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85th Heavy Battery
Royal Canadian Artillery

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February 1940

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WAR DIARY

YORK ISLAND BATTERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

ORIGINAL

M.F.M. 11
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Page	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, reference to Appendices and initials
FEB 1			Lieut. Cunningham, R.C.E. arrived on "Kitchener"	
2			Draft to 111th Bty. sent to Vancouver. 13 O.R.s 85th Bty 1 O.R. 3 S/L Bty. on "Prince Rupert". 3 O.R.s 3 S/L Bty. sent to Vancouver for Medical & Dental 3 O.R.s 85th Bty. " " " " /treatment	
3			Report on M.V. "TEMISCOUTA" See Appendix "D"	7-2-M. 220
4			NIL	
5			Report on water supply " " " " "Border Prince" with lumber & stores arrived	8-1-E. 316
6			Weekly Strength Return--see Appendix "E"	
7			6 Civilians arrived for construction work. "BORDER PRINCE"	
8			Report on "Water Transport" etc. See "D". /landed water.	7-2-E. 323
9			NIL	
10	2147		1 "BRING TO ROUND" fired by No. 2 Gun. See 3-4-E.342 App "D" Return of Secret, Security & Confidential Docs. see App "D". Two M.C.O.s sent to Victoria for Instructor's courses.	3-4-E. 339
11			NIL	
12			Examination Service--see letter in Appendix "D"	
13			Health of troops " " " " " " Sigs. Ainsley committed to detention escorted by L/Bdr Larse, Weekly strength return--see letter in Appendix "E"	3-4-E. 342
14			"Border Prince" landed stores & water.	5-2-F. 345
15			NIL	
16			NIL	
17			NIL	
18			NIL	
19			Lieut. Wingert, R.C.A. Master Gunner & R.Q.M.S. 15th Bde. arrived	
20			"Border Prince" landed stores & water	



Receipt Voucher No.	86th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.	Issue Voucher No.	
Account	YORK ISLAND, B.C.	Account	1/2/40.
Period	PART I ORDERS # 32	Period	

BY
MAJOR J. E. PEIRCEY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer **2/2/40** **2/Lt. W.F. Ogburn**
 next for duty **Lt. J.P. Keen**
 To be Orderly Sergeant **2/2/40** **Sgt. Woodhouse**
 next for duty **Sgt. Pearce**
 To be Orderly Trumpeter **2/2/40** **Gnr. Willoughby.**

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from **0830 hrs. 2/2/40**
 to **0830 hrs. 3/2/40**

ON DUTY STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Cox S.D. Sgt. Hummel
 and 8 O.R.'s as detailed. and 8 O.R.'s as detailed.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. McAfee A.M. Sgt. Davidson G.
 and 8 O.R.'s as detailed. and 8 O.R.'s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 2/2/40.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUE FOR FRIDAY.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE. 2. CANTEN.

Gnr. Burgess Gnr. Hammell H.S.
 Gnr. Schöfield
 Gnr. Skjeie.

5. BENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 2/2/40 to 0600 hrs. 3/2/40.

Gnr. Jones.; Gnr. Johnston, Gnr. Wadham.

6. INOCULATION.

Sixty all ranks will be detailed to be inoculated for tetanus at 1600 hrs 2/2/40.

7. ENTERTAINMENT.

All those wishing to take part in the entertainment at Kelsey Bay, Feb. 10th, will give their names to B.S.M. Lockhart.



4.C.I.E. C.I.F. E.B. T.A. 1734 44.N.B.7.
O.C. YORK ISLAND THE VICTORIA

1st. FEBRUARY 1940

60 UNITS UNDER YOUR COMMAND WILL INDENT IMMEDIATELY ON ORDNANCE
SUBMITTING SIZE ROLLS FOR PERSONELL REQUIRING INITIAL ISSUE SERGE
CLOTHING STOP SECOND FOR PERSONELL IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF SERGE REPLACEMENT
STOP UNITS WILL RETURN ALL SERGE CLOTHING TO ORDNANCE NOT IMMEDIATELY
REQUIRED

D.A.Q. ELEVEN

86th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. GARR.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

3/2/40.

PART I ORDERS # 33

BY.

MAJOR J.E. PIERCEY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	3/2/40	Lt. J.P. Keen.
next for duty		2/Lt. W.F. Osburn
To be Orderly Sergeant	3/2/40	Sgt. Pearce
next for duty		Sgt. Cox S.D.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	3/2/40	Gnr. Willoughby

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 3/2/40 to 0830 hrs. 4/2/40

ON DUTY STANDING BY.

1 GUN DETACHMENT.

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

2 GUN DETACHMENT.

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

3. FATIGUES FOR SATURDAY 3/2/40

SANITARY DETAIL

CATEREN DETAIL

Gnr. Ramsden
Gnr. Binham
Gnr. Holt-Barlow

Gnr. Mumford

4. SENTRY DUTY FROM 1800 hrs. 3/2/40 to 0600 hrs. 4/2/40.

Gnr. Cochrane, Gnr. Waddy, Gnr. Cooper F.



S.G.I.E. C.I.F. R.A. J.N. 1825 33.N.B.T.
O.C. 85th. HEAVY BATTERY VICTORIA

2nd. FEBRUARY 1940 1710

286 REFERENCE YOUR TWO NINE FOUR AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR YOU TO
DRAW RATIONS FOR CIVILIANS EMPLOYED ON ENGINEER SERVICES STOP
CLAIM FOR RATIONS DRAWN ON M.F.C. FIVE TWO TWO

DISTRICT ENGINEER OFFICER

10. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND R.C.

3/2/40

PART I ORDERS #34

BY

MAJOR J. E. PIERCY

1. DUTIES To be Orderly Officer 4/2/40 2/Lt. T.F. Osburn
To be Best for Duty Lt. J.P. Keon
To be Orderly Sergeant 4/2/40 Sgt. Cox S.D.
Best for Duty Sgt. Counsel J.
To be Orderly Trumpeter 4/2/40 Cdr. Willoughby
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs 4/2/40
to 0830 hrs 5/2/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Wood I.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

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

#2. GUN DETACHMENT.

Bdr. Thurlwell W.N.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Bdr. Shackelford P.A.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

3. TRAINING PARADE 0900 hrs, 4/2/40 H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 4/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE

Cdr. McGeragh J.
Cdr. Blackburn
Cdr. Everson

2. CANTENEN DETAIL.

Cdr. Larsen J.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 4/2/40 to 0600 hrs. 5/2/40

Pte. Adams, Pte. Begoff and Pte. Irvine.



YORK ISLAND, B.C.
 3 February, 40
 D.D.S. & T.O.
 Immigration Building,
 Vancouver, B. C.

M.V. Temiscoua.

1. Replying to your telegram asking for a report on the above vessel.
2. This vessel appears to be a great improvement on M.V. Lady Vicie. Like any other second hand vessel, she needs some alterations to fit her for our needs, but I am informed that these need not be expensive.
3. Cargo hatches should be installed over the after cabin and store compartment so that the cargo can be lowered into them.
4. The after cabin should have berths that can be folded up against the walls in case the cabin is needed for freight.
5. A derrick and winch, capable of handling 1000 lbs., should be installed either on the vessel or on the wharf at York Island. This is for cargo like drums of oil, etc.
 This week a heavy box of ordnance stores (winter underwear) fell into the water as it was being hauled up 20 ft. vertically by man power. The box was recovered but next time it might sink to the bottom with valuable stores. A small derrick on the wharf at York Island would probably be cheapest.
6. Engine. I am informed that the engine is an old type of diesel, which has seen its best days, and needs an engineer in constant attendance to avoid breakdown. She broke down in Johnstown Straits yesterday and drifted around in the Straits for a little time.
 The civilian engineer employed by the owner appears to be capable of running the engine, but when he is replaced by a R.C.A.S.C. engineer who does not know this particular type of engine thoroughly, you will probably have trouble.
 I understand Mr. Hoffer, boat builder in Vancouver, owns the vessel and it might be possible to arrange to replace the engine with a larger and more modern engine provided with control from the pilot house, so that the engineer need not be in constant attendance. If the engine is replaced, I suggest that a larger engine of say, 150 H.P. be installed. An addition of 3 to 4 knots in the speed would make a big difference in the time taken to Vancouver.

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<p>In any event, I suggest that the engine be carefully inspected by a competent Diesel engineer.</p> <p><i>This space for comments use only</i></p>			
7.	<p><u>Crew.</u> I suggest that the ships complement be increased. On the voyage from Vancouver to York Island, the skipper and engineer were on duty continuously for nearly 22 hours in bad weather and arrived in an exhausted condition. The skipper should have a good man to relieve him and the engineer should be fixed so that the engineer need not keep a continuous watch. These Fishermen's Reserve vessels only have one engineer, but their engines (with pilot house control) can run for hours without supervision.</p>		
8.	<p><u>Voyages.</u> After consultation with S/Lt. Else, I am of the opinion that we cannot depend on more than one voyage per week to Vancouver. The first voyage took 23 hours, so allowing for delays due to fog, bad weather, tides, loading and unloading, etc, and time for crew to sleep, it appears that 4 days will be necessary for the round trip.</p>		
9.	<p><u>General.</u> Subject to the above, I consider that the vessel could be made into a satisfactory tender for York Island. It should be understood that it is not large enough to move large numbers of troops to Vancouver, nor carry large amounts of heavy freight. For these infrequent occasions, the regular lines could be used, as it would be foolish to obtain a very large vessel which would only be filled up to capacity occasionally.</p>		
10.	<p><u>Inspection.</u> I assume that before purchase is completed, the vessel will be thoroughly inspected by a competent naval architect and Diesel engineer.</p>		
11.	<p>I trust the above is the report you want. This is only based on very short acquaintance with the vessel.</p>		



65th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A., CAMP

YORK ISLAND, R.C.

