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## **August 1941**

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# WAR DIARY

OF

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

*Ser. No. 390*

FROM Aug. 1st 1941 TO Aug. 31st 1941

VOLUME XXIV

APPENDICES "A" TO "D"

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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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**ORIGINAL**

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
York Island	Aug	1st	1941 Three Bring to Rounds fired from 6 pdr on a fish boat proceeding south on Johnstone Straits. Vessel stopped and was dealt with by the X.O.	js
		2	Weather: Ceiling seven thousand, Overcast, no wind, sea calm. K17029 BWS Upton V qualified as quartermaster (DRO 745 - 1941) Lt. D.G. McGavin returned from CSATC(WC) at Nanaimo.	js
		2	Lieut. J.S. Cunningham RCNR attached to York Island replacing Lieut. F.H. Smyly RCNR Letter to M.D. No. 11 requesting vacancy for Platoon Weapons Training at CSATC(WC). Letter to HQ Pacific Command requesting RCE to camouflage searchlight emplacements. Letter proposing to send tractor to Vancouver for repairs.	App. "A" App. "A" App. "A" App. "A"
		3	Letter <del>proposing to</del> re communications to HQ Pacific Command Weather: Ceiling five thousand, overcast, visibility 20, light haze, sea calm Weather: ceiling eight thousand, scattered clouds, visibility 25, sea calm.	js
		3	Thirteen Bring to Rounds fired from 6 pdr. and one round from 4.7 which almost surpassed the twenty hour record of fifteen rounds.	js
		4	Weather: ceiling one thousand, overcast, visibility 4, mist, sea calm Two rounds were fired from 6 pdr into Johnstone Straits at 1158 hours. X. D. death with the matter.	js
		5	Weather: ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 25, North West wind 15 miles, sea choppy. Strength of Battery very low, due to men proceeding on various duties and unable to replace correspondence re this matter - file 5-1	them, App. "A"
		6	Weather: ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 25, N.W. 38, sea rough. Lt. H.V.N. Bankes granted 7 days leave (Authority MDXI C/L V2-1-26-36 d/ 20-11-39) Letter to Pacific Command General Staff re shortage of 4.7 ammunition, pointing out that ammunition would be expended in 15 minutes. file 2-7	App. "A"
		7	Capt. J.H. Bricker, 85th, SOS on being posted as exchange officer overseas. Weather: ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 25, north west wind 15, sea choppy. B.C.'s Parade at 1330 hours, and foot and rifle drill carried out for one hour.	js
		8	Weather: ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 20, north west wind 20, sea rough. Lieut. J. Rabatich RCOC arrived to check over the requirements of the Station Hospital. Rifles and Bayonets requested for RCE Detachment, to be of help in defence of the Island.	js

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON  
by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

1st August, 1941

*Appendix "B"*

No. 213

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213-1 DUTIES: Saturday 2nd August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	2-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	3-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	2-8-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	Bdr. Garrett	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Foote	

213-2 FIRE PICQUET:

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

213-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2100 hours 2-8-41

Bdr. McD. Dyer, Gnrs. Hammell, Davey, and Jenkins.

*J.E. Piercy*

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

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

2nd August, 1941

No. 214

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<sup>4</sup>  
213-1 DUTIES: ~~Sunday~~ Sunday  
~~2nd August, 1941~~ 2nd August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	3-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	4-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	3-8-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	Bdr. Beaulieu	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Adzich	

213-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Adzich, Gnrs. Agnew, Larson, Erickson, McDonald, and  
~~Willyx~~ Olsen.

<sup>4</sup>  
213-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2100 hours 2-8-41

L/Bdr. Parrott, Gnrs. Rolland, Greigh, and Alford.

<sup>4</sup>  
213-4 COAL OIL:

Coal Oil will not be used for the purpose of lighting  
fires, and care must be taken where stove lids are laid when  
refueling coal stoves.

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Officer Commanding, York Island

/EW

# Appendix "A"

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

2nd August 1941

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

## TRAINING - INSTRUCTORS

1. It is noted from Canadian Army Training Pamphlet #3 that a course in Platoon Weapons commences on the 15th of Aug. 41, at the C.S.A.T.C. at Nanaimo.
2. I request that one vacancy be allotted to York Island on this course as we have no instructors at present but have one man being trained. When he comes back to York Island he will be available except in the event of leave and sickness.
3. It is considered there should be two qualified instructors on York Island to take care of these contingencies.

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

/PBW

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

2nd August, 1

Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria, B.C.

Attention: Camouflage Officer

1. The 4th E&M Coy. RCE. are sending up a painter to do a bit of work up here and I suggest that steps be taken to camouflage the Searchlight emplacements and gun emplacements by painting to make them less prominent.
2. At present the searchlight emplacements are so prominent that they are used for aides for navigation by the local navigators.
3. Will you please take up with the DEO. the question of what paint you think should be put on these emplacements, as they are at present, the natural concrete colour.
4. Please advise me how you want this done.

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

JEP/EAW

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

2nd August 1

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

Paint

1. Will you please send up the following to complete the doors and windows in the camp:

- 150 lbs. white lead.
- 5 lbs. Prussian blue colour in oil as per  
Mc. & Mc. Catalogue page 150.
- 5 lbs. Chrome yellow in oil as per Mc. & Mc.  
catalogue page 150.

Please ship via S.S. "Border Prince" which is not sailing before Tuesday night.

2. The painter sent up by the 4th E&M Coy. RCE1 was an amateur and we sent him down about 10 days ago. He used up far more paint and colours than he should have done. The 4th E&M Coy. are sending up another to complete this work, and I would appreciate it if you could send this up as soon as possible.

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

JEP/EAW

c.c. D.E.O.



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

2nd August 1

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

International Harvester Trac Tractor  
Serial No. TCC 4906

1. Sapper Smith R.C.E. the driver of this tractor informs me that the main crankshaft is scored and states that is the reason why we have to have so many bearings for this tractor.
2. He states that it will be necessary to send the tractor down to Vancouver complete as we have not the tools on York Island for removing this part out of the machine.
3. By next sailing of the "Border Prince" about August 8th I propose to send the tractor down to you so that it can be sent to the International Harvester Company to have the main crankshaft taken out and repaired.
4. Will you please arrange to have this done as soon as possible and return it to York Island as it is in use all the time for clearing up, and in wet weather it is the only machine capable of transporting material over our rough roads.

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

85th Heavy Battery, RCA. CA.  
York Island, B.C.

2nd August, 1

Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria, B.C.

Communication

1. The R.C.C.S. have laid cables between York Island and Kelsey Bay and communication is now available by Dominion Government Telegraph land line as well as R.C.C.S. wireless to Victoria and Vancouver.
2. Please advise me which line should be given the preference for:
  - (a) Secret official messages.
  - (b) Ordinary administrative messages.
3. I am informed that on the Dominion Government Telegraph there are about 8 civilian firms and people who can, if they wish, listen in to any messages sent in by Dominion Government land line included among them is a Mr. Sacht who is a member of a well known German family.
4. On the other hand wireless is open to any one who wishes to listen in.
5. I understand that all military messages are sent free if addressed to HQ. MD. XI. or to army units in Vancouver. Please advise me if this is correct.
6. Private Messages: About a year ago a ruling was made from Victoria that soldiers stationed on York Island could send their private telegrams through the R.C.C.S. wireless station, and that they would be delivered to recipients in Vancouver and Victoria. This was done because of the poor mail service and isolated conditions. The N.CO. 1/c signals has advised me that the signal station in Vancouver has no such orders. Will you please check and advise both the R.C.C.S. station in Vancouver and Victoria as well as ourselves whether this arrangement will continue.

Accommodation at Kelsey Bay

1. No steps have been taken to improve the sanitary and living facilities at Kelsey Bay. The only latrine accommodation is an old privy belonging to Mr. Stanley Smith which is nearly full up, and is so dirty that one of the signallers caught a dose of crabs from it. The result is that the signallers are using the bush in the vicinity of the station, which is distinctly unsanitary. I request that steps be taken to have the Dominion Government Telegraph take action to improve the living facilities.

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

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

*August*  
2nd July 1941

Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria, B.C.

BRING TO ROUNDS

1. Herewith a record of "Bring to Rounds" by this Bty from 30th July to 1st Aug 41.
2. There is at present a very considerable number of fishing vessels leaving Rivers Inlet at the close of the fishing season.
3. The Navy has reinforced the examination service by one vessel, but after a stop at the Alert Bay Beer Parlor the fishermen are not very amenable to orders.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time "bring to round ordered" by X.V.</u>	<u>Location of boat fired on</u>	<u>Bearing</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Name of vessel fired on</u>
30-7-41	1035 Hrs. 1 round	Sunderland Channell	28°	2425 <sup>x</sup>	Dixie
30-7-41	1704 Hrs. 1 round	Sunderland Channell	13	1725	Fish boat VE 151
30-7-41	1837 Hrs 1 round	Sunderland Channell	12	2275	MV "Noel"
30-7-41	1849 Hrs. 3 rounds	Johnstone Straits	235	3100	MV "Signe"
31-7-41	0652 Hrs 1 round	Sunderland Channell	30	2700	Fish boat
31-7-41	0714 Hrs 1 round	Sunderland EME Channell	343	3000	Fish Boats V0600 W V059W V033U
31-7-41	0845 Hrs 2 rounds	Jonstone Straits	232	3750	MV Three Aces
31-7-41	0931 Hrs. 1 round	Sunderland Channell	344	2400	MV BC Girl
31-7-41	1647 Hrs 1 round	Sunderland Channell	28	2500	2 Fish boats
31-7-41	1707 Hrs. 1 round	Sunderland Channell	18	1850	3 Fish boats
1 -8-41	1848 Hrs. 3 rounds	Sunderland Channell	20	2300	Fis boat

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

3rd August, 1941

No. 215

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215-1 DUTIES: Monday 4th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	4-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	5-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	4-8-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	Bdr. Beaulieu	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Adzich	

215-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Adzich, Gnrs. Cameron, Larson, Erickson, McDonald,  
and Olsen.

