



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

A sub-unit of  
**15th (Vancouver) Coast Brigade**  
**Royal Canadian Artillery**  
**Canadian Active Service Force**

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**May 1941**

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# WAR DIARY

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

*Sw No 390*

FROM MAY 1st 1941 TO MAY 31st 1941

VOLUME ~~TWENTY~~ *21*

APPENDICES *A* TO *D*

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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 Island	1		Pile driver arrived from Campbell River to drive piles for extra landing stage for "General Caldwell" and landing stage at dam site on Hardwicke Island for water scow Weather: Cloudy	
	2		Capt Darling R.C.A., and Capt Ganshorn RCAMC left York Island to return to Bde H.Q. Lieut. Saunders of the V & E Fortress Area left York Island. Pile driver completed driving piles and left the Island. Weather: Rain	
	3		Orders issued re issue of 50 rounds of S.A.A. for each man. Lt. G.E. Seldon of the 3rd S/L Det. selected as instructor Searchlight Wing CD Art. Training Centre at Gordon Head Lt. Seldon accepts appointment Weather: Rain	Appendix C (part I Order)
	4		Weather: Rain	
	5		Letter to HQMDXI recommending construction of Aldershot Oven and Bakery Shed for bread baking	9-5 App. A
	6		Weather: Showers Wire received from Pacific Command disapproving the issue of S.A.A. to all men. Issue of 50 rounds per man accordingly withdrawn. Bde called for names of 2 O.R.s for sixteenth quota reinforcements. Names of Gnr O'Reilly and Henkel submitted Weather: Dull	
	7		Capt Foreman left York Island to return to <sup>58</sup> Bty, word having been received that Capt Bricker left for York Island Wire received ordering 2/Lt. Townsley to proceed to HQ immediately, the order carried out. Weather: Fair	
	8		Capt. J.H. Bricker, R.C.A., of this Bty arrived on S.S. Venture after completing three months in Vancouver with the 58th Bty, having remained on the Island when the rest of Bty proceeded to Vancouver for relief <del>time</del> during the winter. Major Miller RCAMC, D.M.O. arrived with Capt Ruffell the D.E.O. for sanitary inspection. Letter to D S & T O requesting that Corporal Herriott, deck hand on the General Caldwell be relieved as soon as possible on account of inexperience. Weather: Bright.	jed.

*Diary*

PART I ORDERS  
95th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.P.)  
York Island, E.C.

May 1st, 1941.

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 121

121-1 DUTIES - Friday, May 2nd, 1941.

- |                      |                         |        |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Officer of the Watch | - 2/Lt. A.R. Townsley   | R.C.A. |
| Next for duty        | - Lt. D.G. McGavin      | R.C.A. |
| Orderly Officer      | - Lt. W.A.S. Clayton    | R.C.A. |
| Orderly Sgt.         | - Sgt. Cartwright W.    |        |
| Orderly Bdr.         | - A/Bdr. Engelen A.L.D. |        |

121-2 FIRE PICQUET - A/Bdr. Engelen A.L.D., L/Bdr. Caldwell E.,  
Gnrs. Hough Codwin, Ptes. Martin, Bradley.

121-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1930 Hours.  
L/Bdr. Foote J.K., Gnrs. Brunt, McDonald J.V.,  
Collins, Appleton, Fairbairn,  
Wammer.

*Revised*  
*Extra Strong*  
*J.E. Piercy*

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

85 HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., A.P.  
York Island, B.C.

May 1st, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.N.s	Total	Total Drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	66	68	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy Hos.		3	3	84
	Bde H Q		11	11	
	Att'd 58 Bty	1	-	1	
	Leave	1	4	5	
58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2		2	2
31 Hvy Bty R.C.A AF	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	34	36	
	Employed		3	3	39
10 Fort Sig Coy RCCS	Employed		3	3	3
4th E & M Coy RCE AF	Employed		6	6	6
HQ MDXI RCAMC		1		1	1
#11 Dist Depot	Employed		2	2	2
RCASC	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	9	10	10
V & E Fortress Area		1	1	2	2
Bde H.Q.		1		1	1
Civ Emp of the DEO			10	10	10
ole Driving Crew			7	7	7
Totals		13	178	191	171

Nation Strength 171

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

*Piercy*

PART I ORDERS  
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., A.F.

May 2nd, 1941.

By

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 122

122-1 DUTIES - Saturday, May 3rd, 1941.

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. A.R. Townley	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Cartwright W.	
Orderly Bdr.	- A/Bdr. Engelen, ALD	

122-2 FIRE PICQUET - A/Bdr. Engelen A.L.D., L/Bdr. Wright P.B.  
Gnrs. Hough, Godwin, Ptes. Martin, Bradley.

122-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1930 Hours.  
A/Bdr. Thomson J., Gnrs. Knight, Upton, Newell,  
Rudrum, Huff, Groome.

*J.E. Piercy*

(J.E. PIERCY) MAJOR R C A  
OFFICER COMMANDING YORK ISLAND

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

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

May 2nd, 1941

District Officer,  
15th (VAN) Coast Ede., R.C.A. (A.F.)  
Bessborough Armouries,  
Vancouver, B.C.

SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION

1. L/Edr. Burgess advises me that you told him, when you were up here, that we had some old ammunition which was to be returned.
2. I can not find any trace of a letter from you instructing us to return it.
3. By last mail we sent a record of our ammunition to you which shows that we have nothing older than 1935.
4. Will you please advise us if you wish this ammunition returned.

*JEP*

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

JEP/DOR

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

May 2nd, 1941.

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

SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION

1. In connection with the defence scheme it has been apparent that leaving all the S.A.A. in boxes would mean serious delay in the event of a surprise attack. The men would turn out with rifles and without ammunition.
2. I have given instructions, to avoid this, that each man issued with a rifle should also be issued with 50 rounds of ammunition. This ammunition is to be kept in the pouches of the web equipment and to be inspected once a week.
3. The main difficulty in so doing is that there will always be foolish gunners who will fire off some rounds; and there is ever the danger of a man being accidentally shot.
4. Instructions have been issued that no man will load his rifle except on the order of an officer or N.C.O., or in grave emergency.
5. Please advise if you disapprove of this arrangement.

*J.E.P.*

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

JEP/DOR

C.C. to D.O.



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

MAY 2nd 1941

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	63	65	81
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		3	3	
	Bde H Q		11	11	
	Att'd 58	1	-	1	
	Leave	1	7	8	
58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	-	2	2
31 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	34	36	39
	Employed		3	3	
10th Fort Sigs RCCS	Employed		3	3	3
4th E & M Coy RCE AF	Employed		6	6	6
HQ MD XI RCAMC		1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot AF	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	9	10	10
V & E Fortress		1	1	2	2
Bde H.Q.		1	-	1	1
Civilian Emp. of the DEO			10	10	10
Pile Driving Crew			7	7	7
Totals		13	178	191	168

Ration Strength 168

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

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

May, 3rd, 1941.

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, COMMANDING OFFICER

No. 123

123-1 DUTIES - ~~Monday~~ Sunday, May 4th, 1941.

Officer of the Watch	- 2/Lt. A.R. Townsley	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Cartwright	
Orderly Bdr.	- A/Bdr. Engelen A.L.D.	

123-2 FIRE PICQUET - A/Bdr. Engelen A.L.D., L/Bdr. Coltman,  
Gnrs. Erickson, Lewis, Rolland, McKay.

123-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1930 Hours.  
L-Bdr. Dyer A. McD., Gnrs. Bevan-Pritchard,  
Latibeaudiere, Trim, Lawrence, Merritt, Gourdeau.

123-4 SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION

50 rounds of rifle ammunition will be issued by the Bty. Artificer, or District Gunner, to every man issued with a rifle.

This ammunition will be signed for and the man receiving it will be responsible for its keeping.

Any man leaving the Island will turn in his ammunition to the Artificer or District Gunner, before leaving.

The ammunition will be kept in the pouches of the web equipment.

Web equipment with ammunition pouches only, and the bayonet scabbard, will be worn by all ~~Gunner~~ crews on duty, guards on duty and on Battery Parades where rifles are called for.

This S.A.A. is not to be fired unless by order of an officer or N.C.O., or except in case of Great Emergency.

Great care must be taken that loaded rifles are not left lying around. Serious accidents have arisen in the past through carelessness with loaded rifles.

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

*Diary*

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

May 3rd 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing Rations at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	61	63	
	Employed		16	16	
					79
	SHaughnessy		3	3	
	Bde. H.Q.		13	13	
	Att'd 58th	1	-	1	
	Leave	1	10	11	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	-	2	2
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	42	44	44
10th Fort S&g. Coy RCCS	On Parade		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	On Parade		6	6	6
HQ MD XI RCAMC		1	-	1	1
#11 District Depot AF	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	9	10	10
Civilian Emp. of the DEO			10	10	10
TOTALS		11	178	189	161

Ration Strength 161

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

*Piercy*

PART I ORDERS  
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., A.F.  
on York Island, B.C.

May 4th, 1941.

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 124

124-1 DUTIES - Monday, May 5th, 1941.

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. A.R. Townsley	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Davidson G.	
Orderly Bdr.	- <del>Mr.</del> L/Bdr. Dyer McD.	

124-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Dyer A. McD, L-Bdr Coltman, Erickson, Lewis, Rolhand, McKay.

124-3 GUARD MOUNTING - A/Bdr. Engelen, A.L.D., Gnrs. Groome, Alford, Smith, Durbin, Hamman, Thompson, Guard Mounting -1930

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

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

May 4th, 1941.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total Drawing Rations at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy. Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	61	63	
	Employed		16	16	
					79
	Shaughnessy		3	3	
	Ede. H.Q.		13	13	
	Att'd 58th	1		1	
	Leave	1	10	11	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2		2	2
31st Hvy Rty RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	42	44	44
10th Fort Sig Coy RCCS	On Parade		3	3	3
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	On Parade		6	6	6
HQ MD XI RCAMC		1		1	1
#11 District Depot AF	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	9	10	10
Civilian Emp of the DEO.			10	10	10
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>161</b>

Rations Strength 161

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

*Diary*

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

May 5th, 1941.

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 125

125-1 DUTIES - Tuesday, May 6th, 1941.

Officer of the Watch	- 2L/T. A.R. Townsley	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Davidson G.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Dyer A. McD.	

125-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Dyer, A.McD. L/Bdr Goltman,  
Gnrs. Erickson, Lewis, Rolland, McKay.

125-1 GUARD MOUNTING - L/Bdr. Beaulieu J.L., Gnrs. Curry, McEwan  
Hazard Mattocks, Wammer, Doyle.

*J.E. Piercy*

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

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


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General Staff,  
Pacific Command,  
M.D. No. 11,  
Victoria, B. C.

MILITIA SERVICE CIPHER

1. Enclosed please find Certificates of Destruction in duplicate covering marginally noted.
2. For your information, please.

  
(A.L. Foreman) Capt. R.C.A.  
York Island, B.C.

