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Royal Canadian Artillery

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WAR DIARY

OF

85th. Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
	1940			
York Is-land	Sept. 1	2	Weather: cloudy 2 patients in Station Hospital. 1 "bring to" round fired by No.1 gun	1-0
"	"	3	Weather: cloudy 4 O.R.'s returned from leave. O.C. recommends owners s.s. "Border Prince" to fumigate her Letter re ammunition written D.O. 1 "bring to" round fired by No. 1 gun and 1 "bring to" round fired by No.2 gun	9-2 1-0
"	"	4	Weather: rain 16 O.R.'s D.D. M.D.XI (attached Bty. for all purposes) T.O.S. Bde. and pos ted to 85th Bty. Wire re oil for electric light plant.	
"	"	5	Weather: rain 1 O.R. proceeded on leave. One O.R. A.W.L. One O.R. (attached Bde.H.Q.) A.W.L. Letter re Lt. P.F.Dockerill's transfer Letter re paint for hospital	6-9 8-4
"	"	6	Weather: cloudy B.Q.M.S. Upton awarded Canadian Efficiency Medal. Col.H.C.Greer arrived York Island via m.s. "Kitchener." Letter re packing of meat sent D.D.S. & T.O. 1 "bring to" round fired by No.1 gun 1 "bring to" round fired by No.2 gun	8-1 1-0 1-0
"	"	7	Weather: cloudy. Bright. 2 O.R.'s returned from leave. 1 O.R. proceeded on furlough 5 O.R.'s of the 16th Lt.A.A. Bty. cease to be attached for R.Q.& D. Col. H.C.Greer departed York Island via m.s. "Kitchener." 5 O.R.'s proceeding on draft examined by M.O. and found O.K. 1 "bring"to round fired by No.2 gun Weather: bright	1-0

PART I ORDERS

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

1st Sept. 1940

by
Major J.E. Piercy, OC

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244-1 DUTIES - Monday

To be Officer of the Watch	- 2/Lt. H.V.H. Bankes
Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill
Orderly Officer	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. H.V.H. Bankes
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Thurlwell
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Cuddeford

244-2 DUTY WATCHES - from 0630 hrs. 2-9-40 to 0630 hrs. 3-9-40

Left Section

No. 3 Detachment
Bdr. Parker and
12 C.R.'s as detailed

No. 4 Detachment
Sgt. Davidson and
12 C.R.'s as detailed

244-3 MORNING PARADE 0900 hrs. and 1900 hrs. H.Q. party and Left Sec.

244-4 SANITARY DETAIL - Monday

Gnr. Willoughby
" King
" McKay

244-5 BATTERY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 2-9-40 to 0600 hrs. 3-9-40

Ptes. McCulloch, Johnstone, Legg
2nd Bn. C.S.R.

244-6 PERMISSION TO MARRY - KITOSS Gnr. Beaulieu, J.L., is granted permission to marry.

244-7 BARRACK BOXES - Lumber for barrack boxes can be obtained from Mr. Mann, foreman of construction. No lumber will be taken without his permission. Plywood will not be used.

244-8 ECONOMY IN THE USE OF RATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL - SALVAGE OF NECESSARY WASTE -

In view of the fact that allegations are being constantly received at H.D.H.Q. to the effect that there is extravagance and waste in the operations of this Department, in respect of both the feeding of the troops and the construction of accommodation, it is again to be impressed on all concerned that the utmost effort is to be made to ensure the highest possible degree of efficiency and economy in the use of both foodstuffs and construction materials. It is to be impressed on all ranks that avoidable waste not only adds to the already huge cost of prosecuting the war, but also creates an unfavourable impression amongst the general public. It is to be borne in mind that what may appear to be a very trifling matter at the time, such as, for example, the discarding of garbage of a single loaf of bread, may easily develop into an allegation through civilian sources that there is wholesale wastage of bread in the Army. In the same way, a visitor to one of our camps, seeing some rusty nails on the ground, spreads the report that there is terrific waste of building materials, and so on.

Diary



**35th. Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.**

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

Sept. 1st 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	63	65	
	Employed		11	11	76
	On Leave		6	6	
	Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
	Att'd 58th B		-	2	
	Att'd 31st.1		-	1	
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No. XI DIST. DEPOT	On Parade		13	13	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	
	Shaughnessy Hosp.		1	1	14
	Bde. H.Q.		4	4	
	A.N.L.		1	1	
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31st. Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	-	1	1
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1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	-	1	1
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2nd. Bn. (MG) C.S.B.	On Parade		9	9	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	10
	Bde. H.Q.		3	3	
	A.N.L.		1	1	
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R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
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R.C.A.M.C. (Detail)	Employed	1	2	3	3
	On Leave		1	1	
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Hon. Capt. A. Greene	C.C.S.	1	-	1	1
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Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
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Civilian personnel attached			13	13	13
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TOTAL		10	145	155	

BATTERY STRENGTH

130



PART I ORDERS

88th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.

2nd Sept. 1940

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

NO. 245

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245-1 DUTIES - Tuesday

To be Officer of the Watch	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill
Next for duty	- S/Lt. H.V.H. Bankes
Orderly Officer	- S/Lt. H.V.H. Bankes
Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Thackeray
" Bdr.	- Bdr. Cuddesford

245-2 DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 2-9-40 to 0730 hrs. 4-9-40

Right Section

No. 1 Detachment

Sgt. Cox and
12 O.R.'s as detailed

No. 2 Detachment

L/Sgt. Charlwell
and 12 O.R.'s as detailed

245-3 MANNING PARADE 0630 hrs. and 1900 hrs. H.Q. and Right Section

245-4 SANITARY DETAIL - Tuesday

Cnr. Willoughby
" King
" McKay

245-5 SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 3-8-40 to 0600 hrs. 4-9-40

Phos. Wilkin, Plamondon, Shearer
2nd Lt. C.S.R.



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

Sept. 2, 1940.

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

Bring to Round

1. At 0825 hrs. on Sept. 2nd, 1940, the X.V. H.M.C.S. "West Coast" called for a vessel to be brought to, proceeding south on Sunderland Channel. No. 1 gun fired one round, the vessel stopped and reported to X.V.
2. I am informed the vessels name was m/v "Alice" of Lund, B.C.

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

JEP/JS

c.c. O.C., 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. CASF

Diary

85th. Heavy Battery R.A (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

SEPT. 2nd 1940

		Offrs.	O.R.S	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	63	65	
	Employed		11	11	76
	On Leave		6	6	
	Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
	Att'd 59th	2	-	2	
	Att'd 31st	1	-	1	
No. XI Dist. Depot	On Parade		13	13	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	14
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		4	4	
	A.W.L.		1	1	
31st. Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	-	1	1
1st. D/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	-	1	1
2nd. Bn. (MG) C.S.R.	On Parade		9	9	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	10
	Bde. H.Q.		3	3	
	Deserter XXXXXX (26 days)		1	1	
10th Fort. Sig. RCOS	On Parade		3	3	3
12th Fld. Amb. RCAMC	Employed	1	2	3	3
	On Leave		1	1	
Hon. Capt. A. Greene C.C.S.		1	-	1	1
Naval personnel attached		1	6	7	7
Civilian personnel attached			13	13	13
Grand Total		10	144	154	

Ration Strength

129



PART I ORDERS

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

3rd Sept. 1940.

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

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246-1 DUNES - WEDNESDAY

To be Officer of the Watch - 2/Lt. H.V.N.Bankes
Next for duty - Lt. P.F.Deckerill

Orderly Officer - Lt. P.F.Deckerill
Next for duty - 2/Lt. H.V.N.Bankes

Orderly Sgt. - L/Sgt. Thackeray

Bdr. - Bdr. Cuddeford

246-2 DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 4-9-40 to 0730 hrs. 5-9-40

Left Section

No. 3 Detachment

Bdr. Parker and
12 O.R.'s as detailed

No. 4 Detachment

Sgt. Davidson and
12 O.R.'s as detailed

246-3 MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs. and 1900 hrs. H.Q. party and Left Sec.

246-4 SANITARY DETAIL - Wednesday

Cnr. Willoughby
" King
" McKay

246-5 BREWERY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 4-9-40 to 0600 hrs. 5-9-40

Ptes. English, McCulloch, Legg
2nd Bn. C.S.R.



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

3rd September, 1940.

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

Ammunition

1. Only 43 rounds of plugged shrapnel remain on hand out of the 100 originally supplied.
2. If you propose to use shrapnel for calibration purposes, this will leave 50 rounds for examination service, which should last us two months at the present rate of firing.
3. I suggest that it would be advisable to indent for a further shipment of obsolete plugged shrapnel for examination service.
4. Tubes. We have 182 percussion tubes in hand, whereas we have 860 electric and we have instructions to use only percussion tubes on the guns.
5. I suggest that either more percussion tubes be sent up or else that the instructions be changed to use tubes electric in view of the small stock of tubes percussion on hand.

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

JW/JS

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

3rd September, 1940.

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

Bring to Round

1. At 1544 hrs. on Sept. 3rd, 1940, the X.V. HMCS "Marrader" called for a bring to round on a vessel proceeding south on Sunderland Channel.
2. No. 1 gun fired, the vessel stopped and was dealt with by X.V. I am informed the vessels number was V1003. While the X.V. was dealing with this vessel another vessel appeared in Johnstone Straits, proceeding south.
3. The X.V. chased after the second vessel, which did not stop on signal so X.V. called for another round, No. 2 gun fired, the vessel stopped, and the X.V. caught up and dealt with it. I am informed the vessels name was "Flamingo" of Seattle.

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

JEP/JS

th. Heavy Battery RCA (CASE)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

SEPT. 3rd. 1940

		Offrs.	O.R.S	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	63	65	76
	Employed		11	11	
	On Leave		6	6	
	Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
	Att'd 85th	2	-	2	
	Att'd 31st	1	-	1	
Dist. Depot Xi	On Parade		13	13	14
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	
	Shraggessy Hosp.		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		4	4	
	A.R.L.		1	1	
31st. Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	-	1	1
1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	-	1	1
2nd. Bn. (HQ) C.S.R.	On Parade		9	9	10
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		3	3	
	Deserter (27 days)		1	1	
10th Fort. Sig. R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
18th Fld. Amb. NCAMS	Employed	1	2	3	3
Hon. Capt. A. Greene	C.C.S.	1	-	1	1
Naval personnel attached		1	6	7	7
Civilian personnel attached			13	13	13
GRAND TOTAL		10	143	153	

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NAZION STRENGTH



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

4th September, 1940

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

NO. 246

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246-1 DUTIES - Thursday

To be Officer of the Watch	- Lt. P.F. Dockerill
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. H.V.N. Bankes
Orderly Officer	- 2/Lt. H.V.N. Bankes
Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Dockerill
Orderly Sgt.	- 1/Sgt. Thackeray
" Bdr.	- Bdr. Cuddeford

246-2 DUTY WATCHES from 0703 hrs. 5-9-40 to 0730 hrs. 6-9-40

Right Section

No. 1 Detachment

Sgt. Cox and 12 O.R.'s
as detailed

No. 2 Detachment

Bdr. Cox and 12 O.R.'s
as detailed

246-3 MORNING PARADE - 0830 hrs. and 1900 hrs. H.Q. party & Right Sec.

