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85th Heavy Battery
Royal Canadian Artillery

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Royal Canadian Artillery
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September 1939

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WAR DIARY

OF

85 HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CASE *(Details) Serial no 390*

FROM AUG 26 1939 TO SEP 30 1939

*PART II ORDERS
PASSED TO W.S.R
7 June 1962
~~ALL~~*

VOLUME I

APPENDICES "A" TO "H"

WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Enter heading not required)

ORIGINAL

M.F.M. 11
A.P.C. 1118
J.M. - 4.24 (1940)
H.Q. 1940-11

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
York Island	29		<p>Officers reconnoitered the Island and surveyed available accommodation which consisted of the Caretakers Quarters, a 5 room bungalow; a bunkhouse, 18 by 50; a mess hut 22 by 45; a small hut, 16 by 16; also a radio station hut, 10 by 14. The caretakers house was found to be occupied by two District Gunners of 5th Hvy. Bty and a signaller of No. 11 Det. ROCS.</p> <p>A Cold lunch was prepared as no stove pipe was sent with the camp stove. The launch "York" was sent to Kelsey Bay for various supplies, including stove pipe and kerosine for the lanterns.</p> <p>The men worked hard in pouring rain sorting out stores and carrying them away from the wharf. The tractor delivered was useless, as it refused to start.</p> <p>34 men were quartered in the bunk house, 9 N.C.O.s in the small hut. 4 N.C.O.s in the empty w/t station at the Fort, 2 O.R.s in the launch "York", 4 O.R.s in the Mess Hut, 4 O.R.s in the basement of the caretakers quarters, 2 O.R.s in the Radio Station, and the 4 Officers in the Caretakers Quarters.</p>	
	30		<p>Spent day cutting wood, moving stores and ammunition. A "Cat Driver" from the Salmon River Logging Co., was engaged to start and operate the tractor. More ammunition was sent up by the tractor in the afternoon.</p> <p>Weather : Raining</p>	
	31		<p>Continual fatigues. Foreman and 4 helpers arrived to build fence around Fort and construct a sleeping hut.</p> <p>Weather : Fair</p>	
Sept.	1		<p>Completed carrying Gun Stores to Fort. Wire fencing transported to Fort.</p> <p>Weather : Cloudy</p>	
	2		<p>Work continued. "Border Prince" called to pick up tractor. Mr. Gunner Blake returned to Vancouver. Tractor retained.</p>	
	3		<p>S.S. "Salvor" delivered sand, gravel, cement, roofing paper, etc.</p>	

Eng. 10/11

6th HEAVY BATTERY R. C. A.

YORK ISLAND

PART I ORDERS #4 1/9/39

BY

MAJOR F. W. GURUSKY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	2/9/39	2/Lt. C.A. Mulhern
To be Orderly Sergeant	2/9/39	L/Sgt. Clarke I.A.
Next day duty		A/L/Sgt. Thackeray P.A.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	2/9/39	Gnr. Willoughby H.W.
To be next for duty		Gnr. O'Malley C.R.

Bdr. Gosse J. ceases to be cook and is posted to #1 gun detachment.
To be cook Sgt. Davidson G. and is posted to Bty. H.Q.

2. FATIGUES FOR SATURDAY 2/9/39

I. Kitchen Fatigue.

Gnr. Buchan H.
Gnr. Cooper H.
Gnr. Fox P.
Gnr. Jordison E. J.

II. Sanitary Fatigue.

A/L/Sgt. Thackeray P. A.
A/L/Bdr. Parker J. L.
Gnr. Richards W.H.
Gnr. Spring R.
Gnr. McClung W. R.
Gnr. Willoughby H. W.

III. Q. M. STORES AND FUEL FATIGUE.

Bdr. Gosse J.
L/Bdr. Jones D. D.
Gnr. Connor R.
Gnr. Luney R.
Gnr. O'Malley C. R.
Gnr. Cheney R. H.
Gnr. Knight J.F.
Gnr. McGeragle J.

IV. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Bdr. Darby G. to report for duty to launch "York".

Pst. Jorgensen Capt
101.85 HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

101E

MEM

TA

12 BLUE

OFFICER COMMANDING

VICTORIA

85th BATTERY

YORK ISLAND

Sept 1 1550

461 MATERIAL WILL ARRIVE YORK ISLAND SUNDAY
MORNING ON THE SALVO. R

D.E.O.

401E

TD

TA

12 NEW

MAJOR W. R. BRADLEY

VICTORIA B C

85th BTX

SEPT 1

YORK ISLAND

495

REPORT PROGRESS DAILY BY NOON INCLUDING STATE
WATER SUPPLY

G. S. O.

301E

36 NW

Vancouver Sep 1

OC 85 Bty
York Island

Order has been received to mobilize STOP Wire number of your detachment willing to volunteer for Canadian Field Force for the duration STOP Mail nominal roll of same immediately STOP Retain balance on duty under section 64

OC 15 Vancouver C.B

WORK ISLAND BATTERY.

STANDING ORDERS

SEPT 1, 1939.

1. METHOD OF RANGE-FINDING: by DAY---D.R.F.
by NIGHT--Auto-Sights.
2. CASE OF LAYING: by DAY--Case II.
by NIGHT--Auto-Sights
3. AMMUNITION: (a) Flanged shell as provided for
"bringing-to" will be loaded
at #1.
(b) Anti-ship projectile as provided
will be loaded at #2.
4. TRAVEL AND POINT OF ATTACK: For line--on No. 1 Gun.
For Range--on D.R.F.
5. METHOD OF RANGING. Auto-sights--Gunfire.
Case II--2 rounds Battery Fire on
"order" "open 100".
FIRE. When vessel is hostile or disregards
warning round, gun fire (100s) will
be normal unless "open 100" ordered.
6. WHEN CORRECTIONS APPLIED: for Line--Auto-Sights.
for Range--Auto-Sights.
CASE II. Initial--on D.R.F. or R.I.
Spotting--on R.I. Dial.
Gun --on Gun Dials.
for Tide-Tide Level.
7. STATE OF TIME. D. R. F.
8. GUN AND BATTERY STORES: No. 1 Detachment will draw Sec. stores.
No. 2 Detachment will draw Qty. Stores.

R.H. Johnson Capt
for O.C. 85th ~~MAV~~ BATTERY.

R.C.A.

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101E		M		1502		

SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS ON THE BACK HEREOF:—

YORK ISLAND

FOLLOWING SKEDS AVAILABLE THIS STATION WITH :OURS STOP
EIGHT A.M. ELEVEN A.M. TWO P.M. FOUR P.M. SIX P.M. STOP
IF VICTORIA LATE DUE TO PRESSURE OF WORK YORK ISLAND IS TO
STAND BY UNTIL CALLED VICTORIA CALLING SOON AS POSSIBLE
AFTER SKED TIME.

VICTORIA 30

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O. C. WESTERN PORTRESS ESTAB.

ESQUIMAULT B. C.

MAY FIVE REGULAR SCHEDULES TWO IN MORNING AND TWO IN AFTERNOON
AND ONE IN THE EVENING BE ALLOWED THIS POST STOP THE PRESENT
SYSTEM OF STANDING BY IS INADEQUATE OWING TO VICTORIA'S
IRREGULARITY IN MAKING CALLS

F. W. GUERREY.

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

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2/9/39

BY

MAJOR F. W. CUNNINGHAM

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	3/9/39	2/Lt. G.A. Mulheron.
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	3/9/39	A/L/Sgt. Chockery F.A. Sgt. Hyten V.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	3/9/39	Cnr. O'Malley C.N. Cnr. Willoughby H.V.

2. Fatigues for Sunday 3/9/39.

I. Kitchen Fatigues.

Cnr. Buchan H.
Cnr. Cooper H.
Cnr. Atkins D.A.
Cnr. Foote T.E.

II. Sanitary Fatigues.

A/L/Sgt. Barker J.L.
Cnr. Adrich D.

III. Launch Detail.

Cnr. Fox P. to report for duty to Launch "York".

R.B. Ferguson Capt
for 85 HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

5 HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

Daily Strength

York Island, B.C.

Sept 2nd 1939

	Ostr.	O.P.s	Total
85 th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	3	49	52
R.C.A.M.C.	1	-	1
5 th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	-	3	3
10 th Fort. Sig Coy R.C.C.S.	-	4	4
Civilians	-	5	5
Sick in Hospital (Rock Bay)	-	1	1
<u>Total</u>	4	62	66



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11 R. S. D.						

SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS ON THE BACK HEREOF:—

G.S.O.

YORK ISLAND

ESQUIMAULT

2 Sept 39

11 ARTIFICER ESTIMATES TEN DAYS TO COMPLETE STOP
WATER SUPPLY THIRTY FIVE HUNDRED GALS STOP WATER
ARRANGEMENTS NOT SATISFACTORY

G.O. YORK ISLAND.

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LT. COL. GIBSON D.O.M.S.

YORK ISLAND

SIGNAL HILL

SEPT 2

ESQUIMAULT

12 WITH HEIGHT OF TRUNNION ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY TWO
POINT EIGHT FEET WOULD POINT FOUR MINUTES ERROR PLUS OR
MINUS BE POSSIBLE.

COCKBURN.

301E

JA

JA

36 BRDE

O.C. 85 BATTERY

VICTORIA

YORK ISLAND

SEPT 2

502 PLEASE ARRANGE FOR TEMPORARY RAILING AROUND GUN
PLATFORMS TO PREVENT MEN FALLING OFF THESE STOP CAN
PROBABLY BE PROVIDED BY WOOD POSTS LASHED TO THE
IRON VERTICAL POSTS WITH A ROPE ALONG THE TOP

D.E.O.

401

JA

17BLK

O.C. 85th BATTERY

VICTORIA

YORK ISLAND

SEPT 2

555 REFERENCE YOUR 13 PERMISSION GRANTED TO USE
TRACTOR TO TRANSPORT SAND AND GRAVEL

D.E.O.

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42 NBW

C.C. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

SEPT 2

541 REF REPORT WATER SUPPLY HAVE YOU ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR
IMPROVEMENT STOP PROGRESS REPORT REQUIRED

ON ACCOMODATION TRAINING WORK ON STORING EQUIPMENT
AND PUTTING ISLAND IN STATE OF DEFENCE STOP
HAS RAILING BEEN INSTALLED AROUND GUN PLATFORMS
CONSIDER THIS ESSENTIAL.

501E

MM

TA

19NEW

S.M COBURN

VICTORIA

YORK ISLAND

SEPT 2

561 REFERENCE CAME AND HEIGHT OF BATTERY CONSIDER
ERROR POINT FOUR MINUTES PLUS OR MINUS QUITE SATISFACTORY

D.O.M.E. XI

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
York Island	Sept. 3		Progress Report (See App. "G") Tractor out of order Examination service instituted Work continued on huts and at Guns. Weather : Showers	E.2
	4		No. 1 Gun ready for action. Started to erect temporary wooden shelter for watch on duty. Report re Water Supply, Accommodation, etc. (See App. "F") Tractor found to need several new parts. Weather : Showers	E.3
	5		Set up 32 foot pole for International Signalling Weather : Clear Strong wind.	
	6		Report on tractor (See App. "F") Work continued. M.O. called for a sea bathing parade. Water was very cold. Weather : Fair	E.5
	7		H.M.C.S. Comox proceeded to Esquimalt. H.M.C.S. Armentiers, Lt. McDuff, R.C.N.R. arrived. A/Lt. Jackson, R.C.N.R. appointed C.X.O. Radio Station progress report (See App. "G") Lt. Col. G. Turner, H.Q. M.D. XI phoned Letter re progress reports (See App. "G") Weather : Dull - Showers	7/9/39 V.23
	8		C.A.S.F. State of Officers (See App. "F") Dead cat discovered in Water Tank, and much consternation ensued. H.M.C.S. Armentiers 300 gallons by using a hand pump for 10 hours. 1 O.R. transferred to 11th A.A. Battery R.C.A. 1 O.R. proceeded on compassionate leave.	8/9/39
	9		Both Guns now ready for action. No. 2 at percussion only, as pistol grip has to be returned to Ordnance for completion.	Reflected

YORK ISLAND.PART I ORDERS #6

5/9/39.

BYMAJOR F.W. GUERNSEY.1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	4/9/39	2/Lt. G.A. Mulhern.
To be Orderly Sergeant	4/9/39	Sgt. Upton V.
next for duty		Sgt. Cox S.D.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	4/9/39	Gnr. Willoughby H.W.
next for duty		Gnr. O'Malley C.R.

2. FATIGUES FOR MONDAY 4/9/39.I. SANITARY FATIGUE.

L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.H.
 Bdr. Gooze J.
 Gnr. Connor R.
 Gnr. Lacey R.I.
 Gnr. O'Malley C.R.
 Gnr. Jenkins R.R.

II. Q.M. STORES AND FUEL FATIGUE.

L/Bdr. Jones B.D.
 A/L/Bdr. Snow C.H.
 Gnr. Anderson R.
 Gnr. Fox P.
 Gnr. Willoughby H.W.
 Gnr. Cheney R.H.
 Gnr. Hicks J.D.
 Gnr. Cooper F.

III. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

A/L/Bdr. Parker J.L.
~~H.J.~~
 Gnr. Adzick D.
 Gnr. Buchan M.
 Gnr. Cooper M.

IV. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. McGeragie J. to report for duty to
 Launch York.

3. MANNING DETAIL: YORK ISLAND.

The following Units were moved to York Island
 on H.M.C.S. Comox 28 August 1939:

86th Hvy Bty.	3 Officers	50 O.R.'s
11 Div Sigs.		2 O.R.'s
R.C.A.M.C.	1 Officer	Major Pitts.
TOTAL.....	4 Officers	52 O.R.'s

Captain F.W. Guernsey in command.

4. PROGRESS REPORTS.

Progress Reports will be submitted to Brigade
 Headquarters daily showing strength and disposi-
 tion of personnel by detachments, state of the
 armament and defences of the position, accom-
 odation available for all ranks, and the number
 of rounds of ammunition available, for various

equipment and its disposition. The Mat and

Use in
Signal
Department
only

Sept 3, 1939

Originator's Instructions:
(Indication of Priority,
Intercept Group, etc.)

No. of
Groups:

TO:

O.C., York Island XB

FROM:

C.O. Comox

Write
Across

I have received orders to institute
Examination Service forthwith.

Until your guns are ready I will
do my own 'bringing-to' but you should
be ready to fire at hostile vessels.

Therefore until we agree further on what
action we take you need only pay attention
to the '8 Pendant' & 85 on whistle & lamp
and the GREEN Very's light by night
— vide "Instructions for Examination Service"

System

P/L Code or Cypher

Time of

Operator

Date

Receipt

Despatch

For use in
Signal
Department
only

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Originators Instructions :
(Indication of Priority,
Interest Group, etc.)

No. of Groups:

TO:

FROM:

Write
Across

The regular & well known coastal ships will be allowed to pass without being stopped normally, & will not have the special signals flying.

Comox will endeavour to remain on the York Island side of ships and astern of them.

The Special Signal given in pencil in the Instructions will be used until further orders. The night Special Signal will be used in rotation

System

P/L Code or Cypher

Time of

Receipt

Despatch

Operator

Date _____

O.C. R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

REQUINIAIT

SEPT3

20-30

16 H.M.C.S. COMOX RECEIVED ORDER TO INSTITUTE
EXAMINATION SERVICE IMMEDIATELY STOP SHE WILL
BRING TO IF NECESSARY SHIPS UNTIL PORT READY FOR
ACTION STOP NUMBER ONE READY MONDAY ON AUTO SIGHTS ONLY

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

DEPARTMENT NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND

File No. EE

3 Sept 1939

HEADQUARTERS.

M. D. II

ESQUIMAULT, R. C.

PROGRESS REPORT.

1. ACCOMMODATION.

On Thursday Aug 31 civilian engineers started on a hut 20x40. To date this is about 2/3 completed; with foundation, flooring and side walls up. The roof is not yet completed.

Bell tent for Hospital has been erected and floor constructed.

2. GUN STORES.

All gun stores are at the Gun Position and the ammunition in the magazine.

3. TRAINING.

No training, other than signal training, has been carried out. Personnel has been busy moving and storing equipment. Training will start on Monday Sept. 4.

4. STATE OF DEFENCE.

The first consideration in regard to this

4. STATE OF DEFENSE. (con't)

has been putting the guns in firing order.

The artificer reports that #1 will be ready

for action at Antisnipe Range 4/9/39.

Range Indicator has yet to be worked.

#2. Can be fired with Clinometer laying only

Can has to be adjusted.

Front eccentric is broken and must be replaced

Range indicator has to be worked when can

adjusted.

5. D. R. F.

Base plate will be in position 5/9/39.

6. BATHING POINTE.

None established.

7. GUN SHEDS.

None erected--this will be started with

salvaged lumber 4/9/39.

8. GUN PLATFORM RAILINGS.

Being installed today.

REQUIRED.

(1) Both guns require:- Rammers and clapps for
levers adjusting guns.

(2) Tidal scale is marked for 4' rise and fall
Mean tides are about 2' rise and fall.

4. STATE OF DEFENSE. (con't)REQUIRED (con't)

(3) Error of the Day Drums are for Trunnion

Height 83' 2" whereas sty. Trunnion

Height is 182' 8".

(4) Cans for ammunition other than BORN

shell are not available.

5. COMMUNICATION

Magnetotelephones have been installed at B.C.

Post, Orderly Room and Radio House.

Lines to Power House and Lights will be comp. 5/9/39

Radio has been retuned and overhauled.