ALF/EW

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


5th May, 1941

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

Tradesmen - Baker

1. Re your letter dated 25th February, 1941. File 2F-3-4-85, in which we stated that the recommendation had been forwarded to National Defence Headquarters recommending the addition of a tradesman baker to the establishment of this Battery.

2. Will you please advise me whether this recommendation has been approved, as the baker acting in that capacity is not getting tradesmens pay.

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

JEB/EW




5th May, 1941

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

Bake Ovens for Bread

1. The Baker advises me that the two ranges now in use in the kitchen are too small to supply all the bread needed for the Island, as these ranges have to take care of the daily cooking of meals in addition to baking bread.
2. He states that it would be necessary to install a new stove with larger ovens suitable for bake ovens or to build an Aldershot brick oven suitable to bake about 150 loaves at one time.
3. He states that an Aldershot brick oven would probably be much better than buying a new kitchen range. This oven was recommended to him by the Master Baker at the Cookery School.
4. If an Aldershot oven is built it will be necessary to erect a small hut over it so that the baker can operate under cover during rainy or stormy weather.
5. Will you please instruct the D.E.O. to instruct the Works Foreman to erect an Aldershot oven and a small hut over it as soon as possible.
6. The present baker is giving every satisfaction, and the bread is much better than the 4 or 5 day old Vancouver baked bread as previously, and in addition is a considerable saving to the public.

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

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

May 5th, 1941.

Officer Commanding,  
4th E & M Port. Coy. RCE, AP,  
Seaforth Camp,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

REPORT OF LIGHTING PLANT Week ending May 3rd, 1941.

1. Report week ending May 3rd as follows:
- |                      |      |       |
|----------------------|------|-------|
| Hours in operation   | 135½ | Hrs.  |
| Hours shut down      | 32½  | Hrs.  |
| Fuel Consumption     | 90   | Gals. |
| Lub. Oil Consumption | 5    | Gals. |

Reasons for shut down: oiling and checking engine and generator.

2. Maintenance A slight knock developed on No. 1 connecting rod on Sunday, April 27th. It was taken out and checked as were the other two bearings. The injector No. 3 head was replaced with the spare one.

Remarks The engine was stripped and the pistons pulled in order to make a complete check over. The new bearing halves that were put in No. 1 and No. 3 seemed to have worn in very good, although No. 1 needed some scraping. After the engine was assembled and started there was a considerable amount of smoke in the exhaust. It has decreased from day to day as the piston rings wear into the new positions. The injector on No. 3 was throwing a very poor spray and it had to be changed. A complete set of connecting rod bearings arrived via the S.S. Border Prince, on April 29th.

4000 Gallons of water was run into the Water Scow to wash out the tanks, but as yet nothing else has been done.

*JSP*  
*JSP*  
E30012 Spr. A.W. Pigg,  
4th Port E&M Coy RCE AP,  
York Island, B.C.

/DOR

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

York Island, B. C.

5  
May 4th, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA AF	On Parade	2	61	63	
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Rations Strength 161

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

*Naval*

PART I ORDERS  
85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., A.F.  
York Island, B.C.

May 6th, 1941.

by

No. 126 MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

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126-1 DUTIES - Wednesday, 7th May, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. A.R. Townsley	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Davidson G.	
Orderly Bdr.	- B/Bdr. Dyer A. McD.	

126-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Dyer A. McD., L/Bdr. Coltman,  
Gnrs. Erickson, Lewis, Rolland, McKay.

126-3 GUARD MOUNTING - Bdr. Garrett F.C., Gnrs. Rorison, Gatenby,  
Glewin, Harman, Sydney, Schofield.

126-4 SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION

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

In Particular, Private Correspondence should make no mention of the following:

(a) The disposition, movement, or projected movement of warships, merchant ships, troops or aircraft.

(b) Details as to numbers, armament, equipment or condition of ships of all kinds, troops or aircraft.

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

*J.E. Piercy*

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

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

May 6th, 1941.

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

PIRE PROTECTION: WATER PUMPS

Ref. our letter, 27th April, 1941,  
File 9-12.

1. Will you please ask Messrs. Pump & Power to expedite the repairs of these pumps and send them back to York Island by the "Border Prince" sailing to York Island on May 12th, 1941, as the fire season is on now.
2. Please treat this as urgent.



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

JEP//DOR

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

May 6th, 1941.

Officer Commanding  
4th Fort E&M Coy. RCE. AF,  
Seaforth Camp,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT

Referring to my letter of the 5th April 1941, file: 8-4-1, enclosing report from Staff Officer Signals, Pacific Command.

1. Major Kinmond advised me on his recent visit that a new exciter of suitable capacity and sufficient regulation would be sent up immediately.
2. This exciter has ~~not~~<sup>yet</sup> not arrived nor have the main distributor cables been increased in capacity. The wireless stations are complaining of the low voltage after their stations, which is causing great difficulty in sending messages.
3. Further a refrigeration plant has been delivered to York Island today. It can not be used until a new exciter, etc., are supplied as the present one is already overloaded.
4. Further one additional hut has been built which takes a few more lights.
5. I request that immediate action be taken to supply the material needed to carry out recommendations in para 6 of the Staff Officer Signals report of 5th April 1941, so that your Electric Light Plant should give effective service.

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

JEP/DOR

C.C. to D.E.O.

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

6th May, 1941

District Engineer Office,  
Hq. M.D. No. 11,  
Victoria, B. C.

Water Supply - Hardwicke Island

Re your letter April 9th, 1941, file  
V.38-2-36.

1. Refer to paragraph 2 in which you stated that "Creosoted piling and wailing will arrive shortly". The pile driver brought up the creosoted piling but did not bring up the Creosoted wailing.
2. Your paper of quantities showed  
6 only wailings 8 x 10 x 20' Ro. Fir. #1 Com.  
6 only wailings 4 x 4 x 20' Ro. Fir. #1 Com.
3. Owing to the piling not commencing at high water mark it will be necessary to increase this quantity to make a span from piling to shore. Consequently we will need 10 only wailing 8 x 10 x 20' Ro. Fir. #1 Com., and 10 only 4 x 4 x 20' Ro. Fir. #1 Com. 10 pieces of each size in place of the 6 ordered.
4. The span from end of piling to shore will be carried on cedar posts which we will cut locally. It may be necessary to bed these posts in concrete.
5. For this span we will also require 9 only 3/4" x 30" galvanized iron bolts with galvanized plates, washers and nuts.
6. The fender log chains arrived without any shackles, and which will require 1 dozen galvanized screw anchor shackles. Pattern McLennan, McFeely & Prior catalogue #2189 page 1776. Size 1/2".
7. For boring holes for the bolts please send up 1 only X ship auger bit 15/16" diameter x 30" long, similar to pattern No. 5 SWSJ page 76 of the McLennan, McFeely & Prior catalogue.
8. The 2" pipe sent up will be insufficient and I will require 100' of 2" galvanized iron pipe with couplings, and 7' of 3" galvanized iron pipe threaded both ends.
9. The 3" pipe is for extending the delivery main on the wharf on York Island. This pipe should be cut and threaded at Vancouver to avoid the expense of sending up stocks and dies.
10. Please also send up 50 pieces 2" x 4" x 16' #1 Com. Fir. 848. This was ordered before and has not been delivered.
11. The galvanized staples for the wire rope around the dolphins were too light, so at Mr. Gagne's *August* I borrowed 1 keg railroad spikes from the Salmon River

Logging Company which was used on this work, so will you please send up the same number so I can repay the Salmon River Logging Company.

12. The refrigerator plant arrived today and I will require additional lumber to build a small shed to house the plant, but will advise you of my requirements when the men arrive to instal it.

*R. A. Mann*  
(R.A. Mann) Superintendent of Works  
York Island, B.C.

*J. L. L.*



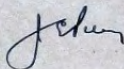
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
85th Heavy Battery R.C.A. A.F.  
York Island, B.C.

6th May, 1941

District Ordnance Officer,  
Vancouver, Barracks,  
Vancouver, B .C.

Cover Mounting Q.F. Mk. III 4.7"

1. The a/m cover arrived today and this cover does not fit the gun. It appears to be for a 12-pdr. Q.F. mounting and appear to have been sent here by mistake.



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

JEP/EW

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

6th May, 1941

Personal

Captain W.T. Purdy,  
Quartermaster,  
15th (Van.) Coast Bde. RCA AF,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Willard:-

Due to some confusion the truck driver having gone on furlough etc., and your loan voucher being marked rush, was signed and returned on Sunday's boat.

On further check I find that under Section M.T. 2 we are short 1 Bag Tool Assembly Screwdriver R.S., 1 Kit Tool Lorry (GMC) 1 Chains Tyre 7:00 x 20 Dual Sets, and 1 Rope Towing Steel No. 3. These may have been taken out before shipping.

For your information and necessary action.

(A.L. Foreman) Capt., RCA  
York Island

ALF/EW

*JSP*

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

6th May, 1941.

D.S. & T.O.  
M.D. No. 11,  
Victoria, B.C.

DELIVERY OF COAL

1. Kindly ship 25 tons of Nanaimo Wellington  $\frac{3}{4}$ " lump coal in bulk.
2. This will complete 75 tons from period ending 30th April, 1941.
3. We are still unable to order this direct as we have not yet received the name of the company awarded the coal contract.  

Re my letter, File: 8-3 dated 1st April, 1941 paragraph 1.
4. The "Border Prince" will be going to Nanaimo for coal on her next trip up which will be Monday, May 12th.
5. For your Information please.

(A.L. FOREMAN) Capt., R.C.A.  
York Island, B.C.

/DOR

*J.P.*

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

May 6th, 1941.

Officer Commanding,  
15th (VAN) Coast BDE R.C.A. (A.F.)  
Bessborough Armouries,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

PAMPHLETS

1. Six copies of the pamphlet entitled,  
Drill for Coast Artillery Range Finders  
Amendment (No. 7), 1932 have arrived here.
2. For your information, please.

(A.L. Foreman) Capt., R.C.A.,  
York Island, B.C.

ALP/DOR

*ALP*

*Piercy*  
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
York Island, B.C.  
6th May, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing Rations at 85th Battery
85th Heavy Battery RCA AF.	On Parade	2	57	59	
	Employed		15	15	74
	Shaughnessy		3	3	
	Bde. H.Q.		13	13	
	Att'd 58th York Is.	1		1	
	Mil. Hosp.		2	2	
	Leave	1	12	12	
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA AF	On Parade	2		2	2
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty. RCA AF	On Parade	2	42	44	44
10th Fort Sig Coy RCCS	On Parade		3	3	3
4th E&M Coy. RCE AF	On Parade		6	6	6
HQ MD XI RCAMC		1		1	1
#11 District Depot AF.	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	9	10	10
Civilian Emp. of the D.E.O.			10	10	10
TOTALS		11	177	187	156

Rations Strength 156

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



*Diary*

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

May 7th, 1941.

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 127

127-1 DUTIES - Thursday, May 8th, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- 2/Lt. A.R. Townsley	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Davidson G.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Dyer A. McD.	

127-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Dyer A. McD., L/Bdr. Coltman, Gnrs. Trim, Erickson, Lewis, McKay.

