



War Diaries
85th Heavy Battery
Royal Canadian Artillery

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

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April 1941

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WAR DIARY

OF

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

See No 390

FROM 1st April 1941 TO 30th April 1941

VOLUME TWENTY

APPENDICES A TO D

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WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA York Island B.C.	April	1	<p>Letter to D.E.O. re Drag Saw & Pumps Letter to R.C.E. Works Officer re parts for Diesel Engine Letter to D.E.O. re gasoline for Air compressor Letter to H.Q. M.D. No. 11 re Ammunition Report to O.C. 4th E & M Coy RCE on Lighting Plant from Cpl Derockie Letter to D.D.S. & T.O. re water supply Cnr Geurdeau M C sentenced to 21 days detention and proceeded to Work Point under escort. Correspondence with D.D.S. & T.O. re coal Letter to District Officer re Aldis Lamp and Batteries also ammunition report Weather: Rain</p>	<p>8-4-3 "A" 8-4-1 "A" 8-2 "A" 9-2 "A" 8-4-1 "A" 8-1 "A"</p>
		2	Weather: Rain	8-3 "A"
		3	<p>Notice published in Part I Orders re economy on water owing to delayed arrival of Border Prince carrying water to York Island. Change in sailing schedule of Union S.S. to come in effect April 15th 2/Lt. W.A.S. Clayton attached to 85 Bty, to be Lieutenant with effect 23-11-40 Letter to H.Q. M.D.No. 11, re Exposure of Electric Lights Wire to R.C.E. Works Officer re shipment of pumps. Wire from D.D.S. & T.O. re shipment of pump on next trip of "Border Prince" Weather: Rain</p>	9-10 "A"
		4	<p>Letter to HQ M.D. No.11 requesting silhouettes of American and Japanese Planes Letter to R.C.E. Works Officer re parts for Kitchen Range Wire to D.D.S. & T.O. re oil for M.V. General Caldwell Wire from D.D.S. & T.O. re Border Prince with water, also oil for "Gen. Caldwell" Weather: Rain</p>	<p>2-0 "A" 8-4-3 "A"</p>
		5	<p>Letter to HQ MD No. 11 enclosing report of Staff Officer Signals re inadequacy of electric light plant Letter to Officer 1/c Supplies re Yeast Cakes & Baker. Letter to O.C. 15 Coast Bde re list of men absent from York Island for various duties Wire from O.C. 15 Coast Bde notifying the arrival of A.M. Hurst of the Y.M.C.A. Replying to the above by wire stating there is no regular ship on that date. Weather: Rain</p>	<p>8-4-1 "A" 8-1 "A" 8-0 "A"</p>
		6	<p>Wire from O.C. 15 Coast Bde re Mr. Hurst leaving Monday night. Weather: Rain</p>	

J.P.

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PART I ORDERS

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

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING.

April 1st 1941

No. 91

91-1 DUTIES : WEDNESDAY April 2nd 1941

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

Orderly Officer - 2-Lt. W.A.S. Clayton RCA
Next for duty - 2-Lt. W.A.S. Clayton RCA

Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. Ramsden, F.
Orderly Bombardier - A/Bdr. Hammell, G.D.

91-2 FIRE PICQUET - A/Bdr. Hammell, L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. McKay, Confrey, Henkel, Cox, A.

91-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 hours.
L/Bdr. Coltman, Gnrs. ~~Lawren~~ Lawrence, O'Reilly, Adzich, Merritt, Mattocks, Shore.

91-4 RETREAT
Until further orders Retreat will be sounded at 1900 hours.

91-5 SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION:

All ranks of the Active Force are warned against communicating ~~with~~ either verbally or in writing, any item of information respecting Naval, Army or Air Force matters which may be of value to the enemy. In particular private correspondence should make no mention of the following:

- The disposition, movement, or projected movement of warships, merchant ships, troops or aircraft.
- Details as to numbers, armament, equipment or condition of ships of all kinds, troops or aircraft.
- Any measures which have been taken or which are projected for the defence of any place.

Accordingly, officers and other ranks are forbidden to:

- Insert advertisements or letters in any publication inviting strangers to communicate with them.
- To enter into correspondence with strangers in response to advertisements or other invitations.
- In any other way to communicate with strangers by letter or otherwise concerning anything of a military nature.

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

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

app A

File 5-4

April 1st 1941

Officer Commanding,
Detention Barracks,
Work Point Camp,
Esquimalt, B.C.

K.17117 Cnr. GOURDEAU M.C.

1. The bearer, K.17052 A/Sdr. Engelen, A.L.D. is escort for the a/m prisoner, who is sentenced to twenty one (21) days Detention.

2. The bearer will also surrender to you the following documents for the a/m prisoner:-

- (A) MFM 4
- (B) MFC 800
- (C) MFM 6
- (D) Medical Certificate
- (E) Commitment Order.

3. Will you please receipt on Duplicate Copy and hand it to the escort.

ENC.
/PEW

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

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

1st April,

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D.D.S. & T.O.
Room 317
Vancouver Barracks
Vancouver, B.C.

WATER SUPPLY.

1. The water supply on York Island consists of one 15,000 gallon tank, which is filled with water by a pump on the S.S. Border Prince. This tank supplies the water for the camp through the water mains. There is another tank underneath the Officers Mess, which holds 7,000 gallons. This tank is supplied by pump from the S.S. Border Prince, but is not connected to the regular water supply and the water has to be pumped from the Officers Mess to the main 15,000 gallon tank.
2. Unfortunately all three pumps are now out of operation and I have sent a wire to the R.C.E. Works Officer at Vancouver stating that another pump must be sent up to arrive either Wednesday or Friday morning to pump the water from the tank at Officers Mess to main tank. Will you please impress on him the urgent necessity for this to be shipped.
3. The S.S. Border Prince is calling here on Wednesday 2-Apr-1941 and will fill up both tanks, making about 22,000 gallons in all. After leaving here Wednesday A.M., she will not call here till Tuesday 8-Apr-1941, which will mean that she will be away six days.
4. The average consumption of water for approximately 180 men is between 4,000 to 5,000 gallons per day. At this rate of consumption we will need additional water on Sunday or Monday morning. Will you please arrange for another vessel to call here at the week-end to deliver us about 10,000 gallons of water. This vessel should have pipe fitting to enable it to connect up to a 3 inch supply pipe, and a pump capable of delivering this water to a height of 150 feet above sea level.
5. Please telegraph me what arrangements you are making.

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

JEP/KMB

c.c. H.Q. MDXI

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

1st April,

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

REPORT WEEK ENDING MARCH 29TH 1941 - DIESEL POWER PLANT

1.	Hours in operation -	123 hours
	Hours shut down -	45 "
	Fuel oil consumption	85 gals.
	Lub. oil consumption	7 " (Including 2 changes)

Reasons for shut-down:

A complete overhauling and inspection of engine. Oiling and greasing, moving broken stud on water outlet flange.

2. Maintenance:

Took down pump and broken parts removed. Installed pressure regulation valve in filter of tractor. Removed and cleaned oil filterer on tractor. Sharpened all saws and put same in good condition. All power saw blades sharpened. New handles were needed in axes. Ground valves in pump engine. Gave tractor thorough inspection, also other equipment in our charge. Looking after water requirements and equipment. Clearing and burning stumps etc. adjacent to power house.

3. REMARKS:

Since the previous overhauling and installation of new bearings on Diesel Engine the smoking and loss of oil through the exhaust had been increasing, caused by oil likely too thin and passing the piston rings. On Monday March 24th 1941 at 0500 hours, the engine was dismantled and inspected and the following conditions noted:

The piston rings were badly gummed but not stuck. The valves were badly carboned, also the exhaust outlets. Change-over valves were removed and ground. A tested nozzle was replaced for another. The condition of the engine as regards carbon was very bad considering the short time since the previous overhauling. However a thorough cleaning and a change to good heavy oil (RPM 40) has resulted in the engine now working in very good shape. The condition of the bearings were not bad. No. 1 was in good condition and Nos. 2 and 3 worn some but evenly. I may be noted that no shims were used when bearings were installed. A new gasket for the large crank door is badly needed and has been requisitioned but as yet not received. A considerable amount of oil is being lost there. There is a considerable end-play in the alternator which is causing excess wear on the brushes. On Friday March 28th 1941, the 4th Fortress E&M Coy R.C.E. took over the maintenance of diesel tractor, water pumps, power saw and water distribution facilities and all equipment connected with them.

The pumps were out of service for repairs and parts. All the parts have been ordered by the 85th Battery and the necessary repairs will be accomplished on their arrival. The oil filterer on the tractor was clogged and had not been functioning properly for some time. All the saws are getting proper attention now and power saw will be put in operation as soon as the necessary parts arrive for it. All the equipment in the 4th Fortress E&M Coy R.C.E. charge will be put in working order at the earliest possible date. There is room for many improvements at the Power Plant but owing to drilling, cementing and trenching at the adjoining building, which is very close, it is found advisable to suspend our improvements until that work is in a more advanced stage.

H. DeRoche
H30014 L/Cpl. DeRoche, R., RCE, AF
York Island, B.C.

/KMB

John ...

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

1st April,

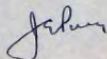
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Headquarters
M.D. XI
Victoria, B.C.

AMMUNITION.

1. Enclosed is a list of the ammunition available for use on the 4.7" guns. From this it will be noted that while we have 574 rounds of H.E. and S.A.P. we only have 477 cartridges to propel them. In addition as we have only 18 rounds of 6-Pdr. for stopping purposes, we will need some cartridges for the shrapnel unfuzed which will be necessary for stopping purposes when the 6-Pdr. ammunition is used up.

2. The war establishment for this Battery is 1,000 rounds and I would request that steps be taken so that we have cartridges for the shells we have even though not brought up to full establishment of shells and cartridges, because in the event of an attack it might be difficult to send ammunition up here owing to the isolation.



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

JEP/KMB

c.c. District Ordnance Officer
District Officer, 18th (Van.) C. Bde.

ARMAMENT DISTRIBUTION RECORD OF AMMUNITION AS AT 31ST. MARCH 1941

Total Mag.1 Mag.2 #1-G. #2-G.

SECTION Q-1.

Fuzes, Percussion D.A.I. No.45 Mk.IX Lot 17	150	70		40	40
Tubes Vent. Electric 4" Mk.VI Lot 22	40			31	9
" " " " Mk. X Lot 33	94	4		29	61
" " " " MkXII Lot 110	440	410		10	20
" " Percussion " Mk.VIII Lot 4	59			29	30

SECTION S-1

Cartridges Q.P. 4.7" Mks. I to IV Guns Filled 5 lb. 7 oz. Cordite 20 with adapters					
Mk. VI Lot N993	49			40	9
Mk. VII Lot K1632A.C. W.1916	105		105		
Mk. VII Lot C 1666 A.C. W.1916	42		42		
Mk. VII Lot K 2053 A.C. N.K.1916	41		41		
Mk. VII Lot K1677 A.C. W.1916	240		129	40	71
Shells Q.P. H.E. Lydite 4.7" Mk. VIII	136	56		40	40
" " S.A.P. " " Mk. II					
Fuzed Base No. 500	338	278		30	30
Shells Q.P. S.A.P. Trotyl 4.7" Mk. III					
Fuzed Base Medium No. 501	100	100			

SECTION S/2

Shells Q.P. Shrapnel Empty Unfuzed	64	54		5 6	5
6-Pounder Q.P. Plug Shot Cordite Filled 18		11		7	
Cartridges Q.P. 6-Pounder Fired Cases	4				4
" " 4.7" Mks. I to IV Guns					
Fired Cases	3			3 4	
Adapters Mk. VI	9			9 9	

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

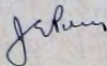
1st April,

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District Engineer Officer
M.D. XI
Victoria, B.C.

GASOLINE FOR AIR COMPRESSOR.

1. I am informed by Mr. Mann that there are about seven drums of gasoline left over from the stock which you sent up to run the Air Compressor.
2. I suggest that an order, to save expense of shipping this gasoline to Vancouver, that these drums be transferred to the charge of D.S. & T.O., as we are using gasoline all the time to operate the drag saw, pumps etc., and would save expense of sending up more gasoline.



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Officer Commanding
York Island.

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

1st April,

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

LISTER DIESEL

1. L/Cpl. DeRochie has requested that you send up the following parts for this engine:

Fuel pump delivery valve spring 106-C

Cylinder head stud for water outlet
flange 36-S

Inspection plate gasket (large) previously ordered.



