
 - (d) Later on in the summer the nights become shorter with long hours of twilight and night firing is not so easily arranged.
 4. If night firing is approved it would be necessary to allow two weeks for the Searchlight personnel to become efficient in the operation of the Searchlights and also to allow the Battery and the Searchlight personnel to obtain practice in co-operation at night, consequently it is thought that it will not be possible to fire before the 3rd or 4th week in March.
 5. In any event it is useless for Lieut. Setterfield to plan firing practice on the 1st week in March because we find it impossible to conduct Battery drill with a pneumatic rock drill working within 10 yards of the guns. This drilling should be completed during the next week and we have not had a chance so far to put in any reasonable time in gun drill.
 6. Would you please give this matter your approval because no officers in the Brigade or in the Searchlight Battery have any experience in night firing, which is the kind of firing we are most likely to have to use in war time.

(J. C. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
- JEP/KMB. Officer Commanding York Island.
c.c. C.S.O. Training, MD.XI
3rd Searchlight Battery.

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

27th February,

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D.S. & T.O.
M.D. XI
Victoria, B.C.

DELIVERY OF COAL AND
ACCOUNTING OF FUEL.

1. Reference your letter 20th February, 1941, file V.29-1-1, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.
2. We will require 75 tons Nanaimo Wellington $\frac{3}{4}$ " Lump Coal in sacks, sewed, for the period ending April 30th, 1941.
3. When we are informed of the name of the Company receiving this contract we will be able to order from the Contractor direct as per your a/m'd letter.

A.L. Foreman

(A.L. Foreman) Capt., R.C.A.
85th Heavy Battery., R.C.A. AF.

ALF/KMB

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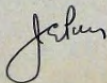
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Headquarters
M.D. XI
Victoria, B.C.

BRING TO ROUNDS

1. At 1742 hours, 26-Feb-1941 X.V. signalled for a vessel to be brought to on Johnstone Straits.
2. Three rounds were fired before the vessel stopped and was dealt with by the Examination Officer. The vessels' name was, M.V. Esperanto - U.S. Registry.
3. At 1325 hours, 27-Feb-1941 X.V. signalled for a vessel to be brought to on Johnstone Straits.
4. One round was fired. The vessel had no name or number.



(J.E. Piercy) Major., R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island.

JRP/KMB

c.c. 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. RCA. AF.

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE - FEBRUARY 27th/41.

		Offrs	O.R's	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	70	72	
	Stn Hospital		5	5	
	Employed		20	20	97
	On Command	1	1	1	
	Att'd 58th	1	2	3	
	Att'd Bde. H.Q.		3	3	
	Furlough		1	1	
	Shaughnessy Hosp.		2	2	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	1	2	2
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	1
3 S/L Bty RCA AF	Employed		7	7	7
10th Fort Sig Coy RCCS	Employed		3	3	3
4th Fort E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		4	4	4
HQ MDXI RCAMC	Employed	1		1	1
Sub Depot MDXI RCAMC	Employed		2	2	2
Sub Depot MDXI	Employed		1	1	1
13 Fld Amb RCAMC	Employed		1	1	1
D.D. MDXI	Employed	1	1	1	1
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ Employees of the DEO			16	16	16
Totals		8	147	155	145

RATION STRENGTH -- 145

J.P.
(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding York Island.

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery., R.C.A., A.P.
York Island
by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING.

Feb. 28th/41.

No. 59

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59-1 DUTIES : SATURDAY MARCH 1st/1941.

Officer of the Watch - Lt. D.G. McGavin RCA
Next for duty 2-Lt. W.A.S. Clayton RCA

Orderly Officer - 2-Lt. W.A.S. Clayton RCA
Next for duty Lt. D.G. McGavin RCA

Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Davidson, D.
Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Engelen, A.L.D.

59-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Engelen, L/Bdr. Rose, Gnrs. Christensen,
Gatenby, Scott, Agnew.

59-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1800 hours.
Bdr. Hammell, Gnrs. Hough, Godwin, Gourdeau, Wammer.

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

28th February,

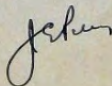
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Officer Commanding
15th (Van.) Coast Brigade., R.C.A., A.F.
Bessborough Armouries
Vancouver, B.C.

K62606 Gnr. Fairn, J.S.

Reference your R/T dated 27-Feb-1941.

1. The m/n man is being transferred to the 10th Fortress Signal Coy. RCCS from this Battery.
2. I request that another man be recruited and sent up here to take his place.
3. Documents have been forwarded under separate cover to Records Office, Bessborough Armouries.



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/KMB

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York Island, B.C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE - FEBRUARY 28th/41.

		Offrs	O.R's	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	71	73	
	Stn Hospital		4	4	
	Employed		20	20	97
	On Command	1		1	
	Att'd 58th	1	2	3	
	Att'd Bde. H.Q.		3	3	
	Furlough		1	1	
	Shaughnessy Hosp.		2	2	
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