215-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2100 hours 3-8-41

L/Bdr. Foote, Appleton, King and Shore.

*J.E. Piercy*

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

/EAW

85th Heavy Battery, RCA. CA.  
York Island, B.C.

3rd August 1

Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria, B.C.

SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION

1. The attention of all ranks has been brought to the provisions of Routine Order No. 218 of 1939 as amended by Routine Order No. 305 of 1940.
2. For your information, please.

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

/EAW

PART I ORDERS

WORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

4th August, 1941

No. 216

216-1 DUTIES: Tuesday 5th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	5-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	6-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	5-8-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	Bdr. Beaulieu	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Parrott	

216-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Parrott, Gnrs. Cameron, Larson, Erickson, McDonald, and Olsen.

216-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2100 hours 4-8-41

L/Bdr. Burgess, Gnrs. Flewin, Rorison and Huff.

216-4 SALE OF CIGARETTES IN MESSES AND CANTEENS:

It is to be definitely understood that members of the Active and Reserve Army are not permitted, under any circumstances, to resell (or otherwise supply) cigarettes purchased at the reduced rates to civilians or others not entitled to benefit under the special rate. As a precaution in this connection the maximum number that may be sold to any person at one time is limited to 50 cigarettes.

216-5 PAY OFFICE

Until further orders the Pay Office will be open during the following hours only:-

Daily 1100 to 1200 Hrs.

Saturday 1000 to 1200 Hrs.

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

/EAW

NOTICE

Other Ranks are reminded that the Kitchen is "out of bounds" at all times unless on duty.

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

4th August 1941

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

O I L

1. Ref your letter dated 1-8-41, under file 8-3. About six months ago it was found that it was cheaper to buy oil at the Home Oil Service Station at Kelsey Bay, than to have the oil shipped in drums from Vancouver. This was largely due to the extra expense in freight charges.
2. The nearest Shell Oil Co. Station from York Island is at Campbell River which is too far a distance, and if you wish us to buy oil from the Shell Oil Co. it would be necessary to have the oil shipped in drums from Vancouver and consequently will involve extra expense in freight costs. Please advise if this is the arrangement you wish us to make.
3. On York Island we have several accounts for oil, -
  - (a) The Electric Light Plant
  - (b) Diesel Tractor
  - (c) M.V. "general Hertzberg"
4. Up to date the Searchlights have been obtaining their oil through the 3rd S/L Bty, but I notice no reference to this in your letter from the Munitions Board. Please advise if I am to indent for oil for the S/L or has it been done by their headquarters.
5. Also please wire as to whether the oil is to be shipped by the S.S. "Border Prince" at the extra freight charges.
6. I suggest that the Shell Oil Co. be approached on the subject to see whether their oil tanker will not deliver this diesel oil to York Island at less expense than coastwise freight.

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

JEP/PBW

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

5th August, 1941

No. 217

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217-1 DUTIES: Wednesday 6th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch  
Next for Duty

- Lt. D.G. McGavin 6-8-41  
- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 7-8-41

Orderly Officer

- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 6-8-41

Orderly Sgt.

- Bdr. Beaulieu

Orderly Bdr.

- L/Bdr. Parrott

217-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Parrott, Gnrs. Cameron, Larson, Erickson, McDonald  
and Olsen.

217-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2100 hrs. 5-8-41

Bdr. McDonald Dyer, Gnrs. Hough, Fairbairn, and Curry

*J.E. Piercy*

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

/EAW

NOTICE

The B.S.M. will be found at his desk in the Orderly Room from the hours of 1030 until 1130 and from 1330 until 1500 hours. Any O.R.s wishing to see him may do so at these times and heretofore refrain from calling at Sgts. Mess unless for something very urgent.



85th Heavy Battery, RCA. CA.  
York Island, B.C.

5th August 1

Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria, B.C.BRING TO ROUNDS1. Herewith a record of "Bring to Rounds"  
by this Battery from the 2nd August to 4th August,  
1941.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time "bring to round ordered by X.V."</u>	<u>Location of boat fired on</u>	<u>Bearing</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Name of vessel fired on</u>
2-8-41	2113 hrs. 3 rds 6-pdr.	Sunderland Channel	187 deg.	3950 yds.	V192E Maisie H067D Paula M. NWO31A (3 boats)
2-8-41	2155 hrs. 1 rd. 6-pdr.	Sunderland Channel	261 deg.	2200 yds.	Silver Spray V137E Bertha G. V019U
2-8-41	2230 hrs. 1 rd. 6-pdr.	Sunderland Channel	350 deg.	3620 yds.	Jack V009F ) 2 boats Joe V010F )
3-8-41	0616 hrs. 1 rd. 6-pdr.	Sunderland Channel	26 deg.	2400 yds.	NW044G
3-8-41	0809 hrs. 7 rds. 6-pdr	Johnstone Straits	258 deg.	4500 yds.	Quo Vadis NW050A (1 boat)
3-8-41	0850 hrs. 2 rds. 6-pdr.	Sunderland Channel	330 deg.	3000 yds.	Annabel V112T } 2 boats
3-8-41	1058 hrs. 3 rds. 6-pdr. 1 rd. 4.7"	Sunderland Channel	325 deg.	4000 yds.	V074V (1 boat)
4-8-41	1158 hrs. 2 rds. 6-pdr.	Johnstone Straits	225 deg.	1201 yds.	VD45B (1 boat)

2. For your information, please.

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

JEP/EAW

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

35th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., C.A.  
York Island, B.C.

5th August, 1

Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria, B.C.

Leave

1. I beg to apply for leave from the 17 Aug. 41 to the 24th together with 2 days extra to visit HQ. MD. XI. at the Government's expense to discuss administration on York Island.
2. The 15th(Van.) Coast Bde. is very short of senior officers, and it may be necessary to borrow a senior officer from the 5th Coast Brigade to command the island during this period.

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

JEP/RAW

c.c. 15th(Van.) Coast Bde. RCA. CA.

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

5th August,

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

Electric Light Bulbs

1. Re our letter 21st July, file 9-3 asking for a supply of electric light bulbs. Will you please forward these as soon as possible.
2. Also please forward 3 dozen Standard fuze~~x~~ plugs - 25 amps. 125 volts in the same shipment.

Navigation Buoy

1. Re my letter 9th Jul. file 8-4-3.
2. The captain of the S.S. "Border Prince" advises that he saw the damaged buoy on Evans Coleman Wharf about 2 days ago, so you evidently have not taken delivery of it.
3. Owing to the collection reservoir running dry the S.S. "Border Prince" has to deliver water to York Island one or twice a week, and the captain has stated this buoy is essential for navigation.
4. Will you please send up a new navigation buoy as soon as possible.

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

JEP/EAW

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

5th August 1941

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

STRENGTH

1. The strength of this Bty. should be 105 O.R.s but at the present time we have 72 O.R.s on York Island, three of whom are at the York Island Military Hospital. This leaves 69 O.R.s to operate the Bty., being short of 31% of the total strength. The balance is made up as follows:- at Shaughnessy Hospital, 2 O.R.s

On Command	8 O.R.s
On Leave	7 O.R.s
Bde. H.Q.	7 O.R.s

Short of establishment	9 O.R.s
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2. For all these absentees there are good reasons as most of them are on duty, but I would point out that the situation on the Pacific Coast is in a very dangerous condition, and in the event of hostilities York Island would be 30% understrength.

3. I suggest that the attention of proper authorities be drawn to this fact and that steps be taken so that this Bty together with other Coast Defence Batteries be given the preference in the allotment of new recruits.

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

JEP/PBW

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

6th August, 1941

No. 218

218-1 DUTIES: Thursday 7th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	7-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	8-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	7-8-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	Bdr. Beaulieu	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Parrott	

218-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Parrott, Gnr. Cameron, Larson, Erickson, McDonald and Olsen.

218-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2100 hrs. 6-8-41

L/Bdr. Young, Gnr. Tully, Upton, and Thomson.

218-4 WILLS:

It is strongly urged that all personnel complete Will forms and have same forwarded to Bde. Headquarters.

These forms are available at ~~xxxxxxx~~ the Orderly Room and can be had on application.

218-5 WEB ANKLETS -- CLEANING OF:

1. The practice of washing and sun-bleaching web anklets will be discontinued forthwith. This article will be cleaned in accordance with instructions for other items of web equipment as laid down in Canadian Army Routine Order No. 713.

2. It is considered that the quantities of cleanser, web equipment, authorized by Canadian Army Routine Order No. 321 are sufficient for all items of web equipment including web anklets, consequently the scale will not be increased.

3. In the case of soldiers not issued with web equipment, 1 tin of cleanser, web equipment, per annum, may be issued for use in cleaning web anklets in their possession.