127-3 GUARD MOUNTING - L/Bdr. Foote J.K.A., Gnrs. Scott, Brunt, 1930 Hours.  
McDonald, Godwin, Fairbairn, Latibaudiere.

127-4 R.C.s CHURCH SERVICE

Rev. Major Madden, will conduct services on Sunday, May 11th.

Time to be announced later.

*J.E. Piercy*

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

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

May 7th, 1941.

K62992,  
A/EDR. Thomson,  
4591 Windsor St.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear EDR. Thomson,

Please report to Headquarters,  
15th(VAN) Coast Ede. R.C.A., A.F. at  
Bessborough Armouries, on Thursday, May  
15th, 1941.

Your Kit, except rifle, is being  
sent down by S.S. Border Prince to R.Q.M.S.,  
15th(VAN) Coast Ede., R.C.A. A.F., at  
Bessborough Armouries.



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

JEP/DOR

C.C. to O.C. 15th (VAN) Coast Ede.

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

File: 6-0

7th May, 1941

Officer Commanding,  
2nd Fortress Coy. R.C.A.S.C.,  
Vancouver Barracks,  
Vancouver, B. C.

K78459 A/Cpl. Collins, H.L.

1. The above mentioned engineer on the M.V. "General Caldwell" has applied for leave on June 9th when he states his leave is due.
2. Will you please arrange to send up a relief for him before that date.



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

JEP/EW  
c/c A/Cpl. Collins, H.L.



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

7th May, 1941

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

Rehabilitation  
Occupational History Form

1. Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your circular letter No. 21 dated May 1st, 1941, re the marginally noted.

*JEP*

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

JEP/EW

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
 York Island, B.C.  
 7th May, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing Rations at 85th Battery
85th Heavy Battery RCA AF.	On Parade	2	58	60	
	Employed		14	14	74
	Att. 58th	1		1	
	Shaughnessy		3	3	
	Bde. H.Q.		13	13	
	York Island				
	Hospital		3	3	
	Leave	1	11	12	
31st Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	1
58th Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty. RCA AF	On Parade	2	42	44	44
10th Fort Sig. Coy RCCS	On Parade		3	3	3
4th E&M Coy. RCE AF.	On Parade		6	6	6
HQ MD XI RCAMC		1		1	1
#11 District Depot AF.	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	9	10	10
Civilian Emp. of the D.E.O.			10	10	10
	TOTALS	10	177	187	155

Total Ration Strength 155



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

*Diary*

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

May 8th, 1941.

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 129

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128-1 DUTIES - Friday, May 9th, 1941.

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Davidson G.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Dyer A. McD.	

128-2 FIRE PICQUET - I/Bdr. Dyer A. McD., I/Bdr. Coltman, Gnrs. Trim, Erickson, Lewis, McKay.

128-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1930 Hours.  
A/Bdr. Engelen A.L.D. Gnrs. Knight, Upton, Rudrum, Huff, Cameron, Durbin.

128-4 CIGARETTE BUTTS

Cigarette Butts must not be thrown around the stoves but put in the boxes supplied for that purpose.

Throwing butts around the floor is a very unsanitary practice.

CREW SHELTER

The crew shelter must be swept out morning and evening.

*J.E. Piercy*

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

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

File: 3-1

8th May, 1941.

Lieut. A.C. Setterfield,  
District Officer,  
Vancouver Armament District,  
Bessborough Armouries,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Memos of Examination &  
Inspection

Q.F. Hotchkiss 6-Pdr. 8 cwt.

1. Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter dated 3rd May, 1941, File A.O.V. 24-1-1 re the marginally noted.



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

EW.

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

File: 7-2-2

8th May, 1941

D.S. & T.O.,  
Headquarters,  
M.D. No. K1,  
Victoria, B.C.

K78438 Cpl. Herriott, L.R.

1. Will you please arrange to send up a qualified experienced deck hand for the M.V. "General Caldwell" to replace the above mentioned.
2. This man is a truck driver and apparently never has worked on a boat before he was sent up here as a deck hand. After two months he is still about as useless as before. Sgt. Bucke requests this move be done as soon as possible as he is probably more useful driving a truck than as a deck hand.
3. Please be sure that the relief you send up has had experience on small boats in rough weather.

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

JEP/EW

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


8th May, 1941

Officer Commanding,  
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA AF.,  
Steveston Detachment,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Documents

K17013 Gnr. Ryan, G.R.

1. The documents for the marginally noted man are not in the files at York Island.
2. Possibly these documents are at Brigade Headquarters.

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

EW.

PARTY

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
York Island, B.C.  
8th May, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Ofprs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing Rations at 85th Battery
85th Heavy Battery RCA AF.	On Parade	3	62	65	
	Employed		15	15	81
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	Bde. H.Q.		8	8	
	York Island				
	Mil. Hosp.		3	3	
	Leave	1	10	11	
58th Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Battery RCA AF	On Parade	2	42	44	44
10th Fort Sig Coy RCCS	On Parade		3	3	3
4th E&M Coy. RCE AF	On Parade		6	6	6
HQ MD XI RCAMC		1		1	1
#11 District Depot AF.	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	9	10	10
Civilian Emp. of the D.E.O.			10	10	10
	TOTALS	9	176	186	161

Total Ration Strength 161



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

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

Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY  
OR  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY  
(Erase heading not required)

DUPLICATE

M.F.M. 11  
A.F.O. 2118  
1 M.L. - 5-49 (2423)  
H.Q. 1773-36-1058

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, reference to appendices and initials
York Island	9		Major Miller and Capt. Ruffell left York Island. Major J.E. Piercy left by Border Brince on 14 days Furlough Weather: Fair	
	10		Hon. Major A Madden, C.C.S., arrived to hold R.C. Service. Weather: Showers	
	11		(Sunday) R.C. Services at 0800 hrs. Weather: Bright	
	12		Weather: Dull	
	13		Lt. H.V.N. Bankes returned from 14 days Furlough Weather: Fair	
	14		Major A.W. DesBrisay laid submarine cable from York Island to Kelsey Bay Weather: Dull	
	15		Lieut. W.A.S. Clayton left York Island on 14 days Furlough Weather: Showers	
	16		Weather: Rain	
	17		Lt. J.S. Moore R.C.A. 3rd S/L Bty arrived to relieve Lt. G.E. Seldon, R.C.A. Installation of electrical refrigerator plant in Mens' Kitchen completed. Capt. W. Purdy, R.C.A., and RQMS Smith arrived from Bde. H.Q. Weather: Dull	
	18		Divine Service held in Mess Hall at 1800 hours Lt. Seldon, R.C.A., 3rd S/L Bty left York Island on appointment to C.D. SCHOOL, Gordon Head. Weather: Bright	
	19		Weather: Showers	
	20		Capt. C.W.E. Austin, R.C.E., arrived on York Island for inspection of Engineer Services Weather: Dull	
			A Bring to Round was fired at 1610 hours on fishboat "Lagoon". Vessel stopped and was allowed to proceed after examination.	
	21		Gnrs. O'Neill and Henkel left on transfer to #11"A" Dist. Depot proceeding on draft. Weather: Bright.	<i>John</i>



PART I ORDERS

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

York Island, B.C.

May 9th, 1941

No. 129

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

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129-1 DUTIES - Saturday, May 10th, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-Lt. W.A.S. Clayton
Next for Duty	-Lt. D.G. McGavin
Orderly Officer	-Lt. W.A.S. Clayton
Orderly Sgt.	-Sgt. Davidson, G.
Orderly Bdr.	-L/Bdr. Dyer A. McB.

129-2 FIREPICQUET:-

L/Bdr. Dyer A. McB., L/Bdr. Coltman, Gnr. ~~Trick~~ King, Erickson, Lewis, and McKay.

129-3 GUARD MOUNTING:-

Bdr. Dashwood-Jones, Gnr. Desmarais Humphreys, Merritt, Bevan-Pritchard, Mattocks, and Wammer

*J.E. Piercy*  
(J.E. Piercy) Capt, RCA  
for Major J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding  
York Island, B.C.

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

May 9th, 1941.

Officer Commanding  
15th (VAN) Coast Bde. R.C.A., AF  
Bessborough Armouries,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

BOOKS & MAGAZINES

Re your letter 23 Apr. 41, file 5-10.

1. Re your Para 1. All magazines sent by Lions' Gate Polo and Riding Club are kept by the B.Q.M.S. and are available to anyone on York Island. When he is finished with them he is supposed to return them to the Quarter's Stores.
2. Normally between the Lions' Gate Riding and Polo Club and Y.M.C.A. donations, there are plenty of Magazines on the Island.
3. Re your para 2. There are at present 75 books available for distribution on the Island. This does not include a recent donation by the Y.M.C.A.
4. Books are kept in the Recreational Hall, in a cupboard for that purpose and are issued by the Canteen Steward.

*JEP*

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

JEP/DOR

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

S E C R E T

May 9th, 1941.

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

Re your letter 18 Apr. 41 File V.S.  
38-1-1-1, and your Secret C/L Re Naval Patrol in  
close Reconnaissance Area, Case I

1. Enclosed are two reports requested.



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

JEP/DOR.

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., A.F.  
 York Island, B.C.  
 9th May, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing Rations at 85th Battery
85th Heavy Battery RCA AF. On Parade	3	64	67	
Employed		15	15	82
Shaughnessy		2	2	
Bde. H.Q.		8	8	
York Island				
Mil. Hosp.		2	2	
Leave	1	13	14	
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58th Heavy Battery RCA AF On Parade	1		1	1
-----				
3rd S/L Battery RCA AF On Parade	2	42	44	44
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10th Fort. Sig. Coy RCCS On Parade		3	3	3
-----				
4th E&M Coy. RCE AF On Parade		6	6	6
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HQ MD XI RCAMC	1		1	1
-----				
#11 District Depot AF. Employed		2	2	2
-----				
R.C.A.S.C. Employed		3	3	3
-----				
R.C.N.	1	8	<del>109</del>	<del>109</del>
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Civilian Emp. of the D.E.O.		10	10	10
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TOTALS	9	178	187	161

Total Ration Strength 161

*J. Piercy*

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

PART I ORDERS

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

May 10th, 1941

by

Capt. J.H. Bricker, Officer Commanding.

No. 130

130-1 DUTIES - Sunday, May 11th, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt Davidson G.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Dyer A. McD.	

130-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Dyer A. McD., L-Bdr. Coltman, Gnrs. King Erickson, Lewis, McKay.

130-3 GUARD MOUNTING - L/Bdr. Beaulieu J.L., Gnrs. Groome, Kincaid, Sydney, Alford, Smith, Ament.

130-4 AUDIT BOARD

(a) A Board of Officers composed as hereunder will assemble at the call of the President for the purpose of auditing the following accounts.

- (1) York Island Officers' Mess
- (2) York Island Sergeants' Mess
- (3) York Island Canteen

Board of Officers is:

President - Capt. T.F. Saunders RCAMC  
 Members - Lt. D.G. McGavin R.C.A.  
 - Lt. G.E. Seldon R.C.A.

(b) The proceedings of the Board will be duly recorded, completed and handed to O.C. York Island by 20 May 41.

