



War Diaries Yorke Island

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85th Heavy Battery
15th (Vancouver) Coast Brigade
Royal Canadian Artillery
Canadian Active Service Force**

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WAR DIARY

OF

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

Ser No. 390

FROM July 1st 1941 TO July 31st 1941

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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
York Isld.	July	1st	Dominion Day. Parades & meals as for Sundays. "Bring to Round" ordered and fired on M.V. Barnem at 0912 hours. The vessel stopped and was allowed to proceed after examination. S.S. Border Prince arrived leaving row boat & Ford Truck to replace Chevrolet. A party of 20 O.R.s went to Kelsey Bay for a picnic and hike. Weather: overcast and calm	
		2	Lieut. D.C. McGavin R.C.A. left for Vancouver on seven days leave. Letter received from Pacific Command allotting 1 Officer and 3 O.R.s to various courses at CSATC(WC) at Nanaimo. Lt. McGavin nominated for "C" Wing Course, L/Sgt Cudeford T for "C" Wing Cours, L/Sgt Thackeray for "Small Arms" and L/Sgt Hammell for P.T. Course. Weather: Scattered clouds, fine, North West wind.	
		3.	Weather: Bright light N.W. wind.	
		4	Garrison Parade at 1330 hours. Weather: Overcast and calm	
		5	Weather: Rain	
		6	Weather: Rain	
		7	Word received from Ede. H.Q. for BSM Lockhart E J and Sgt Cox T to report to C.B. & G.A.A. Training Centre at Esquimalt. Weather: Scattered clouds, strong NW wind.	
		8	BSM Lockhart and Sgt Cox left for CD&AA Training Centre. This W.O. and N.C.O. will probably be leaving the Battery for good after considerable service in this Unit. In ten days time BSM Lockhart would have completed 18 years service and Sgt Cox has had 6 years service in the 85th Bty. A naval Rating was thrown overboard from the deck of "General Caldwell" while proceeding from York Island to Kelsey Bay to meet S.S. Chelohsin at 2230 hours. Fortunately the accident was seen by one other man who gave the alarm and the skipper was able to pick up Hindle who, luckily was able to swim. Cpl. Allen RCASC arrived today to conduct a school of truck drivers. During the afternoon he carried out drivers tests to determine whether applicants had had any experience. A class of some 20 Officers and men was selected for the school and classes will be held at the Fort in the mornings for those on the Duty Section and in camp in the afternoons for the others. The following promotions were made: L/Sgt Thackeray to be A/Sgt; L/Sgt Cartwright to be A/Sgt, Bdr Hammell to be L/Sgt, Bdr Engelen to be L/Sgt. Weather: Cloudy, NW Wind.	<i>John</i>

PART I ORDERS

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

York Island, B.C.

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

1st July, 1941

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No. 182

182-1 DUTIES: Wednesday 2 July 1941

Officer of the Watch
Next for Duty

- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 2-7-41
- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 3-7-41

Orderly Officer

- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 2-7-41

Orderly Sgt.
Orderly Bdr.

- Sgt. Cox
- L/Bdr. Foote

181-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Foote, Gnrs. Agnew, Erickson, Lewis, Olsen,
and McCartney.

181-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hrs. 2-7-41

L/Bdr. Beaulieu, Gnrs. Gatenby, TenHoeve, and Mackie

181-4 BRING TO ROUNDS:

In future the first round fired on any vessel will have 4 degrees deflection ahead of the vessel. This will be made up of 2 degrees on the deflection scale, and an extra 2 degrees by having the target on the edge of the telescope.

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app A

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

1st July

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SECRETHeadquarters,
M.D. No. XI.,
Victoria, B.C.Establishment

1. The establishment of this Battery allows for two clerks, but only pay for one. I would request that in the new establishment arrangements be made to pay both clerks, as they are both doing the same work.

2. The arrangement to pay only one clerk was probably an oversight in making up the establishment.

3. Shoemaker:

Will you please arrange in the new establishment a Shoemaker for trades pay. We have at present shoe repairing equipment, and a man who is working at this trade. This saves the expense to the government of sending boots down to Vancouver for repair because in addition to mending the boots of the 85th Battery, he mends boots for the men of the other Batteries, and is a great saving in time, discomfort and money to the government. This increase in the establishment was recommended by the O.C. 15th (Van.) Coast Bde., some months ago.

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

Rations - Potatoes, Turnips

1. The potatoes which are being sent up are in very poor condition, principally because they are so old they are beginning to sprout, and they are also very soft.
2. Last week we had to discard approximately 150 pounds out of 800 pounds sent up, because they were inedible.
3. It is against the regulations to cook potatoes which are commencing to sprout.
4. It does not seem to be sufficiently realized that rations sent up to York Island have to last several days and sometimes a week; consequently sending up these old potatoes is waste, as they cannot be fed to the men. In view of the difficulty of storage on York Island I would suggest that old potatoes be not sent any more to York Island, and new potatoes be supplied instead, which will keep in good condition until they are ready for eating.
5. The turnips which arrived this morning are in very poor condition and a considerable proportion will have to be thrown out. By next mail we hope to give you the quantity condemned by the M.O.
6. Will you please arrange to take this up and have the condition rectified, because in the present condition you are sending up inedible vegetables which have cost the government money both in the original cost and the freight

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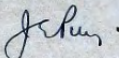
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Headquarters,
Pacific Command,
Victoria, B.C.

BRING TO ROUND

1. At 0912 hours 1 July 41, X.V. ordered a vessel brought to proceeding East on Johnstone Straits. At 0913 hours #2 gun fired one round at a range of 3100 yards, and a bearing of 260 degrees. The vessel stopped, and was dealt with by the X.O.
2. I am informed the name of the vessel was the M.V. "BARNEN".
3. For your information, please.



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c.c. O.C. 15(Van.) Coast Bde. RCA (CA)

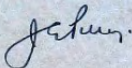
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York Island, B.C.

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Lt. C.E. Setterfield,
District Officer,
15th (Van.) Coast Bde. RCA (CA)
Bessborough Armouries,
Vancouver, B. C.

Shells

1. This Battery has now only forty-seven (47) rounds of plugged shrapnel.
2. Will you please request Ordnance to send up another one hundred (100) rounds, as we have used eleven rounds in the past ten days.



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

1st July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	3	61	64	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		1	1	80
	Hospital at Y.I.		4	4	
	Bde H.Q.		5	5	
	On Command	1	4	5	
	Leave		8	8	

58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA (CD)	On Parade	1	38	39	
	Employed		2	2	41
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	

HQ MD XI RCAMC		1	-	1	1

10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5

4th E&M Coy RCE	Employed		14	14	14

R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3

R.C.N.		1	8	9	9

Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			6	6	6

Totals		8	176	184	160

Ration Strength for July 1st 1941 - 160

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/PBW

PART I ORDERS

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

York Island, B.C.

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

2nd July, 1941

No. 183

183-1 DUTIES: Thursday 3 July 41.

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	3-7-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	4-7-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	3-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Cox	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Foote	

183-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Foote, Gnrs. Agnew, Erickson, Lewis, Olsen,
and McCartney.

183-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hrs. 3-7-41


L/Bdr. Dyer, Gnrs. Doyle, Adzich, and Innes.

183-4 SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION:

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

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

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


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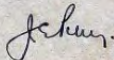
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., C.A.
York Island, B.C.

July 2nd 1

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

Lister Diesel Engine #27-3

1. Enclosed is a list of material required for decarbonizing and maintainance which has to be done within the next week.
2. The con. rod nuts are to replace the broken and burred nuts. The gaskets are to replace worn gaskets.
3. The Injector Feed Lines are to replace the present cracked and leaking feed lines.
4. The Box End Wrench is to fit the con. rod nuts, as the present wrench up here is strained and will not tighten sufficiently.
5. The order is not very big, but is necessary for continuous working of the engine.
6. Will you please take this up with Messrs. Hoffars and send this up.



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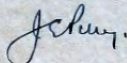
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c.c. D.E.O. Esquimalt
c.c. 4th E&M Coy RCE CA.

2nd July, 1941

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

1. Enclosed, is a list of material required
for the Dister Diesel Engine #27-3.

- 12 S796 Con. Rod Nuts (Castelated)
- 3 8-1/B61A Small Door Gaskets.
- 3 10-3-197 Exhaust Gaskets.
- 1 11-3-123 Exhaust Flange Joint Gasket
- 3 8-1/B59 Water Outlet Joint Gaskets.
- 3 30-3/G73 Injector Feed Lines.
- 1 X16217 Fuel Pipe Clip.
- 2 S483 Fuel Pipe Clip Screws.
- 1 Yd. 1/16" Asbestos gasket.
- 1 Yd. 1/16" Garlock Gasket (Oil)
- 1 Valve Grinder Set.
- 1 Tin Valve Grinding Compound, fine and coarse.
- 1 13/16" & 7/8" Box End Wrench 15 degree angle.



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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
85th Heavy Battery, RCA, CA.
York Island, B.C.

2nd July, 1941

Registrar of births,
Regina, Sask.

Dear Sir:+

One of my soldiers, Gnr Humphrey has approached me regarding his child.

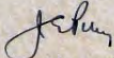
He is supporting Mrs. Della Waik Tait, as a common law wife and has done so for many years, together with her child Joyce Della. He claims that he is the father of the child but that at the time of birth 18th February, 1931 in the Catholic Hospital at Tisdale, Sask. Mrs. Tait requested the birth certificate showing her previous husband William Purvis Tait as Father.

He is at present receiving separation allowance from the Dependants Allowance Board at Ottawa for his common law wife Mrs. Tait, but the Dependants Allowance Board refuses to grant an allowance for the child unless an amended birth certificate is supplied showing him as the father of the child.

Mrs. Tait is endeavoring to secure a divorce from Mr. W.P. Tait so that she can marry Gnr. Humphrey, but this will take some time, as Gnr. Humphrey only gets home for a short time every three months, and pay for a married soldier is not very much.

Will you please advise me what necessary steps have to be taken to change the birth certificate of this child to show Gnr. Humphrey as father and Mrs. D.W. Tait as mother, so that I can inform the man what to do under the circumstances.

This Battery is on an isolated island on the West coast of British Columbia, and I would appreciate any information you can give. This man may be going overseas shortly and I would like the matter settled before he leaves.


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

3rd July, 1941

Union Steamship Company Ltd.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Return Fare Transportation

On 7th June, 1941 three of my men boarded the S.S. "Catala" proceeding on leave from York Island to their home at Prince Rupert.

They produced their furlough passes and asked for their transportation from Sayward to Prince Rupert and return at the usual rate of half fare each way.

The purser refused to issue return tickets as he appeared to be uncertain whether this reduced fare applied between Sayward and Prince Rupert, so he issued them the following single fare tickets for which they paid full fare.

- #5763 Name of Gnr. H.M. Trim
- #5764 Name of Gnr. K.E. Latibeaudiere
- #5765 Name of Gnr. G.F. Flewin.

These tickets were all stamped "PURLOUGH" and are stamped June 6th, 1941 S.S. "Catala" Voyage 736.

The understanding was that the purser was to investigate at Prince Rupert and give them return transportation if in order.

The men applied to the Purser at Prince Rupert when returning. Apparently he telephoned the authorities because he issued them the following tickets:-

- #2821 Nme.of Gnr. H.M. Trim
- #2822 Nme.of Gnr. G.E. Flewin
- #2823 Nme.of Gnr. K.E. Latibeaudiere.

Tickets are stamped June 17th, 1941 S.S. "Catala" Voyage 737 and are overprinted "Issued in exchange for T.O."

Since then I have received a request from D.D.S. & T.O. Prince Rupert for the men to pay fare from Prince Rupert to Sayward. Price \$8.50 plus war tax 85¢.

The ruling of the Canadian Passenger Association about reduced soldiers fares applied to all railway and steamship organizations in Canada. We have had no trouble with your vessels between Vancouver and Sayward and the Canadian National Steamships have many times granted us the reduced fare between York Island and Prince Rupert.

Apparently the purser of the S. S. "Catala" was not sure, so cleared himself by charging the full single fare when they were entitled to half fare return.

Will you please cancel your charge to the Department of National Defence for their transportation from Prince Rupert to Sayward as these men had already paid sufficient

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York Island, B.C.

2nd July 1941

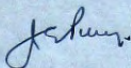
DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty R.C.A. CA	On Parade	3	62	65	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		2	2	81
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		6	6	
	On Command	1	5	6	
	Leave		8	8	
58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	38	39	
	Employed		2	2	41
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
HQ MD XI RCAMC		1	-	1	1
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE CA	Employed		14	14	14
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			6	6	6
Totals		8	177	185	161

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for their return transportation between Sayward and Prince Rupert.



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c.c. D.D.S. & T.O. Prince Rupert

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

York Island, B.C.

by

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3rd July, 1941

No. 184

184-1 DUTIES: Friday 4th July 41

Officer of the Watch
Next for Duty

- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 4-7-41
- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 5-7-41

Orderly Officer

- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 4-7-41

Orderly Sgt.

- Sgt. Cox

Orderly Bdr.

- L/Bdr. Foote

184-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Foote, Gnrs. Agnew, Erickson, Lewis, Olsen,
and McCartney.

184-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hrs. 4-7-41

Bdr. Garrett, Gnrs. Rorison, Flewin, and Alford.

GARRISON

184-4 XXX PARADE: Friday 4th July 41. at 1330 hrs.

This will include 85th Hvy. Bty., 3rd S/L Bty.,
4th E&M Coy, and Hospital Staff. Dress: will be Summer Drill with
shorts & puttees with web equipment including bayonet and small pack.

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York Island, B.C.

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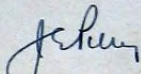
D.D.S. & T.O.,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

Transportation Warrant

1. Referring to your circular letter dated
24 June 41 file V.33F-1-1 re transportation issued
to:-

K74811 Gnr. Flewin, G.P.
K75650 Gnr Latibeaudiere, K.E.
K74700 Gnr Trim, H.M.

2. Enclosed is copy of letter written to
the Union Steamship Company which should settle the
matter.



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York Island, B.C.

July 3rd 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty R.C.A. C.A.	On Parade	2	63	65	81
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	Ede. H.Q.		4	4	
	On Command	1	5	6	
Leave	1	9	9		

58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA CD	On Parade	1	38	39	41
	Employed		2	2	
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	

HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1

10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5

4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		12	12	12
	Leave		2	2	

R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3

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York Island, B. C.