218-6 CARE OF SOLDIERS' KITS:

1. The attention of all concerned is drawn to the importance of observing strict economy in the care of kit generally.

2. Every soldier should have in his possession a "housewife" and all ranks are instructed to make full use of the contents of the "housewife" so that by carrying out minor repairs, immediately they become necessary, clothing will be made to last as long as possible.

218-7 GOOD CONDUCT BADGE:

1. Gunner Huff, E.C. is entitled to wear 1 good conduct badge.

2. This badge will be worn as laid down in Para. 6, Appendix to C.A.S.F. Routine Order No. 635

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

6th August

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S E C R E T

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

Defence Scheme

1. Re your letter 29 Jul. 41 file VS 638-2-5-2. Enclosed is amendment #2 covering the points you mention.
2. Ammunition Supply. The ammunition supply for the 4.7" guns amounts to only 200 rds. S.A.P. which should be exhausted in about 10 to 15 minutes action firing at the rate of 10 rounds per gun per minute. I understand that there is no reserve supply of ammunition for these guns in Esquimalt and that any more ammunition would have to come from the Atlantic coast which would take about ten days by train and boat.
3. Please advise me what should be shown in Defence Schemes as the role of the Fort after the 4.7" gun ammunition is expended. Is it the intention to use it as (a) a lookout post or (b) the garrison to annoy enemy. A.M.V. submarines or by rifle fire.
4. If it is to be maintained as a lookout, the greater part of the garrison should be evacuated if possible, because there would be no necessity to maintain so large a garrison in such an exposed isolated position.
5. In view of the G.O.C's statement that conditions were very critical on the Pacific Ocean, I suggest that instructions be given on the above as soon as possible.

/EAW  
Enc.

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

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

6th August 1

S E C R E T

District Ordnance Officer,  
MD. XI.,  
Victoria, B.C.

Armament Machine Guns

1. Some time ago I was advised that N.D. H.Q. vide H.Q.S. 3341 Vol. 3 (DOS TS) dated 17-6-41 had allotted the issue of 4 Lewis Machine Guns, .303 Mk. I to this Battery in place of 2 Maxim Machine Guns.
2. I was further advised that these were to be issued about the end of July.
3. Will you please advise me when this issue is to take place.

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

EAW/JEP

c.c. H.Q. Pacific Command

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

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

7th August, 1941

No. 219

219-1 DUTIES: Friday 8th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	8-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. B.G. McGavin	9-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	8-8-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	Bdr. Beaulieu	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Parrott	

219-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Parrott, Gnr. Cameron, Larson, Erickson, McDonald, and Olsen.

210-3 GUARD MOUNTING:

L/Bdr. Foote, Gnr. Lawrence, McEwan & Jenkins.

210-4 BATTERY COMMANDER'S PARADE:

A Battery Commander's Parade will be held on the Parade Ground for personnel of the 85th Bty and 3rd S/L Bty.

Dress: Summer Drill, Battle Order.


210-5 BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS -- LEAVE:

1. Attention is directed to K.R. (Can.) 1518, sub-para. 19, which provides for special furlough not exceeding 21 days to soldiers giving blood transfusions under the supervision of the medical authorities.

2. Leave for the above purpose may be granted to personnel of the Canadian Army for a period of forty-eight hours only, except in special cases where leave for a longer period may be given on medical advice.

210-6 NIGHT MEALS:

Sandwiches for night meal will be drawn in future in the Mess Hall not later than 1800 hrs. after this hour the kitchen will be locked.

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



PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

8th August, 1941

No. 220

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220-1 DUTIES: Saturday 9th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. D.C. McGavin	9-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	10-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. J.C. Moore	9-8-41
Next for Duty	-	<del>Sgt. Major Buchanan</del>	<del>10-8-41</del>
Orderly Sgt.	-	Sgt. Major Buchanan	10-8-41
	-	Bdr. Beaulieu	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Parrott	

220-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Parrott, Gnrs. Cameron, Larson, Erickson, McDonald, and Olsen.

220-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2100 hours 9-8-41

L/Bdr. Burgess, Gnrs. Brander, Rolland and Greig

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Officer Commanding, York Island

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

8th August,

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Officer Commanding,  
4th Fort. E&M Coy. RCE. CA.,  
Vancouver Barracks,  
Vancouver, B.C.

1. Re your request for recommendations and promotions to L/Cpl. in your detachment.
2. After consultating with Cpl. DeRochie, I would recommend K73730 Spr. Rogers, T.T. for this promotion.
3. He is the most experienced mechanic on the island and is conscientious and doing good work.

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Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria, B.C.

Rifles - 4th E&M Coy. RCE. Det.

1. This detachment consists of about 11 men stationed on the island. None of these men have had any rifles or bayonets issued to them, and I understand this applies to the whole of the 4th E&M Coy. RCE.
2. I request that rifles and bayonets be issued to the detachment on this island as the Garrison is very small and the addition of 11 armed men might prove essential in the defence, as all reserves for repelling land attacks only amount to about 30 men.
3. These rifles and bayonets could be issued to: (a) O.C. York Island and issued to the detachment or; (b) 4th E&M Coy. RCE.
4. If the rest of the company is not going to be equipped with rifles and bayonets it might be better to issue them to the O.C. York Island, who in turn issue it to the personnel of this detachment.

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c.c. 4th E&M Coy. RCE.

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

Title pages will be prepared.

# WAR DIARY

OR

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

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H.Q. 1173-16-1658

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
York Island	Aug.	9	Weather: Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility unlimited, north west wind 22, sea choppy. Received 288 rds. 1 inch A.R. percussion to be fired when O.C. Calls for practice shoot. Board of Officers held to inquire into the breakage of a Ross Rifle Butt. The wood of these seems to be very brittle. Letter requesting D D S & T O to refuse transportation on CN or CP Steamships to York Island until after September because of the prevailing wind making it difficult to transfer passengers on to the X.V. in Johnstone Straits.	20
		10	Weather: Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 25, no wind sea calm. Bring to Round fired at 0355 hrs. from 6 pdr. into Johnstone Straits. Bring to Round fired at 1556 hrs. into Johnstone Straits.	21
		11	Weather: Ceiling four thousand, overcast, visibility 20, north west wind 11, sea choppy. Matter of rifles and ammunition for Naval Personnel stationed at York Island taken up with Naval Authorities.	22
		12	Bring to round fired from 4.7 into Johnstone Straits due to a misfire on the 6 pdr.	23
		13	Weather: Ceiling five thousand, scattered clouds, visibility 25, no wind, sea calm. Weather: one thousand, scattered, visibility 25, north west wind 13, sea choppy. Five men passed layer's test with high marks. Bring to Round fired at 1107 hrs. from 6 pdr. into Sunderland Channel, - 2 rounds fired.	24
		14	Weather: ceiling three thousand, scattered, wind N N W 20, visibility 25, sea choppy. "General Caldwell" broke down making it necessary for "Border Prince" to bring water on next trip. Col. C.G. Beeston was expected, but did not arrive. Advance party of S/L Personnel arrived today. Mr. Kirk to relieve Mr. Moore who is going to Victoria to receive Captaincy. Pay Parade at 1330 hours. B.C.'s Parade at 1500 hours, for an inspection of all ranks.	25
		15	Bring to Round from 6 pdr. fired at 1107 hrs. into Sunderland Channel. Weather: CEiling two thousand, visibility 25, wind N.W. 23, sea very rough. Bread indent cancelled by wire and 700 lbs. flour substituted as baker returned from Vancouver. Two Bring to Rounds fired from 6 pdr. into Johnstone Straits at 0040 hrs, another round fired at 0722 hrs.	26

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

9th August, 1941

No. 221

221-1 DUTIES: Sunday 10th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	10-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	11-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	S.M. Buchanan	10-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	11-8-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	L/Sgt. Engelen	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Adzich	

221-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Adzich, Gnrs. McCartney, Bardsley, Cameron,  
Swanson, and TenHoeve

221-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2100 hours 10-8-41

Bdr. McDonald-Dyer, Gnrs. Appleton, King and Shore.

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

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Master Gunner E.C. Blake,  
Bessborough Armouries,  
Vancouver, B.C.

WEEKLY REPORT

1. Enclosed, herewith, temperature charts for week ending 9th August, 1941.
2. Received 288 1 inch A.R. percussion tubes, MK. I.
3. Require a supply of cotton waste.

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L/Bdr J.M.Burgess

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

9th August, 1

Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria, B.C.

Bring to Rounds

1. Herewith list of bring to rounds fired  
from York Island, from 5 Aug. 41 to 7 Aug. 41.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time X.V. ordered fire</u>	<u>Time Fired</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Bearing</u>	<u>Name Of Vessel</u>
5-8-41	1521 hrs.	1523 hrs 3 rds. 6-pdr.	2450 yds	305 deg.	M.V. KATY
5-8-41	1609 hrs.	1611 hrs 2 rds. 6-pdr.	2200 yds	222 deg.	M.V. OCEANUS
5-8-41	2152 hrs.	2155 hrs 2 rds. 6-pdr.	2400 yds	334 deg.	VO52E
6-8-41	0401 hrs.	0406 hrs 2 rds. 4.7"	5250 yds	165 deg.	MV. ALTU
7-8-41	0335 hrs.	0340 hrs 2 rds. 6-pdr.	3375 yds	210 deg.	M.V. PUGET

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

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

ROSS RIFLE MK. II #764CK

1. Enclosed is report of Board of Officers enquiring into the damage of this Ross rifle.
2. The stock of this rifle broke when accidentally hit against the frame of the door.
3. On inspection it appears the wood is cross grained, and as the rifle is probably over 30 years old, it appears the wood has dried out and lost its strength.
4. I request this rifle be written off, and a new one be issued to K17103, L/Bdr. Burgess, J.M.