4/2/40

PART I ORDERS # 36

BY.

MAJOR J.E. PIERCEY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer 5/2/40 Lt. J.P. Keen
next for duty E/Lt. W.F. Osburn
To be Orderly Sergeant 5/2/40 Sgt. Hummel
next for duty Sgt. Pearce
To be Orderly Trumpeter 5/2/40 Gnr. Willoughby

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 5/2/40
to 0830 hrs. 6/2/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

1 GUN DETACHMENT

Sgt. Cox S.D. Sgt. Hummel
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed. and 8 O.R.'s as detailed.

2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Bdr. Thackeray Sgt. Woodhouse
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed and 8 O.R.'s as detailed.

3. MARCHING PARADE 0900 hrs. 5/2/40.

M.C. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR MONDAY 5/2/40.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

2. CAMPFIRE DETAIL

Gnr. Johns H.F.
Gnr. Hayman
Gnr. Martell

Gnr Richards

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 5/2/40 to 0800 hrs. 6/2/40.

Pte. Scott; Pte. Pugh; Pte. Waugh.

6. PARADES 5/2/40.

Reveille, breakfast, and parade will be 1/2 hour
earlier.



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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

6/1/40.

PART I ORDERS #37

BY.

MAJOR J.V. RITCHY.

1. DUTIES
- | | | |
|---|--------|--|
| To be Orderly Officer
next for duty | 7/2/40 | Lt. J.P. Egan |
| To be Orderly Sergeant
next for duty | 7/2/40 | E/Lt. W.F. Osburn |
| To be orderly Trumpeter | 7/2/40 | Sdr. Thackeray P.A.
Sgt. Woodhouse
Cnr. Willoughby |
2. DUTY WATCHES from 0630 hrs. 7/2/40
to 0630 hrs. 8/2/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

1 GUN DETACHMENT.

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

Sgt. Cox S.D.
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed.

2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sdr. Tharlwell W.R.
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

Sdr. Thackeray
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 7/2/40.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR WEDNESDAY 7/2/40.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Cnr. Adrich
Cnr. Salmond
Cnr. Waddy

2. CANNON DETAIL.

Cnr. Power.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 7/2/40 to 0600 hrs. 8/2/40.

Pte. Scott, Pte. Pugh, Pte. Waugh.



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Headquarters, M.D. No. 11,
Victoria, B. C.

Water Supply.

1. Lieut. Cunningham, R.C.N., advised me that he discovered a waterfall on Hardwick Island when coming up Sumnerland Channel.

2. Accompanied by the Senior Naval Officer, Medical Officer, and Lieut. Cunningham, I proceeded to inspect it.

3. The waterfall is located on the northern shore of Hardwick Island in square 10051359, reference may Johnston Strait 1° to 1 mile.

4. The M.V. Kitchener approached within a few yards of the above and the Senior Naval Officer advises me that there would be no difficulty in mooring a boat close to the fall, as the cliffs go straight down into deep water.

5. There is a good flow of water which falls down over cliffs about 40 feet high and a small wooden flume or a few lengths of pipe are all that is needed to load it on a water barge by gravity.

6. Local inhabitants of Sayward assure me that it runs all the year round.

7. The M.O. advises that the water appears to be good.

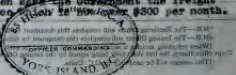
8. Water barge. Commander MART, R.C.N., advised Lt. Col. Preston and myself that the R.C.N. has a water barge capable of carrying 50 tons, which is not in use, and which could probably be loaned to the R.C.A.S.C. for use at York Island.

9. The R.C.N. will be sending up a relief vessel in the next ten days to relieve the present examination vessels, and could tow the barge up if they approved. Towing at the island could be done by the M.V. Temiscouata.

10. Pending the supply of regular pumps, we could pump the water out of the barge with our regular fire pump and canvas hose, which was borrowed from the forestry Service.

11. With the present garrison we are using about 7000 gals. weekly (35 tons) which at \$2.15 per ton is about \$75.25. This will need to be increased with the increase of civilian personnel and the installation of improved washing facilities.

12. I suggest that the C.O.P.C., RCH, be asked to loan their water boat to the BRASC for use at York Island. With this water barge, we could then save the amount the freight paid to S.S. Border Prince which is \$300 per month.



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

YORK ISLAND, R.C.

6/2/40.

PART I ORDERS /BY

BY.

MAJOR J.E. RITNEY.

1. MUTUALS
- | | | |
|---|--------|-------------------|
| To be Orderly Officer
next for duty | 7/2/40 | Lt. J.E. Keen |
| To be Orderly Sergeant
next for duty | 7/2/40 | 2/Lt. W.F. Osburn |
| To be orderly Trumpeter | 7/2/40 | Sgt. Woodhouse |
2. DUTY WATCHES from 0820 hrs. 7/2/40
to 0830 hrs. 8/2/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

1 GUN DETACHMENT.

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

Sgt. Cox S.D.
and 8 O.R.s as detailed.

2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sdr. Thurlwell W.N.
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

Sdr. Thackeray
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed.

3. MORNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 7/2/40.

H.Q. and Duty watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR WEDNESDAY 7/2/40.

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Adsieh
Gnr. Salmond
Gnr. Waddy

2. CANTEEN DETAIL.

Gnr. Power.

5. ENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 7/2/40 to 0600 hrs. 8/2/40.

Pte. Scott, Pte. Pugh, Pte. Waugh.



YORK ISLAND, B.C.

6 February, 1940

Headquarters, M.D. No. 11,

Victoria, B. C.

York Island, B.C. Garrison strength return.February 3rd, 1940.

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>	<u>Total.</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A., CASF.	3	61	64
5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A., CASF.	-	3	3
5th Tp. 3rd. S/L Bty. R.C.A., CASF.	1	31	32
10th Fortress Sig. Co. R.C.C.S. CASF.	-	3	3
"C" Coy. 2 (HB) C.S.R., CASF.	-	14	14
No. 11 Det. R.C.A.S.C., CASF.	-	4	4
R.C.A.M.C.	1	-	1
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<u>Attached.</u>			
R.C.H.	1	6	6
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85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND R.C.

5/2/40

PART I. ORDERS #38

BY

MAJOR J. E. PIERCY

1. DUTIES. To be Orderly Officer 9/2/40 Lt. J. P. Keen
 Next for Duty 2/Lt. W. F. Osburn
 To be Orderly Sergeant 9/2/40 L/Sgt. Rensden E.
 Next for Duty Sgt. Cox S. D.
 To be Orderly Trumpeter 9/2/40 Cnr. Willoughby H. T.
 Next for Duty Cnr. Willoughby H. T.
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 9/2/40
 to 0830 hrs. 10/2/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Hummel J.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Wood I. L.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

#2. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Too-house
and S.O.R.s as detailed

L/Sgt. Rensden E.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE. 0900 hrs. 9/2/40 H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR FRIDAY 9/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

2. CANTEN DETAIL

Cnr. Rensden D. S.
Cnr. Dinham
Cnr. Confrey E.

Cnr. Schofield A. L.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 9/2/40 to 10/2/40

Pte Adams; Pte Bogoff, and Pte. Irvine.



Sent Feb 8th
Rec'd Feb 14th

THE OFFICER COMMANDING
VANCOUVER AREA
VANCOUVER B C

Victoria, B.C.
V.2-1-26-36

O C YORK ISLAND

426. YORK ISLAND WILL COME UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
OFFICER COMMANDING VANCOUVER AREA FOR ALL PURPOSES WITH
EFFECT FROM NINTH FEBRUARY NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY STOP
ADDRESSED O C VANCOUVER ~~XXXXX~~ AREA REPEATED O C YORK
ISLAND

A & C ELEVEN

Station Number	YORK ISLAND, D.D.S.	Issue Number No.	
Account		Date	8 February, 1940
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headquarters, A.D. No. 11,
Victoria, B. C.

Attention D.S. & T.O.

York Island Water Transport.