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O. C.

4th July, 1941

ENo. 185

185-1 DUTIES: Saturday 5th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	5-7-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	6-7-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	5-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	Sgt. Cox	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Foote	

185-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Foote, Gnrs. Agnew, Erickson, Lewis, Olsen,
and McCartney.

185-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 5-7-41

Bdr. Hammell, Gnrs. Fehr, Curry, Bradley, F.P.

185-4 ISSUE OF TROUSERS KHAKI DRILL ON REPAYMENT:

Authority is granted for the issue on repayment of Trousers, Khaki Drill (long), to personnel of the Active Force who are at present issued with Trousers, Khaki drill, short.

These trousers will not be worn on parade or on duty, but may be worn when on pass or furlough, or when attending social affairs, and on such other occasions as may be decided by Officers Commanding.

185-5 HARVEST LEAVE:

1. Consideration is now being given by the National Defence Headquarters to the question of Harvest Leave for 1941.
2. In the meantime, the provisions of DRO 673 and 727 of 1940 are not applicable.

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185-6 DRESS REGULATIONS:

- (a) Battle Dress Blouse and Service Dress Jackets will be worn closed on all parades, duty and when walking out.
- (b) Other Ranks will not wear ties.
- (c) All ranks will wear anklets with Battle Dress on parade, duty, out of quarters, Barracks or camps and when walking out.

185-7 WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES:

It is understood that Unit Paymasters or Accounting Officers, this District, are receiving a large number of requests from personnel their Units, to cancel assignments for War Savings Certificates. On inquiry it has been discovered that this is due mostly to late delivery or nonreceipt of same. Also, personnel who have had these certificates deposited in the Bank of Canada for safe-keeping are cancelling same because receipts are not forwarded by Banks.

N.D.H.Q. have now advised that owing to the immense response to War Savings Drive it was impossible for the Dependents' Allowance and Assigned Pay Branch to catch up with the work involved. However, the matter has now been clarified and certificates are being forwarded as fast as possible. There is no cause for worry and certificates will be mailed in due course. Personnel must also remember that if for instance a man made an assignment on April 10th this assignment would be effective from the 1st May. On May 31st the Assigned Pay Branch makes the purchase covered by the assignment and the Bank of Canada would issue the certificate between the 1st and 15th of June. Therefore in the ordinary course of events there is necessarily delay between the time the assignment is made and the receipt of the first certificate.

To those personnel who have requested that their certificates be deposited in the Bank of Canada for safekeeping it is advised that record of assignment is sufficient protection and guarantee of delivery of certificates.

It is therefore advised that this while matter will straighten itself very shortly and there is no reason for cancellation of assignments on account of delayed delivery of certificates.

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Officer Commanding, York Island

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

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4th
July ~~22nd~~, 1941DAILY STRENGTH STATE

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	Ede. H.Q.		4	4	
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Leave	1	9	9		

58th Heavy Battery RCA. CA	On Parade	1		1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA CD	On Parade	1	38	39	
	Employed		2	2	41
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	

HQ MD XI RCAMC		1		1	1

10th Fort. Sig. RCCS	Employed		5	5	5

4th E&M Coy RCE AP	Employed		12	12	12
	Leave		2	2	

R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3

R.C.N.		1	8	9	9

Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			8	8	8

TOTALS		8	178	186	162

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Ration Strength for July ~~22nd~~, 1941 - 162(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding, York Island

PART I ORDERS

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

York Island, B.C.

by

Major, J. E. Piercy, O.C.

No. 186

186-1 DUTIES: Sunday 6th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	6-7-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	7-7-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	6-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Ramsden	
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Engelen	

186-2 FIRE PICQUET:

Bdr. Engelen, Gnrs. Hough, Bradley, P., Olsen,
King, K.R. and Howarth.

186-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hrs. 6-7-41

L/Bdr. Beaulieu, Gnrs. Smith, Confrey and Schofield.

186-4 CANTEEN:

All Ranks are reminded that Canteen hours are as follows:-

<u>Dry Canteen</u> - Daily	- 11.45 - 12.45 hrs.
	17.00 - 17.30 hrs.
	18.30 - 21.30 hrs.
Saturday only	18.30 - 22.00 hrs.
<u>Wet Canteen</u> - Daily	- 18.30 - 21.30 hrs.
Saturday only	18.30 - 22.00 hrs.

Neither Canteen will be open at any other hours.

J. E. Piercy

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

/EAW

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

5th July 1941

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

COURSES - C.S.A.T.C. (WC)

1. The following names have been submitted for the m/n and have been approved by Pacific Command.
2. Lieut. D.G. McGavin, R.C.A., has been instructed to report to you for transportation for himself and his party from Vancouver to Nanaimo, B.C., as I have no Authority to issue transportation warrants except from York Island to Vancouver.
3. Will you please issue the necessary transportation for the following Officer and N.C.O.s and also wire time of his arrival at Nanaimo wharf to Officer Commanding C.S.A.T.C. so that transportation may be arranged from the wharf to the camp.

Lt. D.G. McGavin, R.C.A.,
K17032 L/Sgt Thackeray P A
K17037 L/Sgt Cuddeford T
K17022 A/Bdr Hammell G D
4. The authority for this transportation was arranged by telegraph from Pacific Command as there was no time for the regular routine and moving order to arrive at York Island by mail.

For your information, please.

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

/PBM

c.c. to Lt. D.G. McGavin, R.C.A.

c.c. to Officer Commanding C.S.A.T.C., at Nanaimo

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

5th July 1941

SECRET

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

WAR DIARY - APRIL 1941

1. Herewith War Diary for the month of April 41,
made up as follows:

- (a) Original Copy plus:
 Copies of Correspondence Appendix "A"
 Copies of Daily Strength " " "B"
 Copies of Part I Orders " " "C"
 Copies of Part II Orders " " "D"

(b) Duplicate and Triplicate copies of
War Diary.

2. Please acknowledge receipt on copy of this
letter.

Enc.

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

Received _____

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

5th July 1

Quarter Stores,
15th(Van.) Coast Bde., RCA CA.,
Bessborough Armouries,
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention: BQMS Upton

Re. your issue voucher No. 149 dated
28th June, 1941.

1. On checking over the a/m voucher we
found the following differences:-

Boots Knee Rubber	143	-	113
Coats Butcher Long	5	-	2
Hats Canvas Water-			
Proof	139	-	86
Jackets Canvas			
Waterproof	81	-	53
Coats Waterproof			
IRWP	2	-	Nil
Coats Waterproof			
MS	2	-	Nil
Trousers Oilskin	1	-	Nil
Jackets Oilskin	1	-	Nil

2. On taking stock we find that stores in
column two are the actual amounts on the island.

3. Before signing this voucher we would
like an explanation regarding same.

J. E. Piercy

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

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

5th July,

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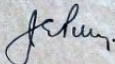
C.S.A.T.C. (Western Canada)
Nanaimo Camp,
Nanaimo, B.C.

Documents

1. Enclosed, herewith, are the following documents for K17089, L/Hdr. Mackie, D.A.:-

M.F.M. 2, M.F.M. 6, & M.F.M. 4.

2. Please acknowledge receipt of same.



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

JEP/EAW
Encl.

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

5th July, 1

Mrs. D.G. Thomas,
Lions' Gate Riding & Polo Club,
509 Richards St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mrs. Thomas:-

T hanks for your letter of 20th June,
1941.

The gramophone and two sets of records
were duly received and a letter of thanks has been
sent to Mr. Matt Hugh.

The coat hangers and mending wool were
received and we are fairly well stocked up on these
items.

At this time of the year there is no
call for sweaters or woollen goods.

We have now managed to secure a separate
building for the wet canteen and have converted the
old wet canteen room into a writing and study room.

The Y.M.C.A. have supplied 39 gallons of
paint with which we have painted the walls and ceiling.
In addition they have sent up four Trilite reading
lamps and comfortable chairs, while the army is supply-
ing the writing tables. The Y.M.C.A. supply writing
paper and envelopes. We hope that when completed next
week the men will have an attractive cozy room where
they can either study or write letters home in peace
and quiet.

One thing the room lacks, are curtains for
the windows. If the Riding and Polo Club feel in-
clined to supply curtains they would immensely to the
appearance of the room.

There are eight windows, inside size 63" by 30". I suggest that two sets be made of washable materials, so that one set can be at the laundry while the other set is in use. The canteen could pay for the expense of laundering.

During the summer weather, the men occupy their time with outdoor sports. The playground cleared last winter is very much used for soft ball, and the volley ball court is popular. The soft ball playground is narrow and very dusty but is better than nothing.

Yours truly



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

/EAW

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


5th July, 1

S E C R E T

Headquarters,
Pacific Command,
Work Point Barracks,
Victoria, B.C.

Attention: Staff Officer Signals

1. Referring to your instructions 30 June 41, file 638-2-1-6.
2. Two copies were received, one copy of which has been handed to C.X.O. So far he has not received any copies from G.O.P.C. and he requests that two more copies be supplied so that each Examination Vessel can have a copy.
3. For your information the wireless communication between the Fort and X.V. is maintained by the R.C.N. largely because the set (FR12) that was sent up came from the Navy. It is not a very satisfactory arrangement because the same telegrapher who uses the FR12 is also responsible for communication with Esquimalt. When Esquimalt is busy he cannot attend to FR12.
4. My own idea is that the Battery Signallers can be trained to use a simple set like FR12, as it is only used when Visual is impossible. Maintenance could be done by RCCS personnel at Wireless Station.
5. As you are coming up here on the 15th we can go further into the matter at that date.


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

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

5th July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	65	67	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		1	1	83
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		6	6	
	On Command	1	4	4	
	Leave	1	5	5	

58 Hvy Bty R.C.A. CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA CD	On Parade	1	40	41	
	Employed		2	2	43

HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1

10th Fort. Sig. RCCS	Employed		5	5	5

4th EA M Coy RCE	Employed		12	12	12
	Leave		2	2	

R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3

R.C.N.		1	8	9	9

Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			7	7	7

Totals		8	177	185	164

Ration Strength for 5th July 41, - 164

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

c.c. to H.Q. M.D. No. 11.

PART I ORDERS

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

York Island, B.C.

by

Major, J. E. Piercy, O. C.

No. 187

187-1 DUTIES: Monday 7th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch
Next for Duty

- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 7-7-41
- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 8-7-41

Orderly Officer

- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 7-7-41

Orderly Sgt.

- Sgt. Ramsden

Orderly Bdr.

- Bdr. Engelen

187-2 FIRE PICQUET:

Bdr. Engelen, Gnrs. Hough, Bradley, P., Olsen, King, K.R.,
and Howarth.

187-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hrs. 7-7-41

L/Bdr. Dyer, Gnrs. Brunt, Godwin, and Hazard.

J.E. Piercy

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

/EAW

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

6th July 1941

Daily Strength State

		<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty</u>
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	66	68	84
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	Ede. H.Q.		6	6	
	On Command	1	4	5	
	Leave	1	5	6	

58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA CD	On Parade	1	40	41	44
	Employed		3	3	

HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1

R.C.N.		1	8	9	9

10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5

4th E&M Coy RCE CA	Employed		12	12	12
	Leave		2	2	

R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3

Div. Emp. of the D.E.O.			7	7	7

Totals		8	177	185	166

Ration Strength for July 6th - 166

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

PART I ORDERS
YORK ISLAND GARRISON
by
Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.
7th July, 1941

No. 188

188-1 DUTIES: Tuesday 8th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch
Next for Duty

- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 8-7-41
- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 9-7-41

Orderly Officer

- Lt. J.G. Moore 8-7-41

Orderly Sgt.
Orderly Bdr.

- Sgt. Ramsden
- Bdr. Engelen

188-2 FIRE PICQUET:

Larson

Bdr. Engelen, Gnrs. ~~Nough~~, Bradley, P., Olsen, King, K.R.
and Howarth.

188-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hrs. 8-7-41

Bdr. Engelen, Gnrs. Rudrum, Young, and TenHoeve

J.E.P.

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

/EAW

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

7th July, 1

R.C.E. Works Office,
41st Ave. & Willow St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Paint

1. Will you please forward the following per S.S. "Border Prince" sailing 14th July 41.

2 lbs. Martin Senour colour in oil. Chrome green, dark. As per Mc. & Mc. catalogue page 510.

2. We under estimated the quantity necessary to make up the paint for the windows and doors. Also 10 gallons red paint, scarlet #525 as per Mc. & Mc. catalogue page 503. This is for painting fire buckets and fire hydrant houses, also for painting the tools used in fire fighting.

Paint
Brushes

3. Please send 2 only 3" Brant #P20 as per Mc. & Mc. catalogue page 531.

2 only onyx oval brush #P70 size #1 as per Mc. & Mc. catalogue page 531. This small brush is for painting the sash.

J. E. Piercy

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

JEP/BAW
C.C. D.E.C.

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

7th July

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

Clothing & Necessaries

1. An arrangement was made by the Q.M. 15th Coast Bde. whereby in future no stocks of clothing or other necessaries were to be kept on the strength of the Battery on York Island, but that once a month M.F.C. 512 was to be filled out for the various articles of clothing required sent by the men concerned and sent down to 15th Coast Bde., who would in due course send up the clothing etc., required.
2. This arrangement is not working satisfactory, because it means that if a man wears out an article of clothing, e.g. shirts, trousers service, underwear etc., the men have to wait three or four weeks before they can be replaced.
3. In addition if the replacement sent up does not fit, there is no chance of giving him an other size garment.
4. One alternative is to send in form M.F.C. 512 when any individual man needs an article of clothing etc., which causes a considerable amount of paper work and will still cause some delay for the unfortunate man who can not get his clothing replaced immediately.
5. I would suggest the best solution is to revert to the old system whereby a stock of clothing was issued to the Battery on York Island and the Battery would issue to the men who need it immediately. This system appeared to work fairly well in the Fort, and in my opinion should be reverted to. There is no reason why a man should have to walk around in ragged clothes because the Q.M. arrangements were so cumbersome the men have to wait for their clothing and boots.
6. Will you please give this matter your immediate attention.
7. Shirts, Trousers Service.
Will you please send up immediately a stock of these items so that our men do not have to walk around with holes in their clothes while doing fatigues. I am informed that some of the other units in Vancouver seem to obtain this from Ordnance. This matter is very urgent.
8. Shoes Canvas.
Only about 6 pairs of shoes canvas have been sent up here, whereby our establishment is about

one hundred and five. Will you please send up immediately a stock of shoes canvas so that our men can wear these during the warm weather.