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

Transportation

1. Will you please refuse to issue warrants for the transportation of Officers and O.R.s by Canadian Pacific, Canadian National Steamships or Union S.S. "Cardena" from Vancouver to York Island until after the end of September.
2. Passengers from these vessels have to be disembarked onto the Naval Examination vessels in the middle of Johnstone Straits. With the prevailing Westerly winds it is often dangerous both to vessel and personnel to do this and the Navy skipper advises that they will refuse to do this in such cases. If this happens the passengers will be carried on to Alert Bay or Prince Rupert.
3. There have been three separate instances this week when this was done, and Union S.S. "Venture" was leaving for Sayward on the same day as these three vessels.

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Officer Commanding, York Island

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PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

10th August, 1941

No. 222

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222-1 DUTIES: Monday 11th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin 11-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 12-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 11-8-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	L/Sgt. Engelen
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Adzich

222-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Adzich, Gnrs. McCartney, Bardsley, Cameron,  
Swanson, and TenHoeve

222-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2100 hours 11-8-41

Bdr. Beaulieu, Gnrs. Rudrum, Alford and Durbin.

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York Island, B.C.

10th August,

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

BOARD OF OFFICERS

1. Enclosed is 4 copies of Board of Officers held at York Island July 30, 1941 re 100 pounds of fresh milk.
2. Please acknowledge receipt on duplicate copy of this letter.
3. For your information and necessary action, please.

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

/EAW

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

11th August, 1941

No. 223

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223-1 DUTIES: Tuesday 12th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	12-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	13-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	12-8-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	L/Sgt. Engelen	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Adzich	

223-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Adzich, Gnrs. McCartney, Bardsley, Cameron,  
Swanson, and TenHoeve

223-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2100 hours 12-8-41

L/Bdr. Foote, Gnrs. Brunt, Hough, Fairbairn.

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

11th August 1

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

Naval Personnel on York Island

1. I am informed that none of the Naval Personnel stationed on York Island have been equipped with rifles and bayonets.
2. I request that application be made to the proper Naval authorities for an issue of rifles and bayonets and ammunition of your detachment, because in the event of the enemy making a landing on this island, your detachment could be of great use in helping to repel the attack. These men should also be equipped with respirators in the event of a gas attack.
3. Apart from men employed on the guns and searchlights, I have only 30 or 40 men which could be available as rifle men and the addition of 7 O.R.s armed with rifles, would be of great help if this occurred.
4. Will you please see what you could do to arrange your men to be equipped with rifles and bayonets together with ammunition for same.

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Officer Commanding, York Island

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PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

12th August, 1941

No. 224

224-1 DUTIES: Wednesday 13th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	13-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	14-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. J.G. Moore	14-8-41
Next for Duty	-	S.M. Buchanan	15-8-41
Orderly Sgt.	-	L/Sgt. Engelen	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Adzich	

224-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Adzich, Gnrs. McCartney, Bardsley, Cameron, Swanson, and TenHoeve

224-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2100 hours 13-8-41

L/Bdr. Parrott, Gnrs. Gatenby, Tully, and Mackie, D.E.

224-4 QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified Gunlayers.

The u/m O.R.s having qualified in gunlayers examination during August, 1941 are added to the list of qualified gunlayers and are entitled to wear layers badges until further orders:

K74502 Gnr. McEwan, W.	- - - - -	145
K17119 Gnr. Lawrence, C.H.	-----	137
K17081 Gnr. Shore, T.	- - - - -	130
K17132 Gnr. Curry, J.C.	- - - - -	127
K74574 Gnr. Fairbairn, H.T.	-----	126

Total marks possible - 165

NOTICE

All Training Pamphlets will be turned in to Gnr. Woodbury in the Orderly Room by noon August 13th.

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PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

13th August, 1941

No. 225

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225-1 DUTIES: Thursday 14th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	14-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	15-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. J.G. Moore	13-8-41
Next for Duty	-	S.M. Buchanan	14-8-41

225-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Adzich, Gnrs. McCartney, Bardsley, Cameron, Swanson, and TenHoeve.

225-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2100 hours 14-8-41

Bdr. McDonald-Dyer, Gnrs. Bechtold, Hazard, and Trim.

225-4 PAY PARADE:

Pay Parade will be held at 1330 hours Thursday August 14th, 1941.

225-5 CAMOUFLAGE:

1. The intention of Camouflage is to conceal and to deceive. Any discussions on existing or contemplated camouflage, defeats this object.

2. It is imperative, therefore, that all ranks see to it, that this is strictly a security measure and must at all times be treated as such.

3. In other words, do not at any time or in any place discuss camouflage relative to any specific defensive area.

225-6 ROW BOATS:

N.C.O.'s i/c of Guard will be responsible for the row boats being drawn up on the float each night.

225-7 BOARD OF OFFICERS; - AUDIT BOARD

A Board of Officers composed as hereunder will assemble at the call of the president for the purpose of auditing the following accounts:

- (1) York Island Canteen - 85th Hvy. Bty.
- (2) York Island Sgts' Mess.
- (3) 85th Hvy. Bty. Pay & Allowances account.

President;- Lt. Cunningham - R.C.N.R.

Members:- Lieut. D.G. McGavin - R.C.A.  
Lieut. J.G. Moore - 3rd S/L Bty. RGA.

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PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

14th August, 1941

No. 226

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226-1 DUTIES: Friday 15th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin 15-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes 16-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton 15-8-41

~~XXXX~~ FIRE PICQUET:

Orderly Sgt.	-	L/Sgt. Engelen
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Adzich

226-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Adzich, Gnrs. McCartney, Bardsley, Cameron, Swanson, and TenHoeve.

226-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2100 hours 15-8-41

L/Bdr. Young, Gnrs. Upton, Harman and Schofield

226-4 B.C. PARADE:

A Battery Commanders' Parade will be held on the parade ground at 1330 hours Friday 14th Aug. 41. Dress will be Summer Drill, Battle Order.

226-5 SALVAGE OF DONATED WOOLLEN GOODS:

1. It has been brought to the attention of this H.Q. that there is considerable wastage in connection with hand knit woollen goods donated to personnel in the various batteries.
2. Worn-out hand knit socks may be re-footed and the wool from other unused woollen garments such as scarves, wristlets and shrunken socks may be used to knit other garments by certain women's organizations.
3. Further wastage will therefore, be avoided and Battery Commanders are instructed to see that all such garments are turned in to Q.M. Stores. The Quartermaster will then forward same to a central collecting depot at 646 West 11th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. c/o Mrs. M.E. Smith.
4. It is to be noted that the above does not refer to issue articles.

*J.E. Piercy*

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Officer Commanding, York Island



PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON  
by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

August 15th, 1941

No. 227

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227-1 DUTIES: Saturday 16th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	16-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	17-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	16-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. T.D.S. Kirk	17-8-41
Orderly Sergeant	-	L/Sgt. Engelen	
Orderly Bombardier	-	L/Bdr. Adzich	

227-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Adzich, Gnrs. McCartney, Bardsley, Cameron, Swanson,  
and TenHoeve.

227-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2100 hours 16-8-41

L/Bdr. Mackie, Gnrs. Innes, Clifford, and Curry

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

15th August, 1

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

Paint - Hospital

1. Please send up the following brushes for the above:-
  - 1 - - - - 3" Paint Brush - length of bristles 3 5/8" #P30, Mc. & Mc. catalogue page 531.
  - 1 - - - - 4" Paint Brush - length of bristles 4 1/8" #P30, Mc. & Mc. catalogue page 531.
2. We have a few old brushes which are getting pretty well worn, and want to put 3 or 4 men on this job, so need a couple of more brushes.
3. Please ship by first available Union Vessel.

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Officer Commanding, York Island

JEP/EAW

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

15th August,

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

Attention: Camouflage Officer

Camouflage

1. Re your letter 6th Aug. 41 file V.S. 638-2-5-16.
2. K74501 Spr. Heal has arrived and is working on the camouflage of the Searchlights emplacements and gun positions.
3. He states that the Searchlight emplacements will be covered with Burnt Umber ready for Sapper Green to start working by Wednesday 20 Aug. 41. I suggest that Spr. Green come up by S.S. "Venture" leaving the Union dock at Vancouver at 1400 hrs. 20 Aug. 41.
4. The 50 pounds of burnt umber, glue and varnish arrived safely and is now in use.
5. Spr. Heal suggests we will require the following dry colours for speckling:-
 

Black - - - - -	5 lbs.
Raw Sienna - - -	5 lbs.
Green - - - - -	5 lbs.
White - - - - -	10 lbs.

Will you please arrange to have this sent up by Spr. Green.
6. If Spr. Green is not available, I understand Spr. Heal was working with Green at Point Grey, and is fully acquainted with the camouflage systems, so that he could go on with the speckling if you send up the material. Please telegraph what you propose to do.