32' pole with 8' cross tree has been prepared for using

International Code Flag Signals. Suitable

blocks and halyards are required, and must be

fitted before raising.

ALDIS LAMP. Bulb was not furnished. This has

been obtained from H.M.C.S. Comex on loan.

Batteries received dry--no acid furnished.

2 batteries have been obtained from H.M.C.S.

Comex and charged by our generator charger.

It is recommended that authority be given to send our

batteries to Vancouver to be put in service

as charging them here would be too great a drain.

6. RIFLE PRACTICE.

There is no suitable location for rifle range on

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6. RIFLE PRACTICE. (con't)

York Island. May authority be given to have targets erected for rifle practice on

- (a) the rock ledge South of York Island, range approximately 250 yards or
- (b) the shore of Hardwick Island approximately 400 yards South East of York Island. or
- (c) shore of Fanny Island approximately 400 yards West of York Island.

W. J. [Signature]
for O.C. 35th HEAVY BATTERY.

R.C.A.

RE.

MAJOR F.E. DUNBAR.

1. INFANTRY.

To be Orderly Officer	5/9/39	S/Lt. G.A. Sullivan.
To be Orderly Sergeant	5/9/39	Sgt. Cox J.D.
next for duty		L/Sgt. Wainwright S.E.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	5/9/39	Cnr. O'Reilly C.H.
next for duty		Cnr. Willoughby H.W.

INFANTRY For 24 hours from 1800 hrs. 5/9/39
to duty to 1800 hrs. 6/9/39

21 Gun Detachment.

Sgt. Hill W.J.
Cnr. McLaughlin J.
Cnr. Gurney R.H.
Cnr. Lacey R.
Cnr. Connor R.

Standing by 21 Gun Detachment.

L/Sgt. Clitheroe A.
L/Sgt. Richardson A.
Cnr. O'Reilly C.H.
Cnr. McLaughlin J.
Cnr. Hicks J.D.

2. PATROLES FOR THURSDAY 5/9/39.

I. KITCHEN PATROLE.

Cnr. Atkins D.A.
Cnr. Cooper M.
Cnr. Willoughby H.W.

II. SANITARY PATROLE.

A/L/Sgt. Shackleton P.H.
A/L/Sgt. Parker J.L.
Cnr. Cholewicki W.
Cnr. Cooper M.

III. FIRE PATROLE.

Sgt. Goss J.
Sgt. Dorby G.
A/L/Sgt. Snow C.H.
Cnr. Spring R.
Cnr. Poole J.D.

65th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND.

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3. PARADES FOR TUESDAY 5/9/50. (con't)

IV. ARMED DETAIL

Cpr. Hicks J.B. will report to Launch "York"
for duty.

5. POSTING-DUTY R.C.A.

1/Sgt. Clarke J.A. to #1 Gun Detachment.

#1 Gun Detachment	Cdr. Gosce J.	to #2 Gun Det.
" "	Cpr. Cooper M.	" "
" "	Cpr. Richards W.H.	" "
" "	Cpr. Jenkins R.R.	Qty. "R.C." on Sig.

#2 Gun Detachment	Cpr. Connor B.	to "1 Gun Det.
" "	Cpr. Fisher G.	" "
" "	Cpr. Hicks J.B.	" "

4. STANDING ORDERS.

Attention is called to para No 5 Bounds.
Generator Room as well as the Radio Room
is out of bounds to all ranks other than
those authorized.

Contact.

All OK

6. CAMPING.

All empty soft drink bottles MUST BE RETURNED
TO THE CAMPING.

for C.C. 65th HEAVY BATTERY

R.C.A.

R.A. Jorgensen Cap

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE.

YORK ISLAND.

File No 23.

4 Sept. 1939.

AREA FORTRESS COMMANDER

ESQUIMAULT, B. C.

YORK ISLAND.

In respect to the manning of York Island during hostilities when a detachment of approximately twenty-six men are required, the following suggestions are put forward. These suggestions have been the result of considerable thought on my part during the week which the battery has occupied the island.

1. WATER SUPPLY.

The present water supply is inadequate. A tank of 5000 gallons, dependent on rain is all the water available. This water is available to the officers quarters only, but a hose has been connected from the house to the mess kitchen which helps considerably. The gas boat "York" has tanks of 208 gals. capacity and these are filled by hand from a creek on Hardwick Island. This requires considerable men and time. The only way that the water can be conveyed from the launch to the house is by a small hand pump and hose. It is apparent that if a period of dry weather prevails, the island would be untenable for any length of time, since each man requires a minimum of 5 gals per day and for permanent residence in barracks 20 gals. There is no water at the Gun Position.

SUGGESTIONS.

The first consideration is to have a $\frac{3}{4}$ " pipe line from the officers quarters to the mess house and ablution tables. I realize that this will not help the water supply and will probably increase consumption, but will add to the sanitary condition of the camp, and the comfort of the men.

For a permanent camp on the island, my only suggestion is a rain catch basin constructed on the South end of the island with a large reservoir at the base from which water may be drawn. It is impossible to estimate the cost of a properly constructed

SUGGESTIONS. (con't)

basin nor have I made any survey., except a superficial reconnaissance from the boat.

I do not know whether drilling for a spring was attempted during construction but it is unlikely that this would be successful.

2. POWER.

At the present time the only electric power is a small 500 watt O.N.A.N. motor generator. This is used for the transmitter and receiver and for lighting the officers quarters. During transmission, the lights must be turned out. During the last four days when the radio has been on duty 24 hrs. the motor generator has run continuously. Since the unit is meant for light duty only there is the increasing danger of a break down.

SUGGESTIONS.

Until the power house on the island is equipped, I suggest that another unit similar and if possible, larger, be kept in reserve.

3. ACCOMMODATION.

At the present time there is one hut approx. 28X50 being used to house about 40 men. The other hut is used for a mess house in which a certain number of men sleep. The remainder of the detachment including five civilian engineers are scattered over the remainder of the huts including the radio shack at the Gun position and the basement of the officers quarters. A 20X40 hut is under construction near the mess house and a gun shelter 20X20 will be erected at the gun position. These will re

relieve the situation considerably but if the detachment is increased more accommodation will be necessary. In connection with this, the Salmon River Logging Co. have two floating huts which will house about thirty men each. These I understand can be purchased quite cheaply and might be used. They lack windows and other fittings. They could be tied to the inside of the wharf.

4. GUN POSITION.

No comment is necessary here except that no ammunition recesses have been provided.

5. ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTION.

Since the Island is small, heavily timbered and rocky, there are absolutely no recreational facilities available. As examination service is tedious and the detachments are often idle some form of exercise in the way of competitive sport is necessary.

Taking this fact and the water situation into consideration the following, in my opinion is the best solution:

1. Establish a proper military camp at Sayward. There is ample fresh water and other facilities there and more opportunities for recreation. Since this area I understand calls for two examination vessels- one to patrol Sunderland Channel and the other Johnston Straits, one vessel could be relieved of her duties for an hour a day to transport the detachment on duty to York Island and relieve the manning detachment. Each detachment would be on duty twenty four hours. The other two detachments would be at the base camp at Sayward. Officer personnel might have to be augmented by one or two subalterns. Signal personnel would have to be increased as well but as far as I can see with my limited knowledge of coast defence very few other changes will be necessary.

F.W. Guernsey.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

O.C. R.C.A.

ESQUIMALT

YORK ISLAND

4 SEPT

17 PROGRESS REPORT STOP NUMBER ONE READY FOR ACTION
STOP D.R.F. WILL BE INSTALLED TUESDAY STOP NUMBER ONE
MANNED TWENTY FOUR HOURS STOP GUN DRILL DAILY STOP GUN
SHELTER TWENTY BY FORTY STARTED AT POSITION STOP WATER
SUPPLY FOUR THOUSAND GALS.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

5/9/39.

PART I

ORDERS #8

BY

MAJOR F.W. GUERNSEY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer 6/9/39 2/Lt. C.A. Mulharon.
To be Orderly Sergeant 6/9/39 L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.N.
next for duty L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.

To be Orderly Trumpeter 6/9/39 Gnr. Willoughby H.W.
next for duty Gnr. O'Malley C.R.

To be Range Finder in addition to present duties
Gnr. Engelen A.L.D.

To be Cook A/L/Sgt. Buchan H. and is posted to Bty H.Q.
Sgt. Davidson G. ceases to be cook and is posted
to H.Q. 2 Gun Detachment.

2. DUTY WATCHES FOR 24 HOURS from 1800 Hrs. 6/9/39.
to 1800 Hrs. 7/9/39.

#1 Gun Detachment.

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

L/Sgt. Clarke J.A. Sgt. Davidson G.
Bdr. Richardson A. A/L/Sgt. Thackeray P.M.
Gnr. O'Malley C.R. A/L/Bdr. Parker J.L.
Gnr. McClung W.R. Gnr. Cholowski W.
Gnr. Hicks J.D. Gnr. Cooper F.

3. MANNING PARADE 1800 Hrs. 5/9/39.

H. Q. R.C.A. Sgt. Cox S.D.
Range Finders L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.N.
L/Bdr. Jones D.D.
Gnr. Engelen A.L.D.
Signalers 2 O.R.'s as detailed.
No. 1 Detach. Watch on duty.
Watch standing by.
No. 2 Detach. Bdr. Derby G.
A/L/Bdr. Snow C.H.
Gnr. Spring R.
Gnr. Foote J.K.
Gnr. Cooper M.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.
Bdr. Gosse J.
Gnr. Richards W.H.
Gnr. Atkins D.A.
Gnr. Fox F.

4. MANNING PARADE 1800 Hrs. 6/9/39.

H. Q. R.C.A. Sgt. Cox S.D.
Range Finders L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.N.
L/Bdr. Jones D.D.
Gnr. Engelen A.L.D.
Signalers 2 O.R.'s as detailed.
No. 1 Detach. Watch on duty.
Watch standing by.

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND.

5/9/39.

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4. MANNING PARADE 1800 Hrs. 6/9/39.(con't)

#2 Gun Detachment

L/Sgt. Meafee A.M.
Bdr. Gosse J.
Gnr. Atkins D.A.
Gnr. Fox P.

Sgt. Upton V.
Gnr. Knight J.F.
Gnr. Adzich D.
Gnr. Jordison W.J.
Gnr. Fisher G.W.

5. FATIGUES FOR WEDNESDAY 6/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

Bdr. Darby G.
Gnr. Cooper M.
Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

11. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Sgt. Upton V.
Gnr. Knight J.F.
Gnr. Adzich D.
Gnr. Jordison E.J.

111. FUEL FATIGUE.

Sgt. Davidson G.
A/L/Bdr. Parker J.L.
Gnr. Cooper F.
Gnr. Fisher G.W.
Gnr. Fox P.

1V. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Bdr. Gosse J. to report to Launch "York"
for duty.

R. S. Ferguson Capt.
for O.C. YORK ISLAND.

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A. G.

YORK ISLAND

ESQUIMAUX

5 Sept.

21 RE TROUSER STOP 100000 REPORTS FUEL JETTS HARDY
BURNED AND DAMAGED STOP REPAIRMEN NINETY DOLLARS TO
REPAIR STOP AM GOING AHEAD UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED
STOP WRITER REPORT FOLLOWS.

O.G. YORK ISLAND.

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H. C.

YOUR ISLAND

REQUIRE

TEXT 5

20 PROGRESS REPORT STOP TRINITY FOUR MEN NINE TWELVE
MEN FATIGUES STOP BALANCE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS STOP
WATER SUPPLY THREE THOUSAND GALLONS STOP LOGGING REPAIRING
TRACTOR STOP WILL REPORT LATER

O.C. YOUR ISLAND.

YORK ISLAND

H.Q. M.D.XI

SHEET 7

ESQUIMAUX

25 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WERE FENCE AROUND POSITION
STARTED STOP MEN NUMBER ONE MANNED TWENTY FOUR
HOURS STOP NUMBER TWO HEADY SATURDAY STOP WATER
SUPPLY TWO THOUSAND GALS.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

65th HEAVY BATTERY B.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

6/9/39.

PART I ORDERS &c.

BY.

MAJOR F.W. GURRENEY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	7/9/39	2/Lt. C.A. Malheron.
To be Orderly Sergeant	7/9/39	L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.
next for duty		Sgt. Upton V.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	7/9/39	Gnr. O'Malley C.R.
next for duty		Gnr. Willoughby R.W.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 1800 hrs. 7/9/39.
to 1800 hrs. 8/9/39.

#1. Gun Detachment.

ON DUTY.

Sgt. Davidson G.
A/L/Sgt. Thackeray F.H.
A/L/Bdr. Parker J.L.
Gnr. Cholowski W.
Gnr. Cooper F.

STANDING BY.

Bdr. Darby G.
A/L/Bdr. Snow C.H.
Gnr. Spring R.
Gnr. Foote J.K.
Gnr. Cooper H.

3. WASHING PARADE 1800 hrs. 7/9/39.

H. B.

B.C.A.	Sgt. Cox S.D.
Range Finder	L/Sgt. Charlesell W.H.
	L/Bdr. Jones B.H.
	Gnr. Engelen A.L.D.
signallers	2 C.R.'s as detailed.
No. 1 Detach	Fetch on duty.
	Watch Standing By.
No. 2 Detach	Sgt. Upton V.
	Gnr. Knight J.F.
	Gnr. Adsieh D.
	Gnr. Jordison E.J.
	Gnr. Fisher G.W.

Bdr. Mills W.J.
Gnr. McGeragle J.
Gnr. Cheney R.H.
Gnr. Laney R.L.
Gnr. Connor R.

4. FATIGUES FOR THURSDAY 7/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

A/L/Bdr. Snow C.H.
Gnr. Cooper H.
Gnr. Willoughby R.W.

11. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Bdr. Mills W.J.
Gnr. McGeragle J.
Gnr. Cheney R.H.
Gnr. Laney R.L.

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

MCNE ISLAND.

6/9/59.

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4. FATIGUES FOR THURSDAY 7/9/59. (con't)

111. FUEL FATIGUE.

Gnr. Darby G.
Gnr. Spring R.
Gnr. Foote J.K.
Gnr. Atkins D.A.
Gnr. Fox P.

1V. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Jordison will report for duty to
Launch "York".

R. H. Jordison Capt
for G.C. 85th HEAVY BATTERY

R.C.A.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND.

September 6/39.

File No. E5.

HEADQUARTERS, M.D. II

ESQUIMAULT, B.C.

REPORT ON TRACTOR R.C.E.T. 9.

AT YORK ISLAND.

The marginally noted tractor was unloaded from E.S. Border Prince on Tuesday August 29. The tractor is a McCormack Deering, model T.D. 40 using diesel oil. It is started on gasoline with electric ignition and switched to Diesel when started.

Since no operator was provided, a man from the battery who claimed to have experience was detailed to get it started. All attempts failed, so the next morning a logger was sent for from the Salmon River Logging Co. In the meantime, Sgt. Maj. Hatfield of the R.C.C.S. (P.F.) , by cleaning the fuel line got it started on gasoline. When the logger, W. Armstrong, arrived, by making adjustments he got it running on Diesel oil. He reported on a superficial examination that it was badly in need of overhauling since it emitted dark clouds of smoke from the exhaust and had comparatively little power.

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As the ammunition and gun stores were lying on the dock covered with a tent, I considered it essential that these be hauled to the gun position as soon as possible. Armstrong therefore, operated the tractor Wednesday afternoon Aug 30, and the morning of Aug 31, until the necessary stores were at the position.

As the tractor was ordered back on the S.S. Border Prince on Saturday, Sept. 2, I ordered Cpl. Manuel, 11th Div. Sigs. to operate the tractor and haul up the rolls of wire fencing that were lying on the dock. This was completed but I had word that cement, sand, and gravel were due to arrive on Sunday, Sept 3, for the wire fence. I therefore held the tractor.

It stopped on the dock and refused to start. The cylinders had seized up. I asked W. Armstrong to come over and find out what the trouble was. He took the head and base off and reported that the nozzles had at some time been badly burned and metal had actually fallen onto the pistons. The fuel was not being consumed properly and actually washing the lubricating off the cylinder walls so that the pistons eventually seized up. I have ordered four new nozzles, one head gasket and one base gasket from the International Harvester Co., Vancouver and advised you by wire. Armstrong reports that it will be in first class working order when he is finished. I consider that this tractor was in exceedingly poor shape when it arrived.

P.W. GUINNESSY.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

96th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

INOK ISLAND.

7/9/39.

PART I ORDERS #10.

BY.

MAJOR F.W. GUERREY..

1. DUTIES.

To be orderly Officer	8/9/39	2/Lt. G.A. Walkeron.
To be Orderly Sergeant	8/9/39	Sgt. Upton V.
next for duty		L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	8/9/39	Gnr. Willoughby H.W.
next for duty		Gnr. O'Malley C.R.

2. DUTY WATCHES fro 24 hours from 1800 hrs. 8/9/39.
to 1800 hrs. 9/9/39.

#1. Gun Detachment.

ON DUTY.

Bdr. Derby G.
A/L/Bdr. Snow C.H.
Gnr. Spring R.
Gnr. Foote J.E.
Gnr. Cooper M.

STANDING BY.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.
Bdr. Gosse J.
Gnr. Richards W.H.
Gnr. Atkins D.A.
Gnr. Fox P.

3. MANNING PARADE 1800 hrs. 8/9/39.

H.C. B.C.A.
Range Finders

Signallers
No. 1 Detach.
No. 2 Detach.

