



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

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

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**October 1940**

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# WAR DIARY

OF

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

*(Details) Ser. No. 390*

FROM OCT 1 1940 TO OCT 31 1940

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# WAR DIARY

OR

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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 I.M.L. - 8-39 (1708)  
 H.Q. 1772-45-18

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials	
York Island	1940				
		Oct.	1	RQMS Thruswell leaves York Island for Bde. H.Q.. Letter re personnel for electric plant Weather: cloudy.	8-4
		"	2	" " cloudy.	
		"	3	Letter re apparatus illuminating D.R.F. 9-5 " " S.A.A. ammunition	9-5
				No.1 gun fired a "Bring to" round down Sunderland Channel Weather: rain.	9-2
		"	4	" " rain.	
		"	5	Mr.-Gnr.Blake and assistant arrived. 1 O.R. RCAMC att. to 85 Bty. for R.Q.&D. 1 Civ. employee arrived York Island No. 1 gun fired a "bring to" round down Sunderland Channel Letter re Clarence Island Weather: cloudy.	2-0
		"	6	Six patients reported in Station Hospital Weather: bright	
		"	7	One officer and 27 O.R.'s of the 58th Bty. Pt.Grey arrived York Island. No. 1 gun fired a "bring to" round down Sunderland Channel. Major R.T.DuMoulin assumes duties O.C. York Island vice Major J.E.Piercy. 1 O.R. 85th granted 14 days furlough. 1 O.R. 85th returned from 14 days furlough. 1 Officer and 31 O.R.'s 85th Bty. depart for Point Grey	
		"	8	Letter to 15th Bde. re dental treatment for 3 O.R.'s C.S.R.      Weather: bright. 1 O.R. 85th Bty. att. Bde.H.Q. posted to 58th Bty.	6-0-4
	"	9	Weather: bright Mr.-Gnr.Blake and assistant departed Letter re co-operation with R.C.A.F. No.1 gun fired a "bring to" round down Sunderland Channel. Letter re alarm system. Weather: bright.	2-0	

PART I ORDERS

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

1st October, 1940  
by  
Major J. E. Piorey, O.C.

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274-1 DUTIES - Wednesday

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

274-2 DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 2-10-40 to 0750 hrs. 3-10-40

Left Section

No. 3 Detachment

L/Sgt. Thurlwell and  
O.R.'s as detailed

No. 4 Detachment

L/Sgt. Marr  
and O.R.'s as detailed

274-3 MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs. H.Q. Party and Left Section.

274-4 SANITARY DETAIL - Wednesday

Cnr. Willoughby  
" Galenby  
" McKay

274-5 Sentry Duty from 1800 hrs. 2-10-40 to 0600 hrs. 3-10-40

Ptes. Sayers, Stace-Smith, Thompson  
2nd Bn. (MG) C.B.R.



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

Oct. 1,

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Officer Commanding,  
Vancouver Defences,  
323 Federal Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Electric Light Plant, York Island.

1. An electric light plant has been installed on York Island and three properly qualified men are required to operate it. There are no qualified diesel electric operators at present on York Island.
2. It is therefore requested that three qualified men of the 3rd S/L Bty. RCA CASF be sent up for this purpose. It is pointed out that this is a valuable plant which could be easily wrecked by unskilled handling.
3. This matter was taken up with Major R. Hunter, O.C., 3rd S/L Bty. RCA CASF on his recent visit and he is quite agreeable to sending these men up, if authorized, as he has a number of such men available.

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

JSP/JS

c.c. O.C. 15th (Vom.) Coast Bde. RCA CASF  
c.c. D. R.O., H.D. No. 11, Victoria, B.C.

Diary

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

Oct. 1st 1940

		<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	2	41	43	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn Hosp		4	4	59 ✓
	On Leave		1	1	
	On Furlough		1	1	
	Att'd 58th	4	29	29	
	Att'd Bde HQ		9	9	
Dist Depot HDKI			3	3	3 ✓
Bde HQ			1	1	1 ✓
31st Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
58th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1	29	30	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	51
End Bn (HC) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	33	34	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	35
	Bde HQ		4	4	
<del>XXXXXXXX</del> R C C S	On Parade		3	3	3
C A H C	Employed	1	3	4	4
Naval personnel att'd		1	8	9	9
Civilian personnel att'd			10	10	10
Grand Total		11	192	213	156

Ration Strength

156

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

PART I ORDERS

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

2nd. October, 1940

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

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275-1 DUTIES - Thursday

To be Officer of the Watch - 2/Lt. W. J. Jeffrey  
Next for Duty - Lt. J. H. Bricker  
Orderly Officer - Lt. D. L. Macdonell  
Next for Duty - 2/Lt. W. J. Jeffrey  
Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. Warburton  
Orderly Bombardier - L/Bdr. Burgess.

275-2 DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs 5/10/40 to 0730 hrs 4/10/40.

Right Section.

No. 1 Detachment

Sgt. Cox and  
O. Rs. as detailed.

No. 2 Detachment

L/Sgt. Thackeray and  
O. Rs. as detailed.

275-3 MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs - HQ Party and Right Section.

275-4 SANITARY DETAIL - Thursday

Gnr. Willoughby  
Gatenby  
McKay

275-5 SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 3/10/40 to 0600 hrs 4/10/40

Pte. Whitesel  
Yess  
Wilkin

2nd En. (MB) CSR.



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

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT

Oct. 2, 1940.

		Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	2	41	43	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn Hosp		4	4	58
	On Leave		-	-	
	On Furlough		1	1	
	A.W.I.		1	1	
	Att. to 58th Bde. HQ	4	29	33	
			9	9	
Dist. Depot M.D. XI	On Parade		3	3	3
Brigade HQ.			1	1	1
80th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
58th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1	29	30	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	31
2nd Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On parade	1	32	33	
	Stn Hosp		2	2	35
	Bde. HQ		4	4	
R. C. C. E.	On Parade		3	3	3
R. C. A. M. C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
Naval Personnel Att'd.		1	8	9	9
Civil. Personnel Att.	Employed		10	10	10
GRAND TOTAL		11	192	203	155

Ration Strength

155

(J. E. Piercy) Major, RCA CASF  
Commanding 85th Heavy Battery, RCA CASF.



PART I ORDERS.

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

3rd. October, 1940

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

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276-1 DUTIES: Friday

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

276-2 DUTY WATCHES: from 0730 hrs. 4/10/40 to 0730 hrs. 5/10/40

Left Section

No. 3 Detachment

L/Sgt. Thurlwell and  
O. Rs. as detailed

No. 4 Detachment

L/Sgt. Marr and  
O. Rs. as detailed

276-3 MARCHING PARADE: 0830 hrs. H.Q. Party and Left Section.

276-4 SANITARY DETAIL: Friday--

Cnr. Willoughby  
Gatenby  
McKay

276-5 SENTRY DUTY: from 1800 hrs. 4/10/40 to 0600 hrs. 5/10/40

Pte. Whitaker  
Cameron  
Flamondon  
2nd Bn. (1st) CSR.

*J. E. Piercy*

(J. E. Piercy) Major, RCA CASF  
Commanding 85th Heavy Battery, RCA CASF.

Department of National Defence  
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.  
York Island, B.C.

3rd October, 1940.

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

Apparatus Illuminating D.R.F.

1. Major DuMoulin advises that Point Grey Fort is equipped with the above, but York Island is not yet equipped. Request for same was forwarded in February, 1940, but nothing was done.

2. May arrangements be made to supply the apparatus for York Island, please.

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

JEP/JS

Department of National Defence  
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.  
York Island, B.C.

October 3rd, 1940.

District Ordnance Officer,  
M. D. No. 11,  
Victoria, B.C.

S.A.A. Ammunition.

1. Reference your letter V.5841-26-36, dated 31st July, advising that sufficient S.A.A. ammunition to bring unit up to War Establishment plus 3,000 rounds for emergency reserve would be shipped very shortly. This has not yet arrived. Will you please advise when this will be sent.

2. The G.S.O.1 advised me on his recent visit that it is his intention to station 4 Vickers M.G. (manned by 2nd Bn. C.S.R.) and two Maxim M.G. (manned by 85th Bty.) on York Island, so it will be necessary to increase the amount of ammunition sent up.

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

JEP/JS

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT

Oct. 3, 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island.</u>
85th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	2	41	43	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn Hosp		4	4	58
	On Furlough		1	1	
	A.W.J.		1	1	
	Att. to 58th Bde. H. Q.	4	29	33	
			9	9	
Dist. Depot M.D. XI	On Parade		3	3	3
Brigade HQ.			1	1	0
31st Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
58th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On parade	1	30	31	31
2nd Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	32	33	
	STN. Hosp.		2	2	35
	Bde. HQ.		4	4	
R. C. C. S.	On Parade		3	3	3
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
Naval Personnel Att.		1	8	9	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	10
Civil. Personnel Att.	Employed		10	10	10
GRAND TOTAL		11	195	204	156

RATION STRENGTH

156

(J. E. Piercy) Major, RCA CASF  
Commanding 85th Heavy Battery, RCA CASF.



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

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT

Oct. 4, 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island.</u>
85th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	2	42	44	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn Hosp		3	3	58
	On Furlough		1	1	
	A. W. I.		1	1	
	Att. to 58th Bde. H. Q.	4	29	33	
			9	9	
Dist. Depot M.D. XI	On Parade		3	3	3
31st Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1		1	1
58th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1	30	31	31
2nd Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	32	33	
	Stn Hosp		2	2	35
	Bde. H. Q.		4	4	
R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
Naval Personnel Att.		1	8	9	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	10
Civil. Personnel Att.	Employed		10	10	10
GRAND TOTAL		11	192	203	155

RATION STRENGTH

155

(J. E. Piercy) Major, RCA CASF  
Commanding 85th Heavy Battery, RCA CASF.

Part I Orders

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

5th October, 1940

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

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278-1 DUTIES - Sunday - 6/10/40.

TO be officer of the Watch - Lt. J.H. Brieker  
Next for duty - 2/Lt. W.J. Jeffrey  
Orderly Officer - Lt. D.L. Macdonell  
Next for duty - Lt. J.H. Brieker  
Orderly Sgt. - L/Sgt. Marr  
Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Griffith

278-2 DUTY WATCHES from 0830 hrs. 6-10-40 to 0830 hrs. 7-10-40.

Left Section

No. 3 Detachment

L/Sgt. Thurlwell  
and O.R.'s as detailed

No. 4 Detachment

Bdr. Copas and  
O.R.'s as detailed

278-3 MORNING PARADE - 0930 hrs. H.C. party and left section

278-4 SANITARY DETAIL - Sunday

Gnr. Mackie, D.A.  
" Boynton

278-5 KITCHEN FATIGUE for week ending Oct. 12

Pte. Bailey  
" Vogel  
2nd Bn. C.S.R.

278-6 BAKERY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 6-10-40 to 0600 hrs. 7-10-40

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

278-7 CANTINE. The canteen will be closed from 2130 hrs. Saturday until re-opening again by officer i/c 58th Hvy. Bty. This arrangement is necessary owing to stock taking and re-arrangement by 58th Bty. All personnel leaving via Union Steamship are advised to purchase all necessary cigarettes, etc., in the canteen as the U.S.S. prices are 5p extra on this merchandise.



Department of National Defence  
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.  
York Island, B.C.

5th October, 1940.

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

Clarence Island.

1. Clarence Island is a small heavily wooded island lying about 1,000 yards in front of the fort on York Island. The trees on the island obscure a certain amount of the field of fire.
2. These trees also afford protection for a landing party as machine guns could be landed on Clarence Island on the far side which is dead ground and could be mounted on the near side in position where they could bring fire to bear on the gun platforms, thus preventing the gun crews from firing the guns.
3. These trees also blanket the view of the searchlights, and Major Hunter, O.C. 3rd S/L Bty. RGA CASF, recommended that the island be thoroughly cleaned.
4. The Inspector General (Major General the Hon. W.A. Griesbach, C.B. C.M.G. D.S.O. V.D.) on his recent inspection, noticed Clarence Island, and stated the island should be cleaned as soon as possible.
5. I request that the following steps be taken as soon as possible:-
  - (a) Dept. of National Defence secure legal possession of Clarence Island.
  - (b) The island be cleaned of all trees, stumps and underbrush, which will have to be burnt.
  - (c) The island be seeded down to grass to prevent growth of new underbrush.
6. Labour. This undertaking would be beyond the means of the troops on York Island, as we have neither the tools nor experienced help required for the purpose.
7. May this matter be treated as urgent, please.

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



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

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT.

Oct. 5, 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O. Rs.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
35 86th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	2	43	45	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn Hosp		2	2	58
	On Furlough		1	1	
	Att. to 58th	4	29	33	
	Bde. H. Q.		10	10	
Dist. Depot M.D. XI	On Parade		3	3	3
Bde. H. Q.			2	2	2
31st Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1	--	1	1
58th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1	30	31	31
2nd Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	34	35	
	Stn Hosp		2	2	35
	Bde. H. Q.		3	3	
R. C. C. S.			3	3	3
R. C. A. M. C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
13th Field Amb. Corps			1	1	1
Naval Personnel Att.		1	8	9	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	10
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed		11	11	11
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>RATION STRENGTH</b>			<b>159</b>		

(J. E. Piercy) Major, RCA CASF.  
Commanding 85th Heavy Battery, RCA CASF.