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

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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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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	Aug.	16	<p>Weather: Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 25, wind N W 22, Sea rough. H/Capt A Green (Chaplain) arrived at York Island.</p> <p>17 Weather: Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 25, wind N W 17, sea choppy. Notification received to the effect that registration of voters is to take place at a date specified. Church Parade held at 1400 hrs, service conducted by H/Capt A Greene CCS, who took moving pictures of troops parade down the hill from the parade ground.</p> <p>18 Weather: Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 20, wind N W 24, sea choppy. Approval of coloured lanyards for Bde. has been refused by O.C.</p> <p>19 Weather: Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 25, no wind, sea calm. H/Capt A Green departed for Vancouver. It has been decided that issue of S A A Ammunition on the sounding of "GENERAL ALARM" will take place at QM Stores and not the M.C. Stores.</p> <p>20 Weather: Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 25, wind NNW 25, sea rough. Four Range takers passed examinations. Two Bring to Rounds fired from 6 pdr. at 1749 hrs. into Sunderland Channel. K73619 Gnr. Brunt W.R. accidentally drowned approx 1520 hrs, while on Military Duty. Body not recovered, and B.C. Police are proceeding to York Island with necessary grappling hooks to secure body which is entangled in a tow line. file 6-0 Lieut. W.A.S. Clayton granted 7 days leave of absence.</p> <p>21 Weather: Ceiling unlimited, clear, visibility 25, no wind, sea calm. R.S.M. Watson arrived for a visit in which he will submit report to O.C. Bde. Three 6 pdr. rounds fired at 1245 hrs. into Johnstone Straits and 1 4.7 round on the same boat.</p> <p>22 Weather: Ceiling two thousand, visibility 5, foggy, sea calm.</p> <p>Three Bring to Rounds fired from 6 pdr. at 1248 hrs. and 1 rd. 4.7 into Johnstone Straits.</p> <p>23 Weather: Ceiling four thousand, scattered, unlimited visibility, wind NW 23, sea choppy. Dragging operations for body of Gnr. Brunt to no avail. Requested diver, but not available. Major T. Todrick assumes command of York Island in the absenc of Major J.E. Piercy on leave. Lt. B. Hodge RCE arrived for check-up on RCE Detachment.</p>	<p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100</p> <p>App. "A"</p>

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

August 16th, 1941

No. 223

228-1 DUTIES: Sunday 17th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	17-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	18-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. T.D.S. Kirk	17-8-41
Next for Duty	-	S.M. Buchanan	18-8-41
Orderly Sergeant	-	L/Sgt. Cuddeford	
Orderly Bombardier	-	L/Bdr. Young	

228-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Young, Gnr. Bradley, P., McDonald, Flewin, Latibeaudiere, and Olsen.

228-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2100 hours 17-8-41

L/Bdr. Parrott, Gnr. Thomson, Brander, and Rolland

228-4 CHURCH PARADE:

*C. of E.*  
Communion will be held for ~~Bro.~~'s at 0800 hrs. in the Library Sunday Aug. 16th, 1941.

*1400*  
Garrison Church Parade will be held at ~~1650~~ hrs. Sunday Aug. 16th, 41. Dress Will be Summer drill. Parade will form at parade ground.

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

/EAW

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

16th August,

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Master Gunner E.C. Blake,  
Bessborough Armouries,  
Vancouver, B.C.

WEEKLY REPORT

1. Enclosed, herewith, temperature charts for week ending August 16th, 1941, also vouchers for telescope and stand shipped via "Border Prince" August 15th, 1941.

2. Also shipped by "Border Prince" were cases, cartridge expended 6-pdr. sub. cal. 55.

3. Guns, Machine Lewis have been received, and checked. Signed vouchers for same were returned in last mail.

4. To properly load the Drums Lewis .303" now on hand, another thousand rounds of S.A.A. Tracer are necessary.

5. Temperature charts are urgently needed as there are only enough on hand to last until next Saturday.

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85th Heavy Battery, RCA. CA.  
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Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria, B.C.

BRING TO ROUNDS

1. Herewith list of bring to rounds fired  
from York Island, from 10 Aug. 41 to 15 Aug. 41.

Date	Time X.V. ordered fire	Time Fired	Range	Bearing	Name of Vessel
10-8-41	0355 hours	0358 hrs. 1 rd. 6-pdr.	1700 yds	324 deg	M.V. EURO YD0935 N.71 E
10-8-41	1556 hours	1557 hrs. 3 rds 6-pdr.	2500 yds	227 deg	M.V. NEW ZEALAND M.V. CORIGAN (U.S. Registry)
11-8-41	1820 hours	1820 hrs. 1 rd. 4.7" (Missfire on 6-pdr.)	3475 yds	204 deg	M.V. THELMA
13-8-41	1421 hours	1421 hrs. 2rds. 6-pdr	2200 yds	12 deg	M.V. BEAVER CREEK M.V. LAVERN
14-8-41	1106 hours	1107 hrs. 1 rd. 6-pdr	2600 yds	341 deg	M.V. DON'S NW 0139
15-8-41	0040 hours	0042 hrs. 2rds. 6-pdr	2750 yds	220 deg	M.V. ICELAND M.V. ANTARCTIC M.V. JOHNNY B. (U.S. Registry)
15-8-41	0722 hours	0724 hrs. 1 rd. 6-pdr	1750	12 deg	M.V. STORM GIR V 032U

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

85th Heavy Battery RCA. CA.  
York Island, B.C.

16th August,

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

Attention D.S. & T.O.

KS9048 A/S/Sgt. Dave, H.S.

1. Reference your letter 12th Aug. 41, file 2F-9-11.
2. This matter has been discussed with the master of M.V. "General Caldwell" and I regret that I cannot recommend that this N.C.O. be confirmed in his rank of Staff Sergeant for the following reasons:-
3. He blames the breakdown in his machinery which caused the vessel to go into drydock at Vancouver, on his predecessors, and I think there may be some truth in his statements though he should have inspected his engines on taking over and reported the machinery needed repair.
4. The M.V. General Caldwell returned to York Island on 9th Aug. 41 after an extensive refit in Vancouver. On the 13th Aug. 41 she broke a cam shaft on the reversing gear, which again laid the vessel up until a new part is received from Vancouver.
5. This breakdown is due to one of two causes.
  - (a) Cam shaft cracked previously.
  - (b) Unskillful handling of reversing gear by S/Sgt. Davie.
6. S/Sgt. Davie states that the cam shaft was partly broken previously, but this should have been seen by him during the overhaul of the engine at Vancouver.
7. I am informed that S/Sgt. Davie operated a garage before the war and had a smaller gas boat which he ran as a recreation around Victoria. He has no Diesel Engineers certificate in civil life and very little if any experience with Marine Diesel Engines.
8. As a man he is a continual grumbler and not a good influence on the crew of the boat.
9. The M.V. General Caldwell was completely new in December 1940 and has only run 8 months, yet in that time I venture to say your records will show she has cost the Government over \$1,000 in repairs including the last overhaul. This is largely due to inefficient personnel.
10. I request that S/Sgt. Davie be returned



to Victoria and that an efficient qualified engineer be sent in his place, as otherwise you will have more expense on this vessel.

11. I would further request that S/Sgt. Collins be not sent up as engineer as he is just about as useless as S/Sgt. Davie.

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Officer Commanding, York Island

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PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

August 17th, 1941

No. 229

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229-1 DUTIES: Monday 18th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	18-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	19-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	S.M. Buchanan	18-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	19-8-41
Orderly Sergeant	-	L/Sgt. Cuddeford	
Orderly Bombardier	-	L/Bdr. Young	

229-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Young, Gnrs. Bradley, P., McDonald, Flewin,  
Latibeaudiere, and Olsen.

229-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2100 hours 18-8-41

L/Bdr. Foote, Gnrs. Jenkins, Appleton, and King, K.R.

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Officer Commanding, York Island

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

17th August,

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Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria, B.C.

Registration of Voters

1. I have received a letter from Mr. J.P. Scarlett, Registrar of Voters at Powell River that Mr. Ellerton Simpson Hopper has been appointed by the Government of British Columbia, a Special Election Commissioner for the purpose of registering names of Active Service Electors.
2. Will you please advise me on the following:  
(a) Has this gentleman permission to land on York Island?  
(b) Are we entitled to give him rations and quarters?
3. In view of the fact that there are only about 175 men on York Island, I suggest that this man could register all the voters in one or two days, instead of six days as named by Mr. Scarlett.

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

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PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

18th August, 1941

No. 230

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230-1 DUTIES: Tuesday 19th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	19-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	20-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	19-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	20-8-41
Orderly Sergeant	-	L/Sgt. Cuddeford	
Orderly Bombardier	-	L/Bdr. Young	

230-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Young, Gnrs. Bradley, P., McDonald, Viney,  
Latibeaudiere, and Olsen.

230-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 18-8-41

L/Bdr. Parrott, Gnrs. Greig, Alford, Durbin

230-4 RETREAT:

Until further notice Retreat will be at 2030 hours instead  
of 2100 hours.

230-5 LANYARDS, COLOURED:

The approval lanyard for the 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. CA.  
is the white issue lanyard. Coloured lanyards of any description  
are unauthorized and not to be worn

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

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S E C R E T

Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria, B.C.

Attention: Staff Officer Signals

Instructions to Examination Btys. Working  
With Examination Vessels

1. Re your letter 1st Aug. 41, file 638-1-6-6. Enclosed is copy #61 and copy of #62, Addendum #1 to E.C.B. 6. As the wireless is operated by the Royal Canadian Navy, one copy of it was handed to the C.X.O.
2. Owing to change of Naval command and the absence of the Navy Writer, there was some delay in forwarding this.