Sgt. Cox S.D.
L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.H.
Bdr. Jones D.D.
Gnr. Engelen A.L.B.
2 O.R.'s as detailed.
Watch on duty.
Watch standing by.
Bdr. Mills W.J.
Gnr. McGeragie J.
Gnr. Cheney R.H.
Gnr. Luney R.L.
Gnr. Connor R.

L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
L/Bdr. Richardson A.
Gnr. O'Malley C.R.
Gnr. McClung W.R.
Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

4. FATIGUES FOR FRIDAY 8/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

*L/Bdr. Richardson A.
Gnr. Jordison H.J.
Gnr. Connor R.

11. SANITARY FATIGUE.

L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
Gnr. Knight J.F.
Gnr. Fisher G.W.
Gnr. McClung W.R.

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4. FATIGUES FOR FRIDAY 8/9/39. (con't)

III. FUEL FATIGUE.

L/Sgt. McAttee A.W.
Bdr. Gosse J.
Gnr. McDermagie J.
Gnr. Cheney R.H.
Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

IV. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Adrich D. will report to Launch "York"
for duty.

5. MILITIA ACT, SECTION 64--Calling up for Service Under.

On instructions received from Area H.Q. all ranks
called up for service under Section 63 of the Militia
Act are now called up for service under Section 64
of the Militia Act.

R.H. Ferguson Capt
for O.C. 85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

O. C. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA
SEPT 7

776 REFERENCE YOUR REPORT 4th SEPT STOP PROPOSED ERECT ADDITIONAL
HUT FOR ACCOMMODATION STOP REGARDING RECREATION SUGGESTED THAT
MEN BE ALLOWED OFF FOR A DAY IN RECREATION AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT
AND BE CONVEYED TO AND FROM MAINLAND IN GAS BOAT YORK STOP
WATER SUPPLY PROBLEM UNDER CONSIDERATION AND NAVY HAVE STATED THEY
WILL HELP YOU OUT IN EMERGENCY IF YOU APPLY TO THEM LOCALLY STOP
ACKNOWLEDGE.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND

File No. V23

September 7, 1939

H Q. 15th VANCOUVER COAST BRIGADE R.C.A.
BESSBOROUGH ARMOURIES
VANCOUVER, B. C.

PROGRESS REPORT.

In reference to your letter No. 20
of 3rd of September, I have been
instructed to wire progress reports
to Victoria daily. This has been
done.

F.W. Guernsey, Major.
C. C. YORK ISLAND.

York Island, B.C.,
7th September 1939

Officer Commanding,
W.F.E., R.C.Signals,
Esquimalt, B.C.

Progress Report of Radio Station York Island.

1. C.S.M.Hadfield and two other ranks of the 9th Frt.Signals, Cpl.E.Manuel and Signm.T.E.Turner, arrived at York Island via H.M.C.S.Comox on 29th August. Signm. Turner being a good operator was detailed to the Radio Station for duty where he has been maintaining watch with Signm.Ainsley. Cpl. Manuel is not a good operator and has been assisting in the construction of telephone lines on the island and will be available for maintenance work. He will require considerable practice before being able to take over a watch at the Radio Station. A third operator will probably be required for this station as the two operators are at present doing shifts of 6 hours on duty and 6 hours off duty. They state that they are able to carry on these shifts with no difficulty.

2. Signm.Ainsley, who was drawing Subsistence allowance, has been attached to the 59th Bty.R.C.A. for rations since the caretakers quarters were taken over for the Orderly Room and Officer's Quarters. C.S.M. Hadfield is also attached for rations. Since the R.C.A. and the R.C.O.C. are being paid Subsistence allowance may I be advised if the attachment of C.S.M.Hadfield and Signm.Ainsley is correct or if they should draw the Subsistence allowance and repay the Battery mess for rations. This is the procedure the R.C.O.C. expect to follow.

3. Telephones and Lines - Lines were laid and three necessary telephones connecting B.O.P., Radio Station and Orderly Room were installed on 31st August. Lines were completed to the Power House and three E.L.EJ's on 5th September and cut in on the B.O.P. - Orderly Room party line as required. All lines were laid using the main road and tractor trails so that a minimum amount of clearing was necessary. Approximately 5000 ft. of twisted wire, nine Forestry type insulators and 25 Porcelain knobs remain.

4. Signal Station (BOP) - The Battery Signallers are operating the Signal Station from the B.O.P. to H.M.C.S.Comox using Aldis Lamp by day and Lucas Lamp by night. The Signallers have constructed a 32 ft. mast with a 10 ft.yard. This was rigged with halyards and two blocks, one from the Comox and one from the Radio Station, and erected against the back wall of the BOP being guyed with D.3 cable. This mast can only be

temporary arrangement and if to be used for any length of time should be replaced by a properly guyed and rigged mast which will withstand the high winds at the BOP. The Battery Signallers are able to communicate with the Comox by raising their pennant half-mast after which the Lamp is used. The Comox procedure is similar. If required International code signal flags are available.

5. Radio Station - The transmitter has been re-tuned and relays adjusted so that MCW and Phone are now available. The transmitter unit has been examined and although the circuits appear correct it does not function normally. The Crystal stage for "B" frequency can be brought into oscillation but when the output is applied to the P.A. stage the oscillations will in most cases stop and the circuit will require re-tuning. Attempts to resonate the P.A. tank or vary the Aerial coupling or vary the Ae>Loading Coil produces similar effects so that to put the transmitter on the air necessitates retuning the Crystal stage for a change in each succeeding stage. The Crystal stage then has to be slightly detuned to produce a clear note. The addition of the second Crystal for "A" frequency necessitates retuning the whole circuit for "B" frequency so that it has not been possible to pre-tune both frequencies for quick change-over. The transmitter can be kept operating satisfactorily on 5460 Kcs. for the present but it is strongly recommended that it be shipped out for a complete examination to correct the faults. The Marconi Co. branch in Vancouver could possibly do this work with an elapsed time from this station of one week. An A.T.R. transmitter could possibly be supplied to provide the necessary communication to Victoria.

The "Oman" motor generator set has had very long running hours during the past two weeks with the running time varying from 12 to 24 hours daily. Four six volt batteries from the Comox have been charged which accounts for some of the running time. These batteries are used for the Aldie Lamps and one set is used by the Comox and the other by the Battery Signallers. The batteries for the York Island lamp were shipped dry. The Motor Generator is running very well at present but will shortly require an overhaul. It is thought that if the transmitter could be shipped for a check-over the motor could be overhauled during the period it is away and put together in sufficient time to keep the necessary batteries charged.

6. May I be advised as to further construction work to be carried out at this station, my duties on completion of this work and the possible date of my departure, please.


(J. Hadfield) C.S.N. (W.O.II)
R.C. Signals.

88th HEAVY BATTERY B.C.A.

YORK ISLAND.

9/9/39.

PART I ORDERS #11.

BY

MAJOR F.W. CURRISBY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	9/9/39	S/Lt. C.A. Mulhern.
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	9/9/39	L/Sgt. Clarke J.A. Sgt. Davidson G.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	9/9/39	Gnr. O'Malley C.R. Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

Gnr. Confrey R.I. to be Battery Orderly and is posted to Battery H.Q.

Gnr. Layton J.H. to be posted to No 22 Gun Detachment, and ceased to be Battery Orderly.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 1800 hrs. 9/9/39.
to 1800 hrs. 10/9/39.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

ON DUTY.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.W.
Sdr. Gosse J.
Gnr. Richards W.H.
Gnr. Atkins D.A.
Gnr. Fox P.

STANDING BY.

Sgt. Upton V.
Gnr. Knight J.W.
Gnr. Adrich D.
Gnr. Jordison E.J.
Gnr. Fisher G.W.

3. MANNING PARADE 1800 hrs. 9/9/39.

H. Q. B.C.A.
Range Finders

Signallers
No. 1 Detach.

No. 2 Detach.

Sgt. Cox S.D.
L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.W.
Sdr. Jones D.D.
Gnr. Engelen A.L.D.
2 O.R.'s as detailed.
Watch on duty.
Watch standing by.
L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
L/Sdr. Richardson A.
Gnr. O'Malley C.R.
Gnr. McClung W.R.
Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

Sgt. Davidson G.
A/L/Sgt. Theobald F.R.
A/L/Sdr. Parker J.L.
Gnr. Cholowski W.
Gnr. Layton J.H.

4. FATIGUES FOR SATURDAY 9/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

Gnr. Adrich D.
Gnr. Fisher G.W.
Gnr. Cheney R.H.

11. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Sgt. Davidson G.
A/L/Sdr. Parker J.L.
Gnr. Layton J.H.
Gnr. O'Malley C.R.

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

PART I ORDERS #11.

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4. FATIGUES FOR SATURDAY 9/9/39.

111. FUEL FATIGUE.

A/L/Sgt. Thackeray P.H.
Sdr. Mills W.J.
L/Sdr. Richardson A.
Cnr. Luney R.L.
Cnr. McClung W.R.

1V. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Cnr. Foote J.K. will report to Launch "York"
for duty.

R. H. Johnson Capt.
for O.C. 85th HEAVY BATTERY.
R. C. A.

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34 NBW

O.C. 85th HEAVY BATTERY

VICTORIA

R.C.A. YORK ISLAND

SEPT 8

791 REFERENCE YOUR E2 DATED THIRD SEPT CONCERNING
ORDNANCE SERVICES STOP SERGEANT MAJOR COCKBURN BEING
COMMUNICATED WITH BY D.O.M.E. CONCERNING ARMAMENTS STOP
KINDLY SUBMIT INDENT FOR ORDNANCE REQUIREMENTS

D.O.O.

H.Q. ESQUIMAULT

YORK ISLAND

SEPT 8

29
~~28~~ ARMENTIERS NOW PUMPING WATER INTO RESERVE TANK STOP
CAN ONLY SPARE EIGHT HUNDRED GALS STOP SKIPPER ESTIMATES
FIVE HOURS TO FILL RESERVE TANK WITH PRESENT ARRANGEMENT
STOP WILL REPORT LATER.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

H.Q. ESQUIMALT

YORK ISLAND

SEPT 8

30

~~29~~

ARMENTIERS ASKS PERMISSION TO GO TO ALERT BAY TO
REFRESH WATER STOP NOTIFY NAVAL AUTHORITIES AND
REPORT BACK

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

H.C.

ESQUIMAULT

YORK ISLAND

SEPT 8

31

~~30~~

ARMENTIERS PUMPS NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO PUMP WATER TO
RESERVE TANK STOP HAND PUMP BEING USED STOP IF POWER PUMP
IS CONSIDERED SUGGEST PORTABLE PUMP WITH HOSE THAT MAY BE
USED TO FILL YORK FROM CREEK

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H. B. ESQUIMAULT

YORK ISLAND

SEPT 8

32
REFERENCE 827 STOP DISTANCE FROM TANK TO WHARF ~~IN~~
WHARF INCLUDING OFF SET THREE HUNDRED FIVE FEET STOP
HEIGHT FROM DECK OF WHARF TO TANK FIFTY TWO FEET STOP
HEIGHT FROM LOW TIDE TO TANK APPROXIMATELY FORTY SEVEN
FEET

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

4C1E

HH

TA

1745

80 NBW

O.C. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

SEPT 8

837 REFERENCE CONVERSATION ARMENTIERS ORDERED TO HELP YOU OUT
REGARDING WATER STOP PENDING COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS NOW IN
HAND HERE WILL BE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO RESTRICT CONSUMPTION
TO WHAT YOU CAN HAUL ON THE YORK AND WHAT YOU CAN GET FROM
ARMENTIERS USING YOUR SMALL TANK FOR STORAGE STOP REPORT EARLY
AS POSSIBLE DISTANCE FROM WHARF TO LARGE TANK AND DIFFERENCE IN
ELEVATION BETWEEN WHARF AND TOP LARGE TANK THIS INFORMATION
REQUIRED IN CONNECTION ARRANGEMENT PUMPING FROM BOAT TO TANK

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O.C. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA.

900 LT. GARMAN R.C.A. M.C. PROCEEDING YORK ISLAND
AS M.O. TROOPS MAJOR PITTS CAN LEAVE YORK ISLAND

MONDAY NIGHT BOAT.

D.M.O.

York Island,
Kelsey Bay, B.C.
8 Sept. 1939

CONFIDENTIAL

Officer Commanding
15 (Van) Coast Bde. RGA
Vancouver, B.C.

C.A.S.F. Battery
Officer

In reference to your communication re the falls marginally noted, the following is a slate of officers suggested by Capt. Jorgenson.

Battery Commander	-----
" Captain	Capt. R.H.Jorgenson
Subalterns	Lt.D.Courbould
	2/Lt. G.Wulheron

You will notice that the B.C. has not been suggested. I presume this depends on whether Maj. Bradley or Maj. Piercy take over.

You will also notice that 2 subalterns are listed. It is the opinion of Capt. Jorgenson and myself, and I understand Maj. Bradley feels the same, that ^{one} ~~two~~ more subs are required to carry out this service ~~and~~ under these conditions. Regarding N.C.Os. both Jorgenson and myself feel that since the battery is split, this could best be done in Vancouver. The ~~11~~ 85 detachment up here will all volunteer. The A.A. personnel all desire to rejoin their regiment and should therefore not be included. I would therefore suggest that Maj. Bradley ~~and~~ ~~Fraser~~ draw up the N.C.O. slate both from the Vancouver detachment and the Y.I. detachment of the 85th

F.W.Guernsey
O.C.York Island

H. Q. ESQUIMALT

28 PROGRESS REPORT NUMBER TWO READY TODAY ON LANYARD STOP
PISTOL GRIP TO BE RETURNED TO ORDNANCE STOP HUT READY
FOR OCCUPATION STOP WATER REPORT FOLLOWS

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

85th Hvy. Bty. RCA CASF

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

ORIGINAL M.F.M. 11.

A.F.C. 218
1 M.O. - 2-21 (1918)
R.Q. 27724

Original, duplicate and triplicate to be forwarded to O. 1/6 2nd Echelon for disposal.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, reference to Appendix and initials
York Island	Sept 9		Submarine reported in Gulf of Georgia heading north. Drained and cleaned water tank. Weather : Fair	
	10		"York" procured 150 gals fresh water on Hardwicke Island. 2 Ordnance Artificers proceeded to Esquimalt. Weather : Bright	
	11		S.S. "Bervin" delivered 50 12 1/2 gallon drums of fresh water and 3000 gallons into tank. Progress Report (See App. "G") Weather : Fair	E.7
	12		Lt. Ganshorn, RCAMC arrived to replace Major Pitte who returned to Vancouver. Weather : Fair	
	13		H.M.C.S. Van Isle, Skipper Neish and Lieut. T. Derry, X.O., reported for examination Weather : Fair Service	
	14		Weather : Raining	
	15		Lt. R. Jackson, R.C.N.R., C.X.O., established in Quarters on shore. Weather : Raining	
	16		2 O.R.s S.O.S. - Under Age Age. Weather : Dull	
	17		Comforts supplied by Lions Gate Riding Club distributed. Capt. F.W. Quernsey left via S.S. "McCardena" to report to 1st A.A. Regt. R.C.A. Command handed over to Capt. R.H. Jorgensen. Weather : Fair	
	18		Letter re Local Defence (See App. "F") Letter re Buildings	E.11 E.12 R. J. L. L. L.

66th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND.

9/9/39.

PART I ORDERS #12.

BY

MAJOR F.W. GUNNERSKY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	10/9/39	2/Lt. G.A. Mulheron.
To be Orderly Sergeant	10/9/39	Sgt. Davidson G.
next for duty		L/Sgt. Tharlow W.B.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	10/9/39	Gnr. Willoughby H.W.
next for duty		Gnr. O'Malley G.B.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 1800 hrs 10/9/39
to 1800 hrs 11/9/39.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

ON DUTY.

Sgt. Upton V.
Gnr. Knight J.F.
Gnr. Adsieh D.
Gnr. Jordison E.J.
Gnr. Fisher G.W.

STANDING BY.

Bdr. Mills W.J.
Gnr. McGeoghegan J.
Gnr. Cheney R.H.
Gnr. Luney R.L.
Gnr. Connor E.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Davidson G.
A/L/Sgt. Thackeray P.H.
A/L/Bdr. Parker J.L.
Gnr. Cholowski W.
Gnr. Layton J.H.

Bdr. Derby G.
A/L/Bdr. Snow C.H.
Gnr. Spring R.
Gnr. Foote J.K.
Gnr. Cooper M.

3. MANNING PARADE 1800 hrs. 10/9/39.

H. A. Party as detailed.

No. 1 Gun Detachment Watch on duty.
Watch standing by.

No. 2 Gun Detachment Watch on duty.
Watch standing by.

4. FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 10/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

Bdr. Mills W.J.
Gnr. Luney R.L.
Gnr. Spring R.

11. SANITARY FATIGUE.

L/Bdr. Snow C.H.
Gnr. Cooper M.

111. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Foote J.K. to report to Launch
"York" for duty.

R.H. Jagersen
RECEIVED
OFFICE OF THE
MAJOR F.W. GUNNERSKY

85 HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

Daily Strength

York Island, B.C.

9th Sept, 1939

	Offrs.	ORs	Total
85 HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.	3	47	50
R.C.A.M.C.	1	—	1
5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	—	3	3
10 Fort. Sig. Coy. R.C.C.S.	—	4	4
Civilians	—	5	5
Sick in Hospital (Rock Bay)	—	1	1
<u>Total</u>	4	60	64



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NIGHT MESSAGES
NIGHT LETTERS



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AND RADIO
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TO ALL PARTS OF
THE WORLD

O.C. YORK ISLAND

SEPT 9

1700 HRS.

PRIORITY IMPORTANT SUBMARINE REPORTED IN GULF OF
GEORGIA IN VICINITY OF POINT GREY HEADING NORTH PLEASE
KEEP EXTRA VIGILANCE I SHALL STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH
YOU

ARMENTIERS.