PART I ORDERS

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

6th October, 1940

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

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279-1  
DUTIES - Monday, Oct. 7, 1940.

To be Officer of the Watch	- 2/Lt. W.J. Jeffrey
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. Selbie
Orderly Officer	- Lt. J.H. Bricker
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. W.J. Jeffrey
Orderly Sgt.	- 1/Sgt. Marr
Next " Bdr.	- 1/Bdr. Griffith

279-2 DUTY WATCHES - 0730 hrs. on 7-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 8-10-40

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

Right Section

No. 2 Detachment  
1/Sgt. Coulson  
and O.R.'s as detailed

279-3 MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs. H.Q. and Right Section

279-4 SANITARY DETAIL - Monday

Cnr. Willoughby  
" Mackie, D.A.

279-5 SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 7-10-40 to 0600 hrs. 8-10-40.

Ptes. Binnish, Dodd, A.W., Dodd, J.E.

2nd Bn. C.S.R.



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

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT

Oct. 6, 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	2	43	45	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn Hosp		2	2	58
	On Furlough		1	1	
	Att. to 58th Bde. H. Q.	4	29	33	
			10	10	
Dist. Depot MD. No. XI	On Parade		3	3	3
Bde H. Q.			1	1	1
R. C. O. C.			1	1	1
31st Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1		1	1
56th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1	30	31	31
2nd Bn. (MG) CBR CASF	On Parade	1	32	33	
	Stn Hosp		2	2	35
	Bde. H. Q.		3	3	
R. C. C. S.			3	3	3
R. C. A. M. C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
12th Field Amb. Corps	Employed		1	1	1
Naval Personnel Att.		1	8	9	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	10
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed		11	11	11
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>159</b>
	<b>RATION STRENGTH</b>		<b>159</b>		

(J. E. Piercy) Major, RCA CASF  
Commanding 85th Heavy Battery, RCA CASF.

PART I ORDERS

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

7th October, 1940

by  
Major R.T. DuMoulin

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280-1 DUTIES Tuesday, Oct. 8th

To be Officer of the Watch	- 2/Lt. H.W.Selbie
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. W.J.Jeffrey
Orderly Officer	- 2/Lt. W.J.Jeffrey
Next for duty	- Lt. J.H.Bricker
Orderly Sgt.	- 1/Sgt. Marr
" Bdr.	- 1/Bdr. Griffith

280-2 DUTY WATCHES - 0730 hrs. 8-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 9-10-40.

Left Section

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

No. 2 Detachment  
Sgt. Jones and  
O.R.'s as detailed

280-3 MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs. H.Q. and Left Section.

280-4 SANITARY DETAIL - Tuesday

Cnr. Willoughby  
" Mackie, D.A.

280-5 SENTRY DUTY - from 1800 hrs. 8-10-40 to 0600 hrs. 9-10-40

Ptes. Eckstein, Holt, Dodd, J.E.  
2nd Bn. C.S.R.

280-6 H.C.Parade will be held at 1330 hrs. at Water Tower, consisting of 6ff duty section and half of gun watch.

280-7 CONSERVATION OF WATER:

- (a) The attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that it is necessary to conserve the supply of water on York Island.  
(b) No more water than is necessary should be used. Taps will be fully turned off when they are finished with.

280-8 In future 'Lights Out' will be sounded at 2215 hrs.

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

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

Oct. 7, 1940.

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

PERSONNEL ATTACHED AT BDE. H.Q.  
2ND BN. (MG) CSR CASF.

1. It is requested that the dental treatment of the three C. Rs. of the m/n unit now attached to Bde. H.Q. be expedited, if possible, please.

2. These men are urgently required to assist in carrying out very necessary duties on York Island.

*RTD*  
(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.

RTD/WBE

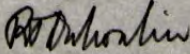
85th. Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)  
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT

Oct. 7, 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
58th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On parade	2	49	51	
	Employed		7	7	58
85th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	2	50	52	
	Employed		4	4	
	Stn Hosp		2	2	58
	On Furlough		1	1	
	Att. to 58th	4	29	33	
	Bde. H. C.		10	10	
Dist. Depot M.D. No. XI	On Parade		3	3	3
Bde. H. C.			1	1	1
R. C. O. C.			1	1	1
31st Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1		1	1
2nd Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	33	34	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	35
	Bde. H.C.		3	3	
R. C. C. S.			3	3	3
R. C. A. M. C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
15th Field Amb. Corps	Employed		1	1	1
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	9
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed		11	11	11
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>185</b>

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 (R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA CASF  
 Officer Commanding  
 York Island.

PART I ORDERS:

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

by  
Major R. T. DuMoulin, Officer Commanding.

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281-1 DUTIES: Wednesday, Oct. 9th, 1940.

To be Officer of the Watch	- 2/Lt W. J. Jeffrey
Next for Duty	- 2/Lt H. W. Selbie
Orderly Officer	- Lt. J. H. Bricker
Next for Duty	- Lt. D. L. MacDonnell
Orderly Sergeant	- Sgt. Marr
Orderly Bombardier	- L/Bdr Griffith

281-2 DUTY WATCHES: 0730 hrs. 9-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 10-10-40

Right Section

No. 1 Detachment

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

No. 2 Detachment

L/Sgt Coulson and  
O. R's. as detailed.

281-3 MARCHING PARADE: - 0830 hrs. H.Q. and Left Section.

281-4 SANITARY DETAIL: - Wednesday - Cnr. Willoughby  
Mackie, D. A.

281-5 SENTRY DUTY - from 1800 hrs 9/10/40 to 0600 hrs 10/10/40

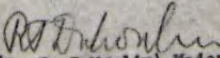
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Mayfield M H  
Patterson

281-6 B.C. PARADE - will be held at 1530 hours at the WATER TOWER.

281-7 CAMP INSPECTION - by the orderly officer will be held at 1400 hrs  
except Saturdays, when it will be held at 1030 hours.

281-8 SERGEANT'S MESS - A meeting will be held in the Sergeant's Mess  
at 2000 hours; all members not on duty to attend.

281-9 GENERAL BATTLES ALARM - is amended re H.Q. Staff (employed men, etc.)  
Such personnel will fall in on the road facing Nos. 7 and 8 huts.

  
(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA CASB  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT.

Oct. 8, 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.'s.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island.</u>
58th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	2	49	51	
	Employed		7	7	58
85th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1	20	21	
	Employed		4	4	
	Stn Hosp		2	2	27
	Att. 58th	5	60	65	
	Bde. H.Q.		10	10	
Dist Depot M.D. No. XI	On Parade		3	3	3
Bde. H. Q.			1	1	1
C. O. C.			1	1	1
31st Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1		1	1
2nd Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	34	35	35
	Bde H.Q.		3	3	
R. C. C. S.			3	3	3
R. C. A. M. C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
th Field Amb. Corps	Employed		1	1	1
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	9
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed		11	11	11
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>154</b>

RATION STRENGTH 154

*R. T. DuMoulin*  
(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA CASF  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.



PART I ORDERS

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

by  
Major R.T. DuMoulin, O.C.

9th October, 1940.

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282-1 DUTIES - Thursday, Oct. 10, 1940.

Officer of the Watch	- 2/Lt. H.W.Selbie
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. W.J.Jeffrey
Orderly Officer	- Lt. D.L.MacDonnell
Next for duty	- Lt. J.H.Bricker
Orderly Sgt.	- 1/Sgt. Marr
Orderly Bdr.	- 1/Bdr.Griffith

282-2 DUTY WATCH - 0730 hrs. 10-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 11-10-40

Left Section

Sgt. Schooley and O.R.'s as detailed	Sgt. Jones and O.R.'s as detailed
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282-3 MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs. H.Q. and Left Section.

282-4 SANITARY DETAIL: Thursday

Cnr. Willoughby  
" Mackie, D.A.

282-5 SENTRY DUTY: from 1800 hrs. 10-10-40 to 0600hrs. 11-10-40.

Ptes. Robertson, Sayers, Stace-Smith

282-6 B.C.BRADE - at 1330 hrs. at Water Tower.

282-7 CAMP INSPECTION by Orderly Officer at 1100 hrs.

282-8 RULES FOR YORK ISLAND CANTEEN:

- (a) The attention of All Ranks is drawn to Rules for York Island Canteen issued this day, copies of which are posted in the Wet Canteen and the Recreation Hall.
- (b) These will be strictly adhered to by all concerned.

282-9 GAS SENTRIES: The gun look-out on duty from time to time will carry out the duties of a gas sentries.

282-10 AIR SENTRIES: The signallers on duty from time to time will carry out the duties of air sentries.

282-11 ACTION LOOK-OUTS: The signallers on duty from time to time will carry out the duties of action look outs.

282-12 DEFAULTERS: Defaulters will be required to report to Orderly Sgt. every half hour between Retreat and First Post, every day whilst undergoing punishment.

282-13 GENERAL BATTLE ALARM.

Attention of all ranks is drawn - (R.T. DuMoulin) Major, R.C.A.  
to the fact that this may also be Officer Commanding  
sounded by Trench Rattle. Distribution York Island  
of rattles: Fort 1. Sgts.' Mess 1.  
Officers' Mess 1. Continuous sounding of  
rattle will be sufficient warning for all ranks  
to take battle posts.

*R.T. DuMoulin*

SECRET

2-9  
85th Heavy Battery, RCA CASF  
York Island, B. C.

Oct. 9, 1940.

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

CO-OPERATION WITH R.C.A.F.

1. It is suggested that it would be advantageous for some form of close liaison to be maintained between H.O.I.C., York Island, C.C. York Island and the nearest station of the R.C.A.F. which, it is understood, is situated at Uluwatu.

2. It is pointed out that R.C.A.F. might well be in a position to pass on valuable and timely information of the approach of hostile vessels to York Island and also might be able to co-operate in repelling attacks.

3. There may be several other instances of the value of being able to communicate directly with such R.C.A.F. Station.

4. May this matter be given consideration, please?

*RTH*  
(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA CASF  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.

rtd-ubo.

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT

Oct. 9, 1940

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			10	10	
Dist Depot M.D. XI	On Parade		3	3	3
	Bde. H. Q.		-	-	-
1st Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1		1	1
2nd Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	34	35	55
	Bde H. Q.		3	3	
R. C. C. S.			3	3	3
R. C. A. M. C.	Employed	1	4	5	5
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	9
Civil Personnel Att.			11	11	11
	Employed				
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>152</b>

RATION STRENGTH

152

*R. T. DuMoulin*  
(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA CASF  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.

Title pages will be prepared.

# WAR DIARY OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

ORIGINAL

K.F.M. 11.

V.P.O. 2118  
1 M.L. - 4.50 (1738)  
H.Q. 117245-18

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
York Island	1940			
	Oct.	10	<p>3 O.R.'s 85th Bty. att. Bde. H.Q. report at Point Grey                      Letter re <del>weather</del> waterproof clothing                      Letter to Lion's Gate Club                      Return of training equipment                      No.1 gun fired a "bring to" round down Sunderland Channel.                      No.2 " " " " " " " " Johnstone Straits.                      Letter re baking bread of bread at York Island.                      Weather: bright.</p>	<p>9-3 6-4 4-0</p>
	"	11	" Foggy and dull	
	"	12	<p>2 O.R.'s CSR attached 85th Bty. for R.Q. &amp; D.                      Wire to R.C.E. Works Officer re valves for water pumps                      Weather: rain at night</p>	
	"	13	<p>4 Civ. employees leave York Island.                      5 "bring to" rounds fired by No.2 gun to stop a vessel proceeding down Johnstone Straits.                      Weather: rain.</p>	
	"	14	<p>2 Officers and 29 O.R.'s 58th Hvy. Bty. Point Grey arrive for duty at York Island.                      Weather: rain.                      1 Officer and 26 O.R.'s 85th Hvy. Bty. leave for duty at Point Grey.                      4 O.R.'s 85th Bty. at Point Grey A.W.L.                      Five patients reported at Station Hospital.                      Weather: rain</p>	
	"	15	<p>1 O.R. 85th Bty. reported for duty at Point Grey on furlough expiring.                      No. 1 gun fired 2 "bring to" rounds at a vessel, proceeding down Sunderland Channel.                      Weather: bright.</p>	
	"	16	" cloudy and rain.	
	"	17	<p>Wire to A.A. Q.M.G. for hand torches.                      1 O.R. RCAMC granted 7 days leave of absence.                      3 O.R.'s 85th Bty. A.W.L.                      A/Lieut. Cmdr. Thompson, RCNVR, proceeds on leave.                      Lieut. R. Jackson, R.C.N.V.R., arrives to assume duties C.X.O.                      Letter re gun shelters and parapet walls.                      Weather: fair.</p>	2-0

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

by

Major R.F. DuMoulin, O.C.