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

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Enc.

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

19th August, 1941

No. 231

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231-1 DUTIES: Wednesday 20th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. <del>H.V.N. Banks</del> D.G. McGavin	20-8-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. <del>D.G. McGavin</del> H.V.N. Banks	21-8-41
Orderly Officer	- Lt. <del>D.G. McGavin</del> H.V.N. Banks	20-8-41
Next for Duty	- Lt. <del>T.D.S. Kirk</del> T.D.S. Kirk	21-8-41
Next for Duty	- S.M. Buchanan	22-8-41
Orderly Sergeant	- L/Sgt. Cuddeford	
Orderly Bombardier	- L/Bdr. Young	

231-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Young, Gnrs. Bradley, P., McDonald, Vincey  
Latibeaudiere, and Olsen.

231-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 20-8-41

L/Bdr. Mackie, Gnrs. Scott, Brunt and Hough

231-4 QUALIFIED RANGE TAKERS:

The u/m O.R.s having qualified in Range Takers examination during August, 1941 are added to the list of qualified Range Takers and are entitled to wear Range Takers badges until further orders:

K17052	L/Sgt. Engelen, A.L.D.	. . . . .	110
K17078	Gnr. Harman, A.L.	. . . . .	197
K79117	Gnr. Upton, C.	. . . . .	99
K17064	Gnr. Schofield, A.L.	. . . . .	94

Pass Marks - 93.75.

231-5 GENERAL ALARM:

Owing to S.A.A. being moved from M.G. Stores to Q.M. Stores on the sounding of general alarm, the off duty crew and Headquarters Personnel will fall in outside Q.M. Stores to receive their S.A.A.

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85th Heavy Battery, RCA. CA.  
York Island, B.C.

19th August, 1

Officer Commanding,  
4th Fort. E&M Coy. RCR. CA.,  
Vancouver Barracks,  
Vancouver, B.C.

ENGINEER'S STORES

1. Referring to your telegram asking when Mr. Mann is going away as you wish to send an officer up to take over the stores on charge to him.

2. I think that Capt. Ruffell does not quite understand the situation with regard to the Engineer's Stores on York Island.

3. Last year the Quartermaster in the D.E.O.'s office insisted that the O.C. York Island open a ledger and take on charge all engineer's tools on the island. His reason was that Mr. Mann might be leaving at any time and that it was desirable that these stores should be on permanent charge. Further, Mr. Mann had not all the clerical help as O.C. on York Island has, consequently all the tools are on my charge and Mr. Mann only has odd lots of building material, plumbing fixtures etc., which happened to be left over from the buildings.

4. Under these circumstances it does not seem necessary to send up an officer to take charge of these addresses, although we would be very pleased to see one of your officers up here at any time. If you wish I would be delighted to turn over the tools on your charge, but I would point out, that Cpl. DeRochie has no store-house neither has he any storeman to look after this equipment, whereas O.C. on York Island has a Quarter Master sergeant, clerk, and storage space.

5. Sometime ago I tried to get the D.E.O. to use one of the old huts as an engineer workshop, and build sleeping quarters in its place, but he did not do so, consequently I doubt whether he will go to the expense of building a storage hut for engineers tools and equipment.

6. Mr. Mann expects to leave here on the morning of the 24th August, and he has no list of stores or ledger in his possession.

7. Please advise what you are going to do.

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

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

20th August, 1941

No. 232

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232-1 DUTIES: Thursday 21st August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	21-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	22-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. T.D.S. Kierk	21-8-41
Next for Duty	-	<del>Kk.</del> S.M. Buchanan	22-8-41
Orderly Sergeant	-	L/Sgt. Cuddeford	
Orderly Bombardier	-	L/Bdr. Young	

232-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Young, Gnrs. Bradley, P., McDonald, Viney, Latibeaudiere, and Olsen.

232-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 21-8-41

Bdr. Beaulieu, Gnrs. Tully, Mackie, D.E. and Upton.

232-4 BOARD OF OFFICERS: - AUDIT BOARD:

A Board of Officers composed as hereunder will assemble at the call of the president Wednesday Aug. 20th, 1941 for the purpose of auditing the following account:

York Island Officers' Mess

President: Lt. Cunningham - R.C.N.R.

Members: Lt. D.G. McGavin  
Lt. T.D.S. Kierk - 3rd S/L Bty RCA.

232-5 SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT:

1. Information has been received that the United States authorities are prepared to grant deferment of service under the Selective Service Act of the United States to their citizens who have enlisted into the Canadian Army.

2. Those concerned will submit names to Orderly Room Clerk.

232-6 DRESS:

(a) Attention is drawn to All Ranks to the laxity shown by soldiers being incorrectly dressed, both when on and off duty. Uniformity in dress in a unit is essential as also the importance of soldiers being correctly dressed when 'walking out'.

(b) Military Police and Provost personnel will be instructed to take action in all cases of non-compliance with dress orders.

(c) During the summer season the wearing of Battle Dress by individuals will be discontinued. Two suits per man of summer drill should be obtained if not already issued.

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

20th Aug.

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District Ordnance Officer,  
Esquimalt, B.C.

RESPIRATORS ANTI-GAS

1. There are certain repairs to respirators which can be done by the unit if the necessary equipment was available. The following list is taken from Pamphlet No. 2 Protection against Gas & Air raids.

Head pads No. 4 Mk III.  
Elastic strips  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide and 18" long.  
Riveting tool for Mk V facepieces.  
Outlet valves Mk II  
Check plates Mk I  
Eye Pieces discs  
Washer eyepieces rim  
Tool removing eyepiece rim  
Tool detaching container  
Hammer 8 oz  
Needles, haversack for repairs  
Pliers side cutting 8"  
Valve inlet extractor Mk II  
Tools positioning valves Mk II  
Valves inlet No 4.  
Pain maroon, for containers.  
Valve guard securing key

Will you please advise me whether it is possible to get these from Ordnance so that the respirators may be kept in good shape and save on the expense of sending them to Ordnance.

2. Ointment Anti-gas. Pamphlet No. 2, Protection against Gas and Air Raids, page 50, para 56, states that two tins of the above mentioned are carried by all ranks on active service, one in a pocket of the haversack and one in a pocket of the cape anti-gas. This Unit is liable to be on active service, but we cannot find any authority to indent for the ointment anti-gas. Will you please advise me the authority to quote on the indent.

3. There is little possible chance of gas attacks due to the prevailing winds, and the use of choking gases would be very much limited, but there is a possibility of vesicants (mustard etc) gasses, and it would be very advisable to have a stock of ointment anti-gas on hand.

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Officer Commanding York Island.

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21st August, 1941

No. 233

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233-1 DUTIES: Friday 22nd August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	22-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	23-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	S.M. Buchanan	22-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	23-8-41
Orderly Sergeant	-	L/Sgt. Cuddeford	
Orderly Bombardier	-	L/Bdr. Young	

233-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Young, Gnrs. Bradley, P., McDonald, Viney, Latibeaudiere, and Olsen.

233-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 22-8-41

L/Bdr. Adzich, Gnrs. Hough, Bechtold, and Birkett

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

21st August,

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

Prohibition of Photography

1. Re your circular 18 Aug. 41, file V.S. 638-2-1-13.
2. Contents of this circular have been communicated to all officers.
3. I beg to inform you that no officers have any cameras on this island, as I issued orders several months ago that any cameras brought on the island were to be returned to the QM. Stores, and it would be given to the owner when he went on leave.

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Officer Commanding, York Island

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

21st August,

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

PROTECTION OF MAIL WITHIN THE UNIT

Re your letter 18 Aug. 41, file 5-5.

1. Our mail sent up to York Island arrives in bags direct from the mail steamers, and is brought into the Accounting Room of the Orderly Room where it is distributed by the Orderly Room Clerks.
2. Unauthorized persons are not allowed in this room which is always kept locked when not in use. Mail is only handed out through the wicket.
3. Registered mails are received at Kelsey Bay Post Office, and a record is kept of all registered letters in a little note book, and only registered letters have to have a signed receipt for same.
4. Outgoing mail is put in a box in the Accounting Room where it is collected by the Orderly Room Clerks. This is put into a locked bag and sent direct to Vancouver.
5. Outgoing registered mail has to be registered at Kelsey Bay Post Office.

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Officer Commanding, York Island

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YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

22nd August, 1941

No. 234

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234-1 DUTIES: Saturday 23rd August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	23-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	24-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	23-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	24-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. T.D.S. Kirk	25-8-41
Orderly Sergeant	-	L/Sgt. Cuddeford	
Orderly Bombardier	-	L/Bdr. Young	

234-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Young, Gnrs. Bradley, P., McDonald, Viney, Latibeaudiere, and Olsen.

234-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 23-8-41

L/Bdr. Burgess, Gnrs. Harman, Schofield, and Thomson.

234-4 BOUNDS:

The following premises are out of bounds, and this list is republished for the information of all ranks:-

Location Portion of the Metropolis Billiard Saloon, 712 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. where signs are posted.

Nanaimo Pool Room, Nanaimo Hotel Building, Commercial Drive, Nanaimo, B.C.

Olive Rooms, 644 Cormorant St. (Upstairs)  
Star Rooms, 576 Johnson St. (Upstairs)  
Strand Hotel, 550 Johnson St. (Upstairs)  
Empire Hotel, 548 Johnson St. (Upstairs)  
Gordon Hotel, 515 Johnson St. (Upstairs)  
Agnes CHAPMAN, 505 Fort. St. (Upstairs)  
Grand Pacific Hotel, 1405 Store St.