246-4 SANITARY DETAIL - Thursday

Gnr. Willoughby
" King
" McKay

246-5 SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 5-9-40 to 0600 hrs. 6-9-40

Ptes. Wilkin, Legg, Shearer
2nd Bn. C.S.R.

246-6 DRAFT

The following men are warned to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to Vancouver on Sunday, September 8th, 1940, on transfer to the 16th Lt. A.A. Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.:

K17061	Bdr. J.L. Parker
K17063	Gnr. J.L. Beaulieu
K17060	Gnr. C.P. O'Malley
K17045	Gnr. D. Adisich
K17054	Gnr. E.S. Fox



Diary

85th. Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

SEPT. 4th 1940

		Officers	O.R.s	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	57	59	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	
	Employed		11	11	71
	Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
	Att'd 58th	2	-	2	
	Att'd 31st	1	-	1	
	On Leave		6	6	
Diet. Depot MRII	On Parade		15	15	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	14
	Shaughnessy Hosp.		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		4	4	
	A.W.L.		1	1	
31st. Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	-	2	1
1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	-	1	1
16th Lt. A.A. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		5	5	5
2nd. Bn. Can. Scots Regt.	On Parade		9	9	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	10
	Bde. H.Q.		3	3	
	Deserter (28 days)		1	1	
10th Fort. Sig. Coy. R.C.S.	On Parade		6	6	6
12th Fld. Amb. RCAMC (Detail) Emp.		1	2	3	3
Naval personnel attached		1	6	7	7
Civilian personnel attached			15	15	15
Grand Total		9	146	155	151

Ration Strength 151



PART I ORDERS

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

5th September, 1940

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

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248-1 DUTIES - Friday

To be Officer of the Watch - 2/Lt. H.V.N.Bankes
Next for duty - Lt. P.F.Dockerrill

Orderly Officer - Lt. P.F.Dockerrill
Next for duty - 2/Lt. H.V.N.Bankes

Orderly Sgt. - 1/Sgt.Thackeray
" Bdr. - Bdr. Cuddeford

248-2 DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 6-9-40 to 0730 hrs. 7-9-40

Left Section

No. 3 Detachment

Bdr. Parker and
12 O.R.'s as detailed

No. 4 Detachment

Sgt. Davidson and
12 O.R.'s as detailed

248-3 MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs. and 1900 hrs. H.Q. party and Left
Sec.

248-4 SANITARY DETAIL - Friday

Gnr. Willoughby
" King
" McKay

248-5 SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 6-9-40 to 0600 hrs. 7-9-40

Ptes. Plamondon, English, McCulloch
2nd Bn. C.S.R.



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

5th Sept. 1940.

Officer Commanding,
15th (Van.) Coast Bde. RCA CASF,
Vancouver, B.C.

Lieut. P.F. Deckerill

1. The a/m advises me that application for transfer from 1st S/L Regt. RCA to the 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. RCA was forwarded in April of this year and no word has come through about the transfer.
2. Would you please make enquiries and advise if this transfer is approved, as there is no record of it in Part II Orders.

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

JEP/JS

RECEIVED
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
LABORATORY SERVICE
CANADIAN ARMY SERVICE

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

5th September, 1940.

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

Paint - Hospital

1. Will you please send up the following
to complete the painting of the hospital:

175 lbs. White lead
15 gals. boiled linseed oil

2. This building is taking more paint than
we anticipated.

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

JEP/JS

85th. Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

SEPT 5th 1940

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total at YORK ISLAND
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	59	61	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	73
	Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
	On Leave		4	4	
	Att'd 58th	2	-	2	
Att'd 51st.	1	X	1		
Dist. Depot. MDXI	On Parade		13	13	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	14
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		4	4	
	A.W.L.		1	1	
51st. Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	-	1	1
1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	-	1	1
16th M. A.A. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		5	5	5
2nd. Bn. (MG) C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	15
	Bde. H.Q.		3	3	
	Deserted (29 days)	1		1	
10th Fort. Sig. Co. RCCS	On Parade		6	6	6
12th Fld. Amb. (DETAIL)	Employed	1	3	4	4
Naval personnel	Att'd	1	6	7	7
Civilian personnel	Att'd		15	15	15
Grand Total		9	154	163	

RATIONS STRENGTH

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

6th September, 1940.

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

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249-1 DUTIES - Saturday

To be officer of the Watch - Lt. P.F. Dockerill
Next for duty - 2/Lt. H.V.H. Bankes
Orderly Officer - 2/Lt. H.V.H. Bankes
Next for duty - Lt. P.F. Dockerill
Orderly Sgt. - L/Sgt. Thackeray
" Bdr. - Bdr. Cuddeford

249-2 DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 7-9-40 to 0830 hrs. 8-9-40

Right Section
No. 1 Detachment
Sgt. Cox and
12 O.R.'s as detailed

No. 2 Detachment
Bdr. Cox and 12 O.R.'s
as detailed

249-3 MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs. and 1900 hrs. H.Q. party & Right Sec.

249-4 SANITARY DETAIL - Saturday

Gnr. King
" McKay
" Mackie, D.S.

249-5 BATTERY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 7-9-40 to 0600 hrs. 8-9-40

Ptes. Johnstone, Legg, Shearer
2nd Bn. C.S.R.



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

Sept. 6th 1940

D.D.S. & T.O.,
Immigration Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

PACKING OF MEAT

1. In the shipment of rations which left Vancouver on Wednesday per S.S. "VENTURE" there was a hind quarter of meat which was not wrapped in stockinette but was wrapped in burlap which was only loosely stitched together. In handling this meat from Kelsey Bay to York Island, the stitching parted and the meat slipped out of the burlap wrapping and fell into the sea. Owing to the high tide the meat could not be salvaged for nearly twenty hours.

2. Some of it is edible, but some will have to be cut off and destroyed. Please instruct your butcher that in future all meat be wrapped in stockinette as well as burlap and that the burlap must be carefully stitched together, not sewn with long loose stitches.

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

/PM

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

Sept. 6th 1940

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

BRING TO BOARD

1. At 1639 Hrs. on Sept. 5th, XV H.M.C.S. "WEST COAST" called for a vessel to be brought to in Sunderland Channel.
2. No. 1 gun fired, the vessel stopped and was dealt with by the X.O.
3. I am informed the vessel's name was H.V. MARGARET B of Salt Spring Island, number H 019 G.

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

C.C. - 15th (VAN) Coast BDE. RGA CASF

JEP/PA

85th. Heavy Battery RCA (CAS)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

SEPT 6th 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Id and</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	59	61	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	73
	Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
	On Leave		4	4	
	Att'd 58th	2	-	2	
Att'd 51st.	1	-	1		
Dist. Depot. MDXI	On Parade		13	13	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	14
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		4	4	
	A.W.L.		1	1	
51st. Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	-	1	1
1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	-	1	1
16th Lt. A.A. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		5	5	5
2nd. Bn. CSR CASF	On Parade		14	14	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	15
	Bde. H.Q.		3	3	
	Deserter (30 days)		1	1	
10th Fort. Sig. Coy. RGCS	On Parade		3	3	3
8th Fla. Amb. (Detail)	Employed	1	3	4	4
A.A. & Q.M.G. MDXI Col. H.C. Greer		1	-	1	1
Naval personnel attached		1	6	7	7
Civilian personnel attached			15	15	15
GRAND TOTAL		10	151	161	139
					139
					RATION STRENGTH



PART I ORDERS

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

7th Sept. 1940

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

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250-1 DUTIES - Sunday

To be Officer of the Watch	- 2/Lt. H.V.H. Banks
Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill
Orderly Officer	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. H.V.H. Banks
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Ramsden
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Cox

250-2 DUTY WATCHES from 0630 hrs. 8-9-40 to 0730 hrs. 9-9-40.

Left Section

No. 3 Detachment

~~250-3 OFFICERS~~
Bdr. Gudsford
and 12 O.R.'s as detailed

No. 4 Detachment

Sgt. Davidson
and 12 O.R.'s as detailed

250-3 MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs. and 1900 hrs. H.C. Party and Left Sec.

250-4 SANITARY DETAIL - Sunday

Cmr. Willoughby
" Humphrey

250-5 BUNKY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 8-9-40 to 0600 hrs. 9-9-40

Bten. Vogel, Woodson, Sims
2nd En. C.S.R.



85th Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

SEPT. 7th 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.S</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade	2	61	63	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	75
	On Leave		1	1	
	On Furlough		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
	Att'd 58th	2	-	2	
Att'd 51st	1	-	1		
Dist. Depot MDXI	On Parade		12	12	
	Stn. Hosp		2	2	22
	Shaughnessy		1	1	14
	Bde. H.Q.		4	4	
	A.W.L.		1	1	
51st. Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
1st. S/L Regt. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
16th Lt. A.A. Bty. RCA CASF	On parade		5	5	5
2nd. Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade		14	14	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	15
	Bde. H.Q.		3	3	
	Deserter (31 days)		1	1	
10th Fort. Sig. Coy. ROCS	On Parade		5	5	5
1st. Flt. Amb. Detail) RCAMG	Employed	1	3	4	4
Col. H.C. Greer, AA&QMG MDXI		1	-	1	1
Naval personnel att'd		1	6	7	7
Civilian personnel att'd			15	15	15
GRAND TOTAL		10	151	161	141

RATION STRENGTH

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Copy to H.Q. MDXI



Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

ORIGINAL

M.F.M. 11
A.F.C. 2118
I.M.C. - 3-20 (1700)
H.Q. 1772-45-19

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
York Island	1940			
	Sept. 8		5 O.R.'s proceeded on transfer to 16th Lt.A.A. Bty. Letter re inspection of rifles Letter re transfer of men from D.D. M.D.11 Letter re calibration 1 "bring to" round fired by No.2 gun 1 "bring to" round fired by No.1 gun Letter re Court of Enquiry into desertion of Pte.Robbin, W., C.S.R. Weather: bright	5-3 6-2 9-1 1-0 1-0 5-4-0
	"	9	1 O.R. C.S.R. posted as deserter from 7-8-40. Lieut. H.V.N.Bankes granted 10 days compassionate leave. One O.R. recategorized as "A". Reporting two patients in Hospital. 4 "bring to" rounds fired by #2 gun. Weather: bright.	
	"	10	5 O.R.'s proceeded on leave. 1 O.R. proceeded on furlough 1 civ. employee ceases to be attached for R.&Q. Weather: bright.	
	"	11	Weather: bright.	
	"	12	1 O.R. proceeded on leave. 1 O.R. proceeded on furlough. 1 rating R.C.N.V.R. attached Bty. for R.&Q. 2 O.R.'s C.S.R. proceeded Bde.H.Q. for dental treatment. Permission granted 1 O.R. to be married. 2 "bring to" rounds fired by No. 1 gun Weather: bright.	1-0
	"	13	Defective armature shipped Vancouver. Weather: rain.	
	"	14	2 O.R.s proceeded on leave 1 O.R. proceeded on furlough. Hon. Major A. Maddox, C.C.S., attached for R.&Q. 1 O.R. A.W.L. (48 hrs.) forfeits 2 days pay, 2 days C.B. Weather: rain.	