J. E. Piercy

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

JEP/RAW

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

7th July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	Ofprs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA On Parade	2	64	66	
Employed		16	16	
				82
Shaughnessy		1	1	
Bde H.Q.		8	8	
On Command	1	4	5	
Leave	1	5	6	
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA CD On Parade	1	38	39	
Employed		2	2	41
Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
HQ MDXI RCAMC	1	-	1	1
R.C.N.	1	8	9	9
10th Fort Sig RCCS Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE CA Employed		11	11	11
Leave		2	2	
R.C.A.S.C. Employed		3	3	3
Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.		7	7	7
Totals	8	175	183	160

Ration Strength for 7th July 1941 - 160

J.E. Piercy

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

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

8th July, 1941

No. 189

189-1 DUTIES: Wednesday 9th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	9-7-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	10-7-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	9-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Ramsden	- 85th Hvy. Bty.
Orderly Bdr.	- xxxxxxx	3rd/S/L Bty.
	L/Bdr. Wadham,	H.E.

189-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Johnson, Gnrs. Larson, Bradley, P., Olsen, King, K.R., and Howarth.

189-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 9-7-41

L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. Trim, Brander, and Scott

189-4 SPECIAL LEAVE & FURLOUGH TRANSPORTATION:

1. In accordance with an arrangement agreed upon by the Railways and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, personnel of the Navy, Army and Air Services will be allowed to travel on Embarkation Leave and Annual Leave or Furlough from the location of their unit to their bona fide home and return on payment of one-third of the cost of a one-way fare subject to the conditions as follows:

(a) Ordinary Leave or Furlough

Personnel entitled to ordinary leave or furlough under the provisions of Routine Order 699 will on completion of six months' continuous service in the Active Army be granted this transportation concession. Subsequently a period of twelve months from the date the previous transportation under this concession was issued must elapse before further similar transportation will be granted.

(b) Embarkation Leave and Furlough

Personnel granted Embarkation Leave and Furlough under the provisions of R.O. 699 will be entitled to this transportation concession except when the date of EMBARKATION LEAVE OR FURLOUGH is less than six months from the date the last transportation was issued under this concession for ORDINARY LEAVE OR FURLOUGH.

(c) Issue Restricted to Bona Fide Home

This special transportation will only apply from the location of the Officer's or soldier's unit to his bona fide home. For the purpose of this order the Bona Fide Home shall mean:-

- (i) for married personnel--the place not outside Canada where his wife is living.
- (ii) for unmarried personnel--the place not outside Canada given by him upon joining as his permanent address, or such place not outside Canada, as is shown by documentary evidence to the satisfaction of the Commanding Officer to be the residence of his family at the time of his proceeding on leave or furlough.

(d) Applies to travel in Canada only

This special concession is not applicable to points outside Canada.

189-4 SPECIAL LEAVE & FURLOUGH TRANSPORTATION: (Cont'd)

(c) Leave or Furlough under other conditions

Personnel travelling on leave or furlough under any other conditions from the foregoing and therefore not entitled to this special concession, will continue to enjoy the reduced fare now in effect, i.e. one-way fare for the round trip.

189-5 PREVENTION OF FOREST FIRES:

1. It is brought to the attention of all ranks that rail movement of military personnel are a potential and real fire menace, if burning matches, cigars, cigarette butts and live pipe ashes are thrown out of train windows at any time, particularly when travelling through heavily wooded areas, as by so doing incipient forest fires may be started along the right-of-way, which if unchecked, would reach serious proportions and cause considerable property damage.

2. It is, therefore requested that all ranks co-operate in this regard with a view to the prevention of any such fires.

J. E. Piercy

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

/EAW

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

8th July 1941

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

K74669 Gnr. BRADLEY P.
85 Hvy Bty R.C.A., C.A.

1. The m/n was sent to York Island on the 14th April 41 to instruct in baking and on the 28th May 41 was transferred to the 15 (Van) Coast Bde, R.C.A., C.A., and posted to the 85 Bty. During all this time he acted as baker on York Island.
2. The Establishment of the 85 Bty has been increased by one Baker Group "B" effective 31-12-41. Such increase being dated back prior to Gnr Bradley's arrival on York Island on 14th April 41.
3. Also his name appears in D.R.O. #639 dated 21st June 41, qualified as Baker Group "B". His certificate (M.F.B. 364) is dated back to 4th April 41. This was done by #11 Dist. Depot.
4. Our Paymaster (15 (Van) Coast Bde RCA CA, apparently takes the stand that he cannot pay Tradesmen's Rates of Pay to Gnr. Bradley prior to his transfer to this Bty. on the 28th May 41, as previous to that he was attached to the 85 Bty for RQ&D only, - vide #11 Dist. Depot Pt. II Order No. 102-2(c), d/12-4-41, Authority DARG V.22-B-1390 d/10-4-41 (D.O. 1629), during which time he was paid by #11 Dist. Depot A.F.
5. As this man acted as baker on York Island from 14th April 41, and the 85th Bty has establishment for a baker with pay prior to that date, will you please inform me how this man can obtain his Tradesmen's Rate of Pay from 14th April to 28th May 41.
6. If this has to be done by amending the above mentioned #11 Dist. Depot Part II Orders will you please instruct No. 11 Dist. Depot direct in order to save time and send a copy to the Paymaster, 15 (Van) Coast Bde R.C.A., C.A., so that the matter may be straightened out as soon as possible.

J. E. Piercy

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

/PBW

c.c. to C.C. No. 11 Dist. Depot, C.A.

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

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

York Island, B.C.

8th July, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total Drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85th Heavy Battery RCA CA	On Parade	2	65	67	
	Employed		16	16	83
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	Rde. H.Q.		7	7	
	On Command	1	4	5	
	Leave	1	5	6	
85th Heavy Battery RCA CA	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Battery RCA CD	On Parade	1	38	39	
	Employed		2	2	41
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
HQ. WD. XI. RCAMC		1		1	1
R.N. Navy		1	8	9	9
10th Fort Sig RCCS xxxx	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE CA	Employed		12	12	12
	Leave		2	2	
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		4	4	4
Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			7	7	7
TOTALS		8	177	185	163

Ration Strength for 8th July, 1941 - 163

J. E. Piercy

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

WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

M.F.M. 11.

A.F.O. 2118

1 MG-4-30 (1758)

H.Q. 17745-18

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

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.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
York Island	July	9	RQMS Smith arrived from Bde H Q. During the morning the General Caldwell recovered the the buoy and anchor chain with the assistance of HMCS Marauder. The buoy was found to be badly damaged, local repairs impossible, and sent to RCE Works Officer Vancouver from where it was obtained. Word received from HQ Pacific Command that the Garrison will change to daylight saving time. Weather: Bright N W Wind	
		10	Weather: Bright Fresh N W Wind	
		11	Letter to DEC re diminishing water supply. It is feared that the present source of water may dry up altogether and in any case will not be sufficient if the present dry weather continues. Garrison Parade at 1330 hours. Command Drill was carried out for an hour by BSM Buchanan of the 3rd SL/ Bty. It was found that considerable practice was needed in this matter. Lt. D.G. McGavin RCA attached to CSATC(WC) at Nanaimo for RQ&D. Weather: Bright N N W Wind	
		12	A fresh forest fire was reported from the O'P. at 2100 hours about 20 miles east on Johnstone Straits. The K.V. warned the Forest Ranger at Port Neville. A Bring to Round was ordered and fired on "Forest Ranger" at 2246 hours. Two rounds were fired, the vessel stopped and was dealt with by the K.O. A successful Smoker was held for the entertainment of the troops. Weather: Bright.	
		13	Weather: Ceiling unlimited, Clear, visibility 25 miles, N.W. 10	
		14	Weather: Unlimited, Clear, Visibility 25, NW 40, sea calm. Garrison Parade at 1330 hours.	
		15	Unlimited, clear, visibility 25, no wind, sea calm. Capt. Ruffell R.C.E. and Mr. Harvery of the Construction Dept R.C.N. arrived this morning on the M.V. "Kitchener". They are here for the purpose of surveying for construction of a Port War Signal Station.	
		16	Unlimited, clear, N.W. 24, Sea rough. Lieut. H.B. Hodge RCE is attached to 85th Bty for R&Q	
		17	Unlimited, clear, visibility 25, N W 18, sea choppy. Sgt Coppinger RCOO arrived to inspect Ross Rifles. The Hospital at York Island has been authorized York Island Military Hospital. S.S. "Catala" refused to stop in midstream for purposes of transferring films.	<i>J. P. Ross</i>

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

9th July, 1941

No. 190

190-1 DUTIES: Thursday 10th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch
Next for Duty

- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 10-7-41
- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 11-7-41

Orderly Officer

- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 10-7-41

Orderly Sgt.
Orderly Bdr.

- Sgt Ramsden - 85th Bty.
- L/Bdr. Wadham - 3rd S/L Bty

190-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Wadham, Gnrs. Larson, Bradley, P., Olsen, King, K.R.,
and Howarth.

190-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hrs. 10-7-41

L/Bdr. Beaulieu, Gnrs. Rorison, Flewin and Alford.

190-4 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME:

1. Military District No. 11 will go on Pacific
Daylight Saving Time from 0001 hours, 7th July, 1941, and
will be used for all purposes.

2. After 2359 hours Wednesday July 9th all clocks
are to be moved one hour ahead to daylight saving time.

190-5 AUDIT BOARD:

A Board of Officers composed as hereunder will assemble
1600 hours 10th July, 1941 for the purpose of auditing the following
accounts:-

/EAW

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- (J.E. Piercy) Major, O.C.,
~~YORK ISLAND GARRISON~~
- (1) York Island Officers' Mess
 - (2) York Island Sergeants' Mess
 - (3) 85th Hvy. Bty. Canteen.
 - (4) 85th Hvy. Bty. Pay & Allowances account.

Board of Officers is:

President:- Lt. F.H. Smyly

- R.C.N.R.

Members:- Captain T.F. Saunders
Lieut. H.V.N. Bankes

- R.C.A.M.C.
- 85th Hvy. Bty. RCA

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

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

9th July 1941

D.S. & T.C.,
VICTORIA, B.C.

M.V. "GENERAL CALDWELL"

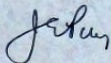
1. This vessel left York Island at 2215 hours P.S.T. with a party of men proceeding on duty and leave to Vancouver. In addition Sub-Lieut. McNair RCNVR together with one rating was proceeding to Kelsey Bay to receive secret documents and Naval stores from the Capt. of the Union S.S. "Chelohsin".
2. At 2230 hours V9830 Tel. S.H. Hindle RCNVR who was on duty with Lieut. McNair was proceeding along the deck on the port side when a heavy swell hit the ship and he was thrown against the bullwarks which were not high enough to protect him and he went overboard.
3. Fortunately one of the soldiers on board was handy to see him go overboard and raised the alarm. Two lifebuoys and a life jacket were thrown overboard to the man in the water. The boat immediately turned round to pick him up. With the help of a searchlight on the vessel he was found and hauled aboard at 2237 hours. Luckily he was able to swim and kept afloat until he was rescued uninjured.
4. The lifebuoys were recovered but the life jacket could not be found, consequently it is considered lost.
5. The vessel proceeded on its way and delivered the passengers and baggage to the S.S. "Chelohsin" and returned to York Island with mail and stores.
6. On the way over to Kelsey Bay from York Island there were aboard the General Caldwell in addition to the crew, nine men proceeding to Vancouver on leave and duty also seven soldiers going to Kelsey Bay on duty, also a Naval Officer and one Rating also on duty.
7. Sub-Lieut. McNair reported that the vessel was handled very well by Sgt Pickwell of the RCASC the skipper, and did a very good piece of maneuvering to rescue this man out of the water in the dark, as at this time of year there was and usually is a strong North Wester and heavy swells.
8. I request that 20 magnesium can flares be supplied to be attached to lifebuoys so that in case of a repetition of the above the man overboard may be found and picked up much easier.

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9. I respectfully draw your attention to the lack of passenger accommodation, as there is no cabin or under cover protection of any kind against the weather and the pilot house has room for only two or three persons. Also that at the present time of year there are heavy swells and choppy seas especially in the afternoon and in the evenings.

10. I request that consideration be given to replacing the M.V. "GENERAL CALDWELL" by another vessel fitted to carry at least 20 passengers and equipped with under cover protection so that there may be no risk of life when passengers must be carried between York Island and Kelsey Bay.

11. Colonel Lawson, R.C.A.S.C., stated that the m/n vessel was unfit for service on York Island. I request also that you refer to my letter file 7-2, dated 10th March 1941.



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

c.c. to D4D4S. & T.O.,

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

9th July, 1

R.C.E. Works Office,
41st Ave. & Willow St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Navigation Bouy

1. This bouy was sent up by you last year to mark the end of the reef opposite the wharf.
2. About a month ago one of the Examination Vessels was caught by the tide and fouled the bouy. The propeller tore open the bouy and sank.
3. After prolonged dragging we have recovered this bouy, and are shipping it down by the S.S. "Border Prince".
4. Will you please arrange to repair this bouy and return it to York Island as soon as possible, so that it can be replaced in position.
5. It maybe better to make an entirely new bouy as the present one is badly damaged.
6. Before sending it back will you please have the bouy painted with 3 coats of black enamel. The black colour is necessary to show that the ship has to pass it on the port side, and the enamel is necessary so that the paint will reflect the Searchlights when ships shine their searchlights on it at night.
6. Also please send up 1 galvanized shackle to shackle the chain to the bouy.
7. Please have this sent up as soon as possible as it is necessary for navigation.

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

JEP/EAW
c.c. D.E.O.

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

9th July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Ofprs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	59	61	
	Employed		16	16	
	BBde. H.Q.		6	6	77
	Y.I. Hospita l		1	1	
	On Command	1	10	11	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	LEAVE	1	5	6	
58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1
d S/L B ty RCA CD	On Parade	1	36	37	
	Employed		2	2	39
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE	Employed		11	11	11
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		4	4	4
Bde H.Q.			1	1	1
Civ Emp of the D.E.O.			7	7	7
Totals		8	174	182	155

RATION STRENGTH FOR JULY 9th - 1941 155

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

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

10th July, 1941

No. 191

191-1 DUTIES: Friday 11th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch
Next for Duty

- Ft. W.A.S. Clayton 11-7-41
- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 12-7-41

Orderly Officer

- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 11-7-41

Orderly Sgt.
Orderly Bdr.

