



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

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

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15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA in Vancouver, B.C.*

**February 1942**

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# WAR DIARY

OF

*85<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Rca (ca) In To 391*

FROM February 1st, 1942 TO February 28th, 1942

VOLUME XXI.

Title pages will be prepared.

# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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1. M.O. - 4. 8. 17. 1942  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendixes and (1918)
York Island	1	Feb.	1942 Ceiling three thousand broken, visibility 15 miles, no wind sea calm. 34 O.R.'s arrived from Vancouver by Union S.S. "Lady Rose" at 0900 hrs. Lieut. Brown and 22 O.R.'s left for Vancouver at 0230 hrs. completing change over.	HUNT
	2		Ceiling one thousand overcast, visibility 12 miles, no wind sea calm.	HUNT
	3		Ceiling two thousand overcast, visibility unlimited, S. 7, sea calm. Capt. Kilpatrick returned to Vancouver by Union S.S. at approximately 2300 hrs.	HUNT
	4		Ceiling three thousand overcast, visibility 15 miles, S.E. 3, sea calm. Capt. Austin, R.C.E. arrived by Union S.S. from Vancouver.	HUNT
	5		Ceiling one thousand five hundred overcast, visibility 7 miles, rain, S. 4, sea calm.	HUNT
	6		Ceiling four thousand overcast, visibility 20 miles, S.E. 5, sea calm. One stopping round fired from No. 2 gun (6 pdr. out of action with broken striker) at 1550 hrs. Range 1200 yds. bearing 190 degs. Small fish boat Bebe II of Vancouver. Boat stopped and came into wharf for examination by C.X.O. and allowed to proceed. One stopping round fired from No. 2 gun at 2050 hrs. Range 2800 yds. bearing 213 degs. on small fish boat Ethel S. of Seattle. Boat stopped and was allowed to proceed after examination by C.X.O. Capt. Rabatich arrived by Union S.S. at 1800 hrs.	HUNT
	7		Wire received at 0200 hrs. from Bde. H.Q. stating information received from U.S. Naval sources indicating Japanese Offensive with possible raids on West Coast within next few days (See Appendix) Ceiling three thousand, overcast, visibility 20 miles, S.E. 2, sea calm. Capt. Austin, R.C.E. and Capt. Rabatich R.C.C.C. left by C.N.R. at 1500 hrs. 250 fuzes T. & P. No. 63 received from H.Q. for shrapnel.	HUNT
	8		Ceiling three thousand overcast, visibility unlimited, no wind, sea calm. 30 rounds shrapnel fuzed. 15 rounds placed in recesses of each gun.	HUNT

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. RIX O.C.

1st February 1942

*Appendix A.*

No. 32

32-1 DUTIES Monday February 2nd 1942

Orderly Officer	Lieut. H.E. Richardson R.C.A.
Officer of the Watch	Lieut. H.L. Worsley R.C.A. Greene
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lieut. D. <del>Worsley</del> R.C.A.
Orderly N.C.O.	Sgt. Thackery

32-2 Fire Picquet:

L/Sdr. Woodbury, Gnr. Fehr, Roulatte, Jones, Kozar, Moore Parady.

32-3 Guards and Patrols:

Guards and patrols as detailed.

32-4 Liquor in Barracks:

In order that there may be no misunderstanding of Garrison Part I Order 18-5 dated 18th January, 1942, it is drawn to the attention of all ranks that alcoholic beverages may be consumed in the following places only: Officers' Mess, Sergeants' Mess, and Wet Canteen. No spirituous or malt liquor will be allowed in mens' huts, or in any other places than those above specified.

32-5 Rifle Shooting .303:

No ammunition will be removed from magazines of Automatic Weapons or from stocks of ammament ammunition kept at out posts, Guard House, or Port.

No firing will be done on the Island without permission of the O.C. or Bty. Capt. Searchlight personnel may obtain permission from the O.C. CASL. All empty cartridge cases must be saved and returned to Q.M. Stores.

*A.G. Rix*

(A.G. Rix) Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

NOTICE

There will be a show tonight in the Mess Hall at 1900 hrs.

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., C.A.York Island, B.C.1st February, 1942*Appendix  
C*DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Ofprs.</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total Drawing Rm at 85th Battery</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	<u>5</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>68</u>	
	Employed		<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	
	3rd S/L Bty att.		<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>89</u>
	Y.I. Hospital		<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade		<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	
	Employed		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>
3rd S/L Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	<u>2</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>40</u>	
	Employed		<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>43</u>
	Y.I. Hospital		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
M.D. No. XI. R.C.A.M.C.		<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Royal Canadian Navy		<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>
4th EBM Coy. RCE. CA.	Employed		<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
	Y.I. Hospital		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
10th Fort. Sigs. RCCS.	Employed		<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Civilian Employees D.E.O.			<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Totals -		<u>10</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>188</u>

Ration Strength - 188

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 Officer Commanding, York Island

PART I ORDERS  
YORK ISLAND GARRISON.

D I A R Y S

by  
Major A.G. Rix, O.C.  
2nd February, 42.

No. 33

33-1 DUTIES: - Tuesday February 3rd, 1942

Orderly Officer ~~Kix~~ - Lieut. D. Greene RCA.  
Officer of the Watch - Lieut. H.E. Richardson RCA.  
Relief and Patrol Officer - Lieut. R.L. Worsley RCA.  
Orderly N.C.O. - Sgt. Thackeray

33-2 FIRE PICQUET:

L/Bdr. Woodbury, Gnr. Fehr, Roulette, Jones, Kozar, Moore  
and Parady.

33-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Guards and Patrols as detailed.

33-4 CANTEN:

The 85th Hvy. Bty. Canteen Committee at present consists of  
Bdr. Griffin, Gnr. Currie and Gnr. Cox. Bdr. Griffin having  
returned to his unit (58th Hvy. Bty.) there is a vacancy  
on the committee for one N.C.O. not above the rank of  
Bombardier. A Battery Meeting is called for 1900 hrs. Tuesday  
February 3rd, 1942 for the purpose of electing the above  
member, and conducting any other business which may come be-  
fore it. Lieut. J. McGillivray has been appointed Canteen  
Officer effective 1st February, 1942.

33-5 SITTING ON TABLES:

The tables in the mens' dining hall have been recovered where  
necessary with fresh oilcloth. The practise of sitting on  
tables and placing benches or barrack forms on tables during  
picture shows, or at other times, will cease immediately.

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NOTICE

There will be a show tonight in the Mess Hall at 1900 hrs.

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

York Island, B.C.

2nd Feb., 1942

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R's	Total	Total Drawing RA at 85th Battery
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	5	63	68	
	Employed		14	14	
	3rd S/L Bty. att.		7	7	89
	Y.I. Hospital		5	5	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	1	11	12	12
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade		7	7	
	Employed		2	2	9
3rd S/L Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	2	38	40	
	Employed		3	3	43
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
M.D. No. XI. R.C.A.M.C.		1		1	1
Royal Canadian Navy		1	10	11	11
4th E&M Coy. RCE, CA.	Employed		10	10	10
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
10th Fort. Sigs. RCCS.	Employed		7	7	7
Civilian Employees D.E.O.			6	6	6
Totals -		10	185	195	188

Ration Strength - 188

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Officer Commanding, York Island

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PART I ORDERS

YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

3rd February, 1942.

No. 34

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34-1 DUTIES:- Wednesday 4th. 1942.

Orderly Officer -----Lieut. D Greene RCA  
Officer of the Watch-----Lieut. R.L. Worsley RCA  
Relief and Patrol Officer-Lieut. H.E. Richardson RCA  
Orderly N.C.O.-----Sgt. Cuddeford T

34-2 FIRE PICQUET:

A/L/Bdr. Cuddeford L, Gnrs. Pehr, Roulette, Jones,  
Kozar, More and Parady.

34-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Guards and Patrols as detailed.

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Officer Commanding, Yorke Island



85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., CA.York Island, B.C.3rd Feb. 42.DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing R&Q at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA. On Parade	5	63	68	
Employed		14	14	
Quarantine		3	3	65
Hospital-York Is.		2	2	
-----				
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA. On Parade	1	11	12	12
-----				
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA. On Parade		7	7	
Employed		2	2	9
-----				
3rd S/L Bty. RCA. attached for duty with 85th Bty.		7	7	7
-----				
3rd S/L Bty. RCA. CA. On Parade	2	38	40	
Employed		3	3	43
Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
-----				
M.D. No. XI, R.C.A.M.C.	1		1	1
-----				
Royal Canadian Navy	1	10	11	11
-----				
4th E&M Coy. RCE. CA. Employed		10	10	10
Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
-----				
10th Fort. Sigs. RCCS Employed		7	7	7
-----				
Civilian Employees D.E.O.		6	6	6
-----				
Totals -	10	185	195	191

Total Nation Strength - 191

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Officer Commanding, York Island



GENERAL

U.A.S.L. Lights employed with quite good effect, gun drill quite fair.

Friday 27th Feb.

2 Series 4.7 Full charge

1st series: Auto sights - 15 rounds

Range

Visibility

2850 - 3125 yards

Poor, raining

B.C. Capt. J.H. Bricker, RCA

Sec. Commander Lt. P. Morgan

E.L.O. Lt. W.S. Jackson

The first round fell out for line and a correction was given. On line being obtained and "add" correction was given. It was discovered that # 1 gun was outshooting #2 considerably and a drop correction to #1 and an "add" correction to #2 was found necessary. This series was characterized by inconsistent laying on the last three rounds by # 1 gun probably due to haze and poor visibility.