1. Enclosed is copy of correspondence exchanged between D.D.S. & T.O. and this station.

2. Personnel M.V. Temiscouata, No. 11 Detachment and No. 2 Composite Coy. R.C.A.C. sent us in January, AFB 800 and also vouchers for the clothing issued to the crew of this vessel. This clothing and equipment is now on my charge. If the D.D.S. & T.O. is taking over control of this vessel, I suggest that this clothing and equipment be vouchered over to them.
3. M.V. York. This vessel is apparently being taken over by D.D.S. & T.O., Vancouver. At various times Ordnance have issued to me various stores for this vessel. Please instruct me whether vessel and stores should be vouchered off to D.D.S. & T.O., Vancouver.
4. I would respectfully point out that in putting the York on charge to D.D.S. & T.O., you are making them responsible for a vessel that they never see and which they have no means of supervising.
5. Pte. Britton. This man came up on M.V. Temiscouata and advised me that he was ordered to proceed on to Prince Rupert. As I could not issue transportation without authority, I telegraphed both D.D.S. & T.O. and No. 11 Detachment for authority. Later your telegram 3 Feb. #295 arrived, reading as follows:-
"295 Reference 296 Britton cannot leave until Elsie has replaced him and reported to D.D.S. & T.O., Vancouver."
S/Sgt. Elsie has returned to Vancouver and Pte. Britton is here with no instructions. I assume that I should place him again in charge of M.V. York and await your instructions.
6. Under authority from A. & C. M.D. No. 11. (telegram 381, 7 Feb.) I have sent Pte. Britton and Cnr. Barker per S.S. Princess Adelaide to Alert Bay this morning to bring the York back here.

7. From D.D.S. & T.O.'s letter I am please to note that consideration is being given to replacement of M.V. York, as this vessel has been condemned as unsafe in bad weather and I cannot guarantee to meet all mails at Sayward in stromy weather with the York



cc to D.D.S. & T.O.

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND R.C.

9/2/40

PART I ORDERS & JO

BY

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY

1. DUTIES. To be Orderly Officer 10/2/40 2/Lt. W.F. Osburn
Next for Duty Lt. J.P. Ween
To be Orderly Sergeant 10/2/40 Sgt. Cox S.D.
Next for Duty Sgt. Hummel J.
To be Orderly Trumpeter 10/2/40 Cnr. Willoughby
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 10/2/40
to 0830 11/2/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Wood I.L.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

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

#2. GUN DETACHMENT.

Bdr. Thurlwell W.H.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Bdr. Thackeray P.A.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

3. MORNING PARADES. 0900 hrs. 10/2/40 H.Q. Party and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR SATURDAY 10/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Cnr. Larson J.
Cnr. Luney W.D.
Cnr. Willoughby H.W.

2. CANTINE DETAIL.

Cnr. McGeragle J.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 10/2/40 to 0600 hrs. 11/2/40

Pte. Scott; Pte. Pugh, and Pte. Raugh.



H.Q. M.D. No. 11

YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

FEB 9

~~326~~ ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE BUT NO EQUIPMENT FOR MORE
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES STOP PLEASE ARRANGE AUTHORITY
FOR DDO TO ISSUE REQUIRED BEDS BLANKETS DISHES
CUTLERY BARRACK STORES ETC FOR ESTIMATED 25 MEN
STOP ADVISE

O.C. YORK ISLAND

O.C. 10th FORTRESS SIGNAL COY

YORK ISLAND

VANCOYVER AREA

FEB 9

325 ENGINE AND GENERATER BROKEN DOWN STOP PLEASE SEND IMMEDIATELY
NEW ENGINE AND GENERATER STOP SUGG^TST USE OUR TENDER
TEMISCOUTA LEAVING SATURDAY CONSULT DDS & T O

O.C. YORK ISIA ND

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND R.C.

10/2/40

PART I ORDERS # 40

BY

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY.

1. MUPIES. To be Orderly Officer 11/2/40 Lt. J.P. Veen
Next for Duty -/Lt. W.F. Oeburn
To be Orderly Sergeant 11/2/40 Sgt. Hummel J.
Next for Duty Sir. Burdwell W.E.
To be Orderly Trumpeter 12/2/40 Cnr. Willoughby H.
2. DUTY WATCHES. for 24 hours from 0830 hrs 11/2/40
to 0830 hrs 12/2/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

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

Sgt. Hummel J.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

#2. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sir. Thackeray P.A.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

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

3. MANNING PARADE. 0900 hrs. 11/2/40 H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 11/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUES.

Cnr. Gostey
Cnr. Vill W.
Cnr. Fraser

2. CANTINE DETAIL.

Cnr. Barlow A.A.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs, 11/2/40 to 0600 hrs. 12/2/40

Pte. Ellis; Pte McQueen and Pte Vogel



YORK ISLAND, B.C.

10 February, 1940

Headquarters, H.D. No. 11,

Victoria, B. C.

Secret, Security, and Confidential
Documents.

Reference your WD 27-1-2-19, dated 9/1/40.

1. The following documents are in possession of this unit.

1. Secret. 1. Manual of Coast Defence chapter VII, 1 copy - \$100.

2. Security. 1. Coast Artillery Drills. Part I Pamphlet No. 11. 5 copies (unnumbered)

Part V Pamphlet No. 1
1 copy copy No. 280

2. Coast Artillery Training Vo. III Pamphlets 1 to 9.
2 copies Nos. 260 & 268

3. Notes on Administration of Discipline, 1939.
1 copy unnumbered.

3. Confidential. York Island Examination Service Confidential Traffic Regulations 1939 1 copy.

2. The above documents are in safe keeping and amended where amendments have been made.



25th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

11/2/40

PART I ORDERS # 41

BY

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY.

1. DUTIES. To be Orderly Officer 12/2/40 S/Lt. T.F. Osburn
Next for Duty Lt. J.P. Wren
To be Orderly Sergeant 12/2/40 Bdr. Thurlwell W.N.
Next for Duty Sgt. Pearce H.C.
To be Orderly Trumpeter 12/2/40 Cnr. Willoughby H.
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs 12/2/40
to 0830 hrs 13/2/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Bunnell J.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Wood I.L.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

#2 GUN DETACHMENT .

Sgt. Woodhouse H.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Bdr. Thurlwell W.N.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE. 0900 hrs 12/2/40 H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR MONDAY 12/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Cnr. Stocken
Cnr. Johnson
Cnr. Strom

2. CANTEN D TAIL

Cnr. C or

5. BENTRY DUTY. from 1800 hrs. 12/2/40 to 06.0 hrs. 13/2/40

Pte. Adams; Pte. Egoff and Pte. Irvine.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND, R.C.

12/2/40

PART I ORDERS #1

BY

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY.

1. DUTIES. To be Orderly Officer 13/2/40 Lt. J.P. von
Next for Duty Lt. V.F. Osburn
To be Orderly Sergeant 13/2/40 L/Sgt. Thackeray P.
Next for Duty L/Sgt. Cuddeford
To be Orderly Trumpeter 13/2/40 Cnr. Walloughby H.
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 13/2/40
to 0830 hrs. 14/2/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Wood I.L.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Bir. Mackie
and S.O.R.s as detailed

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.N.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

L/Sgt. Thackeray P.A.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE. 0900 hrs. 13/2/40 H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR TUESDAY 13/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Cnr. Power P.L.
Cnr. Phillips
Cnr. Dyer A.

2. CANTEN DETAIL

Cnr. Adrich D.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 13/2/40 to 0600 hrs. 14/2/40

Pte. Pugh; Pte. Scott and Pte. Naugh.



130.I.E. C.I.F. G.C. G.M. 1430 1105 43.N.B.W.

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

VICTORIA

YORK ISLAND

12th. FEBRUARY 1940

455 REFERENCE YOUR 324 AND 326 STOP HAVE YOU ENOUGH BLANKETS
AND EQUIPMENT FOR TWO CARPENTERS AND FOUR LABOURERS OTHERWISE
THEIR DEPARTURE WILL BE DELAYED STOP ARRANGEMENTS FOR ISSUE
OF BLANKETS ETCETERA IN HAND STOP REPLY IMMEDIATELY

D.F.O. H.Q. M.D. XI.

2.C.I.V. G.I.F. E.D. G.M. 1925 1830 26.H.B.W.

OFFICER COMMANDING

VANCOUVER

85th. NAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

12th. FEBRUARY 1940

859R REFERENCE ADMINISTRATION ORDER 26 STOP 12 RECRUITS FOR
85th. BATTERY LEAVING FOR YORK ISLAND 13th. FEBRUARY AT. 0900
HOURS WITH 3 O.R.s RETURNING FOR DUTY.

O.C VANCOUVER AREA

IN CYPHER

FOR EQUIPMENT, AMMUNITION, AND NECESSARIES
FOR THE LIGHTING OF VESSELS

INDEPENDENT

Headquarters, H.D. XI,

Victoria, B.C.

Examination Service.