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O.C. WORK ISLAND

VANCOUVER

SEPT 9

Q112 RE INDENT 1939 RUBBER BOOTS MUST BE RECOMMENDED TO
VICTORIA BY H. Q. ALL ELSE ORDERED BUT NOT AVAILABLE
AT PRESENT STOP MAJOR PITTS RELIEF LEAVING HERE MONDAY
NIGHT.

O.C. 15th COAST BDE.

R.C.A.

H.Q. M.D. XI

YORK ISLAND

ESQUIMALT

SEPT 9.

PERCUSSION

33 PROGRESS REPORT STOP BOTH GUNS IN ACTION NUMBER ONE
FIRING NUMBER TWO ELECTRIC STOP TRACTOR READY FOR INSTALLATION

PARTS DUE TODAY STOP GUN SHELTER ALMOST COMPLETE LESS

FOUR WINDOWS AND ROOF PLATE STOP WATER SUPPLY FOUR

HUNDRED GALS IN RESERVE TANK.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

88th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

10/9/39.

PART I ORDERS #12.

BY.

MAJOR F.W. GIBBNEY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	11/9/39	2/Lt. C.A. Bulheron.
To be Orderly Sergeant	11/9/39	L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.H.
next for duty		A/L/Sgt. Thackeray F.H.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	11/9/39	Gnr. O'Malley C.R.
next for duty		Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 1800 hrs 11/9/39
to 1800 hrs 12/9/39.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

ON DUTY.

Bdr. Mills W.J.
Gnr. McGeragle J.
Gnr. Cheney R.H.
Gnr. Laney R.L.
Gnr. Connor R.

STANDING BY.

L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
L/Bdr. Richardson A.
Gnr. O'Malley C.R.
Gnr. McClung W.H.
Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Bdr. Darby G.
A/L/Bdr. Snow C.H.
Gnr. Spring R.
Gnr. Foote J.K.
Gnr. Cooper M.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.H.
Bdr. Giese J.
Gnr. Richards W.H.
Gnr. Atkins D.A.
Gnr. Fox P.

3. MARCHING PARADE 1800 hrs. 11/9/39.

H. Q. Party as detailed.

No. 1 Gun Detachment Watch on duty
Watch standing by.

No. 2 Gun Detachment Watch on duty.
Watch standing by.

4. FATIGUES FOR MONDAY 11/9/39.

I. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

Gnr. O'Malley C.R.
Gnr. McClung W.H.
Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

II. SANITARY FATIGUE.

L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
Bdr. Giese J.
Gnr. Fox P.

III. FUEL FATIGUE.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.H.
L/Bdr. Jones D.D.
L/Bdr. Richardson A.
Gnr. Richards W.H.

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PART I ORDERS #12.

4. FATIGUES FOR MONDAY 11/9/39 (con't)

IV. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Cnr Adriel D. to report to launch "York" for duty.

5. BDN. DETAILS.
ADMINISTRATION AND DISCIPLINE.

All O.R.'s on reporting for service under Sec. 64, Militia Act are attached to 88th Heavy Battery for Administration and Discipline until reporting to their respective Bdn. Units.

6. COMPLIMENTS.

Officers commanding detachments will instruct all ranks as to the proper compliments to be paid to Officers by junior Officers, O.R.s, guards and sentries and will see that the regulations regarding same are observed without fail.

Attention is drawn to K.R. (Can) 1939, paras 1277 to 1289 inclusive.

7. TRAINING.

The attention of Officers Commanding Detachments is drawn to Vancouver and Fraser Valley Area Order No. 11, dated 6 Sept 39, para 4, in part as follows:

"Training will be carried out to the fullest extent during the period of mobilisation.....Units actually manning Coast defences will train to the fullest extent that facilities permit in their own area."

8. ARMY ACT. CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS.

Officers Commanding Detachments should avail themselves of the first opportunity to impress on all ranks the fact that they are subject to Military Law and to read to their detachments those sections of the Army Act dealing with crimes and punishments.

Attention is drawn to Army Act Sections 4 to 44 inclusive and to K.R. (Can) 1939 para 450.

9. INFORMATION.

A state of War exists between Canada and Germany.

Robt Ferguson Capt
for O.C. 88th HEAVY BATTERY.

R.C.A.

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O.C. 85th HEAVY BATTERY

VICTORIA

YORK ISLAND

SEPT 10

891 A STATE OF WAR EXISTS BETWEEN CANADA AND GERMANY
INFORM ALL CONCERNED.

A.A.&O.H.G.

H.Q. M.D. XI

YORK ISLAND

ESQUIMALT

SEPT 10

36 ON DRAINING LARGE TANK FOUND DECOMPOSED RODENTS
STOP M.O. CONSIDERS TANK NOT SUITABLE UNDER PRESENT
ARRANGEMENT STOP

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

11/9/39.

PART I ORDERS #14.

BY

MAJOR F.W. GUERNEY

1. DUTIES. To be Orderly Officer 12/9/39 2/Lt. G.A. Mulhern.
To be Orderly Sergeant 12/9/39 A/L/Sgt. Thackeray P.H.
next for duty Sgt. Cox S.D.

To be Orderly Trumpeter 12/9/39 Gnr. Willoughby H.W.
next for duty Gnr. O'Malley C.R.
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 1800 hrs 12/9/39
to 1800 hrs 13/9/39.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

ON DUTY.

L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
L/Bdr. Richardson A.
Gnr. O'Malley C.R.
Gnr. McClung W.R.
Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

STANDING BY.

Sgt. Upton V.
Gnr. Knight J.F.
Gnr. Adsieh D.
Gnr. Jordison E.J.
Gnr. Fisher G.W.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.
Bdr. Gosse J.
Gnr. Richards W.H.
Gnr. Atkins D.A.
Gnr. Fox P.

Sgt. Davidson G.
A/L/Sgt. Thackeray P.H.
A/L/Bdr. Parker J.L.
Gnr. Cholowski W.
Gnr. Layton J.H.

3. MANNING PARADE 1800 hrs 12/9/39.

H. Q. Party as detailed.

No. 1 Gun Detachment Watch on duty.
Watch standing by.

No. 2 Gnr. Detachment Watch on duty.
Watch standing by.

4. FATIGUES FOR TUESDAY 12/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

A/L/Bdr. Parker J.L.
Gnr. Fisher G.W.
Gnr. Layton J.H.

11. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Sgt. Davidson G.
Gnr. Adsieh D.
Gnr. Knight J.F.

111. FUEL FATIGUE.

L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.N.
Gnr. Jordison E.J.
Gnr. Cholowski W.

IV. LAUNCH DETAIL.

L/Bdr. Jones D.D. to report to Launch
"York" for duty.

Boyd Jones Cox

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H.Q. ESQUIMALT

YORK ISLAND

SEPT 11

39 PROGRESS REPORT STOP LARGE TANK DRAINED AND SCRUBBED

STOP WRITTEN REPORT ON STATE OF DEFENCE IN MAIL.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND

File No. EV

11 September, 1939.

DISTRICT OFFICER COMMANDING

M. D. XI

ESQUIMALT, B.C.

REPORT ON STATE OF DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND

Attached find confidential report on York Island. I suggest that the opinion of a n engineer officer, an consultation with myself would be a distinct advantage in some of the points raised. I would therefore request permission be granted for me to visit H. Q. to discuss these matters.

F.W. Guernsey, Major,

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE.

YORK ISLAND.

REPORT ON YORK ISLAND.

11 Sept. 1939.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

The following report is submitted on the state of defence of York Island.

1. EQUIPMENT.

Report on equipment and ammunition by Sgt. W. Pittendreich, I.C. R.C.A.
It is not possible to fire No. 1 gun electrically through lack of a socket for the pistol grip connection.
Only 4' rise and fall of tide inscribed on tidal arcs. No more movement possible at present as cam adjusting lever is out for a battery having a lower height.
Spare firing pins sent with equipment are of wrong p pattern and cannot be filled into strikers.
2 spare striker needles are not threaded to take connections of electric firing circuit.
No recesses have been provided for ammunition which must be kept on gun floors.
Hooks supporting cable are of wrong pattern and cannot be used on breeches.

The above discrepancies have been reported to Ordnance by S. M. Cockburn R.C.O.C.

2. AMMUNITION.

<u>CARTRIDGES</u>		
<u>Charges</u>	Q.F. 4.7 in (group 6 lot No. K 1677 date filled 1916)	293
	1 round fired during test for continuity.	
	1 round found to be bulged--unable to load it.	
<u>Tubes.</u>	Vent, electric 4" Mk X (lot No. 33, filled R.L. 5/26.	147
<u>Tubes.</u>	Vent, electric 4" Mk X (lot No. 22, filled R.L. 4/23.	100
<u>Tubes.</u>	Vent, Percussion Mk VIII (lot No. 4, filled W 9/32.	148
<u>Fuses.</u>	No. 45 Mk IX (lot 17, filled R.L. 9/30. 10 in shell	150
<u>Shell.</u>	H.E. (Lyddite) 417" Mk VII group 6	150
<u>Shell.</u>	S.A.P. Mk III (fused B.M. No. 501) filled 12/33	100
<u>Shell.</u>	Practice, Q.F. 4.7" Light Mk III	14

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YORK ISLAND

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2. AMMUNITION. (con't).

<u>Cartridges.</u>	S.A. Ball NO3" Mk VII 1919	1000
<u>Cartridges.</u>	S.A. Ball NO3" Mk VII 1936	4000

3. TRAINING.

Training has been carried out daily on gun drill.

4. ACCOMMODATION.

Accommodation is still a problem. The distribution is roughly as follows:-

34	men in 18 X 50 construction hut.
2	" " cook house.
9	" " small construction office.
2	" " quarter masters stores.
6	" " basement of officers quarters.
	(civilian engineers and batman).
2	" " bell tent.
2	" " signallers in radio shack.

Although the new hut 20 X 40 is completed, I have hesitated to insist that the men occupy it, since there is no stove for it and it is cold, damp, and draughty. I have written for stoves as there was only one heating stove sent. In regard to this matter I would suggest that 3 drum stoves be sent to be used in the present new hut, the gun shelter under construction from salvage at the gun position, and the proposed hut. These can be purchased quite cheaply and as there is considerable wood on the island they will suffice for the time being. For the smaller huts, I recommend a small sheet iron wood stove, which can also be purchased cheaply. I suggest also that sufficient tar paper and lath be sent to sheath the new and proposed huts. I would also recommend that sufficient lumber be sent to construct one 16 X 20 hospital hut, as well as the 20 X 40 hut proposed.

5. WATER.

The water problem is still acute. When the dead cat was found floating on the surface of the tank was ordered drained. This took considerable time as there is only a half inch hose available on the island. When the tank was emptied as much as was possible it was found that there were several decomposed mice on the bottom, also leaves and other accumulated matter. The M. O. has stated that he does not approve of the system. Since a suggestion that a bee camp in Sayward be established, has not been approved, several other suggestions have been advanced. These are as follows:

- A. That a tank scow of about 5000 gals capacity be sent up. This could be anchored off one of the streams on Warwick Island and by means

5. WATER (con'tl).

of a piping system and hose connections, filled with fresh water. This scow could then be towed back to the dock and by means of a power pump, pumped into the large tank, or better still and elevated wooden tank. If this is considered I would suggest that a proper piping system with small dam be constructed on Hardwick. The disadvantage of the above is that the water sea is often quite rough near the stream on Hardwick and difficulty might be experienced in anchoring the scow and leaving it until it filled up.

- B. Have a steamer on regular schedule call and fill the large tank by pump. The advantages of this system is that a regular source of supply of water could be obtained with minimum difficulty. The disadvantages lie in the fact that very few coastal freighters have regular schedules. I do not know whether the Union Steamers would do this.

The whole question of water supply is one which should be given a great deal of thought. I am not qualified to pass on the merits or disadvantages of the various systems I have proposed. Certainly some system such as an elevated tank to which water could be pumped, and distributed by gravity to the cook house and ablution tables, commands itself to me, rather than the continuous hand pumping to the pressure tank as is now necessary.

6. CLOTHING.

The men, on arrival at York Island were issued with one service shirt and one pair of trousers. Although I have insisted that these be washed once a week it is desirable that a spare shirt and pair of trousers be available. This is also true regarding underwear and other necessities. Rubber boots have been indented for and a certificate from the M.O. that these are necessary is being submitted.

7. HEALTH.

The health of the detachment has on the whole been good except for about ten rather severe colds. These were of sufficient severity to cause the men to be excused duty, in some cases two to three days. I put this down to the dampness and the very crowded quarters. Stoves and sheathing paper on the new huts would eliminate this to a large extent.

8. RECREATION.

As mentioned in a previous report, there are no facilities for recreation on the island. The suggestion that men be allowed to go to the mainland on the "York" was radioed as a means of providing a change. It should be realized that the "York" is comparatively small and there are days even at this time when it is too rough for her to

8. RECREATION (con't)

cross the channel. Moreover if small groups of men are sent over, proper recreation can not be organized, and the men may have a tendency to hang around the stores, logging camp, etc. As a suggestion for consideration when the battery is at full strength, it is proposed to allow a few men at a time to go down on the examination vessel when it coals, and either return on her or on the regular passenger vessel. In regard to this I feel it only just that if possible a cheap fare be arranged with the Union Steamship Co.

9. GENERAL.

In regard to the effectiveness of the battery at night, unless the night is clear with moonlight, a ship with no lights can not be seen. Several nights have been hazy with light fog and it has been impossible to see the examination ship or to communicate with her by lamp. This is a distinct disadvantage. During an engagement at night, no observations could be seen unless the target was illuminated.

F. W. Guernsey, Major,

O.C. 85th HEAVY BATTERY.

R.C.A.

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT

WATER SUPPLY

Since writing the preceding report, the S.S. Berwin has pumped into our tank 3000 gals of water. This is a satisfactory arrangement.

I would suggest as an alternative to the pressure system now installed that a rectangular wooden tank (or steel if equipped with manhole) of about 2000 to 3000 gals capacity, or even less, be shipped to the Island. The tractor could haul this to a position above the officers quarters. Piping could then be installed to the mess house, ablution tables and officers house. *and a gravity feed in tank*
At the present tank in the basement a gasoline pump, (a forestry pump could probably be borrowed temporarily) could be installed to pump water from the basement tank to the elevated tank.

By this means water could be obtained from rain or ships. It would also allow for the cleaning of both tanks without the necessity of wasting all the water, by insuring that there were sufficient quantity in either of the tanks.

I would appreciate receiving a plan of any proposed changes, before they are made so that I could ~~xxxxxx~~ if necessary, make suggestions.

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

12/9/39.

PART I ORDERS #15.

BY.

MAJOR F.W. GUNDSKY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer 12/9/39 S/Lt. G.A. Malheron.
To be Orderly Sergeant 12/9/39 Sgt. Cox E. D.
next for duty L/Sgt. Meafee A.H.
To be Orderly Trumpeter 12/9/39 Cnr. D'Malley C.B.
next for duty Cnr. Willoughby H.W.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 1800 hrs 12/9/39
to 1800 hrs 14/9/39.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

ON DUTY.

Sgt. Upton V.
Cnr. Knight J.F.
Cnr. Adrich D.
Cnr. Jordison R.J.
Cnr. Fisher C.W.

STANDINGBY.

Bdr. Mills W.J.
Cnr. McGeragle J.
Cnr. Cheney R.H.
Cnr. Luney R.L.
Cnr. Connor R.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Davidson G.
A/L/Sgt. Thackeray F.H.
A/L/Bdr. Parker J.L.
Cnr. Cholowski W.
Cnr. Layton J.H.

Bdr. Darby G.
A/L/Bdr. Snow C.H.
Cnr. Spring R.
Cnr. Foote J.E.
Cnr. Cooper H.

3. MANNING PARADE 1800 hrs 12/9/39.

H. Q. Party as detailed.

No. 1 Gun Detachment Watch on duty.
Watch standing by.

No. 2 Gun Detachment Watch on duty.
Watch standing by.

4. FATIGUES FOR WEDNESDAY 12/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

A/L/Bdr. Snow C.H.
Cnr. McGeragle J.
Cnr. Cheney R.H.
Cnr. Connor R.

11. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Bdr. Mills W.J.
Cnr. Luney R.L.
Cnr. Spring R.

111. FUEL FATIGUE.

Bdr. Darby G.
Cnr. Foote J.E.
Cnr. Cooper H.

1V. LAUNCH DETAIL.

L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.H. to report to
Launch "York" for duty.

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

R. J. [Signature]

O.C. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

SEPT 12

987 CAPTAIN F.W. GUERNSEY NOW ATTACHED 85th HVY BATTERY
WILL HAND OVER COMMAND YORK ISLAND AND BATTERY TO CAPTAIN
JORGENSEN AND RETURN REPORTING FOR DUTY TO HIS OWN UNIT
1ST A A REGT STOP ARRANGE WITH DDS AND TO FOR TRANSPORTATION
INFORM 15TH COAST BRIGADE AND 1ST A A REGT STOP ADDRESSED O.C.
VANCOUVER AREA REPEATED O.C. YORK ISLAND.