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

JEP/KMB

c.c. O.C., 4th Fort E&M Coy RCE. AP

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

1st April,

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

MATERIALS - YORK ISLAND

Reference your letter Va. 2-1 dated 29-Mar-1941.

1. Multnomah Gasoline Drag Saw: I sent a telegram yesterday to 15th (Van.) Coast Brigade asking them to instruct Gnr. Christensen of this Battery, at present in Vancouver, to call on you and explain the necessity for the parts required for this saw.

2. This saw was bought by the D.E.O. last year and is for use in land clearing and also for cutting wood. Prior to my departure last September from York Island, it did a considerable amount of work and fully justified the purchase.

3. On my arrival back in February, I found this saw in not very good shape, and issued instructions not to be used till put in order by Gnr. Shristensen.

4. I have received orders from H.Q. MDXI to proceed with clearing and this saw is very necessary for this purpose.

5. Will you please ask Canadian Fairbanks-Morse to send up a book of spare parts for this saw.

6. Pumps: The S.S. Border Prince will call at York Island on Wednesday 2-Apr-1941 and will fill up the 15,000 gallon tank. It will not return until Tuesday 8-Apr-1941, an interval of six days. There is approximately 180 men in this Garrison which use 5,000 gallons per day so you will see it is absolutely necessary for you to send up a Pump so water can be pumped from the tank under the Officers Mess up to the 15,000 gallon tank. Even with this additional supply we will be short of water as there is only 7,000 gallons under the Officers Mess, making 22,000 gallons in all to last six days. This Island needs a reserve storage tank, which was once projected and later cancelled by the D.E.O.

7. Fire Protection: At present the only fire protection apart from fire extinguishers, is the fresh water supply in the tanks. The fire season is approaching and I would request that immediate steps be taken to have all fire pumps put in order so we can fight any forest fires. In the event of fires in the camp it would be difficult to put them out without exhausting the fresh water supply.

J.E. Piercy
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Officer Commanding York Island.

c.c. District Engineer Officer
JEP/KMB

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

1st April,

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D.S. & T.O.
M.D. XI
Victoria, B.C.

DELIVERY OF COAL

1. We have not as yet received the name of the company awarded the coal contract, as per your letter of 20-Feb-1941, file V.29-1-1, and therefor cannot order this direct.
2. We will require another 25 tons of Nanaimo Wellington 3/4" lump coal in sacks, sewed.
3. This will make 50 tons on the 75 tons required for period ending 30-April-1941, as per our letter of 27-Feb-1941, file 8-3.

John

(A.L. Foreman) Capt., R.C.A.
85th Heavy Battery., R.C.A., A.F.

ALF/XMB

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

1st April,

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

ARMAMENT STORES

1. Enclosed are ammunition reports for month of March, also distribution record of ammunition on armament charge up to 31-March-1941.
2. It has been brought to my attention that the Lantern Signalling, Aldis type #163682 was sent down for repairs by the 58th Battery and we are now using a lamp with serial No. NS3474. The Navy claim that this lamp was loaned to army signallers and actually belongs to them. It is now in need of repair and will you please trace ours and send it up as it is needed urgently. The long range lucas lamps are working but is only useful when the Examination Vessel is stationary and is very clumsy to handle when the vessel is moving.
3. All the batteries on my charge are in very poor shape and should be replaced. The 12 volt wet battery will not take a very strong charge nor will it hold a charge for any length of time, as it is worn out. The three 6 volt 40/50 A.H. capacity 1937 D.A.G. batteries will not hold a charge for more than twenty four hours. The three 6 volt 16 A.H., Mk. II batteries are practically useless.
4. I request that a transformer be supplied so that current can be taken from the Electric Supply of the Island for the Aldis Lamp. I understand that one is in operation at Narrows North very successfully. I also request that new batteries be supplied to run the lights when the Power Plant is not in operation. I telegraphed this information to you yesterday as it is very urgent, and we are finding great difficulty in maintaining communication with the Examination Vessel during daytime. During the daytime the Lucas Lamp is practically useless and the Aldis is only practicable in full weather and if a 10" reflector could be supplied, driven off the Power Plant, it would facilitate signalling very materially. Owing to the Wireless Telegraphy Set supplied by Navy being small and with limited electric supply, it cannot be used continuously.
5. I regret this was not drawn to your attention when you were here last week but was brought to my attention when the Fort could not communicate with the Examination Vessel at 8,000 yards.

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

JEP/KMB

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

&
Att'd Troops, York Island, B.E.

APRIL 1st 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total Drawing Rations from 85th Hvy Bty
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	61	64	
	Employed		17	17	81
	Station Hosp		3	3	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		4	4	
	Bde. H.Q.		9	9	
	Att'd 31st		1	1	
	Att'd 58th	1	1	2	
	On Leave		3	3	
	Furlough		1	1	
	Detention at York Island		1	1	1
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	1	2	2
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	Employed	2	35	37	37
	Station Hosp.		1	1	
10th Fort Sig Coy RCCS	Employed		3	3	3
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		6	6	6
HQ MDXI RCAMC	Employed	1	-	1	Subs
Sub-Depot RCAMC	Employed		1	1	
13th Fld Amb RCAMC	Employed		1	1	
#11 Sub-Depot	Employed		1	1	
#11 Dist-Depot	Employed		1	1	1
2nd Fort RCASC	Employed		3	3	3
Royal Canadian Navy		1	8	9	9
Civ Emp of the DEO			16	16	16
#11 Det RCOC			2	2	2
General Electric Civilian Instructor			1	1	1
Totals		10	161	191	163

Ration Strength for 85th Bty

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Officer Commanding York Island.

PART I ORDERS

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

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING.

April 2nd 1941

No. 92

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Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. Ramsden, E.
Orderly Bombardier - A/Bdr. Hammell, G.D.

92-2 FIRE PICQUET - A/Bdr. Hammell, L/Bdr. Rose, Gnrs. Larson, McCartney,
Rolland, A/L/Bdr. Caldwell.

92-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 hours.
L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. Young, Groome, Sydney, Rorison,
Durbin, Smith.

J.E. Piercy

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

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

2nd April,

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Mr. A.M. Hurst
Secretary, Y.M.C.A. National War Services,
955 Burrard Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Hurst:

Thanks very much for your letter of 28-March-1941 advising that the Y.M.C.A. will be putting a picture projector at York Island and giving two moving picture shows a week. This will be very welcome as it obviates the long trip to Kelsey Bay, very often in bad weather, and will also enable everybody to see the pictures.

Thanks very much for the furniture for the Mens' Recreation Hut.

Enclosed is list of quantity of brick etc. necessary to build a projected fireplace in the Sergeants' Mess.

The Sports equipment you sent up was very welcome and in use right away.

Headquarters, M.D. XI has approved of a Wet Canteen so shortly it will be separate from the Dry Canteen.

We all have to thank you for the energy you have put in and interest you have shown towards the forgotten men at York Island, and will be very glad to see you when you arrive on the Island.



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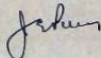
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Officer Commanding
15th (Van.) Coast Brigade, R.C.A., A.F.
Beasborough Armouries
Vancouver, B.C.

K62044 Gunner Robertson, P.F.

1. Enclosed is letter from the 5th Coast Brigade dated 25-March-1941, their file 6-2-3, together with application for transfer duly signed by the O.C. 5th Coast Brigade, R.C.A.
2. This man is on ten days compassionate leave with instructions to report to you on expiration of his leave.
3. When he reports, will you please arrange a transfer to the 5th Coast Brigade and advise the 5th Coast Brigade and ourselves as to effective date.



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

JEP/KMB

c.c. 5th Coast Brigade, RCA. AF.

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

April 2nd 1941

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4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		6	6	6
HQ MDXI RCAMC	Employed	1		1	
Sub-Depot RCAMC	Employed		1	1	
13th Fld Amb RCAMC	Employed		1	1	
#11 Sub-Depot	Employed		1	1	
#11 Dist-Depot	Employed		1	1	1
2 Fort R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY		1	8	9	9
Civilian Emp. of the DEO			11	11	11
TOTALS		10	173	183	154 148

DAILY STRENGTH FOR 85TH BTY -- ¹⁴⁸~~154~~

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

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

April 3rd 1941

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING.

No. 93

93-1 DUTIES : FRIDAY April 4th 1941

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

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

Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. Ramsden, E.
Orderly Bombardier - A/Bdr. Hammell, G.D.

93-2 FIRE PICQUET - A/Bdr. Hammell, L/Bdr. Coltman, Gnrs. Confrey, Olsen, McKay, McCartney.

93-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 hours.
Bdr. Bonnett, Gnrs. Curry, Scott, Godwin, Maydole, King, Appleton.

93-4 O.R.'s ARRIVING AT YORK ISLAND.

The Orderly Sergeant will meet all boats arriving at York Island and ensure that O.R.'s report to the Orderly Room upon arrival.

93-5 WATER

The S.S. Border Prince will not arrive before next Tuesday with additional water supply, consequently the water in storage, which is sufficient for a normal 4 days will have to be stretched to cover 6 days. This can be done if All Ranks are careful not to waste any water. All taps will be turned off and not allowed to drip or run.

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H-O-T-I-C-E

UNION STEAMSHIPS SCHEDULE

The Union Steamships Company advise that there will be a change of schedule effective 15-April-1941 when their service to Sayward will be as follows:

Leave Vancouver Monday 1800 hours
Arrive Sayward Tuesday 2200 hours

Leave Vancouver Wednesday 1400 hours
Arrive Sayward Thursday 1200 hours

Leave Vancouver Friday 2100 hours
Arrive Sayward Saturday 1000 hours.

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

3rd April,

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

EXPOSURE OF ELECTRIC LIGHTS

1. Reference your letter 19-March-1941, file V.S. 38-2-1-14.
2. Reference your para.2(c) and 3, I have to point out that owing to the location of the lights and the proximity of Clarence Island, none of the lights can cover both channels, consequently in order to cover both channels at interval of about twenty minutes it will be necessary to use at least two lights, and even then there will be some blind spots behind Clarence Island.
3. Lieut. Seldon, in charge of the Searchlights, informs me that it is less strain on the engines and lights to operate continuously than at intervals. Mr. Gray, expert from the Canadian General Electric Co., advised me that the lights are capable of continuous operation, and are so operated at Halifax, N.S. and Sydney.
4. The N.O.I.C. York Island has been consulted and he is of the opinion that the lights should be operated continuously as far as possible, for the following reasons:
 - (a) Each light only covers a portion of the channel.
 - (b) The comparatively short range of the 4.7" guns and lights (stated by a Searchlight officer to be about 8,000 yards in normal weather) would enable a fast vessel to proceed past in a very short time, about fifteen minutes or even less.
 - (c) He has received instructions from C.O.P.C. to use "increased vigilance" in view of the present Japanese situation.
5. The crews operating the searchlights have to be on duty whether the lights are working or not, so that as far as they are concerned, if the lights are not in use they would be sitting around idle.
6. The N.O.I.C. York Island has referred the matter to C.O.P.C. for further instructions and I respectfully suggest that you take this matter up with him.
7. In the meantime the lights are in continuous operation during the hours of darkness, subject to time off for changing carbons, until I receive further instructions.

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York Island.

JEP/KMB

c.c. N.O.I.C., York Island.

Diary

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

April 3rd 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE.

		Offrs.	O.R's	Total	Total at York Island drawing rations from 85th Bty.
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	54	57	
	Employed		17	17	74
	Station Hosp		4	4	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		4	4	
	Bde. H.Q.		9	9	
	Att'd 31st		1	1	
	Att'd 58th	1	1	2	
	On Leave		3	3	
	Furlough		7	7	
	Detention at Work Pt. Barracks		1	1	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	1	2	2
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	Employed	2	36	38	38
10th Fort Sig Coy RCCS	Employed		3	3	3
4th E&M Coy RCF AF	Employed		6	6	6
HQ MDXI RCAMC	Employed	1		1	1
Sub-Depot RCAMC	Employed		1	1	
13th Fld Amb RCAMC	Employed		1	1	
#11 Sub-Depot	Employed		1	1	
#7 Dist-Depot	Employed		1	1	1
2nd Fort R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY		1	8	9	9
Civilian Emp. of the DEO			11	11	11
#11 Det. R.C.O.C.			1	1	1
Totals		10	174	184	150

RATION STRENGTH FOR 85TH BTY -- 150

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Officer Commanding
York Island.

Diary

PART I ORDERS

95th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., A.P.

York Island, B.C.

by

April 4th 1941

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING.