PART I ORDERS

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

8th September, 1940.

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

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251-1 DUTIES - Monday

To be Officer of the Watch	- Lt. P. F. Deckerill
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. H. V. N. Bankes
Orderly Officer	- 2/Lt. H. V. N. Bankes
Next for duty	- Lt. P. F. Deckerill
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Ramsden
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Cox

251-2 DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 9-9-40 to 0730 hrs. 10-9-40.

Right Section

No. 1 Detachment
Sgt. Cox and
12 O.R.'s as detailed

No. 2 Detachment
L/Sgt. Thackeray and
12 O.R.'s as detailed

251-3 MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs. and 1900 hrs. H.Q. Party and
Right Section.

251-4 SANITARY DETAIL - Monday

Cmr. King
" Willoughby
" McKay

251-5 BATTERY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 9-9-40 to 0600 hrs. 10-9-40
Ptes. Smoek, Vanstone, Wilkin
2nd Bn. C.S.R.

251-6 S.A.A. AMMUNITION:

1. S.A.A. Ammunition must only be issued to guards and sentries when actually on duty. It will be issued by H.C.O. in charge who will count the number of rounds issued.
2. When on duty the guard or sentry will carry the ammunition in his pocket and not in the chamber or magazine of his rifle.
3. When coming off duty the guard or sentry will turn over his ammunition to the H.C.O. 1/c who will count it, and, if necessary hand it over to the next guard or sentry. During the day time when no sentries are posted it will be handed back to the B.R.M.S. or in the magazine at the Fort.
4. Two clips of ammunition were found on the rifle racks in the crew shelter on Saturday, 7th Sept., in a place when any careless man could have got it and loaded his rifle and fired it.
5. There have been three casualties in H.B. #11 during the last twelve months due to men using rifles which they thought were empty. One of the casualties was a Bombardier in the 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. RGA CAMP.
6. Extreme care should be taken in handling S.A.A. ammunition for the above reasons.

PART I ORDERS

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

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251-7 NATIONAL REGISTRATION:

a. All ranks of the Canadian Active Service Force struck off strength or discharged from the service must register under the regulations of the Department of National War Services.

b. Personnel S.O.S. or discharged are to be informed that such registration may be made at Local Post Office.

251-8 OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS FORBIDDEN TO CORRESPOND WITH STRANGERS :-

1. It has been brought to attention that offers or requests to correspond with soldiers are frequently made through the press and otherwise.

2. While many of these offers and requests may be bona fide it is pointed out that such correspondence might provide a means for obtaining military information of value to the enemy, or of instituting enemy propaganda.

3. Accordingly, officers and other ranks are forbidden:
(a) Insert advertisements or letters in any publication inviting strangers to communicate with them;

(b) To enter into correspondence with strangers in response to advertisements or other invitations;

(c) In any other way to communicate with strangers by letter or otherwise concerning anything of a military nature.



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

8th Sept., 1940.

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

Inspection of Rifles

1. Reference your letter 5th Sept., 1940, file 5-3.
2. All rifles of watch on duty are inspected every day by officer in charge of watch.
3. Employed men have 1½ hours rifle drill every Tuesday and Thursday when the rifles are inspected.
4. O.C. Battery has a Battery Parade on Saturdays of all men not actually on duty at the Fort when all rifles are inspected.

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

JEP/JS

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

8th Sept., 1940.

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

Personnel - District Depot M.D. 11.

K.17124 Gnr. Ballerone, N.C.
K.17131 " Coltman, R.M.
K.17130 " Ten Hoeve, J.
K.17126 " Tolhurst, J.J.
K.17134 " Humphrey, J.H.

1. This battery has had 5 O.R.'s struck off strength on transfer to 16th Lt. A.A. Bty. RCA.

2. I request that the above mentioned men be transferred from District Depot to 85th Hvy. Bty. to maintain this battery at full strength.

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Officer Commanding
York Island

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

8th September, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
15th (Van.) Coast Bde. RCA CASF,
Vancouver, B.C.

Calibration 4.7 guns

1. These guns at York Island were calibrated in 1914 but the records are lost, so that for our purposes they have never been calibrated.
2. Authority was obtained for the expenditure of 14 rounds for calibration. Lieut. F. Wingert sent up the instruments for doing the calibration, but was then transferred to another post.
3. I am informed that Master Gunner Blake is coming up this week, and I request that he be instructed to complete the calibration. If he is unable to do so I request that some other competent person be sent up for the purpose.
4. This is the best time of the year to carry out calibration but if calibration is delayed until October we will be having the usual stormy wet weather when it will be impossible to calibrate under good conditions.
5. May this matter be treated as urgent, please?

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

JEP/JS

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

8th September, 1940.

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

Bring to Rounds

1. At 1428 hours on 6th Sept., 1940, X.V. HMCS "Marauder" called for two vessels to be brought to on Johnstone Straits. No.2 gun fired one round at 1430 hrs., one vessel stopped but the other an American vessel kept on going, so X.V. ordered a second round, which was done. Both vessels stopped and was dealt with by X.O. I am informed the vessels' names were:-
m/v "Gibson" of Prince Rupert
m/v "Majestic" of Ketchikan.

2. At 0935 hrs. on the 7th Sept., X.V. HMCS "Marauder" called for two vessels to be brought to on Johnstone Straits; No.2 gun fired one round and the vessel stopped. I am informed that this signal was sent in error by the signalman on HMCS "Marauder." The names of the vessels were:
m/v "Moira" of Seattle
m/v "Bonito" of San Francisco.

3. At 1159 hrs. on 8th Sept., X.V. HMCS "West Coast" called for a vessel to be brought to on Johnstone Straits. No.2 gun fired a round at 1201 hrs. The vessel stopped and was dealt with by X.O. I am informed the name of the vessel was m/v "Pacinnco".

4. At 1500 hrs. on 8th Sept., X.V. HMCS "West Coast" called for a vessel to be brought to on Johnstone Straits. No. 1 gun fired one round, the vessel stopped and was dealt with by X.O. The name of the vessel was "Restless."

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

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

Sept. 8, 0.

Headquarters,
Vancouver Defences,
323 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Court of Enquiry

1. Herewith proceedings of Court of Enquiry
into the alleged desertion of K62609 Pte. Robbon, W.,
2nd Bn. (MG) Canadian Scottish Regt. CASF.

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

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Encs

D. Cary

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

Sept. 8th/40

		Offrs.	O.R.S	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	2	61	63	75
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	
	On Leave		1	1	
	On Furlough		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
	Att'd 58th	2	-	2	
Att'd 31st	1	-	1		
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Dist. Depot. XI	On Parade		12	12	14
	Stn. Hosp.		2	2	
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		4	4	
	A.W.I.		1	1	
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31st. Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
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1st. S/L Regt. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
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2nd. Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade		14	14	15
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.	32 days	3	3	
	Deserter()	1	1	
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10th Fort. Sig. Coy ECOS	On parade		3	3	
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12th Fld. Amb. RCAMC	Employed	1	3	4	4
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Naval personnel attached		1	6	7	7
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Civilian personnel attached			15	15	15
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GRAND TOTAL		9	146	155	135

RATION STRENGTH

135



PART I ORDERS

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

2th September, 1940.

BY
Major J. R. Piercy, O.C.

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252-1 DUTIES: To be Officer of the Watch - Lt. J.H. Bricker
Next for duty - Lt. P.F. Dockerill
Orderly Officer - Lt. P.F. Dockerill
Next for duty - Lt. J.H. Bricker
Orderly Sgt. - ~~Sgt. Ramsden~~
" Bdr. - Sgt. Ramsden
" Bdr. - Bdr. Cox

252-2 DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 10-9-40 to 0730 hrs. 11-9-40.

Left Section

Detachment No. 3

Bdr. Cuddeford
and 12 O.R.'s as detailed

Detachment No. 4

Sgt. Davidson
and 12 O.R.'s as detailed

252-3 MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs. and 1900 hrs. H.C. party and Left Sec.

252-4 SANITARY DETAIL -

Cnr. McKay
" King
" Willoughby

252-5 B-ENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 10-9-40 to 0600 hrs. 11-9-40

Ptes. Pammendon, English, McCulloch
2nd Bn. C.S.R.

252-6 SALUTING:

Attention of all O.R.'s is drawn to letter re saluting
posted on Orders Board.



80th. Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

Sept. 9/40

		Officers	C.R.&B	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	2	61	63	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	75
	On Leave		1	1	
	On Furlough		1	1	
	Bde. H.C.		5	5	
	Att'd 58th	2	-	2	
	Att'd 51st	1	-	1	
Dist. Depot. XI	On Parade		12	12	
	Stn. Hosp.		2	2	14
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	Bde. H.C.		4	4	
	A.W.L.		1	1	
51st. Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
1st. S/L Regt. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
2nd. Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade		14	14	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	15
	Bde. H.C.		3	3	
	Decarter (33 days)		1	1	
10th Port. Sig. Coy RQCS	On parade		3	3	
12th Fla. Amb. RCAMO	Employed	1	3	4	4
Naval personnel attached		1	6	7	7
Civilian personnel attached			15	15	15
GRAND TOTAL		9	146	155	155

RATION STRENGTH

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Part 1 Orders

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

10th September, 1940.

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

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253-1 DUTIES: Wednesday

To be Officer of the Watch - Lt. P.F. Dockerill
Next for duty - Lt. J. H. Bricker

Orderly Officer - Lt. J.H. Bricker
Next for duty - Lt. P.F. Dockerill

Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Ramsden
Orderly Bdr. - Bdr. Cox

253-2 DUTY WATCHES: from 0730 hrs. 11-9-40 to 0730 hrs. 12-9-40.

	<u>Right Section</u>	
<u>No. 1 Detachment</u>		<u>No. 2 Detachment</u>

Sgt. Cox and 12 O.A.'s
as detailed

L/Sgt. Thackeray and
12 O.R.'s as detailed.

253-3 MORNING PARADE - 0830 hrs. and 1900 hrs. H.Q. Party & Right Sec.

253-4 SANITARY DETAIL - Wednesday

Gnr. Willoughby
" King
" McKay

253-5 SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 11-9-40 to 0600 hrs. 12-9-40

Ptes. Johnstone, Legg, Shearer
2nd Bn. C.S.R.