1. At 2147 hours on 10 February, 1940, the examination officer of H.M.C.S. Alverdy signalled the fort to fire on a vessel that refused to stop.
2. Owing to absence of searchlights, the fort was unable to see the vessel for four minutes, but eventually saw a faint light on the vessel, which was only visible at intervals and fired a practise shell at 2151 hours at 7300 yards range.
3. Owing to the stormy wind blowing from the vessel towards the fort, the steersman in the enclosed pilot house of the vessel did not hear the sound of the gun, nor the whistle of the shell.
4. In the darkness he could not see the splash of the shot.
5. In consequence, the Alverdy had to chase him for nearly eighteen miles before she was overtaken.
6. The vessel proved to be M.V. Harding of Seattle. The light we observed was the stern light which was obscured by a canvas structure on the after deck.
7. This emphasizes the necessity for a good searchlight as it is impossible to see a vessel on a dark night provided her lights are obscured, which many of them are.
8. The examination vessel turned her spotlight on the Harding, but the spotlight was not strong enough to illuminate the vessel from the fort.
9. In view of the fact that on a dark night with the wind blowing from the vessel to the fort, it appears to be impossible for the helmsman in an enclosed pilot house to hear the sound of the gun, nor can he see the splash of the practise shot. I intend in future to fire one practise shot and if that does not stop him, to fire a H.K. shell, fuse 45, ahead of the vessel in the hope the flash and explosion in front of the vessel will cause him to stop.
Please advise if this is incorrect.



cc H.Q. (15th) (Van) Coast Bde. RCA, CASF

85th. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND R.C.

13/2/40

PART I. ORDERS #42.

BY

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY.

1. DUTIES. To be Orderly Officer 14/2/40 2/Lt. W.F. Osburn
Next for Duty Lt. J.P. Ween
To be Orderly Sergeant 14/2/40 L/Sgt. Cuddeford T.
Next for Duty Sgt. Wood I.L.
To be Orderly Trumpeter 14/2/40 Gnr. Willoughby H.W.
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs 14/2/40
to 0830 hrs 15/2/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

1. GUN DETACHMENT.

Bdr. Macrie
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Hummel J.
and S.O.P.s as detailed

2. GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. Thackeray P.A.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

L/Sgt. Burgess J.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE. 0900 hrs., 4/2/40 H.Q. Party and Duty Watches
4. FATIGUES FOR WEDNESDAY 14/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Johns E.
Gnr. Mayman C.
Gnr. Martell P.S.

2. CANTEEN DETAIL.

Pte Scott.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs, 14/2/40 to 0600 hrs. 15/2/40

Pte. Ellis: Pte McQueen: Pte. Vogel;



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File 6-E-E,345

15 February, 1940.

D.M.C. H.D. 11.

Victoria, B.C.

Health of Troops York Island.

1. During the last month, there has been an increasing amount of dental decay in the troops stationed at York Island. This condition is even more marked in the last two weeks, necessitating an ever increasing number being sent to Vancouver for necessary dental work. Some of this work has been most unsatisfactory, in that some of the men sent down have been returned without the work having been completed as it involved a number of extractions and supplying these cases with partial or complete dentures, for which apparently no provision has been made. It would seem that, since these men have been passed by Medical Boards as being fit, it is now the duty of the army to supply them with the necessary work and partial or complete dentures.
2. Constipation. There is an increasing number of men reporting on the morning sick parade for laxatives. As you know, the results of constipation very often affect both the general health as well as causing local symptoms, eg. headache, fatigue etc.
3. Indigestion. There have been an increasing number of men reporting sick with indigestion, ranging from pain of a dull steady nature with crampy exacerbations, to quite marked diarrhoea. I would like to suggest that, since we are living on an isolated island, that certain exceptions, so far as dietary is concerned, should be made. I feel that the quantity of fresh vegetables is quite inadequate. About the only fresh vegetable we get being cabbage, carrots, which are past their prime, turnips, parsnips, occasionally and pickled beets. Of the canned vegetables, we are now allowed, according to the new ration scale, canned tomatoes twice a week and corn or peas. As regard to the fresh vegetables, the one leafy one is cabbage, which is not generally eaten, especially with the army way of preparation. I would like to see a very considerable increase in the amount and variety of fresh vegetables, such as spinach, lettuce, water cress, etc. I also feel there is not enough fresh and canned fruit available on issue. The issue as provided and as served is very heavy, and I think you will agree not well balanced. This is particularly true when it is taken into consideration that at this station there is no possibility of supplementing the diet as can be done at stations situated in towns, cities, etc., where the men can have outside meals or buy from fruit or vegetable stores.

I wrote you about my ideas as to an increased supply of fresh milk, which I also think is most essential.

I would close by saying that under the present conditions there is (a) an increasing number of men having to be sent to Vancouver for dental work, which, when done, is taking altogether too long, some men being away as long as a month for work that could be done within a week at the longest if adequate facilities were available; or the work is not being done and the men are being sent back untreated and with serious dental conditions present, not to mention the pain and discomfort as well as the factor of lessened efficiency.

Any way that this problem is looked at means increased expense and decreased efficiency. There is also the problem of the future (pensions, hospitalization, etc.)

(b) These conditions are also causing a marked decrease in the number of men available for duties at this station, and interfering with the efficiency of a considerable number who are kept on the island.

From the mental side there is very inadequate provision made for the entertainment and exercise (other than work) of the troops stationed here, which should also receive careful thought; even motion pictures cannot be shown, due to the lack of electricity.

(W.L. Boulter) Major, RCAMC,
H.O. York Island, B.C.

85th. NAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

14/2/40

PART I ORDERS # 42 /A

BY

MAJOR J.V. PITNEY.

1. DUTIES. To be Orderly Officer 15/2/40 Lt. J.P. Keen
Next for Duty 2/Lt. W.F. Osburn
To be Orderly Sergeant 15/2/40 Sgt. Mackie Wood I.L.
Next for Duty Ser. Mackie
To be Orderly Trumpeter 15/2/40 Cnr. Willoughby H
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs 15/2/40
to 0630 hrs 16/2/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Hummel H.
and S.O.R.S as detailed

Sgt. Wood I.L.
and S.O.R.S as detailed

#2. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Woodhouse H
and S.O.R.S as detailed

L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.E.
and S.O.R.S as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE. 0900 hours 15/2/40 H.Q. Party and Duty Watches
4. FATIGUES FOR THURSDAY 15/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Cnr. Skjeie S.
Cnr. Hummel H.S.
Cnr. Vann J.

2. CANNON DETAIL.

Cnr. Schofield A.L.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 15/2/40 to 0600 hrs 15/2/40

Pte Adams: Pte Begoff and Pte Wetherington H

6. NOTICE. A letter has been received at the Office addressed to 85th Heavy Battery, from B. Miller 1209 S. Spaulding, Los Angeles. anyone wishing to claim this letter, apply at the Office as soon as possible.



85th. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

15/2/40

PART I ORDERS # 43

BY

MAJOR J.N. PURDY

1. DUTIES To be Orderly Officer 16/2/40 2/16. H.F. Osburn
Next for duty Lt. J.P. Keen
To be Orderly Sergeant 16/2/40 Sgt. Mackie
Next for duty Sgt. Woodhouse H.
To be Orderly Trumpeter 16/2/40 Cnr. Willoughby H.
2. DEUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 16/2/40
to 0830 Hrs. 17/2/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Wood I.L.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

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

#2. GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.H.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

L/Sgt. Thackeray P.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

3. MORNING PARADE. 0900 Hours 16/2/40

H.C. Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR FRIDAY 16/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Cnr. Blackburn J.W.A.
Cnr. Emerson W.
Cnr. Janey W.D.

2. CANTYEN DETAIL.

Pte. McQueen J.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hours 16/2/40 to 0600 Hours 17/2/40

Pte. Scott: Pte. Waugh: and Pte. Irvine.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

16/2/40

PART I ORDERS # 44.

BY

MAJOR J.E. FERREY

<u>1. DUTIES</u>	To be Orderly Officer	17/2/40	Lt. J. Peen
	Next for Duty		2/Lt. W. Deburn
	To be Orderly Officer	17/2/40	Sgt. Woodhouse H.
	Next for Duty		1/Sgt. Thurlwell W.N.
	To be Orderly Trumpeter	17/2/40	Gnr. Willoughby W.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0830 hrs. 17/2/40
to 0830 hrs. 18/2/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

Bdr. MacGie
and B.O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Hummel J.
and B.O.R.s as detailed

#2. GUN DETACHMENT.

1/Sgt. Thackeray P.A.
and B.O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Woodhouse H.
and B.O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE. 0900 hrs. 17/2/40

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR SATURDAY 17/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Barlow A.A.
Gnr. Cooper F.
Gnr. Dickinson A.E.

2. CANTINE DETAIL.

Gnr. Gosbey

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 17/2/40 to 0600 hrs. 18/2/40

Pte. Pugh: Pte. McQueen: Eth rington W.



S.C.I.E. C.I.F. W.H. C.B. 2012 26.N.B.W.
O.C. YORK ISLAND VANCOUVER 1740
16th FEBRUARY 1940

875 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FORWARD IN CODE DAILY STRENGTH YOUR COMMAND
SHOWING BY UNITS NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND NUMBER OF OTHER RANKS

O.C. VANCOUVER AREA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE.

YORK ISLAND.B.C.

File No.6-2-E.352

16th. February 1940

Headquarters, M.D. XI.

Victoria, B.C.

Garrison Strength Return: York Island B.C.