- Sgt. Ramsden - 85th Hvy. Bty.
- Bdr. Wadham - 3rd S/L Bty. RCA

191-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Wadham, Gnrs. Larson, Bradley, P., Olsen, King, K.R.,
and Howarth.

191-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 11-7-41

L/Bdr. Dyer Gnrs. Fairbairn, Humphrey and McDonald.

191-4 GARRISON PARADE: 1330 hrs. Friday 11th July, 1941

Personnel included in this parade will be 85th Hvy. Bty. RCA
3rd S/L Bty., 4th E&M Coy., and Hospital Staff.

Dress will be Summer Drill with shorts & puttees with web equipment
including bayonet and small pack.

J.E. Piercy

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

/EAW

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

10th July, 1

Officer Commanding,
4th Fort. EAM Coy., RCE CA,
Vancouver Barracks,
Vancouver, B.C.

Report of Lighting Plant York Island for Week Ending July 5th, 41

Hours in operation.. 130
Hours shut down.. 30
Fuel Oil consumption.. 4 gallons
(including change)

Reasons for Shut Down: (a) Oil changes and inspection of
valves and bearings.
(b) Broken fuel line.

Maintenance:

- (a) Building bressel and stand for water tanks.
- (b) Alterations on York Island boat "General Caldwell".
- (c) New hoist for Derrick at dock.
- (d) Racks built and installed in kitchen.
- (e) Installed 2 outlets in base board for desk lights.
- (f) Made new sheet metal top for mixing table in kitchen
4'6" x 8' x 6"
- (g) Put in 2 poles and rewired and changed old power
lines at fort.
- (h) Installed new line to toilet at fort.
- (i) Installed new line from Naval W/T to N.C.O.s quarters.
- (j) Overhauled and cleaned pump on tractor.
- (k) Started electrical installation at new hospital site.

Remarks:

Found leaking valve on tractor pump. The Wisconsin pump on water scow has been overhauled, valves ground and new springs installed. Now starts without difficulty. Tractor operating and being used for hauling and road building. New fuel pump will be installed on arrival.

Water scow operating O.K. and supplying all water at Fort.

The line drop from power house to camp has been decreased 80% from 10 volts to 5 volts. Lights are good etc.

All personnel very busy and generally all is well in all departments.

Exterior painting has now started.

J. DeRochie
(R.W. DeRochie) L/Cpl.
i/c York Island Detachment.

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

10th July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty</u>
85 Hvy Bty R.C.A., CA	On Parade	2	55	57	
	Employed		16	16	
	Bde H.Q.		7	7	73
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	On Command	2	7	9	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	LEAVE		10	10	

58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA CD	On Parade	1	38	39	
	Employed		2	2	41
	Y.I. Hospital		2	2	

HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1

R.C.N.		1	8	9	9

10th Fort Sigs	Employed		5	5	5

4th E&M Coy RCE	Employed		11	11	11

R.C.A.S.C.			4	4	4

Bde. H.Q.			1	1	1

Civ Emp of the D.E.O.			7	7	7

T O T A L S		8	176	184	153

Ration Strength for July 10th 41, - 153

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

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

11th July, 1941

No. 192

192-1 DUTIES: Saturday 12th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch
Next for Duty

- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 12-7-41
- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 13-7-41

Orderly Officer

- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 12-7-41

Orderly Sgt.
Orderly Bdr.

- Sgt. Ramsden - 85th Hvy. Bty.
- L/Bdr. Wadham - 3rd S/L Bty.

192-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Wadham, Gnrs. Larson, Bradley, P., Olsen, King, K.R.,
and Howarth.

192-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 12-7-41

L/Bdr. Young, Gnrs. Brander, Durbin, and Appleton, R.

192-4 SPECIAL LEAVE AND FURLOUGH TRANSPORTATION:

Attention is drawn to C.A.R.O. 1118, as to the procedure outlined must be followed in order to obtain the lower fares, which become effective on July 10th.

192-5 REDUCED RAILWAY FARES -- CANADIAN ARMY:

1. C.A.R.O. No. 1125 is republished for the information of all concerned.
2. C.A. Routine Orders No. 549 and 580 are hereby cancelled.
3. Henceforth, all personnel of the Canadian Army (including Matrons and Nursing Sisters or the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps) when proceeding on leave or furlough may receive reduced railway fares under the following conditions:--

(a) When travelling in uniform.

(b) In mufti, upon presentation of a completed certificate signed by the Officer Commanding bearing orderly room or office stamp.

(c) The fare will be one-way fare the round trip in the case of first class, intermediate class (where in effect), coach class, or special coach class (where in effect), with the proviso that the minimum fare will be twenty-five cents (25¢.) in each case.

(d) First class tickets are valid for passage in coaches, also in sleeping cars or in parlour cars on payment of proper extra charge for accommodation in such tourist cars.

Intermediate class tickets are valid for passage in coaches, also in tourist cars, where operated, on payment of proper extra charge for accommodation in such tourist cars.

Coach class (not special coach class) tickets are valid for passage in coaches; also in tourist cars, where operated, in payment of proper extra charge for accommodation in such tourist cars.

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192-5 REDUCED RAILWAY FARES -- CANADIAN ARMY.

Special coach class tickets are valid for passage in coaches only.

(e) The return limit for tickets obtained at reduced rates is 30 days from the date of sale.

(f) The reduced railway fares will only apply in Canada.

4. The above order is to be read and published in all Unit Orders from time to time.

192-6 DISCIPLINE--TROOPS PROCEEDING ON LEAVE OR FURLOUGH:

1. C.A.R.O. No. 1123 is republished for the information of all concerned.

2. When it is intended to permit a soldier of the Canadian Army to proceed on pass or furlough necessitating a journey to a point some distance from the station or camp in which he is serving, the following procedure will be followed:--

(a) His Commanding Officer will inform him of the privilege of obtaining a railway ticket at the cost of one-way fare for the return journey, vide R.O. 1125 or of the special privileged rate for embarkation leave or annual leave, or furlough, vide R.O. 1118.

(b) In case of one-way fare for return journey--After purchase of the return railway ticket the soldier will be required to present it to the Commanding Officer, who will enter the number of the return ticket on the back of the pass or furlough form and sign it before allowing the soldier to proceed on the journey.

(c) In the case of embarkation or annual leave special Warrant, the Commanding Officer will insert the number of the special warrant on the back of the pass or furlough form and sign it, before the soldier proceeds on the journey.

(d) If a railway ticket is not required by a soldier proceeding on pass or furlough this also must be indicated on the back of the pass by his Commanding Officer.

(e) A Commanding Officer will satisfy himself that the soldier has sufficient funds for meals and other necessary expenses to reach his destination and return.

3. All soldiers are to be informed that if found travelling by train without a railway ticket or a pass showing the number of the issued ticket, they will be removed from the train and are liable to be prosecuted by the railway company for an infringement of their regulations. Provost personnel will assist the railway officials in removing such soldiers when requested by the railway company but will not take any further action unless the soldier is absent without leave.

4. This Order in no way prejudices the recovery of expenses authorized or dealt with under K.R. (Cam) 1132 and 1209 (c) to which the attention of all ranks is to be drawn.

5. The above procedure will supersede all previous instructions in so far as they relate to the possession of railway tickets by troops proceeding by train when on leave or furlough and the method of dealing with offenders. The provisions of this order in no way affect instructions which have been issued with regard to misbehaviour on trains.

6. This District Routine Order will be published in all Unit Orders from time to time.

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

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

11th July 1

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

WATER SUPPLY

Attention: D.E.O.

1. The flow of water into the dam at Hardwicke Island is rapidly diminishing, and at present is only sufficient for the requirements of the garrison. If this flow continues to diminish, it will be necessary to seek another source of supply to supplement the flow from the dam.
2. There is another source in a bay just north of Kelsey Bay which was investigated by Captain Ruffell. Mr. Stanley Smith advises he has water rights on this stream, and that he intends to charge the government a fee for the use of this water.
3. Will you please investigate and advise me whether Mr. Smith's water rights give him sole use of the rights on this stream, and if this appears to be the case, please advise whether the government will be prepared to pay Mr. Smith for the use of this water, and at what price.
4. In order to obtain water from this or any stream which may be available, it will be necessary to build some sort of a catch basin of lumber or some other material and draw the water by long suction hose to the water scow. The intake pipe into the pump is 3 inches, so we may need a bout 200 feet of 3 inch wire wound suction hose and foot valve.
5. There are other streams along the shores of Vancouver Island which could be used although there are many disadvantages, principally poor protection from rough weather. I suggest a search be made from records and the Provincial Government see what water rights have been issued in the vicinity of York Island so that we do not incur expense to the Government by taking water that belongs to other people. There are water supplies also in Topaz Harbour which could bear investigation.
6. If the water supply near Kelsey Bay owned by Stanley Smith is not to be used, I suggest that Captain Ruffell come to York Island and arrange for an alternative supply of water.

J. E. Piercy

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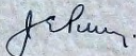
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York Island, B.C.

11th July, 1

Officer Commanding,
No. XI Detachment, R.C.A.S.C.
Work Point Barracks,
Victoria, B.C.

K-89048, Pte. DAVIE, H.S.

1. Referring to your letter of 4th July, 41,
file 2F-9-11.
2. This letter was shown to Pte. Davie who
states that he still wishes to return to the M.T.
section. Will you please arrange to send a relief
for him as early as convenient.



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

JEP/FAW

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

11th July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty</u>
85 Hvy Bty R.C.A. CA	On Parade	2	58	60	76
	Employed		16	16	
	Bde H.Q.		6	6	
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	On Command	2	7	9	
	On Leave		8	8	

58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	38	39	39
	Y.I. Hospital		4	4	

HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1

R.C.N.		1	8	9	9

10th Fort Sigs RCCS	Employed		5	5	5

4th E&M Coy RCE	Employed		11	11	11

RCASC			4	4	4

Bde H.Q.			1	1	1

Civ Emp of the D.E.O.			7	7	7

Totals		8	176	184	154

Ration Strength	-----		<u>154</u>		

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

PART I ORDERS
YORK ISLAND GARRISON
by
Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.
12th July, 1941

No. 193

193-1 DUTIES: Sunday 13th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	13-7-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	14-7-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	13-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Ramsden	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Young	

193-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Young, Gnrs. Davey, Erickson, Lewis, McCartney,
and Wammer.

193-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2130 hours 13-7-41

L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. Appleton, J. Innes and Shore.

193-4 PAY PARADE

Pay Parade for the 85 Bty will be held
at 0900 hours Monday July 14th.

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

JEP/EAW

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

12th July, 1

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

K17003, L/Bdr. Burgess, J.M.

1. The a/m attended an Artificers Class R.C.A. in the spring of 1940 and qualified as Battery Artificer, R.C.A., class 2. Since that date he has been acting as Battery Artificer, and is well known to the Staff Sergeants that you have sent up here from the Ordnance.

2. He has now attained the highest rank he can obtain as an Artificer in the Artillery and has approached me to find out if it is possible for me to affect a transfer for him to the R.C.O.C.

3. Will you please advise me whether there are any openings in the Ordnance for skilled mechanics. Prior to the war he was a diesel mechanic having attended the Vancouver Technical school, and graduated in 1931. He is a good man and warrants a better chance of advancement that we are unable to give him.

J. E. Piercy

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

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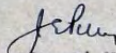
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York Island, B.C.

12th July, 1

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

M/V "General Caldwell"

1. Enclosed is bill of lading for Roller Chock for Bowsprit which has broken on service.
2. This appears to have broken due to a flaw in the metal. Will you please arrange to have this repaired or send up another Roller Chock. Also please return the bolt and send another duplicate.
3. If you are sending up a new Chock, I suggest you send up a heavier one with rollers on the sides as well as the bottom.
4. The type suggested is similar to patent #411, page 768 of Gordon & Belyea catalogue but supplied with two rollers and one horizontal roller.


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

JEP/EAW
c.c. D.S. & T.O. Victoria, B.C.

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

12th July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	56	58	
	Employed		16	16	
	Ede H.Q.		6	6	74
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	On Command	2	9	11	
	Leave		10	10	
3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	40	41	41
	Y.I. Hospital		2	2	
58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1
HQMDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
10th Fort, Sig ROCS	Employed		8	8	8
4th EMM Coy RCE CA	Employed		11	11	11
RCASC			4	4	4
Civ. Emp. of the DEO			5	5	5
Totals		8	178	186	154

Ration Strength for 12th July 1941 - 154

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

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PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON
by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

13th JULY, 1941

No. 194

194-1 DUTIES: Monday 14th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch
Next for Duty

- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 14-7-41
- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 15-7-41

Orderly Officer

- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 14-7-41

Orderly Sgt.
Orderly Bdr.

- Sgt. Ramsden
- L/Bdr. Young

1-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Young, Gnrs. Davey, Erickson, Lewis, McCartney,
and Wammer.

194-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2130 hours 14-7-41

L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. Kincaid, Confrey, and Rolland

J.E. Piercy

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

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Continued Part I Orders

194-4 MESSING

Attention of all ranks is drawn to the matter of dress
and cleanliness at meals.

Blouses Serge, Blouses Denim, or Sweaters must be worn
during meal hours.

Cover-alls or dirty fatigue clothing must not be worn at
meals.

The Orderly Bdr. will ensure that the above order is
xx carried out and all men appear in a clean manner for meals.

The above order applies also to personnel sitting in
the Wet or Dry Canteen.

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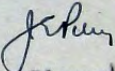
85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., C.A.,
York Island, B.C.

13th July 1961

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

BRING TO ROUND

1. At 2246 hours on 12-7-61, the X.V. called for a shot on a vessel proceeding east on Sunderland Channel. No. 1 gun fired one round at 2247 hours, Range 2150, Bearing 345°. The vessel did not stop, and a second round was fired at 2250 hours, Bearing 350°, 2050. The vessel stopped and was dealt with by the X.O.
2. I am informed the name of vessel is "Forest Ranger".


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c.c. O.C. 15 (Van) Coast Bde

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York Island, B.C.