85th. Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

SEPT 10th 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	55	56	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	68
	On Leave		6	6	
	On Furlough		2	2	
	Compassionate L.	1	-	1	
	Att'd 58th	2	-	2	
	Att'd 31st.	1	-	1	
Att'd Bde. HQ		5	5		
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Dist. Depot MDXI	On Parade		13	13	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	14
	Shaughnessy		2	2	
	Bde. H.Q.		4	4	
	A.W.L.		1	1	
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31st. Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
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1st. S/L Regt. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
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2nd. Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade		14	14	14
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		3	3	
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10th Fort. Sig. Coy. RCCS	On Parade		2	2	
	Employed		1	1	3
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12th Fld. Emb. RCAMB	Employed	1	3	4	4
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Naval personnel att'd		1	6	7	7
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Civilian personnel att'd			19	19	19
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GRAND TOTAL		9	149	158	131

RATIONS STRENGTH

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PART I ORDERS

85th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., C.A.S.F.
YORK ISLAND BC

11th September 1940

by
MAJOR J.E. PIERCY

No. 254

1. DUTIES: Thursday Sept. 12th

To be Officer of the Watch - Lt. J.H. Bricker
Next for Duty - Lt. P.F. Deckerill

To be Orderly Officer - Lt. P.F. Deckerill
Next for Duty - Lt. J.H. Bricker

To be Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Ramsden
To be Orderly Bdr. - Bdr. Cox

2. DUTY WATCHES - from 0730 Hrs. 12/9/40 to 0730 Hrs. 13/9/40

Left Hand Section

#3 Detachment
L/Bdr. Engelen &
12 O.R.s as detailed

#4 Detachment
Sgt. Davidson &
12 O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - 0850 Hrs. & 1900 Hrs. HQ Party & Left Section

4. SANITARY DETAIL - Thursday
Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. King
Cnr. McKay

5. SENIOR DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 12/9/40 to 0600 Hrs. 13/9/40

Ptes Weetman, Sims, Smock
2nd. En. (MG) C.S.R., C.A.S.F.

6. PORT -

"Lights Out" at 2200 Hrs. Senior H.C.O. on Duty will be held responsible for enforcing this order.



**85th. Heavy Battery R.C.A (CASE)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.**

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

SEPT 11th 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.S</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA CASE	On Parade	1	55	56	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	68
	On Leave		6	6	
	On Furlough		2	2	
	Compassionate L.1		-	1	
	Att'd 58th	2	-	2	
	Att'd 31st	1	-	1	
	Att'd Bde. HQ		5	5	
Dist. Depot MDXI	ON parade		12	12	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	13
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		4	4	
31st. Hvy. Bty. RCA CASE	On Parade	1	-	1	1
1st S/D Regt. RCA CASE	On Parade	1	-	1	1
2nd. Bn. (MG) CSR CASE	On Parade		14	14	14
	Shaughnessy		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		3	3	
10th Ft. Sig. Coy. RCOS	On Parade		2	2	
	Employed		1	1	3
12th Fld. Amb. RCAMC	Employed	1	3	4	4
Naval personnel att'd		1	6	7	7
Civilian personnel att'd			18	18	18
GRAND TOTAL		9	147	156	129

Ration Strength

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PART I ORDERS

85th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., C.A.S.F.
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

September 12th 1940

BY
MAJOR J.E. PIERCY

No. 255

1. DUTIES-Friday Sept. 13th

To be Officer of the Watch - Lt. P.F. Dockerill
Next for Duty - Lt. J.H. Bricker

To be Orderly Officer - Lt. W.H. Bricker
Next for Duty - Lt. P.F. Dockerill

To be Orderly Sgt. - mSgt. Ramsden
To be Orderly Bdr. - Bdr. Cox

2. DUTY WATCHES - from 0730 Hrs. 13/9/40 to 0730 14/9/40

Right Section

No. 1 Detachment
Sgt. Cox &
12 O.R.s as detailed

No. 2. Detachment
L/Sgt. Thackeray &
12 O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - 0830 Hrs. & 1900 Hrs. H.Q. Party and Right Section

4. SANITARY DETAIL - Friday

Gnr. Willoughby
Gnr. King
Gnr. McKay

5. SENTRY DUTY - from 1800 Hrs. 13/9/40 to 0600 Hrs. 14/9/40

Ptes. Smock, Vanstone, and Wilkin 2nd Bn. (MG) C.S.R.



85th. Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

SEPT 12/40

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade	1	62	63	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.		2	2	76
	On Leave		6	6	
	On Furlough		2	2	
	Compassionate	1	-	1	
	Att'd 50th	2	-	2	
	Att'd 51st	1	-	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		10	10	
	Shacoughnessy		1	1	
Dist. Depot MDXI	On Parade		3	3	3
	Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
1st Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
	Bde. H.Q.		-	1	1
2nd. Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade		15	15	15
	ERM Bde. H.Q.		3	3	
10th Ft. Sig. Coy. RCCS	On Parade		2	2	
	Employed		1	1	3
12th Fld. Amb. RCAMG	Employed	1	3	4	4
	Naval personnel att'd	1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel Att'd			18	18	18
	GRAND TOTAL	9	147	156	129

Rations Strength

129



PART 1 ORDERS.

85th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., C.A.S.F.
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

September 13th 1940

BY
MAJOR J.E. PIERCY

No. 256

1. DUTIES - SATURDAY Sept. 14th

To be Officer of the Watch -	Lt. J.H. Bricker
next for duty	- Lt. F.F. Deckerill
To be Orderly Officer	- Lt. F.F. Deckerill
next for duty	- Lt. J.H. Bricker
To be Orderly Sergeant	- Sgt. Ramsden
To be Orderly Bombardier	- Bdr. Cox.

2. DUTY WATCHES - from 0730 hrs 14/9/40 to 0830 hrs 15/9/40

LEFT SECTION

No. 3 Detachment
L/Bdr Engelen
12 O.R.'s as detailed

No. 4 Detachment
Sgt. Davidson
12 O.R.'s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs & 1900 hrs H.Q. Party & Left Section

4. SANITARY DETAIL - SATURDAY

Gnr. Willoughby
Gnr. McKay
Gnr. Sayer

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 14/9/40 to 0600 hrs 15/9/40

Ptes English, McCulloch, Johnstone, 2nd Bn. (MG) CSR.

6. DIVINE SERVICE

Hon. Major Rev. A. MADDEN Can. Chaplain Service, will arrive on York Island on Saturday Sept. 14th. Divine Service for Roman Catholics will be held at some time to be arranged later.



**85th. Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.**

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

Sept. 13th 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.S</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade	1	62	63	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.		2	2	76
	On Leave		6	6	
	On Furlough		2	2	
	Compassionate L	1	-	1	
	Att'd to 58th	2	2	2	
Att'd 31st	1	-	1		
Bde. H.Q.		11	11		
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Dist. Depot. MDKI	On Parade		3	3	3
	Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
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31st Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
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Bde. H.Q.	On Parade	1	-	1	1
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2nd. Bn. (MG) GSR CASF	On Parade		13	13	13
	Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
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10th Fort. Sig. Coy. RGCS	On Parade		3	3	3
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RCAMC	Employed	1	3	4	4
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Naval personnel att'd		1	7	8	8
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Civ. personnel att'd			18	18	18
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GRAND TOTAL		9	147	156	127
					127
RATION STRENGTH					<hr/>



PART 1 ORDERS

65th. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A., C.A.S.F.
YORK ISLAND. B.C.

Sept. 14th. 1940

BY
MAJOR J. E. PIERCY

No. 257.

1. DUTIES - SUNDAY September 15th. 1940

To be Officer of the Watch next for duty	- Lt. P. F. Dockerill - Lt. J. H. Bricker
To be Orderly Officer next for duty	- Lt. J. H. Bricker - Lt. P. F. Dockerill
To be Orderly Sergeant To be Orderly Bombardier	- Sgt. Ramsden - Bdr. Garrett

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0830 hrs 15/9/40 to 0730 hrs 16/9/40

RIGHT SECTION

No. 1. Detachment
Sgt. Cox
12. O.R.'s as detailed

No. 2. Detachment
L/Sgt. Theckeray
12. O.R.'s as detailed

3. Manning Parade - 0830 hrs & 1900 hrs H.Q. Party & Right Section.

4. SANITARY DETAIL - SUNDAY

Cnr. King
Cnr. Cox A.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 15/9/40 to 0600 hrs 16/9/40

Ptes, Legg, Shearer, Vogel - End. Bn. (MG) CSR.

6. GENERAL BATTLE ALARM

ALL RANKS ARE WARNED THAT THEY MUST READ "BATTLE ALARM"
POSTED ON ALL ORDER BOARDS.



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

Sept. 14th 1940

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

BRING TO BOUNDS

1. At 1100 hrs. on 12th of Sept. 1940
K.V. H.M.C.S. "WEST COAST" signalled the port to
bring to a vessel proceeding south on Sunderland
Channel. No. 1 gun fired at 1105 hrs. 2nd round.
The vessel stopped and after examination by X.O.
it was sent in to York Island to C.X.O.
2. It appeared the vessel had no name, no naval
number, no papers and the master had no registration
card. He was also deaf. C.X.O. disposed of the case.
The owner lived in Pender Harbour .
3. At 1211 hrs. on Sept. 12th 1940
K.V. H.M.C.S. "WEST COAST" signalled for to bring to
two vessels, proceeding south on Sunderland Channel. As
K.V. was busy on Johnstone Straits at the time, with
four other vessels, including some Japanese, these
two vessels paid no attention to light or sound
signals. No. 1 gun fired one round, the vessels stopped,
and were dealt with by X.O.
4. I am informed that the vessels' names were:
M.V. VANCE VO42H of Secret Cove B.C. and
M.V. VAGABOND EW092A of New Westminster.

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

C.C. 15th (VAN) Coast Bde. RCA

JER/PA

85th. Heavy Battery R.C.A (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

Sept. 14th 1940

		Offrs.	C.R.&B	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	60	61	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.		2	2	74
	On Leave		3	3	
	On Furlough		4	4	
	Compassionate	1	-	1	
	Att'd to 88th	2	-	2	
	Att'd Slat	1	-	1	
Bde. H.Q.			10	10	
Dist. Depot M&XI	On Parade		3	3	3
	Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
	Bde. H.Q.				
Bde. H.Q.	On Parade	1	-	1	1
	Bde. H.Q.				
End. Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade		13	13	13
	Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
10th Ft. Sig. Coy. RCGS	On Parade		3	3	3
	Bde. H.Q.				
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	Bde. H.Q.				
Civ. personnel att'd			18	18	18
	Bde. H.Q.				
Hon. Maj. Madden CCS		1	-	1	1
	Bde. H.Q.				
Naval personnel att'd		1	7	8	8
	Bde. H.Q.				
GRAND TOTAL		10	148	158	186
				Ration strength	126

C.C. to H.Q. MD XI



Title pages will be prepared.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

ORIGINAL

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
	1940			
York Island	Sept.	15	Hon. Major A. Madden, CCS, ceased to be attached for R. & Q. 1 civ. employee ceased to be attached for R. & Q. 2 O.R.'s proceeded Bde. H.Q. for dental treatment. Weather: bright.	
"	"	15	4 patients reported in hospital. 1 "bring to" round fired by No. 1 gun. 1 "bring to" round fired by No. 2 gun. Weather: cloudy, and rain.	1-0 1-0
"	"	17	Lieut. D.L. Macdonell, C.S.R., attached 85th Bty. for R. Q. & D. 20 O.R.'s C.S.R. attached 85th Bty. for R. Q. & D. R.Q.M.S. Thrussell attached for R. & Q. 3 civ. employees cease to be attached for R. & Q. 1 "bring to" round fired by #2 gun. Letter re barbed wire sent Weather: fair and windy.	1-0 2-0
"	"	18	Letter re coal bin Weather: bright.	8-3
"	"	19	2 O.R.'s proceeded on leave 4 O.R.'s returned from leave 1 rating RCNVR attached Bty. for R. & Q. Letter re clothing of C.S.R. Det. Letter re camouflage Weather: bright.	6-0-4 2-0
"	"	20	1 "bring to" round fired by No. 1 gun. Weather: bright.	
"	"	21	4 O.R.'s proceeded on leave. 1 O.R. A.W.L. Bde. H.Q. (12 hrs.) 1 day's pay, 3 days' C.B. 2 letters re Dependent's Allowance written Weather: bright	6-5
"	"	22	Lt. P.F. Dockrill proceeded on sick leave. 2 "bring to" rounds fired by No. 2 gun. Weather: bright.	