10th. February. 1940

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>
85th. Heavy Battery R.C.A. C.A.S.F.	2	49	51
31st. Heavy Battery R.C.A. C.A.S.F.	1	-	1
5th. Heavy Battery R.C.A. C.A.S.F.	4	3	3
3rd. Searchlight Battery R.C.A.	1	28	29
10th. Fortress Signal Coy. R.C.C.S.	-	3	3
"C" Coy. 2nd. (M.G.) C.S.R.	-	14	14
Det. R.C.A.S.C.	-	1	1
Det. R.C.A.M.C.	1	-	1.
	<u>6</u>		
	5	98	103
<u>Attached for Rations.</u>			
R.C.N.	1	5	6
Civilians Employees	-	12	12
<u>Total Strength</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>121</u>



88th. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

17/2/40

PART I. ORDERS # 46.

BY

MAJOR J.E. FIERCY.

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|---|---------|---------------------|
| 1. <u>DUTIES.</u> To be Orderly Officer | 18/2/40 | 2/Lt. S.F. Osburn |
| Next for Duty | | Lt. J.F. Keen |
| To be Orderly Sergeant | 18/2/40 | L/Sgt. Thurlwell W/ |
| Next for Duty | | L/Sgt. Cuddeford T |
| To be Orderly Trumpeter | 18/2/40 | Gnr. Willoughby H |

2. DUTY WATCHES. for 24 hours from 0730 hrs. 18/2/40
to 0730 hrs. 19/2/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Hummel G.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Wood I.L.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

#2 GUN DETACHMENT

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

L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.N.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE. 1800 hrs. 18/2/40

H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 18/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

2. CANTINE DETAIL

Gnr. Cook
Gnr. Stocken
Gnr. Ellis

Gnr. Strom

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 18/2/40 to 0600 hrs. 19/2/40

Pte. Etherington H. Pte. Adams and Pte. Vogel

6. ADVERTISEMENTS. All Banks at York Island will refrain absolutely from causing Spurious Advertisements to be published in Newspapers, for the obvious reasons of decency and good manners and in order not to bring discredit to this Garrison.

7. LETTERS. 1. All Banks will refrain from writing letters to strangers under any circumstances, unless they are signed by the writer. 2. Cases of impertinence in letters to apparent stranger have arisen, where the writer has used a non-de-plume, which reflect on other persons, and this practice must cease forthwith. 3. The perpetrators of such acts are advised to make their apologies immediately.



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NIGHT LETTERS

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THE WORLD

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VANCOUVER FEB 17 1935

O O YORK ISLAND

877 REF YOUR LETTER FEB 12 FILE 3-4-B 342 ADDRESS HQ
MD II STOP IN ACCORDANCE PRO 102 DATED FEB 12 ALL MATTERS
MUST BE REFERRED THIS HEADQUARTERS//--ACKNOWLEDGE

O O VAN AREA

OFFICER COMMANDING

IN CODE

YORK ISLAND B.C.

VANCOUVER AREA

17th.FEBRUARY 1940

352 STRENGTH TODAY	85th BATTERY 2.OFFICERS	58 O.R.s
	31st.BATTERY 1.OFFICERS	
	3rd.S/L BATTERY 1.OFFICERS	31 O.R.s
	10th.FORTRESS SIGNALS	"2 C.R.s
	G COY 2M.G. C.S.R.	13 O.R.s
	DET R.C.A.S.C.	1 O.R.s
	R.C.N.	1.OFFICERS 50.R.s
	D.K.O.EMPLOYEES	12 CIVILIANS

O.C. YORK ISLAND

85th. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

18/2/40

PART I. ORDERS #46

BY

MAJOR J.E. PIERREY

1. DUTIES To be Orderly Officer	19/2/40	Lt. J.P. Keen
Next for Duty		2/Lt. W.F. Osburn
To be Orderly Sergeant	19/2/40	L/Sgt. Cuddeford W
Next for Duty		Sgt. Davidson G.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	19/2/40	Cdr. Willoughby H

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0730 hrs 19/2/40
to 0730 hrs 20/2/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Wood I.L.
and P.O.R.s as detailed

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

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.N.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.N.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE. 0900 hours 19/2/40

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR MONDAY 19/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE

Gnr. Salmond
Gnr. Mumford H.
Gnr. Waddy R.V.

2. CAMPFIRE DETAIL.

Gnr. Phillips

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs to 0600 hrs

19/2/40 20/2/40

Pte. Ellis J. Pte Irvine. Pte McQueen J.C.



88th. NAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

680/2/40

PART I ORDERS # 47

BY

MAJOR J.E. FERREY

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|-------------------|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| <u>1. DUTIES.</u> | To be Orderly Officer | 20/2/40 | 2/Lt. W.F. Osburn |
| | Next for Duty | | Lt. J.P. Keen |
| | To be Orderly Sergeant | 20/2/40 | Sgt. Davidson G. |
| | Next for Duty | | Sgt. Hummel F. |
| | To be Orderly Trumpeter | 20/2/40 | Gnr. Willoughby W. |
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0745 hrs. ~~Kxxx~~ 20/2/40
to 0745 hrs. 21/2/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

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

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

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

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

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

3. MENIX MANNING PARADE

0900 hrs 20/2/40

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR TUESDAY 20/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE

Gnr. McCardell
Gnr. Christensen
Gnr. Mattel

2. CATERING DETAIL

Gnr. Maymen C.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 20/2/40 to 0600 hrs 21/2/40

Pte Etherington W. Pte Pugh and Pte Scott

6. NOTICE

Breakfast for Duty Watches will be at 7.05 Hours
Crews must be out of Mess Hall by 7.30 Hours, and
on Duty at the Guns by 7.45 Hours.



85th. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND. B.C.

22/2/40

WART I. ORDERS #47

BY

MAJOR J. F. FERREY.

1. DUTIES. To be Orderly Officer 21/2/40 Lt. J. P. Keen
Next for Duty 2/Lt. W. F. Osburn
To be Orderly Sergeant 21/2/40 Sgt. Wood I. L.
Next for Duty I/Sgt. Theckeray P. A.
To be Orderly Trumpeter 21/2/40 Cnr. Willoughby R. N.
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0745 hrs. 21/2/40
0745 hrs. 22/2/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Wummel F.
and B.O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Wood I. L.
and B.O.R.s as detailed

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

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

I/Sgt. Thurlwell R. N.
and B.O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE from 0900 hrs. 21/2/40

Headquarters Petty and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR WEDNESDAY 21/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Cnr. Schofield A. L.
Cnr. Confrey E.
Cnr. Hamnell H. S.

2. CANTEREN DETAIL

Cnr. Skjeie S.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 21/2/40 to 0600 hrs. 22/2/40

Pte. Etherington B; Pte Adams, and Pte. Vogel J. P.

6. ASH DISPOSAL. The Following regulations will be scrupulously observed with regard to the Disposal of Ashes:

1. Ashes from all Stoves will be dumped in the Central Ash Pit, located West of the Store House.
2. Hut Orderlies and the Daily Sanitary Details are responsible for the removal of any Ashes dumped elsewhere in the Camp Area.
3. The only exception, is that the Ashes from the Radio Station, Hospital, and Officers Quarters will be dumped in one place at the North side of the Fence enclosing the Vegetable Garden.



Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY

YORK ISLAND BTY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

ORIGINAL

M.F.N. 11

Form 2, 1917

1 Mil.-4-9-1918

D.G. 10744-9

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
	21		Dental Treatment see letter Appendix "D"	S-2-E.360
	22		Water Tank " " " " "D"	8-1-1-S.7
	23	1320	Fired 1 "Bring to" Round by No. 1 Gun. See App. "D"	1-0-4-S.8
	24	1225	Three O.R.s 10 th Sig. Coy. xxxxxxx arrived. ---	1-0-4-S.11
	24	1225	Fired 2 "Bring to" Rounds by No. 2 Gun. See App. "D"	
			2 O.R.s 10 th Sig. Coy. returned to Vancouver ---	
			Radio power plant. See Appendix "D"	
	25		NIL	1-0-4-S.12
	26		10 O.R.s 85th Bty. & 2 O.R.s 5th Hvy. Bty. arrived ---	
			2 O.R.s 5th Hvy. Bty. returned to Victoria.	
	27		"Boat Prince" landed stores and water.	
	28		Fired 1 "Bring to" Round by No. 1 Gun. See App. "D"	1-0-4-S.16
			Lt. Col. Bishop, Lt. Col. Crossley & Lt. Col. Allan arrived on Establishment--Serials for strength rtn/ "Kitchiner" RCIST .	
			Lieut. Wingert & R.Q.M.S. 15th Bde. returned to Vancouver.	5-1-S.17
	29		Lt. Col. Bishop, Lt. Col. Crossley & Lt. Col. Allan left per M.V. "Kitchiner", inspect water fall en route.	
			Two M.C.O.s returned from Instructors Course at Victoria.	



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

21/2/40

PART I ORDERS # 48

BY

MAJOR J.H. FIRBY.