15th July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing M&C at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	57	59	75
	Employed		16	16	
	Bde H.Q.		6	6	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	On Command Leave	2	9	11	
			10	10	
83 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	39	40	40
	Y.I. Hospital		3	3	
HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		8	8	8
4th EMM Coy RCE	Employed		11	11	11
RCASC	Employed		4	4	4
Civ. Employees @ the D.E.O.			5	5	5
Totals		8	178	186	154

Station Strength 154

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PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

14th July, 1941

No. 195

195-1 DUTIES: Tuesday 15th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	15-7-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	16-7-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	15-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	Sgt. Ramsden	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Young	

195-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Young, Gnrs. Davey, Erickson, Lewis, McCartney,
and Wammer.

195-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2130 hours 15-7-41

L/Bdr. Burgess, Gnrs. Merritt, Bradley and Shore

195-4 GARRISON PARADE

A Garrison Parade will be held at 1330 hours
Tuesday July 15th on the Parade Ground.

~~Personnel: 85 Hvy Bty., RCA., 3rd S/L Bty RCA,~~
Personnel: 85 Hvy Bty., RCA., 3rd S/L Bty RCA,
R.C.E., and att'd troops.

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Officer Commanding, York Island

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

14th July 1941

Officer Commanding,
Transport Office,
No. 11 Det. R.C.A.S.C.,
Work Point Barracks,
Esquimalt, B.C.

EQUIPMENT FOR "GENERAL CALDWELL"

1. Reference your letter 7-2-5-2 re the m/n. Items listed in para. one have been received and handed over to Sgt. Pickwell, N.C.O. i/c of the m/n vessel. Para. 3. Injectors for the Diesel Engine have been received, but Feeler Gauges have not been received.
2. I suggest that either a duplicate ledger complete list of stores issued to this vessel should be maintained on York Island.
3. There has been three changes of the N.C.O. i/c of this vessel in the last three months and unless a duplicate ledger is maintained, it is impossible for an incoming NCO i/c to check over his stores and he cannot be held responsible if he has not a complete list of stores to go by.
4. This ledger could be kept either by the Battery Quartermaster Sergeant who has facilities and is acquainted with the system of ledgers or can be kept on board the vessel by the N.C.O. i/c.
5. The B.Q.M.S. maintains the ledger for the Engineers Stores and will have no difficulty in also maintaining a ledger for the Water Transport, whereas your N.C.O.s may not be acquainted with ledger keeping.
6. If this is not done, you will have considerable difficulty in balancing your accounts at the end of the year, after several men have been put in charge of the m/n vessel, with each one having a different system of ledger keeping.

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York Island, B.C.

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

BRING TO ROUND

1. At 2248 hours on 13 June, 41 X.V. called for a vessel to be brought to proceeding East on Johnstone Straits. No. 2 gun fired one round, range 3000 bearing 250 degrees. The vessel stopped and was dealt with by X.O.
2. I am informed the name of vessel is M.V. "Dorothy II"



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c.c. C.C. 15(Van.) Coast Ede.

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York Island, B.C.

14th July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty</u>
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	57	59	75
	Employed		16	16	
	Bde H.Q.		6	6	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	On Command	2	9	11	
	Leave		10	10	
58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	39	40	40
	Y.I. Hospital		3	3	
HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		8	8	8
4th E&M Coy RCE	Employed		11	11	11
RCASC	Employed		4	4	4
Civ. Employees of the D.E.O.			5	5	5
Totals		8	178	186	154

Ration Strength 154

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PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

15th July, 1941

No. 196

196-1 DUTIES: Wednesday 16th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	16-7-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	17-7-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	16-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Ramsden	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Young	

196-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Young, Gnrs. Davey, Erickson, Lewis, McCartney,
and Wammer.

196-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2130 hours 16-7-41

Bdr. Beaulieu, Gnrs. TenHoeve, Greig, and Rudrum.

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York Island, B.C.

15th July,

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S E C R E T

Headquarters,
Pacific Command,
Victoria, B.C.

Port War Signal Station

1. Captain Ruffell, R.C.E. and Mr. Harvey of the construction department R.C.N. arrived this morning, on the M.V. "Kitchener".
2. I am informed that it is the intention of the navy to commence almost immediately the construction of a Port War Signal Station at a site about 11000 yards from the Battery. The tentative position is map reference 867620 of Johnstone Straits 1" - 1 mile. This site was picked by Lt.-Cmdr. Thompson, C.X.O. in the autumn of 1940. Before there was any thought of increasing the fire power of York Island.
3. Some time ago a scheme was under comment for 155 mm. guns with a range of 18000 yards. No information has been received as to the progress of this suggestion.
4. If there is a possibility of installing longer range guns on this Island, I would suggest it would be advisable for the Port War Signal Station to be moved further West beyond any guns which are likely to be installed so the Fort could be warned of any hostile vessel before it came in range of the guns.
5. I suggest that this matter should be taken up promptly with Naval Authorities, as I understand funds have been allotted for building this station within a very few days.

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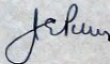
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York Island, B.C.

15th July, 1

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

Salamonic

1. Enclosed is letter from Marshall-Wells B.C. Limited with copy of invoice for 15 bars Salamonic charged on 27 Sep. 40.
2. About this time we received some Salamonic for the Lenclanche cells at the Fort, and this is probably the account for this item.
3. Will you please forward this account to the proper authorities and let Messrs. Marshall-Wells know what you have done.



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c.c. Marshall-Wells B.C. Ltd.

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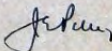
D.S. & T.O.,
Headquarters,
Victoria, B.C.

WATER SCOW

1. The operators of the scow have asked that the following small articles be supplied for operation of the water scow:-

- 1 only Reducing Coupling malleable galvanized iron or brass. Reducing from 3" to 2½".
- 4 only 2" coupling malleable galvanized.
- 1 only galvanized gasoline funnel with splash guard diameter head 6½" similar to McLennan McPeely & Prior catalogue page 1799.
- 1 only galvanized gasoline can. Capacity 4 gals.
- 6 only hose washers for 3" cotton rubber lined hose.
- 6 only hose washers for 2½" cotton rubber lined hose.
- 2 only No. 8 common spark plug.
- 100 feet ½" manilla rope for heavy line.

2. These items are not very expensive. Please arrange to ship via S.S. "Border Prince" sailing 21 Jul, 41.



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c.c. D.D.S. & T.O.

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York Island, B.C.

15th July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total Drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	58	60	76
	Employed		16	16	
	Ede. H.Q.		6	6	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	On Command	2	9	11	
	Leave		9	9	
58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	40	41	41
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
HQMDKI RCAMC		1	-	1	1
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE	Employed		12	12	12
RCASC	Employed		4	4	4
Civ Emp of the D.E.O.			5	5	5
Totals		8	175	183	154

RATION STRENGTH - 154

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PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

16th July, 1941

No. 197

197-1 DUTIES: ~~Wa~~ Thursday 17th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 17-7-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 18-7-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton H.V.N. Bankes 17-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Ramsden
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Young

197-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Young, Gnrs. Davey, Erickson, Lewis, McCartney,
and Wammer

197-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2130 hours 17-7-41

Bdr. Dyer, Gnrs. Hazard, Godwin, and Brunt.

197-4 STATIONERY ETC.

Other Ranks are forbidden to take Stationery
Article, Rulers, Muselage etc. from the Orderly Room, unless
given permission to do so.

All such articles borrowed must be returned
immediately.

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York Island, B.C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

18th July 1941

		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total Drawing R24 at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	58	60	
	Employed		16	16	76
	Bde. H.Q.		6	6	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	On Command	2	9	11	
	Leave		9	9	

58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	40	41	41
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	

HQMDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1

R.C.N.		1	8	9	9

10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5

4th ESM Coy RCE	Employed		12	12	12

JASC	Employed		4	4	4

Civ Emp of the D.E.O.			5	5	5

Totals		8	175	183	154

RATION STRENGTH - 154

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PART I ORDERS
YORK ISLAND GARRISON
by
Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.
17th July, 1941

No. 198

198-1 DUTIES: Friday 18th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 18-7-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 19-7-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 18-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Ramsden
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Young

198-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Young, Gnrs. Davey, Erickson, Lewis, McCartney and Wammer.

198-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2130 hrs. 18-7-41

Bdr. Garrett, Gnrs. Alford, Flewin and Rorison

198-4 B.C. PARADE:

A B.C. Parade will be held at 1330 hours Friday July 18th on the Parade Ground and will include 3rd S/L Battery and 85th Bty.

Dress: Summer Drill, battle order.

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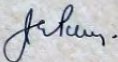
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York Island, B.C.

17th July, 1

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

TELEGRAMS

1. Enclosed is an account for 3 telegrams sent by Government Telegraph Service to Alert Bay. Will you please arrange for payment.
2. On the first occasion the S.S. "Catala" failed to dispatch some meat and other rations at the Kelsey Bay wharf. A telegram was sent to the Captain instructing him to discharge them at Alert Bay, and hand them over to Skipper Jorgensen of H.M.C.S. "West Coast" and bring them back to York Island.
3. On June 28th the S.S. "Catala" over-carried some other stores which we asked them to send back by S.S. "Cardena"



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10th Port. Sig. Coy. RCCS CA.,
303 - Vancouver Barracks,
Vancouver, B. C.

Instructions - Examination Batteries

1. Re. your letter 11th Jul. 41, file FS.1-6.
2. Wireless communication between the Port and Examination Vessels at York Island is carried on by R.C.N. personnel, as the sending set on the island was sent up by them and is on their charge.
3. The R.C.C.S. personnel only attend to long range wireless with Vancouver, Victoria and Prince Rupert, Alert Bay and seem to be fully employed.
4. Under these circumstances do you consider it advisable that they should have the list of call signs of the Naval Examination Vessels, as it is never used by them.



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

York Island Station Hospital

1. Re. your letter 12 Jul, 41 file V.2-10-1-36.

2. In view of this hospital being made into a Station Hospital, will you please advise what authority or responsibility if any, O.C. York Island has in connection with the Hospital.

3. Up to the present the District Ordnance Officer has insisted that O.C. York Island keep the ledger and be responsible for all barrack stores etc. of the Hospital. Will this have to be altered so as to make the M.O. responsible for all stores in connection with the Hospital.



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York Island, B.C.

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

K74669 Gnr. Bradley, P.

1. This man was sent up to act as baker from the 14th Apr. 41. At that time he was on District Depot.
2. On the 28th May, 41 this man was transferred to the 85th Heavy Battery.
3. The establishment of the 85th Battery has been increased by 1 baker group "B" effective 21-12-40.
4. While this man has been acting as a baker on York Island since April, 1941; owing to his transfer being dated 28th May, 41 the paymaster can only pay him trades pay from this later date even though he was actually employed in his trade from 14th Apr. 41.
5. This matter has been discussed with the District Paymaster, who suggests the best way would be to amend the date of transfer to read 14th Apr. 41, so that he could be paid trades pay which he had earned during this period. Will you please arrange to amend the date of his transfer to read 14th Apr. 41, so that he could be paid trades pay which he had earned during this period. Will you please arrange to amend the date of his transfer to 14 Apr. 41, which is the date of arrival on York Island.

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

17th July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	61	63	79
	Employed		16	16	
	Bde. H.Q.		4	4	
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	On Command Leave	2	9	11	
			6	6	

58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	39	40	40
	Y.I. Hospital		2	2	

HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1

R.C.N.		1	8	9	9

10th Fort Sig RCCB	Employed		5	5	5

4th E&M Coy RCE CA	Employed	1	14	15	15

RCASC	Employed		4	4	4

R.C.O.C.			1	1	1

Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			7	7	7

Naval Surveyor			1	1	1

Totals		9	180	189	183

Ration Strength - 163

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Officer Commanding York Island.

Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

M.F.M. 11.

A.F.C. 2112.
1 M10-4-30 (1758)
H.Q. 1772-45-18

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	July	18	Weather: One Thousand, visibility 10, NNW 24, sea choppy. Lieut. H.B. Hodge left York Island.	
		19	Maj. Rev. M. Jackson and Hon. Maj. A. Madden arrived today, for a couple of days stay. Ceiling five thousand, clear, visibility 25, N W 21, sea choppy. Church Parade for R.C.s was held at 1730 hours in Library. Mr. A.M. Hurst of the YMCA arrived to see if there was any sports equipment needed on York Island and also to check over the moving picture machine.	
		20	Ceiling two thousand, clear , rain, visibility 8, sea calm. Garrison Church Service at 1400 hours by Maj. Rev. Jackson in the Mess Hall. General Caldwell proceeded to Vancouver at slow speed for drydocking and repairs.; expected to return in 10 days.	
		21	Bring to Round fired at U.S. Yacht "Kittiwake" at 0937 hours. Ceiling one thousand, overcast, N.W. 25, sea calm. Memo to C.K.O. York Island re number of rounds fired from January to July 1941 from the 6 pdr. Hotchkiss and 4.7. Total for respective guns was thirty two and twenty two.	
		22	Ceiling unlimited, widely scattered, N.W. 18, sea choppy. Defence Schemes for York Island vicinity, Append. "D" were forwarded to Pacific Command. Mr. J.H. Harvery RCN, ceases to be attached to 85th Bty.	
		23	Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 25, N W 25, sea rough.	
		24	Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 25, N.W. 20, sea choppy. Lt. Col. G.Y.L. Crossley Officer Commanding 15th (VAN) Coast Bde R.C.A., C.A. and Major R. Hunter Officer Commanding 35/L Bty arrived on York Island to make a combined inspection. S.S. "Catala" failed to stop in Johnstone Straits again; same purpose. Bring to Round fired at 0520 hours by 6 pdr. into Johnstone Straits. Vessel stopped and was dealt with by the K.O.	
		25	Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 25, N.W. 17, sea choppy.	
		26	Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 25, N.W. 30, sea rough. Letter requesting Ordnance to send dummy grenades.	

J. Harvey
M.S.

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major, J.E. Piercy, O.C.

18th July, 1941

No. 199

199-1 DUTIES: Saturday 19th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	19-7-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	20-7-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	19-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Ramsden	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Young	

199-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Young, Gnrs. Davey, Erickson, Lewis, McCartney and Wammer.

199-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2130 hours 19-7-41

L/Bdr. Foote, Gnrs. King Hough and Trim.

J.E. Piercy

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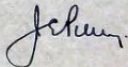
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Officer Commanding,
15th(Van.) Coast Bde., R.C.A., C.A.,
Bessborough Armouries,
Vancouver, B.C.