(c) Attention of the Board is drawn to D.R.O. 1094, dated 2nd Dec. 40, re. Financial Statements, particularly Para. g thereof.

130-5 CHURCH SERVICE (ROMAN CATHOLIC)

Mass will be held at 0800 Hrs. Sunday, May 11th, 1941, in the Canteen.

130-6 PAY PARADE

Pay Parade will be held Tuesday, May 13th, 1941, at 0900Hrs.

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

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., A.F.  
 York Island, B.C.  
 10th May, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	Ofprs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing Rations at 85th Battery
85th Heavy Battery RCA AF On Parade	2	64	66	
Employed		15	15	81
Shaughnessy		2	2	
York Island				
Mil. Hosp		3	3	
Bde. H.Q.		8	8	
Leave	132	13	15	
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58th Heavy Battery RCA AF On Parade	1		1	1
-----				
3rd S/L Battery RCA AF On Parade	2	42	44	44
-----				
10th Fort. Sig. Coy RCCS On Parade		3	3	3
-----				
4th E&M Coy. RCE AF On Parade		6	6	6
-----				
HQ. MD. XI RCAMC	1			1
-----				
#11 District Depot AF. Employed		2	2	2
-----				
R.C.A.S.C. Employed		3	3	3
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R.C.N.	1	8	9	9
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Civilian Emp. of the DEO.		10	10	10
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TOTALS	9	179	187	160

Total Ration Strength 160

(J.H. Bricker) Capt. RCA  
 for Major J.E. Piercy, O. C.  
 York Island

85 Heavy Battery R.C.A.  
 Major Commanding  
 York Island B.C.

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

by  
Capt. J.H. Bricker, O.C.

11th May, 1941

No. 131

131-1 DUTIES: Monday 12th May, 1941

- Officer of the Watch - Lt. W.A.S. Clayton
- Next for Duty - Lt. D.G. McGavin
- Orderly Officer - Lt. W.A.S. Clayton
- Orderly Sgt. - L/Sgt. Thawkeray, P.A.
- Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Foote, J.K.A.

131-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Foote, J.K.A., L/Bdr. Coltman, R. McK.,  
Gnrs. King, Erickson, Lewis, and McKay.

131-3 GUARD MOUNTING:

L/Bdr. Dyer, Gnrs. Hazard, McEwan, Curry, Fairbairn,  
Latibeaudiere, and Godwin.

*J.H. Bricker*  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt., RCA  
for Major J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding  
York Island, B.C.

EW.

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

11th May, 1941

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

PARTICULARS OF CANDIDATE FOR QUALIFICATION

Re your R6-O-1 dated 9th May, 1941.

K17030 Sgt. Cox, S.D.  
K17031 Sgt. Davidson, G.  
K17040 Bdr. Garrett, F.C.

1. Information on the a/m C.R.'s is enclosed.
2. B.S.M. Lockhart is on furlough and it will not be possible to secure this until his return unless it is possible for Bde. H.Q. to contact him in Vancouver.

*J.H.B.*  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt. RCA  
for Major J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding  
York Island

/EW



85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., A.F.  
 York Island, B.C.  
 11th May, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing Rations at 85th Battery
85th Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	2	64	66	
	Employed		15	15	81
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	York Island				
	Mil. Hosp		3	3	
	Bde. H.Q.		8	8	
	Leave	2	13	15	
58th Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Battery RCA AF	On Parade	2	42	44	44
10th Fort. Sig. Coy RCCS	On Parade		3	3	3
4th E&M Coy. RCE AF	On Parade		6	6	6
Hq. Md. Kl RCAMC		1			1
711 District Depot AF.	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civilian Emp. of the DEO.			10	10	10
	TOTALS	9	179	187	160

Total Ration Strength 160

(J.H. Bricker)  
 for Major J.E. Piercy,  
 York Island



85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., A.F.  
 York Island, B.C.  
 11th May, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing Rations at 85th Battery
85th Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	2	84	66	
	Employed		15	15	81
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	York Island				
	Mil. Hosp		3	3	
	Bde. H.Q.		8	8	
	Leave	2	13	15	
58th Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Battery RCA AF	On Parade	2	42	44	44
10th Fort. Sig. Coy RCCS	On Parade		3	3	3
4th E&M Coy. ROE AF	On Parade		6	6	6
HQ. MD. XI RCAMC		1			1
#11 District Depot AF.	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civilian Emp. of the DEO.			10	10	10
	TOTALS	9	179	187	160

Total Ration Strength 160

(J.H. Bricker) Capt. RCA  
 for Major J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding  
 York Island



EW.

PART I ORDERS

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

May 12th, 1941<sup>3</sup>

by.

Capt. J.H. Bricker O. C.

No. 132

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132-1 DUTIES - Tuesday, 13th May, 1941.

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGanin	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. <del>Thax</del> Thackeray	P.A.
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Foote	J.K.A.

132-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Bdr. Foote, J.K.A., Gnrs. ~~KERR~~ Larson,  
Tully, O'Reilly, Confrey, King C.,

132-3 GUARD MOUNTING- 1930 Hours.

A/Bdr. Engelen, Gnrs. Schofield, Gatenby, Rorison,  
Flewin, Harman, Agnew.

*J.H. Bricker*  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.,  
For (J.E. Piercy, Major, R.C.A.)  
Officer Commanding York Island.

/DOR

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

May 12th, 1941.

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

REPORT OF LIGHTING PLANT Week ending May 10th, 1941.

1. Report of week ending May 3rd as follows:
- |                             |      |       |
|-----------------------------|------|-------|
| Hours in operation          | 139½ | Hrs.  |
| Hours shut down             | 28½  | Hrs.  |
| Fuel Consumption            | 94   | Gals. |
| Lubricating Oil Consumption | 5    | Gals. |

Reasons for shut down: Oiling and checking engine and generator.

2. Maintenance The oil was changed in the engine and the bearings checked. The plant as a whole is operating very satisfactorily. The parts for the drag saw arrived during the past week and have been put together, and the saw is now in running order. A new refrigerator was installed in the men's mess and connected into the line temporarily.

3. Remarks 1500 feet of wire arrived and will be strung from the power plant directly to refrigerator; thus giving more power to the unit and eliminate the flickering of the camp lights. The present output of the power plant is too low to run the Refrigerator as fast as it should be run.

Major Piercy has stated that the drag saw will be run by the R.C.E. personnel and under these circumstances more men will have to be sent up, and I would recommend that one of them be a competent mechanic as Spr. Baxter does not seem to be able to handle the repairing jobs.

*J.P.*

K30012 Spr. A.W. PIGS,  
4th Fort E&M Coy RCE AF,  
York Island, B.C.

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

12th May, 1941.

Officer Commanding,  
4th E & M Coy. R.C.E. (AF)  
Vancouver Barracks,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Report Of Lighting Plant Week Ending May 24th, 1941

1. Report of week ending May 24th as follows:  
Consumption of fuel oil - 94 gallons  
Consumption of lubricating oil -  $4\frac{3}{4}$  gallons.  
Plant shut down for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. for sticking  
valve on the 23rd May, 1941.
2. Maintenance: Bearings were fitted in  
tractor and are now in good condition. The water pump  
that arrived from Vancouver blew a head on trial run,  
while pumping salt water. A new one to be sent up and  
replaced here.
3. Drag Saw: The clutch band on the drag  
saw is perfect, but rivets should be at least  $\frac{5}{8}$ "  
split type. The  $\frac{5}{16}$ " size was went up, but are not  
correct as they do not protrude through wheel. I will  
return them.

*L/Cpl. O'Black*  
(L/Cpl O'Black) 1/c

4th Fort. E&M Coy. R.C.E., A.F. Detachment  
York Island

/EW.

*J.P.*

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

May 12th, 1941

Mr. Cnr. Blake,  
Armament Office,  
15th (VAN) Coast Bde. RCA; AF.  
Bessborough Armouries,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Enclosed herewith Ammunition  
Establishment Requirements as understood from  
Ammunition Allotment Chart for this Fort.

2. Would it be possible for you  
to indent for the required amounts, to bring  
this up to our War Establishment.

J.M. Burgess L/Bdr.,  
Artificer, 85th Hvy. Bty, R.C.A. AF.  
York Island, B.C.

DOR

*J.M.*

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

York Island, B. C.

12th May, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Ofprs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing Rations at 85th Battery
85th Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	2	64	66	
	Employed		15	15	81
	Shaughnessy York Island		2	2	
	Mil. Hosp.		3	3	
	Bde. H.Q.		8	8	
	Leave	2	13	15	
58th Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Battery RCA AF	On Parade	2	42	44	44
10th Port. Sig. Coy RCCS	On Parade		3	3	3
4th E&M Coy. RCE AF	On Parade		6	6	6
HQ. MD. XI RCAMC		1		1	1
#11 District Depot AF.	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civilian Emp. of the DEO.			10	10	10
	TOTALS	9	179	188	160

Total Ration Strength 160

*J.H. Bricker*  
 (J.H. Bricker) Capt. RCA  
 for Major J.E. Piercy, Officer Comm.  
 York Island

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

13th May, 1941.

By

J.H. Bricker, Capt. Officer Commanding

No. 133

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133-1 DUTIES - Wednesday, 14th May, 1941.

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. HV.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.

133-2 FIRE PICQUET -

L/Bdr. Foote J.K.A., Gnrs. Tully, O'Reilly,  
Confrey, King C., Lewis.

133-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1930 Hours.

L/Bdr. Burgess, J.M., Gnrs. Humphries, Desmarais,  
Scott, McDonald, J.V., Merritt, Wammer.

*J.H. Bricker*  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt. R.C.A.,  
For (J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding York Island.




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

13th May, 1941.

Ordnance Officer,  
Ordnance Office,  
Vancouver, B. C.

K17070 - Gnr. Christenson, H.

1. This will introduce the bearer the m/n O.R. of Yorke Island Battery. He is in charge of the Battery truck and tractor and being a mechanic by trade is well qualified to discuss on behalf of the undersigned any technical matters with regard to the operation of the a/m truck and tractor.

  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt., RCA  
for Major J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding  
York Island

/EW

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

York Island, B. C.

13th May, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Draw- ing Rations at 85th Bty
85th Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	3	62	65	21
	Employed		17	17	82
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	York Island				
	Mil. Hosp.		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		8	8	
	Leave	1	11	12	
58th Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Battery RCA AF	On Parade	2	40	42	42
	York Island				
	Mil. Hosp.		2	2	
10th Port. Sig. Coy RCCS AF.	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy. RCE AF	Employed		6	6	6
HQ. MD. XI RCAMC		1		1	1
#11 District Depot AF.	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.N.	Employed	1	8	9	9
R.C.A.S.C. AF.	Employed		3	3	3
Civilian Emp. of the DEO.			10	10	10
	TOTALS	9	177	186	161

Total Ration Strength 161

*J.H. Bricker*  
 (J.H. Bricker) Capt. RCA  
 for Major J.E. Piercy, Off. Comdg.  
 York Island

*Diary*

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

14th, May, 1941.

by

J.H. Bricker, Capt. Officer Commanding

No.134

134-1 DUTIES- Thursday, 15th May, 41.