1. DETTIES To be Orderly Officer 22/2/40 W.F. Osburn
Next for Duty 2/Lt. JERIKAM
To be Orderly Sergeant 22/2/40 Lt. J.P. Keen
Next for Duty L/Sgt. Theckeray P.A.
To be Orderly ~~Officer~~ Trumpeter Sgt. Hummel F.
Gnr. Willoughby W.H.
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0745 hrs 22/2/40
to 0745 hrs 23 2/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Wood I.L.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Sdr. Mackie F.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

#2. GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt Thurlwell W.H.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

L/Sgt. Theckeray P.A.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE. 0900 hrs. 22/2/40

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR THURSDAY 22/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Willoughby W.H.
Gnr. Luney W.D.
Gnr. Emerson W.

2. CANTEN DETAIL.

Gnr. Blackburn W.J.H.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 22/2/40 to 0600 hrs 23/2/40

Pte Ellis J. Pte Scott: and Pte McQueen J,

6. BOARD OF OFFICERS. A Board of Officers constituted as under is appointed to enquire into the 300 lbs. of Fresh Beef reported to have spoiled Wednesday 14th. February 1940.

President: Capt. R.H. Jorgensen

Members: Liut. W.H. Osburn

Effdt. J.P. Keen



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 5-2-E.360

21st. February 1940

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

Victoria, B.C.

Dental Treatment; York Island.

1. For your information, a letter was received by the Officer Commanding, York Island, B.C. dated 16th. February and written by the Brigade Major, Vancouver, Area. The O.C. York Island, showed me this letter, and paragraph 3, is quoted in full as follows:-
"In future you are not to send men down without first advising this Headquarters as to numbers and reasons for same, and you will await authority from this Headquarters before making such moves."
2. As no Dental Officer or Dental Clinic has been appointed for York Island, the M.O. has to look after cases needing Dental Treatment.
3. This Order as issued by the Brigade Major, would seem to be going far outside his territory, insofar as he knows neither the amount of Dental Work necessary, or the urgency of the Cases.
4. The letter also states that it would appear that men have been sent down in a haphazard fashion. As all these men have been sent down on my recommendation, I would like to say that there has been nothing haphazard about the way they have been sent down.
5. The system adopted here, has been to send down only the more urgent Cases, at such times as Transportation has been available. Since the Temiscouts has been in service(?) the arrivals may appear to be haphazard, since we never knew when she was going to arrive or depart; at the present time she has been laid up for

her engine to be repaired, before this she was in Dry-Deck having her bow end part of her upper works replaced; in explanation, we have tried where possible, to use the Temiscouts for Transport, when we could, rather than the regular passenger, vessels; but it seems anything than in the interests of good Medical Attention, that we should hold men indefinitely, waiting for Transport, while suffering from constant Toothache, or pain caused from badly decayed teeth, or dentures that need attention.

6. If these Orders are to be carried out as directed, we have no assurance as to how long men are to be retained on this Island, suffering from the various painful Dental conditions.
7. We are quite willing to co-operate with Brigade Headquarters, but feel that you should have been consulted first, before any such Orders were issued.
8. Will you please advise.

W.L. Boulter, Major. R.C.A.M.C.

M.O. York Island, B.C.

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YORK ISLAND B.C.

22/2/40

PART I ORDERS # 49

2. PAGES

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<u>1. DUTIES</u>	To be Orderly Officer	23/2/40	Lt. J. E. Keen
	Next for Duty		Lt. W. F. Osburn
	To be Orderly Sergeant	23/2/40	Sgt. Hummel F.
	Next for Duty		L/Sgt. Thurlwell W. S.
	To be Orderly Trumpeter	23/2/40	Gnr. Willoughby H. S.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 Hours from 0745 hrs. 23/2/40
to 0745 hrs. 24/2/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1. GEN DETACHMENT.

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

Sgt. Hummel F.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

#2. GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Bdr. Larsen J.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Woodhouse H.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE. 0900 hours 23/2/40

HEADQUARTERS PARTY AND DUTY WATCHES

4. FATIGUES FOR FRIDAY 23/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Gosbey
Gnr. Wall W.
Gnr. Cooper F.

2. CANTREN DETAIL

Gnr. Dickinson A. E.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 23/2/40 to 0600 hrs. 24/2/40

Pte. Pugh: Pte. Waugh: Pte. Ktherington W.

6. NOTICE

There will be a Dance at Sayward on Saturday 24th.
February. All those off Duty who are going, must inform
the B.S.M. before 0930 hrs. Friday 23rd. February, so
Transportation can be arranged.

7. WATERPROOF CLOTHING.

- Henceforth Rubber boots, and Waterproof Clothing, and
Waterproof Hats will not be worn in dry weather.
- Should any personnel require to wear rubber boots for

Special Fatigues or Details, Permission must be obtained from the B.S.M.

B. CANTEEN PURCHASES.

1. No chits will be accepted by the Canteen effective February 22nd. 1940
2. All purchases must be paid for by Cash or Canteen Tickets.
3. Books of Canteen Tickets may be purchased for Cash from the Canteen Steward during Canteen Hours, and from the President of the Canteen Committee (Lieut. Osburn) at Pay Parades.
4. Until March 1st. Men who are unable to pay Cash for Canteen Tickets, may be permitted to sign for One Book of Tickets, which will be a Charge against their Pay.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

YORK ISLAND, N.C.

File No. 8-1-1-0.7

22nd February 1940

O.C. Vancouver Area
Vancouver, N.C.

WATER TANK

1. The only water storage on the island is a concrete tank in the basement of the Officer's quarters. This tank was lined with paper and covered with pitch.
2. It was noticed this week that the paper on one side of the tank was loose and when the tank was empty it was inspected by Mr. Mann, the construction foreman, who found all one side was coming off, thus impairing the soundness of the tank. He took off all the paper which was loose as it was breaking off and contaminating the water. Mr. Mann states that the tank could be waterproofed again but it would be necessary to leave the tank empty for three or four days.
3. Until another tank is erected, it will be necessary to use this tank even though the water, (which costs the Government \$215 per 800 gallons) may be leaking away through the concrete.
4. Will you please take this up with the W.F.O. and ask him to arrange to send up the other 10,000 gallon tank, pipes and fittings which is on order.
5. If the leaks in the present tank increase, we are liable to find that we have no fresh water as our drinking water comes from Vancouver weekly.
6. Please treat this matter as urgent.



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

YORK ISLAND B.C.

23/2/40

PART I ORDERS # 50

BY

MAJOR J.R. FIRBY.

<u>1. DUTIES</u> To be Orderly Officer	24/2/40	Lt. J.P. Osburn
Next for Duty		Lt. J.P. Keen
To be Orderly Sergeant	24/2/40	L/Sgt. Thurlwell R.S.
Next for Duty		L/Sgt. Cuddeford T.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	24/2/40	Gnr. Milloughby H.S.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 Hours from 0745 hrs 24/2/40
to 0745 hrs. 25/2/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Burrell F.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Wood I.L.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

#2. GUN DETACHMENT

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

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

3. MANNING PARADE. 0900 Hours 24/2/40

HEADQUARTERS PARTY AND DUTY WATCHES

4. FATIGUES FOR SATURDAY 24/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE

L/Sgt. Strom V.V.
Gnr. Johnson
Gnr. Venn J.

2. CANTEN D-MAIL

Gnr. Stocken

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1900 hrs 24/2/40 to 0600 hrs 25/2/40

Pte. Adams A.:

Pte. Vogel J.P. :

Pte. Etherington H



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 1-0-4-2.8

23rd. February 1940

C.C. Vancouver Area
Vancouver, B.C.

BRIBES TO AGENT

1. At about 1320 hrs the C.I.O. instructed me to bring to a vessel proceeding southward along Sunderland Channel.
2. No. 1 Gun fired a practice shot at 2375 yards which fell about 200 yards ahead of the vessel. The vessel stopped, proceeded close to York Island, and was ordered to proceed to the wharf at York Island, where the C.I.O. dealt with the case.
3. The vessel proved to be the M.V. Dominion # 1, of Vancouver.



C.C. to 25th (Vanc) Coast Bde.
R.C.A. C.A.E.F.

85th. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND. B.C.

24/2/40

PART I. ORDERS #51

BY

MAJOR J. E. PIERCY.

1. <u>DUTIES</u> To be Orderly Officer	25/2/40	Lt. J. P. Keen
Next for Duty		Lt. W. F. Osburn
To be Orderly Sergeant	25/2/40	L/Sgt. Cuddeford. T.
Next for Duty		Sgt. Woodhouse J.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	25/2/40	Gnr. Willoughby H. W.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0845 hrs 25/2/40
to 0745 hrs 26/2/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Wood I. L.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

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

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. Thurlwell R. E.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

L/Bdr. Cholowski E.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

3. MANING PARADE

2200 hours 25/2/40

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 25/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Adzich D.
Gnr. Fox P. S.
Pte. Scott J.

2. EASTERN DETAIL

Gnr. Dyer A.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 25/2/40 to 0800 hrs. 26/2/40

Pte. Begoff J. Pte. Irvine Pte. Ellis J.

6. NOTICE. Under no circumstances is Beer to be taken out of
the Canteen. Any further disregard of this Order, will
render the offender subject to immediate Arrest.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File no. 1-0-4-8.11

24th February 1940

OCC. Vancouver Area
Vancouver, B.C.

