



War Diaries
85th Heavy Battery
Royal Canadian Artillery

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Royal Canadian Artillery
Canadian Active Service Force

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July 1940

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8th Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

WAR DIARY
OR
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY ORIGINAL
(Erase heading not required)

Original, duplicate and triplicate to be forwarded to O, I/C and Echelon for disposal.

Place	Date 1940	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and Notes
8th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. York Island	July	1	13 O.R.'s taken on strength at Vancouver Weather: fair	
		2	6 O.R.'s taken on strength at Vancouver Letter re ammunition supply (see app. D) " " aid to navigation (" " D) " " accommodation (" " D) 2 O.R.'s returned from leave Lt. Comdr. G.A. Thompson, RCNR, OXO, relieved by Lieut. Smyly, RCNR Weather: Bright	0-2 1-0 7-4
		3	8 O.R.'s 3 S/L proceeded to Vancouver 2 O.R.'s proceeded on leave 10 O.R.'s T.O.S. at Vancouver Weather: Bright	
		4	Capt. R.H. Jorgensen and 2 O.R.'s returned from leave 2 O.R.'s returned from Camp Borden 10 O.R.'s taken on strength at Vancouver Weather: warm and bright " Bright	
		5	5 O.R.'s returned from leave 1 O.R. proceeded on compassionate leave Lt. P.F. Dockerill and A/BSM I.C. Morrison reported for duty Lt. J. Beck, RCASC, arrived Lt. F.H. Smyly, RCNR, OXO, relieved by Lt. J.M. Gillison, RCNR Weather: Bright	
		6	Lt. D.G. McGavin and Lt. J.G. Moore, proceeded to Vancouver Lt. J. Beck returned to Vancouver. Weather: fair	6-2 5-8
		7	Letter re search parties (see app. D) " " life boat (" " D) Major J.E. Piercy proceeded on leave Weather: bright	
		8		

J.M. Gillison

July 1 13 O.R.'s taken on strength at Vancouver
Weather: fair

YORK ISLAND B C
JULY 1/40

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H B XI VICTORIA

607 REPORTING NO PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

H O YORK ISLAND

85th. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CAMP.

YORK ISLAND R.C.

DAILY ORDER PAGE 1- 1940

by

July 1, 1940.

MAJOR PIERCE R.C.A.

1. MARINE - TUESDAY - July 2, 1940.

To be Orderly Officer	-Lt.D.G.McGavin,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	-Lt.L.F.W.Moore,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant	-1/Lt.Tackery,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	-Sgt.Davidson,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bombardier	-Bdr.Parker,	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	-Bdr.Mackie,	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES -from 0745hrs. 2/7/40 to 0745hrs. 3/1/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1. Detachment

Sgt.Wood and
80.Rs. as detailed

1/Lt.Tackery and
8 O.R.s as detailed

#2. Detachment

Bdr.Wilson and
8 O.R.s. as detailed

1/Lt.Thurwell and
8 O.R.s. as detailed

3. MORNING PARADE - Tuesday 0900hrs.H.Q.Party & Duty Watches.

4. SANITARY PATROL

Cpr. Hamrell

" O'Halley

5. SENTRY DUTY -from 06 1800hrs. 2/7/40 to 0600hrs. 3/7/40

Ptes. Bullis, Brown, and Watt, 1st. Bn. C.S.Regt.



88th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

July
1st, 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
88th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	52	54	
	Employed		10	10	
	On Command		2	2	
	On Leave	1	6	7	64
	R.C.		5	5	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.					
	On Parade		2	2	2
	On Leave		1	1	
Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.					
	On Parade	1	1	2	2
Det 3rd. S/L Bty. R.C.A.					
	On Parade	1	10	11	
	Employed		7	7	18
	On Leave		4	4	
Det. 1st. C.S.R.					
	On Parade.		14	14	14
Det. 12 FLD. AMB. R.C.A.M.C.					
	Employed	1	3	4	4
Det. 10th Ft. Sig. Coy. R.C.C.S.					
	On Parade		2	2	2
H.Q. 15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.					
	Employed	1	1	1	1
Naval Personnel Attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			24	24	24
GRAND TOTAL		7	100 154	102 161	142 140




July 2 6 O.R.'s taken on strength at Vancouver
 Letter re ammunition supply (see app. D)
 " " aid to navigation (see app. D)
 " " accommodation (see app. D)
 2 O.R.'s returned from leave
 Lt. Comdr. G.A. Thompson, RCNR, CXO, relieved by Lieut. Smyly, RCNR
 Weather: Bright

86th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CAMP.
YORK ISLAND R.C.
DAILY REPORT PART 1- HOURS
 by
MAJOR J. HARRISON R.C.A.