10th October, 1940

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283-1 DUTIES: - Friday Oct. 11, 1940.

Officer of the Watch	- E/Lt. W.J. Jeffrey
Next for duty	- E/Lt. H.W. Selbie
Orderly Officer	- Lt. J.H. Bricker
Next for duty	- Lt. D.L. Macdonell
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Kerr
" Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Griffith

283-2 DUTY WATCH: 0730 hrs. 11-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 12-10-40.

Right Section

Sgt. Cox and  
O.S.'s as detailed

Sgt. Coulson and  
O.S.'s as detailed

283-3 MARCHING PARADE: 0830 hrs. H.C. and Right Section.

283-4 SANITARY DETAIL: Friday

Cnr. Willoughby  
" Mackie, D.A.

283-4 BERRY DUTY: from 1800 hrs. 11-10-40 to 0600 hrs. 12-10-40

Ptes. Thomson, Vose and Wilkin

283-5 CAMP INSPECTION by Orderly Officer at 1100 hrs.

283-6 R.C. PARADE - 1530 hrs. at Water Tower. Off duty section and one-half of gun watch, with respirators and rifles.

283-7 GENERAL BATTLE ALARM:

The above mentioned is amended in that alarm will be sounded to troops on duty in the Fort Area by sounding blasts on the fog horn located in O.P.

*R.F. DuMoulin*  
Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding  
York Island

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

Oct. 10, 1940

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

RETURN - TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

1. Enclosed please find Report of Training Equipment in duplicate, as stated in D.R.O. No. 812, dated September 18th, 1940.

*RTO*

(R. T. Dufoulin) Major RCA CASF  
Officer Commanding,  
York Island.

WBE.

cc. OC 58<sup>th</sup> Hwy Bty RCA CASF  
Point Grey.

REPORT OF TRAINING EQUIPMENT

The following is a list of Training Equipment received at York Island from 25th Sept, 1940 to 10th October, 1940:

SECTION A-2

Bleaching powder	lbs.	156
Cloth, Union, Anti-Gas	yds.	25
Capsules, Lachramatory		480
R.A.G. Seals, Disc identity		50
Signs, Warning Gas		25
Trays, Bleach, Anti-Gas Mk. I		4
Rattles, Trench Mk. II		3
R.A.G. Wire binding 2 in.		200
Tape, Adhesive $\frac{1}{2}$ inch	yds.	20

SECTION B-1

Pistols, Revolver, 455 Colt	6
Pistols, Revolver, .22 Colt	4
Pistols, Signal, No. 1, Mk III $\frac{1}{2}$	1
Projectors, Spotlight (Complete with transformer & wire)	1
Rifle attachment	1
D.P. Rifle adjusted for S.A.	1

SECTION Q-1


Thunderflashes Mk. V	50
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SECTION W-1

Tapes, Tracing Mk. I	4
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SECTION Y

Megaphones 12 inch.	4
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(R. T. DuMoulin) Major RCA CASF.  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

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

Oct. 10, 1940

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

Attention Cpl. H. C. Greig.

BAKING OF BREAD -- YORK ISLAND

1. In view of the fact that the A.A. and C.M.G. have personally given consideration to this matter, copies of correspondence between D.S. & T.O. and C.O. York Island are enclosed herewith for his information and directions, please, as a letter of D.S. & T.O., dated 8th October, is not clearly understood by the undersigned.

2. While it is quite agreeable to the undersigned to undertake the baking of bread in the ovens of the present cooking ranges, it is again pointed out that to carry this out an additional cook with baking experience would be required.

3. It is therefore suggested that consideration be given to attaching a cook with the necessary experience from District Depot for this purpose.

4. My information re forthcoming, please as to whether it is intended to supply the articles mentioned in paragraph 3 of our letter dated 29th September.

5. It was understood that the question of whether or not the present delivery of bread had proved to be unsatisfactory had already been decided, and the only reason for delay in commencing baking of bread is the necessity of having a qualified baker as above mentioned, and the above mentioned articles.

*RFD*  
(R. E. Daboulin) Major, RCA  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.

RM/WBM

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



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York Island, B.C.

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	Employed		4	4	
	Stn Hosp		2	2	30
	Att. 58th Bde H.Q.	5	60	65	
			10	10	
51st Hvy Bty RCA CASF		1		1	1
2nd Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	34	35	35
	Bde H. Q.		3	3	
R. C. C. S.			3	3	3
R. C. A. M. C.	Employed	1	4	5	5
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	9
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed		11	11	11
GRAND TOTAL		12	218	230	152

RATION STRENGTH

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*R. T. DuMoulin*  
(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.

PARADE ORDERS

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

by  
Major R.F. DuBoislin, O.C.

11th October, 1940.

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285-1 DUTIES - Saturday, Oct. 13, 1940.

Officer of the watch - S/Lt. H.W. Selbie  
Next for duty - S/Lt. W. J. Jeffrey

Orderly Officer - Lt. D.L. MacDonell  
Next for duty - Lt. J.H. Bricker

Orderly Sgt. - S/Sgt. Marr  
" Bdr. - L/Bdr. Griffith

285-2 DUTY WATCH - 0730 hrs. 13-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 13-10-40

Left Section

Sgt. Schooley and Sgt. Jones  
O.R.'s as detailed and O.R.'s detailed

285-3 MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs. and 1630 hrs. H.Q. and Left Section.

285-4 SANITARY DETAIL for Saturday

Cnr. Willoughby  
Cnr. Mackie, D.A.

285-5 BATTERY DUTY - from 1800 hrs. 13-10-40 to 0600 hrs. 13-10-40

Ptes. Whitaker, Cameron and Plamondon

285-6 BATTERY COMMANDERS CAMP INSPECTION - 1030 hrs.

285-7 R.C. PARADE - 0830 hrs. on wharf, all employed personnel  
(cooks, batmen, clerks, etc.) will parade with rifles.

285-8 RIFLE SLINGS.

These will be dyed dark brown. dye may be  
obtained from the Canteen.

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PART I ORDERS

55th Heavy Battery, R.C.A.I. C.A.S.F.  
York Island

by  
Major R.S. Duffield  
Officer Commanding

11th October, 1940.

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55-2 LEAVE & FURLOUGH:

1. Routine Orders 82, 155, 375 and 411 are hereby cancelled.

2. Ordinary Leave and Furlough.

(a) Officers may be granted leave, not exceeding fourteen days, with pay, on completion of six months' continuous service in the C.A.S.F. An additional 14 days' leave may be granted upon the completion of each subsequent period of twelve months' continuous service in the C.A.S.F. Such leave may be granted on the authority of the District Officer Commanding.

(b) Other ranks may be granted furlough, not exceeding fourteen days, with pay, on completion of six months' continuous service in the C.A.S.F. An additional 14 days' furlough may be granted to other ranks upon the completion of each subsequent period of twelve months' continuous service in the C.A.S.F. Such furlough may be granted on the authority of the Officer Commanding the unit.

(c) Leave and furlough authorized under para. 2(a) and (b) above is not accumulative and twelve months must elapse between each period of leave or furlough granted.

3. Compassionate Leave and Furlough.

To meet special cases involving hardship, compassionate leave or furlough, not exceeding ten days, may be granted, with pay, to officers or other ranks, irrespective of length of service in the C.A.S.F. on the authority of the District Officer Commanding. Such leave on compassionate grounds is to be restricted to cases where the D.O.C. is satisfied of the urgent necessity for the grant.

4. Embarkation Leave and Furlough.

(a) Personnel warned for service overseas may be granted embarkation leave or furlough to provide for two clear days at home.

(b) The fact that an officer or soldier has had ordinary leave or furlough under para. 2 (a) or (b) above will in no way prejudice the grant of embarkation leave or furlough.

(c) Leave or furlough immediately prior to embarkation will be granted so as to expire in sufficient time for final arrangements for embarkation to be made.

5. Harvest Leave and Furlough.

Harvest leave and furlough may be granted to certain personnel of the C.A.S.F. under such instructions and conditions as from time to time communicated by National Defence Headquarters to District Officers Commanding.

6. Sick Leave and Furlough.

(a) Officers may be granted sick leave under the provisions of K.R. (Can.) 1113.

(b) Other Ranks may be granted sick furlough under the provisions of K.R. (Can.) 1136.

7. Leave and Furlough to Complete University Training.

Leave and Furlough will not be granted for the purpose of permitting personnel of the CASP to complete University education.

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

by  
Major R.E. MacKinnon, M.C.

11th October, 1940.

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225- LEAVE & FURLOUGH (cont'd.)

8. Permanent Force Personnel.

On and after the 1st Sept. 1940, leave and furlough granted permanent force personnel serving in the C.A.S.F. will be governed by the terms of this Routine Order, with the following exceptions:

- (a) Officers on retirement may be granted such leave as is authorized by the Adjutant-General in each individual case.  
(b) Other ranks on discharge may be granted furlough under the provisions of K.R. (Can.) 1125 (a).

9. Leave & Furlough beyond Canada.

- (a) Leave and furlough from Canada, to travel abroad is not permitted.  
(b) Personnel of the C.A.S.F. who are serving overseas other than in the United Kingdom, may be granted leave and furlough under the provisions of this Routine Order, but such leave and furlough must be spent within the territorial limits of His Majesty's possessions.  
(c) Officers and other ranks serving in the United Kingdom will be granted leave or furlough in accordance with the orders approved by the Senior Combatant Canadian Militia Officer.

10. General Provisions.

The provisions of K.R. (Can.) 1099-1125, will apply generally in respect to leave and furlough granted C.A.S.F. personnel where such provisions do not conflict with the terms of this Routine Order and C.A.S.F. conditions of Service.

222- PERSONAL AND POLITICAL INFLUENCE.

Canadian Active Service Force Routine Order 70 of 15th October, 1939, is republished for information and guidance of all concerned:

"1. The Minister of National Defence has directed that his wishes be made known with regard to the observance of regular official channels for the submission of recommendations for appointments to commissions, also promotions in the Defence Force of Canada. The following comments are, therefore, promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned.

2. It has been ruled by the Minister that the granting of commissions and promotions is to be determined by the proper service authorities on the basis of merit alone, and that no personal recommendations will be made by him on these matters. Enlisted men are entitled to feel that merit will open a clear path for promotion to commissioned rank, which would not be the case if commissions were granted on the basis of personal or political influence.

Over.

PART I ORDERS

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York Island

by  
Major R.T. Dumaslin, C.O.

11th October, 1940.

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283- PERSONAL AND POLITICAL INFLUENCE (Cont.'d.)

3. It is very necessary that the proper channels are observed for the submission of applications from candidates for appointments to commissions, which is through the Officer Commanding the Unit in which the candidate desires to obtain a commission. Cases will also arise where information may be specially desired relative to commissions in the Permanent Active Militia, which can be made available to applicants at the District Headquarters of the various Military Districts throughout the Dominion.

4. All applicants for commissions will be dealt with solely on their merits. Attempts to urge preferred consideration of any application by the use of outside influence are forbidden and if resorted to will be regarded as an admission on part of the applicant that his case is not good on its merits. There must be no political or personal bias of any kind."

2. In connection with the above order, it is to be understood that its provisions also apply to transfers from one unit or corps to another and from one station or Theatre of Operations to another.

3. Requests for special consideration on any matters also any complaints from officers or soldiers, are to be submitted through the proper channels in accordance with H.O. 591 and H.O. 1940 of 1940."

*R.T. Dumaslin*

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

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*Exp. 1940*

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

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			10	10	
31st Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1		1	1
2nd Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	34	35	35
	Bde H. Q.		3	3	
R. C. G. S.			3	3	3
R. C. A. M. C.	Employed	1	4	5	5
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	9
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed		10	10	10
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>151</b>

RATION STRENGTH

151

*R. T. DuMoulin*  
(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.

PART I ORDERS

85th Heavy Battery, RCA CASE,

York Island

by

Major R. E. Dumoulin, O. C.

12th October, 1940.

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284-1 DUTIES - Sunday, October 12th, 1940.

Officer of the Watch - 2/Lt W. J. Jeffrey  
Next for Duty - 2/Lt. H. W. Selbie

Orderly Officer - 2/Lt. H.W.Selbie  
Next for Duty - Lt. D. L. Macdonell

Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. Schooley  
Orderly Bdr. - Bdr. Griffin

284-2 DUTY WATCH - 0830 hrs. 13-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 14-10-40.

Right Section.

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

Sgt. Coulson and  
O.R.'s, as detailed

284-3 MARCHING PARADE: - 0930 hrs and 1630 hrs. H.Q. and Right Section

284-4 SANITARY DETAIL for Sunday. -- Cnr. Willoughby  
Cnr. Mackie, D. A.

284-5 SENTRY DUTY - from 1800 hrs 13-10-40 to 0600 hrs. 14-10-40.