PART 1 ORDERS.

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.CASF.
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

Sept. 15th. 1940

BY
MAJOR J. B. PIARCY.

No. 258

1. DUTIES - MONDAY Sept. 16th.

To be Officer of the Watch next for duty	- Lt. J. H. Bricker - Lt. P. F. Deckerill
To be Orderly Officer next for duty	- Lt. P. F. Deckerill - Lt. J. H. Bricker
To be Orderly Sergeant To be Orderly Bombardier	- Sgt. Ramsden - Sdr. Garrett

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs 16/9/40 to 0730 hrs 17/9/40

LEFT SECTION

No. 3. Detachment
L/Bdr. Engelen
12. O.R.'s as detailed

No. 4. Detachment
Sgt. Davidson
12. O.R.'s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE. 0830 hrs & 1900 hrs H.Q. Party & Left Section

4. SANITARY DETAIL - MONDAY

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. King
Cnr. McKay

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 16/9/40 to 0600 hrs 17/9/40

Ptes. Wootton, Vanstone, Wilkin - 2nd Bn. (MG) CBR.



DAILY STRENGTH STATE

Sept. 15/40

		Offrs.	O.R.S	Total	Total at Work Island
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade	1	60	61	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.		2	2	74
	On Leave		8	8	
	Furlough		4	4	
	Comp. leave	1	-	1	
	Att'd to 58th	2	-	2	
	Att'd to 31	1	-	1	
Bde. H.Q.			10	10	
Dist. Depot MDXI	On Parade		3	3	3
	Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
31st. Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
Bde. H.Q.	On Parade	1	-	1	1
End. Bn. CSR CASF	On Parade		13	13	13
	Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
10th Ft. Sig. Cdy. RGCS	On Parade		3	3	3
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
Hon. Maj. Madden CCS		1	-	1	1
Naval personnel att'd		1	7	8	8
Civ. personnel att'd			18	18	18
GRAND TOTAL		10	148	158	126

Ration Strength

126



PART 1 ORDERS.

85th. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. , C.A.S.P.
YORK ISLAND. B.C.

Sept. 16th. 1940

BY
MAJOR J. T. PIARCY

No. 259

1. DUTIES - TUESDAY Sept. 17th.

To be Officer of the Watch next for duty	- Lt. P. F. Deckerill
To be Orderly Officer next for duty	- Lt. J. H. Bricker
To be Orderly Sergeant	- Lt. J. H. Bricker
To be Orderly Bombardier	- L. P. F. Deckerill
	- Sgt. Ramsden
	- Bdr. Garrett

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs 17/9/40 to 0730 hrs 18/9/40

RIGHT SECTION

No. 1. Detachment
Sgt. Cox
12. O.R.'s as detailed

No. 2. Detachment
1/Sgt. Thackeray
12. O.R.'s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 0830 hrs & 1900 hrs H.C. Party & Right Section

4. SANITARY DETAIL / TUESDAY

Gnr. Willoughby
Gnr. King
Gnr. McKay

5. SANTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 17/9/40 to 0600 hrs 18/9/40

Ptes: - Cameron, Plamondon, English. 2nd. Btn. (MC) CSR.

6. ORDERLY SYSTEM OF MESSING

1. Nos. 1 will give to B.S.M. a list of their men made up in groups of six. As far as possible this arrangement will be voluntary. These groups will be allotted tables, and will always eat at the same ~~MESS~~ table.
2. The hut orderly for the day will be table orderly for the two tables of his hut.

7. HUT INSPECTION

Hut inspection for the "OFF DUTY WATCH" will take place daily at 1145 hrs.



**85th. Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.**

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

Sept. 16th 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.S</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	59	60	
	Employed		9	9	
	Stn. Hosp.		3	3	72
	On Leave		8	8	
	On Furlough		4	4	
	Com. Leave	1	-	1	
	Att'd to 58th B		-	1	
	Att'd to 31st.1		-	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		12	12	
Dist. Depot MDXI	On Parade		1	1	
	Employed		2	2	3
	Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
31st. Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
Bde. H.Q.	On Parade	1	-	1	1
2nd. Bn. CSR CASF	On Parade		13	13	13
	Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
RCCS	On Parade		3	3	3
R.C.A.M..C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
Naval personnel att'd		1	7	8	8
Civ. personnel att'd			18	18	18
GRAND TOTAL		9	148	157	123

Ration Strength

123



PART 1 ORDERS.

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A., C.A.S.F.
YORK ISLAND. B.C.

Sept. 17th. 1940

BY
MAJOR J. N. PLARGEY

No. 260

1. DUTIES - WEDNESDAY Sept. 18th.

To be Officer of the Watch
next for duty

- Lt. J. H. Bricker
- Lt. P. F. Deckerill

To be Orderly Officer
next for duty

- Lt. P. F. Deckerill
- Lt. J. H. Bricker

To be Orderly Sergeant
To be Orderly Bombardier

- Sgt. Ramsden
- Bdr. Garrett

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hours 18/9/40 to 0730 hours 19/9/40

LEFT SECTION

No. 3 Detachment
Sgt. Thurlwell
12 O.R.'s as detailed

No. 4 Detachment
Sgt. Davidson
12 O.R.'s as detailed

3. MAINTENANCE PARADE 0830 hours & 1900 hours H.C. Party & Left Section

4. BAITARY DETAIL - WEDNESDAY

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. King
Cnr. McKay

5. BATTERY DUTY from 1900 hours 18/9/40 to 0600 hours 19/9/40

Ptes: - McCuEoch, Johnstone, Legg
2nd. Btn (MG) CSR.



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

H.Q.
M.D. RI,
VICTORIA B.C.

Sept. 17th 1940

BRING TO ROUNDS

1. At 0817 hrs. on 16th of Sept. 1940, X.V.
H.M.C.S. "MARAUDER" signalled the fort to bring to a vessel
proceeding south along Sunderland Channel.

1 gun fired one round, the vessel stopped and
was dealt with by X.O.

I am informed the name of vessel was M.V. "VIC"
V009H of Vancouver

2. At 1329 hrs. on Sept 16th 1940, X.V.
H.M.C.S. "MARAUDER" signalled to bring to a vessel
proceeding south on Johnstone Straits.

2 gun fired, one round, the vessel stopped and
X.O. ordered it in to York Island where it was dealt
with by C.K.O. Name of vessel was C.S.C. #2 of Vancouver
V092H.

3. At 0714 hrs. on Sept. 17th 1940, X.V.
H.M.C.S. "WEST COAST" signalled a bring to round on a
vessel proceeding south on Sunderland Channel.

1 gun fired one round, the vessel stopped and
was dealt with by X.O.

I am informed the vessels name was M.V. Hatta S,
V0685 of Sechart. All Indian Crew, no registration cards.

4. At 0835 hrs. on Sept. 17th 1940, X.V.
H.M.C.S. "WEST COAST" signalled for a vessel to be
brought to, proceeding south on Johnstone Straits.

2 gun fired one round, the vessel stopped,
and was dealt with by X.O.

I am informed vessels name was M.V. "SHANNON M"
V067D of Vancouver.

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

JEP/PM

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

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

Sept. 17th 1940

H.Q.
M.D. XI,
VICTORIA, B.C.

BARBED WIRE

In compliance with request of D.A. & Q.M.G. on his recent visit, enclosed is sketch plan of proposed barbed wire entanglements to be erected on York Island. The length of entanglements to be erected is about 2000 yds. which at four strands at each line would need about 8000 yds. of single wire.

No steel posts are required as it is proposed to use ~~iron~~ trees and in the few places where standing trees are not available it is easy to erect fewer posts of wood, to be made on the Island.

Will you please instruct District Ordnance Officer to send up sufficient rolls of barbed wire to make 8000 yds. also the necessary pliers, gloves, etc. to handle the wire.

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

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

Sept. 17th 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.S</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	63	64	
	Employed		9	9	
	Stn. Hosp.		3	3	76
	On Leave		4	4	
	On Furlough		4	4	
	Com. Leave	1	-	1	
	Att'd 85th	2	-	2	
	Att'd 81st.	1	-	1	
Bde. H.Q.		13	13		
Dist. Depot MDXI	On Parade		1	1	
	Employed		2	2	3
	Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
81st Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
Bde. H.Q.		1	1	2	2
2nd. Bn. CSR CASF	On Parade	1	33	34	34
	Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
Naval personnel att'd		1	7	8	8
Civ. personnel att'd			18	18	18
GRAND TOTAL		10	170	180	149

Ration Strength

149



PART 1 ORDERS

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

Sept. 18th. 1940

By
MAJOR J. E. PI-RCY.

No. 261

1. DUTIES - THURSDAY Sept. 19th

To be Officer of the Watch next for duty	- Lt. P. P. Deckerill - Lt. H. V. S. Banks
To be Orderly Officer next for duty	- Lt. J. H. Bricker - Lt. P. P. Deckerill
To be Orderly Sergeant To be Orderly Bombardier	- Sgt. Ramsden - Bdr. Garrett

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs 19/9/40 to 0730 hrs 20/9/40

FIGHT SECTION

No. 1. Detachment
Sgt. Cox
12. O.R.'S as detailed

No. 2. Detachment
L/Sgt. Thackeray
12. O.R.'S as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs & 1900 hrs HQ. Party & Right Section

4. SANITARY DUTY - Thursday

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. King
Cnr. McKay

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1900 hrs 19/9/40 to 0600 hrs 20/9/40

Ptes:- Wootton, Vanstone, Bailly-Snd. Bn (HQ) CBR.

6. REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS

Under the Defence of Canada Regulations, every rifle and shotgun, must be registered by the owner of same with the police.

This also applies to privately owned revolvers and automatics. Any men who have any privately owned rifle, shotgun, or revolver in their possession will notify the Orderly Room, so that when the Police Boat PWL9 calls on the next patrol at York Island, they can be notified and secure registration of same.



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

York Island, B.C.

Sept. 18th 1940

D.D.S. & T.O.
Immigration Bldg.
Vancouver, B.C.

COAL

The civilian employees of the D.E.O. will have finished the coal bin for 50 tons of coal this week.