H. Q. M.D. XI

YORK ISLAND

ESQUIMALT

SEPT 12

41 PROGRESS REPORT STOP S.S. BORDER PRINCE FILLING
LARGE WATER TANK STOP TRACTOR HAULING SAND, GRAVEL
TO POSITION

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

PART I - ORDERS #16.

BY.

MAJOR F.W. GUMMERY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	14/9/39	2/Lt. C.A. McIlhenny.
To be Orderly Sergeant	14/9/39	L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.
next for duty		Sgt. Davidson G.
to be Orderly Trumpeter	14/9/39	Cnr. Willoughby H.W.
next for duty		Cnr. O'Malley C.R.
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 1800 hrs 14/9/39
to 1800 hrs 15/9/39.

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Bdr. Mills W.J.	L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
Cnr. McCreegle J.	L/Bdr. Richardson A.
Cnr. Chaney R.H.	Cnr. O'Malley C.R.
Cnr. Luney R.L.	Cnr. McClung W.N.
Cnr. Connor R.	Cnr. Willoughby H.W.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Bdr. Derby G.	L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.
A/L/Bdr. Snow C.H.	Bdr. Gosse J.
Cnr. Spring R.	Cnr. Richards W.H.
Cnr. Foote J.E.	Cnr. Atkins D.A.
Cnr. Cooper M.	Cnr. Fox P.

3. MANNING PARADE 1800 hrs 14/9/39.

A.Q. Party as detailed.

No. 1 Gun Detachment	Watch on duty.
	Watch standing by.

No. 2 Gun Detachment	Watch on duty.
	Watch standing by.

4. FATIGUES FOR THURSDAY 14/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

L/Bdr. Richardson A.
Cnr. Atkins D.A.
Cnr. Fox P.
Cnr. Willoughby H.W.

II. SEMITARY FATIGUE.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.
Bdr. Gosse J.
Cnr. O'Malley C.R.

III. MAIL FATIGUE.

L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
L/Bdr. Jones D.D.
Cnr. Richards W.H.

IV. LAUNCH CREW.

Cnr. McClung W. R. to report to Launch
"York" for duty.

for C.C.

F. W. Gummery

H.Q. ESQUIMALT

YORK ISLAND

SEPT 12

40 S S BERVIN DELIVERED THREE THOUSAND GALS WATER LAST
NIGHT STOP SATISFACTORY.

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SEPT 13

1022 REPORT NUMBER OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS STATIONED
YORK ISLAND WHO HAVE NOT YET BEEN MEDICALLY BOARDED
AND BELONG TO UNITS THAT HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO MOBILIZE.

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YORK ISLAND

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47 REFERENCE 1022 STOP THREE OFFICERS FORTY EIGHT
OTHER RANKS STATIONED AT YORK ISLAND HAVE NOT BEEN
MEDICALLY BOARDED.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

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YORK ISLAND

VANCOUVER

SEPT 13.

44 ORDERED TO REPORT TO YOU STOP NEXT BOAT DOWN
ARRIVES VANCOUVER MONDAY P.M.

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YORK ISLAND

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45 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SITUATION SATISFACTORY
STOP SEVENTY FIVE HUNDRED GALS.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

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4. FATIGUES FOR FRIDAY 15/9/39. (con't)

111. FUEL FATIGUE.

Sgt. Upton V.
Gnr. Jordison E.J.
Gnr. Fox P.

IV. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Cholowski to report to Launch
"York" for duty.

5. HOSTILE ALARM.

A series of four rings struck on the triangular steel gong will be the hostile alarm, and gun detachments will report without delay to their stations at the Fort.

6. FIRE ALARM.

A continuous series of rings struck on the triangular steel gong will be the fire alarm.

R.H. Jorgensen Capt
for O.C. YORK ISLAND.
85th HEAVY BATTERY.
R.C.A.

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O.C. DET YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

SEPT 14

014 YOUR FIFTY DETACHMENT OF MACHINE GUNNERS HAVE BEEN
ORDERED TO PROCEED STOP YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE BEST
ARRANGEMENT POSSIBLE UNDER EXISTING CONDITIONS STOP ENGINEERS
HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO EXPEDITE WORK ON BUILDINGS REQUIRED

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Esqimalt

14 Sep

50 reference detachment of machine gunners stop
do not send until more accomodation built stop

require two more twenty by forty huts hospital
~~CONFIRMATION~~ ~~O.C. York Island~~
hut and ablution ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ hut stop also

proper water system as recommended in report ~~11~~ eleventh
sept.

O .C. York Island

AAA. TO O.C. YORK ISLAND

VANISLE AND CXO IS COMING TO YORK ISLAND ~~WHERE~~
ALSO TWO SEAMEN WHO REQUIRE MEDICAL ATTENTION AAA
MESSAGE ENDS

ARMENTIERS.

FROM O.C. YORK ISLAND

SEPT 14

TO H.M.C.S. ARMENTIERS

SIGNALMAN OSCONNELL R.C.N. ARRIVED ON VANISLE AND HAS
REPORTED FOR DUTY HERE.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

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49 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY SEVENTY THREE
HUNDRED GALS STOP GANSHORN M. O. REPORTED FOR DUTY.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

86th HEAVY BATTERY R. C.

YORK ISLAND.

15/9/39.

PART I ORDERS #16.

BY.

MAJOR F. W. GUNNERSKY.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	16/9/39	2/Lt. G.A. Mulheron.
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	16/9/39	Sgt. Upton V. L/Sgt. Clarke F.A.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	16/9/39	Gnr. Willoughby H.W. Gnr. O'Malley C.R.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 1800 hrs 16/9/39
to 1800 hrs 17/9/39.

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Upton V. Bdr. Mills W.J.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Davidson G. Bdr. Darby G.

3. MANNING PARADE 1800 hrs 16/9/39.

H. Q. Party as detailed.

No. 1 Gun Detachment Watch on duty.
Watch standing by.

No. 2 Gun Detachment Watch on duty.
Watch standing by.

4. FATIGUES FOR SATURDAY 16/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

~~Sgt. W. J. Mills~~ Gnr. Atkins.
Gnr. Cooper M.
Gnr. Spring R.
Gnr. Cheney R.H.

3. FUEL FATIGUE.

Bdr. Mills W.J.
A/L Bdr. Snow C.H.
Gnr. McGeragie J.

4. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Anderson R. to
report to Launch
"York" for duty.

2. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Bdr. Darby G.
Gnr. Foote J.K.
Gnr. Luney R.L.

R. J. Gunnery

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O.C. YORK ISLAND.

VICTORIA.

RADIO STATION

SEPT. 15.

FV95 NAVAL RADIO STATION TO BE INSTALLED SOON OUR STATION WILL THEN
BE DISMANTLED STOP EVERY EFFORT TO BE MADE TO KEEP STATION WORKING UNTIL
CHANGE-OVER STOP WILL NOTIFY REGARDING RETURN HADFIELD.

O.C. WESTERN FORTRESS ESTABLISHMENT.

FILE COPY H.Q.

& R.J.H.A.

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O.C. 85th. BATTY. R.C.A.

VICTORIA.

YORK ISLAND.

SEPT. 15th.

057 SEND BY MAIL AT ONCE SPARE N--DLS ALSO FIRING PINS WHICH DO NOT FIT
PRESENT N--DLS.

D.O.O. X1.

H. C. M.D.XI

YORK ISLAND

ESQUIMAULT

SEPT 15

52 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY SEVEN THOUSAND GALS
JACKSON CXO NOW ~~QUARTERED~~ ON ISLAND
QUARTERED

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

85 HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

Daily Strength

York Island, B.C.

16^d Sept. 1939

	Offsr.	ORs	Total
85 HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.	3	46	49
R.C.N.	1	1	2
R.C.A.M.C.	1	-	1
5 ^d Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	-	3	3
10 Fort. Sig. Coy. R.C.C.S.	-	4	4
Sick in Hospital (Rock Box)	-	1	1
Civilians	-	5	5
	5	60	65



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12. N.B.W.

SGT. PITTENDRIGH

VICTORIA.

R.C.A. YORK ISLAND

Sept. 16.

PLEASE REPORT IMMEDIATELY NUMBER OF ELECTRIC AND PERCUSSION TUBES

IN BATTERY

MASTER GUNNER R.C.A.

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O.C. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA.

SEPT 16th.

059 R-F-R-NC- YOUR 55 STOP ADVIS- FROM WHOM PURCHAS-S WILL B- MAD-
AND WHAT PRIC- POUND FIEST CLASS ST-OR B--F FOR- AND HIND QUART-ERS

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H.Q.

—SQUIDDAIN

Accommodation now available for machine gunners stop
may I be informed when they will be arriving

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57. TWO HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN ELECTRIC AND TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY
EIGHT PERCUSSION TUBES AT YORK ISLAND NOW STOP HAVE BEEN USED S
SPARINGLY AT PREPARATION FOR ACTION STOP CAN WE GET REPLACEMENTS
IF MORE ARE USED.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

H. Q. ESQUIMAULT

YORK ISLAND

SEPT 16

55 MAY I HAVE PERMISSION TO OBTAIN MEAT RATIONS
LOCALLY STOP CONSIDERABLE WASTAGE AT TIMES DUE TO STORAGE PERIOD
STOP PLEASE ADVISE PROCEDURE TO DO THIS

O.C. YORK ISLAND

H. Q. M.D. XI

YORK ISLAND

ESQUIMALT, B.C.

S-PT 16

56 PROGRESS R-PORT STOP WATER SUPPLY SIXTY NIN-
HUNDRED GALS

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

YORK ISLAND.

17/9/39.

PART 1. ORD-RES# 20.BY.CAPTAIN R. M. JORGENSEN.1. DUTY-1.

To W ^o Ord ^r ly Office ^r	18/9/39	2/Lt. S. A. Main ^r son.
To W ^o Ord ^r ly S ^r g ^t ant	18/9/39	L/Sgt. Thurl ^r ell W. S.
W ^o xt for duty		L/Sgt. Thack ^r ray F. A.
To W ^o Ord ^r ly Trump ^t r	18/9/39	Cnr. Willoughby H. S.
W ^o xt for duty		Cnr. O'Malley C. R.

DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 1800 hrs 18/9/39
to 1800 hrs 19/9/39

ON DUTYSTANDING BY.#1 GUN DETACHMENT

SPERMATOPHYTES
L/Sgt. Clark^o J. A.

Sgt. Upton V.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.L/Sgt. McAl^o AM

Sgt. Davidson D.

3. MAINTENANCE PARADE. 1800 hrs. 18/9/39.

H. Q. PART 1 as detailed.

No. 1 Gun Detachment

Watch on duty

Watch standing by.

No. 2, Gun Detachment.

Watch on duty.

Watch standing by.

4. FATIGUES FOR MONDAY 18/9/39.1. KITCHEN FATIGUES.

Cnr. Adzich D.
Cnr. Jorgensen - J.
Cnr. Coop^r F.
Cnr. Cholewski V.

2. Sanitary Fatigues.

A/L/Sgt. Thack^rray F. A.
A/L/Sgt. Park^r S. L.
Cnr. Knight J. F.

3. FUEL FATIGUES.

Sgt. Upton V.
Cnr. Fish^r G. W.
Cnr. Spring R.

4. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Cnr. Willoughby to report to
th^o launch "York" for duty.

R. M. Jorgensen Capt

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D. O.O. (MINK)

YORK ISLAND

ESQUIMALT

SEPT 17

59 REFERENCE 068 PARTS SHIPPED PER S S VENTURE
SAILED 2130 HOURS.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

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O.C. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

SEPT 17

Q69 YOUR FIVE EIGHT MACHINE GUNNERS ARRIVE YORK ISLAND
0700 HOURS TWENTY FIRST SEPTEMBER.

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Sept. 17th

068 URG¹⁵NT SHIP TO ORDEANC- OFFIC-R

--SQUINAIT SPAR- SIGHS AUTO AND ROCKING BAR Q.F. FOUR POINT S-V-N
INCH MARK THR-- AND THR-- STAR MOUNTING MARK ON-- COMPL-T-- STOP

U UNION ST-AMSHIPS WILLCALL AT K-LE-Y BAY B-TM--N 2200 HOURS AND 2359
HOURS TONIGHT STOP YOUR TO -NSUR- THAT TH- SHIPM-NT IS PUT ON BOARD
STOP WH-N TH- SHIPM-NT IS COMPL-T-D ADVIS- BY RADIO

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SEPT. 17th.

DO NOT USE ANY MORE TUBS IN PREPARATION FOR ACTION

MASTER GUNNER.

Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY

OR

~~INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF WAR DIARIES~~
(Details involving not required)

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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	Sept 18		Weather : Bright	
	19		1 O.R. proceeded on compassionate leave. Weather : Bright	
	20		H.M.C.S. Armentiers at wharf. Scowload of building material arrived. Weather : Dull	
	21		Detachment of 14 O.R.s "C" Coy 2nd (MG) Bn. Can. Scots. Regt. arrived from Courtenay. Men worked all day unloading lumber. Weather : Bright	
	22		Letter re r/t traffic (See App. "F") H.M.C.S. Allaverdy, skipper Roberts and Lt. Genge, X.O., arrived for examination service. 1 O.R. S.O.S. - Under Age.	E.13
	23	1600	Letter re Recreation (See App. "F") C.A.S.F. Medical Board, three Civilian Doctors, arrived. Lieut. D. Cunningham, R.C.E. arrived. Attestation completed today. 4 O.R. found Category "E", Balance Category "A". 1 O.R. S.O.S. - Under Age. Weather : Fair	E.16
	24		Completed documentation. Discussed Engineer services and requirements with Lieut. Medical Board and Lieut. Cunningham left at 1400 hours. Weather : Fair	
	25		Naval w/t installation completed. Letter re C.A.S.F. (See App. "F") Letter re Medical Board (See App. "F") Letter re Tractor (" ") Weather : Fair	V. 50 V. 52 E. 25 <i>W. J. G. R. A.</i>

86th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

18/9/39.

PART I ORDERS # 21

BY.

CAPTAIN R.H. JORGENSEN.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	19/9/39	2/Lt. G.A. Mulharon.
To be Orderly Sergeant	19/9/39	L/Sgt. Thackeray P.A.
next for duty		Sgt. Cox S.D.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	19/9/39	Gnr. O'Malley C.R.
next for duty		Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

2. DUTY WATCHER for 24 hours from 1800 hrs. 19/9/39.
to 1800 hrs. 20/9/39.

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Upton V. Bdr. Mills W.J.

and four other ranks as detailed

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Davidson G. Bdr. Darby G.

and four other ranks as detailed

3. MAINTAINING PARADE 1800 hrs. 19/9/39.

H. Q. Party as detailed.

No. 1 Gun Detachment	Watch on duty.
	Watch standing by.

No. 2 Gun Detachment	Watch on duty.
	Watch standing by.

4. FATIGUES FOR TUESDAY 19/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

3. SANITARY FATIGUE.

A/L/Bdr. Snow C.R.
Gnr. Cooper R.
Gnr. McGeragie J.
Gnr. Spring R.

Bdr. Darby G.
Gnr. Foote J.K.
Gnr. Luney M.L.

2. FUEL FATIGUE.

4. LAUNCH DETAIL.

L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
Gnr. Cheney R.H.
Gnr. McClung W.R.

Gnr. O'Malley C.R. to
report to Launch "York"
for duty.

R.H. Jorgensen, Capt.,
O.C. York Island.

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SEPT 18

41 NO MORE TUBES AVAILABLE AT PRESENT STOP DO NOT USE ANY
MORE UNTIL FURTHER SUPPLY RECEIVED.

ARMAMENT OFFICER.

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OFFICER COMMANDING

VICTORIA

YORK ISLAND

SEPT 18, 1939

REPORT IMMEDIATELY LOT NUMBER OF TUBES AND FUSES AND
NUMBER OF EACH LOT ALSO NUMBER TUBES EXPENDED IN
PREPARATION FOR ACTION.

MASTER GUNNER

ESQUIMAULT.

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60 ONE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN ~~XXXX~~ ELECTRIC TUBES LOT THIRTY
THREE STOP ONE HUNDRED ELECTRIC TUBES LOT TWENTY TWO STOP
TWO HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT PERCUSSION TUBES LOT NUMBER FOUR
STOP ONE HUNDRED NUMBER FORTY FIVE FUELS LOT SEVENTEEN
STOP FOR MORE COMPLETE DETAILS SEE OUR REPORT FIFTEENTH SEPT.

DS & TO MD X1

YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

SEPT 18

62 REFERENCE 059 RE LOCAL BUTT STOP ON INVESTIGATION
LOCAL SUPPLY FOUND NOT RELIABLE STOP WE ARE REQUESTING
DELIVERY OF BUTT AND PERISHABLES THRICE WEEKLY
TO ELIMINATE WASTE.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

H. Q. M.D. XI

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61 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY SIX EIGHT
HUNDRED GALLONS STOP CAPT P.W. GUERNSEY NOW EN ROUTE
VANCOUVER FOR CANIENA STOP COMMENCED COVERING WALLS OF
BUILDINGS WITH TAR PAPER TODAY.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

68th NAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

19/9/39.

PART I ORDERS # 22.

BY.

CAPTAIN R.H. JORGENSEN.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	20/9/39	R/Lt. G.A. Mulhern.
To be Orderly Sergeant	20/9/39	Sgt. Cox D.D.
next for duty		L/Sgt Meafee A.M.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	20/9/39	Gnr. Willoughby H.W.
next for duty		Gnr. O'Malley C.E.