1. REPORT - WEDNESDAY - July 3, 1940.
 To be Orderly Officer - Lt. L.F.V. Moore R.C.A.
 Next for Duty - Lt. D.G. McAvlin R.C.A.
 To be Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. Davidson R.C.A.
 Next for Duty - Mr. Gilson R.C.A.
 To be Orderly Bombardier - Mr. Mackie R.C.A.
 Next for Duty - 1/Dr. Gayton R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES - from 0740hrs. 3/7/40 to 0740hrs. 4/7/40.
ON DUTY STANDING BY
61st Detachment Sgt. Davidson and 1/Sgt. Thurlwell and 8 O.R.s. as detailed
62nd Detachment 1/Sgt. Thurlwell and 8 O.R.s. as detailed
 3. TRAINING PARADE - 0600hrs. R.C. Party and Duty Watches.
 4. RAILWAY FATIGUE - Wednesday
 Mr. Hammett
 " O'Malley
 5. SENTINEL DUTY - from 1800hrs. 3/7/40 to 0600hrs. 4/7/40
 Ptes. Burt E., Burt F., Presley. 1st. Hq. C.S. Regt.



86th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CAMP.
York Island R.C.
DAILY RETURN STATE July 2nd. 1940

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Offen.	O.R.s	Total	Total at York Island
86th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	50	52
	Employed	10	10	62
	On Command	2	2	
	On Leave	1	8	9
	R.C.		12	12
Det. 8th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1
	On Leave		2	2
Det. 1st. A.S. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2
Det. 3 S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	11	12
	Employed		6	6
	On Leave		2	2
Det. 1st. CSM Regt. On Parade			14	14
Det. 10th Flt. Coy. R.C.A.	Employed	1	3	4
Det. 10th Part. Coy. R.C.A.	On Parade		3	3
R.C. 10th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.	Employed		1	1
Naval personnel attached		1	7	8
Civilian personnel attached			24	24
GRAND TOTAL	7	8	169	169



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40 NEW
VANCOUVER B.C.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

264 SEND LIEUTS MOORE J G AND MCGAVIN AND FOLLOWING STARLIGHT PERSONNEL DOWN BY NEXT BOAT SGT WOOD BDRS GIESON AND MACKIE GHRs VAIL WOODHOUSE TURNER GARNET DOWNIE AND WADHAM STOP ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR RELIEF

O.C. VAN AREA

File: 9-2

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

SECRET

2nd July, 1940.

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

AMMUNITION SUPPLY.

1. The Ordnance Dept. sent up 598 cartridges which arrived on 29th June, 1940. We now have cartridges for all the live shell with 81 cartridges to spare for miss fires and bring to rounds.
2. I have to point out that with 822 rounds live shell we are 20% below minimum war establishment.
3. TUBES. We have 166 Tubes Electric, whereas we should have tubes electric for all rounds plus 10% spare, being a shortage of 752 for the ammunition in hand. As the cartridges cannot be fired without tubes, a large proportion of our ammunition is useless, until Ordnance send us tubes.
4. S.A.A. Ammunition. We are short 44,500 rounds S.A.A. Will you please instruct the District Ordnance Officer to supply the ammunition required immediately, especially, tubes electric and S.A.A., as it is obviously necessary to have sufficient ammunition in hand now that there is a probability of war in the Pacific.

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

O.C. O.C. Vancouver Area.
c.c. O.C. 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A.

JEP/js

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
88th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.B.F.
York Island, B.C.

2nd July, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
Vancouver Area,
333 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

AID TO NAVIGATION

1. The R.C.A.F. mooring buoy broke away during a severe gale and has disappeared. The Senior Naval Officer telegraphed this information to C.O.P.C., Esquimalt, with the request that the R.C.A.F. be notified that no moorings for aircraft are now available at York Island.
2. The buoy also served the purpose of marking the end of the rock reef which lies off the wharf. I enclose letter from the Master of the s.s. "Border Prince" that another buoy or beacon be erected, as soon as possible, as an aid to navigation.
3. The s.s. "Border Prince" is the only vessel willing to call in at York Island with supplies and water. The Union S.S. Co. absolutely refuse to call in owing to the dangerous navigation.
4. Under the circumstances I request that the D.N.O. be instructed to provide either a floating buoy or else a beacon to mark the reef.