303 Union Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Durrance Lake (Saanich Map 5699)  
Quarry Pond (Saanich Map 5800)  
Todd Inlet (Saanich Map 5600 & 5700)  
Out of Bounds for fishing and bathing.  
Buildings of B.C. Cement Company  
(Saanich Map 5700) and vicinity out of bounds for all purposes

(1) York Cafe, 619 Robson St., Vancouver, B.C.  
(11) Tillicum Athletic Club, 645 Johnson St., Victoria, B.C.

Fraser Street, Nanaimo, B.C.

St. James Hotel & St. James Cafe, Johnson St., Victoria, B.C.

New Orleans Club, Granville and Drake Streets, Vancouver, B.C.

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234-4 BOUNDS: (Cont'd)

Shanghai Cafe, 550 Fisguard St.,  
Victoria, B.C.

234-5 SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION:

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

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

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



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Officer Commanding, York Island

/EAW

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

Aug 22nd 1941.

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

ACCIDENTAL DROWNING

K73619 Gnr BRUNT W.R. - 85th Hvy Bty RCA (CA) York Island

1. On the morning of August 20th 1941, Mr. R.A. Mann, civilian foreman of the D.E.O. requested that two men help remove the wooden forms in the reservoir dam on Hardwicke Island so that this reservoir could be used for supplying water to York Island.
2. Owing to all the civilian labour being withdrawn from this Island by the D.E.O. on the 16th inst., no other labour was available, except what could be supplied by the Garrison of York Island. K73619 Gnr Brunt W.R. and K62387 Gnr Hough A.W. were detailed to this duty and were taken to Hardwicke Island aboard the M.V. "General Caldwell". In the afternoon the General Caldwell proceeded to the sandy bay on Hardwicke where it picked up a life boat loaded with bags of sand by another work party.
3. The M.V. "General Caldwell" towed the life boat and the work party to the reservoir wharf where it took on Gnr. Brunt and Hough. It then proceeded toward York Island towing the life boat on which were three personnel of this Garrison, B.S.M. Buchannan, Gnr. Gatenby and Rolland.
4. The life boat was not heavily loaded as on previous occasions, but after proceeding a short distance it encountered some large waves, took water and appeared in danger of swamping.
5. The "General Caldwell" was stopped and the party aboard her consisting of Mr. R.A. Mann, Sgt. Cartwright, Gnr. Brunt and Hough started to pull in the tow line to get the life boat closer to the "General Caldwell" and enable the members on the lifeboat to get aboard her and to safety.
6. Just as the life boat reached the stern of the Caldwell it commenced to sink and the party on it had to swim towards the "General Caldwell" where they were safely hauled aboard. As the life boat sank it pulled on the tow line which was coiled up on deck of the Caldwell. Apparently Gnr. Brunt W.R. got his foot entangled in the tow rope and was rapidly pulled towards the side of the boat.
7. Gnr Hough A.W. seized him, but the weight of the sinking life boat laden with sand bags was too much for them and they were both carried over the side. Gnr Hough seized hold of the gunnell of the "General Caldwell" and Gnr. Brunt with the rope tight around his foot or ankle hung unto Gnr. Hough, but with the weight pulling him down, he let go of Gnr. Hough and was seen to disappear under the water.

8. Gnr. Hough had a narrow escape as he was saved by holding unto the gunnell of the ship. The remainder of the personnel on the "General Caldwell" were busy saving the other party who were swimming for the Caldwell after the life boat had sunk under them.

9. The "General Caldwell" then circled in the vicinity for half an hour and finding nothing of Gnr Brunt W.R., proceeded to York Island for assistance.

10. The H.M.C.S. SANTA MARIA dragged the vicinity of the accident until dark and then returned to York Island.

11. In the mean time we secured a loan of a grapnel from the Salmon River Logging Co. and improvised another on the Island. The site of the drowning and sinking was thoroughly dragged the following day by the SANTA MARIA, the GENERAL CALDWELL and two row boats.

12. A telegram was sent to the B.C. Police at Campbell River the afternoon of the accident and they arrived on the 21st, and again swept the area of the sinking by the police and members of this Garrison, with no results.

13. At the suggestion of the Police a charge of dynamite was set off in the water, there being insufficient force to the explosion to produce any effect, due to insufficient dynamite.

14. The Police suggest that the Navy be approached to send a diver on the scene and a telegram was sent to the O.C. 15(VAN) Coast Ede this date requesting that arrangements be made.

15. A Court of Inquiry into the accident is now in progress and the finding of the Court will be forwarded possibly by next mail.

16. The search is continuing at the present time, but the police are not very optimistic as the area is 100 ft. deep and a strong tide running. Possibly the body is still tied or tangled in the tow rope of the life boat. The Police think that the best method is for a diver to go down as dragging is not been very successful.

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

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



PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

23rd August, 1941

No. 235

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235-1 DUTIES: Sunday 24th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	24-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	25-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	24-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. T.D.S. Kirk	25-8-41
Orderly Sergeant	-	L/Sgt. Hammell, G.D.	
Orderly Bombardier	-	L/Bdr. Mackie, D.A.	

235-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Mackie, Gnrs. Merritt, Rorison, Swanson, Hunter, and Cameron.

235-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 24-8-41

L/Bdr. Foote, Gnrs. Trim, Curry, and Jenkins

235-4 APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS:

From today's date B.Q.M.S. Upton will assume the duties of A/B.S.M. of the 85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. in the absence of B.S.M. Lockhart, E.J., and Sgt. Davidson will be A/Q.M.S. of the 85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. vice B.Q.M.S. Upton.

*J.E. Piercy*

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

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

23rd August, 1

Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria, B.C.

BRING TO ROUNDS

1. Herewith list of bring to rounds fired from York Island, from 20th August, 1941 to 21st August, 1941.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME SHOT ORDERED BY X.V.</u>	<u>TIME FIRED</u>	<u>BEARING</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>NAME OF VESSEL</u>
20-8-41	1747 hours	1749 hours 2 rds. 6-pdr	351 deg.	1550 yd	M.V. "CAR-LISLE" of Steveston
21-8-41	1245 hours	1248 hours 3 rds. 6-pdr 1 rd 4.7"	248 deg.	3375 yd.	M.V. "ALBA-CROSS" U.S. Registry

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

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

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

23rd August 1941

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

K73619 GNR. BRUNT W.R.  
85th Hvy Bty R.C.A., C.A.

1. Herewith Court of Inquiry proceedings  
re the a/m who was accidentally drowned while on  
Military duty.

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/PBW

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

c.c. to HQ Vancouver Defences.

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

23rd August 1941

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

ACCIDENTAL DROWNING  
K73619 Gnr BRUNT W.R.

1. Since my letter of the 22nd inst. the search for the body of the a /m has now been discontinued.
2. The area has been thorough searched and dragged by wire drag this morning by HMCS West Coast and the PML 9 the B.C. Police Boat, but nothing was found.
3. The B.C. Police have now returned to Campbell River this afternoon stating that in their opinion it was useless to continue the search.
4. At my request the C.X.O. telegraphed to Esquimalt asking whether a diver could be sent up to York Island and receive\_d a reply that in view of the length of time the body has been in the water it would be useless to send a diver.
5. Under these circumstances we have discontinued the search as both the Navy and the Police state that in their experience in this matter they think that the body would not be in a fit condition to be shipped to Vancouver.

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

/PBW

c.c. 15th (VAN) Coast Bde R.C.A.

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

Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY  
OR  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY  
(Erase heading not required)

M.F.M. 11

A.F.C. 15116

I.M.G. -5-40 (254/2)

H.Q. 1172-39-1558

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	Aug.	24	Weather: Ceiling two thousand, scattered clouds, visibility 25, wind N W 15, sea choppy. Search for Gnr. Brunt's body discontinued.	24
		25	Weather: Ceiling four thousand, overcast, visibility 25, no wind, sea calm.	24
		26	Weather: Ceiling two thousand, scattered, visibility 15, wind N W 20, sea rough. Lt. D.G. McGavin sent to Vancouver by M.O. York Island for urgent dental treatment. Bring to Round fired from 6 pdr. into Johnstone Straits, at 1428 hrs.	24
		27	Weather: Ceiling five thousand, overcast, visibility 15, wind N W 29, sea rough. Five Bring to Rounds fired from 6 pdr into Johnstone Straits.	24
		28	Weather: Ceiling seven thousand, overcast, visibility 20, sea calm. Bring to Round fired from 6 pdr. into Johnstone Straits.	24
		29	Weather: Ceiling seven thousand, overcast, visibility 20, sea calm. Three Bring to Rounds fired from 6 pdr. at 0703 hrs. into Johnstone Straits. Capt. T.L. Harrison and Lieut. Shildrick arrived today to inspect the accounting of books. Pay Parade held at 1350 hrs. Lieut. Curtis-Wilson, British Army Officer, attached to R&Q. Capt. T.F. Saunders RCAMC York Island Hospital, fell on the wharf today and it is assumed he is suffering from broken ribs. He is being removed to Rock Bay Hospital.	24
		30	Weather: Ceiling one thousand, overcast, visibility 15, no wind, sea calm. One Bring to Round fired at 0703 hrs. into Sunderland channel. Vessel was sent into wharf at York Island to be dealt with by C.X.O.	24
		31	Weather: Ceiling three thousand, overcast, visibility 10, wind N W 5, sea a little choppy. Capt. T.L. Harrison and Lieut. Shildrick departed for Vancouver. Capt. T. Ramsay arrived and conducted a Service in the Recreation Hut.	24



PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major T. Todrick, O.C.