2. GUITY WATCHES for 24 hours from 1800 hrs. 20/9/39
to 1800 hrs. 21/9/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Mills W. J. L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
and four other ranks as detailed.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Bdr. Darby G. L/Sgt. Meafee A.M.
and four other ranks as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 1800 hrs 20/9/39.

H.Q. Party as detailed.

No. 1 Gun Detachment	Watch on duty.
	Watch standing by.

No. 2 Gun Detachment	Watch on duty.
	Watch standing by.

4. FATIGUES FOR WEDNESDAY 20/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

L/Bdr. Richardson A.
Gnr. O'Malley C.E.
Gnr. Fox P.

5. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Bdr. Gosse J.
Gnr. Richards W.H.
Gnr. Atkins D.A.

2. PULL FATIGUE.

L/Sgt. Meafee A.M.
N/L/Bdr. Parker J.L.
Gnr. Willoughby H.W.
Gnr. Spring R.

4. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Jenkins P.R. to
report to Launch "York"
for duty.

R.H. Jorgensen
R.H. Jorgensen, Capt.,
O.C. York Island.

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VANCOUVER

SEPT 19

053 FOR YOUR INFORMATION PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR USS

ITAL AND USS WILLIAMS TOGETHER WITH AIRCRAFT SQUADRONS

41, 42 AND 45 TO PROCEED VIA INLAND PASSAGE'S CANADIAN WATERS

BETWEEN 20th AND 27th SEPTEMBER 1939.

O.C. 15th VANCOUVER COAST BDE.

R.C.A.

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VICTORIA

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ANY MORE UNTIL TUBE SUPPLY RECEIVED.

ARMAMENT OFFICER.

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63 STORAGE BATTERY FOR LAUNCH YORK IS UNSERVICABLE STOP
PLEASE ARRANGE TO SEND REPLACEMENT SIX VOLT NINETY AMPERE HOUR
STOP SEND READY FOR SERVICE.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

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YORK ISLAND
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VICTORIA

65 TRACTOR HAS FAILED AGAIN STOP WATER IN THREE CYLINDERS DUE TO
CRACKS IN HEAD WHICH APPEARED WITH VALVE SEATS GROUND STOP
AM ASKING DIESEL ENGINEER OF HMCS VANISLE TO EXAMINE STOP
WILL WRITE FULL REPORT.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

101E

53 NEW

O.C. YORK ISLAND

VANCOUVER

SEPT 19

053 FOR YOUR ^{INFORMATION} PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR U.S.S. TRAL
AND U.S.S. WILLIAMS TOGETHER WITH AIR CRAFT SQUADRONS 41,
42, and 45 TO PROCEED VIA INLAND PASSAGES CANADIAN WATERS
BETWEEN 20th AND 27th SEPTEMBER 1939

O.C. 15 VAN COAST BDT R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

19 September 1939.

Headquarters, M. D. XI,

Victoria, B. C.

LOCAL DEFENCE. MACHINE GUNS.York Island.

1. I have made a reconnaissance of this Island with a view to the tactical employment of a section of machine guns for local defence.
2. In order to give possibly better effect to my decisions, may I be provided with a copy of the latest précis covering defensive use of machine guns.
3. To site machine gun positions effectively a certain amount of trail will have to be cleared and a couple of small areas cleared of trees to give the guns greater areas of fire.
4. As it is understood that District H.Q. disapproves of felling more trees on this Island, may permission be granted to do the necessary clearing for this work.

O.O. YORK ISLAND.

YORK ISLAND

19 September 1979.

Headquarters, M. D. XI,

Victoria, B. C.

NEW BUILDINGS.

York Island

1. It is understood that work will proceed on erecting new buildings at York Island.
2. In this connection ~~may~~ a recommendation be made that the present building occupied as kitchen and mess hall be converted into sleeping quarters and that one of the buildings to be erected be built as a kitchen and mess hall.
3. The reasons for this recommendation are as follows:-
 1. Present building is temporary and crude, having been erected by the contractors for the temporary use of their men.
 2. The kitchen is poorly laid out.
 3. The mess hall needs enlarging.
 4. The floor is unsanitary consisting of a single layer of shipplank which has now shrunk leaving large cracks to accumulate dirt.
 5. The yard at the kitchen door is practically a quagmire in rainy weather.
4. Should this recommendation be adopted it is suggested that the new kitchen be equipped with proper flooring either of wood or linoleum and that a proper sink or wash tub be installed.

R.H. Jorgensen, Capt.,

O.C York Island.

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VICTORIA

64 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY SIXTY FOUR HUNDRED
GALLONS

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

20/9/39.

PART I ORDERS # 23.

BY

CAPTAIN R.H. JORGENSEN.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	21/9/39	2/Lt. G.A. Malheron.
To be Orderly Sergeant next for duty	21/9/39	L/Sgt. McAfee A.M. Sgt. Davidson.
To be Orderly Trumpeter next for duty	21/9/39	Gnr. O'Malley C.R. Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 1800 hrs. 21/9/39
to 1800 hrs. 22/9/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed

Sgt Opton V.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

Sgt. Davidson G.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 1800 hrs. 21/9/39.

H.Q. Party as detailed.

No. 1 Gun Detachment

Watch on duty.
Watch standing by.

No. 2 Gun Detachment

Watch on duty.
Watch standing by.

4. FATIGUES FOR THURSDAY 21/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

A/L/Sgt. Parker J.L.
Gnr. Adzich D.
Gnr. Jordison W.J.
Gnr. Knight J.F.

3. SANITARY FATIGUE.

A/L/Sgt. Thackeray P.A.
Gnr. Cooper F.
Gnr. Fisher G.W.

2. FUEL FATIGUE.

Sgt. Opton V.
L/Sgt. Snow C.H.
Gnr. Spring.

4. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Richards to report
to Launch "York" for
duty.

R.H. Jorgensen, Capt.
O.C. YORK ISLAND.

85th HEAVY BATTERY H.Q.A.

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5. VISITING NEUTRAL TERRITORY.

All ranks are reminded that they are forbidden to enter United States Territory on any pretext whatever without the express authorization of the District Officer Commanding.

6. RATIONS.

The 85th Hvy Bty. Baseborough Armouries Detachment and their attached details is attached to Bde. H.Q. for rations from 29th August, 1939.

7. DISCIPLINE.

Attention of all ranks is drawn to District Order No. 288 dated 13 Sept 1939, as follows:-

"Information given in District Orders is not to be communicated either directly or indirectly ; to the Press or to any person not holding an official position in His Majesty's Service."

8. UNIFORM.

Attention of all ranks is drawn to Vancouver and Fraser Valley Area Order No. 13 dated 14 Sept. 1939, para. 1 as follows:-

"In future uniform will be worn on all occasions by all ranks possessing same."

9. Y.M.C.A.

Attention of all concerned is drawn to Vancouver & Fraser Valley Area Order No. 13, dated 14 Sept 39, para. 3, as follows:-

"All units are advised that the facilities of the Y.M.C.A. in Vancouver are open between 0900 hours and 2100 hours daily to all members of the Canadian Forces in uniform or carrying proper identification."

10. UNIFORM.

Attention of all officers is drawn to District Order No. 295 dated 14th Sept. 39, as follows:-

"Officers called out on Active Service will wear uniform at all times." (V.52-1-1).

11. AMUSEMENT. C.A.S.F. ATTENTION. (OVER)

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11. AMENDMENT. C.A.S.F. ATTESTATION.

Bde. Part 1 Order No. 27 dated 12 Sept 39, para. 27-5 is amended to read as follows:-

"The attestation Officers for the C.A.S.F. will in each case be the Battery Commander of the Battery into which an applicant for attestation is to be attested. No other Officer is authorized to perform the duty of Attestation Officer. The Attesting Officer for Bde. H.Q. and attached details will be notified later."



R.H. Jorgensen, Capt.,

O.C. York Island.

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74 REFERENCE 66 OVERHAUL AT THURSTON BAY AS RECOMMENDED
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60 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY SIX THOUSAND
GALLONS

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

8th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

21/9/39.

PART I ORDERS #24.

BY.

CAPTAIN R. H. JOHNSON.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	22/9/39	2Lt. G.A. Malheron.
To be Orderly Sergeant	22/9/39	Sgt. Davidson G.
next for duty		Sgt. Upton. V.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	22/9/39	Gnr. Willoughby H.W.
next for Duty		Gnr. O'Malley C.R.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 1800 hrs. 22/9/39
to 1800 hrs. 23/9/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Upton V.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed

Sdr. Mills W.J.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Davidson G.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed

Sdr. Darby G.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 1800 hrs. 22/9/39.

H.Q. party as detailed.

No. 1 Gun Detachment

Watch on duty.
Watch standing by.

No. 2 Gun Detachment

Watch on duty.
Watch standing by.

4. FATIGUES FOR FRIDAY 22/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

Gnr. Cooper E.
Gnr. Cheney R.R.
Gnr. McGreggie J.

2. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Sdr. Mills G.J.
Gnr. Adrich D.
Gnr. Fox F.

2. FUEL FATIGUE.

Sdr. Darby G.
Gnr. Foote J.K.
Gnr. Luney R.I.
A/L/Sdr. Snow C.R.

4. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Sil.

R.H. Johnson
R.H. Johnson, Capt.
O.C. YORK ISLAND.

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O.C. 85th HEAVY BATTERY

VICTORIA

YORK ISLAND

SEPT 21

97 IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT THE YORK ISLAND RADIO STATION HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER FOR USE AS AN ORDERLY ROOM BY THE 85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. STOP THIS RADIO STATION WILL BE TAKEN OVER POSSIBLY IN THE COURSE OF A WEEK BY THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY THEREFORE THE 85th BATTERY WILL VACATE THE ROOMS TAKEN OVER IMMEDIATELY STOP ADDRESSED O.C. YORK ISLAND REPEATED CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER WEST COAST DEFENCES.

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H. Q. M.D. X1

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70 REFERENCE 97 RADIO STATION IS NOT OCCUPIED STOP ORDERLY
ROOM USE WAS CONSIDERED WHEN RCCS RADIO STATION INDICATED
WOULD REMAIN STOP REFERENCE OUR PROGRESS REPORT FOURTEEN
OTHER RANKS C COY SECOND BN. CAN. SCOT REGT. HAVE ARRIVED
STOP THEY REQUIRE COTS MATTRESSES BLANKETS KNIVES FORKS
SPOONS

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

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Q 197 MEDICAL BOARD CONSISTING OF THREE OFFICERS PROCEEDING
TO YORK ISLAND FRIDAY TWENTY SECOND AS SUGGESTED STOP
ATTACHED TO YOU FOR RATIONS FOR TWENTY THIRD AND TWENTY FOURTH
STOP CAPTAIN JORGENSEN CAN ATTEST PERSONNEL STOP LETTER OF
INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOWING

O.C. 15th COAST DIV. R.C.A.

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YORK ISLAND

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H.Q. M.D. X1

VICTORIA

71 REFERENCE CONSTRUCTION AT YORK ISLAND WHYBROW REQUIRES
INSTRUCTIONS STOP ARE YOU SENDING ANY PLANS STOP SUGGEST
FENCE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY BY FORTY NOW FENCE BALANCE WHEN
FENCING COMPLETED ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETE FENCE ONE WEEK

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

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118 HAS GUERNSEY RETURNED VANCOUVER FROM YORK ISLAND.

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72 REFERENCE ONE ONE EIGHT AFFIRMATIVE REPLY STOP REFER OUR
ARRIVED
SIXTY ONE HAT'D SEPT EIGHTEENTH ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ VANCOUVER THAT NIGHT

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

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VICTORIA

66 LAUNCH YOP MOTOR IGNITION SYSTEM AND THRUST AND SHAFT
BEARINGS REQUIRE OVERHAULING STOP VANISER HAS AGREED TO
TOW TO THURSTON BAY IF YOU GRANT PERMISSION TO HAVE
WORK DONE.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

H.Q. M.D. K1
VICTORIA.

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SEPT 21

69 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY FIVE THIGHT HUNDRED GALLONS
STOP SCOWLOAD BUILDING MATERIAL ARRIVED LAST NIGHT STOP
DETACHMENT MACHINE GUNNERS HAVE NOT YET ARRIVED STOP LAUNCH
YORK SENT TO ALBERT BAY INSTEAD OF THURSTON BAY FOR
CONVENIENCE OF VANISLE.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

6th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

23/9/39.

PART I ORDERS & E.

BY.

CAPTAIN H.H. JORGENSEN.

1. DUTY.
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| To be Orderly Officer | 23/9/39 | 2/Lt. G.A. Mulheron. |
| To be Orderly Sergeant | 23/9/39 | Sgt. Upton V. |
| next for duty | | L/Sgt. Clarke J.A. |
| To be Orderly Trumpeter | 23/9/39 | Gnr. O'Malley C.R. |
| next for duty | | Gnr. Willoughby H.W. |
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 1800 hrs 23/9/39
to 1800 hrs 24/9/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT

Sr. Mills W.J.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sr. Darby G.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed

L/Sgt. Heafes A.H.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 1800 hrs 23/9/39.

H.Q. party as detailed.

No. 1 Gun Detachment

Watch on duty.
Watch standing by.

No. 2 Gun Detachment

Watch on duty.
Watch standing by.

4. FATIGUES FOR FRIDAY 23/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

Pte. Deluce F.
Gnr. O'Malley C.R.
Gnr. Fox F.

3. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Pte. Leedan C.L.
Gnr. Willoughby H.W.
Sdr. Gosse J.

2. FUEL FATIGUE.

Pte. Harris J.
Gnr. Richards W.H.
Gnr. Atkins D.A.

4. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Nil.

H.H. Jorgensen, Capt..
O.C. York Island.

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PART I ORDERS & E.O.

6. MEDICAL BOARD.

A. Medical Board consisting of three officers R.C.A.M.C. will be on duty at York Island on Sat. 23/9/29 and Sun. 24/9/29 for the purpose of medically examining all ranks on the island who have not ^{been} Boarded and Attested in the Canadian Active Service Force.

6. RE-ATTTESTATION FOR C.A.S.F.

All ranks who have volunteered for service in the C.A.S.F. who pass the Medical Board will be attested in the C.A.S.F.

7. CANTEENS.

Attention is drawn to Vancouver and Fraser Valley Area Order No. 14 dated 18 Sept. 39, para.2, as follows:-

"The attention of Officers Commanding all units operating dry canteens is directed to the necessity of having the accounts for such canteens audited each month. A certified copy of such audit must be forwarded to the Officer Commanding Vancouver Area. Attention is directed to Section III (Canteens) and Section VI (Audit Boards) of Rules for the Management of Messes and Institutes, Canadian Militia and R.C.A.F. (1928)."

8. TRAINING PROGRAMME.

Battery Commanders will submit to this H.Q. not later than 0900 hours each Friday, a Training Programme showing proposed training to be carried out during the ensuing week.

9. RIFLES IN GUARD ROOMS.

No rifles shall be placed or kept in any guardroom except those of the guard on duty.

10. RECRUITING.

Attention of all concerned is drawn to District Order No. 309 dated 15th Sept. 1929 as follows:-

"The interpretation placed on paragraph 29 of Recruiting Memorandum No. 1 is that married men with dependents will not be enlisted if their dependents exceed three including wife."

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PART I ORDERS # 25.

11. QUARTERLY CHECK, SECRET, SECURITY AND
CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS (K.R. (CNR.) 1472.

Attention of Battery Commanders is drawn to District Orders 307, dated 16 Sept. 39, as follows:-

"Officers Commanding all units will submit to District H.Q. by the 15th October, 1939, a certificate to the effect that all Secret, Security and Confidential publications in their possession have been checked and in safe keeping and that all amendments have been incorporated."

Battery Commanders will forward the above mentioned certificate to reach this H.Q. not later than the 10 Oct. 39.

12. SENTRIES.

Attention of all concerned is drawn to District Order No. 308 dated 16 Sept. 39 as follows:-

"1. Those units supplying guards where it is necessary for sentries to have their rifles loaded, will issue orders to commanders of such guards that sentries will charge their magazine with one charger, close the bolt without allowing a round to be inserted into the chamber and release the trigger.

This will be carried out under the orders of the H.Q.O. of the guard parading reliefs and will be done when these reliefs are paraded for inspection and before sentries are posted.

2. When sentries are relieved, the H.Q.O.s in charge of reliefs will before dismissing sentries, order them to unload and see that ammunition unloaded from the sentries rifles is returned to the men's pouches or bandoliers as the case may be.

He will then examine arms.

3. Men of a guard not on sentry duty will not have their rifles loaded.

4. Officers Commanding will issue written instructions in relation to the above to all guards that are being supplied by their units where sentries are

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12. SUTHERS (Con't)

required to have their rifles loaded while on duty.

5. Attention is directed to paragraph 1314 (b) K.R. (Com) regarding inspection of ammunition and to diagram (fig. 20) on page 48 pamphlet No. 3 S.A.T. Vol. 1, 1937 regarding the position of the rifle while loading and unloading.

R.H. Jorgensen

R.H. Jorgensen, Capt.,

O.C. 85th Heavy Battery,

R.C.A.

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148 FIVE NAVAL PERSONNEL WILL BE ATTACHED TO YOU FOR
RATIONS YOU WILL INCLUDE THIS NUMBER IN YOUR RATION ORDER
TO D.D.S. AND T.O. VANCOUVER.