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.

134-2 FIRE PICQUET

L/Bdr. Foote J.K.A., Gnrs. Tully, O'Reilly,  
Confrey, King, c., Lewis.

134-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1930 Hours.

Bdr. Garrett, Gnrs. Newell, Cameron, Upton,  
~~XXX~~ Knight, Huff, Alford.

*J.H. Bricker*

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

For ~~XXX~~ J.E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.,  
Officer Commanding York Island.

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

York Island, B. C.

14th May, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing Rations at 85th Bty
85th Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	3	62	65	
	Employed		17	17	82
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	York Island				
	Mil. Hosp.		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		8	8	
	Leave	1	11	12	
58th Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	
3rd S/L Battery RCA AF	On Parade	2	40	42	42
	York-Is. Hospital		2	2	
10th Fort. Sig. Coy RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy. RCE AF	Employed		6	6	6
HQ. MD. XI RDAMC		1		1	1
#11 District Depot AF	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.N.	Employed	1	8	9	9
R.C.A.S.C. AF.	Employed		3	3	3
Civilian Emp. of the DEO.			10	10	10
	TOTALS	9	177	186	181

Total Ration Strength 181

*J.H. Bricker*  
 (J.H. Bricker) Capt. RCA  
 for Major J.E. Piercy, Officer Comdg.  
 York Island

*Dwyer*

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

15th May 41.

by

J.H. Bricker, Capt., Officer Commanding

No. 135

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135-1 DUTIES - Friday, 16 May, 41.

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt Thackeray, P.A.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Foote, J.K.A.	

135-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Foote, J.K.A., Gnrs. Tully, O'Reilly,  
Gmfrey, King, C., Lewis.

135-3 GUARD MOUNTING- 1930 Hours.

Bdr. Dashwood-Jones, D., Gnrs. Doyle, Appleton,  
Brunt, Latibaudiere.

135-4 ANTI-GAS

Pamphlets entitled "Brief Notes on War Gases and Spray" are being distributed to all personnel of the Battery. They will be carefully studied and carried at all times in the front left hand pouch of the respirator haversack. Periodic inspections will be carried out by the No's I and Battery Anti-Gas instructor to ensure that this is being done.

135-5 CHURCH SERVICE

A Divine Service will be held at 2000 Hours  
18 May, 1941 in the Mess Hall.

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

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

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

York Island, B. C.

15th May, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.'s	TOTAL	Total Drawing Rations at 85th Bty.
85th Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	3	60	63	80
	Employed		17	17	
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	York Island		1	1	
	Mil. Hosp.		11	11	
	Bde. H.Q.	1	10	11	
	Leave			10	
58th Heavy Battery RCA AF	Furlough	1		1	
3rd S/L Battery RCA AF	On Parade	2	39	41	41
	Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
	York Is. Hospital		2	2	
10th Port. Sig. Coy RCGS	Employed		5	5	5
4th ESM Coy. RCE AF	Employed		6	6	6
HQ. MD. XI RCGMC		1		1	1
411 District Depot AF	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.N.	Employed	1	8	9	9
R.C.A.S.C. AF.	Employed		3	3	3
Civilian Emp. of the DEO.			10	10	10
TOTALS		9	177	186	157

Total Ration Strength 157

*J.H. Bricker*  
 (J.H. Bricker) Capt. RCA  
 for Major J.E. Piercy, Officer Comdg.  
 York Island

*Diary*

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

16 May, 1941.

by

J.H. Bricker, Capt., Officer Commanding

No. 136

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No. 136-1 DUTIES - Saturday, 17, May, 1941.

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Banks	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Banks	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Thackeray, P.A.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Foote, J.K.A.	

136-2

FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Foote, J.K.A., Gnrs. Tully, O'Reilly,  
Confrey, King, C. Lewis.

136-3

GUARD MOUNTING - 1930 Hours.

L/Bdr. Beaulieu, J.L., Gnrs. Alford, Thomson,  
Kincaid, Sydney.

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

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

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

16 May, 1941.

R.C.S.A. (C.D. & AA.)  
Esquimalt, B.C.

ATTENTION Lt. R.W. Saunders R.C.A.

CALIBRATION OF D.R.F.

Re yours E. 4-1-7 Dated 6 May, 41.

- |    |                               |          |
|----|-------------------------------|----------|
| 1. | Bearing (Grid) to A/1         | 349 Deg. |
|    | Bearing (Grid) to A/2         | 251 Deg. |
|    | Displacement DRF from A/1     | 87 Min.  |
|    | Displacement DRF from A/2     | 60 Min.  |
| 2. | For Your Information, Please. |          |

(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.,  
Officer Commanding York Island.

DOR

*JHB*



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

York Island, B. C.

16th May, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R's	Total	Total Drawing Rations at 85 Battery	
85th Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	3	61	64	81	
	Employed		17	17		
	Shaughnessy Bde. H.Q.		2	2		
	Leave	1	11	11		
58th Heavy Battery RCA AF	Furlough	1		1		
3rd S/L Battery RCA AF	On Parade	2	40	42	42	
	York Island					
	Mil. Hosp. Bde. H.Q.		1	1		
10th Fort. Sig. Coy RCGS	Employed		5	5	5	
4th EAM Coy. RCE AF	Employed		6	6	6	
HQ. MD. XI RCAMC		1		1	1	
#11 District Depot AF	Employed		1	1	1	
	Leave		1	1		
R.C.N.	Employed	1	8	9	9	
R.C.A.S.C. AF.	Employed		3	3	3	
Civilian Emp. of the DEO.			10	10	10	
TOTALS		9	177	186	158	

TOTAL RATION STRENGTH 158

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(J.H. Bricker) Capt. RCA  
for Major J.E. Piercy, Officer Comdg.  
York Island

*Summary*

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

17 May, 1941

by

J.H. Bricker, Capt., Officer Commanding

Order No. 137

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137-1 DUTIES - Sunday, 17 May, 41.

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Cox, S.D.	
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Garrett, F.C.	

137-2 FIRE PICQUET:

Bdr. Garrett, F.C., Gnr. Tully, O'Reilly, Mattocks,  
Rolland, Pte. Reynolds.

137-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 2030 Hours.

L/Bdr Foote, J.K.A., Gnrs. Flewin, Trim,  
Humphries, Desmarais.

137-4 RETREAT

Until further notice ~~the Guard~~ Retreat will be  
sounded at 2030 Hours.

137-5 GUARD MOUNTING

Until further notice the Guard will mount  
at 2030 Hours.

137-6 DUTIES OF SANITARY DETAIL

1. Ablution Huts: To be thoroughly cleaned daily.
2. Garbage: To be disposed of each morning and garbage cans to be scrubbed clean.
3. Grease Traps: To be skimmed off daily and thoroughly cleaned every Monday and Thursday.
4. *WAB*

(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.,  
For Major J.E. Piercy Officer Commanding  
York Island.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

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

17 May, 1941.

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

I C E

1. The electrical refrigeration plant is now in operation at the main kitchen. Ice will however still be required for ice boxes at the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes.

2. For your information, Please.

(J:H: Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.,  
for Major J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding  
York Island.

/DOR



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

17 May, 1941.

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

ATTENTION: Major R.H. Green

M/L "GENERAL CALDWELL"

Re Re your ST-VAN-7-1-2, dated 13 May 41.

1. I am advised that the items required are three(3) double contact "bayonet base (searchlight)" 3.5 amps.- 32 candle power, g. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  clear. These are priced at approximately \$ 3.20 each. Unfortunately there is no manufacturer's name on these lights.

2. The 2 double blocks # 2208 No. 6 should be for  $\frac{3}{4}$ " dia. rope instead of 5/8" dia. Please arrange for this to be done.

*Jed*  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.,  
For Major J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding  
York Island.

/DOR

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

York Island, B. C.

17th May, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Ofprs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing Rations at 85th Battery
85th Heavy Battery RCA AF	<del>On Parade</del>	3	63	66	
	Employed		18	18	84
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	Bde. H.Q.		10	10	
	Leave	1	8	9	
58th Heavy Battery RCA AF	Furlough	1		1	
3rd S/L Battery RCA AF	On Parade	2	40	42	42
	York Is.				
	Mil. Hosp.		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
10th Fort. Sig. Coy RCGS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy. RCE AF	Employed		6	6	6
Hq. MD. Kl. RCAMC AF		1		1	1
#11 District Depot AF	Employed		1	1	1
	Leave		1	1	
R.C.Navy	Employed	1	8	9	9
R.C.A.S.C. AF.	Employed		3	3	3
Civilian Emp. of the DEO.			10	10	10
	TOTALS	9	177	186	161

Total Ration Strength 161

(J.H. Bricker) Capt. RCA  
for Major J.E. Piercy, Off. Comdg.,  
York Island

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

18 May, 1941.

by

J.H. Bricker, Capt., Officer Commanding

No. 158

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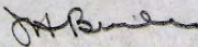
158-1 DUTIES - Monday, 19 May, 41.

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Cox, S.D.	
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Garrett, F.C.	

158-2 FIRE PICQUET  
Bdr. Garrett, F.C., Gns. Tully, O'Reilly,  
Mattocks, Rolland, Pte. Reynolds.

158-3 GUARD MOUNTING 2030 Hours.

Bdr. Hammell, Gns. Ament, Harman, Morison,  
Gatenby.

  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A., AF.  
for Major J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding,  
York Island, B.C.

~~SECRET~~ 7-2-2

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

18 May, 1941.

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

ATTENTION: Major R.H. Green

M/L "GENERAL CALDWELL"

Re your ST-VAN-7-1-2, dated 13 May 41.

1. I am advised that the items required are three(3) double contact "bayonet base (searchlight)" 3.5 amps.- 32 candle power, g. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  clear. Unfortunately there is no manufacturer's name on these lights. the price of them is approximately \$3.20 each.

*J.H.B.*

(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.,  
for Major J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding  
York Island.

/DOR

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

18 May, 1941.

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

ATTENTION: Major R.H. Green

WATER TRANSPORT PERSONNEL  
K78459 A/CPL COLLINS, H.S.

1. The m/n Engineer on the "General Caldwell" understands that he is due for leave, not having had any for three months. He is desirous of interviewing the R.C.N. Recruiting Officer in Vancouver, as he has the qualifications necessary for a Motor Mechanic in the R.C.M.E.

2. May arrangements be made for a replacement to be sent up for this man so that he may get his leave. It would be possible for him at the same time to go into the question of a transfer to the R.C.N.

3. For your information and necessary action, please.

*J.P.*  
for (J.H. Bricker) Capt, R.C.A.,  
Major J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding  
York Island, B.C.

/DOR



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

York Island, B. C.