No. 94

94-1 DUTIES : SATURDAY April 5th 1941

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

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

Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. Ramsden, E.
Orderly Bombardier - A/Bdr. Hammell, G.D.

94-2 FIRE PICQUET - A/Bdr. Hammell, L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. Larson, Rolland, Henkel, Cox, A.

94-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 hours
A/Bdr. Thomson, Gnrs. Allen, Kincaid, Mackie, Ramsay, Newell, Richmond.

94-4 DAMAGE TO ABLUTION HUT.

Some damage has been done to the toilet seats and taps in the Ablution Hut, which, it is reported, has been caused by boisterous behaviour. This will cease immediately, as damage of this nature is liable to cause the whole Battery to be assessed for Barrack Room Damages.

94-5 PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographs are only allowed to be taken in the vicinity of the camp. No photographs are allowed to be taken in the vicinity of the Fort or Searchlights. It has been reported that some men are taking photographs of the guns, which is absolutely forbidden.

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York Island

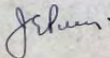
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York Island, B.C.

4th April,

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Headquarters
M.D. XI
Victoria, B.C.SILHOUETTES OF AEROPLANES.Attention - Intelligence Officer

1. Will you please send up silhouettes or photographs of the latest Japanese and American aeroplanes. The former are potential enemies and latter potential allies and we have no information by which to distinguish them.
2. We have silhouettes of Italian and German planes which we will probably never encounter, but can find no record of silhouettes of Japanese or American planes being sent up here.
3. Reporting of Aeroplanes: I have no instructions to report the passing of any aeroplanes over the Fort, while you telegraph up permission for various aeroplanes to pass over the Fort, I have received no instructions as to reporting unidentified planes.
4. Will you please issue instructions as to what reports we have to send in.


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York Island.

JEP/KMB

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

4th April,

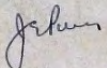
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R.C.E. Works Officer
41st & Willow St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

FAWCETT FRONTENAC RANGE

1. The parts for this range arrived safely and are now installed, for which many thanks.

2. I regret that I omitted to ask you to send up a right hand grate bar for this range. This bar is a little longer than the left, to take the handle for shaking. The grate bar has now a big hole in it and is wasting coal by letting the fire drop into the bottom.


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

April 4th 1941

List of Personnel away from York Island, as per Daily
Strength State of April 4th 1941:-

At Shaughnessy Hospital 7 O.R.s

K17040 Bdr Garrett F C
K17105 Gnr Anderson G W
K17070 Gnr Christensen H
K74833 Gnr Erickson N G
K17078 Gnr Harman A L
K17020 Gnr Hammell H S
K17130 Gnr TenHoeve H

At Bde. H.Q. 9 O.R.s

(Attached for R & C)

K17077 L/Sgt Patterson W
K17009 L/Bdr Dyer A McD
K25035 A/L/Bdr Sherman J
K16167 A/L/Bdr Stephens E L
K17004 Gnr Cameron B E
K17097 Gnr DesMarais J A
K16254 Gnr Doyle M P
K17114 Gnr Humphrey J H
K15229 Gnr MacDonald D (Enlisted 27-3-41)

At 31st Bty. one O.R.

K17042 Bdr Dashwood-Jones D W

On Command : K17052 A/Bdr Engelen A L D

Detention at Esquimalt: K17117 Gnr Gourdeau M C

On Leave & Furlough 9 O.R.s

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

APRIL 4th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing Rations from 85th Bty.
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	53	56	
	Employed		17	17	73
AT	Station Hospital		4	4	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		7	7	
	Bde H Q		9	9	
	31st Bty		1	1	
	58th Bty	1	-	1	
	On Leave		9	9	
	On Command		1	1	
	Detention		1	1	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	1	3	3
3 S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	36	38	
	Employed		4	4	42
10th Fort Sig Coy RCCS	Employed		3	3	3
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		5	5	5
	Station Hospital		1	1	
HQ MDXI RCAMC	Employed	1	-	1	1
Sub- Depot RCAMC	Employed		1	1	
13th Fld Amb RCAMC	Employed		1	1	
#11 Sub-Depot	Employed		1	1	
#11 Dist- Depot	Employed		1	1	1
2nd Fort R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
Royal Canadian Navy		1	8	9	9
Civ. Employees of the DEO			11	11	11
#11 Det R.C.O.C.			1	1	1
xxxx Total		10	179	189	152

Rations Strength

152

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Officer Commanding York Island.

PART I ORDERS

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

5th April 1941

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 95

95-1 DUTIES : Sunday April 6th 1941

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

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

Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. Cox, S.D.
Orderly Bombardier - L/Bdr. Foote, J.K.A.

95-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Foote, L/Bdr. Rose, Gnrs. Confrey, McKay, Olsen,
A/L/Bdr. Caldwell

95-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 hours
A/Bdr. Hammell, Gnrs. Hazard, McEwan, Latibeaudiere,
Barnett, Fairbairn, Merritt.

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York Island.

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York Island, B.C.

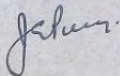
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Headquarters
M.D. XI
Victoria, B.C.

ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.

1. Enclosed is report from the Staff Officer Signals, made on his recent visit here which describes the inadequate existing plant. This seriously interferes with the efficiency of two Wireless Stations on the Island and would request that action be taken in the immediate future to rectify this position.



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Officer Commanding
York Island.

JEP/KMB

c.c. R.C.E. Works Officer, Vancouver.
" District Engineer Officer
" 4th Fortress R&M Coy, R.C.E., A.P.
" C.X.O., York Island

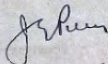
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., AF
York Island, B.C.

April 5th 1941

Officer i/c Supplies,
Room 315, Vancouver Barracks,
Vancouver, B.C.

RATIONS

1. Although we have indented for yeast, we have been getting dessicated yeast in place of Fleishmans Yeast, and consequently we have several lbs on hand.
2. Please advise if you wish to have it sent back, and also sodium phosphates.
3. For your information we have written O.C. D.D. MDXI, asking for another baker who could bake bread, as the present baker at York Island has been baking poorly. Consequently we are indenting for bread instead of flour for this week.



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Officer Commanding York Island

JEP/PBW

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

April 5th 1941

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

PERSONNEL - 85th Hvy Bty RCA AF

1. Herewith is a list of 85th Bty personnel absent from York Island for reasons stated. It will be noted that there are 28 O.R.s away from York Island, which is 27% of our total strength.
2. Will you please advise me whether any steps have been taken to increase the Strength of the Garrison on the lines suggested by Major Bell-Irving in his letter on this subject.

Enc.
JEP/PEW

J. E. Piercy
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Officer Commanding York Island.

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

5th April, 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE.

		Offrs.	O.R's	Total	Total draw- ing Rations from 85 Bty
85th HVY BTY RCA AF	On Parade	3	53	56	
	Employed		17	17	73
	Station Hosp		4	4	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		7	7	
	Bde. H.Q.		9	9	
	31st Bty		1	1	
	58th Bty	1		1	
	On Leave		9	9	
	On Command		1	1	
	Detention		1	1	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	1	3	3
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	36	38	
	Employed		4	4	42
10th Fort Sig Coy RCCS	Employed		3	3	3
4th Fort E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		5	5	5
	Station Hosp		1	1	
HQ MDXI RCAMC	Employed	1		1	1
Sub-Depot RCAMC	Employed		1	1	
13th Fld Amb RCAMC	Employed		1	1	
#11 Sub-Depot	Employed		1	1	
#11 Dist-Depot	Employed		1	1	1
2 Fort R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY		1	8	9	9
Civ. Employees of the DEO			11	11	11
#11 Det R.C.O.C.			1	1	1
Totals		10	179	189	152

RATION STRENGTH - 152

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

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING. 6th April 1941

No. 96

96-1 DUTIES : MONDAY April 7th 1941

Officer of the Watch - Lt. H.V.N. Banks RCA
Next for duty - Lt. D.G. McGavin RCA

Orderly Officer - Lt. D.G. McGavin RCA
Next for duty - Lt. H.V.N. Banks RCA

Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. Cox, S.D.
Orderly Bombardier - L/Bdr. Foote, J.K.A.

96-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Foote, L/Bdr. Rose, Gnrs. Larson, Henkel, Cox,
A/L/Bdr. Caldwell.

96-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 hours.
L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. Young, Groome, Sydney, Flewin,
Rudrum, Alford.

J.E.P.

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Officer Commanding
York Island.

Diary

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

April 6th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing Rations at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	56	59	
	Employed		17	17	76
at	Station Hosp		2	2	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		7	7	
	Bde. H.Q.		9	9	
	31st Bty		1	1	
	58th Bty	1	-	1	
	Detention		1	1	
	Leave		10	10	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	1	3	3
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	36	38	
	Employed		4	4	42
10th Fort Sig Coy ROCS	Employed		3	3	
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		5	5	5
	Station Hospital		1	1	
HQ MD XI RCAMC	Employed	1	-	1	1
Sub-Depot RCAMC	Employed		1	1	x
13th Fld Amb RCAMC	Employed		1	1	
#11 Sub-Depot	Employed		1	1	
#11 Dist Depot	Employed		1	1	1
and Fort RCASC	Employed		3	3	3
Royal Canadian Navy		1	8	9	9
Civilian Employees of the DEO			11	11	11
Totals		10	179	189	151

Ration Strength

151

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

Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY
OR
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
(Erase heading not required)

ORIGINAL

M.F.M. 11.

A.F.C. 3118,
I.M.S. - 2-29 (1738)
H.Q. 1172-45-18

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

Place	Date APRIL	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
85 Hvy Bty RCA CA YORK ISLAND	7		Letter to M.O. 15 Coast Bde re return of personnel from sick leave Wire to R.C.E. Works Officer Van. re Drag Saw parts Wire to D.S. & T.O. re relief of skipper on General Caldwell Weather: Cloudy	
	8		Mr. A.M. Hurst arrived from Vancouver Movie Projector and considerable furniture received from Y.M.C.A. Mr. A.M. Hurst showed moving pictures of 11th A.A. Bty, many present of recognized personnel originally in this Bty. On future two pictures will be shown regularly - all personnel offered opportunity to see them The advantages offered by these pictures as well as furniture and recreational equipment are very much appreciated by every member of the Garrison on York Island and supported heartily the O.C. in his thanks to Mr. A.M. Hurst of the Y.M.C.A., on behalf of the 85 Bty. Letter to HQ MDXI re ARTIFICER'S Workshop Letter to O.C. 15 Coast Bde re relief of Officers Two Bring To Rounds fired on M.V. Dawn of Seattle at 0012 hours. Letter to HQ MDXI re Water Scow Weather: Rain	7-4 "A" 6-1 "A" 1-3 "A" 8-1 "A"
	9		Sgt Bucke of the RCASC arrived to relieve Sgt MacKenzie as skipper of Genrel Caldwell Bdr Dashwood-Jones returned from Course at Bessborough Armouries after distinguishing himself with top marks Lieut. D.G. McGavin left on 14 days Furlough Wire to Ordnance Officer Esquimalt re signalling lamp. Wire from O.C. 15 Coast Bde requesting names of O.R.s suitable for commissions.	
	10		Weather: Showers Wire to O.C.15 Coast Bde submitting names of BSM Lockhart, Sgt Davidson, Bde Dashwood-Jones, and Bdr. Garrett suitable for commissions. Wire from Ordnance stating no Aldis or Morris signalling lamps available available. Weather: Bright	
	11		Good Friday - Reveille and meals as at Sunday Prohibition of Photograpy - Part I Orders 2 Bring To Rounds fired on M.V. Borgund of Seattle at 0631 hours Weather: Showers	1-3 "C" "A" <i>jsd.</i>

PART I ORDERS

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

by

7th April 1941

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING.

No. 97

97-1 DUTIES : TUESDAY April 8th 1941

Officer of the Watch - Lt. D.G. McGavin RCA
Next for duty - Lt. H.V.N. Banks RCA

Orderly Officer - Lt. H.V.N. Banks RCA
Next for duty - Lt. D.G. McGavin RCA

Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. Cox, S.D.
Orderly Bombardier - L/Bdr. Foote, J.K.A.

97-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Foot~~te~~, L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. Rolland, McKay,
McCartney, King, K.R.

97-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 hours.
L/Bdr. Burgess, Gnrs. Lawrence, O'Reilly, Trim,
Merritt, Shore, Hough.

J.E. Piercy

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Officer Commanding
York Island.

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

7th April,

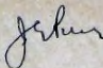
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Medical Officer
15th (Van.) Coast Brigade, R.C.A., A.F.
Bessborough Armouries
Vancouver, B.C.