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

JEP/JS
END

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
88th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.P.
York Island, B.C.

2nd July, 1940.

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

Attention D.A.S.M.O.

ACCOMMODATION

Replying to your letter of 27th June, 1940.
File: VS6-1-1

1. I have shown your letter to Mr. Mann, the Foreman, and he informs me that he has been instructed at various times by the D.E.O.'s representatives, Lieut. Conninton, R.C.E., Lieut. A. Webster, R.C.E. and Major Macdonald, that he takes his orders from the D.E.O. or his representatives, and does not take orders from C.O. York Island or anyone else except in small details, e.g., the placing of a door, fixing a partition, etc., in a building.

2. The question arose when Col. Webb wanted additional buildings erected for vegetable room, refrigerator room, coal sheds, rebuilding the kitchen, etc., the foreman quite properly stated that he had no authority to erect these buildings and that the D.E.O. should issue instructions for them.

3. As the D.E.O. has issued no instructions whatever to him, the foreman is going ahead finishing the buildings in hand which are now nearing completion. If instructions are not received soon, the men will have to go home as no new material has been sent up by the D.E.O.

4. For your information he is waiting for instructions and material to commence the following work:

- (a) Crew shelter and parapet walls at Fort.
- (b) Water mains and tanks to supply the Fort and give essential fire protection.
- (c) Additional sleeping huts.
- (d) Guard house.
- (e) Tractor shed, machine shop and house for fire equipment.
- (f) Plank road and sidewalks.

F.E.O.

Headquarters,
M.D. No. 11.

End July, 1940.

5. All the above have been reported on by the D.E.O.'s engineer, in some cases, months ago; all are urgent and I would request you to instruct the D.E.O. to issue orders so that these works can be carried out.

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

JUD/JS

c.c. O.C. Vancouver Area.
cc. Mr. Mann

July 3 8 O.R.'s 3 S/L proceeded to Vancouver
8 O.R.'s proceeded on leave
10 O.R.'s T.O.S. at Vancouver
Weather: Bright

1 CIV

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27 NW
VANCOUVER JULY 3/1452

O.C. YORK ISLAND

271 RE TEL OUR N F 264 OTHER RANKS TO COME DOWN BY FIRST BOAT
SGT WOOD I E , BDRS MACKIE AND GILSON, GERS VAIL WOODWARD
DOWNIE GARNETT AND KAHUM WADHAM

O.C. VAN AREA

2nd NY. Bty. R.C.A. C.A.S.P.

DAILY ORDER --PAGE I (104)

NY

JULY 3rd 1940

MAJOR J.E. PINNEY R.C.A.

1. DUTIES - THURSDAY JULY 4th

To be Orderly Officer	Lt. KAREN, D.G. McGavin	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Lt. L.F.W. Moore	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	Sgt. Hummel	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	L/Sgt. Charlwell	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	L/Bdr. Cayton	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	L/Bdr. Strom	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745 Hrs. 5-7-40 to 0745 Hrs. 5-7-40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Detachment

Sgt. Davidson and
8 O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Hummel and
8 O.R.s as detailed

#2 Detachment

Bdr. Larson and
8 O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Wood and
8 O.R.s as detailed

3. MARCHING PARADE 0900 Hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Thursday

Cmr. O'Malley
Cmr. Hummel

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 4-7-40, to 0600 Hrs. 5-7-40

Ptes. MacNeill, Deckstender, and Howard. 1st. C.S.R.



86th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CAMP

YORK ISLAND B.C.

JULY 3rd 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	(1)	(2)	(3)	
	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>S.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
86th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. On Parade	2	50	52	
Employed		10	10	62
On Command		2	2	
On Leave	1	8	9	
H.Q.		12	12	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. On Parade		1	1	1
On Leave		2	2	
Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A. On Parade	1	1	2	2
Det. 3 S/1 Bty. R.C.A. On Parade	1	11	12	
Employed		8	8	20
On Leave		2	2	
Det. 1st. C.S.R. On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 12th Fla. Amb. HQ&HC Employed	1	3	4	4
Det. 10th Ft. Sig. Coy. HQ&HC On Parade		3	3	3
H.Q. 15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A. On Parade		1	1	1
NAVAL PERSONNEL ATTACHED	1	7	8	8
CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ATTACHED		24	24	24
GRAND TOTAL	7	159	166	141