Ptes. English, McCulloch and Johnstone.

284-6 DRESS -- Summer Drill will be taken out of wear with effect 12th October, 1940. (Vancouver Defences Order No. 84-1, dated 8th October, 1940)

284-7 GENERAL BATTLE ALARM - six short blasts on foghorn will be warning for all ranks to take up alarm positions.

284-8 ADDRESS OF MAIL - (a) Thousands of insufficiently or incorrectly addressed letters and parcels are reaching the Base Post Office, Canada, and delay is occurring as it is necessary to search through records both in Canada and Overseas in an attempt to correctly re-address.

(b) Considerable mail is having to be returned to the sender as "insufficiently addressed".

(c) All officers and other ranks will be reminded of the importance of giving their full correct address to their friends and relatives. Only mail for troops Overseas should be sent to the Base Post Office. Mail for troops in Canada should be addressed to the respective camp or barracks in Canada.

(d) A poster with examples of correct addresses is being sent by the Postmaster-General to all parts of Canada but this appeal can only be effected if the soldier gives his correct address to his relatives or friends.

(e) A good Mail Orderly is essential and Officers Commanding Units should ensure that only individuals who can be depended upon to carefully and correctly address mail for members of the unit who are in hospital, transferred to another unit, on Courses, on draft Overseas, or at other times are employed.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
65th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.  
York Island, B.C.

12th October, 1940.

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

Dress

1. Gunners stationed here have one suit each of serge battle dress, summer drill and denim battle dress.
2. At this time of year summer drill is of no use and serge is only worn for walking out purposes. This leaves them only one suit of denim for everyday wear. Would it not be possible to secure an extra suit of denim or preferably in lieu of any denim two pairs of trousers, service.
3. In view of the rainy weather and the over present fatigues here, may this matter be given early attention, please.

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

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### CONFIRMATION.

85TH HEAVY BATTERY RCA  
YORK ISLAND B C  
OCT 12, 1940.

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R C E WORKS OFFICER  
VANCOUVER B C

&

INTAKE AND EXHAUST VALVES FOR THE JUNIOR PUMP OUT OF  
ORDER. PLEASE SHIP REPLACEMENTS VIA USS "LADY  
ROSE" LEAVING VANCOUVER 1200 HOURS SUNDAY STOP UR-  
GENT FOR WATER SUPPLY.

O. C. YORK ISLAND.

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT

Oct. 12, 1940

		Offrs.	O.R's.	Total	Total at York Island
58th Heavy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	2	48	50	
	Employed		7	7	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	58
85th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1	24	25	
	Employed		4	4	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	30
	Att. 58th	5	59	64	
	Bde H. Q.		10	10	
31st Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1		1	1
2nd En. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	37	38	38
	Bde. H.Q.		2	2	
R. C. C. S.			3	3	3
R. C. A. M. C.	Employed	1	4	5	5
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	9
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed		10	10	10
GRAND TOTAL		12	218	230	154

RATION STRENGTH

154

*R. T. DuMoulin*

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

PART I ORDERS.

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

by  
Major R. T. DuMoulin, O. C.

13th October 1940

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285-1 DUTIES - Monday, Oct. 14th, 1940.

Officer of the Watch	- 2/Lt H. W. Selbie
Next for Duty	- 2/Lt Ricardo
Orderly Officer	- Lt. D. E. Macdonell
Next for Duty	- Lt. D. F. Thomas
Orderly Sergeant	- Sgt. Schooley
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Griffin

285-2 DUTY WATCH - 0830 hrs. 14-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 15-10-40.

Left Section

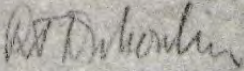
L/Bdr. Russ and	Sgt. Jones and
O. R's, as detailed	O. R's, as detailed

285-3 MANNING PARADE - 0830 hours and 1630 hours.

285-4 SANITARY DETAIL - for Monday -- Gnr. Willoughby  
Haskie B. A.

285-5 BATTERY DUTY - from 1800 hours 14-10-40 to 0600 hours 15-10-40.

Pten. Logs  
Shearer  
Hooton

  
(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT

Oct. 13th, 1940.

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R's.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
58th Heavy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	2	47	49	
	Employed		7	7	
	Stn Hosp		2	2	58
85th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1	24	25	
	Employed		4	4	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	30
	Att. 58th Bde H. Q.	5	59	64	
			10	10	
31st Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1		1	1
2nd Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	37	38	38
	Bde. H. Q.		2	2	
R. C. C. S.			3	3	3
R. C. A. M. C.	Employed	1	4	5	5
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	9
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed		10	10	10
GRAND TOTAL		12	218	230	154

RATION STRENGTH

154

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 York Island.

PART I ORDERS

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

by  
Major R.T. DuMoulin

14th October, 1940

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286-1 DUTY - Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1940.

Officer of the Watch - Lieut. Thomas  
Next for duty - E/Sgt. Ricardo

Orderly Officer - S/Pl. Selbie  
Next for duty - Lieut. Thomas

Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Schooley  
" Bdr. - Bdr. Griffin

286-2 DUTY WATCH - 0730 hrs. 15-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 16-10-40

Right Section

L/Sgt. Harr and  
O.R.'s as detailed

L/Sgt. Coulson and  
O.R.'s as detailed

286-3 HANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs. and 1630 hrs.

286-4 SANITARY DETAIL - I/Bdr. Raymond and Cnr. Chalmers

286-5 SEWERY DUTY - from 1800 hrs. 15-10-40 to 0600 hrs. 16-10-40

Pts. Wilkin, Vanstone, Vogel

286-6 MILITARY SECRECY - All ranks are warned to read and observe that portion of standing orders dealing with military secrecy.

286-7 FIREARMS - Attention of all ranks is drawn to Standing Orders which forbid the discharge of firearms anywhere on York Island except in the line of duty.

286-8 ORDERS - All ranks are warned to acquaint themselves with camp Standing Orders posted on Orders Board, Hut Orders posted in all huts and gun crews with Fighting Orders posted in crew shelter.

286-9 General Battle Alarm - All ranks will familiarize themselves with their duties at "Battle Alarm."

286-10 REPORTS - A report will be turned in each morning by the Orderly Sgt. and Orderly Bdr. Forms may be obtained from office.

286-11 ROWBOATS - Attention of all ranks is drawn to Standing Orders which forbid the use of rowboats by personnel except in the course of duty and except by special permission from the Orderly Sgt. Cars must be obtained from C.M. Stores and must be returned.

286-12 L.M.S.'s - (a) Tension on L.M.S. springs be left at 4 to 6 lbs.  
(b) When a greater tension is left on springs for any appreciable length of time, breaking of springs occurs.

NOTICE - Smoking Concert will be held in Recreation Hut at 1930 hrs. Names of musicians and any other talent in the Battery should be given to L/Bdr. Clair at the H.Q. Hut as soon as possible to enable him to provide a programme.



~~Diary~~

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT

Oct. 14, 1940

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.'s.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
58th Hvy Bty RCA CASE	On Parade	4	62	66	
	Employed		20	20	
	Stn Hosp		3	3	89
	Furlough		1	1	
85th Hvy Bty RCA CASE	On Parade	1	26	27	
	Employed		2	2	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	30
	Att. 58th Bde. H. Q.	5	62	67	
			7	7	
31st Hvy Bty RCA CASE	On Parade	1		1	1
2nd Bn. (MG) CSR CASE	On Parade	1	37	38	38
	Bde. H. Q.		2	2	
R. C. C. S.			3	3	3
R. C. A. M. C.	Employed	1	4	5	5
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	9
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed		10	10	10
GRAND TOTAL		14	248	262	185

RATION STRENGTH

185

*R. T. DuMoulin*

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Officer Commanding  
York Island.

PART I ORDERS

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

YORK ISLAND, N.S.

by

Major R.T. DuMoulin O.C.

16th October, 1940.

No. 287

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287-1 DUTIES - Wednesday, Oct. 16th, 1940.

Officer of the Watch - 2/Lt. Ricardo  
Next for duty - 2/Lt. Selby

Orderly Officer - Lt. Macdonell  
Next for duty - Lt. Thomas

Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Schooley  
Orderly Bdr. - Bdr. Griffin

287-2 DUTY WATCH - 0730 hrs. 16-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 17-10-40

Left Section

Bdr. Copas and Sgt. Jones and  
O.R.'s as detailed O.R.'s as detailed

287-3 MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs. and 1630 hrs.

287-4 SANITARY DETAIL ✓ Bdr. Raymond and Cnr. Chalmers

287-5 CAMP INSPECTION - by Orderly Officer at 1100 hrs.

287-6 SENTINEL - at 1730 hrs. Guard Mounting will take place at this hour until further notice.

287-7 SENTRY DUTY from 1730 hrs. 16-10-40 till 0600 hrs. 17-10-40

Pres. Drought, Eckstein and Holt

287-8 BATTERY COMMANDER'S PARADE - at 1530 hrs. at Water Tower. On duty section, one half of section on watch, and Head Quarters Section as detailed.

287-9 ASH DISPOSAL - All ranks are warned that in accordance with Standing Orders ashes must be dumped in the central ash dump, past the ablation hut.

287-10 MEETINGS - CANTEN AND CANTEN COMMITTEE -

- (a) A General Meeting of the Canteen will be held in the Port at 1245 hrs. Wednesday, 16th October, 1940, for the purpose of electing members of the sub-committee, as follows:
- 1 Bombardier from the Battery at large
  - 2 Gunners, one from each section (Right, Left & H.Q.)
  - 1 Corporal from C.S.R.
  - 1 Private from C.S.R.

(b) Immediately following the canteen meeting there will be the regular monthly meeting of the canteen committee in the writing room of the canteen. Members of the sub-committee will attend.

*R.T. DuMoulin*  
Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding  
York Island

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT

15  
Oct. 22, 1940

		Offrs.	O.R.'s.	Total	Total at York Island
58th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	4	63	67	
	Employed		20	20	
	Stn Hosp		2	2	
	Furlough		1	1	89
85th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade		1	1	
	Employed		2	2	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	
	Att. 58th	6	87	93	4
	Bde H. C.		7	7	
31st Heavy Bty RCA	On Parade	1	--	1	1
2nd Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	37	38	38
	Bde. H. C.		2	2	
R. C. C. S.			3	3	3
R. C. A. M. C.	Employed	1	4	5	5
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	9
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed		10	10	10
GRAND TOTAL		14	248	262	159

RATION STRENGTH

159

*R. T. DuMoulin*  
(R. T. DuMoulin) Major RCA  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.



PART I ORDERS

86th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.C.F.  
York Island, B.C.

by  
Major R.T. Dunsolin, B.C.

16th October, 1940.

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268-1 DUTIES - Thursday, Oct. 17, 1940.

Officer of the Watch - 2/Lt. Selbie  
Next for duty - 2/Lt. Ricardo  
  
Orderly Officer - Lt. Thomas  
Next for duty - 2/Lt. Selbie  
  
Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Schooley  
" Bdr. - Bdr. Griffin

268-2 DUTY WATCH - 0730 hrs. 17-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 18-10-40

Right Section

✓ Sgt. Marr and  
C.S.'s as detailed

✓ Sgt. Coulson and  
C.S.'s as detailed

268-3 MANNING PARADE - 0830 hrs. and 1630 hrs.

268-4 SANITARY DETAIL - L/Bdr. Raymond and Gnr. Chalmers

268-5 CAMP INSPECTION by Orderly Officer at 1100 hrs.

268-6 BATTERY COMMANDER'S PARADE - 1530 hrs. at Water Tower. Off duty section, one half of section on watch and H.Q. section as detailed.

268-7 SENTRY DUTY - from 1730 hrs. 17-10-40 to 0600 hrs. 18-10-40

Ptes. Robertson, Dodd, A.W., Dodd, J.E.

268-8 ELECTRIC WIRING -

The following instructions regarding the installation and alteration of electric wiring, and use of extensions and heaters, in Barracks, Armouries, Camps, huts, etc. will be strictly enforced as overloading of circuits causes a serious fire hazard:-

- (a) No alterations are to be made to the wiring system except by authority of Vancouver Defences Works Officer, B.C.E.
- (b) No Light Extensions or Heaters will be permitted in any building, barracks, or camp operated within this Area.
- (c) Troops or individuals on entering into quarters are to be informed that no additional lights or fixtures are to be installed or attached without reference to the District Engineer Officer, H.Q. No. 11, Victoria.

*R.T. Dunsolin*

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

NOTICE-

Anyone in possession of or who knows the location of any unworkable radios is asked to turn same in to C.M. Stores to facilitate the Garrison acquiring workable radios in their place.

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT

Oct. 16, 1940.