2nd Series: Case 2 Normal - 8 rounds

Range

Visibility

4500 - 4325 yards

Poor, raining

B.C. Major A.G. Rix, RCA

Sec Commander Lt. E.V.N. Bankes, RCA

E.L.O. Lt. W.S. Jackson

Series was slow due to only one target being visible. This was due to C.A.S.L. beams being a little high and this was combined with rain. After four rounds had been fired in line the fifth round dropped left so one round Battery fire was given to discover which one it was but before corrections could be applied ammunition was reported expended.

GENERAL

Discussion was held with officers after series and points of drill and procedure were brought to notice in presence of Lt. Col. G.Y.L. Crossley, RCA., Lt. Setterfield A.C., RCA, and Lt. R. Saunders, RCA. Both night shoots were fully recorded. On Saturday 28th Feb. all officers and personnel were present at a lecture given by Lt. A.C. Setterfield, RCA and both night shoots were fully analysed on the blackboard. This procedure was new to most personnel who found it very interesting.

Targets were towed by E.V. Caldwell and Sgt McAllister J.B. gave instruction to several Battery officers on range officer duties. Nights were more satisfactory on 1" A.R. shoot but this was probably due to atmospheric conditions

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PART I ORDERS

YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

No. 35

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35-1 DUTIES:- Thursday 5th, 1942

Orderly Officer	Lieut. H.E. Richardson
Officer of the Watch	Lieut. D. Greene
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lieut. R.L. Worsley
Orderly N.C.O.	A/Sgt. Thackeray P.A.

35-2 FIRE PICQUET:

A/L/Bdr. Mackay I, Gnr. Fehr, Roulette, Jones, Kozar, Moore and Parady.

35-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Left Section

35-4 DISCIPLINE--BEHAVIOUR OF TROOPS WALKING OUT:

District Routine Order No. 800, dated 14th Sept., 1940, is republished hereunder:

"The very unsoldierly practice of Active Force personnel thumbing for rides in civilian vehicles must cease."

"Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders under this Order."

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Officer Commanding,  
Yorke Island.

85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., CA.York Island, B.C.4th Feb. 48.DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	Offrs.	C.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing REQ at 85th Bty
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.				
On Parade	5	63	68	
Employed		14	14	
Quarantine		3	3	86
Y.I. Hospital		2	2	
-----				
31st Heavy Battery, RCA. CA.	1	11	12	12
-----				
85th Heavy Battery, RCA. CA.				
On Parade		7	7	
Employed		2	2	9
-----				
3rd S/L Bty. RCA. attached for duty with 85th Bty.		7	7	7
-----				
3rd S/L Bty. RCA. CA.				
On Parade	2	38	40	
Employed		3	3	43
Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
-----				
M.D. No. XI. R.C.A.M.C.	1		1	1
-----				
Royal Canadian Navy	1	10	11	11
-----				
4th EAM Coy. RCE. CA.				
Employed	1	10	10	
Y.I. Hospital		1	1	11
-----				
10th Fort. Sigs. R.C.C.S.		7	7	7
-----				
Civilian Employees D.E.O.		6	6	6
-----				
Totals	11	185	196	192

Ration Strength - 192*A.G. Rix*  
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Officer Commanding, York Island

PART I ORDERS

YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

No. 36

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36-1 DUTIES:- Friday 6th, 1942

Orderly Officer	Lieut. D. Greene
Officer of the Watch	Lieut. H.E. Richardson
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lieut. R.L. Worsley
Orderly N.C.O.	A/Sgt Cuddeford T

36-2 FIRE PICQUET:

A/L/Bdr MacKay I, Gnrs, Fehr, Roulette, Jones,  
Kozar, Moore, and Parady.

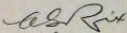
36-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Center Section

36-4 H.D. RECRUITS:

All personell who enlisted for HOME DEFENCE and  
have since joined ACTIVE FORCE turn their names  
into Orderly Room stating date of Attestation in  
Home Defence Force.

To be in Orderly Room not later than noon Feb. 6, 1942



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Officer Commanding,  
Yorke Island.

York Island, B. C.

5th Feb. 42

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total Drawing R&amp;Q at 85th Bty</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	5	57	62	
	Employed		14	14	
	Quarantine		3	3	79
	Y.I. Hospital		2	2	
-----					
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	1	11	12	12
-----					
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade		7	7	
	Employed		2	2	9
-----					
3rd S/L Bty. RCA attached for duty with 85th Bty.			7	7	7
-----					
3rd S/L Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	2	38	40	
	Employed		3	3	43
	Y.I. Hospital				
-----					
M.D. No. XI, R.C.A.M.C.		1		1	1
-----					
Royal Canadian Navy		1	10	11	11
-----					
4th E&M Coy. RCE, CA.		1	10	11	11
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
-----					
10th Fort. Sigs. RCCS.	Employed		7	7	7
-----					
Civilian Employees D.E.O.			6	6	6
-----					
Totals -		11	178	189	186

Ration Strength - 186

*A.G. Rix*  
 (A.G. Rix) Major, RCA.  
 Officer Commanding, York Island

## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

REPORT 3 <sup>12</sup>

Yorke Island, B.C.

FILE 1-3

## REPORT ON FIRING-WO GUNFIRE

DATE February 6, 1942.

OFFICER Lt. Richardson.

SIGNALMAN (Sigman-Lockett

Jenking

	SHOT 1	SHOT 2	SHOT 3	SHOT 4	SHOT 5
START BY	1545hrs.				
ORDER TO FIRE XV CWO	C.X.O.				
SHOT FIRED OC	1550hrs.				
RANGE	1200 <sup>x</sup>				
BEARING	190 degs.				
DIRECTION	L 4.				
OBSERVATION LINE	L 4.				
RANGE	1175				
TYPE OF SHOT	Practice				

CEASE FIRE	1555	NAME OF BOAT	Bebe II V075B Main YB064K
VISIBILITY	Excellent	NAME OF OWNER	John Allen - Bebe II Maude Hepler - Main
PORT OF REGISTRY	Vancouver, B.C.	NAME OF MASTER	-do-
PORT BOUND FOR	Trawling	FROM	Vancouver, B.C.
BOAT CLEARED	1445 hrs.		

## REMARKS

These boats were halted as they entered a restricted area outside the jurisdiction of the XV

*A.B. Bix*  
.....(A:G: NIX) Major, R.C.A:.....  
Officer Commanding Yorke Island, B.C.



PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON.

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

No. 37

37-1 DUTIES: Saturday 6th Feb. 42.

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. D. Greene,	RCA.
Officer of the Watch	-	Lieut. H.E. Richardson	RCA.
Relief and Patrol Officer-		Lieut. R.L. Worsley	RCA.
Orderly N.C.O.	-	Sgt. Hammell	RCA.

37-2 FIRE PICQUET:

A/L/Bdr. MacKay, I. Gnr. Fehr, Roulette, Jones, Kozar, Moore, and Parady.

37-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Right Section

37-4 HAIR CUTS:

The practise of wearing hair long will cease immediately. Hair will be clipped short half way up the head and cut short on top.

37-5 WEB EQUIPMENT:

When Web Equipment is worn by other ranks, unless otherwise specified, it will be skeleton web complete.

37-6 SECURITY:

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

37-7 D.R.F. LOG:

No. 1 of each D.R.F. detachment will keep required records and enter up D.R.F. station log each morning in Orderly Room when coming off watch.

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Officer Commanding, York Island

85th Heavy Battery, RCA, CA.York Island, B.C.6th Feb. 42DAILY STRENGTH

		Ofprs.	O.R's	Total	Total Drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	5	57	62	
	Employed		14	14	
	Quarantine		3	3	79
	Y.I. Hospital		2	2	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	1	11	12	12
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade		7	7	
	Employed		2	2	9
3rd S/L Bty. RCA attached for duty with 85th Bty			7	7	7
3rd S/L Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	2	38	40	
	Employed		3	3	43
	Y.I. Hospital				
M.B. No. XI, R.C.A.M.C.		1		1	1
Royal Canadian Navy		1	10	11	11
1st MM Coy. RCM, CA.		1	10	11	11
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
10th Fort. Sigs. RCMC.	Employed		7	7	7
Civilian Employees D.S.O.			6	6	6
Totals		11	178	189	186

Ration Strength - 186

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Officer Commanding, York Island

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

Yorke Island, S.C.

REPORT # 8

FILL 1-3

REPORT ON FIRING-TO-GUNFIRE

DATE 6-2-42

OFFICER Lt. Richardson  
SIGNALLER

William Johnson

Blackburn

	SHOT 1	SHOT 2	SHOT 3	SHOT 4	SHOT 5
START BY	2048 hrs				
ORDER TO FIRE XV	XV				
SHOT FIRED	2050hrs				
RANGE	2800				
BEARING	213 degs.				
D FLECTICE	L 4.				
OBSERVATION LINE	L 4.				
RANGE	2800				
TYPE OF SHOT	Practice				
CEASE FIRE	2055	NAME OF BOAT Ethel S			
VISIBILITY	Good	NAME OF OWNER Ragnvald Selsaet			
PORT OF REGISTRY	Seattle	NAME OF MASTER Ragnvald Selsaet			
PORT BOUND FOR	Seattle	FROM Fishing grounds			
BOAT CLEARED	2120hrs.				

REMARKS

The man at the wheel saw XV signal and didn't know it's meaning. He failed to notify the master.

*W.S. Rice*

... (S.C. RIF) Major, RCA. ....

Officer Commanding Yorke Island, S.C.

PART I. ORDERS  
YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

No. 38

38-1 DUTIES: SUNDAY 19th Feb. 42

Orderly Officer	Lieut. H.E. Richardson
Officer of the Watch	Lieut. R.L. Worsley
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lieut. D. Greene
Orderly H.C.O.	A/Sgt Thackeray P.A.

38-2 FIRE PICQUET:

A/L/Bdr Mumford H., Gnr. Peir, Boulette, Jones, Kozar,  
Moore, and Parady.