D.S. AND T.O. X1

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VICTORIA

SEPT 22

139 NO OBJECTION CLEARING PROVIDED NO POSITIONS OR
STRUCTURES THEREBY OPENED UP STOP LIEUT CUNNINGTON
ENGINEERS LEAVING TODAY WITH FULL PARTICULARS AND WITH
DOCUMENT REQUESTED PARAGRAPH TWO

G.S.O. X1

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE.

YORK ISLAND.

File No. W 13

22 September, 1939.

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

Radiotelegraph Traffic.

1. Your file No. 28-1-6. We have for acknowledgement your letter dated 19 Sept. together with two copies M.D. XI H.Q. circular letter 32/1939, dated 12th Sept.
2. For your information, it is felt that certain classes of messages between H.Q., M.D.XI. and this station should be in cipher. At present, such messages may be handled via Naval wireless, Naval Code.
3. Please advise whether or not the facilities of the Naval Wireless Station to be installed on York Island will be available for transmission of messages to and from your Headquarters.

R.H. Jorgensen, Capt.,
O.C. York Island.

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YORK ISLAND

File No. N 16

22 September, 1939

Headquarters, H. B. 11.

Victoria, B. C.

RECREATION

1. We have for acknowledgement your file No. V 28-2-5-1. Further to Major F.E. Guerry's report dealing with recreation, I understand the meaning he intended to convey was that, in view of the fact that personnel engaged in coast defence and anti-sabotage duties in the lower mainland and southern Vancouver Island Areas are permitted 24 hours per week leave of absence providing that 90% of the necessary personnel are continuously on duty, efforts should be made to allow up to 10% of the personnel at York Island to proceed to Vancouver on leave at the cheapest possible transportation cost allowing one weeks leave for every period of six weeks or more service.
2. For your information, it has been necessary for all personnel to carry out fortress duties here continuously seven days a week. However, when the strength of this battery is brought up to war establishment, it will be possible to grant a week leave to seven or eight men at a time without dislocating training and fortress duties. While the H.M.C.S. Comox and H.M.C.S. Armentiers were performing the duties of examination vessels, they had to coal at Nanaimo every fourteen days or so but now that examination service has been taken over by vessels of the Fishermen's reserve, refueling will be done at Alert Bay. However

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it is understood that Union Steamships charge \$8.00 return for a special farmer's ticket to Vancouver and it is thought that this rate or even a cheaper rate would be applied to personnel stationed at York Island.

3. May the above be given your consideration.

R.H. Jorgensen, Capt..

O.C. York Island.

H.Q. M.D. XI

YORK ISLAND

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74 PROGRESS REPORTS STOP LUMBER AND BUILDING MATERIAL ALL
UNLOADED STOP CONSTRUCTION OF ONE TWENTY BY FORTY HUT COMPLETED STOP
H.M.C.S. ALLAVRDY ARRIVED TO RELIEVE H.M.C.S. ARMSTRONGS STOP
NAVAL RADIO STATION EQUIPMENT HAS ARRIVED AND TROOPS ARE MOVING
IT UP TO RADIO HOUSE STOP NAVAL PERSONNEL ON ISLAND NOW FIVE STOP
WHAT RATION ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE STOP WATER SUPPLY FIVE
FOUR HUNDRED GALS

C.C. YORK ISLAND.

35 HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

Daily Strength

York Island, B.C.

23rd Sept 1939

	Offrs.	O.R.s	Total
85 HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.	2	47	49
R.C.A.M.C.	1	—	1
R.C.N.	1	4	5
5 th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	—	3	3
10 Fort. Sig. Coy. R.C.C.S.	—	4	4
Det. 2 nd Bn. (MG) C.S.R.	—	14	14
R.C.A.S.C.	—	1	1
Civilians	—	5	5
Total	4	78	82



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.

YORK ISLAND

23/9/39.

PART I ORDERS # 26.

BY.

CAPTAIN R.H. JORGENSEN.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	24/9/39	2/Lt. G.A. Mulheron.
To be Orderly Sergeant	24/9/39	L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
next for duty		L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.B.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	24/9/39	Gnr. Willoughby H.B.
next for duty		Gnr. O'Malley C.R.

2. DUTY WATCHES. for 24 hours from 1800 hrs 24/9/39
to 1800 hrs 25/9/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Upton V.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Davidson G.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 1800 hrs 24/9/39.

H. Q. and duty watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 24/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

Pte. Rutledge C.W.A.
L/Sdr. Parker J.L.
Gnr. Cholowski W.

3. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Gnr. Adrich D.
Gnr. Cooper F.

2. FUEL FATIGUE.

Nil.

4. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Nil.

R.H. Jorgensen
R. H. Jorgensen, Capt.,
O.C. 85th Heavy Battery,
R.C.A.

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SEPT 23

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BAR SIGHT TUBULAR SHIPPED FOR PRINCE GEORGE AT

0610 HOURS SEPT TWENTY THIRD.

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SEPT 23

79 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY FIVE ONE HUNDRED GALLONS STOP

FORMAN WHYBROW HAS RETURNED STOP CATALA AT KELSY BAY NOW

STOP H. C.A.S.F. MEDICAL BOARD DUE SHORTLY AT YORK
ISLAND

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

24/9/39.

PART I ORDERS # 27.

BY.

CAPTAIN R. H. JORGENSEN.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	25/9/39	2/Lt. C.A. Malheron.
To be Orderly Sergeant	25/9/39	L/Sgt. Thurlwell W.R.
next for duty		A/L/Sgt. Thackeray P.A.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	25/9/39	Gnr. O'Malley C.R.
next for duty		Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 1800 hrs. 25/9/39
to 1800 hrs. 26/9/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Upton V.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed

Bdr. Mills W.J.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Davidson G.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

Bdr. Darby G.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 1800 hrs 25/9/39.

M.Q. and duty watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR MONDAY 25/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

A/L/Bdr. Snow C.H.
Gnr. Taylor W.R.
Pte. Atrol A.

3. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Bdr. Darby G.
Gnr. Spring R.
Pte. Whitehouse W.

2. FUEL FATIGUE.

L/Sgt. Thackeray P.H.
Gnr. McGeragie J.
Gnr. Cheney R.H.

4. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Cooper M. to
report to Launch "York"
for duty.

R.H. Jorgensen
R.H. Jorgensen, Capt., R.C.A.
O.C. York Island.

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VANCOUVER SEPT 24

81 ALL PERSONNEL MEDICALLY BOARDED AND ATTESTED
C.A.S.F. EXCEPT FOUR OTHER RANKS CATEGORY T. STOP
MEDICAL BOARD WITH DOCUMENTS HAVE LEFT YORK ISLAND.

C.C. YORK ISLAND.

85th HEAVY BATTERY M.C.A.

YORK L. LASH

25/9/39.

PART I ORDERS # 88.

B.

CAPTAIN R.A. JORDHURST.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	26/9/39	Lt G.A. Mulhern.
To be Orderly Sergeant	26/9/39	Lt/Lt. Thackeray P.A.
next for duty		Sgt. Ferton G.F.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	26/9/39	Cnr. Willoughby H.W.
next for duty		Cnr. O'Malley C.R.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 1800 hrs. 26/9/39
to 1800 hrs. 27/9/39.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Ser. Mills W.J.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Ser. Darby G.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 1800 hrs. 26/9/39.

H.Q. and duty watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR MONDAY 26/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUES.

A/Bdr. Richardson A.
Cnr. Fox P.
Pte. Pattison C.L.

3. SANITARY FATIGUE.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.
Cnr. O'Malley C.R.
Cnr. Willoughby H.W.

2. FUEL FATIGUE.

Cnr. Richards W.H.
Cnr. Atkins D.A.
Pte. Webb A.V.

4. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Pte Geary A.H. to report
to Launch "York" for
duty.

(over).

5. WATER PROOF CLOTHING.

Attention of all concerned is drawn to Vancouver Area Circular Letter M 5-15 dated 19 Sept. 39, as follows:-

"1. The Waterproofs, Hauls and Boots Rubber, which have been or may in future be distributed to the Units in the Vancouver Area are to be considered as on loan.

2. Officers Commanding Units will take these goods on charge as private Stores; they will not be carried on the Ordnance Ledger."

6. TRAINING DECLARATION.

Attention of all ranks is drawn to R.C. Vancouver Area Circular Letter No. M-5-11 dated 20 Sept 39, as follows:-

"1. Instructions have been received that all personnel for appointment or enlistment, C.A.S.F., from 21st Sept. inclusive must be given to understand definitely they are volunteering for service at home or abroad.

2. Those already attested must be given an opportunity of making a supplementary declaration expressing willingness to undertake service abroad.

3. Full particulars regarding procedure as to supplementary declaration will be issued shortly."

7. CEREMONIAL PARADES--ORDER OF DRESS.

Attention of all ranks is drawn to District Order No. 327 dated 20th Sept. 1939 as follows:-

"Until further orders, on all Ceremonial Parades, including funerals, church parades, etc., No. 5 Service Dress, Drill Order will be worn without swords or medals."

8. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Attention of Battery Commanders is drawn to District Routine Order No. 19 dated 20th Sept. 39 as follows:-

"Adverting to District Order No. 236 dated 4th Sept 1939;

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8. LEAVE OF ABSENCE(cont'd)

Leave for not more than two days per month may be granted by officers commanding units on the distinct understanding that not more than ten per cent of a unit may be on leave at any one time."



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YORK ISLAND

SEPT 25

Q 236 PLEASE FORWARD TOTAL OF YOUR PRESENT CASE
STRENGTH TO THIS H.Q.

H.Q. 15th VAN COAST BTY. R.C.A.

H.Q. 15th VAN COAST BDE.

YORK ISLAND

VANCOUVER

SEPT 25

85 REFERENCE Q 236 TOTAL CASE STRENGTH IS TWO OFFICERS
FORTY ONE OTHER RANKS OF TWENTY FIFTH BATTERY STOP THIS
DOES NOT INCLUDE ATTACHED PERSONNEL STOP RATIONS DEMAND
RATIONS FOR TWENTY ALL RANKS STOP SUBSTITUTE BISCUITS OR
FLOUR FOR FIFTY INSTANT BREAD RATIONS.

O.C. 85th HVY BTY R.C.A.

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VICTORIA

SEPT 25

246 PRIVATE BRITTON R.C.A.S.C. BEING DISPATCHED BY
NEXT VESSEL FROM VANCOUVER TO OPERATE GAS LAUNCH YORK
ISLAND

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C.C. YORK ISLAND

VICTORIA

SEPT 25

231 YOUR FIGHT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH
DISTRICT ROUTINE ORDER NO 42 DATED TWENTY SECOND SEPTEMBER
STOP REPORT NAMES OF MEN AND UNITS TO WHICH THEY BELONG IN
ORDER THAT OFFICERS COMMANDING MAY BE INFORMED AND
TRANSPORTATION ARRANGED FOR THEIR RETURN TO UNIT HEADQUARTERS
FOR DISCHARGE

A.A. & Q.M.G. X1

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND

File No. 750

25 September, 1939.

Headquarters,
15th (Van) Coast Bde., R.C.A.,
Beaumont Armouries,
Vancouver, B. C.

C.A.S.F.

Reference your letter No. M 10.170.

1. The following members of this battery were found to be Category "E", thereby being ineligible for enlistment in the C.A.S.F.

5042 Bdr. Jameson I.N.
5176 Bdr. Gosse J.
9067 Gnr. Cheney R.H.
5217 Gnr. Taylor W.H.

2. With reference to your letter dated 21st Sept. re documentation C.A.S.F., it is considered highly desirable to retain Bdr. Jameson on the strength of the C.A.S.F. Battery. This man is Category "E" due to defective vision, but this fact does not prevent him from carrying out extremely well his duties as a signaller or H.C.O. i/c of signallers. At the present time, he is considered very valuable for the purpose of training signallers. While at York Island, Bdr. Jameson has been acting as steward of the officers quarters. He is performing these duties very well indeed and Capt. D.A. Dunbar, R.C.A.M.C., President of the Medical Board will also endorse this recommendation to retain Bdr. Jameson.
3. With reference to the return to civil life or non-effective strength of the other three men, we are awaiting your instructions.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND

File No. 752

25 September, 1939

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

MEDICAL BOARD.

1. The Medical Board arrived at York Island at 1600 hours Saturday, 23 Sept. and immediately commenced examining all personnel, and completed examination at 2100 hours.
2. Forms MPM 1 and MPM 2 were completed on page 1 and page 3 on one copy only, as Capt. Dunbar advised that the duplicate and triplicate copies just required the signatures and would be completed in Vancouver. Due to the fact that there is an insufficient supply of MPM 5 only one copy was filled in in most cases. If your Headquarters will fill in the details on the duplicate copies necessary we will have them signed here and sent back. MPM 16 and 16A have been completed on one copy only. If these forms should be required to be completed in more than one copy, please fill them in and we will sign and return these also.
3. For your information, complete documentation here was a very hurried affair, especially in view of the fact that I was unable to get an opportunity to read all your various instructions and other relative letters and orders, or look over the forms until about midnight Saturday, and as the Board left York Island right after lunch on Sunday with all the papers. I trust that you will check everything carefully as there was no opportunity to do so here.

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YORK ISLAND

File No. V 25

25 September, 1939.

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

Tractor R.C.V.S. 9.

1. Enclosed are invoices in quadruplicate rendered by the Salmon River Logging Co. Ltd., and the International Harvester Co. Ltd., for the driving and repairing of the marginally noted tractor.
2. At present the tractor is unserviceable because the cylinder head is cracked in three places. I reported this by wire on 19th Sept. but as yet have not been able to get the diesel engineer of the H.M.C.S. Vanale to look this machine over to give me his report. However, although I am not qualified to speak authoritatively, I feel sure that the damage to the cracked cylinder head had occurred prior to its arrival at York Island. When head was removed to disclose the condition of the nozzles, the cracks in the head were not evident until the carbon deposits were removed and the valve seats ground.
3. Foreman Wlybrow states that he has enough gravel at the Fort to complete the fencing and it is felt that the tractor can be dispensed with. To put the tractor in a servicable condition, the following work is recommended, rebore the cylinders, install oversized piston rings to fit and install new cylinder head.
4. As it is not anticipated that heavy loads, other than ammunition are required to be transported from the wharf to the fort, a light truck would be satisfactory. Alternatively, a low deck hand cart, equipped with drag ropes, might be considered.



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HUNDRED GALLONS

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
YORK ISLAND

25 September, 1939.

Secret and confidential.

Report on York Island #3.

1. Equipment.

(A) Artillery. Both guns are now equipped for firing electrically and by percussion.

Spare needles and firing pins are now available.

Telescopes available are one No. 1 and one No. 3. Another one of each should be provided.

(B) Medium Machine Guns.

Two Vickers Machine Guns are in service for the local defence of the Island. These will be sited as per sketch map attached.

2. Ammunition.

No change, except that the detachment of machine gunners brought an additional 2400 rounds S.A. Ball .303" cartridges.

3. Training.

Gun drill and laying is carried on daily. Loading practice is not considered advisable without a dummy loader.

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3. Training (cont'd)

M.G. Personnel do M.G. drill. Physical training is carried out daily each morning after reveille.

4. Accommodation.

This is now much improved on completion of the second new hut. Available accommodation will be as follows:-

Large hut	23 men.
1st New hut	17 "
2nd. " "	17 "
Small hut	6 "
Basement Officers	
quarters	6 "
Miscel.	6 "
TOTAL	<hr/> 75 men.

The above gives each man about $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet of wall space in huts.

5. Water.

It is understood that water will be shipped in bulk, and all arrangements are being completed to that end. It is proposed to use sea water for showers.

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6. Clothing and Necessaries.

No change, except that private sources have donated a shirt and two pair of socks to each man, also a few waterproofs and rubbers. Thus in contrast to the detachment of "C" Coy. 2nd. Bn. (M.G.) C.S.R., who arrived with complete issue of boots, underwear, housewives, shaving kits, etc.

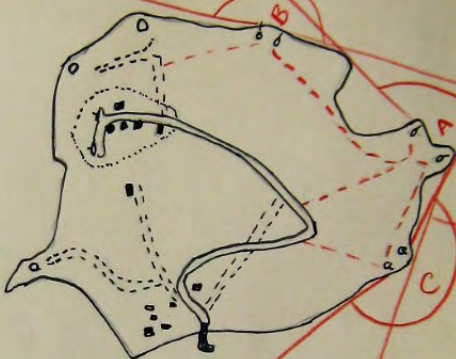
7. Health.

This is very good on the whole.

8. General.

Lieut Cunningham, R.C.F., has visited this station to survey the various engineer problems and proposed buildings include new kitchen, mess hall, hospital hut, and ablution hut. This will give the present strength proper accommodation. However, when it is decided to bring the strength of the battery up to its establishment, two more huts 20x60' will be required. In addition, when searchlight personnel are added, another hut will be required. This should be the total building required.





Scale 1" = 200 yds

Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY

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~~RESTRICTED - EYES ONLY~~

(Erase heading not required)

ORIGINAL

M.E.M. II
A.F.C. 20K
1 M.I.-4-2 (1700)
B.Q. 1715-4-14

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	Sept. 26		Progress Report (See App. "G") Weather : Fair	E.28
	27		1 O.R. proceeded on Compassionate leave 1 O.R. R.C.A.S.C. arrived to operate launch "York". Weather : Fair	
	28		Weather : Fair	
	29		Major J.E. Piercy arrived today, and assumed Command. "Border Prince" delivered stores and water. 1 O.R. returned from Alert Bay. Letter re Re-inforcements (See App. "F") Letter re Training Weather : Fair	V.72 V.73
	30		Weather : Fair	



Prof. G. K.