		Offrs.	O.R's.	Total	Total at York Island
58th Heavy Battery RCA	On Parade	4	64	68	
	Employed		20	20	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	89
	Furlough		1	1	
85th Heavy Battery RCA	On Parade		1	1	
	Employed		2	2	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	4
	Att 58th	6	37	93	
	Bde H. C.		7	7	
31st Heavy Battery RCA	On Parade	1		1	1
2nd Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	37	38	38
	Bde H. C.		2	2	
R. C. C. S.			3	3	3
R. C. A. M. C.	Employed	1	4	5	5
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	9
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed		6	6	6
GRAND TOTAL		14	244	258	155

RATION STRENGTH

155

*R. T. DuMoulin*  
(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.

Diary

PART I ORDERS

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

by  
Major R. T. DuMoulin, O.C.

17th October, 1940.

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289-1 DUTIES: Friday Oct. 18, 1940.

Officer of the Watch	- 2/Lt. Ricardo
Next for Duty	- Lt. Thomas
Orderly Officer	- 2/Lt. Selbie
Next for Duty	- 2/Lt. Ricardo
Orderly Sergeant	- Sgt. Schoesley
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Martindale

289-2 DUTY WATCH: 0750 hours 18-10-40 to 0730 hours 19-10-40.

Left Section

Bdr. Copas and O.R's. as detailed.	Sgt. Jones and O.R's. as detailed.
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289-3 MANNING PARADE: 0630 hours and 1630 hours.

289-4 SANITARY DETAIL: L/Bdr. Raymond and Gnr. Chalmers.

289-5 CAMP INSPECTION: by Orderly Officer at 1100 hours.

289-6 BATTERY COMMANDER'S PARADE: 1330 hours at Water Tower -  
Off duty section, one-half of watch on duty and H.Qrs. as  
detailed.

289-7 FIRE PICQUET: H.C.O. i/o Fire Picquet and Orderly Bdr. for  
Remainder of week L/Bdr. Martindale. The u/m O.R's. will  
constitute the Fire Picquet and will fall in outside Mess  
Hall at 1500 hours to receive instructions.

L/Bdr. Dawson  
Gnr. Phillips  
Dixon  
Stafford  
Kibler

289-8 SENTRY DUTY: from 1730 hours 18-10-40 to 0600 hours 19-10-40.

Pte. Mayfield, R.  
Patterson  
Sayers.

*R. T. DuMoulin*

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

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

Confirmation

York Island, B.C.  
Oct. 17, 1940. 1815 hrs.

AA QMG

MDXH Victoria, B.C.

708 One dozen torches hand local defence

York Island urgently required

O C

York Island

**SECRET**

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

Secret

17th October, 1940.

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

Attention G.S.O. 1

Gun Shelters and Parapet Walls  
York Island Fort

Reference this Bty.'s letter 2-0, dated  
6th August, re m/n.

1. Advice was received from O.C. Vancouver Defences on 28th September, 1940, that construction of a proper concrete parapet wall between the two 4.7 guns and concrete gun shelters for the gun crews had been approved in principle and that work will be commenced as soon as money is available.
2. Attention is drawn to the fact that at present the only shelter for the gun crews is a wooden shack and that in case of hostile attack from beyond range of guns (2000<sup>Y</sup>) it would be quite possible for all the manning detail to be put out of action before any effective fire could be brought to bear on the enemy.
3. In view of these circumstances it is urged that whatever steps are necessary to obtain the requisite money for this work to be carried out be taken as soon as possible, please.
4. It is also pointed out that the O.P., magazine and artillery stores are made of brick construction. It is suggested that it would be advisable to reinforce this construction with reinforced concrete, etc.
5. The recesses at the guns containing cartridges and shell are of temporary wooden construction which is not considered adequate for storage of such ammunition, especially in view of the present lack of concrete parapet.

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

RTD/JS

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

Oct. 17, 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT.

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.'s.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
58th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	4	63	67	
	Employed		20	20	
	Stn Hosp		2	2	89
	Furlough		1	1	
85th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade		1	1	
	Employed		2	2	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	4
	Att. 58th	6	87	93	
	Bde H. Q.		7	7	
31st Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1		1	1
2nd Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	35	36	36
	Bde H. Q.		2	2	
	On Leave		2	2	
R. C. C. S.			3	3	3
R. O. A. M. C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On Leave		1	1	
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	9
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed		6	6	6
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>152</b>

RATION STRENGTH

152

*Rt Duboulin*  
(R. T. Duboulin) Major, RCA  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.

Title pages will be prepared.

# WAR DIARY

OR

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

ORIGINAL

M.F.M. 1.

1 F.C. 2118.  
1 M.I. -3-39 (1774)  
H.Q. 1773-45-18

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
	1940			
York Island	Oct.	18	1 O.R. 85th Bty. A.W.L. Weather: bright.	
	"	19	Letter re loading of guns during "bring to" procedure.	
	"	20	Weather: bright. Rev. Addison, Protestant Minister of Mission boat "Rendezvous" held divine service in Mess Hall.	
	"	21	Weather: bright. Letter to Major Rycroft re "loading" procedure. No. 1 gun fired one "bring to" round down Sunderland Channel. No. 2 " " " " " " " " Johnstone Straits. Six patients reported in Station Hospital.	
	"	22	Weather: bright. 1 O.R. 85th Hvy. Bty. S.O.S. Bty. on desertion.	
	"	23	Weather: fine. Bty. 1 O.R. 58th Hvy. granted 7 days compassionate leave. Capt. W.G. Purdy, H.Q. 15th Bde., accompanied by Lieut. C.G. Webber, RCASC, visit Island for one day. 1 O.R. 85th Bty. apprehended as a deserter.	
	"	24	Letter re training stores (revolvers, S.A.A. ammunition and targets) 3 Vickers M.G.'s arrive for 2nd Bn. C.S.R., making 7 M.G.'s on Island Weather: fine. 2 O.R.'s C.S.R. return from leave. 1 O.R. 85th Bty. posted as deserter.	4-0
	"	25	1 O.R. T.O.S. 85th Bty. No. 1 gun fired one "bring to" round down Sunderland Channel. Weather: cloudy. 1 O.R. RCAMC returned from leave. 1 O.R. C.S.R. proceeds on leave. One O.R. CSR reports to CSR Bn. H.Q.	9-1
			Letter re damage to breech screw of #2 gun caused by faulty cartridge No. 2 gun fired 3 "bring to" rounds at 3 vessels. Letter re site for 6-pdr.	9-1

PART I ORDERS.

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

by  
Major R. T. DuMoulin, O.C.

18th October, 1940.  
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290-1 DUTIES: Saturday October 19, 1940.

Officer of the Watch	-	Lt. Thomas
Next for Duty	-	2/Lt. Selbie
Orderly Officer	-	2/Lt. Ricardo
Next for Duty	-	Lt. Macdonell
Orderly Sergeant	-	Sgt. Schooley
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Martindale

290-2 DUTY WATCH: 0730 hours 19-10-40 to 0830 hours 20-10-40

Right Section.

L/Sgt. Marr and  
O.R.'s. as detailed.

L/Sgt. Coulson and  
O.R.'s. as detailed.

290-3 MAINTENANCE PARADE: 0830 hours and 1630 hours

Right section and Headquarters.

290-4 SANITARY DETAIL: L/Bdr. Raymond and Cnr. Chalmers.

290-5 KITCHEN FATIGUES: for Saturday -- Pte. Eckstein.

290-6 CAMP INSPECTION by Battery Commander at 1030 hours.

290-7 SENTRY DUTY: from 1730 hours 19-10-40 to 0700 hours 20-10-40.

Ptes. Vanstone  
Wilkin  
Whitaker.

*R. T. DuMoulin*  
(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.



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

Oct. 18, 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R's.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island.</u>
58th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	4	63	67	
	Employed		20	20	
	Stn Hosp		2	2	89
	Furlough		1	1	
85th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade		1	1	
	Employed		2	2	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	4
	Att. 58th	6	86	92	
	Bde. H. Q.		7	7	
D.D. M.D. XI		1	1		
31st Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1		1	1
2nd Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	35	36	36
	Bde H.Q.		2	2	
	On Leave		2	2	
R. C. C. S.			3	3	3
C. A. M. C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On Leave		1	1	
Naval Personnel Att.		1	8	9	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	10
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed		6	6	6
GRAND TOTAL		14	245	259	153

RATION STRENGTH

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(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.

PANEL ORDERS

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

by  
Major R.L. Macoulin  
O.C.  
19th October, 1940

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291-1 DUTIES - Sunday, Oct. 20th, 1940.

Officer of the Watch - S/Lt. Selbie  
Next for duty - Lt. Thomas

Orderly Officer - Lt. Macdonell  
Next for duty - S/Lt. Selbie

Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Jones  
Bdr. - L/Bdr. Martindale

291-2 DUTY WATCH - 0650 hrs. 20-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 21-10-40

Left Section

Sgt. Schooley and  
O.S.'s as detailed

Bdr. Copas and  
O.S.'s as detailed

291-3 MANNING PARADE - 0930 hrs. and 1630 hrs., Left Section and  
O.S. Party.

291-4 SANITARY DETAIL - L/Bdr. Raymond and Cnr. Chalmers

291-5 KITCHEN WATIQUE - Sunday - Pte. Johnstone

291-6 SENTRY DUTY - from 1730 hrs. 20-10-40 to 0600 hrs. 21-10-40

L/Cpl. Macmillan, Ptes. Stone-Smith, Thomson,  
Whitson and Wigg

291-7 FIRE ORDERS.

All ranks are warned to acquaint themselves with the above  
Orders.

*R. L. Macoulin*  
(R.L. Macoulin) Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding  
York Island

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

Oct. 19, 1940

## DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT

		Offrs.	O.R.'s.	Total	Total at York Island.
86th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	4	62	66	
	Employed		20	20	
	Stn Hosp		3	3	89
	Furlough		1	1	
85th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade		1	1	
	Employed		2	2	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	4
	Att. 58th	6	86	92	
	Bde. H. Q.		7	7	
D.D. M.D. XI		1	1		
31st Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1		1	1
2nd Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	35	36	36
	Bde. H. Q.		2	2	
	On Leave		2	2	
R. C. C. S.			3	3	3
R. C. A. M. C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On Leave		1	1	
Naval Personnel Att.		1	8	9	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	10
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed		6	6	6
GRAND TOTAL		14	245	259	153

RATION STRENGTH 153

*R. T. DuMoulin*  
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Officer Commanding  
York Island.

PART I ORDERS.

65th Heavy Battery, RCA CASF  
York Island, B. C.

by  
Major R. T. Dunoulin, O.C.

20th October, 1940

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292-1 DUTY: Monday, Oct. 21, 1940.

Officer of the Watch Next for duty	- Lieut. Thomas - 2/Lt. Richards
Orderly Officer Next for duty	- 2/Lt. Selbie - Lieut. Thomas
Orderly Sergeant " Sqr.	- Sgt. Jones - L/Sqr. Martindale

292-2 DUTY WATCH: 0730 hrs. 21-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 22-10-40.

Right Section

L/Sgt. Harr and O.R. as detailed	L/Sgt. Coulson and O. R.'s. as detailed.
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292-3 MORNING PARADE: 0630 hours and 1630 hours Right Section and  
O. P. party.

292-4 SANITARY DETAIL: L/Sqr. Raymond & Gnr. Chalmers. (Until further  
orders)

292-5 KITCHEN FATIGUE: Pte. Hayfield R. and Pte. Patterson  
and 4 O. R.'s. detailed by the 65th Bty.

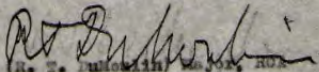
292-6 FIRE PIQUET: L/Sqr. Dawson, Gnr. Matheson, Gnr. Phillips, W.  
Gnr. Stafford, Gnr. Chalmers, Gnr. Engelbrocht.

292-7 CAMP INSPECTION: by Orderly Officer at 1100 hours.

292-8 BATTERY COMMANDER'S PARADE: at 1230 hours at Water Tower, Off  
Duty Section, one-half of duty watch and Headquarters as de-  
tailed with rifles and respirators.

292-9 SENTRY DUTY: from 1730 hours 21-10-40 to 0600 hours 22-10-40.  
L/Cpl. Shilton, Ptes. Plasonden, McCulloch, Legg & Johnstone.

292-10 TRAINING SYLLABUS: The syllabus as issued will be strictly  
adhered to, except when departure from it are authorized by  
the Battery Commander or Battery Captain. No one else is  
authorized to alter the syllabus. Alternatives are provided  
in some periods for "good" or "bad" weather. Instructors  
are responsible that the appropriate alternative is carried  
out.

  
R. T. Dunoulin, Major, RCA  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.

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

Oct. 20, 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT.

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R's.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island.</u>
58th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	4	62	66	
	Employed		20	20	
	Stn Hosp		3	3	89
	Furlough		1	1	
85th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade		1	1	
	Employed		2	2	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	4
	Att. 58th	6	86	92	
	Bde. H. Q.		7	7	
	D.D. M.D. XI		1	1	
31st Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1		1	1
2nd. Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	35	36	36
	Bde H. Q.		2	2	
	On Leave		2	2	
R. C. C. S.			3	3	3
C. A. M. C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On Leave		1	1	
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	9
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed		6	6	6
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>152</b>

RATION STRENGTH

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*R. T. DuMoulin*  
(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.