38-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Left Section

38-4 CIVILIAN SHOES:

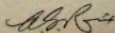
All civilian shoes will not be shown for inspection but  
will be kept in Barrack Boxes or Kit Bags

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Officer Commanding, Yorke Island

85th Heavy Battery, RCA, CA.York Island, B.C.7th Feb. 42DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R's	Total	Total Drawing RAQ at 85th Battery
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	5	63	68	
	Employed		14	14	
	Quarantine		3	3	23
	Y.I. Hospital		2	2	83
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	1	11	12	12
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade		7	7	
	Employed		2	2	9
3rd S/L Bty. RCA attached for duty with 85th Btu.			7	7	7
3rd S/L Bty. RCA <del>81st</del>	On Parade	2	40	42	
	Employed		3	3	45
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
15th(Van.) Coast Bde. RCA			1	1	1
Dist. Depot att. 85th	Employed		1	1	1
M.D. No. XI. R.C.A.M.C.		1		1	1
Royal Canadian Navy		1	10	11	11
4th E&M Coy. RCE, CA.		1	10	11	11
	Y.I. Hospital		11	1	
10th Fort. Sigs. RCCS.	Employed		8	8	8
Civilian Employees D.E.O.			11	11	11
	Totals	11	193	204	200

Ration Strength - 200



(A.G. Rix) Major, RCA.

Officer Commanding York Island

# GOVERNMENT OF CANADA



CANADA

APPENDIX "H"

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VANCOUVER B.C.  
FEB. 7, 1942

OFFICER COMMANDING  
YORK ISLAND

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM U.S. NAVAL SOURCES INDICATES DEFINITE SIGNS  
OF A WIDE SPREAD AND COORDINATED JAPANESE OFFENSIVE WITHIN NEXT FEW  
DAYS WITH POSSIBLE RAIDS ON WEST COAST

O.C.  
15TH(VAN.) COAST BDE.

PART I ORDERS

YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

No. 39

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39-1 DUTIES: Monday 9th Feb. 42

Orderly Officer	Lieut D. Greene
Officer of the Watch	Lieut. H.E. Richardson
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lieut. R.L. Worsley
Orderly N.C.O.	Sgt Byer A. McD.

39-2 FIRE PICQUET:

A/L/Bdr Mumford H., Gnr. Kozar, Bradley P., Durbin,  
Swanson, Stumph

39-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Center Section

*A.G. Rix*

(A.G. Rix) Major RCA  
Officer Commanding Yorke Island

/LC

85th Heavy Battery, RCA, CA.

York Island, B.C.

8th Feb. 42

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R's	Total	Total Drawing HQ at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	5	60	65	
	Employed		14	14	
	Quarantine		3	3	88
	Y.I. Hospital		2	2	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	1	11	12	12
88th Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade		7	7	
	Employed		2	2	9
3rd S/L Bty. RCA attached for duty with 85th Bty.			7	7	7
3rd S/L Bty. RCA.	On Parade	2	40	42	
	Employed		3	3	45
Dist. Depot att. 85th	Employed		1	1	1
R.D. No. XI, R.C.A.M.C.		1		1	1
Royal Canadian Navy		1	9	10	10
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
4th BSM Coy. RCA, CA.	Employed		11	11	11
10th Fort. Sigs. RCMB.	Employed		6	6	6
Civilian Employees D.M.O.			11	11	11
Totals -		10	190	200	197

Ration Strength - 197

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(A.C. Rix) Major, RCA.  
Officer Commanding, York Island



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# WAR DIARY

OR

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendixes and initials
York Island	9 Feb. 1942		<p>Ceiling one to two thousand feet overcast, visibility 5 miles rain, S.E. 4, sea slightly choppy.</p> <p>10 Ceiling three thousand overcast, visibility 9 miles, no wind, sea calm. Lieut. G. Fanning 3rd S/L Battery left for Vancouver at 1800 hrs. to attend "C" Wind course at Nanaimo.</p> <p>11 Ceiling three thousand scattered, visibility 15 miles, W. 25, sea choppy. Lieut. P. Morgan arrived from Vancouver by Union S.S. at 1800 hrs. reporting for duty. Electric Light plant closed down for overhaul. Permission granted to use spare Searchlight engine.</p> <p>12 Ceiling four thousand overcast, visibility unlimited, no wind, sea calm. B.C.'s parade at 1400 hrs. Picture show at 1900 hrs. Leave for 25 O.R.'s to go to dance at Kelsey Bay on Saturday night cancelled owing to chicken pox at Kelsey Bay.</p> <p>13 Ceiling three thousand, overcast, visibility 20 miles, N.W. 10, sea slightly choppy. Mr. Bullock and L/Cpl. Goodall, R.C.E., camouflage experts, arrived by Union S.S. Lieut. W. Jackson and 14 O.R.'s arrived from Vancouver by Union S.S. to relieve detachment going down.</p> <p>14 Ceiling two thousand five hundred overcast, visibility unlimited, N.W. 17 sea choppy. Strong wind and very rough at night. 19 O.R.'s of 3rd Searchlight Battery left Island for Vancouver by Union S.S. Great difficulty was experienced in getting these men over to Kelsey Bay owing to very rough weather. The "General Caldwell" took some freight and ten men over at about 1900 hrs. but was unable to return. The remaining men were taken to Kelsey Bay by the H.M.C.S. "West Coast" by permission of the C.M.O. at about midnight. Mr. Bullock and L/Cpl. Goodall R.C.E. left at the same time.</p> <p>15 At 1120 hrs. the fire alarm sounded and the "Power House" was reported on fire. All personnel turned out very promptly, and the fire was brought under control very quickly, but the "Power House" was totally destroyed. (See Appendix No. 2)</p>	<p>DNMS</p> <p>DNMS</p> <p>DNMS</p> <p>DNMS</p> <p>DNMS</p> <p>DNMS</p>

PART I ORDERS

YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

No. 40

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40-1 DUTIES: Tuesday 10th Feb. 42.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. R.E. Richardson
Officer of the Watch	Lieut. R.L. Worsley
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lieut. D. Greene
Orderly H.C.O.	Sgt Dyer A.NoD.

40-2 FIRE PICQUET:

A/L/SDR Mumford H., Gnr. Kozar, Bradley P., Durbin Swanson, Stumph

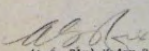
40-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Right Section

~~40-4 PARADES:~~

~~Starting 0730 hours Tuesday 10th Feb 42 all parades, including meals, will be one hour in total, unless further instructed.~~

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(A.G. Rix) Major RCA  
Officer Commanding Yorke Island

85th Heavy Battery, RGA, CA.

York Island, R.C.

9th Feb. 42

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total Drawing RAG at 85th Bty.</u>
85th Wvy. Bty. RGA, CA.	On Parade	5	60	65	
	Employed		14	14	
	Quarantine		3	3	68
	Y.I. Hospital		2	2	
31st Wvy. Bty. RGA, CA.	On Parade	1	11	12	12
50th Wvy. Bty. RGA, CA.	On Parade		7	7	
	Employed		2	2	9
3rd S/L Bty. RGA attached for duty with 85th Bty.			7	7	7
3rd S/L Bty. RGA.	On Parade	2	40	42	
	Employed		3	3	45
Dist. Depot att. 85th	Employed		1	1	1
R.S. No. XI, R.C.A.M.C.		1		1	1
Royal Canadian Navy		1	9	10	10
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
4th TAM Coy. RGA, CA.	Employed		11	11	11
10th Fort. Sigs. RGS.	Employed		8	8	8
Civilian Employees D.S.O.			11	11	11
<b>Totals -</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>197</b>

Ration Strength - 197

*A.O. Rix*  
 (A.O. Rix) Major, RGA.  
 Officer Commanding, York Island

PART I ORDERS  
YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

No. 41

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41-1 DUTIES: Wednesday 11th Feb 1942


Orderly Officer	Lieut. R.L. Worsley
Officer of the Watch	Lieut. H.E. Richardson
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lieut. D. Greene
Orderly N.C.O.	Sgt Dyer A.McD.

41-2 FIRE PICQUET:

A/L/Bdr Mumford H., Gnr. Kogar, Bradley P., Durbin  
Swanson, Stumph

41-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Left Section

  
(A.G. Rix) Major RCA  
Officer Commanding Yorke Island

/LC

85th Heavy Battery, RCA, CA.York Island, B.C.10th Feb. 48DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>C.R.'s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total Drawing R&amp;Q at 85th Bty</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	5	60	65	
	Employed		14	14	
	Quarantine		3	3	62
	Y.I. Hospital		2	2	
1st Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	1	10	12	12
88th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade		6	6	
	Employed		2	2	8
3rd S/L Bty. RCA. attached for duty with 85th			7	7	7
3rd S/L Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	2	40	42	
	Employed		1	1	43
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
Dist. Depot att. 85th	Employed		1	1	1
C.D. No. XI. RCANZ		1		1	1
Royal Canadian Navy		1	9	10	10
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
8th EAM Coy. RCE. CA.	Employed		9	9	9
10th Fort. Sigs. RCCS.	Employed		8	8	8
Civilian Employees D.E.O.			11	11	11
Totals -		10	185	195	191

Total Ration Strength - 191

*A.G. Rix*  
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Officer Commanding, York Island

PART I ORDERS  
YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

No. 42

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42-1 DUTIES: Thursday 12th Feb 1942

Orderly Officer	Lieut. H.E. Richardson
Officer of the Watch	Lieut. R.L. Worsley
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lieut. D. Greene
Orderly N.C.O.	Sgt Dyer A.McD.

42-2 FIRE PICQUET:

A/L/Bdr Mumford H., Gnr. Kozar, Bradley P., Durbin Swanson, Stumph

42-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Right Section

42-4 REINFORCEMENTS:--18th Man. Recce. Bn.