FORD TRUCK

1. Enclosed is a copy of report from Cpl. Allen R.C.A.S.C. on the condition of this truck. Will you please send up the tools he mentioned, by "Forder Prince leaving 21 Jul, 41.
2. This truck needs painting but it will cost a considerable amount of money to freight it down to Ordnance and back, and I suggest Ordnance send up the necessary paint brushes etc., so that it could be done on York Island.
3. Cpl. Allen advises they use a solution called Gunk which is used for cleaning the engine and chassis. Will you please arrange to send up a small drum of this gunk by the same vessel.



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Officer Commanding,
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A., C.A.,
York Island, B.C.

FORD TRUCK

1. The a/m truck 15cwt 4 x 2 F15 has been checked and everything is in good order except steering, as there is too much play. The tools on the Island are of no use for making the necessary adjustments.

2. For this adjustment and periodical maintenance work the following tools are needed:-

1 set Ford open end wrenches.

1 set Ford box wrenches.

1 12" crescent wrench.

3. For your information and necessary action, please.

(R.D. Allen) Cpl. RCASC
Instructor of M.T. Course, York Isld.

RDA/EAW

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

18th July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	61	63	79
	Employed		16	16	
	Bde. H.Q.		4	4	
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	On Command	2	9	11	
	Leave		6	6	

58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	39	40	40
	Y.I. Hospital		2	2	

HQ MDKI RCAMP		1	-	1	1

R.C.N.		1	8	9	9

10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5

4th EAM Coy RCE CA	Employed	1	14	15	15

RCASC	Employed		4	4	4

R.C.O.C.			1	1	1

Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			7	7	7

Naval Surveyor			1	1	1

Totals		9	180	189	163

Ration Strength - 163

J. E. Piercy

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

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major, J.E. Piercy, O.C.

19th July, 1941

No. 200

200-1 DUTIES: Sunday 20th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	20-7-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	21-7-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	20-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	- Bdr. Dyer	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Wright, P.B.	

200-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. Mattocks, Abbott, Bardsley, Larson, and Kincaid.

200-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 21 30 hrs. 20-7-41

L/Bdr. Burgess, Gnrs. Swanson, Thomson, and Durbin

200-4 RESPIRATORS, ANTI-GAS--CLEANING OF HAVERSACK:

Care must be taken in cleaning the haversack or the waterproofing of the fabric may be destroyed. Scrubbing with water or the use of ~~mix~~ cleaners other than the approved preparation is forbidden. Mud can be brushed off easily when the haversack is dry. Oil stains can be removed by a prolonged application of a paste made from the approved cleaning preparation which will be issued in due course. Cleanser, web equipment, is not to be used for this purpose.

200-5 TRADESMEN

There is a shortage of Tradesmen in the Army in Canada. A Board of Officers comprised of Technical Representatives from the Engineers, Signals, Army Service Corps and the Ordnance Corps will be appointed in Victoria who will interview all Active Force Army Personnel who although now filling non-Tradesmen vacancies may be potential tradesmen.

A nominal roll is to be compiled of all personnel on York Island whose past experience indicates ability to qualify as tradesmen..

A further nominal roll of other personnel who express the desire to trade training.

These nominal rolls will be forwarded to Vancouver and in due course of time the Board will interview all tradesmen and arrange for trades tests.

Those who fail, but who are considered suitable will be sent to Trades Training Schools as soon as vacancies are available. Those wishing to learn trade will be accommodated in the same manner.

Any member of the 85 Bty of the 4th E&M Coy RCE who wish to submit their names will ~~also~~ do so to Lieut. H.V.N. Bankes, R.C.A., and the 3rd S/L Bty personnel will submit their names to Lieut. J.G. Moore, R.C.A.

This nominal roll will be submitted in the next two days.

200-6 CHURCH PARADE FOR Roman Catholics. Hon. Maj. Madden, C.C.S., will listen to Confession at 1730 hours in the library, July 19th 1941. ~~xxxxxx~~ Holy Mass at 0800 hours, Sunday in the library.

200-7 GARRISON CHURCH PARADE will be held on the Parade Ground at 1400 hours Sunday July 20th. Dress: Summer Drill.

/PEN

(J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.,
OFFICER COMMANDING YORK ISLAND

85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A./ G.A.
YORK ISLAND S.C.

19th July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
ENKX					
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	60	62	
	Employed		16	16	78
	Bde H Q		4	4	
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	ON COMMAND	2	9	11	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	Leave		7	7	

58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	41	42	42

HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1

R.C.N.		1	8	9	9

10th Fort Sig RCCE	Employed		5	5	5

4th E&M Coy RCE	Employed		14	14	14

RCASC	Employed		3	3	3

RCOC	Employed		1	1	1

Civ Emp of the D.E.O.			8	8	8

Naval Surveyor			1	1	1

Y.M.C.A.			1	1	1
Chaplains C.C.S.		2	-	2	2

Totals		10	181	191	186

Ration Strength -- 186

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

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

20th July, 1941

No. 201

201-1 DUTIES: Monday 21st July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	21-7-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	22-7-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	21-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	- Bdr. Dyer	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Wright	

201-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. Mattocks, Abbott, Bardsley, Larson
and Kincaid.

201-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2130 hours 21-7-41

L/Bdr. Foote, Gnrs. Lawrence, McEwan and Davey

J.E. Piercy

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

/EAW

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

20th July,

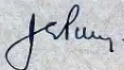
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Headquarters,
M.D. No. XI.,
Victoria, B.C.

BRING TO ROUND

1. At 0936 hours on 20 Jul, 41 X.V. called for a shot to be fired at a vessel proceeding East on Sunderland Straits. At 0937 hours No. 1 gun fired 1 round, range 1950 yds., bearing 30 degrees. The vessel stopped and was dealt with by the X.O.

2. I am informed the name of the vessel was the U.S. Yacht "KITTIWAKE"



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

JEP/EAW

c.c. O.C. 15(Van.) Coast Bde. RCA CA.

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

20th July, 1

C.X.O.,
York Island, B.C.

Examination Service

At your request the following is the ammunition expended on the examination service at York Island from the 1st January, 1941 to date.

6 Pdr. Gun

January	4
February.. . . .	6
March.. . . .	0
April.. . . .	14
May.. . . .	8

32 Total 6 pdr.

4.7" Gun

May	4
June.. . . .	13
July.. . . .	5

22 Total 4.7".
54 Total rounds fired.

The six pounder Hotchkiss was used until 28th May, 1941 when all the ammunition was expended after which the 4.7" guns were used. The 6 pounder was used because of the cheapness of ammunition, though it takes more rounds to bring to a vessel with a 6 pdr.

On the 4.7" guns the shell used is an obsolete pattern of shrapnel shell with no fuze or bursting charge. This shell is useless except for practice firing or bring to rounds, so the cost of the shell is almost nil. The brass cartridge cases are returned to Ordnance for refilling with cordite, and when refilled are available for reuse. The amount of cordite used is 5 lbs. 7 ozs. in each cartridge which is of course expended.

The 4.7" guns are over 40 years old but have fired less than 200 rounds during this period of 40 years, so the wear is very small and they are consequently very accurate.

J. E. Piarcey

(J.E. Piarcey) Major, RCA
Officer Commanding, York Isld.

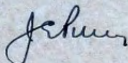
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., C.A.
York Island, B.C.

20th July 1

Headquarters,
Vancouver Defences,
306 Vancouver Barracks,
Vancouver, B. C.

Tradesmen Shortage

1. Re your circular letter 14 Jul. 41 file 65-12.
2. Enclosed is copy of return of tradesmen as requested.



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

JEP/BAW
c.c. 15th(Van.) Coast Bde. RCA
3rd S/L Bty. R.C.A.

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

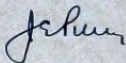
20th July, 1

Gunner Humphrey, J.H.,
R.R. #1.,
Cloverdale, B.C.

Harvest Leave

Re your telegram July 19th, I regret that I have no authority to grant additional leave for harvesting as no instructions have been given authorizing harvest leave.

Under the circumstances it will be necessary for you to return on the expiration of your leave.



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

JEP/EAW

85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A./ C.A.
YORK ISLAND R.C.

July 20th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&C at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	2	60	62	
On Parade				
Employed		16	16	78
Bie H Q		4	4	
Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
ON COMMAND	2	9	11	
A.W.L.		2	2	
Leave		7	7	
58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	1	41	42	42
HQ MDXI RCASC	1	-	1	1
R.C.N.	1	8	9	9
10th Fort Sig ROCS		5	5	5
4th H&M Coy ROE		14	14	14
RCASC		3	3	3
RCCC		1	1	1
Civ Emp of the D.E.C.		8	8	8
Naval Surveyor		1	1	1
Y.M.C.A.		1	1	1
Chaplains C.C.B.	2	-	2	2
Totals	10	101	101	106

Nation Strength -- 166

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

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

21st July, 1941

No. 202

202-1 DUTIES: Tuesday 22nd July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	22-7-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	23-7-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	22-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	Bdr. Dyer	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Wright	

202-2 FIRE PICQUET: 1400 hrs.

Latibeaudiere
L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. ~~Macintosh~~, Abbott, Bardsley, Larson
and Kincaid.

202-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2130 hours 22-7-41

L/Bdr. Parrott, Gnrs. Confrey, Rolland and TenHoeve

202-4 B.C. PARADE:

A B.C.s parade will be held at 1330 hours Tuesday 22nd July, on the parade ground. Personnel will include 85th Heavy Battery, RCA and 3rd S/L Battery, RCA.

Dress: Summer Drill battle order.

J.E. Piercy

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

/BAW

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

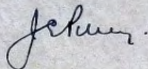
21st July, 1

Quartermaster,
15th (Van.) Coast Bde. RCA CA.,
Bessborough Armouries,
Vancouver, B.C.

Water Proof Clothing

Re your letter 16th Jul, 41.

1. Enclosed is indent for 200 suits of water proof clothing and boots knee rubber.
2. Will you please forward this to the Ordnance and ask them to obtain these for us before the wet weather sets in.



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

JEP/EAW

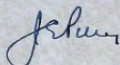
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., C.A.
York Island, B.C.

21st July, 1

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

COAL

1. Will you please arrange to order 25 tons of lump coal in bulk from the Vancouver Island Coals to be shipped from Nanaimo on the S.S. "Border Prince" sailing 28th July.
2. Will you also please make arrangements to have the S.S. "Border Prince" call at Nanaimo for this coal.



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

JEP/BAW

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

21st July 1

R.C.E. Works Office,
41st Ave. & Willow St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Electric Light Bulbs

1. Please arrange to ship the following electric lights, as I understand the Engineers now supply electric light bulbs as follows:-

100 - 60 watt lamps electric light nitro.

100 - 75 watt " " " "

125 -100 watt " " " "

2. Please arrange to ship these on the S.S. "Border Prince" leaving Vancouver 28th July.

J. E. Piercy

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

JEP/EAW

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

21st July, 1

The Librarian,
Vancouver Public Library,
401 Main Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

BOOKS

By the suggestion of Mr. A.M. Hearst of the Y.M.C.A. we shipped down to you by S.S. "Border Prince" on the 21st June, 1941 a box of books to be catalogued and added to the collection of the library of the War Services Committee.

By S.S. "Border Prince" on the 22nd of July we will ship a further box of books for the same purpose. The S.S. "Border Prince" is owned by the Border Line Transportation Company whose agents are Dodwell & Company Yorkshire Building. They will tell you where to pick the books up.

The collection of books you sent up has been very much appreciated by the men on this isolated island, and considerable use is being made of this library as there are very few opportunities of securing reading matter on the island.

J.E. Piercy

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

JEP/BAW

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

21st July, 1

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

LIBRARY

Re your letter 2nd July, 1941 file

5-8-1.

1. A reply to this letter has been delayed pending the visit of Mr. A.M. Hurst, visiting secretary of the Y.M.C.A.
2. Mr. Hurst has arranged with the Auxiliary Services Library Board in Vancouver to put in a library for us composed of 350 books, which is now in effect. These books are the property of the library board and are exchanged every six months or earlier if so desired. They contain a very good selection of non-fiction and fiction and are very popular with the men. One of the men acts as librarian, and issues the books from 1800 to 1900 hrs. every night.
3. At the suggestion of Mr. Hurst we have previously collected all the books donated to us by various persons which have already been read by the men, and sent them to the library board so they could add to their collection as they were no use to us. In consequence we have no books to forward on to the other batteries as they have already been passed on to the library board.
4. We will be very pleased to receive the sixty books from Steveston which will add to our collection, but regret we can not reciprocate by not sending any of ours.
5. I would very respectfully suggest that you get in touch with the library committee of the War Services Auxiliary because they could supply each Fort with additional books from their library, thereby supplementing from Brigade stock.

J. E. Piercy

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York Island, B.C.

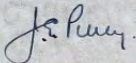
July 21, 1

Headquarters,
Vancouver Defences,
306 Vancouver Barracks,
Vancouver, B.C.

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN
Post Cards.

Re your circular letter dated 15 Jul. 41
file 68-7.

1. Reference paragraph 3. Are we authorized to pay the postage on these cards sent by private soldiers?
2. If authorized I suggest they be included in the normal unit postage account in order to save waste of stationery in filling in another claim for postage.



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

JEP/EAW

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

21st July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	61	63	
	Employed		16	16	
	Bde H Q		4	4	78
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	On Command	2	9	11	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	Leave		6	6	

85 Hvy Bty RCA CA		1	-	1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	41	42	42

HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1

RCN		1	8	9	9

10th Fort Sigs	Employed		5	5	5

4th E&M Coy RCE CA	Employed		14	14	14

RCASC			3	3	3

RCOC			1	1	1

Civ Emp of the DEO			8	8	8

Naval Surveyor			1	1	1

WY M C A			1	1	1

Totals		8	181	189	165

RATION STRENGTH - 165

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

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

22nd July, 1941

No. 203

203-1 DUTIES: Wednesday 23rd July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 23-7-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 24-7-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 23-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	Bdr. Dyer
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Wright, P.B.

203-2 FIRE PICQUET: 1400 hrs.

L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. Latibeaudiere, Abbott, Bardsley,
and Larson, Kinkaid.

203-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2130 hrs. 23-7-41

L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. McDonald, Fairbairn, and Mattocks.