PART I ORDERS

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

by  
Major R.T. Dumoulin, O.C.

21st October, 1940.

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293-1 DUTIES:

Officer of the Watch	- 2/Lt. D.W.C. Ricardo
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. H.W. Selbie
Orderly Officer	- Lt. D.F. Thomas
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. D.W.C. Ricardo
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. James, F. B. K.
" Bdr.	- 1/Bdr. Martindale, G.H.

293-2 DUTY WATCH: 0730 hrs. 22-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 23-10-40.

Left Section

Sgt. Schooley and	Bdr. Copas and
O.R.'s as detailed	O.R.'s as detailed

293-3 MARCHING PARADE: 0830 hrs. and 1630 hrs. Left Section and O.P. Party.

FATIGUE

293-4 KITCHEN LAUNDRY: Ptes. Vose and Robertson with 4 O.R.'s. detailed by 85th Battery.

293-5 FIRE SQUAD: (until further orders) L/Bdr. Dawson, Cmr. Matheson Phillips, Stafford, Chalmers and Engelbrecht.

293-6 CAMP INSPECTION: by Orderly Officer at 1100 hours.

293-7 BATTERY COMMANDER'S PARADE: 1330 hours at Water Tower. Off Duty section, one half of Gun Watch with H. Q. Party as detailed with rifles and respirators.

293-8 SENTRY DUTY: from 1730 hours 22-10-40 to 0600 hours 23-10-40, Opl. Smith, Ptes. Banks, English, Sims and Bailey.

293-9 SOCKS: During wet weather damp socks will be changed as often as is practicable. It will be the responsibility of the Section Cmr. to see that this is carried out.

293-10 BOOTS, KNEE RUBBER: All ranks will draw a pair of the above mentioned at Q.M. Stores. Those not having done this will do so at once.

293-11 BOARD OF OFFICERS: A Board of Officers composed as hereunder will assemble at the call of the President for the purpose of investigating the suitability of certain pots, boiler, enamel, at present used in the main kitchen. President: Lieut. J. H. Bricker, RCA. Members: Lieut. D. F. Thomas, RCA, and 2/Lt. D.W.C. Ricardo, RCA.

293-12 BOARD OF OFFICERS: A Board of Officers composed as hereunder will assemble at the call of the President for the purpose of deciding, in accordance with K.R.(Can) Para. 909, the quantity of inflammables that may be contained in the oil shed, the suitability of the location of such shed, and regulations under which such inflammables etc. will be issued. President: Lt. D.L. Macdonell, 2nd Bn. (NG) CBR CAMP. Members: Lt. G.H. Leary, RCAMC and 2/Lt. H. W. Selbie, RCA.

*R.T. Dumoulin*  
(R. T. Dumoulin) Major, RCA  
Officer Commanding  
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

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

Oct. 21, 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O. R's.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island.</u>
58th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	4	61	65	
	Employed		20	20	
	Stn Hosp		4	4	89
	Furlough		1	1	
85th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade		1	1	
	Employed		2	2	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	4
	Att. 58th	6	86	92	
	Bde. H. Q.		7	7	
	D.D. M.D. XI		1	.1	
31st Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1		1	1
2nd Bn. (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	35	36	36
	Bde. H. Q.		2	2	
	On Leave		2	2	
R. C. C. S.			3	3	3
R. C. A. M. C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On Leave		1	1	
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	9
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed		6	6	6
GRAND TOTAL		14	244	258	152

RATION STRENGTH 152

*R. T. DuMoulin*  
(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.

PART I ORDERS

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

by  
Major R. T. DuMoulin, O.C.

22nd. October, 1940.

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294-1 DUTIES: Wednesday October 23, 1940.

Officer of the Watch - 2/Lt. H. W. Selbie  
Next for Duty - 2/Lt. D. W. C. Ricardo  
Orderly Officer - 2/Lt. D. W. C. Ricardo  
Next for Duty - Lt. D. L. Macdonell  
Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. Jones, F. R. K.  
Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Martindale, G. H.

294-2 DUTY WATCH: 0730 hours 23-10-40 to 0730 hours 24-10-40.

Right Section  
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L/Sgt. Marr and L/Sgt. Coulson and  
O.R.'s, as detailed O.R.'s, as detailed.

294-3 MANNING PARADE: 0830 hours and 1630 hours, Right Section and  
O. P. Party.

294-4 KITCHEN FATIGUE: Ptes. Sayers, Stace-Smith and 4 O.R.'s. detailed  
by 85th Battery.

294-5 FIRE PIQ UET: (until further orders) L/Bdr. Dawson, Gnr. Mathe-  
son, Phillips, Stafford, Chalmers and Hankin.

294-6 CAMP INSPECTION: by Orderly Officer at 1100 hours.

294-7 BATTERY COMMANDER'S PARADE: 1330 hours at Water Tower. Off  
duty section, one half of gun watch and Headq uarter Party as  
detailed with rifles and respirators.

294-8 SENTRY DUTY: from 1730 hours 23-10-40 to 0600 hours 24-10-40  
L/Cpl. MacMillan Ptes. Vogel

Vose  
Robertson.  
Dodd, & W. Wootten

294-9 BEDS: (a) All wooden bed frames will be washed with a creolin  
solution under supervision of the A / QMS at least once a month.

(b) Bed frames will be washed in this manner before the  
end of this week and in future during the first week of each  
month.

*R. T. DuMoulin*

(R. T. DuMoulin) Major, RCA  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.



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

22nd October, 0.

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

Attention G.S.O.3

Training Stores

1. It is requested that the following training stores be provided please, for training of personnel on York Island (90 R.C.A., 40 2nd Bn. (MG) CSR:-

- i) S.A.A., .303, drill -- 250 rounds.
- ii) .22 ammunition for use with the 4 colt .22 revolvers which have been issued for training of all ranks.
- iii) .455 ammunition for use with the 6 colt .455 revolvers which have been issued for training of officers.
- iv) Targets - revolver - silhouette  
" - rifle .22 & .303.

*RTD*

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

RTD/JS

85th Heavy Battery RCA. CASF.  
 Yorke Island. B.C.

Oct. 22, 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT.

		Offrs. O.R's Total Total at <u>Yorke Island</u>			
58th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	4	68	66	
	Employed		20	20	
	Stn Hosp.		2	2	88
	On leave		1	1	
	Purlough		1	1	
85th Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade		1	1	
	Employed		2	2	
	Stn Hosp		1	1	4
	Att. 58th	6	86	92	
	Bde. H.C.		7	7	
D.D. M.D. XI.		1	1		
51st Hvy Bty RCA CASF	On Parade	1		1	1
2nd Bn (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	35	36	36
	Bde. H.C.		2	2	
	On leave		2	2	
R.C.C.S.			3	3	3
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On leave		1	1	
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	
	Stn Hosp.		1	1	9
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed		6	6	6
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		14	244	258	151

RATION STRENGTH 151

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 (R.T. DuMoulin) Major. RCA.  
 Officer Commanding.  
 Yorke Island.

PART 1 ORDERS.

95TH Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

York Island.

by  
Major R.T.DuMoulin, O.C.

24th October, 1940

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295-1 DUTIES: Thursday October 24th, 1940

Officer of the Watch	- 2/Lt. D.W.C.Ricardo
Next for Duty	- Lt. D.F.Thomas
Orderly Officer	- Lt. D.L.Macdonall
Next for Duty	- 2/Lt. H.W.Selbie
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Jones. F.R.K.
Orderly Bdr.	- 1/Bdr. Martindale G.H.

295-2 DUTY WATCH: 0730 hrs. 24-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 25-10-40.

Left Section

Sgt. Schooley and O.R's as detailed	Brd. Copas and O.R's as detailed.
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295-3 MANNING PARADE: 0830 hrs. and 1630 hrs. Left Section and  
O.P. Party.

295-4 KITCHEN FATIGUE: Ptes Whitaker and Wilkin.

295-5 CAMP INSPECTION: by Orderly Officer at 1100 hrs.

295-6 BATTERY COMMANDERS PARADE: at 1330 hrs. at Water Tower. Off  
Duty Section, One half of Gun Watch with Head Quarters Party  
as detailed with rifles and respirators.

295-7 SENTRY DUTY: from 1730 hrs. 24-10-40 to 0600 hrs. 25-10-40,  
1/Cpl. Shelton, Ptes. Bennish, Drought, Eckstein,  
and Holt.

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

York Island

by

Major R.T. DuMoulin, O.C.

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295-8 CLEANLINESS/TIDINESS OF BARRACK HUTS.

- (a) On several recent inspections by Orderly Officers some huts have been found untidy in several respects.
- (b) Barrack huts will be left tidy for Orderly Officer's Inspection.
- (c) No food or loose personal articles will be left lying around the huts.
- (d) Shelves will be kept dusted and clean.
- (e) Boots and rubbers not being worn will be left clean for Orderly Officer's Inspection.

295-9 CARE OF BOOTS:

Boots when worn will be sent to Q.M. Stores for repair. Instances have occurred of personnel wearing boots until it is impossible to repair them, which is, in effect, destruction of Government property. This must not be allowed and any future instances will be severely dealt with.

295-10 GAME LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Repeated complaints have been received regarding the illegal hunting of game, and attention of all concerned is brought to the fact that to hunt in the Province of British Columbia, it is necessary that the provisions of the Game Act and Regulations be complied with in regard to the obtaining of the necessary license.

295-11 RESPIRATORS, ANTI-GAS, CARE OF:

The following instructions regarding the care of respirators will be strictly observed by all concerned:-

1. Attachment of eyepieces - facepiece, Mark V - When the facepiece, Mark V, is folded as for replacement in the haversack it may appear in some cases that the rubber tends to pull away from the eyepieces.

The same effect may be noticed when the facepiece is turned inside out for airing.

This does not indicate that the facepiece is in any way defective or that it is not gas tight.

The eyepieces are held in place by binding wire and rubber tape.

It is, therefore, important that, when the facepiece is turned inside out for airing, such strength should not be used on the eyepieces as to force them out of their seating, as the facepiece then becomes beyond local repair.

2. Application of anti-dimming compound - In order to maintain the respirator in a fit condition for immediate use, the insides of the eye-pieces must be treated with anti-dimming compound at least once a week, and, in any case, before returning the facepieces to the haversack after use. To reduce the strain placed upon the facepiece by frequent treatment, it will not in future be turned completely inside out when anti-dimming compound is applied. The head-harness only will be folded back over the outside of the facepiece.

3. Care of respirators - Containers, type E, are being damaged through careless treatment of respirators. The attention of all ranks will be drawn to the effects of such treatment, which may result in the air inlet slots becoming closed, thus restricting breathing and possibly reducing the protection afforded by the container. In particular, respirators must not be thrown about or dropped on hard surfaces.

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

by

Major R.T. DuMoulin, O.C.

23rd October, 1940

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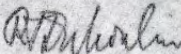
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295-12 INSPECTION- VENEREAL AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Medical inspection of all personnel up to and including the rank of W.O.II will be carried out each Friday to ascertain whether or not venereal or contagious diseases is present within the Unit.

A return will be rendered on each Friday as of 1800 hrs to the District Medical Officer with reference to the above mentioned disease.

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

NOTICE

Wives ~~and~~ or Mothers of all C.A.S.F. Artillery (Field, Coast, A/A and S/L) are invited to a tea to be held in the Regimental Institute, Bessborough Armouries, on Wednesday 30th October, 1940, from 1530 hrs to 1730 hrs. This tea is being given by the wives of Officers Commanding and Officers.

85th Heavy Battery RCA. CASF.  
York Island. B.C.

Oct. 23rd 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT.

	Officers.	C.R.'s	Total.	Total at York Island.	
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CASF.	On Parade.	4	62	66	
	Employed		20	20	
	Stn. Hosp.		2	2	88
	On leave.		1	1	
	Furlough		1	1	
85th Hvy Bty. RCA. CASF.	On Parade.		1	1	
	Employed.		2	2	
	Att. 58th	6	87	93	3
	Bde. H.Q.		7	7	
	D.D. M.D. XI		1	1	
31st Hvy Bty RCA. CASF	On Parade	1		1	1
2nd Bn (MG) CSR CASF	On Parade	1	54	55	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	36
	Bde. H.Q.		2	2	
	On leave.		2	2	
R.C.C.S.			3	3	3
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On leave.		1	1	
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	9
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed		6	6	6
		14	244	258	150

RAIION STRENGTH 150

*R. E. DuMoulin*  
(R. E. DuMoulin) Major. RCA.  
Officer Commanding.  
York Island.

PAINT I ORDERS

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

York Island

by

Major R.T. Duloquin, O.C.

24th October, 1940.

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296-1 DUTIES: Friday, Oct. 25, 1940:

Officer of the Watch:	- Lt. D.F.Thomas
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. H.W.Solbie
Orderly Officer	- 2/Lt. H.W.Solbie
Next for duty	- Lt. D.F.Thomas
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Jones, F.R.M.
<del>Next for duty</del>	
Orderly Bdr.	- 1/Bdr. Martindale, O.H.