Upon the marginally-named Unit being reformed as an Armoured Unit, reinforcements will be required to increase strength.

It is desired to give all H.D. Personnel who originated in Manitoba and now serving in this Military District, an opportunity of becoming Active to serve with the new Armoured Unit.

All H.D. personnel desiring to take this opportunity will turn their names in to Lieut. Bankes, before Friday 13th Feb. 42 at 1800 hours.

42-5 Comforts:

Several instances have arisen lately of personnel writing direct to various organizations, asking that woolens and other comforts be sent to them. This is to point out, that this procedure is irregular, and must stop immediately.

42-6 FIRING OF RIFLES:

No firing of .303 Rifles will be done at any of the out posts, or anywhere else on Yorke Island without permission of an officer and unless in case of necessity. Stores of ammunition at various points on the Island will not be tampered with and all men issued with ammunition may be called on to produce it, and account for it at anytime.

42-7 GARRISON PARADE:

PART I ORDERS

YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, G.C.

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42-7 GARRISON PARADE: 1400 hours 12th February 1942

Dress: Battle ~~Order~~ Order

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(A.G. Rix) Major RCA  
Officer Commanding Yorke Island

85th Heavy Battery RCA CAYorke Island B.C.10th Feb 42DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing R&Q at 85th Bty
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	5	60	65	
	Employed		14	14	
	Quarantine		3	3	82
	Y.I. Hospital		2	2	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	1	10	12	12
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade		6	6	
	Employed		2	2	8
3rd S/L Bty. RCA. att'd for duty with 85th			7	7	7
3 S/L Bty. RCA. CA	On Parade	2	40	42	
	Employed		1	1	43
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
Dist. Depot att. 85th	Employed		1	1	1
M.D. No. XI RCAMC		1		1	1
Royal Canadian Navy		1	9	10	10
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
4th E&M Coy. RCE CA	Employed		9	9	9
10th Fort. Sigs. RCCS	Employed		8	8	8
Civilian Employees D.E.O.			11	11	11
Totals		10	185	195	191
Total Ration Strength					<u>191</u>

*Lasby*(A.G. Rix) Major RCA  
Officer Commanding Yorke Island

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PART I ORDERS

YORKE ISLAND GARRISON  
by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

12th February 1942

No. 43

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43-1 DUTIES: Friday 13th Feb 1942

Orderly Officer

Lieut. R.L. Worsley

Officer of the watch

Lieut. H.E. Richardson

Relief and Patrol Officer

Lieut. D. Greene

Orderly N.C.O.

Sgt Dyer A.McD.

43-2 FIRE PICQUET:

A/L/Bdr Mumford H., Gnrs. Kozar, Bradley P., Durbin  
Swanson, Stumph

43-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Left section

*A.G. Rix*

(A.G. Rix) Major RCA  
Officer Commanding Yorke Island

/RJ

NOTICE

There will be a show tonight in the mess hall at 1900 hrs.

85th Heavy Battery, RCA, CA.York Island, B.C.12 Feb. 42DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	5	63	68	
	Employed		12	12	
	Quarantine		3	3	83
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
Members H.D. of C.A.	On Parade		6	6	
	Employed		2	2	8
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	1	4	5	5
Members H.D. of C.A.	On Parade		7	7	7
30th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade		8	8	8
	Leave		1	1	
3rd S/L Bty. RCA. CA. att. for duty with 85(H.D.) of C.A.			6	6	6
	Leave		1	1	
3rd S/L Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	1	40	41	
	Employed		2	2	43
Dist. Depot att. 85th	Employed		1	1	1
M.D. No. XI. RCAMC		1		1	1
Royal Canadian Navy		1	9	10	10
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
4th EAM Coy. RCE. CA.	Employed		8	8	8
	Leave		3	3	
10th Fort. Sigs. RCCS.	Employed		4	4	4
Civilian Employees D.E.O.			11	11	11
15th(Van.)Coast Bde. RCA	<del>Takata</del>	1		1	1
Totals -		10	193	203	196

Ration Strength - 196

*[Signature]*  
(A.G. Rix) Major, RCA.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

PART I ORDERS

YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

13th February 1942

No. 44

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44-1 DUTIES: SATURDAY 13th Feb 1942

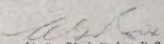
Orderly Officer	Lieut. H.E. Richardson
Officer of the Watch	Lieut. R.L. Worsley
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lieut. D. Greene
Orderly N.C.O.	Sgt Dyer A. McD.

44-2 FIRE PICQUET

A/L/MSR. MUMFORD H., Gnr. Kozar, Bradley P., Durbin Swenson, Stumph

44-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Right Section

  
(A.G. Rix) Major R.C.A.

Officer Commanding Yorke Island

/RJ

85th Heavy Battery, RCA, CA.York Island, B.C.13 Feb. 42DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R's	Total	Total Drawing R&Q at 85th
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	5	63	68	
	Employed		12	12	
	Quarantine		3	3	82
	Y.I. Hospital		2	2	
Members H.D. of C.A.	On Parade		6	6	
	Employed		2	2	8
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31st Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	1	4	5	5
Members H.D. of C.A.	On Parade		7	7	7
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(AF) 50th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade		8	8	8
	Leave		1	1	
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3rd S/L Bty. RCA. CA. att. for duty with 85th H.D.	On Parade		6	6	6
	Leave		1	1	
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Dist. Depot att. 85th	Employed		1	1	1
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M.D. No. XI. RCAMC		1		1	1
-----					
3rd S/L Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	1	40	41	
	Employed		2	2	43
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Royal Canadian Navy		1	10	11	11
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4th E&M Coy. RCE. CA.	Employed		8	8	8
	Leave		3	3	
-----					
10th Fort. Sigs. RCCS	Employed		4	4	4
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Civilian Employees D.E.O.			11	11	11
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15th(Van.) Coast Bde. RCA		1		1	1
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Totals -		10	193	203	196

Ration Strength - 196

*A.G. Rix*  
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Officer Commanding, York Island

PART I ORDERS

YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

14th February 1942

No. 45

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45-1 DUTIES: Sunday 15th Feb 1942

Orderly Officer	Lieut. W.S. Jackson
Officer of the watch	Lieut. H.E. Richards
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lieut. D. Greene
Orderly N.C.O.	Sgt Dyer A.McB.

45-2 FIRE PICQUET:

A/L/Bdr Mumford H., Gnr. Kozar, Bradley P., Durbin Swanson, Stumph

45-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Left Section

45-4 SICK PARADE:

Sick parade will be held in the future at the following hours, 0930 hrs in the morning and 1430 hrs in the afternoon.

45-5 VICTORY LOAN PARADE:

The following detachment will proceed to Alert Bay on H.M.C.S. WEST COAST Tuesday Feb. 17th 1942 to take part in the Victory Loan demonstration and ceremonies in connection therewith.

Dress- Drill order, No. I Battle Dress will be worn, rifles and bayonets will be carried.

Lt. McGillvary	
Sgt Hammell	Gnr Alford
Sgt Dyer	Gnr Wammer
L/Bdr Scott	
Bdr Foote	L/Bdr Holman
Gnr Schofield	Gnr Anderson
Gnr Flewin	Gnr Eisler
Gnr Kelch	Gnr Chucoski
Gnr Rudrum	Gnr Johnston
Gnr Appleton	Gnr Cluff
Gnr Bechtold	
Gnr Carlson	

Practice parade will be held on the dock at Yorke Island on Sunday Feb. 15th at 1400hrs.

45-6 FLAGS:

The custom of flying flags from masts or flagpoles in forts will cease. If a mast is required for signalling purposes it will be painted in flat raw umber and will be so constructed that it can be lowered to the ground when not in use. All flag poles not required for signalling will be lowered to the ground.

(A.G. Rix) Major R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding Yorke Island

Diary

PART I ORDERS

YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

15th February 1942

No. 46

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46-1 DUTIES: Monday 16th Feb 1942

Orderly Officer	Lieut. Penny W.M.
Officer of the Watch	Lieut. Worsley R.
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lieut. Greene D.
Orderly N.C.O.	Sgt Dyer A. McD.

46-2 FIRE PICQUET:

A/L/Bdr Mumford H., Gnr. Kozar, Bradley P., Durbin,  
Swanson, Stumph

46-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Right Section

(A.G. Rix) Major R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding Yorke Island

85th Heavy Battery, RCA. CA.York Island, B.C.14 Feb. 42DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R's	Total	Total Drawing R&Q at 85 Bty
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	5	70	75	
	Employed		12	12	87
	Y.I. Hospital		3	3	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	1	12	12	12
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	2	38	40	
	Employed		5	5	45
	Leave		1	1	
Dist. Depot att. 85th	Employed		1	1	1
M. No. XI. RCAMC		1		1	1
Royal Canadian Navy		1	10	11	11
4th E&M Coy. RCE. CA.	Employed		8	8	8
10th Fort. Sigs. RQCS.	Employed		4	4	4
Civilian Employees D.E.O.			11	11	11
H.Q. M.D. XI. R.C.E.			1	1	1
Civilian H.Q. M.D. XI.			1	1	1
		<del>XXXXX</del>	11	11	
58th Heavy Battery, RCA.	On Parade		8	8	8
Totals		11	188	195	191

Total Ration Strength 191

*A.G. Rix*  
 (A.G. Rix) Major, RCA.  
 Officer Commanding, York Island

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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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H. Q. 377-45-18