203-4 MEDICAL ATTENTION DURING LEAVE AND FURLOUGH:

1. Officers and other ranks whilst on leave of absence or furlough with pay, in Canada, will be eligible for medical treatment at public expense, subject to the following conditions:-

2. Officers and soldiers on furlough who require medical attention shall apply for it to the nearest Military authority. When this is impractical, they shall apply to the nearest medical representative of the Department of Pensions and National Health.

3. The Military authority or medical representative of the Department of Pensions and National Health to whom such application is made shall, in every case, communicate with the District Medical Officer of the District in which the officer or soldier is temporarily residing.

4. The local postmaster will, as a rule, be in possession of full information as to the name and address of the medical representative of the Department of Pensions and National Health in the locality.

5. Failing either of the alternatives mentioned in para. 2 above, personnel may apply to a civilian practitioner, to whom they will show their furlough paper in accordance with instructions contained in para. 4 on the back thereof.

6. Civil medical practitioners' accounts for services should be forwarded in triplicate to the District Medical Officer of the Military District in which such services have been rendered.

7. District Medical Officers will survey such accounts and recommend them for payment from public funds, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees paid for similar services by the Department of Pensions and National Health.

8. Commanding Officers will ensure that the personnel under their command are made fully aware of the above instructions.

9. When treatment is furnished in a Military District other than that in which the officer or soldier is stationed, the District Officer Commanding will report full particulars to the District Officer Commanding to whose command the officer or soldier belongs.

10. Routine Orders Nos. 400, 589 and 1040 are hereby cancelled.

203-5 MOTOR-VEHICLE LICENSES
MEMBERS OF HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES

1. The Commissioner of Provincial Police has advised as follows:

" In conformity with a request of the Department of National Defence that some special provision be made respecting the fees to be paid for motor-vehicle licenses for motor-vehicles belonging to the personnel of the Defence forces of Canada, in view of the fact that the defence of Canada necessitates from time to time many movements of personnel from one province to another, Orders-in-Council have been passed which provide that motor-vehicle licenses may be granted for the sum of \$2.00 for motor-vehicles belonging to members of His Majesty's Forces, Naval, Military or Air, moving into this province from another province of Canada, or from ~~the~~ the United States of America, in cases where such motor-vehicles have already been licensed and carry the current license plates of another province, or one of the States of the United States of America."

2. It will be necessary for owners of such vehicles to obtain licenses immediately on arrival as such cars will not be permitted to operate in B.C. unless carrying proper license plates.

203-6 SALE OF WAR SAVINGS STAMPS:

The following return covering the sale of War Savings Stamps for the Month of June is published herewith:

Prior to June 1st.				1595.75
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Per</u>	
		<u>30/6/41</u>	<u>capita</u>	
31 Hvy. Bty.	74.50	149	.50	
58 Hvy. Bty.	79.00	170	.46	
85 Hvy. Bty. (assigned pay only)	12.00	104	.11	
Headquarters	37.00	37	1.00	
				<u>202.50</u>

Total-1798.20

J.E. Piercy

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

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

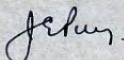
22nd July,

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

K17064-Gnr. Schofield, A.L.

1. We note that this man has been transferred to Bde. Headquarters while undergoing dental treatment. At the conclusion of his dental treatment, I request he be sent up to York Island as he is the only decent barber on the Island.
2. If this is not done the men have no chance of getting their hair cut except once in 3 months while on leave and you can imagine what the state of the Battery will be if they only get their hair cut once in 3 months.



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

JEP/EAW

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

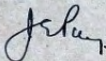
22nd July 1

SECRET

Headquarters,
Pacific Command,
Victoria, B.C.

Defence Schemes for York Island

1. Enclosed herewith is appendix "D" for the Defence Schemes for the Vicinity of York Island.
2. Please acknowledge receipt on duplicate copy of this letter.



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

EW

Receipt Acknowledged.....

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

22
~~22~~ July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA				
On Parade	2	61	63	
Employed		16	16	
Bde H Q		4	4	78
Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
On Command	2	9	11	
A.W.L.		2	2	
Leave		6	6	

58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	1	-	1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	1	41	42	42

Hq MDXI RCAMC	1	-	1	1

RCN	1	8	9	9

10th Fort Sigs		5	5	5

4th E&M Coy RCE CA		14	14	14

RCOC		3	3	3

RCOC		1	1	1

Civ Emp of the DEO		8	8	8

Naval Surveyor		1	1	1

WY M C A		1	1	1

Totals	8	181	189	165

RATION STRENGTH - 165

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

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

23rd July, 1941

No. 204

204-1 DUTIES: Thursday 24th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 24-7-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 25-7-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 24-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	- Bdr. Dyer
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Wright

204-2 FIRE PICQUET: 1400 hrs.

L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. Latibeaudiere, Abbott, Bardsley,
Larson, and Kinkaid.

204-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2130 hrs. 24-7-41

Bdr. Garrett, Gnrs. Greig, Rudrum and Alford.

204-4 DISCIPLINE - SOLICITING OF RIDES IN AUTOMOBILES:

The soliciting of rides by personnel of the Canadian Army is undignified and inconsistent with the wearing of the King's uniform. There is, however, no objection to the acceptance by soldiers of transportation when such is offered voluntarily by the public.

J.E. Piercy

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

/EAW

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

23rd July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	62	64	
	Employed		15	15	
	Bde. H.Q.		4	4	79
	Schools	2	9	11	
	A.W.M.		2	2	
	Leave		6	6	

58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	38	39	42
	Employed		3	3	

HQ MD No 11, RCAMC		1	-	1	1

R.C.N.		1	8	9	9

10th Fort Sigs. RCCS	Employed		5	5	5

4th E&M Coy RCE	Employed		14	14	14

R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3

R.C.O.C.	Employed		2	2	2

Naval Surveyor			1	1	1

Y.M.C.A.			1	1	1

Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			8	8	8

Totals		8	161	189	166

Ration Strength for 23rd July 1941 - 166

J. E. Piercy
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Officer Commanding York Island

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

24th July, 1941

No. 205

205-1 DUTIES: Friday 25th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	25-7-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	26-7-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	25-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	Bdr. Dyer	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Wright	

205-2 FIRE PICQUET: 1400 hrs.

L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. Latibeaudiere, Abbott, Bardsley,
Larson and Kinkaid.

205-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2130 hrs. 25-7-41

L/Bdr. Burgess, Gnrs. Swanson, Jenkins, and Appleton, R.

J.E. Piercy

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York Island, B.C.

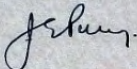
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S E C R E T

General Staff,
Pacific Command,
HQ. MD. No. XI.,
Victoria, B.C.

Militia Service Cipher

1. Receipt is acknowledged of copy number 2 of Key Memorandum number 22 for use in connection with militia service cipher on York Island.



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Officer Commanding, York Island

JEP/EAW

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

24th July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	60	62	77
	Employed		15	15	
	Bde H.Q.		5	5	
	A.W.D.		2	2	
	Schools	2	9	11	
	Leave		8	8	

58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	38	39	42
	Employed		3	3	

HQ MD HQ, 11 RCAMC		1	-	1	1

R.C.N.		1	8	9	9

10th Fort Sigs RCCS	Employed		5	5	5

4th E&M Coy RCE	Employed		14	14	14

RCASC	Employed		3	3	3

CCC			2	2	2

Visitors Lt. Col. GYL Crossley 15th Bde.		1	-	1	2
	Major R. Hunter 3rd S/L	1	-	1	

Naval Surveyor			1	1	1

Civ Employees of the D.E.O.			8	8	8

Totals		10	181	191	193 ⁸⁵

Ration Strength - ~~163~~

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

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

25th July, 1941

No. 206

206-1 DUTIES: Saturday 26th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	26-7-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	27-7-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	26-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	Bdr. Dyer	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Wright	

206-2 FIRE PICQUET: 1400 hrs.

L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. Latibeaudiere, Abbott, Bardsley,
Larson and Kinkaid.

206-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2130 hrs. 26-7-41

L/Bdr. Parrott, Gnrs. Flewin, Rorison and Gatenby

206-4 PARADING TO O.C.

Men wishing to be paraded for any reason must first refer to their No. 1. The No. 1 will in turn parade the man to his section sommander who will then arrange for the man to see the Major.

J.E. Piercy

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Officer Commanding, York Island

/EAW

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

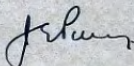
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Headquarters,
M.D. No. XI.,
Victoria, B.C.

BRING TO ROUND

1. At 0515 hours 24 Jul. 41 X.V. called for a bring to round on a vessel proceeding South on Johnstone Straits.
2. At 0520 hours 6 pdr. fired one round, range 2600 yds., bearing 236 degrees. The vessel stopped and was dealt with by X.O.
3. I am informed the name of the vessel was the S.S. "Discoverer".



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

JEP/EAW

c.c. O.C. 15(Van.) Coast Bde. RCA CA.

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

York Island, B.C.

25th July, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA. On Parade	2	60	62	
Employed		15	15	
				77
Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
A.W.L.		2	2	
Schools	2	9	11	
Leave		8	8	
58 Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA. On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty. RCA. CA. On Parade	1	38	39	
Employed		3	3	42
HQ MD No. XI RCAMC.	1		1	1
R.C.N.	1	8	9	9
10th Fort. Sigs. RCCS Employed		6	6	6
4th E&M Coy RCE Employed		14	14	14
RCASC Employed		3	3	3
RCOC		2	2	2
Visitors Lt. Col. GYL Crossley 15th Bde. 1			1	
Major R. Hunter 3rd S/L1			1	2
Civ. Employees of the D.E.O.		8	8	8
TOTALS	10	181	191	165

Ration Strength - 165

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

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

26th July, 1941

No. 207

207-1 DUTIES: Sunday 27th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	27-7-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	28-7-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	27-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	Bdr. Garrett	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Foote	

207-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Foote, Gns. Durbin, Howarth, Merritt, McCartney, and Hazard.

207-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2130 hrs. 27-7-41

Bdr. Dyer, Gns. King, Innes, and Shore

207-4 SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION:

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

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

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

J.E. Piercy

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

/EAW

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

26th July, 1

Quartermaster,
15th(Van.) Coast Bde. RCA. CA.,
Bessborough Armouries,
Vancouver, B.C.

Temporary Loan Voucher

1. Re your letter 16 Jul. 41 file 15q
10-2-1.
2. This voucher appears correct except
for the following:-
 1. Wrench spark plug which was missing upon
arrival of truck.
 2. Pliers broken on arrival.
 3. Tools ~~spark~~^{plug} unserviceable.
3. If you wish I can sign for this sub-
ject to the above deficiencies.
4. Re your letter 21 Jul. 41 on the
same subject. The tools received as per tempor-
ary loan voucher are only for running repairs.
The additional tools asked for were for complete
servicing of the truck, and there is no garage
within 150 miles.
5. Also required are the following items:-
 1. Complete set of gaskets.
 2. Shellac for gaskets.
 3. An engine cleaning brush.
 4. 1 new 6 - 8 volt battery. Present one has
a hole in the bottom.
 5. An assortment of nuts and bolts for truck
body.
6. Will you please arrange to send these
up.

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

26th July 1

Sgt. Pickwell,
2nd Fort. R.C.A.S.C., C.A.,
York Island, Det.

Sgt. Pickwell
M.V. "General Caldwell"

1. On instructions of the D.S. & T.O. you will take the M.V. "General Caldwell" to the Vancouver shipyards at Coal Harbour for repairs.
2. On arrival to Vancouver you will report to the D.D.S. & T.O. for instructions.

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

JEP/EAW

c.c. D.D.S. & T.O. (Vancouver)
D.S. & T.O. (Victoria)

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

26th July,

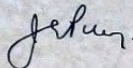
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Mr. G.H. Clarke,
District Director of Postal Services,
Vancouver Post Office,
Vancouver, B.C.

Replying to your letter 25th July, 1941,
re mail from York Island on July 20th.

The S.S. "Venture" was extremely late in
passing York Island. As the S.S. "Cardena" was
passing along earlier we put some men on board the
"Cardena" together with the mail transferring in
Johnstone Straits.

For your information we dispatched a locked
mail bag.



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

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

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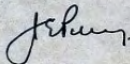
D.D.S. & T.O.,
Vancouver Barracks,
Vancouver, B.C.

OIL

1. Enclosed is copy of letter from the Shell Oil Company dated July 25th, 1941 copy of which has been delivered to me.

2. Will you please advise me what all this concerns. Does this mean the Shell Oil supplies our diesel oil instead of the Home Oil station in Kelsey Bay?

3. If the contract has been changed from Home to Shell, please advise the nearest Shell filling station.



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

JEP/RAW

c.c. Shell Oil Company, Van. B.C.

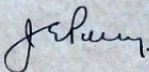
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., C.A.
York Island, B.C.

26th July, 1

District Officer,
15th(Van.) Coast Bde. RCA (CA)
Bessborough Armouries,
Vancouver, B.C.

Grenades Hand or .303" rifle Mk. I

1. This battery recently received some grenades. Will you please request the Ordnance to send up some drill purpose grenades so the troops can be trained in their use.



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

JEP/EAW

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

26th July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty</u>
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	63	65	80
	Employed		15	15	
	Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	On Command	2	9	11	
	Leave		5	5	

58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	39	41	44
	Employed		3	3	

HQ MD No. 11 RCAMC		1	-	1	1

R.C.N.		1	8	9	9

10th Fort Sigs RCSS	Employed		6	6	6

4th E&M Coy RCE CA	Employed		14	14	14

R.C.A.S.C. No. 11 Det.	Employed		3	3	3

R.C.O.C. No. 11 Det.			2	2	2

15 (VAN) Coast Bde RCA CA		1	-	1	1

Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			8	8	8

Totals		10	182	192	169

Ration Strength - 169

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

Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY
OR
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
(Erase heading not required)

M.F.M. 11,
A.F.C. 3118,
1 M11-8-39 (1758)
H.Q. 1772-45-18

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
York Isd.	July	27	Ceiling unlimited, cloudy, visibility 20, N.W. 22, sea choppy. Lt. Co. G.Y.L. Crossley and Major Hunter returned to Vancouver. Comment re York Island was very satisfactory.	
		28	Ceiling unlimited, visibility 25, N.W. 11, sea chippy. Bring to Round fired from 6 pdr. at 1128 hours, at a vessel bearing the number TU 067T. Vessel stopped and was dealt with by the X.O. Bring to round fired from 6 pdr. into Sunderland Channel; vessel dealt with by X.O.	
		29	Ceiling two thousand, overcast, visibility 25, no wind, sea calm. Laying of all cable was completed. Orderly System of Messing placed into effect. Bring to Round was fired from 6 pdr. at 1340 hours into Sunderland Channel. Vessel stopped and was dealt with by the X.O. Request by O.C. York Island that accounting of Hospital Stores be turned over to CCYork Island Hospital.	
		30	Ceiling six thousand, clear, visibility 25, N W 13, sea light swell. Light sail boat overturned in Johnstone Straits with a man, his wife and two children. Rescued by the Examination Boat and brought to York Island Hospital. Pay Parade held at 0900 hours.	
		31	Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 25, N W 20, sea choppy. B.C.'s Parade at 1330 hours. The land line connecting York Island and Kelsey Bay was completed this date. This gives direct communication with either HQ Pacific Command or Vancouver Defences. Letter to General Staff re barbed wire, sand bags and straight wire.	Appendix A



PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

27th July, 1941

No. 208

208-1 DUTIES: Monday 28th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch
Next for Duty

- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 28-7-41
- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 29-7-41

Orderly Officer

- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 28-7-41

Orderly Sgt.