If convenient, please arrange to send 25 tons per next sailing of S.S. "BORDER PRINCE" and as soon as we have cleared the wharf of the first 25 tons we will notify you, and you can then send up the next 25 tons.

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

/JEP/PM

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

Sept. 18th 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.S</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	62	63	
	Employed		8	8	
	Stn. Hosp.		3	3	74
	On Leave		6	6	
	On Furlough		4	4	
	Com. Leave	1	-	1	
	Att'd 58th	EE 3	-	1	
	Att'd 31st	1	-	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		13	13	
Dist. Depot. MDXI	Employed		3	3	3
	Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
31st. Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
Bde. H.Q.		1	1	2	2
2nd. Bn. CSR CASF	On Parade	1	33	34	34
	Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
Naval personnel att'd		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel att'd			14	14	14
GRAND TOTAL		11	166	177	143

RATION STRENGTH

143



Diary

PART 1 ORDERS

85th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., C.A.S.F.
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

Sept. 19th. 1940

By
MAJOR J. E. FARCY

No. 268

1. DUTIES - FRIDAY Sept. 20th

- | | |
|---|--|
| To be Officer of the Watch
next for duty | - 2/Lt. H. V. H. Bankes
- Lt. P. P. Deckerill |
| To be Orderly Officer
next for duty | - L. P. P. Deckerill
- Lt. Macdonell |
| To be Orderly Sergeant | - Sgt. Ramsden |
| To be Orderly Bombardier | - Bdr. Garrett |

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs 20/9/40 to 0730 hrs 21/9/40

LEFT SECTION

No. 3. Detachment
L/Sgt. Thurlwell
R.C.R.'s as detailed

No. 4. Detachment
Sgt. Davidson
R.C.R.'s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 0830 hrs & 1900 hrs H.Q. Party & Left Section

4. SANITARY DETAIL - Friday

Gnr. Willoughby
Gnr. King
Gnr. McKay

5. SANITARY DUTY from 1800 hrs 20/9/40 to 0600 hrs 21/9/40

Notes:- Binniah, Drought, Dodd A.W. 2nd. Btn (MG) C.S.R.

6. DISCIPLINE - BEHAVIOUR OF TROOPS WALKING OUT

- The very unsoldierly practice of C.A.S.F. personnel thumbing for rides in Civilian Vehicles must cease.
- Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders under this Order. (from Bde. Pg. I, Orders)



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
88th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.

Sept. 19th 1940

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

DETACHMENT - 2nd. Bn. (28) Can. Scots. Regt. CASF

1. The additional reinforcements arrived Sept. 17th 1940.

2. It is noted that practically none of them have any fatigue clothing, either battle dress denim or overalls. The reason given is that none could be obtained from Ordnance.

3. As it is essential that these men be equipped with fatigue clothing in order to save their battle dress which will be quickly ruined if no fatigue is supplied. I request that the B.C.C. be instructed to arrange a special issue of two suits of fatigue clothing either Battle Dress Denim, or overalls, for each man of this detachment on York Island.

Two suits are necessary as special authority has been given for the fatigue clothing to be washed every two weeks. If one suit only is supplied, the men will be without fatigue clothing for the week during which the fatigue clothing is being washed.

4. Enclosed is size roll of fatigue clothing necessary for the new reinforcements. A complete list of shortages of the original group has been already sent to the unit, but nothing has been done nor sent up from them.

(J.E. Piorey) Major, B.C.A.
Officer Commanding, York Island.

JES/EM

O.C. to O.C. 2nd. Bn. (28) C.S.R., C.A.S.F.

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

Sept. 19th 1940

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

CAMOUFLAGE MATERIAL

1. I have received instructions from the D.O.O. to indent for all camouflage material required. Before doing so, I request that camouflage officer look over the site of the island, to advise what is required.
2. I am informed that Lieut. Godfrey has been appointed District Camouflage Officer, and that he will be leaving for Prince Rupert shortly.
3. I request that Lieut. Godfrey be instructed to stop off at York Island for one or two days, while enroute to Prince Rupert. He can get off either at Kelsey Bay, or per examination vessel in Johnstone Straits, and we can put him on the next vessel proceeding to Prince Rupert.

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

JEP/PM

D. Kelly

8th Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

SEP 19 1940

STRENGTH STATE (Daily)

		Offrs.	C.P.S.	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade	8	65	68	78
	Employed		8	8	
	Str. Hosp.		2	2	
	On Leave		4	4	
	On Furlough		4	4	
	Att'd Both	2	-	2	
	Att'd Slat	2	-	2	
H.Q. Slat		10	10		
Dist. Depot MUXI	Employed		3	3	3
	B.S.H.Q.		1	1	
Slat Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
Bdc. H. L.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
Eng Bn (AB) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	53	54	54
	Bdc. HQ		5	5	
H.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
R.C.A.H.Q.	Employed	1	3	4	4
Naval personnel att'd		1	9	9	9
Civilian personnel att'd			14	14	14
GRAND TOTAL		11	166	177	148

Rations strength 148



SEP 20 1940

Diary

PART 1 ORDERS

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A., C.A.S.F.
YORK ISLAND, R.C.

Sept. 20th. 1940

BY
MAJOR J. S. FLRQY

No. 263

1. DUTIES - SATURDAY Sept. 21st.

To be Officer of the Watch
next for duty

- Lt. P. F. Deckerill
- 2/Lt. H. V. E. Bankes

To be Orderly Officer
next for duty

- Lt. Macdonell
- Lt. P. F. Deckerill

To be Orderly Sergeant
To be Orderly Bombardier

- Sgt. Ramsden
- Bdr. Garrett

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs 21/9/40 to 0330 hrs 22/9/40

RIGHT SECTION

No. 1. Detachment
Sgt. Cox
12 O.R.'s as detailed

No. 2. Detachment
L/Sgt. Thackeray
12 O.R.'s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs & 1900 hrs H.C. Party & Right Section

4. SANITARY DETAIL - Saturday

Gnr. Willoughby
Gnr. McKay
Gnr. O'Reilly

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 21/9/40 to 0600 hrs 22/9/40

Pos:- Eckstein, Holt, Lewis - End Btn (MG) CSR.



Diary

85th Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

STRENGTH STATE (Daily)

SEP 20 1940

		Offrs.	O.N.S	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade	2	65	67	
	Employed		3	3	
	Stn. Hoop.		3	3	78
	On Leave		4	4	
	On Furlough		4	4	
	Att'd 85th	2	-	2	
	Att'd 51st	1	-	1	
H.C.		10	10		
Causb.		1	1		
Dist. Depot WKKI	Employed		3	3	3
	Bde. H.C.		1	1	
51st Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
Bde. H.C.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
End Bn (MB) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	33	34	34
	Bde. H.C.		5	5	
R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
R.C.A.M.S.	Employed	1	3	4	4
Naval personnel att'd		1	8	9	9
Civilian personnel att'd			14	14	14
GRAND TOTAL		11	166	177	148

Rations strength 148



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

Sept. 21st 1940

DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE BOARD,
OTTAWA, ONT.

KL7127 Gnr. LAMBE W.G.

1. The s/m joined the C.A.S.F. on June 1st 1940.
per month
2. On Attestation he assigned \$20.00^{per month} to his mother,
Mrs. P.O. Lambe 358 32nd. Ave. East, Vancouver and also
applied for Dependents Allowance.
3. He informs me that The Dependents Allowance Board
has granted \$10.00 per month to his mother, and she
has received two \$10.00 payments which presumably
are Dependents Allowances for July and August, but she
has not received his assigned pay of \$20.00 per month
which should have started in August. This assigned pay
has been deducted from his pay, but has not been paid
to her.
4. Will you please advise me why the assigned pay
has not been paid?
5. Further will you please advise me why a
Dependents Allowance of only \$10.00 per month in
place of the usual \$20.00 was granted, as Gnr. Lambe
states he paid his mother between \$40.00 and \$45.00
per month before enlistment.

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

JEP/PM

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

Sept. 21st 1940

Dependents Allowance Board,
Ottawa, Ont.

K.17108 Gnr. STINSON G.W.

1. The a/m was recruited on the 26th of June 1940 to the 85th Hvy. Bty. RCA CASE. His wife is dead, but he has a daughter aged nine years, who resides at his mother's, Mrs. F. Stinson, Stonewall, Man.

2. On joining up he was informed that it was compulsory to assign \$20.00 per month to his mother, which he did, and also he claimed \$12.00 per month the Dependents Allowance for his daughter. While the \$20.00 per month has been deducted from his pay, he is informed by his mother that she has only received one payment of \$40.00, which she received in September with a letter from you stating that this payment was for the month of September.

3. Will you please advise me as soon as possible on the following:-

(a) Has a Dependents Allowance been granted for his daughter, and if not, when will it be?

(b) What does this payment of \$40.00 represent?

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

JEP/FM

DEPARTMENT'S FILE

85th. Heavy Battery R.C.A (C)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

SEP 21 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.S.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade	8	65	68	
	Employed		11	11	
	Str. Hosp.		5	5	79
	On Leave		6	6	
	Furlough		5	5	
	A.W.O.		1	1	
	Att'd 85th	5	-	5	
	Att'd 51st	1	-	1	
Att'd Bde.		9	9		
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Dist. Depot HKI	Employed		1	1	
	On Parade		2	2	5
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Bde H.Q.	On Parade	1	1	2	8
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51st Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
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2nd. Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	54	55	55
	Bde. H.Q.		4	4	
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R.C.C.S.	On Parade		5	5	5
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R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	5	4	4
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Naval personnel att'd		1	8	9	9
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Civilian personnel att'd			14	14	14
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GRAND TOTAL		11	167	178	180
					180
RATIONS STRENGTH					<u>180</u>



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PART 1 ORDERS.

85th Heavy Battery R.C.A., C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.
Sept. 23rd. 1940

2. PAGES - PAGE 1.

BY
MAJOR J. T. PIERCY

No. 265

DUTIES - MONDAY, Sept. 23rd.

To be Officer of the Watch next for duty	- Lt. J. R. Bricker - 2nd. Lt. H. V. N. Banks.
To be Orderly Officer next for duty	- 2nd. Lt. H. V. N. Banks - Lt. Macdonell
To be Orderly Sergeant To be Orderly Bombardier	- L/Sgt. Thurlwell - L/Bdr. Hamrell

DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hours 23/9/40 to 0730 hours 24/9/40

RIGHT SECTION

No. 1. Detachment
Sgt. Cox
L.C.O.R.'s as detailed

No. 2. Detachment
L/Sgt. Thackeray
L.C.O.R.'s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - 0630 hrs and 1830 hrs W.C. Party & Right Section

4. SANITARY DETAIL - Monday

Gnr. Willoughby
Gnr. King
Gnr. McKay

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 23/9/40 to 0600 hrs 24/9/40

Plas : - Robertson, Sayers, Stace-Smith - 2nd Btn C.S.R.

6. TRAINING SYLLABUS

Foot & Rifle drill periods in the a/m will consist also of
Elementary marksmanship. Instruction will include loading drill, Dummy .303
& A.A. in chargers will be used.