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, reference to Appendices and initials
York Island	15 Feb.	1942	<p>At about 2000 hrs. word was received by the C.K.O. that U.S.S. "Colebrook" was aground at Camp Point. H.M.C.S. "Alaverdy" went to investigate and escorted the "Colebrook" to Elenkinsop Bay where she was beached. Ceiling two thousand overcast, visibility 16 miles, N.W. 12, sea choppy.</p>	JUN'S JUN'S
	16		Three thousand overcast, visibility 15 miles, W. 15, sea choppy.	
	17		Two thousand scattered, visibility unlimited, no wind, sea calm. Twenty O.R.'s under Lieut. McGillivray went to Alert Bay to take part in Victory Loan Drive. Party left at 0800 hrs. aboard H.M.C.S. "West Coast". R.C.E. M.V. "Kitchener" arrived at 2230 hrs. with Major Swann, D.E.O. and Lieut. Burleigh R.C.N.V.R. aboard.	JUN'S
	18		Ceiling unlimited, visibility unlimited, no wind, sea calm. Major Swann, D.E.O. came ashore at 0700 hrs. and inspected scene of fire also the Fort. R.C.E. M.V. "Kitchener" left at 0830 hrs. with Major Swann accompanied by Major Rix to inspect "Windy Point" site of P.W.S.S. "Kitchener" returned at noon dropping Major Rix and proceeded with D.E.O. to Campbell River. Party from Alert Bay returned at 1230 hrs. having had a very successful trip. (See Appendix No. 1) Lieut. Hodge, R.C.E. arrived by Union S.S. to survey damage of power house fire and sit on Court of Enquiry. Mr. Frank Hardwick Y.M.C.A. arrived by Union S.S.	JUN'S
	19		Ceiling two thousand, overcast, visibility unlimited, N.W. 20, sea choppy. Court of Inquiry convened to enquire into power house fire. Lieut. Hodge, president, Lieuts. Bankes and Greene members.	JUN'S
	20		Ceiling unlimited, visibility unlimited, wind W. 5, sea slightly choppy. Hon. Capt. A. Greene, C.C.S. arrived by Union S.S.	JUN'S
	21		Ceiling unlimited, visibility unlimited, Wind S.E. 5, sea calm. Proceedings of court of inquiry completed and forwarded to Vancouver	JUN'S



*History*

PART I ORDERS

YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

15th February 1942

No. 46

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46-1 DUTIES: Monday 16th Feb 1942

Orderly Officer	Lieut. Penny W.M.
Officer of the Watch	Lieut. Worsley R.
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lieut. Greene D.
Orderly N.C.O.	Sgt Dyer A. McD.

46-2 FIRE PICQUET:

A/L/Bdr Mumford H., Gnr. Kozar, Bradley P., Durbin,  
Swanson, Stumph

46-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Right Section

(A.G. Rix) Major R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding Yorke Island

85th Heavy Battery, RCA, CA.York Island, B.C.15 Feb. 42DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA. On Parade	5	70	75	
Employed		12	12	87
Leave		1	1	
Y.I. Hospital		3	3	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA. On Parade	1	11	12	12
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA. On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty. RCA. CA. On Parade	2	38	40	40
Employed		5	5	5
Dist. Depot att. 85th		1	1	1
Employed				
Q.D. No. XI. RCAMC	1		1	1
Royal Canadian Navy	1	10	11	11
4th E&M Coy. RCE. CA. Employed		8	8	8
10th Fort. Sigs. RCCS.		4	4	4
Civilian Employees D.E.O.		11	11	11
Totals - 11		174	185	182

Ration Strength - 182

*A.G. Rix*  
 (A.G. Rix) Major, RCA.  
 Officer Commanding, York Island

Diary

PART I ORDERS

YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

16th February 1942

No. 47

47-1 DUTIES: Tuesday 17th Feb 1942

Orderly officer	Lieut. H.E. Richardson
Officer of the Watch	Lieut. P. Morgan
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lieut. D. Greene
Orderly N.C.O.	Sgt E. Ramsden

47-2 FIRE PICQUET:

A/L/Sdr Mumford H., Gnr. Kozar, Bradley P., Durbin, Swanson, Stumph, Kouhi.

47-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Left Section

47-4 CAPIES ANTI-GAS AND WALLETS:

All personnel having capes anti-gas and wallets must turn same into Q.M. stores immediately.

47-5 FIRE PICQUET PARADE:

Fire picquet parade will be held at 1400hrs daily.

47-6 RETREAT:

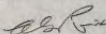
From this date there will be no sounding of retreat, the Orderly Officer will inspect the guard at 1630 hours.

/RJ

*A.G. Rix*  
 (A.G. Rix) Major R.C.A.  
 Officer Commanding Yorke Island

85th Heavy Battery, RCA, CA.York Island, B.C.16 Feb. 42DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing RAG at 85 Bty
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	5	70	75	
	Employed		12	12	87
	Leave		1	1	
	Y.I. Hospital		3	3	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	1	11	12	12
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	2	38	40	40
	Employed		5	5	5
Dist. Depot att. 85th	Employed		1	1	1
C.O. No. XI, RCAMC		1		1	1
Royal Canadian Navy		1	10	11	11
4th ESM Coy, RCE, CA.	Employed		8	8	8
10th Fort. Sigs, RCCS.			4	4	4
Civilian Employees D.E.O.			11	11	11
Totals - 11			174	185	187

Ration Strength - 180

(A.G. Rix) Major, RCA.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

YORK ISLAND, B. C.  
16th Feb. 42.

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

REPORT ON FIRE - POWER HOUSE  
YORK ISLAND.

1. At 11:20 hours, Sunday 15th Feb. 42, a fire alarm was turned in to the Camp Guard House, and the fire siren sounded the Fire Alarm. The fire piquet and all personnel in the camp turned out immediately, and proceeded to the Power House, where, in the short space of three or four minutes, the whole building was found to be in flames.
2. Fire hoses were strung from hydrants near the mens' dry canteen, and within ten minutes three hoses were playing on the fire. One hose was connected and in use in approximately seven or eight minutes after the alarm. Pyrene Fire Extinguishers in the power house were too small to cope with the blaze, and when the party arrived with 2½ gallon Gardene Extinguishers it was impossible to get close enough to the building to use them, until the water hoses had controlled the fire somewhat.
3. In fifteen to eighteen minutes the fire was virtually out, only some embers to be extinguished. All ranks turned out with a will, and did an excellent job.
4. It was during the overhaul of the engine that the accident happened. The engine had been completely taken down, in order that crank shaft bearings might be installed. The engineers on duty were cleaning out the engine with Diesel Fuel Oil, and were also cleaning the various parts which were on the power house floor. Due to the fact that this cleaning and overhauling was being done, there was more oil spilled on the floor than was ordinarily there. The floor and complete building being of wood, naturally during the time it has been in use, it had become thoroughly soaked with oil, and was highly inflammable.
5. It is believed that the fire started by a short circuit in one of the light extensions, which were carried from a wall plug, across the floor, to the engine. Two men were working on the machine at the time, and both say that there was a big flash, and it seemed to be all over that section of the floor at once. It went so quickly that one of them had his hair considerably singed, and the other had his hand singed. The electric power being used at the time was D.C.
6. Without an expression of opinion by an Engineer Officer, it is felt that the best thing to do with this plant is to collect it all up, pack it, and ship it to Vancouver, and have it completely fixed up by one of the engineering firms there. It is not thought that a great deal of damage has been done to the engine itself, except for the bearings, and small parts. The generator looks fairly good on the outside, but the winding will have to be re-done, as the insulation is burned off it.

The exciter will also require re-winding. The panel is completely destroyed. The generator and exciter not having been taken down, the condition of the bearings in them is not known.

7. This plant has been running under a large overload for some time, and representations have been made to have a larger plant installed. It is felt that this might be done now. A plant rated at 30 K.W. is required to efficiently handle the fort and camp, which has been much enlarged since the installation was first made.

8. Unless it is desired to erect a separate building for the camp and fort light plant, it is suggested that the new plant should be installed in the Searchlight Power House, which is close to the site of the old power house. It is also recommended that if another power house is to be built, that it be constructed of concrete, as a wooden power house is most hazardous. As the light plant is operated by Engineer personnel, it would be an advantage to have a separate building, but as the Searchlights use their power house very little at present, they are only occupying it when they are working with their stand-by engine, and it is felt that in the interests of economy the building could very well be used for both purposes.

9. The building is completely demolished, and all fittings are either completely gone, or are useless. Some tools were saved, but quite a lot of stores are lost, including a few barrack stores, which were in use by the engine room crew. One oil barrel exploded, and some which had open bungs were blazing.

10. The nearest fire hydrant was approximately 500 feet from the power house.

11. For your information, please.

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(A.G.Rix) Major, RCA.,  
O/C York Island.

PART I ORDERS  
YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

17th February 1942

No. 48

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48-1 DUTIES: Wednesday 18th Feb 1942

Orderly Officer	Lieut. D. Greens
Officer of the Watch	Lieut. R. Worsley
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lieut. P. Morgan
Orderly N.C.O.	Sgt E. Ramsden

48-2 FIRE PICQUET:

A/L/Bdr Mumford H., Gnrs. Kosar, Bradley P., Durbin,  
Swanson, Kouhi

48-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Right Section

*A.G. Rix*  
(A.G. Rix) Major R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding York Island

/RJ

85th Heavy Battery, RCA. CA.

York Island, B.C.