BRING TO ROUND

1. At 1255 hrs the Examination Officer of N.M.C.C. Harauer ordered us to bring to a vessel by firing. No. 2 gun fired a practice round at 2575 yards. The vessel failed to stop so a second practice round was fired at 2100 yards, after which the vessel stopped.
2. The Examination officer went alongside the vessel and dealt with the case.
3. The vessel proved to be the H.V. DAILY of Ketchikan.

C.C. to 15th (Vanc) Coast Sde.



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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 1-0-4-8.12

24th February 1940

O.C. Vancouver Area

Vancouver, B.C.

RADIO STATION POWER PLANT

1. Referring to your letter dated 21st February, 1940. File 5-24-1.
2. Replying to para 3. When I took over command I found that the Signal Station was supplying some light to the Officer's Mess, and had been doing so for months previous to the war.
3. I checked over the situation carefully with the Signaller in charge, (Ainsley) who had been here prior to the war. He explained that even when using the radio there was sufficient extra power to supply three lights in the officers Mess. This was again checked over with his relief, (Cpl. Hodnett) who agreed that the engine was capable of running these lights. Sgt. MacTaggart was cognizant of this as he was up in December and made no comment.
4. Your report from 10th Fortress Signal Coy does not agree with the verbal report made to me by Sgt. MacTaggart, R.C.C.S. who was sent up to inspect the engine. He stated that the deterioration of the engine was due to lack of attention by Signaller Ainsley, and when the deterioration started, it was increased by Signaller Ainsley and MacAndrew interfering with the adjustments; when they knew nothing about it.
5. It was only when Signaller Ainsley reported the engine was in very poor condition that I called in some of the rotor mechanics of the 5rd S/L Bty. who advised that the engine should be stopped. No unauthorised persons have interfered with its operation except the signaller in charge.
6. May I suggest that the R.C.C.S. exercise more supervision over the operation of this station. No Officer of the R.C.C.S. has visited the station since the outbreak of the war.

When Signaller Ainsley was sent up a second time in charge of this station, no attention was paid to my protest that he was an unsatisfactory man.

Page 1.

TO: O.C. Vancouver Area

Radio Station Power Plant

7. Under the circumstances I cannot see that I am to blame. The O.C. 10th Fortress Signal Coy sends up unsatisfactory Signalmen, even after he has been warned, and then exercises no supervision over them when they are here.



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YORK ISLAND B.C.
FEBRUARY 24 1940

O.C. VANCOUVER AREA

389	STRENGTH TODAY	31 BTY	1 OFFR	
		85 BTY	2 OFFRS	57 ORS
		R.C.N.	1 OFFR	6 RATINGS
		5 HVY BTY		3 ORS
		DET 3 S/L BTY	1 OFFR	25 ORS
		DETAIL CSR C 80Y		14 ORS
		RCAMC	1 OFFR	
		10 F COY		5 ORS
		CIVILIANS		11
		RCASC		1 OR
		15 BDE	1 DIST OFFR	1 OR

T.O.O. 1600 HRS

O.C. YORK ISLAND

85th. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND. B.C.

25/2/40

PART I ORDERS # 52

BY

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY.

1. <u>DUTIES</u>	To be Orderly Officer	26/2/40	Lt. W.F. Osburn
	Next for Duty		Lt. J.P. Keen
	To be Orderly Sergeant	26/2/40	Sgt. Woodhouse J.
	Next for Duty		Sgt. Pearce H.C.
	To be Orderly Trumpeter	26/2/40	Gnr. Willoughby W.W.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0745 hrs 26/2/40
to 0745 hrs 27/2/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

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

Bdr. Hummel P.
and 8.O.R.s as detailed

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Bdr. Cholowski W.
and 8.O.R.s as detailed

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

3. MANNING PARADE. 0900 hrs 26/2/40

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR MONDAY 26/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE

Gnr. Johns H.E.
Gnr. Mayman C.
Gnr. McCordell

2. CANTEEN DETAIL

Gnr. Mertel W.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 26/2/40 to 0600 hrs. 27/2/40

Pte Scott : Pte. McQueeh : Pte Waugh



85th. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND. B.C.

26/2/40

PART I ORDERS # 53

BY

MAJOR J.E. FINNEY.

1. DUTIES. To be Orderly Officer 27/2/40 Lt. J.P. Keen
Next for Duty Lt. W.P. Osburn
To be Orderly Sergeant 27/2/40 Sgt. Pearce H.C.
Next for Duty Sdr. Mackie
To be Orderly Trumpeter 27/2/40 Cnr. Willoughby H.W.
2. DUTY WATCHES For 24 hours from 0745 hrs 27/2/40
to 0745 hrs 28/2/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Rummel F.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Wood I.L.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

#2. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Woodhouse J.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.W.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE.

0900 Hours. 27/2/40

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR TUESDAY 27/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Cnr. Willoughby H.W.
Cnr. McAlister
Cnr. Skjele S.

2. CANTEN DETAIL.

Cnr. Schofield A.L.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 27/2/40 to 1600 hrs. 28/2/40

Pte. Pugh: Pte. Etherington W. : Pte. Vogel J.P.



85th. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

86/2/40

PART I ORDERS # 53 contd.

BY

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY.

6. COURT OF ENQUIRY. A Court of Enquiry constituted as under will assemble at York Island on the 25th. day of February 1940, for the purpose of investigating and recording the absence without leave from his duty, and deficiency if any, in his arms, ammunition, equipment, instruments Regimental necessaries, or clothing of No. K.42101 Gnr. K.G. Holt, 85th. Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.P.

President: Capt. R.H. Jorgensen

Members Lieut. W.F. Osburn
 Lieut. J.P. Keen

7. BOARD OF OFFICERS. A Board of Officers, constituted as under, will assemble on or before the 4th. day of March, for the purpose of auditing the Accounts of the York Island Canteen, the York Island Men's Mess, the York Island Warrant Sergeants Mess, and the York Island Officer's Mess.

President: Capt. R.H. Jorgensen

Members: Lieut. W.F. Osburn
 Lieut. J.P. Keen.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

627/2/40

PART I ORDERS # 58

BY

MAJOR J.M. FIRBY.

1. TO be Orderly Officer	28/2/40	Lt. J.F. Osburn
Next for Duty		Lt. J.F. Keen
To be Orderly Sergeant	28/2/40	Bdr. Mackie
Next for Duty		Sgt. Dummel P.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	28/2/40	Gnr. Willoughby R.S.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0745 hrs 28/2/40
To 0745 hrs 29/2/40

FOR DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Wood I.L.
and B.O.R.s as detailed

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

#2. GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.N.
and B.O.R.s as detailed

L/Bdr. Cholowski W.
and B.O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE. 0900 hrs 28/2/40

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR WEDNESDAY 28/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Willoughby R.S.
Gnr. Blackburn J.W.A.
Gnr. McGeragle J.L.

2. CANTON DETAIL

Gnr. Melnyk P.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 28/2/40 to 0600 hrs 29/2/40

Pte Adams A.: Pte Irvine J. Pte Ktherington W.

6. CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION Direct requests for transfers, postings, discharge, etc are being received at Defence Headquarters from personnel serving in the C.A.S.F. Commanding Officers will therefore take steps to ensure that all serving personnel are acquainted with the correct channels of communication.

7.

APPLICATIONS TO SERVE IN THE R.C.N. OR R.C.A.F.

1. It is notified for the information of all concerned that direct transfers between the three Canadian Services are not possible. Personnel in the C.A.S.F. ~~whom~~ desiring to serve in the Royal Canadian Navy, or the Royal Canadian Air Force will be required to submit an application through the usual channels, which upon receipt at Defence Headquarters, will be referred to the Service concerned.
2. Discharge from the C.A.S.F. will only be granted upon the principle of inter Service co-operation, and in the sole interest of the Services. Such applications will not be considered, when they are only in the interest of the individual.

3. Discharge from the C.A.S.F. will not be carried out until it is definitely established that the soldier has been accepted, and that the discharge certificate will be handed over at the time of enlistment in the Royal Canadian Navy, or Royal Canadian Air Force.

4. When the Local Commander of the Naval or Air Force unit particularly desires to obtain the services of a soldier serving in the locality, a signed to the effect, by both the Commanding Officers of both units, as to their willingness to accept and release the man, respectively will be attached to the recommendation, when submitted to Defence Headquarters.
5. Particulars to the soldiers' qualifications and the work for which he is required will also be stated.

7. WEARING OF WAR EQUIPMENT WITH BATTLE DRESS.

1. War equipment will be worn with battle dress by all ranks in accordance with the following instructions.
2. Equipment as may be necessary will be worn by all ranks for:-
- (a) Active Service.
 - (b) Field and Weapon Training
 - (c) Change of Station
 - (d) Marches
 - (e) Guards.
3. The waist belt will be worn by Officers and Warrant Officers Class I and the waist belt and frog by other personnel for:-
- (a) Reviews
 - (b) Guards of Honour.
 - (c) Drill.
 - (d) Church Parades
 - (e) Funerals.
- When security measures are required, pouches and braces may be worn in addition.
4. No portion of the equipment will be worn when off duty, except that men proceeding from active service in the field will wear the complete set and men proceeding on furlough other than from the field may wear the pack, haversack and water bottle, and the braces and carrier therefore.