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

26/9/39.

PART I ORDERS #29.

BY.

CAPTAIN R.H. JORGENSEN.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	27/9/39	2/Lt. G.A. Mulheron.
To be Orderly Sergeant	27/9/39	Sgt. Kerton G.F.
next for duty		Sgt. Cox S.D.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	27/9/39	Gnr. O'Malley C.R.
next for duty		Gnr. Willoughby H.W.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 1800 hrs. 27/9/39.
to 1800 hrs. 28/9/39.

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Upton V.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.M.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

Sgt. Davidson G.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 1800 hrs. 27/9/39.

H.Q. and party and duty watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR TUESDAY 27/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

Gnr. Knight J.F.
Gnr. Adrich D.
Pte. Stark E.

3. SANITARY FATIGUE.

L/Bdr. Parker J.L.
Gnr. Cooper F.
Pte. Evans J.H.

2. FUEL FATIGUE.

Sgt. Upton V.
Gnr. Jordison E.J.
Gnr. Cholowski W.

4. LAUNCH DETAIL.

A/L/Sgt. Thackeray P.H.
to report to Launch
"York" for duty.

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PART I ORDERS #28.

5. STANDING ORDERS.

Standing orders are amended as follows:-

Reveille	6:30
P.T. Parade	6:35
Breakfast	7:20
Parade	8:20



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND

File No. V. 28

26 September, 1939.

District Officer Commanding,
Headquarters, M. D. XI
Victoria, B. C.

Sir:-

Report No. 3 York Island.

1. Attached hereto I submit the third report on the state of defence on York Island.
2. I beg to advise that I consider that the state of training and efficiency of personnel stationed here has shown marked improvement since this detachment was mobilized four weeks ago. In addition the men have done a considerable amount of work. This, of course has relieved the monotony of the watches on duty at the guns.
3. Thus far the spirit and morale of the men is excellent.

I have the,

honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant.



YORK ISLAND

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SEPT 26

VICTORIA

88 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY FOUR TWO HUNDRED GALLS
STOP NEW HUT READY TO OCCUPY TOMORROW STOP NAVAL RADIO STATION
NOW OPERATING.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

56th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

27/9/39.

PART I GUNPS 430

RE.

CAPTAIN R.H. JOHNSON.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	28/9/39	2/Lt. G.A. Mulhern
To be Orderly Sergeant	28/9/39	Sgt. Cox R.H.
next for duty		L/Sgt. Heafey A.M.
To be Orderly Trumpeter	28/9/39	Gnr. Willoughby H.W.
next for duty		Gnr. O'Malley C.R.

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and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

Sdr. Mills C.J.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

#2 GUN ATTACHMENT.

Sgt. Davidson G.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

Sdr. Darby G.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 1800 hrs. 28/9/39.

H. Q. and duty stations.

4. FATIGUES FOR THURSDAY 28/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

L/Sdr. Snow C.H.
Gnr. Spring R.
Gnr. Lantry R.L.

2. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Sdr. Mills C.J.
Gnr. McCaragie J.
Gnr. Cheney R.H.

2. FUEL FATIGUE.

Sdr. Darby G.
Gnr. Foote J.E.
Gnr. Fox P.
Gnr. Buchanan S.

4. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Richards W.H. to
report to Launch "York"



H.Q. 15th (VAN) COAST BATT.
VANCOUVER

YORK ISLAND

SEPT 27

89 RATIONS STOP MEDICAL OFFICER HAS CONSUMED SIX
EIGHT POUNDS BEEF SHIPPED ON LOBIN STOP VENTURE THAT
SHIPMENT ON VENTURE IS GOOD STOP SHIP POTATOS AND
FRESH VEGETABLES ON VENTURE.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

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O.C. 85th Btty.

Vancouver.

York Island.

Sept.27th.

YOUR WIRE RE BEEF RECEIVED 1940 HOURS STOP TOO LATE FOR ADJUSTMENT
STOP 170 POUNDS BEEF THIRTY POUNDS CORN BEEF THIRTY VENTURE STOP
LETTER FOLLOWING.

Q.M. 15th. COAST BRIGADE. R.C.A.

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90 PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY THIRTY NINE HUNDRED
GALLONS STOP PTF BRITTON R.C.A.S.C. ARRIVED.

. C.C. YORK ISLAND

95th NAVY BATTALY N.O.A.

YORK ISLAND.

28/9/39.

PART I. ORDERS #21.

BY.

CAPTAIN R.H. JORGENSEN.

1. DUTIES.

To be Orderly Officer	28/9/39	2/Lt. O.A. Mulhern
To be Orderly Sergeant	29/9/39	Sgt. McAfee A.M.
Next for duty		Sgt. Davidson G.
To be Orderly Trumpeter		Cnr. O'Malley C.R.
Next for duty		Cnr. Willoughby H.W.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 1800 hrs. 29/9/39 .
to 1800 hrs. 30/9/39.

ON DUTY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sdr. Mills W.J.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed

L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sdr. Barry C.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed

L/Sgt McAfee A.M.
and 4 O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 1800 hrs 29/9/39.

H.Q. and duty watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR FRIDAY 29/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

Cnr Richards W.H.
Cnr. Atkins D.A.
Pte. Starker.

3. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Sdr. Gosse J.
Cnr. O'Malley C.R.
Pte. Geary A.M.

2. FUEL FATIGUE.

Sgt. Opton V.
L/Sdr. Richardson A.
Cnr. Buchan E.
Pte. Pattison CCL.

4. LAUNCH DETAIL.

NIL.

5. BOUNDS.

THE NAVAL RADIO STATION IN THE FORT IS STRICTLY OUT OF
BOUNDS TO ALL RANKS.



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VICTORIA

SEPTEMBER 28th.

365 IT IS DESIRED TO BRING THE WIGNEY FIFTH BATTERY AT YORK ISLAND UP
TO WAR STRENGTH OF THREE OFFICERS AND SEVENTY SIX OTHER RANKS STOP
SUPPORT WHETHER ACCOMADATION IS AVAILABLE FOR THE BALANCE REQUIRED

AA & QMG2

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A.A.&Q.M.G.

H.Q. M.D.II. VICTORIA.

SEPTEMBER 28th.

92. REFERENCE YOUR THREE SIX FIVE STOP ~~XXXXXX~~ PROPER ACCOMODATION NOT
AVAILABLE STOP REFER REPORT DATED TWENTY SIXTH SEPTEMBER STOP TWO
ADDITIONAL HUTS REQUIRED STOP O.C. 15th. VANCOUVER COAST BRIGADE ADVISES
THAT SIXTEEN REINFORCEMENTS DUE TO ARRIVE SATURDAY STOP THIS WILL OVERTAX
PRESENT ACCOMODATION STOP COOKING FACILITIES INADEQUATE STOP RANGE CAMP
COOKING UNSATISFACTORY STOP LARGE RESTAURANT OR BARRACK TYPE RANGE IS
RECOMMENDED AS BATTERY WAR STRENGTH WILL INCREASE GARRISON STRENGTH TO
ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN

O.C. YORK ISLAND

5 C.I.F.

M.N.

T.T.

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65 N.B.W.

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VICTORIA

SEPTEMBER 28th.

389 .O.C YORK ISLAND REPORTS 15th. COAST BRIGADE
INTENDS SENDING REINFORCEMENTS SIXTEEN OTHER TANKS ARRIVING YORK
ISLAND ON SATURDAY AND STATES THAT ACCOMADATION IS NOT YET AVAILABLE
INSTRUCT O.C. 15th.BRIGADE DETACHMENT NOT TO PROCEED MOVEMENT WILL BE
FIELD IN ABYANCE PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS
ADDRESSED O.C. VANCOUVER AREA REPEATED O.C. YORK ISLAND

A.A.& Q.M.G.

H.Q. 15th VANCOUVER COAST BRIGADE R.C.A.

SEPTEMBER 26th.

94. REINFORCEMENTS MUST HAVE BLANKETS BEDS MATTRESSES KITCHEN UTENSILS
AND SPOONS

C.C. YORK ISLAND.

D.S & TO. M.D.II.

SEPTEMBER 28th.

VICTORIA.

93. REFERENCE THERE BEING THEIR AFFIRMATIVE REPLY
STOP RESERVE INBANKS IS REGULARLY USED AND REFILLED TO INSURE
FRESHNESS

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

4.C.I.F.

F.B.

F.T.

1645

13.M.B.W.

O.C. 85th BATTERY

VANCOUVER

YORK ISLAND

SEPTEMBER 28th.

HAVE YOU DEPARTURES FOR SIXTYTH MEN LEAVING HERE TOMORROW STOP

ADVISE AT ONCE

Q.M. 15th. COAST BATTERY.

H.Q. M.D.XI
VICTORIA.

YORK ISLAND

28th September.

91. PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY THREE SIX
HUNDRED GALLONS

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

3 C.I.F.

T.D.

T.T.

1615

23N.B.W.

OFFICER COMMANDING

VICTORIA

YORK ISLAND

SEPTEMBER 28th.

373 PROGRESS REPORT WATER SUPPLY TAKEN NINE HUNDRED GALLONS DOES
THIS INCLUDE RESERVE IN BARRELS WHICH IS FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY

D.S. & T.O.

YORK ISLAND.

PART I. GUNNER'S REG.

IV.

CAPTAIN R.H. JORDISON R.N.

29/9/39.

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| <p>1. <u>DUTY.</u></p> <p>To be orderly Officer 30/9/39
 To be Orderly Sergeant 30/9/39
 Next for duty
 To be Orderly Trumpeter 30/9/39
 Next for duty</p> <p>2. <u>DUTY WATCHES.</u> for 24 hours from 1800 hrs. 30/9/39
 to 1800. hrs. 1/10/39.</p> | <p>R/Lt. G.A. Mulharon
 Sgt. Davidson G.
 L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
 Gnr. Willoughby H.F.
 Gnr. O'Malley C.R.</p> |
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ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. Clarke J.A.
 and 4 G.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Upton V.
 and 4 G.R.s as detailed.

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. McAfee A.R.
 and 4 G.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Davidson G.
 and 4 G.R.s as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE. 1800 hrs 30/9/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR SATURDAY 30/9/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

Gnr. Adrich D.
 Gnr Cooper F.
 Pte. Stark F.

H. SANITARY FATIGUE.

Sgt. Davidson G.
 Gnr. Chelowski V.
 Pte. Leedam C.L.

2. FUEL FATIGUE.

L/Sgt. Thackeray P.R.
 L/Sgt. Parker J.L.
 Gnr. Jordison F.
 Pte. Rutledge C.W.A.

4. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Pte De Luse F. to report
 to Launch 'YORK' for duty
 at 0600 hrs.

5. ENTRY DUTY.

On sentry duty from 1800 hrs. 29/9/39 to 0600 hrs. 30/9/39

Gnr. Knight J.F. Gnr. Adrich D. and Gnr. Jordison F.

On sentry duty from 1800 hrs. 30/9/39 to 0600 hrs. 1/10/39

Gnr. McGreggie J. Gnr. Lacey R.L. and Gnr. Willoughby H.F.

R. H. Jordison Capt

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

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29th. September 1939.

HEADQUARTERS.

15th; (VANCOUVER) COAST BRIGADE.

BESSBOROUGH ARMOURIES.

VANCOUVER B.C.

REINFORCEMENTS.

Reference your letter September 27th.

1. The day this letter arrived, the A.A.&Q.M.C. wired that it was desired to complete the Battery's establishment at York Island, and asked me to report whether or not accommodation was available
2. I replied that proper accommodation was not available, and that cooking facilities are unsatisfactory, and that sixteen reinforcements would overtax our present accommodation.
3. I later learned that the movement was postponed.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

Y.Y.B.

29th. September 1939.

HEADQUARTERS.

15th. (VANCOUVER) COAST BRIGADE.

BESSBOROUGH ARMOURIES.

VANCOUVER B.C.

TRAINING.

Reference your letter P.Y.1 380, dated 25th. September

1. Copy of training programme is acknowledged.
2. Written training reports will be submitted, next week in this mail if possible.
3. For your information, daily training is roughly as follows:-
 - 0635 to 0645 Physical Training for all ranks, less duty watches.
 - 0820 to 0850. Rifle Drill for all ranks less fatigues and duty watches
 - 0820 to 0900. Preparation for action, Equipment, and Laying practice, for duty watches standing by.
 - 0820 to 1030. M.G. Drill and stoppage training, for M.G. personnel less fatigues.
 - 1400 to 1600. B.C.A. and D.R.F. training, instruction and practice.
(To date we have established a Datum Post, and prepared a corrected Range Table which agreed with the Range Table sent us later from Victoria)
- 4.
4. SIGNALMEN TRAINING. When ever possible, as two signallers are constantly on duty, keeping in touch with the I.V.s they are now well trained, and have a good knowledge of the International Code. In this they are helped by instructions of a Naval Signaller and the C.I.C.
5. LECTURES FOR OFFICERS AND M.C.O.s. These are not possible as duty watches are for 24 hours, and only three or four M.C.O.s. are available

at one time, and these are in charge of fatigues doing essential work.

However, the Training Manuals are being studied.

YORK ISLAND FORTRESS.

29/8/39

STANDING ORDERS.

BY.

MAJOR F. W. GUERRESKY.

G. C. YORK ISLAND.

1. DUTIES:

The following duties and fatigues will be carried out each day and will appear in daily orders.

- (i). Orderly Officer.
- (ii). Orderly Sergeant.
- (iii). Kitchen Fatigue.
- (iv). Sanitary Fatigue.
- (v). Quartermaster Stores and Fuel Fatigue.
- (vi). Launch Fatigue.
- (vii). Other duties to be detailed in Part I Orders.

2. FIRE PICQUET.

All other ranks not on duty at the gun position will be under fire picquet. The picquet will be under commands of the orderly sergeant. The fire alarm will consist of the "Cook House" call sounded by the orderly trumpeter.

3. PARADES.

Reveille	0600	Hours.
Breakfast	0700	"
Parade	0800	"
Sick Parade	0815	"
Lunch	1230	"
Parade	1400	"
Dismiss	1630	"
Supper	1700	"
Lights Out	2215	"

4. CANTEEN

The canteen will be open during the following hours:

1530	hours	to	1400	Hours.
1900	"	to	2200	"

5. BOUNDS.

The following are out of bounds to all ranks other than those authorized.

Radio House.
Launch "York".
Gun Position.
Q. M. Stores.
Officers quarters.

6. BOATS.

No person shall use the row boats unless written permission is obtained from the commanding officer.

7. KITCHEN.

No person will enter the kitchen unless on duty. The mess house will be cleared after each meal and will not be entered until permission is obtained from the Orderly Officer.

H.Q. M.D. X.I.

SEPTEMBER 29th.

VICTORIA. B.C.

95.48

PROGRESS REPORT STOP WATER SUPPLY

THREE TWO HUNDRED GALLONS STOP WATER BECOMING STALE AND UNPALATABLE

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

5 HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

Daily Strength

York Island, B.C.

30th Sept. 1939

	effr.	O.R.	Total
85 HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.	2	44	46
R.C.A.M.C.	1	-	1
R.C.N.	1	4	5
5 th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	-	3	3
10 th Fort. Sig. Coy. R.C.S.	-	4	4
Det. 2 nd Bn. (MG) C.B.R.	-	14	14
R.C.S.C.	-	1	1
Civilians	-	5	5
Total	4	75	79



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

YORK ISLAND.

PART I. ORDERS # 33.

BY.

CAPTAIN R.H.JORGENSEN.

30/9/39.

1. DUTIES. To be Orderly Officer 1/10/39 2/Lt. G.A.Mulheron
To be Orderly Sergeant 1/10/39 L/Sgt Clarke J.A.
Next for duty L/Sgt.Thurlwell W.N.
To be Orderly Trumpeter 1/10/39 Gnr.O'Malley C.R.
Next for duty Gnr.Willoughby H.W.
2. DUTY WATCHES. for 24 hours from 1800 hrs. 1/10/39
to 1800 hrs. 2/10/39.

ON DUTY.

STANDING BY.

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Upton V.
and 4 O.R.s. as detailed

Bdr. Mills W.J.
and 4 O.R.s. as detailed

#2. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Davidson G.
and 4 O.R.s. as detailed

Bdr. Darby G.
and 4 O.R.s. as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE 1800 1/10/39.

H.Q. and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 1/10/39.

1. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

2. SANITARY FATIGUE

Gnr. Foote J.K.
Gnr. Willoughby H.W.
Pte. Evans J.H.

Gnr. McGeragle J.
Gnr. Spring E

3. LAUNCH DETAIL.

Gnr. Cooper M. to report to the launch 'YORK' for duty at 0600 hrs.

5. SENTRY DUTY. from 1600 hrs. 1/10/39 to 0600 hrs. 2/10/39

L/Bdr. Richardson A. Gnr. O'Malley C.R. Gnr. Buchan H.

NOTE: IN FUTURE? MANNING PARADE IS AT 1600hrs. FROM 1/10/39

R.H. Jorgensen Capt

H.Q. M.D. XI.

30th. SEPTEMBER

VICTORIA.

96. PROGRESS REPORT STOP MAJOR J.E. PIERCEY ARRIVED AND HAS ASSUMED
COMMAND STOP WATER SUPPLY TWO EIGHT HUNDRED GALLONS.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

H.Q. M.D. XI.

30th. SEPTEMBER

VICTORIA.

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COMMAND STOP WATER SUPPLY TWO EIGHT HUNDRED GALLONS.

O.C. YORK ISLAND.