PERSONNEL SENT TO VANCOUVER FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION.

1. Would you kindly inform this Battery of the cases of the u/m O.R.'s and when they will be returning to York Island, please.

K17040 Bdr. Garrett, P.C.
K17105 Gnr. Anderson, G.W.
K17070 Gnr. Christensen, H.
K74833 Gnr. Ericksson, N.G.
K17078 Gnr. Harman, A.L.
K17020 Gnr. Hammell, H.S.
K17130 Gnr. Ten Hoeve, J.



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

JEP/KMB

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

7th April,

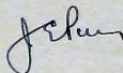
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Officer Commanding
15th (Van.) Coast Brigade, R.C.A., A.F.
Bessborough Armouries
Vancouver, B.C.

TRAINING BOOKS & PAMPHLETS

1. Please forward to this Battery the following:

- (1) All Arms Signal Training
- (2) Coast Artillery Drill Part 3, Pam #9, 1940.
- (3) Hand Book of 4.7" Q.F. Gun.



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

JEP/KMB

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

8th April,

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

ACCOMMODATION IN FORT

1. The D.O.M.E., Major Carrharris, on his recent inspection, advised me that in his opinion owing to the isolated situation it is necessary to erect an Artificers' workshop in the Fort.
2. There is no accommodation available, so it will be necessary to erect a small building for this purpose.
3. A proposal has been made that the existing Paint Stores be utilized for this purpose and a new hut built to store the paint. If this new building is to be built of wood I would recommend that it be built outside the Fort as there are too many wooden buildings in the Fort already, especially if it is to be a building housing inflammables like paint.
4. I would request that the D.E.O. be instructed to build a Paint Shed so existing Paint Shed may be used as a workshop as recommended by Major Carrharris.

J.E. Piercy

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

JEP/KMB

c.c. Major Carrharris, D.O.M.E.

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*MA
April 7th 1941*

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Ofprs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawn -Rations at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	58	59	
	Employed		17	17	76
	At Station Hosp		2	2	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		7	7	
	Bde. H.C.		9	9	
	31st Bty		1	1	
	58th Bty	1	-	1	
	Detention		1	1	
	Leave		10	10	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade		1	1	
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	36	38	3
	Employed		4	4	42
10th Fort Sig Coy RCOS	Employed		3	3	
4th EEM Coy RCE AF	Employed		5	5	5
	Station Hospital		1	1	
HQ ND XI RCAMC	Employed	1	-	1	1
Sub-Depot RCAMC	Employed		1	1	1
13th Fld Amb RCAMC	Employed		1	1	
#11 Sub-Depot	Employed		1	1	
#11 Dist Depot	Employed		1	1	1
2nd Fort RCASC	Employed		3	3	3
Royal Canadian Navy		1	8	9	9
Civilian Employees of the DEO			19	9	9
Totals		10	177	187	149

Rations Strength 149

J. E. Piercy
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Officer Commanding York Island

PART I ORDERS

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

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

8th April 1941

No. 98

98-1 DUTIES : WEDNESDAY April 9th 1941

Officer of the Watch - Lt. H.V.N. Banks RCA
Next for duty - Lt. W.A.S. Clayton RCA

Orderly Officer - Lt. W.A.S. Clayton RCA
Next for duty - Lt. H.V.N. Banks RCA

Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. Ramsden, E.
Orderly Bombardier - L/Bdr. Foote, J.K.A.

98-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Foote, L/Bdr. Rose, Gnrs. Larson, McCartney,
Confrey, Olsen.

98-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 hours
Bdr. Bonnett, Gnrs. Allen, Rorison, Durbin, Ramsay,
Newell, Richmond.

J.E. Piercy

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Officer Commanding
York Island.

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

8th April,

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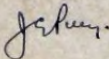
Officer Commanding
15th (Van.) Coast Brigade, R.C.A., A.F.
Bessborough Armouries
Vancouver, B.C.

OFFICER PERSONNEL

1. Capt. Foreman is due for relief at the end of this month and I would request that arrangements be made for his successor to be chosen and given two weeks leave. He should be sent up before the end of this month so that he can take over this Post when the writer goes on leave. I am applying to H.Q. MDXI for leave sometime during the first two weeks in May.

2. Subaltern Officers: Lt. McGavin goes on two weeks leave on the 10th April and both Lts. Clayton and Bankes are due for leave soon after.

3. This matter was taken up with Major Guernsey, who considered that in view of the recent increase of officers of the Brigade, it would be possible to send up another subaltern and keep this Battery up to strength.



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York Island.

JEP/KMB

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

8th April,

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

WATER

1. Referring to your telegram 477 dated 6th April, 1941 as follows: "ADVISE WHEN WATER SCOW MAY BE SENT".
2. In reply we wired you that this scow would not be sent until the D.E.O. built moorings and also arranged for a source of supply. Lieut. Ruffell was up here in February and looked over the situation and stated he was submitting proposals to the D.E.O. so that the water scow could be used as soon as possible, but since then nothing has been done. Under the circumstances we cannot use the water scow until the D.E.O. has completed this work.
3. Water Storage: Please refer to my letter 1-April-1941, para 1, which states that the total storage capacity is 22,000 gallons, whereas the average consumption is between 4,000 and 5,000 gallons, consequently there is only about 4½ to 5 days supply of water in storage on this Island. If anything happened by an accident or otherwise to the S.S. Border Prince while on route here, this Garrison would be short of water in one day. The same thing applies even if we have a water scow.
4. The original plan for water storage on the Island consisted of two tanks each of at least 15,000 gallons. Only one was built, consequently until more water storage is provided there is always serious liability that this Garrison may be left without any water.

J.E.P.

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York Island.

JEP/KMB

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

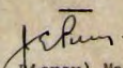
85th Heavy Battery, RCA. AF
York Island, B.C.

8th April 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE.

		Offrs.	O.R's	Total	Total drawing Rations at 85th Hvy. Bty
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	57	60	
	Employed		17	17	77
	Station Hosp		2	2	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		7	7	
	Bde. H.Q.		9	9	
	31st Bty		1	1	
	58th Bty	1		1	
	Leave		10	10	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	1	3	3
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	36	38	
	Employed		4	4	42
10th Port Sig Coy RCCS	Employed		3	3	
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		5	5	5
	Station Hosp		1	1	
HQ MD XI RCAMC	Employed	1		1	1
Sub-Depot RCAMC	Employed		3	3	
13th Fld Amb RCAMC	Employed		1	1	
#11 Sub-Depot	Employed		1	1	
#11 Dist-Depot	Employed		1	1	1
2nd Port R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY		1	8	9	9
Civilian Employees of the DEO			9	9	9
D.O.M.E.		1		1	1
R.C.O.C.		1	1	2	2
Y.M.C.A.	Civilian		1	1	1
Totals		12	181	193	154

RATION STRENGTH --- 154


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

PART I ORDERS

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

April 9th 1941

by

MAJOR J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding

No. 99

99-1 DUTIES - Thursday April 10th 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.,
Next for duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Ramsden E.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Foote	J.K.A.

99-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Foote, L/Bdr. Wright, Gnr. Gatenby, Larson, Benjamin, Cox A.

99-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 Hrs.
Bdr. Hammell C.D., Gnr. Curry, Scott, Godwin, Maydole, King, Appleton.

99-4 CIVIL OCCUPATION (from Bde Pt I Orders)

(a) No Officer or soldier of the Canadian Army serving, or called out on active service, shall, while so serving or so called out, engage in trade or business, or carry on his professional occupation.

(b) In the event any Officer or soldier finds it necessary for reasons beyond his control to become involved in the operation of his former trade, business or profession, the full circumstances connected therewith will be immediately reported by him through the usual channels to the District Officer Commanding concerned, who will in turn submit the matter to National Defence Headquarters for a decision as to the procedure to be followed.

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

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

April 9th 1941

Paymaster,
#11 Det. R.C.A.S.C., A.F.,
Victoria, B.C.

M.V. "GENERAL CALDWELL"

1. Ref your letter April 3rd file 6-5-Mis., re advance of \$20.00 to K.52324 A/Sgt. McKenzie C.A.
2. Sgt. McKenzie C.A. informs me that this was not an advance for personal travelling expenses, but to cover the cost of any items that may arise for running the boat. Receipts for \$16.50 have been forwarded to the D.D.S. & T.O. on the 12th of March 1941, and he has a receipt for some Putty (30¢) which is still to be forwarded.
3. Herewith is a list of items of expenditure from which you will see it has nothing to do with his personal travelling expenses, but strictly incidentals pertaining to the voyage of the M.V. "GENERAL HERTZBERG" from Victoria to Prince Rupert and the M.V. "GENERAL CALDWELL" from Prince Rupert to Vancouver. As a copy of these has been forwarded to the D.D.S. & T.O. I would suggest that you take the matter up with him and have it settled in the best way possible, as I do not think this should be held against Sgt McKenzie's pay.
4. In future, while at York Island all expenses will be sent through me to the D.S. & T.O. as per D.S. & T.O. Circular dated 5th of April 1941, file 34F-1-1, received today. Up till the receipt of this C/L there was no instructions laid down as to how the accounts for these incidentals were to be made up, especially in transit.

Light list	.15¢	Thumb Tacks)	
Tide Book	.25	Emery Paper)	.55¢
Chart 522	.50	Matches)
Compass Reader	6.00	Sugar)
Cleaning Brass	.40	2 tins milk) .95
Knife & Chart	2.25	EGGS)
Paint, Varnish & 2 Brushes			5.45

Total \$16.50¢

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

C.C. to D.S. & T.O.

c.c. to Sgt McKenzie C A

JEP/PBW

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

April 9th 1941

D.D.S. & T.O.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

52324 A/Sgt. McKenzie C.A.

1. The bearer, Sgt. McKenzie C.A., is being sent down from York Island for treatment at Shaughnessy Military Hospital, on instructions of the M.O. York Island.
2. Will you please arrange with the M.O. of the R.C.A.S.C. at Vancouver to have him admitted for treatment at the Shaughnessy Military Hospital and when cured obtain instructions from the D.S. & T.O. at Victoria as to whether he should be sent back to York Island or given another boat elsewhere, as he has been relieved at York Island by K.77627 Sgt. Bucke G.E.

JEP/PBI

C.C. to D.S. & T.O.
C.C. to #11 Det. RCASC

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

April 29th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing Rations at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	58	61	78
	Employed		17	17	
	Station Hospital		2	2	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		5	5	
	Bde H.Q.		10	10	
	58th Bty.	1	-	1	
	Leave		10	10	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	-	2	2
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	36	38	42
	Employed		4	4	
10th Fort Sig Coy RCCS	Employed		3	3	3
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		5	5	5
	Stn Hosp		1	1	
HQ MD XI RCAMC	Employed	1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot	Employed		1	1	1
2nd Fort RCASC	Employed		4	4	4
Royal Canadian Navy		1	8	9	9
Civ Employees of the DEO			9	9	9
YMCA Civilian			1	1	1
Totals		10	174	184	155

Ration Strength 155

J. E. Piercy
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Officer Commanding York Island

PART I ORDERS

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

April 10th 1941

by
MAJOR J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding

No. 100

100-1 DUTIES - April 11th 1941

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

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

Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Ramsden E.
Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Foote J.K.A.

100-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr Foote, A/L/Bdr Caldwell, Gnrs. Rolland,
McKay, McCartney, King K.R.

100-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 Hrs.
L/Bdr. Burgess, Gnrs. Young, Groome, Sydney, Alford,
Flewing, ~~Smith~~ Rudrum.

100-4 HOLIDAY - FRIDAY 11th April 1941

April 11th, being Good Friday, will be observed as
a Holiday. Reveille and meal hours as for Sundays.

100-5 LEAKAGE OF INFORMATION - ROUTINE ORDERS 218 and 305

(1) With reference to previous correspondence
numbered as above regarding military secrecy.

(2) It would appear from the unusually large number
of infractions of these Routine Orders that the regulations
therein are not being complied with. All ranks must be impressed
that under no conditions must they communicate with relatives,
friends, or any person or persons, by any means whatsoever,
particularly in regard to movements overseas.

(3) In future, in addition to the reading of the
Routine Orders referred to above to all ranks once a month,
specific instructions will be given to all concerned subsequent
to embarkation leave and prior to entrainment that the safety of
trains, transports, and themselves personally depends on the
utmost secrecy regarding movements elsewhere or overseas, and that
this secrecy is of the highest military importance.