8. DISCIPLINE. (a) Officers Commanding will ensure that every soldier is acquainted with the purport of Sections 4 to 44 of the Army Act. (b) In addition, officers Commanding units will ensure that the following notice is read out on parade to the troops every three months.

"Under the existing law, any person who shall maliciously and advisedly endeavour to seduce any person or persons serving in His Majesty's Forces by land, sea, or air, from his or their duty and allegiance to His Majesty, or to make or endeavour to make any mutinous assembly or to commit any traitorous or mutinous practice whatsoever, may on being convicted of such offence, be sentenced to imprisonment for life.

9. CABLE ADDRESSES OF OVERSEAS PERSONNEL

All cables intended for the members of the Canadian Active Service Force after proceeding overseas should be addressed as follows:-

Regimental number
Rank
Name
Unit
C.A.S.F.
Army Post Office
London, England.

10. SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION.

1. All ranks of the C.A.S.F. are warned against communicating, either verbally or in writing, any item of information respecting Naval, Army or Air Force matters which may be of value to the enemy.
2. In particular, private correspondence should make no mention of the following:-
 - (a) The disposition, ~~and~~ movement, or projected movement of warship or merchant ships, troops or aircraft.
 - (b) Details as to numbers, armament, equipment or condition of ships of all kinds, troops or aircraft.
 - (c) Any measures which have been taken or which are projected for the defence of any place.
3. This order is to be promulgated to all concerned, and is to be repeated in unit orders.



85th. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND. B.C.

28/2/40

PART I ORDERS # 59

BY.

MAJOR J.E. PIURCY.

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|---|---------|----------------------|
| 1. <u>DUTIES.</u> To be Orderly Officer | 28/2/40 | Lt. J.P. Keen |
| Next for Duty | | Lt. W.F. Osburn |
| To be Orderly Sergeant | 28/2/40 | Sgt. Hummel F. |
| Next for Duty | | Sgt. Wood I.L. |
| To be Orderly Trumpeter | 28/2/40 | Gnr. Willoughby H.W. |

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 Hours from 0745 hrs 28/2/40
to 0745 hrs 30/2/40

#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

ON DUTY.

Bdr. Weckie
and S.O.R.s as detailed

STANDING BY.

Sgt. Hummel F.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

#2. GUN DETACHMENT.

ON DUTY.

L/Bdr. Cholowski W.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

STANDING BY.

Sgt. Woodhouse J.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE. 0900 hrs 28/2/40

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR THURSDAY 28/2/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Willoughby H.W.
Gnr. Dickinson A.E.
Gnr. Gosbey

2. CANTEN DETAIL.

Gnr. Copper F.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 28/2/40 to 0600 hrs. 30/2/40

Pte. Scott; Pte McQueen; Pte. Waugh;

6. NOTICE.

A Donation of Cakes etc. was received from the Rock Bay Service Club; these will be distributed by the Cook at Supper. A Donation of Magazines was also received from the same source, and these may be had on application.



C O P Y

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE OFFICE

YORK ISLAND, N.S.

File No. 6-S-N.181

18th January 1940

Major Leppard, R.C.C.B.
10th Fortress Signals,
Beesborough Armouries
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Major:

I hear that you are proposing to return Sgmn. Ainsley, W. back to this island, to replace A/L/Cpl. Rodnett, T. and this change will take place within a week. If possible could you arrange to send someone else in place of Sgmn. Ainsley.

The reason is that Sgmn. Ainsley was in charge of the signal station here for about three months before the war, and got into lazy habits, as he only had to send about two signals a day. I think that it would be much better for him if you kept him under strict discipline for another three months, to break him into hard work again.

If possible I prefer not to discipline any of your men, and I am sure that unless a soldier has improved, I shall have to take him in hand soon after his arrival.

Yours truly,

A.T. Piercy, Major, R.C.C.B.
C.O. York Island, N.S.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 1-0-4-8.16

28th February 1940

O.C. Vancouver Area

Vancouver B.C.

BRING TO BOUND

1. At 0725 hrs the C.M.O. York Island instructed me to bring to a vessel proceeding down Sunderland Channel.
2. No. 1 Gun fired a practice shot at 2300 yards which fell about 100 yards in front of the vessel. The vessel stopped and then proceeded to contact the Examination vessel.
3. The Examination officer dealt with the case.
4. The vessel was "Lake Biva", registered at Vancouver. Owner Japanese.

C.C. to 15th (Vanc) Coast Bde.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 5-1-3.17

28th February 1940

O.C. Vancouver Area

Vancouver, B.C.

SECRET

Ref. your 5-50 d. dated 24/2/40

Establishment--York Island

			<u>Serial Number</u>
<u>1. Normal Establishment</u>			
<u>85th Avy Bty</u>	3 Officers and 76 ORS		YO 1
<u>5 Avy. Bty.</u>		3 ORS	YO 2
<u>5 Tp. 3 S/L Bty.</u>	1 Officer and	33 ORS	YO 3
<u>10 Fort. Sig. Coy.</u>		3 ORS	YO 4
<u>"C" coy. 2 BH. (MD) C.S.R.</u>		14 ORS	YO 5
<u>R.C.A.S.C.</u>		1 OR	YO 6
<u>R.C.A.M.C.</u>	1 Officer		YO 7
<u>Attached for Duty temporarily</u>			
<u>31 Bty.</u>	1 Officer		YO 8

2. Strength returns will be wired in clear as you suggest.
3. Acknowledge receipt by wireless and advise date to put this into effect.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. S-1-S.17

28th February 1940

O.C. Vancouver Area
Vancouver, B.C.

SECRET

Ref. your S-50 d. dated 24/2/40

Establishment--York Island

		<u>Serial Number</u>
<u>1. Normal Establishment</u>		
<u>85th Mvy Bty</u>	3 Officers and 76 ORS	YO 1
<u>5 Mvy. Bty.</u>		3 ORS YO 2
<u>5 Tp. 3 S/L Bty.</u>	1 Officer and 33 ORS	YO 3
<u>10 Fort. Sig. Coy.</u>		3 ORS YO 4
<u>"C" coy. 2 BN. (MG) C.S.R.</u>		14 ORS YO 5
<u>R.C.A.S.C.</u>		1 OR YO 6
<u>R.C.A.M.C.</u>	1 Officer	YO 7
<u>Attached for Duty temporarily</u>		
<u>31 Bty.</u>	1 Officer	YO 8
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85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

29/2/40

PART I ORDERS # 60

BY

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY

1. DUTIES To be Orderly Officer ~~SKIRMAN~~ 1/3/40 Lt. W.F. Osburn
Next for Duty Lt. J.P. Keen
To be Orderly Sergeant 1/3/40 Sgt. Wood I.L.
Next for Duty L/Sgt. Cuddeford T.
To be Orderly Trumpeter 1/3/40 Gnr. Willoughby W.W.
2. DUTY WATCHES For 24 Hours from 0745 hrs 1/3/40
to 0745 hrs. 2/3/40

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Hummel F.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Wood I.L.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

#2. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Woodhouse J.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.W.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs, 1/3/40

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR FRIDAY 1/3/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

2. CANTEN DETAIL.

Gnr. Willoughby H. .
Gnr. Mackie I.
Gnr. Stocken

Gnr. Johnson

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 1/3/40 to 0600 hrs. 2/3/40

Pte. Ellis J.W. Pte. Pugh W. and Pte Etherington W.

6. SANITARY MEASURES IN BARRACKS AND CAMPS.

The attention of all units is drawn to the Instructions on Sanitary Measures in Barracks and Camps, as set out in Army Manual of Sanitation, with particular reference to the following points:-

- (a) Grease traps should be cleaned out regularly, and at least twice a week. The oftener this is done, the pleasanter it will be for the fatigues performing the work.
- (b) Refuse from Grease Traps should be burned immediately.
- (c) Where Septic Tanks are installed, on no account should disinfectants lye, etc, be used in cleaning toilets and urinals. Disinfectants have the effect of killing the action of the septic tank, and rendering it useless.

- (d) Where there are Drainage Ditches in or round Camps, these should be kept cleaned out regularly, all weeds removed, and places where water will tend to lie, being straightened out and levelled. This is a routine responsibility of troops in occupancy.
- (e) In washing floors of buildings, only sufficient water should be used to clean off the soap, and all excess water should be mopped up as the scrubbing proceeds. On no account should water be swilled out onto the surrounding ground, or the ground below the buildings.
- ff) Particular attention should be paid to the removal of dust from the ceiling joists, rafters etc. Orderly Officers should check this on their rounds.

7. NOTICE. CANTEEN H.C.O.

In future there will be an H.C.O. ~~masked~~ detailed Daily to act as Canteen Orderly, from the opening of the Canteen in the evening until closing time.

Canteen Orderly H.C.O for 1/3/40

L/Bdr. Strom V.V.