296-2 DUTY WATCH: 0730 hrs. 25-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 26-10-40

Right Section

Sgt. Schooley and  
O.R.'s as detailed

Sgt. Coulson and  
O.R.'s as detailed

296-3 MORNING PARADE: 0830 hrs. and 1630 hrs. Right Section and  
O.P. party.

296-4 KITCHEN FATIGUE: Ptes. Thomson and Whitesel and 4 O.R.'s as  
detailed by 85th Bty.

296-5 CAMP INSPECTION: by Orderly Officer at 1100 hrs.

296-6 BATTERY COMMANDER'S PARADE - 1330 hrs. at Water Tower. Off duty  
Section and half of Gun watch and H.Q. party as detailed with  
rifles and respirators.

296-7 BENTRY DUTY - from 1730 hrs. 25/10/40 to 0600 hrs. 26/10/40

Cpl. Smith, Ptes. Dodd, T.E., Dodd R.W., Vanstone  
and Wilkin.

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

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

Oct. 24th, 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT.

		Offrs.	O.R's.	Total.	Total at York Island.
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CASF.	On Parade.	4	68	72	
	Employed		20	20	
	Stn. Hosp.		4	4	96
	On leave.		1	1	
	Furlough.		1	1	
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CASF.	On Parade.		1	1	
	Employed.		2	2	3
	Att. 58th.	6	87	93	
	Bde. H.Q.		7	7	
	D.D. M.D. XI.		1	1	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA. CASF.	On Parade.	1		1	1
2nd Bn. (MG) CSR. CASF.	On Parade.	1	36	37	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	38
	Bde. H.Q.		2	2	
R.C.C.S.			3	3	3
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed.	1	3	4	4
	On leave.		1	1	
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	9
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed.		6	6	6
		14	252	266	160

RATION STRENGTH 160

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



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

25th October, 1940.

District Officer,  
Armament Office,  
Bessborough Armouries,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention Lieut. A.C. Setterfield.

C.F. 4.7 Guns - York  
Island

1. Attached herewith is a letter from the Artificer describing the damage caused by a faulty cartridge.
2. This cartridge had been annealed and filled the second time.
3. It would be appreciated if the spare breach screw new at Ordnance could be returned as soon as possible, please.

*RTD*

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

JHB/JS  
Enc

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

25th October, 1940.

Secret

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

Site Q.F. 6-pdr. - York Island

Reference your V.S. 38-2-52, dated 19th Oct. 1940.

1. The only suitable site for a Q.F. 6-pdr. gun at York Island Fort would appear to be on an irregular rocky ledge between the two Q.F. 4.7" guns immediately in front of the Q.P., approximately 15 feet away from the windows of the S/L Officer's post (now used by signallers).
2. However, it is suggested that this be considered only as a preliminary report because it is understood that Capt. Carson, R.C.A., is visiting York Island on 27th October, and his advice might be helpful in deciding whether the above mentioned site would be too close to the adjoining building.
3. As soon as the matter has been discussed with this officer a final report will be submitted.

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

RED/JS

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

Oct. 25th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT

	Offrs.	O.R's	Total	Total at York Island	
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CASF.	On Parade.	4	68	72	
	Employed		20	20	
	Stn. Hosp.		4	4	96
	On leave		1	1	
	Furlough		1	1	
5th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CASF.	On parade		1	1	
	Employed		2	2	3
	Att. 58th.	6	87	93	
	Bde. H.Q.		7	7	
	D.D. MD Kl.		1	1	
31st. Hvy. Bty. RCA. CASF.	On Parade.	1		1	1
2nd Bn. (MG) CER. CASF.	On Parade.	1	36	37	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	38
	Bde. H.Q.		2	2	
R.C.C.S.			3	3	3
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	4	5	5
	On leave		-	-	
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	9
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed		6	6	6
		14	252	266	61 18

RATION STRENGTH 16<sup>1</sup>

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

Title pages will be prepared.

# WAR DIARY

OR

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

# ORIGINAL

M.F.M. 11.

A.F.C. 3111.

1 M9-4-30 (1703)

H.Q. 1774-45-18

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
York Island	1940			
	Oct.	26	1 O.R. C.S.R. granted 7 days leave Weather: rain. Letter re site for 6-pdr. Capt. R.J. Carson RCE arrived from Prince Rupert, and inspected guns, etc., re crew shelter, parapet wall, etc. Investigating summarily engineering facilities on the Island. Visited proposed site of water supply dam on Hardwick Island	9-1
	"	27	Capt. R.J. Carson, RCE, left for Victoria after staying overnight. Major General P.O. Alexander, D.S.O. G.O.C.P.C. accompanied by Lt.-Col. H. Allan, D.A.Q.M.G. and Lt.-Col. W. Bapty, O.C., 2nd Bn. C.S.R. arrived via M.V. "Kitchener" Had dinner in Mess and stayed overnight on "Kitchener." Weather: rain.	
	"	28	One officer and 4 O.R.'s S.O.S. 85th Bty. on proceeding on draft. Wire received from D.O.C. re stock of small arms ammunition. Eight patients reported in Station Hospital. After completing an inspection on of the guns, M.G. posts and Quarters, the G.O.C.P.C. and party left for Campbell River on M.V. "Kitchener" Recommended by G.O.C.P.C. that Clarence Island be cleared and six inch guns be mounted in place of 4.7". Weather: fair.	
	"	29	Capt. T.F. Saunders, RCAMC, arrives to assume duties as O.C. Station Hospital. Letter re gun drill to RCSA Weather: fair.	9-1
	"	30	Great quantity of training stores arrived and some revolver ammunition. 1 O.R. 58th Hvy. Bty. reports for duty on expiration of furlough. 5 O.R.'s CSR proceed on leave. Six hand torches arrived. Weather: bright and windy.	

PART I ORDERS

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

by  
Major R.T. DuMoulin, C. C.

26th October, 1940.

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297-1 DUTIES: Sunday 27th October, 1940.

Officer of the watch	- Lt. D.F. Thomas
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. D.W.C. Ricardo
Orderly Officer	- 2/Lt. D.W.C. Ricardo
Next for duty	- Lt. D.L. Macdonell
Orderly Sgt.	- 1/Sgt. Coulson, R.W.
" Bdr.	- Bdr. Sepas, B.O.

297-2 DUTY WATCH: 0630 hrs. 27-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 28-10-40

Right Section

Sgt. Schooley and C.R.'s as detailed	Bdr. Griffith and C.R.'s as detailed
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297-3 MANNING PARADE: 0930 hrs. Right Section and C.F. Party.

297-4 KITCHEN PARADE: Ptes. Siggs, Banks and 4 C.R.'s as detailed by 65th Coy.

297-5 SENTRY DUTY: from 1715 hrs. 27-10-40 to 0600 hrs. 28-10-40

L/Cpl. Shelton, Ptes. Flanndon, Legg, McCulloch and Johnstone.

297-6 BATTERY COMMANDER'S INSPECTION: Off duty section, Headquarters Party, and C.F.R. Detachment, as detailed, on the wharf at 1130 hrs.

Dress: Serge battle dress, F.S. Caps, anklets, respirators and rifles.

297-7 CONSUMPTION OF SPIRITUOUS OR MALT BEVERAGES:

Attention of all ranks is drawn to Standing Orders which forbid any officer or soldier bringing into barracks for his personal consumption any wine or spirituous or malt liquor (K.R. Com 441). Beer may not be drunk outside the canteen or mess nor any beer or liquor brought on the Island privately.

297-8 BARRACK BUNKS.

All ranks are warned that these will be placed underneath beds at the head - heap side facing outwards towards foot of bed.

297-9 RESPIRATORS:

These will be placed flat on top most shelves of barrack huts, air intake holes facing outwards toward foot of beds.

297-10 TOILETS:

All ranks are warned that when toilets are flushed it must be seen that the handle is returned to its original position otherwise this will result in water being wasted.

2971 PROCEDURE FOR PARTIES LEAVING & RETURNING TO YORK ISLAND AND VESSEL'S LANDING AT YORK ISLAND.

Attention of all ranks is drawn to new amendments to Standing Orders issued this day covering these matters.



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

26th October, 1940.

SECRET.

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

Site C.F. 6-Pdr. - York Island.

Reference this Battery's letter, 2-1,  
dated 25th October, 1940, and your V.S. 38-2-5-1,  
dated 19th October, 1940.

1. This matter has been discussed with Capt. Carson, R.C.E., who agrees with the site suggested in the first above mentioned letter.
2. As an alternative, however, it is suggested that the 6-pdr. might be mounted on top of the new concrete gun crew shelter when constructed.

*RFD*  
(R.F. DuMoulin) Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding  
York Island

RFD/FH

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

Oct. 26th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT.

	Offrs.	O.R's	Total	Total at York Island
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CASF. On Parade.	4	66	70	
Employed		20	20	
Stn. Hosp.		5	5	95
On leave.		1	1	
Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CASF. On Parade.		1	1	
Employed		2	2	3
Att. 58th.	6	87	93	
Bde. H.Q.		7	7	
D.D. MD XI.		1	1	
51st Hvy. Bty. RCA. CASF.	1		1	1
2nd Bn. (MG) CSR. CASF. On Parade	1	35	36	
Stn. Hosp.		1	1	37
Bde. H.Q.		2	2	
On leave.		1	1	
R.C.C.S.		3	3	3
R.C.A.M.C. Employed	1	4	5	5
Naval Personnel Att.	1	7	8	
Stn. Hosp.		1	1	9
Civil Personnel Att. Employed.		6	6	6
	14	251	265	159

RATION STRENGTH 159

*R.T. DuMoulin*  
(R.T. DuMoulin) Major. RCA.  
Officer Commanding  
York Island.

PART I ORDERS

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

by  
Major R.E. DuMoulin, C.E.

27th October, 1940.

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290-1 DUTIES:

Officer of the Watch -	2/Lt. D.W.C. Richards
Next for duty -	2/Lt. H.W. Selbie
Orderly Officer -	Lt. D.L. Macdonell
Next for duty -	Lt. D.F. Thomas
Orderly Sgt. -	1/Sgt. Coulson, R.F.
" Bdr. -	Bdr. Copas, R.F.

290-2 DUTY WATCH: 0730 hrs. 28-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 29-10-40.

Left Section

Sgt. Marx and  
O.R.'s as detailed

Sgt. Jones and  
O.R.'s as detailed

290-3 MARCHING PARADE: 0630 hrs. Left section & O.F. Party

290-4 KITCHEN PARADE: Ptes. Plamondon and Woodman, and 4 O.R.'s as detailed by 85th Bty.

290-5 CAMP INSPECTION: by Orderly Officer at 1100 hrs.

290-6 BATTERY COMMANDER'S PARADE: at 1230 hrs. at Cater Tower. Off duty section, one half of gun watch at H.Q. party as detailed.

290-7 MAIN GUN INSTRUCTION: The following six O.R.'s will parade at the Camp until further orders at 1610 hrs. for instruction in the Maxim Gun by Sgt. Stilwell:

1/Sgt. Coulson, 1/Bdr. Martindale, 1/Bdr. Russ, Bdr. Griffin,  
1/Bdr. Dawson and Cnr. Reynolds

290-8 SENTRY DUTY: from 1715 hrs. 28-10-40 till 0600 hrs. 29-10-40

Cpl. Smith, Ptes. Royfield, H., Mayfield, E., Patterson  
and Riggs

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



85th Heavy Battery RCA. CASF.  
York Island. B.C.

Oct. 27th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT.

	Offrs.	O.R's	Total	Total at York Island
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA.CASF. On Parade.	4	64	68	
Employed.		20	20	
Stn. Hosp.		7	7	95
On leave.		1	1	
Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA.CASF. On Parade.		1	1	
Employed.		2	2	3
Att. 58th.	6	87	93	
Bde. H.Q.		7	7	
D.D. MD XI.		1	1	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA.CASF.	1		1	1
2nd Bn. CSR. CASF. On Parade.	1	35	36	
Stn. Hosp.		1	1	37
Bde. H.Q.		2	2	
On leave.		1	1	
R.C.C.S.		3	3	3
R.C.A.M.C. Employed.	1	4	5	5
Naval Personnel Att.	1	7	8	
Stn. Hosp.		1	1	9
Civil Personnel Att. Employed.		6	6	6
	14	251	265	159

RATION STRENGTH 159

*R.T. DuMoulin*  
(R.T. DuMoulin) Major. RCA.  
Officer Commanding.  
York Island.

PAGE 1 ORDERS

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

by

Major R.F. DuBoulin, O.C.

28th October, 1940.

No. 299

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299-1 DUTIES: Tuesday, Oct. 29, 1940.