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

April 10th 1941

Ordinance Officer,
1150 Hamilton St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

MENS' RECREATION HUT

1. Herewith please find Indent for Linoleum to be laid on the floor of the Mens' Recreation Hut.
2. This floor was put in by the Engineers of green common flooring which has shrunk badly and causes open seams. With the continual wear and tear of the men using this hut, the floor is very unsightly and not inducive to playing games.
3. Mr. Hurst of the Y.M.C.A. who is at present visiting on York Island has recommended that this floor be covered with Linoleum, consequently I request the approval of this issue, and if you cannot, please refer this matter to the D.O.C. for his concert and approval, which I am sure he will grant.


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

Enc
JEP/PBW

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

April 10th 1941

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing Rations at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	3	58	61	78
	Employed		17	17	
	Station Hospital		2	2	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		5	5	
	Bde H.Q.		10	10	
	58th Bty.	1	-	1	
	Leave		10	10	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	-	2	2
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	36	38	42
	Employed		4	4	
10th Fort Sig Coy RCAF	Employed		3	3	3
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		5	5	5
	Stn Hosp		1	1	
Hq MD XI RCAF	Employed	1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot	Employed		1	1	1
2nd Fort RCASC	Employed		4	4	4
Royal Canadian Navy		1	8	9	9
Civ Employees of the DEO			9	9	9
YMCA Civilian			1	1	1
Totals		10	174	184	155

Ration Strength 155

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

PART I ORDERS

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

April 11th 1941

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, Officer Commanding

No. 101

101-1 Duties - April 12th 1941

Officer of the Watch	-	LT. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Next for duty	-	LT. H.V.N. Banks	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	-	Lt. H.V.N. Banks	R.C.A.
Next for duty	-	LT. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	-	Sgt. Ramsden E.	
Orderly Bdr.	-	L/Bdr. Foote J.K.A.	

101-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Foote, L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. Larson, McCartney, Gatenby, Confrey, Olsen.

101-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 Hrs.
Bdr. Dashwood-Jones, Gnrs. McEwan, Latibeaudiere, Collins, Barnett, Fairbairn, Wanner.

101-4 PROHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHY

The attention of all members of the forces is drawn to N.D.H.Q. Order, Defence of Canada Regulations No. 18, prohibiting photography in certain areas in Victoria, Vancouver, Prince Rupert and York Island. The contents of this order are to be found on "Public Notices, Defence of Canada Regulations, Prohibition of Photography of specified places and areas" posted in prominent places throughout B.C. and in particular, in Barracks, Post Office/s, on C.P.R. Wharfs and on Coastal ships.

It has been brought to notice that photography in the prohibited areas is still continuing. This breach of orders must cease.

All ranks will familiarize themselves with the areas in which photography has been prohibited.

[Bde. PT I ORDERS)

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

35th Heavy Battery, RCA AF
York Island, B.C.

April 11th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing Rations from the 35th Bty.
35th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	58	60	
	Employed		17	17	77
	Stn. Hosp.		-	-	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		5	5	
	Bde. H.Q.		9	9	
	35th Bty.	1	-	1	
	Leave	1	13	14	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	-	2	2
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	34	36	
	Employed		4	4	40
	Station Hosp.		2	2	
10th Fort Sig Coy RCOS	Employed		3	3	3
4th Fort ESM Coy RCE AF	Employed		5	5	5
	Station Hosp		1	1	
Hq MDXI RCAMC	Employed	1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot	Employed		1	1	1
2nd Fort RCASG	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Employees of the DBO			8	8	8
Y M C A (Civilian)			1	1	1
Totals		10	172	182	150

Ration Strength 150

J. E. Piercy
(J.E. Piercy) 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. 21

A.F.C. 2116

1 Mil. - 8-39 (1718)

H.Q. 1772-48-14

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials	
York Island	April	1941	Four Bring to Rounds fired on M.V. EUTELEN of Vancouver at 0631 hours		
			Weather: Showers		
			Easter Sunday - Mr. A.M. Hurst left for Vancouver		
			Weather: Showers		
			Easter Monday, meals and routine as at Sunday		
			Pte Bradley new Baker for York Island arrived from District Depot and it is hoped that he can bake.		
			Letter to D.S. & T.O. re the General Caldwell	7-2-2-	"A"
			Weather: Cloudy		
			Letter to HQ MDXI re Establishment	5-1	"A"
			Advise from Bde re arrival of Lt. Townsley arriving to replace Officers on Leave		
			Weather: Rain		
			Divine Service by Capt. A Green, C.C.S. at 1830 hrs. in the Mess Hall		
			Weather: Showers		
			Lt. Townsley arrived from Bde.	8-0	"A"
			Letter to D.D. re Bread and Baker		
			Capt. St. Louis Staff Signalls arrived from District H.Q.		
			Weather: Cloudy		
			Lt. Ruffell, D.E.O. arrived from District H.Q.		
			Book of silhouettes of Japanese Aircraft received from G.S.O. 3(I) as requested.		
Wire from O.C. 15 Coast Bde requesting volunteers to proceed with 62nd L/A.A. Bty.					
Ref. above names submitted Grs Ramsay, Richmond, Barnett, Palmer.					
Ropes for water scow arrived this date.					
Weather: Fair					
Capt. St. Louis Staff Officer (SIGS) left York Island					
Weather: Bright					
Major Swaan R.C.E. arrived by M.S. Kitchener and left after a hasty tour of the Island accompanied by Major Battern and Major Bell-Irving.					
COL LAWSON DS&TO arrived by Union Vessel and left by C P after a very rough passage on the General Caldwell					
Gns. Barnett, Ramsay, Richmond and Palmer left for Vancouver to go on draft; four very good men and a distinct loss to this Bty.					
Divine Service by Rev. J.D. Addison at 2000 hours					
Weather: Stormy					

Joe

PART I ORDERS

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

by

April 12th 1941

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, Officer Commanding

No. 102

102 DUTIES - Sunday April 13th 1941

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

Orderly Officer - Lt. W.A.S. Clayton R.C.A.
Next for Duty - LT. H.V.N. Banks R.C.A.

Orderly Sgt. - Sgt Ramsden E.
Orderly Bdr. - Bdr. Dashwood-Jones D.

102 -2 FIRE PICQUET - Bdr. Jones, L/Bdr. Rose, Gns. Strain, McCartney,
King K.R., McKay, Benjamin.

102-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 Hrs.

A/Bdr. Thomson, Gns. Allen, Smith B.M., Rorison, Newell,
Durbin, Richmond.

102-4 HOLIDAY - Monday April 14th

April 14th being Easter Monday, will be
observed as a Holiday. Reveille and meal hours as for
Sundays.

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

Major J.E. Piercy, Officer Commanding York Island,
takes this opportunity in wishing All Ranks of the
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A., A.F., and attached Personnel,
The Seasons Best Wishes.

Pay Parade for the 85th Hvy Bty RCA AF at 0830 Hrs.
Monday April 14th 1941

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

April 12th 1941

Headquarters,
MD XI, VICTORIA, B.C.

BRING TO ROUNDS

1. At 0012 Hrs. 8-4-41, X.V. called for a Bring to Round on a vessel proceeding south on Johnstone Straits. Two rounds were fired, the vessel stopped and was cleared by X.O. I am informed the vessel was the M.V. "DAWN" of Seat_tle.
2. At 0631 Hrs. X.V. called for a stopping round to be fired at a vessel proceeding south on Johnstone Straits. Two rounds were fired, the vessel stopped and was dealt with by the X.O. Name of vessel - M.V. Borgund" of Seattle. This was on the 11-4-41.
3. At 0628 Hrs. 12-4-41, X.V. signalled the Fort for a Bring to Round to be fired on a vessel proceeding south on Sunderland Channel. Four rounds were fired, the vessel stopped and was dealt with by the X.O. of the Examination Vessel. Name of vessel, M.V. "EUTLELEN" #V003V of Vancouver.

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

C.C. to Bde. H.Q.

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

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April 12th 1941

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing Rations from the 85th Bty.
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	58	60	
	Employed		17	17	77
	Stn. Hosp.		-	-	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		5	5	
	Bde. H.Q.		9	9	
	58th Bty.	1	-	1	
	Leave	1	13	14	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	-	2	2
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	34	36	
	Employed		4	4	40
	Station Hosp.		2	2	
10th Fort Sig Coy RCOS	Employed		3	3	3
4th Fort EEM Coy RCE AF	Employed		5	5	5
	Station Hosp		1	1	
HQ MDXI RCAMC	Employed	1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot	Employed		1	1	1
2nd Fort RCASC	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
C1 Employees of the DEO			8	8	8
Y M C A (Civilian)			1	1	1

Totals 10 172 182 150

Ration Strength 150

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

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

April 13th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing Rations at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy Bty R.C.A., AF	On Parade	2	58	60	77
	Employed		17	17	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		5	5	
	Bde H.Q.		9	9	
	58th Hvy Bty	1	-	1	
	Leave	1	15	14	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	-	2	2
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	33	35	39
	Employed		4	4	
	Stn Hosp		3	3	
10th Fort Sig Coy RCCS	Employed		3	3	3
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		5	5	5
	Stn Hosp		1	1	
HQ MDXI RCAMC	Employed	1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot	Employed		1	1	1
2nd Fort RCASC	Employed		3	3	3
R. N.		1	8	9	9
Civ Emp of the DEO			8	8	8
Totals		10	171	181	148

Ration Strength 148

(J.E. Pieroy)

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

PART I ORDERS

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

April 14th 1941

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 104

104-1 DUTIES April 15th 1941

Officer fo the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- LT. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- LT. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	-- Sgt. Ramsden E.	
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Dashwood-Jones D.	

104-2 FIRE PICQUET - Bdr. Dashwood-Jones D, L/Bdr. Rose, Gnrs.
Strain, McCartney, King K R., McKay, Benjamin.

104-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 Hrs.

Bdr. Hammel, Gnrs. Young, Groome, Sydney, Ramsay,
Alford, Flewin.

104-4 MAIL

Effective April 15th 1941, the following Mail
Schedule is in effect:

Incoming from Vancouver

Outgoing to Vancouver

Tuesday approx. 2200 to 2359 Hrs.

Tuesday night

Thursday approx. 0800 Hrs.

Thursday or Friday via Border

Saturday approx. 1030 to 1330 hrs.

Sunday

Attention is drawn to the fact that Orderly Room
Clerks are responsible for all incoming Mail, and due to the
number of O.R.s present in the Post Office during the sorting
of mail, and N.C.O.s obtaining theirs & others mail before
said sorting is finished, it is requested that all ranks
co-operate and apply at the wicket for their own mail only.

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

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

April 14th 1941

D.D.S. & TQO.
Vancouver Barracks,
Rancouver, B.C.

DELIVERY OF COAL

Ref. your letter of the 7-4-41. file ST/VAN 8-3.

1. There is no necessity for the Dept. to ship coal to York Island in sacks in view of the fact there is a saving \$2.00 per ton on coal shipped in bulk.
2. Shipping in sacks is easier to handle and to alot for us to the different quarters, but this does not warrant the Dept. to ship it in sacks in view of the saving on coal shipped in bulk.
3. In future, will you please ship the coal to York Island in bulk.

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

JEP/PBW

7-2-2

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

April 14th 1941


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

M.V. "GENERAL CALDWELL"

Attention Major A.E. Pearson

Ref your letter of the 7-4-41, file 34F-5-1.

1. No trips were made by the m/n vessel to Alert Bay under my command, but this vessel called into that port for oil on the way down to York Island from Prince Rupert.
2. The other trips mentioned were taken on my orders, and I assure you they were made in the interest of the Dept.


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

JEP/PBW

Diary

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

April 14th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	C.R.S	Total	Total drawing Rations at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy Bty R.C.A., AF	On Parade	2	58	60	
	Employed		17	17	77
	Shaughnessy Hosp		5	5	
	Bde H.Q.		9	9	
	58th Hvy Bty	1	-	1	
	Leave	1	13	14	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	-	2	2
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	33	35	
	Employed		4	4	39
	Stn Hosp		3	3	
10th Fort Sig Coy RCSC	Employed		3	3	3
4th EAM Coy RCA AF	Employed		5	5	5
	Stn Hosp		1	1	
HQ MDXI RCAMC	Employed	1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot	Employed		1	1	1
2nd Fort RCASC	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ Emp of the DEO			8	8	8
Totals		10	171	181	148

Ration Strength 148

J.E. Piercy
Sgt. Major

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

PART I ORDERS

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

April 15th 1941

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 105

105-1 DUTIES - April 16th 1941

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

Orderly Officer - Lt. H.V.N. Banks, R.C.A.,
Next for duty - Lt. W.A.S. Clayto R.C.A.

Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Ramsden E.

Orderly Bdr. - Bdr. Dashwood-Jones D.

105-2 FIRE PICQUET - Bdr. Dashwood-Jones, L/Bdr. Caldwell,
L/Bdr. Wright, Gnrs. Strain, McCartney,
Parady, and Pte. Martin.

105-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 Hrs.

A/Bdr. Thomson, Gnrs. Curry, Scott, Godwin,
Maydole, King, ~~KCE~~, Appleton.

105-4 DIVINE SERVICE

Divine Service will be held at 1830 Hrs.
by Capt. A. Greene, C.C.S., followed by Holy Communion.

Service will be held in the Recreation Room.

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

SECRET

5-1

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

April 15th 1941

Headquarters,
Mil. Dist. No. 11,
Victoria, B.C.

ESTABLISHMENT

85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A., A.F.

1. Enclosed is a list of men who are not available for duty at York Island. This will show that the Bty. is short 25 O.R.s and 2 to complete the Establishment, making a total of 26 O.R.s not available for duty at York Island.
2. Referring to your letter in which you suggested that the 15th (VAN) Coast Bde RCA AF should take men from other Batteries and send them up to York Island to keep the 85th Bty up to strength, the C.O. Bde informs me that this is impossible as they are short handed themselves. From my experience at Point Grey Fort, I quite understand that this is correct as the withdrawal of the Infantry Guard Duties and other causes makes the Official Manning Table insufficient.
3. In addition to the men now on the list, the M.O. York Island informs me that three more men must go down to Vancouver tonight for Medical and Dental Treatment, which will make us short 30 out of 104 O.R.s
4. With the war in its present serious condition, I respectfully suggest that isolated Garrisons like York Island should be maintained as near full strength as possible.

J.E. Piercy

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

Enc
JEP/PBW

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

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

April 15th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing Rations at at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	60	62	
	Employed		17	17	79
	Shaughnessy Hosp		5	5	
	58th Bty	1	-	1	
	Leave	1	9	10	
	Bde H Q		11	11	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	-	2	2
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	35	37	
	Employed		4	4	41
	Stn. Hospital		1	1	
10th Fort Sig Coy RCCS	Employed		3	3	3
4th Fort E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		5	5	5
	Stn. Hospital		1	1	
HQ MD XI RCAMC	Employed	1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot	Employed		2	2	2
2nd Fort RCA SE	Employed		3	3	3
P.O.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Employees of the DBO			9	9	9
Totals		10	173	183	154

Rations Strength 154

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

PART I ORDERS

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

April 16th 1941

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 106

106 DUTIES- April 17th 1941

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Banks	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Banks	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Ramsden E.	
Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Dashwood-Jones D.	

106-2 FIRE PICKET - Bdr. Dashwood-Jones, ~~Steele~~ A/L/Bdr Caldwell,
- ~~GAPPO~~ ~~Whealy~~, Cox A., Barson, Strain.

106-3 GUARD MOUNTING L/Bdr. Mackie D.A., Cnrs. Upson, Knight, Blackburn,
Smith B M, Newell, Rudrum.

106-4 OUT OF BOUNDS

The following establishment is placed
"Out of Bounds" to troops in Military District No. 11 :

"303 UNION STREET, VANCOUVER, B.C."

(V.26-1-17)

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

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

April 16th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	57	59	
	Employed		16	16	75
	Shaughnessy Hosp		2	2	
	58th Bty	1	-	1	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	Bde H.Q.		15	15	
	Leave	1	12	13	
	On Parade	2	-	2	2
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	35	37	
	Employed		4	4	41
	Stn. Hosp..		1	1	
10th Fort Sig Coy RCCS	Employed		3	3	3
4th Fort E&M Coy RCE	Employed		5	5	5
	Stn Hosp		1	1	
HQ MD XI RCAMC	Employed	1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot	Employed		2	2	2
2nd Fort RCASC	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Empl of the DEO			9	9	9
Totals		10	173	183	150

~~ix~~ Ration Strength 150

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

PART I ORDERS

83th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., A.F.
York Island, B.C.

by

April 17th 1941

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 107

107-1 DUTIES - Friday April 18th 1941

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

OFFICER

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

Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Ramsden E.

Orderly Bdr. - Bdr. Dashwood-Jones D

107-2 FIRE PICQUET - Bdr Dashwood-Jones D, L/Bdr. Rose,
Gnrs. Strain, McCartney, King K.R., Parady, Ament.

107-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 Hrs.

L/Bdr. Beaulieu, Gnrs. McEwan, Latibeaudiere, Adzich,
Barnett, Fairbairn, Wanner.

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

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

April 17th 1941

Officer Commanding,
No. 11 Dist. Depot,
Bay Streett Armouries,
Victoria, B.C.

BAKER

1. Reference your letter dated 11-4-41, file DD. 51-3. 85H.-4628A.
2. Ref your para. 5, in which you state that we can obtain proper bread baking pans from the local baker who has so generously offered them as a gift, I request that you ask the D.O.O. to ship them up to this Bty. and pay the shipping cost through the Dept., but if that is not possible we will pay the cost.
3. Ref para 3, Dough Mixing Bowls. Will you please take up the matter of proper dough mixing bowls with the D.O.O. and have him supply these to this Bty.
4. Bread-prover. The D.E.O. will be here in a few days and we will take up this matter with him.
5. Yeast. Pte Bradley who is now on York Island instructing Pte Martin in baking, has been experimenting with the dessicated yeast and we find that it cannot be compared with Fleishmans Yeast, and I have arranged with the RCASC to supply us with Fleishmans Yeast for baking.

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

JEP/PBW

C.C. to D.O.O.

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

April 17th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	C.R.s	Total	Total drawing Rations at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	54	56	72
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		2	2	
	58th Bty	1	-	1	
	Ede H.Q.		17	17	
	Leave	1	13	14	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	-	2	2
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
d S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	35	37	41
	Employed		4	4	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	
10th Fort Sig Coy RCOS	Employed		3	3	3
4th Fort E&M Coy RCE	Employed		5	5	5
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	
Hq MD XI RCANC	Employed	1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot	Employed		2	2	2
2nd Fort BCASC	Employed		3	3	3
C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ Emp of the DEO			9	9	9
Staff Pacific Command		1	-	1	1
Totals		12	173	185	149

Ration Strength 149

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

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PART I ORDERS

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

by

April 18th 1941

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 108

108-1 DUTIES - Saturday April 19th 1941

Officer of the Watch - Lt. H.V.N. Banks R.C.A.
Next for duty - 2/Lt. A.R. Townsley R.C.A.
Orderly Officer - Lt. W.A.S. Clayton R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Ramsden E.
Orderly Bdr. - Bdr. Dashwood-Jones D.

108-2 FIRE PICQUET - Bdr. Dashwood-Jones, L/Bdr Wright, Gnrs.
Schofield, Agnew, Cox, Strain.

108-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 Hrs.

A/Bdr Thomson J, Gnrs. Young, Sydney, Rolland,
Durbin Rorison.

108-4 MESSING

Attention of All Ranks is drawn to the matter
of Dress & Cleanliness at meals.

~~Blouses Serge~~ Blouses Serge, or Blouses Denim must
be worn at all meals.

The Orderly Bdr. will ensure that this order is
carried out, and that all men attend in a clean and
respectable manner.

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

SECRET

2-4

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

April 18th 1941

General Staff Officer Three, Intelligence.
Pacific Command,
Victoria, B.C.

SILHOUETTES JAPANESE AIRCRAFT

1. The m/n book referred to in your letter
d/ 10-4-41, file VS38-1-1-12, has been received.
2. For your information, please.

J.F.L.
(A.L. Foreman) Capt., R.C.A.,
85th Hwy Bty RCA AF, York Island, B.C.

ALF/PBW

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

April 18th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs	C.R.s	Total	Total drawing Rations at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	54	56	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		2	2	72
	85th Bty	1	-	1	
	Edie H.Q.		17	17	
	Leave	1	13	14	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	-	2	2
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	35	37	
	Employed		4	4	41
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	
10th Fort Sig Coy RDCS	Employed		3	3	3
4th Fort S&M Coy RCE	Employed		5	5	5
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	
Hq HQ XI RCASC	Employed	1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot	Employed		2	2	2
2nd Fort BCASC	Employed		3	3	3
C.S.M.		1	8	9	9
Civ Emp of the DBO			9	9	9
Staff Pacific Command		1	-	1	1
Totals		12	173	185	149

Nation Strength 149

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

Diary

PART I ORDERS

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

April 19th 1941

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 109

109-1 DUTIES - Sunday April 20th 1941

Officer of the Watch	- 2/Lt. A.R. Townsley	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Bankes	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	-Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt Cuddeford T	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr Beaulieu J L	

109-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Beaulieu J.L,

109-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 Hrs.

Bdr. Hammell, Gnr. Lawrence, Trim, Sollings, Merritt,
Shore, Gourdeau.

109-4 PERMISSION TO MARRY

K22088 E/Bdr. Rose C.M. is granted permission to marry.

J.E. Piercy

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

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

April 19th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	C.R.s	Total	Total drawing Rations from 85th Bty.
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	58	60	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		5	5	76
	58th Bty	1	-	1	
	Bde. R.Q.		11	11	
	Leave	1	13	14	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	-	2	2
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd, S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	40	42	42
10th Fort Sig Coy RCGS	Employed		3	3	3
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		5	5	5
	Stn Hosp		1	1	
Hq MD XI RCGMC		1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot	Employed		2	2	2
2nd Fort R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the DEO			8	8	8
General Staff Pacific Command		3	-	3	3
D.EGO.		1	-	1	1
Totals		15	173	188	156

Ration Strength 156

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

Diary

PART I ORDERS

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

April 20th, 1941

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 110

110-1 DUTIES - ~~Monday~~ ^{Monday} April 21st 1941

- Officer of the Watch - ~~Br.~~ H.V.W. Banks R.C.A.
- Next for duty - 2/Lt. A.R. Townsley R.C.A.
- Orderly Officer - Lt. W.A.S. Clayton R.C.A.
- Orderly Sgt. - ~~EXX~~ Sgt Ramsden E
- Orderly Bdr - / L/Bdr Beaulieu J L

110-2 PIRE PIGUET / L/Bdr Beaulieu J.L., L/Bdr Rose C.M., Onrs Strain, King K.R., Shindler, MG Cartney,

110-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 Hrs.
L/Bdr Dyer A.McD., Harman, Kinkaid, Tully, Alford, Flewin, Newell.

110-4 DIVINE SERVICE

Divine Service will be conducted by Rev. J.D. Adisson at 2000 Hrs in the Mens' Mess.

Orderly Sgt will be responsible for the necessary arrangements.

110-5 PAY OFFICE

All ranks are again reminded of the Hrs. during which the Pay Office will be open. O.R.s on Leave and Purlough will make arrangements to call at the Pay Office during these hrs. only. Pay Office will not be open during any other time.

- Mondays to Fridays - 1100 to 1200 Hrs.
- " " " - 1400 to 1700 Hrs.
- Saturdays - 1000 to 1200 Hrs.

J. Piercy

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

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

2072
April 25th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	C.R.s	Total	Total drawing Rations from 85th Bty.
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	58	60	76
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		5	5	
	58th Bty	1	-	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		11	11	
	Leave	1	13	14	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	-	2	2
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd, S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	40	42	42
10th Fort Sig Coy RCGS	Employed		3	3	3
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		5	5	5
	Stn Hosp		1	1	
Hq MD XI RCANZ		1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot	Employed		2	2	2
2nd Fort R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the DEO			8	8	8
General Staff Pacific Command		3	-	3	3
D.E.O.		1	-	1	1
Totals		15	173	188	156

Ration Strength 156

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

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

Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

ORIGINAL

M.F.M. 11
A.P.C. 2118
1 Ml. - 5-33 (178)
H.Q. 17245-18

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	April 1941		<p>Weather: Cloudy</p> <p>Letter to D.D.S. & T.O. re Water Scow</p> <p>Letter to O.C. 15 Coast Bde re Fatigue Clothing</p> <p>" " " re shortage of Establishment Establishment</p> <p>Wire to D D S & T O re materials required for Water Scow</p> <p>Wire to RCE Works Officer re Filter valve for tractor</p> <p>Weather: Bright</p> <p>Wire from D.D.S. & T.O. re rope required for water Scow</p> <p>Reply to above referring to yesterdays letter.</p> <p>Weather: Bright</p> <p>Lieut. D.G. McGavin returned from Furlough.</p> <p>Weather: Bright</p> <p>Lieut. R.W. Saunders RCA of the V & E Fortress Area arrived today</p> <p>Letter to dist, Ordnance Mech. Engineer re Gardner Diesel Engines.</p> <p>Weather: Bright</p> <p>Weather: Bright</p> <p>Hour of Guard Mounting extended from 1900 to 1930 hrs.</p> <p>Permission for O.R.s to wear summer drill published in Part I Orders</p> <p>Letter to HQ MDXI re handbook on 4.7</p> <p>Weather: Cloudy</p> <p>Lieut. H.V.N. Banks left York Island on 14 days leave</p> <p>Lt. F. Holmes C.X.O. York Island left on being relieved by Lt. F.H. Smyly</p> <p>Weather: Bright.</p> <p>Bring to Round fired at 1206 hours.</p> <p>Weather: Rain</p> <p>Capt. H. Darling, R.C.A., & Capt. J.A. Ganshorn RCAMC, arrived from Bde. H.Q. on a visit.</p> <p>Weather: Cloudy & Showers</p>	<p>7-1 "A"</p> <p>9-5 "A"</p> <p>5-1 "A"</p> <p>"C"</p>



J.P.