18th May, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing Rations at 85th Battery
85th Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	3	57	60	
	Employed		18	18	78
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	Bde. H.Q.		11	11	
	Leave	1	13	14	
58th Heavy Battery RCA AF	Furlough	1		1	
3rd S/L Battery RCA AF	On Parade	2	41	43	43
	Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
	York Is.				
	Mil. Hosp		1	1	
10th Fort. Sig. Coy RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy. RCE AF	Employed		6	6	6
HQ. MD. XI. RCAMC AF		1		1	1
#11 District Depot AF	Employed		1	1	1
	Leave		1	1	
R.C. Navy	Employed	1	8	9	9
R.C.A.S.C. AF.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.O.L.C. AF.	On Command		2	2	2
Civilian Emp. of the DEO.			10	10	10
TOTALS		9	180	189	158

Total Ration Strength 158

*J.M. Bricker*  
 (J.M. Bricker) Capt., RCA  
 for Major J.E. Piercy Officer Comdg.,  
 York Island

*Diary*

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

19 May, 1941.

by

J.H. Bricker, Capt., Officer Commanding

No. 139

139-1 DUTIES - Tuesday, 20 May, 1941.

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Cox, S.D.	
ORDERly Bdr.	- Bdr. Garrett, F.C.	

139-2 FIRE PICQUET

Bdr. Garrett, F.C., Gnrs. Tully, O'Reilly,  
Mattocks, Rolland, Pte. Reynolds.

139-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 2030 Hours.

L/Bdr. Dyer, A. McD., Gnrs. Adjich, Shore,  
Fairbairn, Wammer.

*J.H. Bricker*

(J.H. Bricker) Capt, R.C.A.,  
for MAJOR J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding  
York Island, B.C.

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

York Island, B. C.

19th May, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing Rations at 85th Battery
85th Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	3	52	55	
	Employed		18	18	73
	Shaughnessy Bde. H.Q.		2	2	
	York Island		14	14	
	Mil. Hosp.		1	1	
	Leave	1	14	15	
58th Heavy Battery RCA AF	Furlough	1		1	
3rd S/L Battery RCA AF	On Parade	2	38	40	40
	Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
	York Is.				
	Mil. Hosp.		2	2	
10th Fort. Sig. Coy RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy. RCE AF	Employed		6	6	6
HQ. MD. XI, RCAMC AF		1		1	1
111 District Depot AF	Employed		1	1	1
	Leave		-1	-1	-1
R.C. Navy	Employed	2	8	10	10
R.C.A.S.C. AF.	Employed		3	3	3
R.COC AF.	On Command		2	2	2
Civilian Emp. of the DEO.			10	10	10
Totals		10	178	188	151

Total Ration Strength 151

(J.H. Bricker) Capt. RC<sup>A</sup>  
for Major J.E. Piercy Officer Commanding  
York Island

Diary

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

20 May, 1941.

by

(J.H. Bricker, Capt, Officer Commanding

No.140

140-1 DUTIES - Wednesday, 21 May, 41.

Officer of the watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. D.G. M.Gavin	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Cox S.D.	
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Garrett, F.C.	

140-2 FIRE PICQUET:

Bdr. Garrett, F.C., Gnrs. Tully, Woodbury,  
Mattocks, Rolland, Pte. Reynolds.

140-3 GUARD MOUNTING 2030 Hours.

L/Bdr. ~~Engelen~~, Engelen, A.L.D., Gnrs. Upton, Cameron  
Newell, Sydney.

*M.B. Bricker*

(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.  
For Major J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding,  
York Island, B.C.

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

20th May, 1

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

K74620 - Gnr. Olsen, B.B.

1. Re your telegram 77 dated 17th May,  
1941.

2. The birth certificate for the a/m  
man's daughter Clementine was to have been del-  
ivered to your Orderly Room personally by K17115  
Gnr. McCartney, W., and should now be in your  
possession.

3. May we be advised if this has not  
been received, please.

(J.H. Bricker) Capt., RCA  
for Major J.E. Piercy Officer Commanding  
York Island

/EW

*J.E.P.*

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

York Island, B. C.

20th May, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing Rations at 85th Battery
85th Heavy Battery RCA AF	On Parade	3	51	54	
	Employed		18	18	72
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	Bde. H.Q.		14	14	
	York Island				
	Mil. Hosp.		1	1	
	Leave	1	15	16	
58th Heavy Battery RCA AF	Furlough	1		1	
3rd S/L Battery RCA AF	On Parade	2	39	41	41
	Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
	York Island				
	Mil. Hosp.		1	1	
10th Fort. Sig. Coy RCCS	Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed	1	8	9	9
HQ. MD. XI. RCAMC AF		1		1	1
#11 District Depot AF	Employed		1	1	1
	leave		1	1	
R.C. Navy	Employed	1	8	9	9
R. A.S.C. AF.	Employed		4	4	4
R.C.O.C. AF.	On Command		2	2	2
Civilian Emp. of the DEO.			10	10	10
	Totals	10	181	191	154

Total Ration Strength 154

*W.B. Bricker*  
 (J.H. Bricker) Capt. RCA  
 for Major J.E. Piercy Officer Commanding  
 York Island

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

21 May, 1941.

by

(J.H. Bricker) Capt., Officer Commanding

No. 141

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141-1 DUTIES - ~~Wednesday~~ Thursday, 22 May 41.

Officer of the watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	E.C.A.
ORDERLY Officer	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Cox S.D.	
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Garrett, F.C.	

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141-2 FIRE PIGUET:

Bdr Garrett, F.C., Gnr. Tully, Woodbury,  
Mattocks, Rolland, Reynolds.

141-3 GUARD MOUNTING- 2030 Hours.

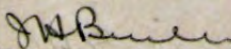
Bdr. D-Jones, D., Gnr. Merritt, McDonald,  
Scott, Latibeaudiere.

141-4 SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION

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

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

- (a) The disposition, movement, or projected movement of warships, merchant ships, troops or aircraft.
- (b) Details as to 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.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.,  
for Major J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding  
York Island.

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

21st May,

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

Report of Bring to Round

- 20
1. At 1610 hrs. ~~15~~ May 41 X.V. called for a shot on a vessel proceeding down Sunderland Channel. The vessel stopped, was dealt with by X.V., and allowed to proceed on course. I am informed she was the fishboat "Lagoon"-V097V.
  2. For your information, please.

(J.H. Bricker) Capt., RCA  
for Major J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding  
York Island

/EW  
c.c. O.C. 15th(Van.) Coast Bde. RCA AF.

*JEB*



85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., A.F.  
 York Island, B.C.  
 21st May, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing Rations at 85th Battery
85th Heavy Battery RCA AF				
On Parade	3	49	52	
Employed		18	18	70
Shaughnessy		2	2	
Bde. H.Q.		15	15	
York Island				
Mil. Hosp.		1	1	
Leave		10	10	
Furlough	1	5	6	
58th Heavy Battery RCA AF				
Furlough	1		1	
3rd S/L Battery RCA AF				
On Parade	2	39	41	41
Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
York Island				
Mil. Hosp.		1	1	
10th Fort. Sig. Coy RCCS				
Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy RCE AF				
Employed	1	8	9	9
HQ. MD. XI. RCAMC AF				
	1		1	1
#11 District Depot AF				
Employed		1	1	1
Leave		1	1	
R.C. Navy				
Employed	1	8	9	9
R.C.A.S.C. AF.				
Employed		4	4	4
R.C.O.C. AF.				
On Command		2	2	2
Civilian Emp. of the DEO.				
		10	10	10
Totals	10	180	190	152

Total Ration Strength 152

(J.H. Bricker) Capt. RCA  
 for Major J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding  
 York Island

Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY  
OR  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY  
(Erase heading not required)

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ORIGINAL

M.F.M.

A.P.C.  
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H.Q. 1772

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, r to Append initia
York Island	May 1941	22	Lieut. R.M. Rice RCAMC arrived to relieve Capt. Saunders proceeding on leave Lieut. D. Carpenter RCCS arrived for periodical inspection of Signal Service Capt. W. Purdy R.C.A. & RQMS Smithe left Island to return to Bde H Q Capt. C.W.E. Austin, R.C.E. Left York Island Weather: Fair	
		23	A "Bring to Round" was fired on a fish boat proceeding down Hohnstone Straits. The <del>vessel</del> vessel "Chelan" stopped and was allowed to proceed after examination. Weather: Bright.	
		24	(Empire Day) Parades and meals as on Sunday Weather: Dull	
		25	Capt. T.F. Saunders left York Island on leave. Lt. D. Carpenter left York Island Weather: Rain	
		26	Gnr Telfer 3rd s/LBty suffering from acute appendicitis was rushed to Rock Bay Hospital by HMCS <del>Albion</del> <sup>Albion</sup> accompanied by Lieut. Rice RCAMC who also performed successful operation Col. Bishop R.C.A., Major Bell-Irving, R.C.A. and Col. Cunningham of U.S.A. "Army" accompanied by Major J.E. Piercy R.C.A. arrived on the M.V. "Kitchener" to inspect Fort and surrounding district. Weather: Bright	
		27	Col Bishop and party inspected Fort in early morning and proceeded on M.V. "Kitchener" on tour of surrounding district later leaving for Campbell River to return to Victori by car. Occupational History Forms having been completed for all available personnel forwarded to D.H.Q. in error, should have been forwarded to Bde H.Q. A "Bring to Round" was called for and fired on M.V. "GALIANO" at 1237 hours. The vessel stopped, was allowed to proceed after examination. Weather: Bright	
		28	At 1600 hours a test General Alarm (Battle) was carried out. On the whole the test was very satisfactory all ranks appearing to be well acquainted with <del>their</del> their duties and positions. The issue of S.A.A. Ammunition was especially carried and there was no confusion. A few main points were noted where improvement could be made in future. A "Bring to Round" was fired at 1336 hours, <del>six</del> six shots in all were required to stop this vessel the last being by a 4.7. All 6 pdr. ammunition having been expended. On being contacted by the K.V. this vessel was found to be the U.S. Army Engineers Vessel "Cavanaugh" the commander of which adopted a very insulting attitude. Incident reported to Naval Authority. Weather: Bright	jd

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PART I ORDERS

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

by  
Capt. J.H. Bricker, O. C.

22nd May, 1941

No. 142

142-1 DUTIES - Friday ~~22nd~~ 23rd May, 1941.

Officer of the Watch - Lt. H.V.N. Bankes  
Next for Duty - Lt. D.G. McGavin

Orderly Officer - Lt. D.G. McGavin  
Next for Duty - Lt. H.V.N. Bankes

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

142-2 FIRE PICQUET:

Bdr. Garrett, F.C. Gnr. Tully, Woodbury, Mattocks,  
Rolland and Reynolds.

142-3 GUARD MOUNTING:

L/Bdr. Mackie, Gnrs. Kincaid, Thomson, Alford, and Flewin

(J.H. Bricker) Capt. RCA  
for Major, J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding  
York Island, B.C.

EW.

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

22nd May, 1

Headquarters,  
M.D. No. XI.,  
D.S. & T.O.  
Victoria, B.C.

Attention: Major E.L. MacKay

M/L "General Caldwell"

Re your 34F-3-1 dated 15 May 41.

1. Sgt. McKenzie R.C.A.S.C. advises that it would be more suitable for the m/n vessel to proceed to Campbell River for repairs where there is also a machine shop and marine ways.
2. An indent is enclosed for copper paint. When the paint and the new wheel arrive at York Island the m/n will go to Campbell River.
3. We shall advise you by wire when this trip takes place so that you can if you wish come to Campbell River by car to look her over.