Officer of the Watch	-	S/Lt. H.W. Selbie
Next for duty	-	S/Lt. D.W.C. Ricardo
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. S.F. Thomas
Next for duty	-	S/Lt. H.W. Selbie
Orderly Sgt.	-	L/Sgt. Coulson, R.F.
" Bdr.	-	Bdr. Copas, E.O.

299-2 DUTY WATCH: 0730 hrs. ex 29-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 30-10-40.

Right Section

Sgt. Schooley and  
O.R.'s as detailed

Bdr. Griffith and  
O.R.'s as detailed.

299-3 MARCHING PARADE: 0630 hrs. Right Section and O.P. Party.

299-4 KITCHEN PARADE: Ptes. English and Sims and 4 O.R.'s as detailed by 85th Bty.

299-5 CAMP INSPECTION: by Orderly Officer at 1100 hrs.

299-6 BATTERY COMMANDER'S PARADE: 1830 hrs. at Water Tower. O.P. Duty section, one-half of gun watch and R.C. party as detailed.

299-7 SENTINEL DUTY: from 1730 hrs. 29-10-40 to 0600 hrs. 30/10/40.

L/Cpl. MacMillan, Ptes. Shearer, Vogel, Wootton and Vose.

*R.F. DuBoulin* Lieut

*for*  
(R.F. DuBoulin) Major, R.C.A.C.  
Officer Commanding  
York Island

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

Oct. 28th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATEMENT.

		Offrs.	O.R's	Total	Total at York Island
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA.CASF.	On Parade.	4	63	67	
	Employed.		20	20	
	Stn. Hosp.		8	8	95
	On leave.		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CASF	On Parade.		1	1	
	Employed.		2	2	3
	Att. 58th	6	87	93	
	Bde. H.Q.		7	7	
	D.D. MD XI.		1	1	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA.CASF.		1		1	1
2nd. Bn. CSR. CASF.	On Parade.	1	35	36	36
	Bn. H.Q.Parsons				
	Bridge Camp.		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		2	2	
	On leave.		1	1	
R.C.C.S.			3	3	3
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed.	1	4	5	5
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	9
C.I. Personnel Att.	Employed.		6	6	6
		14	251	265	158

RATION STRENGTH. 158

*R.T. DuMoulin*  
(R.T. DuMoulin) Major. RCA.  
Officer Commanding.  
York Island.

PART I ORDERS

88th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

York Island

by

Major R.E. DuMoulin, O.C.

29th October, 1940.

NO. 300

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300-1 WATERS: Wednesday, Oct. 30, 1940.

Officer of the Watch - 2/Lt. D.W.C. Ricardo  
Next for duty - Lieut. D.E. Thomas

Orderly Officer - 2/Lt. H.W. Selbie  
Next for duty - 2/Lt. D.W.C. Ricardo

Orderly Sgt. - 1/Sgt. Coulson, R.R.  
" Bdr. - Bdr. Copas, R.C.

300-2 DUTY WATCHES: 0730 hrs. 30-10-40 to 0730 hrs. 31-10-40

Left Section

1/Sgt. Marr and  
O.R.'s as detailed

Sgt. Jones and  
O.R.'s as detailed

300-3 MORNING PARADE: 0830 hrs. Left Section and O.P. Party.

300-4 KITCHEN FATIGUE: Ptes. Johnston & Whitaker and 4 O.R.'s as detailed by 88th Bty.

300-5 CAMP INSPECTION: by Orderly Officer at 1100 hrs.

300-6 BATTERY COMMANDER'S PARADE: 1330 hrs. at Water Tower. Off duty section, one half of Gun Watch and H.Q. party as detailed.

300-7 FIRE FIGURE: will parade at 1430 hrs. at Mess Hall for instructions from H.C.O. i/c - Bdr. Copas, 1/Bdr. Dawson, Cnr. Matheson, Cnr. Roeder, Cnr. Wilkinson, Cnr. Hatton and Cnr. Hankin.

300-8 SENTRY DUTY: from 1730 hrs. 30-10-40 to 0600 hrs. 31-10-40  
1/Cpl. Shilton, Ptes. Binnich, Wiggs, Banks and Sims.

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

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

29th October, 1940.

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

Gun Drill - Q.F. 4.7" Guns

1. S.M. (W.O.I) Lower, R.C.O.C., who has just visited York Island, has been requested to speak to you with reference to the following point in gun drill.
2. The existing copies of "Gun Drill for 4.7-inch and 12-pdr. (12-cwt.) Q.F.Guns (Land Service) 1934", at this fort, show, at page 8, that for gun drill on 4.7" guns No.2 grasps the L.B.M. with the right hand (palm to the left) in opening the breech end, at page 40, as amended, that for gun drill on 12-pdr. guns No.2 grasps the L.B.M. with the right hand (palm to the right).
3. Information is requested, please, as to whether any amendment has been made to the 4.7" gun drill so as to make it identical with the 12-pdr. gun drill. If not, is there any objection to 12-pdr. procedure being carried out? It is considered that the latter would be preferable and it is understood that this is the way the drill has been carried out at this Fort in the past.
4. An early reply so as to clarify this situation would be much appreciated.

*RFD*  
(R.F. DuMoulin) Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding  
York Island

RFD/JS

85th Heavy Battery RCA. CASF.  
York Island. B.C.

Oct. 29th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE.

	Offrs.	O.R's.	Total,	Total
			York Island.	York Island.
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CASF. On Parade.	4	64	68	
Employed		20	20	
Stn. Hosp.		8	8	96
Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CASF. On Parade.		1	1	
Employed.		2	2	3
Att. 58th.	6	87	93	
Bde. H.Q.		7	7	
D.D. MD XI.		1	1	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA. CASF.	1		1	1
2nd. Bn. CSR. CASF. On Parade.	1	35	36	36
Bde. H.Q.		2	2	
Bn. H.Q. Parsons				
Bridge Camp <sup>2</sup>		1	1	
On leave.		1	1	
R.C.C.S.		3	3	3
R.C.A.M.C. Employed.	2	4	6	6
Naval Personnel Att.	1	8	9	9
ivil Personnel Att. Employed.		6	6	6
	15	251	266	160

RATION STRENGTH

160

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

PART I ORDERS

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

by  
Major R.F. Dalkoulin, O.C.

30th October, 1940.

No. 301

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301-1 DUTIES: Thursday Oct. 31, 1940.

- Officer of the Watch - Lt. D.F. Thomas
- Next for duty - 2/Lt. R.W. Selbie
- Orderly Officer - 2/Lt. D.W.C. Ricardo
- Next for duty - Lt. J. Macdonell
- Orderly Sgt. - L/Sgt. Coulson, R.W.
- " Bdr. - Bdr. Copas, R.O.

301-2 DUTY MARCH: 0730 hrs. 31-10-40 to 0730 hrs. Nov. 1, 1940.

Right Section

- Sgt. Schooley and O.R.'s as detailed
- L/Sgt. Coulson and O.R.'s as detailed

301-3 MANNING PARADE: 0830 hrs. and 1630 hrs. Right Section and O.F. party.

301-4 KITCHEN FATIGUE: Ptes. Rokstein, Holt and 4 O.R.'s as detailed by 85th Bty.

301-5 CAMP INSPECTION: by Orderly Officer at 1100 hrs.

301-6 BATTERY COMMANDER'S PARADE: 1530 hrs. at Water Tower. Off duty section, one half of Gun Watch and R.O. Party as detailed.

301-7 SENTRY DUTY: from 1730 hrs. 31-10-40 to 0600 hrs. 1-11-40.  
L/Cpl. MacMillan, Ptes. Robertson, Dodd, A.W. Dodd, T.W. and Vanstone.

301-8 TELEPHONES: No alterations of telephones or connections will be made other than by R.C.O. personnel.

301-9 RIFLES: On a recent inspection the triggers on two rifles in racks were not released. All ranks are warned that rifles will not be left cocked when not in use as this will impair their springs.

301-10 STOVES: Some stoves have triangular grates. Great care must be taken that these grates are left so as to make a flat bed for the fire with the apex down. If the apex is left in any other position it projects one edge of the grate into the fire which warps it and makes it unserviceable. It will be the responsibility of R.C.O.'s i/c huts to see that this is carried out.

301-11 ANNUATION HUT: Toilets in the above mentioned building have become clogged through excessive paper, paper cores off toilet rolls and other matters becoming jammed in them. Any deliberate attempt to abuse these urinals will be severely dealt with.

*J. B. Dalkoulin*  
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Officer Commanding  
York Island



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

Oct. 30th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE.

	Offrs.	O.R's.	Total.	Total at York Island.
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CASF.	On Parade.	4	65	69
	Employed.		20	20
	Stn. Hosp.		8	8
	Bde. H.Q.		1	1
85th Bty. R.C.A. CASF.	On Parade.		1	1
	Employed.		2	2
	Att. 58th.	6	87	93
	Bde. H.Q.		7	7
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA. CASF.		1	1	1
2nd. Bn. CSR. CASF.	On Parade.	1	30	31
	Bde. H.Q.		2	2
	Bn. H.Q. Parsons		1	1
	Bridge Camp.		6	6
	On leave.			
R.C. SIGS.	Employed		3	3
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed.	2	4	6
Naval Personnel Att.	Employed	1	8	9
Civil Personnel Att.	Employed.		6	6
		15	251	266
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RATION STRENGTH. 156.

*R.T. DuMoulin*  
(R.T. DuMoulin) Major. RCA.  
Officer Commanding.  
York Island.

Title pages will be prepared.

# WAR DIARY

OR

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)


# ORIGINAL

M.F.M. 13

A.F.C. 2118,  
1 Mil.-8-39 (1708)  
H.Q. 1772-45-18

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, reference to Appendices and initials
York Island	1940 Oct. 31		<p>A/Lieut. Cmdr. Thompson, RCNVR, returns from leave and assumes duties C.X.O. York Island. Lieut. R. Jackson, RCNVR, leaves for Esquimalt. End of month strength return, 85th Bty. show 5 officers and 94 O.R.'s. 3 O.R.'s at York Island, remainder of Bty. including officers att. 58th Hvy. Bty. Pt. Grey.</p> <p>8 Officers and 148 O.R.'s ( 1 Officer and 8 ratings R.C.N. 4 Officers and 93 O.R.'s of 58th Bty. 1 Officer and 1 O.R. of 31st Bty. 1 " " 4 O.R.'s of DD XI RCAMC 1 " " 39 O.R.'s of 2nd Bn. C.S.R. 3 O.R.'s R.C.Sigs. and 6 civilian employees on the Island.</p> <p>Weather: Rain.</p>	

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

PART I ORDERS

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

by  
Major R.T. DuMoulin O.C.

31st October, 1940.

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302-1 DUTIES: Friday, Nov. 1, 1940.

Officer of the Watch - 2/Lt. H.W.Selbie  
Next for duty - Lt. D.F.Thomas

Orderly Officer - Lt. D.L.Macdonell  
Next for duty - 2/Lt. H.W.Selbie

Orderly Sgt. - L/Sgt. Coulson, R.W.  
" Bdr. - Bdr. Copas, E.O.

302-2 DUTY WATCH: 0730 hrs. 1-11-40 to 0730 hrs. 2-11-40

Left Section

L/Sgt. Cartwright and  
O.R.'s as detailed

Sgt. Jones and  
O.R.'s as detailed

302-3 MANNING PARADE: 0830 hrs. and 1650 hrs. Left Sec. & O.P.Party.

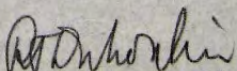
302-4 KITCHEN FATIGUE: Ptes. McCulloch and Shearer with 4.O.R.'s  
detailed by 85th Bty.

302-5 CAMP INSPECTION: by Orderly Officer<sup>at</sup> 1100 hrs.

302-6 BATTERY COMMANDER'S PARADE: at 1350 hrs. at Water Tower.  
Off duty section, one half of gun watch and H.Q. party as detailed.

302-7 SENIORITY DUTY: from 1750 hrs. 1-11-40 to 0600 hrs. 2-11-40

L/Cpl. Shilton, Ptes. Eckstein, Holt, Mayfield, M. and  
Mayfield, R.

  
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Oct. 31st 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE.

	Offrs.	O.R.'s.	Total.	Total at York Island.
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CASF. On Parade.	4	65	69	
Employed.		20	20	
Stn. Hosp.		7	7	96
Bde. H.Q.		1	1	
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CASF. On Parade.		1	1	
Employed.		2	2	3
Bde. H.Q.		4	4	
31st. Hvy. Bty. RCA. CASF. On Parade.	1		1	
Employed.		1	1	2
2nd. Bn. CSR. CASF. On Parade.	1	30	31	31
Bde. H.Q.		2	2	
Bn. H.Q. Parsons				
Bridge Camp.		1	1	
On leave.		6	6	
R.C. Sigs Employed		3	3	3
R.C.A.M.C. Employed.	2	4	6	6
Naval Personnel Att. Employed	1	8	9	9
Civil Personnel Att. Employed.		6	6	6
	9	161	170	156

RATION STRENGTH 156

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