Piercy

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

April 21st, 1941.

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 111

111-1 DUTIES- Tuesday, April 22nd, 1941.

Officer of the watch	- 2/Lt. A.R. Townsley	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. H.V.N. Banks	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Ramsden E.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Beaulieu J.L.	

111-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Beaulieu J.L., L/Bdr. Rose C.M., Gns.
Strain, King K.R., Shindler, McCartney.

111-3 GUARD MOUNTING /- 1900 Hours.
Bdr. Jones D., Gns. Curry, Hazard, McKwan, Maydole,
King C., Appleton.

111-4 SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION:

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

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

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

J. E. Piercy

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

EXACTS BUILDING

SECRET

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

April 21st 1941

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

WAR DIARY - MARCH 1941

1. Enclosed please find War Diary for the month of March 1941, made up as follows:

(a) Original Copy plus:

Copies of Correspondence	Appendix	"A"
Copies of Part I Orders	"	"B"
Copies of Part II Orders	"	"C"
Copies of Daily Strength State	"	"D"
Copies of Wares in and out	"	"E"

(b) Duplicate and Triplicate copies of War Diary.

2. Please acknowledge receipt on copy.

Minute 1. Receipt has not been acknowledged to date for War Diary sent you March 15th for month of Feb. 1941. Please reply.

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

Enc.

/PBN

Received _____

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

April 21st 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total Drawn R&Q at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF On Parade	2	55	57	
Employed		16	16	72 73
Shaughnessy Hosp		5	5	
58th Bty	1	-	1	
Bde. H.Q.		15	15	
Leave	1	12	13	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF On Parade	2	-	2	2
31st Hvy Bty RCA AF On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCAAFF On Parade	2	40	42	42
10th Fort ROCS Employed		5	3	3
4th E&M COY RCE AF Employed		5	5	5
HQ MD XI RCAMC	1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot Employed		2	2	2
R.C.A.S.C. Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.	1	8	9	9
Civ Employees of the DEO		8	8	8
Totals	11	173	184	149

RATION STRENGTH

149

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

Diary

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

April 22nd, 1941

By

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 112

112-1 DUTIES - Wednesday, April 23rd, 1941.

Officer of the watch - Lt. H.V.N. Banks R.C.A.
Next for duty - 2/Lt. A.R. Townsley R.C.A.
Orderly Officer - Lt. W.A.S. Clayton RQC.A.
Orderly Sgt. 6 Sgt. Ramsden E.
Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Beaulieu J.L.

112-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Beaulieu J.L., L/Bdr. Rose C.M.,
Gnrs. Strain, King K.R., Shindler, McCartney.

112-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 Hours.
A/Bdr. Thompson J., Gnrs. Upton, Knight, Young,
Rudrum, Rolland, Durbin.

112-4 CAMP GROUNDS - Cleanliness Of

Attention is draw to the fact that there is rubbish being thrown down on the camp ground by men leaving the Canteen, and consequently makes the general appearance of the camp very untidy. O.R.s will ensure that all paper, cigarette boxes, and other rubbish is thrown into receptacles put in different locations of the camp.

J.E. Piercy

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

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

April 22nd 1941

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

WATER SCOW

1. This scow arrived satisfactory on the 18th of April 1941, but there was no rope of any kind on board for mooring or towing. Fortunately the skipper of the tug was kind enough to give us two old mooring ropes which so far have managed to hold the scow. On the nineteenth I telegraphed you for the following:

Best Manila Rope 200 Lin Ft. $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter for mooring lines, 800 lin ft. 3" in diameter for tow lines and anchor rope, 200 lin ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ " in diameter for hoisting on the "General Caldwell", 150 lin ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter for heaving lines on scow, $\frac{3}{8}$ pound spool size 18 copper wire for binding ends of rope, One Navy Type anchor weighing 200 lbs, 40 lin ft. $\frac{3}{8}$ " galvanized iron chain, 4 galvanized screw anchor shackles.

2. Of the above the following were received on the Border Prince today:

300 lin ft. $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter rope, one anchor, 4 black screw anchor shackles, but the balance of the order was not received.

3. I have sent a telegram asking you to ship the balance of that order on the Union S.S. sailing Wednesday afternoon from Vancouver, as the skipper of the General Caldwell advises it is absolutely necessary.

4. There is some doubt in the minds of all of us if the General Caldwell has power enough to tow the scow in the heavy current, so the anchor was ordered to prevent the scow from drifting ashore if the General Caldwell could not hold it.

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

JEP/PBW

C.C. to D.S. & T.C. Victoria.

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

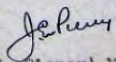
April 22nd 1941.

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

CLOTHING - Fatigue

Attention Lt.-Col. G.Y.L Crossley

1. Will you please get after the R.Q.M.S. and instruct him to send a stock of Shirts Service and Trousers Service or alternatively Denim Clothing which could be used for fatigue purposes. The B.Q.M.S. has written several times on this matter but has not been able to obtain satisfactory results.
2. As you know there is a considerable wear and tear on clothing at York Island and the suits of most of the men are in a deplorable condition as this Bty. has not been able to get any fatigue clothing in some months. Quantity required at present is one hundred suits of each.
3. We are also in need of one hundred pairs of shoes canvass in the worst way.
4. I would appreciate very much if you would take action and instruct the R.Q.M.S. to send these up to York Island at the earliest possible opportunity.
5. Will you please expedite this matter as soon as possible.


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

JEP/PBW

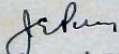
85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.F.)
York Island B.C.

April 22nd 1941

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

ESTABLISHMENT

1. Including the 4 O.R.s sent down on Draft, this Battery is now 6 O.R.s understrength as per our Establishment.
2. Will you please arrange to send up six recruits to fill in the a/m vacancies.


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

JEP/PBW

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

April 22nd, 1941.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total Drawing R&Q at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy. Bty. RCAAf					
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA AF	On Parade	2	55	57	
	Employed		16	16	73
	Shaughnessy Hosp.		5	5	
	Bde. H.Q.		15	15	
	58th Bty.	1		1	
	Leave	1	12	13	
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA AF	On Parade	2		2	2
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA AF	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty. RCA AF	On Parade	2	40	42	42
4th Fort RCCS	Employed		4	4	4
4th E&M Coy. RCE AF	Employed		5	5	5
HQ MD XI RCAMC		1		1	1
#11 Dist. Depot	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Employees of the DEO			9	9	9
Totals		11	175	186	151

WATION STRENGTH

151

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

Dixey

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

April 23rd, 1941.

by

MAJOR J. E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

Nb. 113

113-1 DUTIES - Thursday, April 24th, 1941.

- Officer of the watch - 2/Lt. A.R. Rownsley R.C.A.
- Next for duty - Lt. H.V.N. Banks R.C.A.
- Orderly Officer - Lt. W.A.S. Clayton R.C.A.
- Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Ramsden E.
- Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Beaulieu J.L.

113-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Beaulieu J.L., L/Bdr. Rose C.M.,
Gnrs. Strain, King K.R., Shindler, Burbin.

GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 Hours.
L/Bdr. Dyer, Gnrs. Latibeaudiere, Adjich,
Laurence, Fairbairn, Wammer,
Bevan-Pritchard.

Robinson
Extra strong

for A.L.7 overman Call
(J. E. Piercy) Major, R.C.A.,
Officer Commanding York Island.

SECRET

85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., A.F.
York Island, B.C. April 23rd 1941

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

MILITIA SERVICE CIPHER

1. Receipt of your letter file VS.38-3-6, dated April 18th 1941, and enclosed copy #2 of Key Memorandum # 19, is hereby acknowledged.
2. Instructions contained in para. 2 will be carried out.

J. L. Foreman
(A. L. Foreman) Capt., R.C.A.,
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA AF, York Island, B.C.

ALF/PBW

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

April 23rd 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing Rations at 85 Bty.
85th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	55	57	72
	Employed		15	15	
	Shaughnessy		6	6	
	Bde. H.Q.		14	14	
	att'd 58 Bty	1	-	1	
	Leave	1	12	13	
	Comp Leave		1	1	
58th Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	-	2	2
1st Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	35 6	38	42
	Employed		4	4	
10 Fort Sig RCCS	Employed		4	4	4
4th E&M Coy RCE AF	Employed		5	5	5
HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Emp of the DEO			8	8	8
Totals		<u>11</u>	173	184	149

Ration Strength

149

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

Diary

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

April 24th, 1941.

by
MAJOR J. E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 114

114 - 1 DUTIES- Friday, April 24th, 1941.

Officer of the watch	- Lt. H.V.N. Banks	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. A.R. Townsley	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	- Lt. W.A.S. Clayton	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	- rSgt. Ramsden E.	
Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Beaulieu J.L.	

114 - 2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Beaulieu J.L., L/Bdr. Rose C.M.,
Gnrs. Strain, King K.R., Shindler, Durbin.

114 - 3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 Hours.
A/Bdr. Englen A.L.D. } Gnrs. Groome, Sydney,
Harman, Rorison,
Alford, Flewin.

114 - 4 CIRCULAR LETTER - Trademen's Training
Attention is drawn to the Circulars on Trademen's
Training posted on N. B. and in the Canteen.

J. E. Piercy

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

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

April 24th 1941

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

K74294 Pte BEDFORD J.W.
York Island Military Hospital

1. Will you please delete name of the m/n soldier from your Pt II Order No. 87-2, d/16-4-41.
2. The York Island Military Hospital is now a Unit independent of the 85 Hvy. Bty. and all personnel except Officers are paid by Receiver General Cheque.
3. The York Island Military Hospital ceased to be shown on the 85 Bty Ration Strength w/e 1-4-41.
4. Ref. your Authority for the m/n on your Pt. I⁺ Order # 87-2, the correct reading should be att'd to York Island Military Hospital for all purposes, (Auth Dist Depot Pt. II, #97, d/ 6-4-41.)

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

JEP/PBW

C.C. to DIST DEPOT

Diary

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

April 28th 1941.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total	Total drawing Rations at 85 Bty.
85th Hvy. Bty, RCA AF	On Parade	2	55	57	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		6	6	73
	Bde. H. Q.		14	14	
	Att'd 58th Bty.	1			
	Leave	1	11	12	
	Comp. Leave		1	1	
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA AF.	On Parade	2	-	2	2
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty. RCA AF	On Parade	2	36	38	
	Employed		4	4	42
10th Port Sig. R008	Employed		4	4	4
4th E&M Coy. RCE AF	Employed		5	5	5
HQ MDXI RCAMC		1		1	1
#11 Dist. Depot	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the DEO			7	7	7
Totals		11	172	183	149

Ration Strength

149

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

PART I ORDERS

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

by

April 25th 1941

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 115

115-1 DUTIES - Saturday April 26th

Officer of the Watch - 2/Lt. A.R. Townsley R.C.A.
Next for duty - Lt. D.G. McGavin R.C.A.

Orderly Officer - Lt. W.A.S. Clayton R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Ramsden E.
Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Beaulieu J.L.

115-2 FIRE PICQUET - L/Bdr. Beaulieu, L/Bdr. Rose, Gns. Strain, King K.R.,
Shindler, ~~Marlin~~. Cox A.

115-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1900 Hrs.
Bdr. Dashwood-Jones, Gns. Trim, Colling, McDonald,
Merritt, Shore, Gourdeau.