17 Feb. 42

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total Drawing R&amp;Q at 85th Bty</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	5	70	75	
	Employed		12	12	87
	Leave		1	1	
	Y.I. Hospital		3	3	
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31st Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	1	11	12	12
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58th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	1		1	1
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3rd S/L Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	2	38	40	
	Employed		5	5	45
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Depot att. 85th	Employed		1	1	1
-----					
M.D. No. XI. RCANC		1		1	1
-----					
Royal Canadian Navy		1	10	11	11
-----					
4th E&M Coy. RCE. CA.	Employed		8	8	8
-----					
10th Fort. Sigs. RCCS.			4	4	4
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Civilian Employees D.E.O.			11	11	11
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	Totals	11	174	185	181

Total Ration Strength - 181

*A.G. Rix*  
(A.G. Rix) Major, RCA.  
Officer Commanding, York Island



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PART I ORDERS

YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

18th February 1942

No. 49

49-1 DUTIES: Thursday 19th Feb 1942

Orderly Officer

Lieut. H.V.N. Bankes

Officer of the Watch

Lieut. H.E. Richardson

Relief and Patrol Officer

Lieut.

Orderly N.C.O.

Sgt P.A. Thackeray

49-2 FIRE PICQUET:

A/L/Bdr Mumford H., Gnrw. Kozar, Bradley P., Durbin,  
Swanson, Kouhi

49-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Left Section

*A.G. Rix*

(A.G. Rix) Major, RCA.  
Officer Commanding, Yorke Island

/RJ

*Picture show tonight - 18th - at  
1930 hours*

85th Heavy Battery, RCA. CA.York Island, B.C.18 Feb. 42DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing R&Q at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	5	70	75	
	Employed		12	12	87
	Leave		1	1	
	Y.I. Hospital		3	3	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	1	11	12	12
88th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	2	37	39	
	Employed		5	5	44
Dist. Depot att. 85th	Employed		1	1	1
M.D. XI. RCAMC		1		1	1
Royal Canadian Navy		1	10	11	11
4th E&M COY. RCE. CA.	Employed	1	8	8	9
10th Fort. Sigs. RCCS.			4	4	4
Civilian Employees D.E.O.			11	11	12
Y.M.C.A. Supervisor		1		1	
	Totals	11	173	184	182

Total Ration Strength - 182

*A.G. Rix*  
(A.G. Rix) Major, RCA.  
Officer Commanding York Island

York Island, B.C.  
18th Feb. 42.

Major A.G. Rix,  
Officer Commanding,  
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.,  
York Island, B.C.

ALERT BAY VICTORY LOAN DRIVE PARADE

1. According to instructions, I proceeded with 20 other ranks to Alert Bay, as a Guard of Honour, to take part in the m/n parade.
2. The Guard fell in at York Island at 07:45 hours, Tuesday 17th Feb. 42, and embarked on H.M.C.S. "WEST COAST", leaving for Alert Bay at 08:00 hours, arriving at Alert Bay without incident at 12:00 hours.
3. Lunch having been served on board, the guard was dismissed at 12:30 hours, until 13:45 hours, when they paraded to the School Grounds where the Ceremonies, under Mr. Wastell, the town Magistrate, were to be held at 14:00 hours.

PROGRAMME

Raising of the Flag - Salute - Reveille & Present Arms  
Songs by Children  
Boys Drill Team from Residential School (Indian)  
Patriotic Songs by Children.  
Victory Loan Flag Raising and Salute - General Salute & Present Arms

Talk by Mr. Wastell  
Patriotic Songs by Children.  
Girls Drill Team from Residential School (Indian)  
Patriotic Songs by High School.  
GOD SAVE THE KING.

4. Following the programme a demonstration was given of troops in action, with the assistance of smoke generators and thunderflashes, which was apparently much appreciated.
5. The Guard was marched back to the Parish Hall, and there dismissed. Dinner had been provided by the Victory Loan Committee. A picture show and Dance had also been arranged for the benefit of the guard. Sleeping accommodation was provided in the B.C. Packers Bunk House, and local Hotels.
6. The following day Reveille was at 06:30 hours, parade at 07:00 hours, and the H.M.C.S. "WEST COAST" left Alert Bay at 07:15 hours, arriving back at York Island at 12:30 hours.
7. The whole trip was considered successful, without any unpleasant incidents whatever.
8. For your information, please.

*J. McGillivray*  
(J. McGillivray) Lieut. i/c

Diary

PART I ORDERS

YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

19th February 1942

No. 50

50-1 DUTIES: Friday 20th Feb. 1942

Orderly Officer	Lieut. J. McGillvary
Officer of the Watch	Lieut. R. Worsley
Relief and Patrol Officer	
Orderly N.C.O.	Sgt P.A. Thackeray

50-2 FIRE PICQUET:

A/L/Bdr. Mumford H., Gnrs. Kozar, Bradley P., Durbin, Swanson, Kouhl

50-3 Guards and Patrols:

Right Section

50-4 COURT OF INQUIRY:

A court of inquiry, constituted as follows, will assemble at York Island Camp Thursday 19th Feb. 1942 for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on the destruction by fire of the power house and power plant at York Island Camp on Sunday 15th February 1942

President	Lieut. R. D. Hodge RCE.
	4th Fortress E&M Co.
Members	Lieut. H. V. N. Bankes RCA.
	85th Hvy. Bty. RCA.
	Lieut. W. S. Jackson RCA.
	3rd S/L Bty. RCA.

*A.G. Rix*

(A.G. Rix) Major, RCA.  
Officer Commanding, Yorke Island

NOTICE:

Show tonight at 1900 hours prompt, DOUBLE FEATURE.

/RJ

85th Heavy Battery, RCA. CA.York Island, B.C.19th Feb. 42DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Ofprs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing R&Q at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	5	69	74	
	Employed		12	12	86
	Leave		1	1	
	Y.I. Hospital		4	4	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	1	11	12	12
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	1	1	1	1
Head S/L Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	2	37	39	
	Employed		5	5	44
Dist. Depot att. 85th	Employed		1	1	1
M.D. XI RCAMC		1		1	1
Royal Canadian Navy		1	10	11	11
4th E&M COY. RCE. CA.	Employed	1	8	9	9
Civilian Employees D.E.O.			11	11	
M.C.A. Supervisor		1		1	12
10th Port. Signs. RCCS.	Totals	11	4	4	4
	Totals	13	173	186	181

Total Ration Strength - 181*A.G. Rix*(A.G. Rix) Major, RCA.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

PART I ORDERS

YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

20th February 1942

No. 51

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51-1 DUTIES: Saturday 21st Feb. 1942

Orderly Officer

Lieut. R. Worsley

Officer of the Watch

Lieut. H.E. Richardson

Relief and Patrol Officer

Lieut. P. Morgan

Orderly N.C.O.

Sgt P.A. Thackeray

51-2 FINNE PICQUET:

A/L/Bdr. Mumford H., Gnrs. Kosar, Bradley P., Durbin Swanson, Kouhi

51-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Left Section

51-4 BOATS:

Before taking any boat permission must be obtained from Officer Commanding, Battery Capt., or Orderly Officer. All ranks will inform officer giving permission of their destination and time of return.

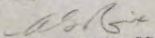
51-5 BRING TO ROUNDS:

When 4.7 guns are <sup>used</sup> needed for firing bring to rounds, percussion tubes ~~only~~ will be used.

51-6 KIT INSPECTION

There will be a kit inspection at 1430 hrs. 21 Feb. 42 for the Left Section and a kit inspection <sup>and Right Section.</sup> will be held for Headquarters Sunday 22nd Feb. 42. at 1400 hrs.

/RJ

  
(A.G. Rix) Major, RCA.  
Officer Commanding, Yorke Island

85th Heavy Battery, RCA. CA.York Island, B.C.20th Feb. 42DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total Drawing R&amp;Q at 85th Bty.</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	5	70	75	
	Employed		12	12	87
	Leave		1	1	
	Y.I. Hospital		3	3	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	OnParade	1	11	12	12
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	2	37	39	
	Employed		5	5	44
Dist. Depot att. 85th	Employed		1	1	1
M.D. XI RCAMC		1		1	1
Royal Canadian Navy		1	10	11	11
4th E&M COY. RCE. CA.	Employed	1	8	9	9
10th Port. Sigs. RCCS.			4	4	4
Civilian Employees D.E.O.			11	11	
Y.M.C.A. Supervisor		1		1	12
Totals		13	173	186	182

Total Ration Strength - 182(A.G. Rix) Major, RCA.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

Title pages will be prepared.

# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Brass heading not required)

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
York Island	21 Feb.	1942	Mr. Hardwick of Y.M.C.A. left by Union S.S. for Bella Bella. Lieut. Hodge, R.C.E. returned to Vancouver by Union S.S.	
	22		Ceiling unlimited, visibility unlimited, E. 5, sea slightly choppy. Church parade at 1030 hrs. Hon. Capt. A. Greene, C.C.S. left aboard H.M.C.S. "Alaverdy" for Campbell River at 1200 hrs.	
	23		Ceiling unlimited, visibility unlimited, wind E. 5, sea slightly choppy.	
	24		Ceiling unlimited, scattered clouds, visibility unlimited, wind N.W. 10, sea choppy. Union S.S. "Chelhosin" arrived Kelsey Bay 2000 hrs. with freight and mail.	
	25		Ceiling seven thousand overcast, visibility unlimited, S.E. 5, sea calm. Lt.-Col. G.Y.L. Crossley, RCA. O.C. 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. arrived aboard Union S.S. at 1200 hrs. on periodical inspection visit. Lieut. A. Setterfield, RCA. arrived on Union S.S. at 1200 hrs. to conduct 1" aiming and full charge practice shoots. Lieut. R. Saunders, RCA. arrived on Union S.S. at 1200 hrs. to instruct in calibration of range finders. Capt. J.H. Bricker, RCA. arrived aboard Union S.S. reporting for duty on his return from England on exchange duty.	
	26		Ceiling two thousand, overcast, visibility 12 miles, no wind, sea calm. Three series of 1" aiming practice were carried out in the morning. One series Auto Sights, one Battery Fire and one Ranging Salvos. Conditions were good and results fairly satisfactory. Three series 1" aiming practice night shoot. Two series Case II normal. One series Case II abnormal I. Good visibility and good results. (See Appendix No. 6)	
	27		Ceiling fifteen hundred, overcast, visibility 2 miles, S.E. 5, sea calm. Two series full charge night shoot carried out. One series Auto Sights. Capt. Bricker, B.C. One series Case II normal. Major Rix, B.C. Poor condition, rain. Difficulty was experienced in following the target with light. Results somewhat erratic.	
	28		Ceiling two thousand overcast, visibility 18 miles, no wind sea calm.	



PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.C. Rix, O.C.

21st 22nd February 1942

No. 52

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52-1 DUTIES: Sunday 22nd Feb. 1942

Orderly Officer	Lieut. H.E. Richardson
Officer of the Watch	Lieut. R. Worsley
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lieut. P. Morgan
Orderly N.C.O.	Sgt. E. Ramsden

52-2 FIRE PICQUET:

A/L/Bdr. Mumford H., Gnrs. Kozar, Bradley P., Durbin, Swanson, Kouhi.

52-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

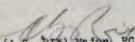
Right Section

52-4 ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS:

No electrical connections to be made in any building on the Island without permission from the Sgt. of the Engineers.

52-5 CHURCH PARADE

H/Capt. A. Greene C.C.S. will conduct Services at the following hours Sunday 22nd Feb. 1942.  
Holy Communion Service 0730 hours in the Reading Room.  
Garrison Church Parade at 1030 hours in the Recreation Room.  
Holy Communion immediately after Garrison Church Parade in the Reading Room.

  
(A.C. RIX) Major, RCA  
Officer Commanding, York Island

85th Heavy Battery, RCA, CA.York Island, B.C.21 Feb. 42DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing R&Q at 85 Bty.
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	5	69	74	
	Employed		IX	IX	
	Y.I. Hospital		12	12	86
			3	3	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	1	11	12	12
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	3	47	50	
	Employed		5	5	55
Dist. Depot att. 85th	Employed		1	1	1
M.D. XI RCAMC	Y.I. Hospital	1		1	
Royal Canadian Navy		1	10	11	11
4th E&M Coy. RCE, CA.	Employed	1	8	9	9
10th Fort. Sigs. RCCS.	Employed		4	4	4
Canadian Employees D.E.O.	8		11	11	11
Y.M.C.A. Supervisor			1	1	1
C.C.S.		1		1	1
#11 Detachment RCE.	Employed		3	3	3
		14	185	199	195

Ration Strength - 195

*A.G. Rix*  
 (A.G. Rix) Major, RCA.  
 Officer Commanding, York Island

DIARY

PART I ORDERS

YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

22nd February 1942

No. 53

53-1 DUTIES: Monday 23rd Feb. 1942

Orderly Officer	Lieut. W.S. Jackson
Officer of the Watch	Lieut. H.E. Richardson
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lieut. P. Morgan
Orderly H.C.O.	Sgt E. Ramadan

53-2 FIRE PICKETS:

A/L/Bdr. Mumford H., Gnr. Kozar, Bradley P., Durbin Swanson, Kouhi

53-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

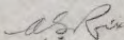
Left Section

53-4 MARKING OF KIT AND EQUIPMENT:

All kit and equipment will be marked with regimental number before Wednesday Feb. 25th 42 at 1200hrs. A rubber stamp is available at Quartermaster stores for this purpose. Numbering will be done in a place where it will not show when it is worn.

53-4 TREES:

No standing timber will be cut down for fire wood or any other purpose.



(A.G. Rix) Major, RCA.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

85th Heavy Battery, RCA, CA.York Island, B.C.22 Feb. 42DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing RA&Q at 85 Bty.
85th Hvy. Bty, RCA, CA.	On Parade	5	70	75	
	Employed		13	13	88
	Y.I. Hospital		3	3	
31st Hvy. Bty, RCA, CA.	On Parade	1	11	12	12
58th Hvy. Bty, RCA, CA.	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty, RCA, CA.	On Parade	2	36	38	
	Employed		5	5	43
Dist. Depot att, 85th	Employed		1	1	1
M.D. XI RCAMC.	Y.I. Hospital	1		1	
Royal Canadian Navy		1	10	11	11
4th E&M Coy, RCE, CA.	Employed	1	8	9	9
10th Fort. Sigs. RCCS.	Employed		4	4	4
Civilian Employees D.E.O.			11	11	11
Flt Detachment RCE.	Employed		3	3	3
Totals		11	175	186	182

Ration Strength - 182

*A.G. Rix*  
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 Officer Commanding, York Island

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PART I ORDERS

YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

23rd February 1942

No. 54

54-1 DUTIES: Tuesday 24th Feb. 1942

Orderly Officer  
Officer of the Watch

Lieut. W.W. Blackhall  
Lieut. R. Worsley

Relief and Patrol Officer

Lieut. P. Morgan

Orderly N.C.O.

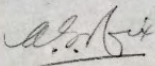
Sgt E. Ramsden

54-2 FIRE PICQUET:

A/L/Bdr. Mumford H., Cnrs. Kozar, Bradley P., Durbin,  
Swanson, Kouhi.

54-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Right Section



(A.G. Rix) Major, RCA.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

NOTICE

A show will be held to-night in the mess hall at 19:00hrs.

/RJ

85th Heavy Battery, RCA, CA.York Island, B.C.25 Feb. 42DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing RAQ at 85 Bty.
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	5	70	75	
	Employed		13	13	88
	Y.I. Hospital		3	3	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	1	11	12	12
38th Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	2	36	38	
	Employed		5	5	43
Dist. Depot att. 85th	Employed		1	1	1
M.D. XI RCASC.	Y.I. Hospital	1		1	
Royal Canadian Navy		1	10	11	11
4th EAM Coy. RCE, CA.	Employed	2	8	8	8
10th Fort. Sigs. RCCS.	Employed		4	4	4
Civilian Employees D.E.O.			11	11	11
#11 Detachment RCE.	Employed		3	3	3
Totals		11	175	186	182

Ration Strength - 182

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PART I ORDERS

YORKE ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

24th February 1942

No. 55

55-1 DUTIES: Wednesday 25th Feb. 1942

Orderly Officer	Lieut. P. Morgan
Officer of the Watch	Lieut. H.E. Richardson
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lieut. D. Greene
Orderly N.C.O.	Sgt E. Ramsden

55-2 FIRE PICKET:

A/L/Bdr Mumford H., Gnr. Kozar, Bradley P., Durbin,  
Swanson, Kouhi

55-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Left Section

55-4 1942 VICTORY LOAN:

Applications for subscription to the 1942 Victory Loan may be made to the pay office. Bonds may be purchased on a time payment plan, by means of assignments of pay in the following denominations, \$50.00, \$100.00, \$500.00, \$1000.00 .

55-5 WAR SAVING STAMPS:

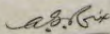
War Saving Stamps are available for purchase in the Dry Canteen. Results of January purchases in the Brigade are as follows:-

Prior to 1 Dec. 41	Amount	Strength	Per Capita	2952.95
31st. Heavy Battery	20.00	186	.10	
58th. Heavy Battery	146.00	217	.67	
85th. Heavy Battery	4.00	112	.04	
Headquarters	25.00	38	.66	
				<u>195.00</u>
				3147.95

You will note the 85th Battery is bringing up the rear. It is hoped that future statements will show better results. As family purchases may be included in 85th Hvy Bty returns, if all ranks will advise the Orderly Room of such purchases same will be credited to our total.

55-6 B.C. PARADE:

A B.C.'s Parade will be held at 140hrs Feb. 25, 1942



(A.G. Rix) Major. RCA.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

85th Heavy Battery, RCA, CA.York Island, B.C.24 Feb. 42DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R's</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total Drawing</u>
					<u>R&amp;Q at 85th Bty.</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	5	71	76	
	Employed		13	13	90
	Y.I. Hospital		23	23	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	1	11	12	12
58th Hvy. Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	1		1	1
Br S/L Bty. RCA, CA.	On Parade	2	36	38	
	Employed		5	5	43
Dist. Depot att. 85th	Employed		1	1	1
C.D. XI RCAMC.	Y.I. Hospital	1		1	
Royal Canadian Navy		1	10	11	11
th E&M Coy. RCE, CA.	Employed		8	8	8
0th Fort. Sigs. RCCS.	Employed		4	4	4
11 Detachment R.C.E.	Employed		3	3	3
Civilian Employees D.E.O.			11	11	11
Totals		11	186	187	184

Ration Strength - 184(A.G. Rix) Major, RCA.  
Officer Commanding, York Island



Diary

PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

25th February 1942

No. 56

56-1 DUTIES: Thursday 26th Feb. 1942

Orderly Officer	Lieut. D. Greene
Officer of the Watch	Lieut. R. Worsley
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lieut. F. Morgan
Orderly H.C.O.	Sgt W. Ramsden

56-2 FIRE PIQUET:

A/L/Bdr Mumford H., Gnr. Kozar, Bradley P., Durbin, Swanson, Kouhi

56-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Right Section

*A.G. Rix*  
for (A.G. Rix) Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

85th Heavy Battery, RGA. CA.York Island, B.C.26 Feb. 42DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	Offrs.	C.R.'s	Total	Total Draw- ing Req
85th Hvy. Bty. RGA. CA. On Parade	6	80	86	86
Employed		16	70	70
Y. Island Hospital		2	2	
31st Hvy. Bty. RGA. CA. On Parade	1	11	12	12
38th Hvy. Bty. RGA. CA. On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty. RGA. CA. On Parade	2	37	39	
Employed		5	5	44
Dist. Depot att. 85th Bty		1	1	1
Employed				
R.C. XI. RCAMC Employed	1		1	1
Royal Canadian Navy	1	10	11	11
4th Fort. E&M Coy. RCE Employed		8	8	8
10th Fort. Sigs. RCGS Employed		4	4	4
#11 Detachment R.C.E. Employed		3	3	3
15th (Van.) Coast Bde. RGA.	3	1	4	5
#11 Detachment R.C.O.C. Employed		6	6	6
Civilian Employees D.S.O		11	11	11
Totals -	15	169	184	183

Ration Strength - 183

*A.G. Rix*  
 (A.G. Rix) Major, RGA.  
 Officer Commanding, York Island

DIARY

PART I. ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON.