7. BATTERY DRILL - MONDAY-13:45 hrs

Both Watches will fall in with rifles and respirators at
the "Alert"

The following personnel are detailed for specialist duties:-

Gnr. Waddy	- B.C.A.
Gnr. Jones	- D.R.P.
Gnr. Foote	- D.R.P.
Gnr. Barnett	- D.R.P.

Gnr. Hamrell	} To be ammunition numbers and ready to man the L.M.G.'s when required
Gnr. Mayman	
Gnr. Shore	
Gnr. McCowan	

8. EMPLOYED PERSONNEL

The u/m O.R's will fall in for instruction as follows :-

Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 14.30 hours - Foot & Rifle Drill
Instructor - Sgt. Ramsden.

Tuesday & Thursday at 13.45 hours - Foot & Rifle Drill
Instructor - Sgt. Ramsden.
at 14.30 hours - Respirator Drill
Instructor - B. S. H. Lockhart.

A/L/Mr. Andersen C.	Cnr. Ballerone H.C.
Cnr. Ryan C.R.	Cnr. McGartney W.
Cnr. Agnew C.	Cnr. Jones T. L.
Cnr. Desmarais J.A.	Cnr. Larson O.A.
Cnr. Gatenby W.	Cnr. Lambe W.C.

9. H.Q. PERSONNEL

All headquarter personnel will undergo training as follows :-

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 0835 hours - Rifle Drill
and Musketry.
Instructor - Sgt. Ramsden.

Wednesday & Friday at 0835 hours - Respirator Drill
Instructor - Mr. Jones D.D.

10. SMALL ARMS COURSE

X.17042 Mr. Dashwood-Jones D. of the 85th Hvy. Bty. RCA CAS
has qualified (SMALL ARMS COURSE # 231). (Authy. H.Q. MDXI,
O/L. V. 66-1-10-1-3, dated Sept. 18th 1940)



85th. Heavy Battery RCA (CASE)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

SEP 22 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.S</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASE	On Parade	2	63	65	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.		3	3	79
	On Leave		6	6	
	Furlough		3	3	
	A.W.L.		1	1	
	Att'd 50th	3	-	3	
	Att'd 51st	1	-	1	
	Att'd Bde.		9	9	
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Dist. Depot HRLI	Employed		1	1	
	On Parade		2	2	3
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Bde H.C.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
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51st Hvy. Bty. RCA CASE	On Parade	1	-	1	1
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End. Bn. (MG) CSR CASE	On Parade	1	34	35	35
	Bde. H.C.		4	4	
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R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
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R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
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Naval personnel att'd		1	8	9	9
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Civilian personnel att'd			14	14	14
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GRAND TOTAL		11	167	178	150

RATIONS STRENGTH

150



Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

ORIGINAL

M.F.M. 11.
A.F.C. 2118.
1 M.I. - 8-39 (1778)
H.Q. 1772-45-18

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
York Island	1940 Sept. 23		Reporting 4 patients in hospital. 1 "bring to" round fired by No.1 gun Weather: bright.	
"	24		Major K.W.Hicks, Bde.H.Q. attached for R. & Q. Major R.Hunter, 1st S/L Regt. -ditto- Lt. A.C.Setterfield, Bde. H.Q. -ditto- Lt.D.Carpenter, 10th Fort. Sig.Coy. R.C.C.S. att. for R. & Q. B.S.M.Saunders, H.Q. V. & E. Fort att. for R. & Q. Q.M.S. Bourne, J.H., R.C.O.C. -ditto- S/Sgt. MacMillan, E., R.C.O.C. -ditto- Weather: cloudy Lieut.D.Carpenter, 10th Fort.Sig.Coy. R.C.C.S. ceases to be att. for R.& Q. 2/Lt. W.J.Jeffrey, 85th Bty. reported for duty. 1 C.R. proceeded on leave. 1 O.R. proceeded on furlough 1 O.R. this Bty. posted as deserter.	1-0
"	25		1 naval rating att. for R.& Q. Van. Defences report parapet wall and crew shelter approved in principle. Weather: cloudy.	
"	26		Q.M.S. Bourne, R.C.O.C. cease to be attached for R. & Q. Sgt. Bashem, R.C.C.S. " " " " " " " " 5 civilian employees cease to be attached for R. & Q. 3 O.R.'s returned from leave. Major General W.A.Griesbach arrived for inspection. Major Morse aide to I.G. arrived. Weather: rain.	
"	27		Lieut. Col.J.Preston, Staff M.D.11, attached for R. & Q. Major General W.A .Griesbach departed. Chevrolet light delivery truck arrived for Bty. use on Island. Weather: rain.	

RARE 1 ORDERS.

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

Sept. 23rd. 1940

BY
MAJOR G. W. MURPHY

No. 266.

1. DUTIES - Tuesday Sept. 24th.

To be Officer of the Watch next for duty	- Lt. H. V. N. Banks
	- Lt. J. H. Bridger
To be Orderly Officer next for duty	- Lt. D. L. Macdonell
	- Lt. H. V. N. Banks
To be Orderly Sergeant	- L/Sgt. Thurlwell
To be Orderly Bombardier	- L/Bdr. Hannell

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs 24/9/40 to 0730 25/9/40

LEFT SECTION

No. 3 Detachment
Bdr. Jones
12 O.R.'s as detailed

No. 4 Detachment
Sgt. Davidson
12 O.R.'s as detailed

3. MARCHING PARADE - 0630 hrs & 1830 hrs H.Q. Party & Left Section

4. SANITARY DETAIL - Tuesday

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. King
Cnr. McKey

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 24/9/40 to 0600 hrs 25/9/40

Pls :- Thomson, Voss, Whitesel, - 2nd. Btn CBR. (MG)



85th. Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

Sept. 23rd 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.S</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	2	62	64	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.		4	4	79
	On Leave		6	6	
	On Furlough		3	3	
	A.W.L.		1	1	
	Att'd 58th	3	-	3	
	Att'd 31st	1	-	1	
Bde H.Q.			9	9	
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Dist Dep't MDKI	Employed		1	1	
	On Parade		2	2	3
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Bde H.Q.	Employed		1	1	1
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End. Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	34	35	55
	Bde H.Q.		4	4	
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R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
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R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
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Naval personnel att'd		1	8	9	9
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Civilian personnel att'd			14	14	14
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Grand Total		11	165	176	149
Ration Strength					149



PART 1 ORDERS.

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

Sept. 24th. 1940

BY

MAJOR J. F. PIERCY

No. 267.

1. DUTIES - Wednesday Sept. 25th.

To be Officer of the Watch next for duty	- 2/Lt. W. J. Jeffrey - 2/Lt. H. V. N. Bankes
To be Orderly Officer next for duty	- 2/Lt. H. V. N. Bankes - 2/Lt. W. J. Jeffrey
To be Orderly Sergeant To be Orderly Bombardier	- 1/Sgt. Thurlwell - 1/Bdr. Hammett

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs 25/9/40 to 0730 hrs 26/9/40

RIGHT SECTION

No. 1 Detachment
Sgt. Cox
K.O.R.'s as detailed

No. 2 Detachment
1/Sgt. Thackeray
12.O.R.'s as detailed

3. MARCHING PARADE - 0830 hrs H.Q. Party & Right Section

4. SANITARY DETAIL - Wednesday

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. King.
Cnr. McKay

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 25/9/40 to 0600 hrs 26/9/40

Ptes:- Wilkin, Cameron, Whitaker - End. Btn. CSR.



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

Sept. 24th 1940

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

BRING TO ROUNDS

1. At 1159 hrs on Sept. 23rd 1940 Examination Vessel H.M.C.S. "MARAUDER" signalled the fort to bring to a vessel proceeding south on Sunderland Channel. No. 2 gun fired one round, the vessel stopped and was dealt with by the X.O.
2. I am informed the vessel was H.V. "CARLISLE" of Vancouver.

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

JEP/PM

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

Sept. 24th 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>C.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
35th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade	3	64	67	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.		3	3	81
	On Leave		6	6	
	On Furlough		2	2	
	A.W.L.		1	1	
Att'd 58th B		-	3	3	
Bde. H.Q.			9	9	
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Bde. H.Q.		1	1	2	2
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Dist. Depot MDXI	Employed		1	1	
	On Parade		2	2	3
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2nd. Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	34	35	35
	Bde. H.Q.		4	4	
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1st S/L Regt. RCA CASF		1	-	1	1
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51st Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF		1	-	1	1
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R.C.O.C.			2	2	2
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R.C.C.S.		1	4	5	5
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Royal School of Artillery			1	1	1
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Armament Officer		1	-	1	1
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R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
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Naval personnel att'd		1	8	9	9
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Civilian personnel att'd			14	14	14
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Grand total		14	170	184	159

Ration Strength

159



PART 1 ORDERS.

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

Sept. 25th. 1940

BY
MAJOR J. E. PIERCY

No. 268

1. DUTIES - Thursday 30th. 26th.

To be Officer of the Watch next for duty	- 2/Lt. H. V. H. Bankes - 2/Lt. W. J. Jeffrey
To be Orderly Officer next for duty	- 2/Lt. W. J. Jeffrey - Lt. D. L. Macdonell
To be Orderly Sergeant To be Orderly Bombardier	- 1/Sgt. Thurlwell - 1/Bdr. Hammell

2. DEUTY WATCHES - from 0730 hrs 26/9/40 to 0730 hrs 27/9/40

LEFT SECTION

No. 3. Detachment
Bdr. Jones
12. O.R.'s as detailed

No. 4. Detachment
Sgt. Davidson
12. O.R.'s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs - H.Q. Party & Left Section

4. SANITARY DETAIL

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. King
Cnr. McKay

5. SENTRY DUTY - from 1800 hrs 26/9/40 to 0600 hrs 27/9/40

Ptes :- Plamondon, English, McCulloch - 2nd. Btn. CBR



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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

Sept. 25th 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.S</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	3	65	68	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn Hosp		2	2	81
	On Leave		6	6	
	On Furlough		2	2	
	A.M.L.		1	1	
	Att'd 58th XXXXXXXXXX Bde. H.Q.	3	-	3	
			9	9	
Dist. Depot MDXI	Employed		1	1	
	On Parade		2	2	3
Bde H.Q.		1	1	2	2
1st S/L Regt RCA CASF		1	-	1	1
31st Hvy Bty RCA CASF		1	-	1	1
Armament Officers		1	-	1	1
Royal School of Artillery			1	11	1
End. Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	54	55	55
	Bde H.Q.		4	4	
R.C.O.C.			2	2	2
			4	4	4
R.C.C.S.		1	1	1	1
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
Naval personnel att'd		1	8	9	9
Civilian personnel att'd			14	14	14
GRAND TOTAL		13	170	185	159

RATION STRENGTH

159



PART 1 ORDERS

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

Sept. 26th. 1940

BY
MAJOR J. E. PURCY

No. 269

1. DUTIES - Friday

To be Officer of the Watch next for duty	- 2nd. Lt. W. J. Jeffrey - 2nd. Lt. H. V. N. Bankes
To be Orderly Officer next for duty	- Lt. D. L. Macdonell - 2nd. Lt. W. J. Jeffrey
To be Orderly Sergeant To be Orderly Bombardier	- 1/ Sgt. Thurlwell - 1/ Bdr. Hammell

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs 27/9/40 to 0730 hrs 28/9/40

RIGHT SECTION

No. 1. Detachment
1 Sgt. Cox
12. O.R.'s as detailed

No. 2. Detachment
1/ Sgt. Thackeray
12. O.R.'s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs - H.Q. Party & Right Section

4. SANITARY DETAIL - Friday

Gnr. Willoughby
Gnr. King
Gnr. McKay

5. SENTRY DUTY - from 1800 hrs 27/9/40 to 0600 hrs 28/9/40

Ptes :- Johnstone, Legg, Shearer - End. Btn (MC) CSR.