- Bdr. Garrett

Orderly Bdr.

- L/Bdr. Foote

208-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Foote, Gnrs. Durbin, Howarth, Merritt, McCartney,
and Hazard.

208-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2130 hours 28-7-41

L/Bdr. Parrott, Gnrs. Tully, Mackie, D.F., and Upton, V.

208-4 MESSING:

The Orderly System of messing will go into effect at 12 noon Monday 28th July and all personnel will be ready to sit down to eat at the hour sharp. Only those actually on duty will be excused.

J.E. Piercy

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

/EAW

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

28th July, 1

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

BRING TO ROUND

1. At 1137 hours 28 Jul. 41 X.V. called for a bring to round on a vessel proceeding East on Sunderland Channel.
2. At 1138 hours 6 pdr. fired one round range 2625 yds., bearing 543 degrees. The vessel stopped and was dealt with by X.O.
3. There was no name but I am informed the number of the vessel was TU067T.
4. At 1946 hours 28 Jul. 41 X.V. called for a bring to round on 2 vessels proceeding East on Sunderland Channel.
5. At 1948 hours 6 pdr. fired one round, range 2225 yds., bearing 358 degrees. The vessels stopped and were dealt with by X.O.
6. I am informed the boats were two American fish boats.

J. E. Piercy

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

JEP/BAW

c.c. O.C. 15(Van.) Coast Bde. RCA

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

York Island, B.C.

27th July, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total Drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.</u>
85 Heavy Battery RCA. CA. On Parade	2	63	65	
Employed		15	15	
Bde. H.Q.		5	5	80
A.W.L.		2	2	
On Command	2	9	11	
Leave		5	5	

58 Heavy Battery RCA. CA. On Parade	1		1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA. CA. On Parade	2	39	41	
Employed		3	3	41

HQ. MD. No. XI RCAMC	1		1	1

R.C.N.	1	8	9	9

10th Port Sigs. RCCS Employed		6	6	6

4th E&M Coy RCE. CA. Employed		14	14	14

R.A.S.C. No. 11 Det. Employed		3	3	3

R.C.O.C. No. 11 Det.		2	2	2

15 (VAN) Coast Bde RCA CA Emp	1		1	1

Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.		8	8	8

Totals	10	182	192	169

Ration Strength - 169

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

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON
by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

28th July, 1941

No. 209

209-1 DUTIES: Tuesday 29th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	29-7-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	30-7-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	29-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	Bdr. Garrett	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Foote	

209-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Foote, Gnrs. Durbin, Howarth, Merritt, McCartney, and Hazard.

209-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2130 hours 29-7-41

L/Bdr. Adzich, Gnrs. Merritt, Wammer and Hough

209-4 Q.M. STORES:

Q.M. Stores will be open for the issuing of clothing etc., at the following hours only:- From 1130 hrs to 1200 hrs. and from 1300 hrs. to 1400 hrs. Tools will be issued whenever required, and all tools drawn from Q.M. Stores will be returned by person signing for same at no later than 1645 hours. Mops, scrub brushes, pails and mop wringers must be washed before returning to Q.M. Stores.

All men proceeding on leave will turn all kit in to Q.M. Stores in the following manner:-

Rifle oiled and labelled with regimental number and name.
Barrack box labelled with regimental number and name.
Blankets, pillows and any loose kit to be placed in Pallias covers which are being issued to cover mattresses. Any loose kit found in barrack rooms will be turned in by N.C.O. in charge, and this will be charged against personnel owning same.

All personnel proceeding to Brigade H.Q. will turn in blankets, mattresses, pillows, pillow slips, and pallias covers together with empty barrack box. Personnel will take along remainder of kit including rifle and bayonet.

Men proceeding on leave Tuesday night will turn in all kit between 1600 and 1700 hours. Men proceeding on leave Sunday will turn in kits by 1000 hours.

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

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

28th July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty</u>
85 Hvy Bty R.C.A., C.A.	On Parade	2	57	59	
	Employed		15	15	74
	Bde. H.Q.		8	8	
	SHAughnessy		1	1	
	On Command	2	9	11	
	Leave		7	7	

58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1

rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	38	39	
	Employed		3	3	42

HQ MD XI RCAMC		1	-	1	1

R.C.N.		1	9	10	10

10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5

4th E&M Coy RCE	Employed		11	11	11

RCASC (Transport)	Employed		6	6	6

Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			8	8	8

Totals		8	177	185	158

Ration Strength -- 158

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

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

29th July, 1941

No. 210

210-1 DUTIES: Wednesday 30th July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	30-7-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	31-7-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	30-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	Bdr. Garrett	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Foote	

210-2 FIRE PICQUET:

Swanson Olsen
L/Bdr. Foote, Gnrs. ~~XXXXXX~~, Howarth, ~~XXXXXX~~, McCartney,
and ~~XXXXXX~~ Kinkaid

210-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2130 hours 30-7-41

L/Bdr. Burgess, Gnrs. Harman, Strain and Sydney

210-4 BOARD OF OFFICERS:

A Board of Officers will meet at a time to be set by Lt. J.G. Moore to inquire into the alleged desertion of K15079 Gunner King, C. and K74829 Gunner Maydole, R.C. of the 85th Heavy Battery. R.C.A.

Board of Officers as follows:

Lt. J.G. Moore, R.C.A. President

Lt. H.V.N. Bankes, R.C.A.)Members
Lt. W.A.S. Clayton, R.C.A.)

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

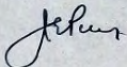
29th July,

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

Barbed Wire Concertinas

1. Re our letter 18 Apr. 41 file 2-0 requesting 5,800 lineal feet of concertina fence wire be supplied for York Island.
2. In view of the increasing tension with Japan we are endeavouring to improve our defences, and require barbed wire. Will you please instruct the D.O.O. to allot this wire for us.
3. I have also indented on the D.O.O. for a supply of sand bags which it is proposed to use in the Fort and also a supply of ordinary straight barbed wire for various purposes.



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c.c. Ordnance Officer, Van. B.C.

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29th July 1941

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

INLAND WATER TRANSPORT - YORK ISLAND

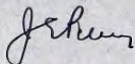
1. The M.V. "General Caldwell" burnt out the drive shaft bearing astern of the universal joint on the 24th of July 1941. The vessel was off Kelsey Bay when this occurred and for awhile drifting in the Straits, but the engineer was able to fix it temporarily so she could come back slowly to York Island.
2. The skipper and the engineer advised me it would be necessary for the vessel to proceed under slow speed to Vancouver immediately, so the vessel could be pulled up on the slipway and the bearing replaced and the propeller shaft straightened up. They considered the burnt out bearing was due to the shaft being out of line. They both stated the vessel could not tow the water scow and that it could only proceed in calm weather.
3. A telegram was sent you asking for permission to send this vessel to Vancouver for repairs, and at the same time asking for another vessel.
4. On the 25th Jul 41 the Navy very courteously loaned us the use of their Examination Vessel off duty to tow the scow to Loughborough Inlet to pick up water which took over twelve hours. On Jul 27 they also very courteously put passengers and mail on board the S.S. "Princess Adelaide".
5. The M.V. "General Hertzberg" arrived at 1430 hours on Jul 27th and at once went into operation.
6. On Jul 28th it towed the water scow to Loughborough Inlet to fill it as the reservoir on Hardwicke Island is nearly dry and the maximum water supply is about 2000 gals every 24 hours.
7. S.Q.M.S. Watson, the skipper on the General Hertzberg advises me that this trip took nearly 17 hours and that with a loaded scow the average speed was not more than three knots. He is of the opinion that this vessel is not powerful enough to tow this water scow in the waters surrounding York Island, and that if the trips continued back and forth between York Island and Loughborough Inlet they are liable to result in the loss of the vessel or the scow or possibly both, especially if they happen to run into the rough sea and westerly gale in the Sunderland Channel.

8. On Sunday night, the 27th Jul 41, he went to Kelsey Bay and had a very rough trip with the decks awash. From the passenger point of view, this vessel is more suited than the "General Caldwell" as the passengers may take cover in the after cabin, but I must draw your attention to the repeated statements of both the crew of this vessel and the Naval Authorities that they are not powerful enough to operate in these rough waters. With the General Caldwell there has already been a case of near drowning, and if you send her back again there will probably be another accident as the passengers must sit on deck with nothing to hold on to.

9. Ref. to the matter of water supply, I would suggest that we eliminate bringing water from Loughborough Inlet and that we use what we can obtain from the reservoir built by the engineers and have the Border Prince bring up water from Vancouver to supplement this supply until the rainy season begins and the supply of water again becomes plentiful.

10. There are numerous water streams in the vicinity especially on Vancouver Island, but they all involve a certain amount of engineering work and SQMS Watson states that neither vessel can handle the scow in the rough waters of Johnstone Straits and I quite agree with him.

11. Please advise by telegraph if we can instruct the D.D.S. & T.O. to bring water from Vancouver, enough to supplement the water supply, until later in the season when the water will become more plentiful in the reservoir.



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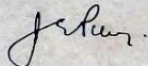
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District Ordnance Officer,
Victoria, B.C.

York Island Station Hospital

1. This hospital was formerly a camp hospital with an M.O. and three assistants. Barrack Stores and other items were on charge to O.C. York Island, whose is responsible for all stores except medicinal stores.
2. Recently the hospital has been converted into a permanent Station Hospital, and the Officer in charge Ordnance by letter Jul. 23. 41 H.Q. file 2-10-1-36 advises the Officer in charge hospital is the proper accounting officer for stores etc.
3. I request that arrangements be made by you to turn over accounting of hospital stores from O.C. York Island to O.C. York Island Station Hospital.



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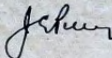
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29th July, 1

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

BRING TO ROUND

1. At 1339 hours 29 Jul. 41 X.V. called for a bring to round on a vessel proceeding East on Sunderland Channel.
2. At 1340 hours 6 pdr. fired one round range 2650 yds., bearing 15 degrees. The vessel stopped and was dealt with by X.O.
3. No name was obtained from the vessel.



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c.c. O.C. 15(Van.) Coast Bde. RCA.

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York Island, B.C.

29th July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>OFFRS.</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total drawing REQ at 85 Bty</u>
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	57	59	
	Employed		15	15	
	Bde. H.Q.		8	8	74
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	On Command	2	9	11	
	Leave		7	7	
A.W.L.			2	2	

58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	38	39	
	Employed		3	3	42

HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1

R.C.N.		1	9	10	10

10th Fort Sigs RCCS	Employed		5	5	5

4th E&M Coy RCE CA	Employed		11	11	11

RCASC (Transport)			6	6	6

Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			8	8	8

Totals		8	179	187	158

Ration Strength -- 158

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PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

30th July, 1941

No. 211

211-1 DUTIES: Thursday 31st July, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	31-7-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	1-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	31-7-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	Bdr. Garrett	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Foote	

1-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Foote, Gnrs. Swanson, Howarth, Olsen, McCartney, and Kinkaid.

211-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2100 hours 31-7-41

L/Bdr. Young, Gnrs. McDonald, Fairbairn, and Lawrence.

211-4 RETREAT:

Until further notice Retreat will be at 2100 hours instead of 2130 hours.

211-5 PAY PARADE:

Pay Parade for month end of July, 1941 will be at 0900 hrs.

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30th July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	C.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	56	58	
	Employed		15	15	
	Bde. H.Q.		8	8	73
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	York Island Hosp		1	1	
	On Command	2	9	11	
	Leave		7	7	
A.W.L.		2	2		
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	38	39	
	Employed		3	3	42
HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1
R.C.N.		1	9	10	10
10th Fort Sigs RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
10th E&M Coy RCE	Employed		11	11	11
RCASC (Transport)			6	6	6
Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			7	7	7
Totals		8	178	186	156

Ration Strength - 156

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Appendix "C"
PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON
by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

31st July, 1941

No. 212

212-1 DUTIES: Friday 1st August, 1941

- Officer of the Watch - Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 1-8-41
- Next for Duty - Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 2-8-41
- Orderly Officer - Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 1-8-41
- Orderly Sgt. - Bdr. Garrett
- Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Foote

212-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Foote, Gnrs. Swanson, Howarth, Olsen, McCartney, and Kinkaid.

212-3 GUARDM MOUNTING: 2100 hours 1-8-41

Bdr. Beaulieu, Gnrs. Thompson, Brander and Confrey

212-4 BATTERY COMMANDER'S PARADE

A B.C.'s Parade will be held on the Parade Ground for personnel of the 85th Bty and 3rd S/L Bty.
Dress: Summer Drill, Battle Order

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Appendix "B"

85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., C.A.
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31st July 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	C.O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at York 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	2	59	61	
	Employed		15	15	
	Bde H Q		7	7	76
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	On Command	2	9	11	
	Leave		5	5	
A.W.D.		2	2		

58 Hvy Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	-	1	1

3rd S/L Bty RCA CA	On Parade	1	39	40	
	Employed		3	3	43

HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	0	1	1

R.C.N.		1	9	10	10

10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		5	5	5

4th E&M Coy RCE	Employed		11	11	11

RCASC (Transport)	Employed		3	3	3

Civ Emp of the D.E.O.	Employed		7	7	7

"R" Recruits			2	2	2

Totals		8	188	196	159

Ration Strength - 159

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