(J.H. Bricker) Capt., RCA  
for Major J.E. Piercy Officer Commanding  
York Island

/EW

*J.E.P.*

DIARY

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

York Island, B. C.

22nd May, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing Rations at 85th Battery
85th Heavy Battery RCA AF				
On Parade	3	54	57	<del>27</del>
Employed		18	18	75
Shaughnessy		2	2	
Bde. H.Q.		9	9	
Leave		10	10	
<del>For leave</del>				
Sick Furlough	1	1	1	
Furlough	1	3	4	
Attached				
31st Bty.		2	2	
5th Heavy Battery RCA AF				
Furlough	1		1	
3rd S/L Battery RCA AF				
On Parade	2	39	41	41
Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
10th Fort. Sig. Coy RCCS				
Employed		5	5	5
4th E&M Coy. RCE AF				
Employed		7	7	7
HQ. MD. XI. RCAMC AF				
	2		2	2
#11 District Depot AF				
Employed		1	1	1
Leave		1	1	
R.C. Navy				
Employed	1	8	9	9
R.C.A.S.C. AF.				
Employed		3	3	3
R.C.O.C. AF.				
On Command		2	2	2
Civilian Emp. of the DEO.				
		10	10	10
Totals	10	176	186	155

Total Ration Strength 155

*J.H. Bricker*  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt. RCA  
for Major J.E. Piercy Officer Commanding  
York Island



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

May 23rd 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	57	60	76
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	Ede. H.Q.		8	8	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Leave & Furlough	1	12	13	
	Att'd to 31st		2	2	
58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	Furlough	1	-	1	
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	39	41	42
	Employed		1	1	
	Station Hospital		1	1	
10th Fort Sig Coy RCCS	Employed	1	5	6	6
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		7	7	7
HQ MD XI RCAMC	Employed	2	-	2	2
#11 Dist Depot AF	Employed		1	1	1
	Leave		1	1	
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.O.C.	Employed		2	2	2
R. C. N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the D.E.O.			10	10	10
<b>Totals</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>158</b>

RATION STRENGTH FOR MAY 23rd - 158

*M. Bricker*  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.,  
Officer Commanding York Island.

PART I ORDERS

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

by  
Capt. J.H. Bricker, O. C.

24th May, 1941

No. 144

144-1 DUTIES: Sunday May 25th, 1941

Officer of the Watch - Lt. H.V.N. Bankes  
 Next for Duty - Lt. D.G. McGavin

Orderly Officer - Lt. D.G. McGavin  
 Next for Duty - Lt. H.V.N. Bankes

Orderly Sgt. - L/Sgt. Cuddeford  
 Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Mackie

144-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Mackie, Gnrs. King, K.R. Olsen, Confrey,  
 L/Bdr. Wright, P.B., Pte. Bradley

144-3 GUARD MOUNTING:

Bdr. Hammell, Gnrs. Rorison, Rudrum, Ament and Harman

144-4 CABLES-CANADIAN ARMY PERSONNEL OVERSEAS-  
 ADDRESS

1. Cables to personnel of the Canadian Army overseas can be sent by individuals either by-

- (a) Direct Cable.  
 (b) P.L.T. (Postal Letter Telegram).

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Regimental No.--Rank--Name  
 Unit

Canrecord, London

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 Unit

Canadian Records,  
 Acton, London

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 Unit

O. 1/c Records,  
 Ottawa.

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(Auth. CARO-1042 d/14-5-41)

J.H. Bricker) Capt  
 R.C.A., Officer Commanding



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

May 24th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	5	60	65	79
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	Bde. H.Q.		9	9	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	Leave & Furlough	1	7	8	
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	Furlough	1	-	1	
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	40	42	45
	Employed		3	3	
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
10th Fort. Sig Coy	Employed	1	5	6	6
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		7	7	7
Hq MDKI RCAMC	Employed	2	-	2	2
#11 Dist Depot AF	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.O.C.	Emplo ed		2	2	2
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Emp. of the D.E.Q.			10	10	10
Totals		11	<del>159</del> 177	<del>199</del> 188	165

RATION STRENGTH FOR MAY 24th - ~~165~~

*W.B.*  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.,  
Officer Commanding York Island

LIBRARY

PART I ORDERS

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

by  
Capt. J. H. Bricker, O. C.

25th May, 1941

No. 145

145-1 DUTIES: Monday May 26th, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D.G. McGavin
Next for Duty	- <del>Lt. D.G. McGavin</del> Lt. H.V.N. Bankes
Orderly Officer	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes
Next for Duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Cuddeford
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Mackie

145-6 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Mackie, L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. King, Olsen, Confrey and Woodbury.

146-6 GUARD MOUNTING:

L/Bdr. Dyer, Gnrs. Humphrey, Trim, Innes, Adzich

*J.H. Bricker*  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt., RCA  
Officer Commanding, York Isld.

/EW.

NOTICE

"FREE STORAGE FOR SOLDIERS' EFFECTS

"Canadian Legion War Services inc., Vancouver, Announce that they have been successful in making arrangements with the Bekins Moving & Storage Company, Vancouver, for free storage of a trunk suitcase or kit bag containing effects of Officers or men leaving town. The effects will be stored for the duration of the war and six months thereafter, free of charge.

In order to make use of this privilege, the Officer or man concerned should make application to the local C.L.W.S. Representative in his Depot, or direct to the Provincial Supervisor, C.L.W.S., 810 Dominion Bank Bldg. when he will then be supplied with the necessary storage order form".

DIARY

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

25th May, 1

Headquarters,  
Military District No. XI.,  
Victoria, B. C.

REPORT ON BRING TO ROUND

1. At 1625 hrs. 23 May 41 X.V. called for a shot on a vessel proceeding down Johnstone Straits. The round was fired and the vessel stopped. She was dealt with by X.V. and allowed to proceed on course. I am informed she was the American fishboat "Chelan" bound for Seattle.

2. For your information, please.

(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding, York Island, B. C.

/EW  
c.c. C.C. 15th(Van.) Coast Bde. RGA (AF)

*J.H.B.*

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

25th May,

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

Men Reporting for Draft  
Documents

1. Re your 6-2-1 dated 22 May 41.

1. It is regretted that documents dispatched by mail on the same boat that carried Gnr. O'Reilly, were late in arriving, thereby, causing Bde. H.Q. considerable inconvenience.

2. The procedure adopted was understood by the Orderly Room staff to be the correct one. However in future all documents will accompany the man.

3. The Union S.S. schedule has been badly disrupted lately. The first boat down after the receipt of your wire was the 21st. Gnr. O'Reilly travelled on it as well as Gnr. Henkel's kit.

(J.H. Bricker) Capt., RCA  
Officer Commanding, York Island

/EW

*JCB*

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

25th May

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

Paramount Junior Pump

1. This arrived the 21st and was tested 23rd. After pumping for ten minutes it broke down. On investigation it was seen that the piston head had been hitting the top of the combustion chamber thereby cracking the head.
2. This hitting seems to be caused by insufficient shims being used. We have the shim stock here and can adjust that part of it. The head will however have to be either replaced or welded and will be shipped to Vancouver.
3. As the pump was under supervision of competent R.C.E. personnel on a short test at the time of the accident, no blame can be attached to the operators.

(J.H. Bricker) Capt. RCE.,  
Officer Commanding, York Island

/EW.

*J.H.B.*

## 85 HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., (A4F.)

York Island, B.C.

May 25th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at York Island
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	60	63	
	Employed		16	16	
	Att'd 31st		2	2	79
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		12	12	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	Leave & Furlough	1	4	5	
5 Hvy Bty RCA AF	Furlough	1	-	1	
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	40	42	
	Employed		3	3	45
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
10th Fort Sig Coy RCCS	Employed	1	5	6	6
4th E & M Coy RCE AF	Employed		7	7	7
HQ MD XI RCALC		2	-	2	2
#11 Dist Depot AF	Employed		1	1	1
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.O.C.			2	2	2
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ Emp of the DEO			10	10	10
Totals		11	177	188	164

RATION STRENGTH FOR MAY 25th - 164

*JHB*  
 (J.H. Bricker) Capt, R.C.A.,  
 Officer Commanding York Island.

PART I ORDERS

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

by  
Capt. J.H. Bricker, O.C.

26th May, 1941

No. 146

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146-1 DUTIES: Tuesday May 27th, 1941

Officer of the Watch - Lt. H.V.N. Bankes  
Next for Duty - Lt. D.G. McGavin

Orderly Officer - Lt. D.G. McGavin  
Next for Duty - Lt. H.V.N. Bankes

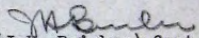
Orderly Sgt. - L/Sgt. Cuddeford  
Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Mackie

146-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Mackie, L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. King, Olsen, Confrey  
and Woodbury.

146-3 GUARD MOUNTING:

A/Bdr. Engelen, Gnrs. Durbin, Larson, Gatenby, and  
Schofield.

  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding, York Island, B.C.

EW.

85 HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
YORK ISLAND B.C.

MAY 26th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

			Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA	AF	On Parade	3	61	64	
		Employed		16	16	80
		Att'd 31st		2	2	
		Shaughnessy		1	1	
		Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
		Sick Leave		1	1	
		Leave & Furlough	1	4	5	
		A.W.L.		1	1	
		Bde H Q		11	11	
58 Hvy Bty RCA	AF	Burlough	1	-	1	
3rd S/L Bty RCA	AF	On Parade	2	37	39	
		Employed		3	3	42
		Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
10th Port Sig	RCCS	Employed		4	4	4
4th E&M Coy	RCE AF	Employed		7	7	7
HQ MDXI	RCAMC		1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot		Employed		1	1	1
R.C.A.S.C.		Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.			1	8	9	9
CIVILIAN Emp of the	BEO			8	8	8
TOTALS			9	170	179	165

RATION STRENGTH FOR MAY 26th 1941 - 155

*J.H. Bricker*  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.,  
Officer Commanding York Island.



PART I ORDERS

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

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

27th May, 1941

No. 147

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 147-1 DUTIES: Wednesday 28th May 1941

Officer of the Watch - Lt. B.G. McGavin  
 Next for Duty - Lt. H.V.N. Bankes

Orderly Officer - Lt. H.V.N. Bankes  
 Next for Dty - Lt. D.G. McGavin

Orderly Sgt. - L/Sgt. Cuddeford  
 Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Mackie

147-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Mackie, L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. King, Olsen, Confrey,  
 and Woodbury.

147-3 GUARD MOUNTING:

Bdr. Dashwood-Jones, Gnrs. Shore, Fairbairn, Wammer,  
 and Merritt.

147-4 BATTLE ALARM ORDERS:

All Ranks are warned to acquaint themselves with  
 General Battle Alarm Orders Posted this date.

*J.H. Bricker*  
 (J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.  
 Officer Commanding, York Island, B.C.  
 York Island

85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
York Island, B.C.      May 27th 1941

District Headquarters,  
M.D. No. 11,  
VICTORIA B.C.