115-4 CANTEEN
In future the Canteen will close at 1915 Hrs. on Mondays
and Thursdays.

115-5 Q.M. Stores
The following are the Hours at which the Q.M. Stores
will be open for the issue of clothing and equipment.-
Mondays to Fridays - - 0830 to 1200 hrs.
Saturdays & Sundays - 0900 to 1200 hrs.
No Issues will be made outside of the above mentioned hrs. except
in cases of emergency.

115-6 FUEL
All coal oil, gasoline and diesel fuel must be drawn &
not later than 1700 hrs.

115-7 KITS
Personnel leaving York Island for the purposes of
going on Leave, etc. will turn in their kit to the Q.M. Stores.
The kit must be packed complete in the barrack box and kitbag, and
no loose articles are to be left in the huts. Those failing to carry
out this order will be responsible for shortages.

115-8 VENTILATION
During fine weather the windows in huts will be open ~~first~~
first thing in the morning and left open throughout the day. This will
give the huts an opportunity to be thoroughly aired. Blankets are to
be hung up outside at least three times a week, but advantage should
be taken of fine weather to air blankets as often as possible.

115-9 CAMERAS
Effective this date all cameras will ^{be} turned in to the
Q.M. Stores and a receipt obtained for same. On leaving the Island
cameras will be returned to the owners.

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

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

April 25th 1941

District Ordnance Mechanical Engineer,
M.D. NO. 11
VICTORIA, B.C.

GARDNER DIESELS

1. These engines have run the equivalent of 5000 to 8000 miles and the Book of Instructions states that the following parts should be checked over.-

VALVE TAPPET CLEARANCE
MAIN TIMING CHAIN
ADVANCE RETARD FRICTION MECHANISM
UNIONS ON SPRAYERS
ACCELERATOR CONTROL
SPRAYERS ROUTINE CLEANING

2. THE E.L.O. requests that either one of your Artificers be went up to do the work or alternately that the ELO be given authority for men of his own detachment to do so. In the latter event he will require Feeler Guage for Tappet Adjustment to be sent up.

J. E. Piercy

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

C.C. to 3rd S/L Bty

C.C. to Lt. Seldon RCA

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

April, 25th, 1941.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	Offrs.	O.R.s	Totals	Totals Drawing Rations at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy. Bty, RCA AF				
On Parade	3	55	58	
Employed		16	16	
Shaughnessy Hosp		6	6	74
Bde. H.Q.		14	14	
Att'd 58th Bty.	1		1	
Leave		11	11	
Comp. Leave		1	1	
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA AF				
On Parade	2		2	2
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA AF				
On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty. RCA AF				
On Parade	2	36	38	
Employed		4	4	42
10th Port Sig. RCCS				
Employed		4	4	4
4th E&M Coy. RCE AF				
Employed		5	5	5
HQ. MD. No.11 RCAMC				
Employed	1		1	1
#11 Dist. Depot				
Employed		2	2	2
R.C.A.S.C.				
Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.				
Employed	1	8	9	9
Civ. Emp. of the DEO				
Employed		7	7	7
TOTALS	11	172	183	150

RATION STRENGTH 150

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

PART I ORDERS

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

April 26th, 1941.

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 116

116-1- DUTIES - Sunday, April 27th, 1941.

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

FIRE PICTURE - A/Bdr. Engelen A.L.D., L/Bdr. Caldwell E.,
Gnrs. Hough, Godwin, Ptes. Martin, Bradley.

GUARD MOUNTING 1930 Hours.
A/Bdr Thomson J., Gnrs. Tully, Upton, Knight,
Newell, Rudrum, Rolland.

DRESS

Effective this date O.N.s are permitted to wear
Summer Drill.

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

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

April 26 th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

			Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 88 Bty.
88 Hvy. Bty. RCA AF	On Parade	X	3	58	59	
	Employed			16	16	
	Shaughnessy			4	4	75
	Bde. H.Q.			12	12	
	Att'd 88 Bty		1	-	1	
	Leave			9	9	
	Comp. Leave			1	1	
88 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade		2	-	2	2
31 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade		1	-	1	1
3 rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade		2	34	35	40
	Employed			4	4	13
10 Fort Sig RCCS	Employed			4	4	4
4th E & M Coy RCE AF	Employed			6	6	6
Hq MD No. 11 RCAFC			1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot AF	Employed			2	2	2
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed			3	3	3
R.C.N.			1	8	9	9
Ordnance Officer			1	-	1	1
Civ. Emp. of the EBC				8	8	8
Totals			12	167	179	152

Ration Strength 152

J.E. Piercy
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Officer Commanding York Island.

Diary

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

April 27th, 1941.

by
R.C.A.
MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING.

No. 117

117-1 DUTIES - Monday, April 28th, 1941.

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

FIRE PICQUET - A/Bdr Engelen A.L.D., L/Bdr. Caldwell E.,
Gnrs. Hough, Godwin, Ptes. Martin, Bradely.

GUARD MOUNTING - 1930 Hours.
L/Bdr. Dyer, A. McD., Gnrs. Curry, Hazard, McEwan,
King, Appleton, Fairbairn.

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SECRET85 Heavy Battery, R.C.A., (A.F.)
York Island, B.C.

April 27th 1941.

Headquarters,
M.D. No. 11,
Victoria, B.C.4.7 B. Mk. 4 GUN ON CARRIAGE GARRISON Q.F. - C.P. Mk. 3.

1. Will you please obtain for me one or two copies of the Handbook of this gun and Carriage as we have none in our possession, and it is absolutely necessary that we have one.

2. It will be necessary to obtain these from Ottawa as I am informed there is none available at the School of Gunnery at Esquimalt, and it may even be necessary to go as far as Woolich, as I am informed the original handbook is now out of print.

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JEP/PBW

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

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

April 27th 1941

		Offrs.	C.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85 Hvy. Bty. RCA AF	On Parade	5	56	59	
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		4	4	75
	Ede. H.Q.		12	12	
	Att'd 85 Bty	1	-	1	
	Leave		9	9	
	Comp. Leave		1	1	
88 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	-	2	2
31 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3 rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	34	36	40
	Employed		4	4	EE
10 Fort Sig ROCS	Employed		4	4	4
4th E & M Coy RCA AF	Employed		6	6	6
HQ MD No. 11 RCAMC		1	-	1	1
511 Dist Depot AF	Employed		2	2	2
R.C.A.S.C.	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
Ordnance Officer		1	-	1	1
Civ. Emp. of the BEO			8	8	8
Totals		12	167	179	152

Ration Strength 152

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

April 28th, 1941.

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, R.C.A. OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 118-1

118-1 DUTIES - Tuesday, April 29th, 1941.

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

118-2 FIRE PICQUET - A/Bdr. Engelen A.L.D., L/Bdr. Caldwell E.,
Gnrns. Hough, Godwin, Ptes. Martin, Bradley.

118-3- GUARD MOUNTING - 1930 Hours.
L/Bdr. Beaulieu J.L., Gnrns. Young, Groome, Sydney,
Schofield, Durbin, Rorison.

118-4 SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION:

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

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

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

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

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

April 28th, 1941.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	Offrs.	O.R.s	Totals	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85 Hvy. Bty. RCA AF				
On Parade	3	56	59	
Employed		16	16	
Shaughnessy		4	4	75
Bde. HQ.		12	12	
Att'd 58 Bty.	1	-	1	
Leave		9	9	
Comxp. Leave		1	1	
58 Hvy. Bty. RCA AF				
On Parade	2	-	2	2
31 Hvy. Bty. RCA AF				
On parade	1	-	1	1
3rd S/L Bty. RCA AF				
On Parade	2	34	36	
Employed		4	4	40
10 Fort. Sig. RCCS				
Employed		4	4	4
4th E&M Coy. RCE AF				
Employed		6	6	6
HQ. MD NO. 11 RCAMC	1	-	1	1
#11 Dist. Depot AF				
Employed		2	2	2
R.C.A.S.C.				
Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.	1	8	9	9
Ordnance Officer	1	-	1	1
Div. Emp. of the DEO		8	8	8
R.C.O.C.		1	1	1
Totals	12	168	180	153

Ration Strength 153

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

April 29th, 1941.

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 119

119-1 DUTIES - April 30th, 1941.

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

119-2 FIRE PICQUET - A/Bdr. Engelen A.L.D., L/Bdr. Caldwell E.,
Gnrs. Hough, Godwin, Ptes. Martin, Bradley.

119-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1930 Hours.

Bdr. Dashwood-Jones, Gnrs. Latibeaudiere, Lawrence,
Trim, Bevan-Pritchard, Merritt, Gourdeau.

119-4 PERMISSION TO MARRY:

Personnel of the Canadian Army (Active) requesting permission to marry should NOT make any arrangements as to time and date of wedding before approval has been given by the Company Commander and the Chaplain, and permission granted by his Commanding Officer.

2. If the Army Chaplain is desired to read the service of Marriage, arrangements as to time and place must be mutually agreed upon.
3. Failure to observe this procedure has caused considerable inconvenience to all parties concerned.
4. This Order will be republished in Unit Orders.

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

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April 29th 1941

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

BRING TO ROUND

1. At 1206 Hrs. April 29th 1941, the Examination Vessel called to the Fort to bring to a boat proceeding south on Johnstone Straits.
2. After a misfire, one round was fired, the vessel stopped and was dealt with by the X.O.
3. The name of Vessel is M.V. "URANIA" of Seattle.

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JEP/PEN

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

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

APRIL 29th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Ofc's	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	54	56	
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		4	4	72
	Bde H.Q.		12	12	
	Att'd 58th Bty	1	-	1	
	Leave	1	12	13	
	Comp. Leave		1	1	
58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	-	2	2
31 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
3 B/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	34	36	
	Employed		4	4	40
10th Fort Sig ROCS	Employed		6	6	6
4th E & M Coy RCE AF	Employed		6	6	6
HQ MD No. 11 RCAMC		1	-	1	1
#11 Dist Depot AF	Employed		2	2	2
RCASC	Employed		3	3	3
R.C.N.		1	8	9	9
V & E Fortress Area		1	1	2	2
F.O.C. #11 Det.			1	1	1
Civ Emp of the DEO			9	9	9
Totals		12	173	185	154

Ration Strength 154

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

April 30th, 1941.

by

MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 120

- 120-1 DUTIES - May 1st, 1941, Thursday.
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| Officer of the Watch | - Lt. D.G. McGavin | R.C.A. |
| Next for duty | - 2/Lt. A.R. Townsley | R.C.A. |
| Orderly Officer | - Lt. W.A.S. Clayton | R.C.A. |
| Orderly Sgt. | - Sgt. Cartwright W. | |
| Orderly Bdr. | - A/Bdr. Engelen A.L.D. | |
- 120-2 FIRE PICQUET - A/Bdr. Engelen A.L.D., L/Bdr. Caldwell E.,
Gnrs Hough, Godwin, Ptes. Martin, Bradley.
- 120-3 GUARD MOUNTING - 1930 Hours.
L/Bdr. Foote, Gnrs. Harman, Thompson, Flewin,
Schofield, Gatenby, Sydney.

120-4 SUMMER DRESS

The wearing of Summer Dress is authorized for all
Units effective 1st May, 1941.
(V. 52-1-1)

120-5 OUT-OF-BOUNDS

Reference SAANICH map, 5699, Durrance Lake, 5800
Quarry Pond, 5600 and 5700 Tod Inlet are out-of-bounds to
all troops for fishing and bathing. Also, the buildings of the
B.C. Cement Company in 5700 and vicinity are out-of-bounds-
to all troops for all purposes.

(V. 26-1-17)

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

April 30th 1941

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	63	65	81
	Employed		16	16	
	Shaughnessy		3	3	
	Bde H Q		14	14	
	Att'd 58 Bty	1	-	1	
	Leave	1	4	5	
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58 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	-	2	2
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31 Hvy Bty RCA AF	On Parade	1	-	1	1
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3 rd S/L Bty RCA AF	On Parade	2	34	36	39
	Employed		3	3	
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10 Fort Sig Coy NCCS	Employed		3	3	3
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4th E & M Coy RCE AF	Employed		6	6	6
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HQ MDXI RCAMC		1	-	1	1
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#11 Dist Depot	Employed		2	2	2
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RCASC	Employed		3	3	3
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R.C.N.		1	9	10	10
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V & E Fortress Area		1	1	2	2
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RCOC			1	1	1
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Bde H.Q.		2	-	2	2
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Civ Emp of the DEO			9	9	9
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Totals		14	171	185	182

Ration Strength 182

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