85th Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

Sept. 26th 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.B</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade	3	67	70	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Resp.		3	5	84
	On Leave		5	5	
	On Furlough		2	2	
	Att'd 58th	3	-	3	
	Bde. H.Q.		9	9	
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Dist Depot MDKI	On Parade		3	3	3
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Bde. H.Q.		1	1/	2	2
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1st S/L Regt. RCA CASF		1	-	1	1
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31st Hvy Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
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Armament Officers		1	-	1	1
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V.E. FORTRESS			1	1	1
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2nd. Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	34	35	35
	Bde H.Q.		4	4	
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R.C.O.C.			2	2	2
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R.C.C.S.			4	4	4
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R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
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Naval personnel att'd		1	8	9	9
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Civilian personnel att'd			14	14	14
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Grand Total		13	171	184	161

Ration strength 161



PART 1 ORDERS

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

Sep. 27th. 1940

BY
MAJOR J. T. PI-ROY

No. 270

1. DUTIES - Saturday

To be Officer of the Watch next for duty	- 2/Lt. H. V. H. Bankes - 2/Lt. W. J. Jeffrey
To be Orderly Officer next for duty	- 2/Lt. W. J. Jeffrey - 2/Lt. H. V. H. Bankes
To be Orderly Sergeant To be Orderly Bombardier	- 1/Sgt. Thurwell - 1/Bdr. Hamell

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs 28/9/40 to 0830 hrs 29/9/40

LEFT SECTION

No. 3. Detachment
Bdr. Jones
12. O.R.'s as detailed

No. 4. Detachment
Sgt. Davidson
12. O.R.'s as detailed

3. MARCHING PARADE - 0830 hrs H.R. Party & Left Section

4. SANITARY DETAIL - Saturday

Cnr. King
Cnr. McKay
Cnr. Harbord.

5. SHERK DUTY - from 1800 hrs 28/9/40 to 0600 hrs 29/9/40

Ptes : - Wootton, Vanstone, Bailey-End, Btn (MG) CBR.



Diary

85th. Heavy Battery RCA (CA)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

Sept. 25th 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade	3	67	70	84
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn Hosp		3	3	
	On Leave		5	5	
	On Furlough		2	2	
	att'd 85th Bde H.Q.	3	-	3	
	Bde H.Q.		9	9	
Dist Depot MDEI	On Parade		3	3	3
Bde H.Q.		1	1	2	2
1st S/L Regt RCA CASF		1	-	1	1
51st Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
Armament Officer		1	-	1	1
V & E Fortress			1	1	1
Lt. Col. J. Preston		1	-	1	1
2nd Bn (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	34	35	35
	Bde H.Q.		4	4	
R.C.C.C.			1	1	1
R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
Naval personnel att'd		1	8	9	9
Civ. personnel att'd			9	9	9
Grand Total		14	164	178	155

RATIONS STRENGTH

155



Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

ORIGINAL

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

Place	Date 1940	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
York Island	Sept. 28		5 O.R.'s returned from leave Lt.-Col. J. Preston, Staff M.D. 11, cease to be attached for R. & Q. Weather: Foggy	
"	29		Major K.W. Hicks, H.Q. ceases to be attached for R. & Q. Major R. Hunter, 1st S/L Regt. -ditto- Lieut A.C. Setterfield H.Q. -ditto- B.S.M. Saunders, H.Q. V. & E. Fort -ditto- S/Sgt. MacMillan, R.C.O.C. -ditto- Letter re cooking range Weather: fair and windy	8-4
"	30		Major R.T. DuMoulin, 58th attached this Bty. for R.Q. & D. 30 O.R.'s 58th Bty. Strength return 102 all ranks Attached 5 officers, 86 O.R.'s and 9 civ. employees. Ration strength 184. Five patients reported in hospital. U.S.S. Co. "Lady Rose" docked York Island 0830 hrs. carrying 1 officer 30 O.R.'s 58th Bty. departed 1100 hrs. carrying 1 officer and 28 O.R.'s 85th Bty. Weather: bright.	



PART I ORDERS

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

28th September, 1940

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

NO. 271

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271-1 DUTIES - Sunday

To be Officer of the Watch - 2/Lt. W. J. Jeffrey
Next for duty - 2/Lt. H. V. N. Bankes

Orderly Officer - 2/Lt. H. V. N. Bankes
Next for duty - Lt. D. L. Macdonell

Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Davidson

" Bdr. - Bdr. Jones

271-2 DUTY WATCHES from 0830 hrs. 29-9-40 to 0730 hrs. 30-9-40

Right Section

No. 1 Detachment

Sgt. Cox and 12 O.R.'s
as detailed

No. 2 Detachment

L/Sgt. Thackeray and
12 O.R.'s as detailed

271-3 MANNING PARADE - 0930 hrs. H.Q. party and right section

271-4 SANITARY DETAIL - Sunday

Gnr. Willoughby
" Cameron

271-5 SENTRY DUTY - from 1800 hrs. 29-9-40 to 0600 hrs. 30-9-40

Ptes. Binnish, Drought, Dodd, A.W.

2nd Bn. (M.G.) C.S.R.



h. Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

Sept. 28th 1944

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.S</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
65th Hvy Bty R.C.A., CASF	On Parade	3	71	74	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn Hosp		4	4	89
	On Leave		1	1	
	On Furlough		1	1	
	Att'd 56th Bde H.C.	3	-	3	
			9	9	
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Diet Depot MDXI	On Parade		3	3	3
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Bde H.C.		1	1	2	2
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61st Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
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1st S/L Regt RCA CASF		1	-	1	1
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Armament Officer		1	-	1	1
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V & E Fortress			1	1	1
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2nd Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	33	34	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	35
	Bde H.C.		4	4	
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R.C.C.C.			1	1	1
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R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
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R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
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Naval personnel att'd		1	8	9	9
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Civ. personnel att'd			9	9	9
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Grand total		13	164	177	159

Known Ration Strength

159



PART I ORDERS

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

29th September, 1940

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

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272-1 DUTIES - Monday

To be Officer of the Watch	- Lt. Selbie
Next for duty	- Lt. W.J. Jeffrey
Orderly Officer	- Lt. D.L. Maddonell
Next for duty	- Lt. Selbie
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Warburton
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Burgess

272-2 DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 30-9-40 to 0730 hrs. 1-10-40

Left Section

L/Sgt. Charlwell
and 12 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Bdr. Hammell
and 12 O.R.'s as detailed

272-3 MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs. H.Q. Party and left section

272-4 SANITARY DETAIL

Cnr. Willoughby
" King McKay

272-5 SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 30-9-40 to 0600 hrs. 1-10-40.

Ptes. Dodd, J.E., Lakstein, Holt

272-6 REVEILLE - Reveille for Monday, Sept. 30, will be at 0600 hrs.

272-7 NOTICE - All ranks are warned not to remove or destroy any notices, orders, etc., from notice board.



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

29th Sept., 0.

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

Cooking Range.

Reference your letter 24th Sept., 1940, file 51-F-3-1.
Reference my letter 14th Sept., 1940, file 8-1.

1. The D.F.O. has sent up per s.s. "Border Princes" which arrived 24th Sept., 1940, a two oven McClary Range. This is for the cooking of meals as the present range is only adequate for 75-100 men, whereas we now have 150 on ration strength, and the eventual strength of the garrison is expected to reach 174.
2. In order to bake bread for 174 men it will be necessary to supply a third three oven range, as the other two will be fully occupied with cooking the meals.
3. Reference para. 3 of my letter of 14th inst., it will also be necessary to supply small electric dough mixing machine, bowls, etc. Please advise when these will be supplied.
4. Personnel. Re para. 4 of my letter 14th inst., it is necessary to increase the present establishment by one baker, as my two cooks have neither the experience nor time to bake bread in addition to their other duties. Until this is done it is useless to indent for the flour and other ingredients to make bread.

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

JEP/JS

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

Heavy Battery R.C.A. (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

Sept. 29th 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>S.R.S.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
88th Hvy Bty R.C.A., CASF	On Parade	3	71	74	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn Hosp		4	4	89
	On Leave		1	1	
	On Furlough		1	1	
	Att'd 88th	3	-	3	
Bde H.Q.			9	9	
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Dist Depot HQI	On Parade		3	3	3
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Bde H.Q.		1	1	2	2
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81st Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
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1st S/L Regt RCA CASF		1	-	1	1
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Armament Officer		1	-	1	1
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V & R Postross			1	1	1
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2nd Bn. (MG) CASF	On Parade	1	33	34	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	38
	Bde H. .		4	4	
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B.C.O.C.			1	1	1
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B.C.O.C.	On Parade		3	3	3
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B.C.A.S.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
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Naval personnel att'd		1	8	9	9
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Civ. personnel att'd			9	9	9
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Grand total		18	164	177	189

Ration Strength

189



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PART I ORDERS

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

30th September, 1940

by
Major J.E. Piercey OC

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273-1 DUTIES - Tuesday

To be Officer of the Watch -	2/Lt. W.J. Jeffrey
Next for duty	- Lt. J. Bricker
Orderly Officer	- Lt. J. Bricker
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. W.J. Jeffrey
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Warburton
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Burgess

273-2 DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 1-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 2-10-40

<u>Right Section</u>	
<u>No. 1 Detachment</u>	<u>No. 2 Detachment</u>
Sgt. Cox and 12 O.R.'s as detailed	L/Sgt. Thackeray and 12 O.R.'s as detailed

273-3 MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs. H.Q. Party and Rt. Section

273-4 SANITARY DETAIL - Tuesday

Gnr. Willoughby
" Gatenby
" McKey

273-5 BATTERY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 1-10-40 to 0600 hrs. 2-10-40

Ptes. Mayfield, Patterson, Robertson



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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

Sept, 30th 1940

		Offrs	O.R.s	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	3	71	74	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn Hosp		4	4	89
	On Leave		1	1	
	On Furlough		1	1	
	Att'd to 58th Bde H Q	3	-	3	

Dist Depot MDXI	On Parade		3	3	3

Bde H Q			1	1	1

31st Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1

58th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1	29	30	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	31

2nd Bn (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	33	34	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	35
	Bde H Q		4	4	

R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3

R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4

Naval personnel att'd		1	8	9	9

Civ personnel att'd			9	9	9

Grand Total		11	192	213	185

Ration Strength

185