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

26th February, 1942

No. 37

57-1 DEUTIES: Friday 27th February, 1942

Orderly Officer	Lt. H.V.W. Bankes
Officer of the Watch	Lt. H.E. Richardson
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lt. P. Morgan
Orderly H.C.O.	Sgt. E. Ramsden

58-2 FREE PICKUP:

A/L/Bdr. McKay, I. Cnrs. Roulette, Tryon, Parady, Fehr, Hunter, and Moore

59-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS: - Left Section

59-4 RESPIRATORS ANTI-GAS CARE OF HARNESS:

Cases of tearing the elastic webbing on facepieces of Respirators, Anti-Gas, due to forcing the webbing through buckles, have recently been reported. In future, the elastic webbing must be eased through the buckles, pulling back the retaining tab of the buckle while doing so. It should be borne in mind that the fitting of the facepiece of a Respirator to the individual's face is designed to make a fit lasting for some time, and hence is, normally, a careful and leisurely act. There is no need, therefore, for undue haste and tugging at elastic webbing and buckles in making same.

59-5 LIBRARY:

A new stock of books has been received at York Island. This is a particularly good selection and books are mostly brand new. All ranks are cautioned to keep them in good condition. Damage to books will be charged to person having same on loan.

Library hours - 1600 hrs. to 1900 hrs. daily. Only one book will be issued to borrower at one time. Outstanding books must be returned before another is issued. Books must be returned within ten days. Ink wells and writing paper etc. MUST NOT be removed from reading room. Extra stationery may be obtained from the Dry Canteen Operator.

59-5 VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES - PURCHASE OF ARTICLES FROM U.S. ARMY STORES AND CANTEENS

Provision has been made by the United States Army authorities under an amendment to U.S. Army Regulation AR 30-2290 dated the 13th January, 1942, whereby personnel of the Armed Forces of the Allies of the United States may, whilst in the United States on leave or furlough or on special duty or courses, upon proper identification, purchase for cash at Sales Commissaries of the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps, articles carried in stock. Quartermaster Corps Commissaries are established at all U.S. Army posts, stations and Headquarters.

In addition to the above, purchases for cash may be made at Post Exchanges which are the equivalent to Army Canteens.

For purposes of identification, personnel should appear in uniform, and if requested, produce a properly endorsed leave or pass form, or other form of identification in accordance with Routine Order 1384, paragraph 3 (d)

NOTICE Show tonight in the mess at 1830 hrs.

for H.V.W. Bankes Lt  
(A.G. Rix) Major, R.C.A.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

85th Heavy Battery, RCA, CA.York Island, B.C.26 Feb. 42DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	C.R.'s	Total	Total Draw- ing R&Q
35th Hvy. Bty, RCA, CA.	On Parade	0	60	60	22
	Employed		10	70	70
	Y. Island Hospital		2	2	
31st Hvy. Bty, RCA, CA.	On Parade	1	11	12	12
58th Hvy. Bty, RCA, CA.	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty, RCA, CA.	On Parade	2	37	39	
	Employed		5	5	44
Dist. Depot att. 85th Bty	Employed		1	1	1
M.D. XI. RCAMC	Employed	1		1	1
Royal Canadian Navy		1	10	11	11
4th Fort. EAM Coy, RCE	Employed		8	8	8
10th Fort. Sigs. RCCS	Employed		4	4	4
#11 Detachment R.C.E.	Employed		3	3	3
18 (Van.) Coast Bde. RCA.		3	1	4	54
#11 Detachment R.C.O.C.	Employed		6	6	6
Civilian Employees D.E.O			11	11	11
Totals -		15	169	184	185 <sup>2</sup>

Ration Strength - 185<sup>2</sup>

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PART I ORDERS

YORK ISLAND GARRISON

by

Major A.G. Rix, O.C.

27th February, 1942

No. 58

58-1 DUTIES: Saturday 28th February, 1942

Orderly Officer	Lieut. J. McGillvary
Officer of the Watch	Lieut. R. Worsley
Relief and Patrol Officer	Lieut. P. Morgan
Orderly N.C.O.	Sgt E. Ramsden

58-2 WIRE PICQUET:

A/L/Bdr. McKay, I. Gnr. Roulette, Tryon, Parady, Fehr, Hunter, and Moore

58-3 GUARDS AND PATROLS:

Right Section, L/Bdr. Caldwell, E.J. Harwicke detachment  
L/Bdr. Adzich, D. and detail Camp Guard.

58-4 BADGES CANADA WEARING OF BY OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS:  
(C.A.R.O. No. 1686)

Certain units have expressed the desire for officers to be permitted to wear metal unit shoulder titles on service dress and khaki drill in accordance with pre war regimental custom, but it has been found that there is not sufficient space on the shoulder strap to accommodate three metal rank badges, the brass shoulder title, and the brass "Canada" badge authorized by routine Order 1415.

In order to overcome this, either of the following types of badges may be worn by officers in place of the brass "Canada" badge, provide that uniformity is observed in regiments or corps.

With service dress -

(a) Badges, arm, embroidered "Canada" in worsted embroidery, of the same pattern as worn by other ranks on the battle dress blouse, 1 1/2 inches below the shoulder seam.

OR

(b) Badges, arm, "Canada" in 3/8 inch gold embroidered letters on a drab background. Work 1 1/2 inches below the shoulder seam.

With khaki drill -

Badge as in (a) above.

The "Canada" badge authorized for wear by officers and other ranks with battle dress and greatcoats, is the drab, worsted embroidered "Canada" badge as issued to other ranks by Ordnance and no deviations from this pattern are permitted.

Officers of units in which the metal shoulder unit shoulder titles are not worn in accordance with pre war regimental custom, may continue to wear the brass "Canada" badge authorized by Routine Order 1415, on service dress and khaki drill jackets.

With undress uniforms, officers and other ranks may wear on both sleeves 1 1/2 inches below the shoulder seam, a "Canada" badge in 3/8 inch gold embroidered letters on a background of the same material as the serge frock or jacket.

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(A.G. Rix) Major, RCA.  
Officer Commanding, York Island

85th Heavy Battery, RCA, CA.York Island, B.C.27 Feb. 42DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total Drawing</u> <u>R&amp;O at 85th Bty.</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	6	61	67	
	Employed		12	12	78
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	Leave		13	13	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
	Courses & Schools		8	8	
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31st Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	1	11	12	12
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58th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	1		1	1
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3rd S/L Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	2	37	39	
	Employed		5	5	44
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Dist. Depot att. 85th Bty	Employed		1	1	1
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M.D. XI. RCAMC	Employed	1		1	1
-----					
Royal Canadian Navy		1	10	11	11
-----					
4th Fort. E&M Coy. RCE	Employed		8	8	8
-----					
10th Fort. Sigs. RCCS	Employed		4	4	4
-----					
#11 Detachment R.C.O.C.	Employed		6	6	6
-----					
#11 Detachment R.C.B.	Employed		5	5	5
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15th(Van.) Coast Bde. RCA.		3	1	4	4
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Civilian Employees D.E.C.			16	16	16
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		15	195	210	191

Ration Strength - 191

*A.G. Rix*  
 (A.G. Rix) Major, RCA.  
 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)

M.F.M. 11-  
1 P.C. 518  
1 M.I. - 8.30 (178)  
1 G. 175-45-18

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, reference to Appendices and initials
York Island	28 Feb. 1942		<p>O.C. 15th(Van.) Coast Bde. held kit inspection and camp inspection in afternoon. Lt.-Col. G.Y.L. Crossley, Lieut. A. Setterfield and Lieut. R. Saunders left on "General Caldwell" at 2330 hrs. to catch Union S.S. at Kelsey Bay for Vancouver</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A.G. Rix</i> (A.G. Rix) Major, RCA. Officer Commanding, York Island</p>	<i>AMS</i>

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

York Island, B.C.

28 Feb. 42

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total Drawing R&Q at 85th Bty.
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	6	61	67	
	Employed		11	11	78
	Y.I. Hospital		1	1	
	Leave		13	13	
	Sick Leave		1	1	
	Shaughnessy Hosp		1	1	
	Bde. H.Q.		5	5	
Courses & Schools		8	8		
		<u>6</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>107</u>	
31st Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	1	11	12	12
56th Hvy. Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	1		1	1
3rd S/L Bty. RCA. CA.	On Parade	2	37	39	
	Employed		5	5	44
Dist. Depot att. 85th	Employed		1	1	1
H.Q. XI. RCAMC	Employed	1		1	1
Royal Canadian Navy		2	10	13	13
4th Fort. EAM Coy. RCE	Employed		8	8	8
10th Fort. Sigs. RSCS	Employed		4	4	4
#11 Detachment R.C.O.C.	Employed		6	6	6
#11 Detachment R.C.B.	Employed		5	5	5
#11 Detachment RCAMC.	Employed at (drawing R&Q from 85) Y.I. Hospital		1	1	1
H.Q. H.Q. XI	On Parade	1		1	1
15th(Van.) Coast Bde.		2	1	3	3
Civilian Employees D.E.O.			16	16	16
	Totals	16	207	223	194

Netion Strength - 104 (A.G. Six) Major, RC  
Officer Commanding, York