REHABILITATION  
Occupational History Forms

Attention: District Records Officer

1.                      Herewith the m/n for the Officers of the  
85 Hvy Bty R.C.A., (A.F.) and nominal roll in  
quadruplicate as per District Circular Letter of May 1st - 41.

(J.H. Bricker) Capt. R.C.A.,  
Officer Commanding York Island

Enc  
/PBW



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

27th May, 1

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

1. In connection with the Seaward Defences of the Island during hours of darkness could you arrange to send up two dozen 34 inch window blinds. These are to be used for mess hall windows and barrack huts along the shoreline.

2. We also need a dozen each of 15, 20 and 30 amp. fuse plugs.

(J.H. Bricker) Capt., RCA  
Officer Commanding, York Island

/EW.



85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
York Island, B.C.      May 27th 1941

District Headquarters,  
M.D. No. 11,  
VICTORIA B.C.

REHABILITATION  
Occupational History Forms

Attention: District Records Officer

1. Herewith The m/n and nominal roll for the personnel of the 85 Hvy Bty R.C.A., (A.F.), as per District Circular Letter dated May 1st - 41.

(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.,  
Officer Commanding York Island

Enc  
/PBW

*JHB*

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

27th May 1

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

Report on Bring to Round

1. At 1237 hrs. 27 May 41 X.V. called for a shot on a vessel proceeding down Sunderland Channel. The shot was fired, the vessel stopped. It was dealt with by X.V. and allowed to proceed on course. I am informed that she was the M.V. "Galliano" V-06SY bound for Vancouver.
2. For your information, please.

(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

/EW  
c.c. C.C. 15(Van.) Coast Bde., RCA, AF.

*JHB*

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

York Island, B.C.

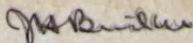
27th May, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	C.R.s	Total	Total Drawing R&Q at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA AF	On Parade	3	61	64	
	Employed		16	16	80
	Att'd 31st Shaughnessy		2	2	
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Leave & Furlough 1		4	5	
	A.W.L.		1	1	
	Bde H.Q.		11	11	
58 Hvy. Bty. RCA AF	Furlough	1		1	
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	37	39	
	Employed		3	3	42
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		4	4	4
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		10	10	10
HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	1	1	1
#11 Dist Depot	Employed		1	1	1
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civilian Emp. of the DEO			8	8	8
	TOTALS	9	178	182	158

RATION STRENGTH FOR MAY 27th, 1941 - 158

/EW



(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding, York Island, B. C.

PART I ORDERS

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

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

28th May, 1941

No. 148

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148-1 DUTIES: Thursday 29th May, 1941

Officer of the Watch - Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 29-5-41  
Next for Duty - Lt. D.G. McGavin 30-5-41

Orderly Officer - Lt. D.G. McGavin 29-5-41  
Next for Duty - Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 30-5-41

Orderly Sgt. - L/Sgt. Cuddeford 29-5-41  
Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Mackie 29-5-41

148-2 FIRE PICQUET: 29-5-41

L/Bdr. Mackie, L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. Strain, Olsen,  
Woodbury, and Confrey

148-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 29-5-41

Bdr. Garrett, Gnrs. Upton, Cameron, Newell, and Sydney.

*J.H. Bricker*  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding, York Island.

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

28th May, 1

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

Report of Bring to Rounds

1. At 1336 hours 28 May 41 the X.O. called for a shot on a large vessel proceeding down Johnstone Straits which the X.V. was unable to overtake. Six shots were called for and fired before the vessel stopped. She was dealt with by the X.O. and allowed to proceed on course. I am informed she was the U.S. Army Engineer's vessel "Cavanaugh" bound for Seattle.

2. For your information, please.

(J.H. Bricker) Capt., RCA  
Officer Commanding, York Island

/EW  
c.c. O.C. 15(Van.) Coast Bde. RCA (AF)

*J.H.B.*



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

May 28th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	61	64	
	Employed		16	16	
	Att'd to 31st		2	2	80
	Shaughnessy Hosp		1	1	
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Leave & Furlough	X	4	4	
	Bde. H.Q.	X	10	10	
	On Command	1	-	1	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
50 Hvy Bty RCA AF	Furlough	1	-	1	
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	37	39	
	Employed		3	3	42
	Hospital		2	2	
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		4	4	4
4th E & M Coy RCE	Employed		10	10	10
HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot AF	Employed		1	1	1
	A.W.L.		1	1	
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civilian Emp. of the D.E.O.			8	8	8
<b>Totals</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>158</b>

Ration strength for May 28th 1941 - 158

(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.,  
Officer Commanding York Island

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

Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY  
OR  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY  
(Erase heading not required)

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M.F.M. 11  
A.F.C. 2118  
I.M.S. - 5-40 (3242)  
H.Q. 1772-10-1658

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
York Island	May 1941	29 30	Weather: Dull The Electric Light Plant broke down with a broken crankshaft. Permission was granted to O.C. 5rd S/L Bty to use their spare engine and Lighting Plant and the lights are now being run on D.C. By Searchlight personnel. A Bring to Round was called for and fired on a boat proceeding south, name of vessel "WELLBORE" at 1845 hours. Three rounds were fired before the vessel stopped and allowed to proceed after examination.	
		31	Weather: Cloudy Lieut. W.A.S. CLAYTON returned from 14 days Furlough Pay parade held in the afternoon Weather: Cloudy.	



J.P.

PART I ORDERS

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

York Island, B.C.

by

Capt. J.H. Bricker, O. C.

29th May, 1941

No. 149

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149-1 DUTIES: Friday 30th May, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. D. G. McGavin	30-5-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	31-5-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	30-5-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	31-5-41
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Cuddeford	30-5-41
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Mackie	31-5-41

149-2 FIRE PICQUET: 30-5-41

L/Bdr. Mackie, L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. Strain, Olsen,  
Woodbury, and Confrey

149-3 GUARD MOUNTING:

L/Bdr. Dyer, Gnrs. McDonald, Scott, Latibeaudiere, and  
Brunt

149-4 B.C. PARADE:

There will be a B.C. Parade Friday May 30th at 1330 hrs.  
Dress:-Battle Order.

*J.H. Bricker*  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding, York Island, B.C.

/EW

85 HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

MAY 29 - 41

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	65	68	
	Employed		16	16	84
	Att'd to 31st Shaughnessy Hosp		2	2	
	Y.I. Hospital		2	2	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Leave		3	3	
	Bde H.Q.		6	6	
	On Command	1	-	1	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
5 Hvy Bty RCA AF	Furlough	1	-	1	
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	35	37	
	Employed		3	3	40
	Y.I. Hosp.		3	3	
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		4	4	4
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		10	10	10
HQ MD XI RCAMC	Employed	1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot AF	Employed		1	1	1
	A.W.L.		1	1	
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		2	2	2
R.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the DEO			8	8	8
R.C.A.S.C.		1	-	1	
Totals		10	173	<del>183</del> 183	159

Ration Strength for May 29-41 - 159

(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.,  
Officer Commanding York Island

PART I ORDERS

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

York Island, B.C.

by  
Capt. J.H. Bricker, O.C.

30th May, 1941

No. 150

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150-1 DUTIES: Saturday 31st May, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	31-5-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	1-6-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. D.G. McGavin	31-5-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	1-6-41
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Cuddeford	31-5-41
Orderly Bdr	- L/Bdr. Mackie	31-5-41

150-2 FIRE PICQUET: 31-5-41

L/Bdr. Mackie, L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. Strain, Olsen,  
Woodbury, and Confrey

150-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 31-5-41

Bdr. Hammell, Gnrs. Kincaid, Confrey, Smith, and Alford

150-4 PAY PARADE:

Month end Pay Parade for month of May will be held  
at 1330 hrs. Saturday May 31st, 1941

*J.H. Bricker*  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding, York Island, B.C.

85 HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

MAY 31 - 41.

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	57	60	76
	Employed		16	16	
	Att'd to 31st		2	2	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		2	2	
	Y.I. Hosp		1	1	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Leave		11	11	
	Ede. H.Q.		7	7	
On Command	1	-	1		
A.W.L.		1	1		
88 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	40	42	45
	Employed		3	3	
	Hospital		3	3	
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		4	4	4
4th E & M Coy RCE AF	Employed		10	10	10
HQ MD XI RCAMC		1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot AF	Employed		1	1	1
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civilian Employees of the D.E.O.			8	8	8
TOTALS		9	173	187	157

RATION STRENGTH FOR MAY 31 - 41 --- 157

*J.H. Bricker*  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt., R.C.A.,  
Officer Commanding York Island.

/PBW

PART I ORDERS

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

York Island, B. C.

by  
Capt. J.H. Bricker, O.C.

31st May, 1941

No. 151

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151-1 DUTIES: Sunday 1st June, 1941

Officer of the Watch - Lt. D.G. McGavin 1-6-41  
Next for Duty - Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 2-6-41

Orderly Officer - Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 1-6-41  
Next for Duty - Lt. D.G. McGavin 2-6-41

Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Ramsden  
Orderly Bdr. - Bdr. Hammell

151-2 FIRE PICQUET:

Bdr. Hammell, Gnrs. Tully, Strain, Mattocks, King, C.  
and Pte. Bradley

151-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 1-6-41

L/Bdr. Foote, Gnrs. Appleton, Humphrey, Trim, and  
Bradley, F.P.

*J.H. Bricker*  
(J.H. Bricker) Capt., RCA  
Officer Commanding, York Island

85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.F.)  
York Island, B.C. 31 May 41

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

REPORT ON BRING TO ROUND

1. At 1843 hrs. 30 May 41, X.V. called for a round on a vessel proceeding down Sunderland Channel. Three rounds were fired before the vessel stopped. It was dealt with by the X.O. and allowed to proceed. I am informed the name of vessel was "WELLSBORE".
2. For your information, please.

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C.C. to C.C. 15 (VAN) Coast Bde RCA (AF)

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

May 30 - 41

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	65	68	84
	Employed		16	16	
	Att'd to 31st		2	2	
	Shaughnessy Hosp.		2	2	
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Leave		3	3	
	Bde H.Q.		7	7	
	On Command	1	-	1	
A.W.L.		1	1		
58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	Furlough	1	-	1	
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	35	37	40
	Employed		3	3	
	Hospital		3	3	
10th Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		4	4	4
4th E & M Coy RCE AF	Employed		10	10	10
HQ MDXI RCAMC	Employed	1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot AF	Employed		1	1	1
	Hospital (Shaugh)		1	1	
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ Emp of the D.E.O.			8	8	8
Totals		9	173	182	159

Ration Strength for May 30 - 41 -- 159

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14th May, 1941.

Office of District Director,  
Postal Services,  
Vancouver, B.C.

ATTENTION: Mr. G.H. Clarke

Dear Sir:

Re. Your Letter 30/3, 13 May, 41.

1. Mail from York Island was dispatched 4th May, 1941 via C.P. S.S. "Princess Adelaide" and should have been delivered personally therefrom to your office the following day.
2. No mail was dispatched 4 May, 1941 via S.S. "Venture".

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