24th August, 1941

No. 235

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235-1 DUTIES: Monday 25th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	25-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. D.G. McGavin	26-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. T.D.S. Kirk	25-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	26-8-41
Orderly Sergeant	-	L/Sgt. Hammell, G.D.	
Orderly Bombardier	-	L/Bdr. Mackie, D.A.	

235-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Mackie, Gnrs. Merritt, Rorison, Swanson, Hunter, and Cameron.

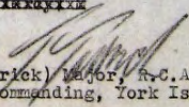
235-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 25-8-41

L/Bdr. Young, Gnrs. Brander, Conrey and Rolland

235-4 COMMAND:

Effective this date Major T. Todrick assumes command of York Island Garrison in the absence of Major J.E. Piercy.

~~(T. Todrick) Major, R.C.A.~~

  
(T. Todrick) Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

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PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major T. Todrick, O.C.

August 25th, 1941

No. 236

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236-1 DUTIES: Tuesday 26th August, 1941

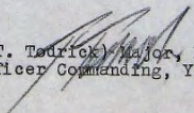
Officer of the Watch	-	Lieut. Curtis-Wilson R.C.A.,
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. D.G. McGavin, R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. D.G. McGavin, R.C.A.
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. H.V.N. Bankes R.C.A.
Orderly Sergeant	-	L/Sgt. Hammell
Orderly Bombardier	-	L/Bdr. Mackie, D.A.

236-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Mackie, Gnrs. Merritt, Rorison, Swanson, Hunter and Cameron.

236-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 26-8-41

L/Bdr. Burgess, Gnrs. Appleton, King, and Clifford

  
(T. Todrick) Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

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PART I ORDERS

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YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major T. Todrick, O.C.

26th August, 1941

No. 237

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237-1 DUTIES: Wednesday 27th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lieut. D.G. McGavin	27-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. H.V.N. Bankes	28-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. H.V.N. Bankes	27-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. Curtis-Wilson	28-8-41
Orderly Sergeant	-	L/Sgt. Hammell	
Orderly Bombardier	-	L/Bdr. Mackie, D.A.	

237-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Mackie, Gnrs. Merritt, Rorison, Swanson, Hunter and Cameron.

237-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 27-8-41

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

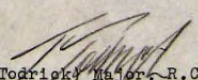
237-4 PAY PARADE:

Pay Parade will be held at 1330 hours Thursday 28 August, 1941.

237-5 N.C.O. CLASSES OF INSTRUCTION:

Classes of instruction for all N.C.O.s of the 85th Heavy Battery will be conducted by Sgt. Ramsden, E. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until further notice.

The classes will be held from 1800 to 1900 hours.

  
(T. Todrick) Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

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PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major T. Todrick, O.C.

August 27th, 1941

No. 238

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238-1 DUTIES: Thursday 28th August, 1941

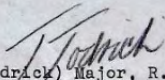
Officer of the Watch	-	Lieut. H.V.N. Bankes	28-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. Curtis-Wilson	29-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. Curtis-Wilson	28-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. H.V.N. Bankes	29-8-41
Orderly Sergeant	-	L/Sgt. Hammell	
Orderly Bombardier	-	L/Bdr. Mackie, D.A.	

238-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Mackie, D.A. Gnrs. Merritt, Rorison, Swanson, Hunter and Cameron.

238-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 28-8-41

L/Bdr. Adzich, Gnrs. McDonald, Carlson, and Bechtold.

  
(T. Todrick) Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

NOTICE

On September 6th, Saturday, there will be held at Shoal Bay a box social in aid of the Canadian Red Cross Society. There will be no admission fee charged and partners will be supplied.

Off duty personnel will submit their names through the usual channels for this dance.

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PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major T. Todrick, O.C.

28th August, 1941

No. 239

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239-1 DUTIES: Friday 29th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	29-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. Curtis-Wilson	30-8-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	29-8-41
Orderly Sergeant	-	L/Sgt. Hammell	
Orderly Bombardier	-	L/Bdr. Mackie, D.A.	

239-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Mackie, D.A. Gnrs. Merritt, Holland, Swanson, Hunter and Cameron

239-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 29-8-41

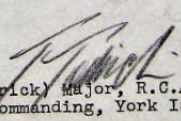
L/Bdr. Burgess, Gnrs. Smathers, Viney, and Gatenby

239-4 PROHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHY:

All Ranks are warned that any infringement of of existing regulations regarding the prohibition of photography will necessitate severe, disciplinary action.

239-5 RESPIRATOR AND STEEL HELMETS:

From this date all personnel leaving York Island on leave or for any other reason will take with them Steel Helmet and Respirator.

  
(T. Todrick) Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

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

28th August,

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

Searchlight Equipment

Attention: Armament Officer

1. Re your letter dated 20 Aug. 41, file A.O.6-1 and attached secret letter H.Q.S. 50 91-Vol.5 d/8-8-41.
2. The Searchlight equipment on York Island is not on charge to this Battery, but to 3rd S/L Bty RCA. (CB) CA.
3. Your letter has been referred to the officer attached at York Island from the 3rd S/L Battery who informs me that the same will be replied to and the necessary information given by the O.C. of that Battery.

(T. Todrick) Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major T. Todrick, O.C.

29th August, 1941

No. 240

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240-1 DUTIES: Saturday 30th August, 1941

Officer of the Watch  
Next for Duty

- Lt. Curtis-Wilson-R.A. 30-8-41  
- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton-R.C.A. 31-8-41

Orderly Officer

- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes-R.C.A. 30-8-41

Orderly Sergeant

- L/Sgt. Hammell

Orderly Bombardier

- L/Bdr. Mackie, D.A.

240-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Mackie, D.A. Gnrs. Merritt, Holland, Swanson, Hunter,  
and Cameron.

240-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 30-8-41

Edr. McDonald-Dyer, A. Gnrs. Clifford, King and Jenkins.

*T. Todrick*  
(T. Todrick) Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

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*T. Todrick*

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major T. Todrick, O.C.

30th August, 1941

No. 241

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241-1 DUTIES: Sunday 31st August, 1941

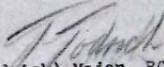
Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton -RCA.	31-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. H.V.N. Bankes -RCA.	1-9-41
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. Curtis-Wilson -RA.	31-8-41
Next for Duty	-	Lt. W.A.S. Clayton -RCA.	1-9-41
Orderly Sergeant	-	<del>L/Sgt. Hammell</del>	
		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Sgt Cartwright W
Orderly Bombardier	-	<del>L/Bdr. Mackie, D.A.</del>	
		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	A/Bdr Beaulieu

241-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Mackie, D.A. Gnrs. Merritt, Holland, Swanson, Hunter,  
and Cameron.

241-3 GUARD MOUNTING: 2030 hours 31-8-41

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

  
(T. Todrick) Major, RCA.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

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PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

August 31st 1941

MAJOR T TODRICK, O.C.

No. 242

242-1 DUTIES MONDAY Sept. 1st 1941

Officer of the Watch - Lt. H.V.N. Bankes R.C.A.  
Next for duty - Lt. W.A.S. Clayton R.C.A.

Orderly Officer - Lt. W.A.S. Clayton R.C.A.  
Next for duty - Lt. H.V.N. Bankes R.C.A.

Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. Cartwright W.  
Orderly Bdr. - A/Bdr Beaulieu J.L.

242-2 FIRE PICQUET

A/Bdr Beaulieu J.L., Gnrs. Merritt, Holland, Hunter,  
Cameron, Viney.

242-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 2030 hours 1-9-41

L/Bdr Burgess J.M., Gnrs. McEwan, Lawrence & Trim.

242-4 LABOUR DAY - 1st SEPT 1941

Monday, 1st Sept., 1941 (Labour Day) will be observed  
as a statutory holiday. Routine as on Sunday.

242-5 CHURCH SERVICE

The following Services will be conducted by  
H/Capt. F.A. Ramsay, 15th Coast Bde Chaplain:-

At 0730 hours Sept. 1st, Holy Communion in the  
Reading Room.

At 1430 Hours this date (Sunday) Church Service for  
the Garrison of York Island in the Recreation Hut.

(T. Todrick) Major, R.C.A.,  
Officer Commanding York Island.

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

31st August 1941

Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria B.C.

BRING TO ROUNDS

Herewith list of Bring to Rounds fired from  
26-8-41 to 30-8-41.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time ordered by X.V.</u>	<u>Time Fired</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Bearing</u>	<u>Name of Vessel</u>
26-8-41	1428 hrs. 1 rd. 6 pdr.	1429	2950 yds	240 deg.	Fish Boat
27-8-41	1948 2 rds. 6 pdr.	1949	2150 "	213 "	"Venus" Fish Boat
28-8-41	1624 1 rd. 6 pdr.	1625	3450 "	214 "	Fish Boat
29-8-41	1527 3 rds. 6pdr. (Boat was sent into wharf at York Island)	1528	3500 "	262 "	Fish Boat
30-8-41	0703 1 rd. 6 pdr. (Boat was sent into wharf at York Island)	0704	2000 "	4 "	Fish Boat

(T. Todrick) Major, R.C.A.,  
Officer Commanding York Island.

/PBW

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