July 4 Capt. R.H. Jorgenson and 2 O.R's returned from leave
2 O.R.'s returned from Camp Borden
10 O.R.'s taken on strength at Vancouver
Weather: warm and bright

YORK ISLAND B C
4 JULY 1940

O C VANCOUVER AREA

609 B RE YOUR 271 OTHER RANKS ARRIVING CATALA
TODAY

O C YORK ISLAND

YORK ISLAND B C
JULY 4/40

O.C. VAN AREA

611 RE YOUR 216 FURTHER VOLUNTEERS CATEGORY A L/BDRS STROM
GAYTON GHRs MCCARDELL PHILLIPS SALMOND STOCKEN
CATEGORY BV GHRs ROBERTS STOP THESE MEN WERE NOT AVAILABLE
FOR QUESTIONING AT TIME OF YOUR 216

O.C. YORK ISLAND

YORK ISLAND B C
JULY 4/40

H.Q. H.D.XI
VICTORIA

612 REF YOUR LETTER JULY 2 FILE 7-4 RE ACCOMMODATION PARAGRAPH
THREE AND FOUR STOP PLEASE WIRE AUTHORIZATION PROCTED SOME
OF THIS WORK STOP UNLESS AUTHORIZATION RECEIVED NECESSARY
DISCHARGE MAJORITY CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

O.C. YORK ISLAND

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

DAILY ORDERS - PART 1 #185

By

MAJOR J.E. PIERCE, R.C.A.

July 4, 1940

1. DUTIES - FRIDAY, JULY 5TH, 1940.

To be Orderly Officer	Lt. L.P.W. Moore, R.C.A.
Next for duty	Lt. J.G. Moore, R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	L/Sgt. Thurlwell R.C.A.
Next for duty	Bdr. Larsen R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	L/Bdr. McConnell R.C.A.
Next for duty	Bdr. Jones

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745 hrs. 5-7-40 to 0745 hrs. 6-7-40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Detachment

Sgt. Hammel
8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Sgt. Thackeray
8 O.R.'s as detailed

#2 Detachment

L/Bdr. Strom
8 O.R.'s as detailed

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

3. MANNING PARADE - 0900 hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Friday: Cnr. Hammel and Cnr. O'Malley

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 5-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 6-7-40

Ptes. Clark, Dickson, Webster - 1st Bn. C.S.R.

6. SENTRIES - WARNING

All sentries and guard will be warned that they must NOT discuss with the public any details of the fortifications or work which they are guarding.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CASE

YORK ISLAND B.C.

JULY 4th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offn.	O.H.M	Total	Total at York Island
85th Bvy. Bty.	On Parade	3	50	53	
R.C.A.	Employed		10	10	
	On Leave		9	9	63
	R.C.		21	21	
Det. 5th Bvy. Bty.	On Parade		1	1	2
R.C.A.	On Leave		2	2	1
	A.W.C.		1	1	
Det. 1st. A.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
Regt. R.C.A.					
Det. S S/L	On Parade	1	10	11	
Bty. R.C.A.	Employed		2	2	15
	On Leave		1	1	
Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 12th Fld.	Employed	1	3	4	4
Amb. RCAMC					
Det. 10th Pt.	On Parade		3	3	3
Sig. Coy. RCOS					
H.Q. 10th (Van)	On Parade		1	1	1
Coast Bde. R.C.A.					
NAVAL PERSONNEL ATTACHED		1	7	8	8
CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ATTACHED			24	24	24
GRAND TOTAL		7	109	166	135



July 5 Weather: Bright

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

Daily Orders - PART 1 #186.

By

MAJOR J.E.PIERCY. R.C.A.

July 5th.1940.

1. DUTIES - SATURDAY. JULY 6th.1940.

To be Orderly Officer	Lt. J.G.Moore,	R.C.A.
Next for duty	Lt.D.G.McGavin	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant	Bdr.Larsen	R.C.A.
Next for duty	Sgt.Gray	1st.C.S.R.
To be orderly Bdr.	Bdr.Jones	R.C.A.
Next for duty	L/Bdr.Strom	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745 hrs 6/7/40 to 0845 hrs 7/7/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1.Detachment

L/Sgt.Thackeray
8 O.R.'s as detailed

Sgt.Davidson
8 O.R.'s as detailed

#2.Detachment

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

Bdr.Larsen
8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - 0900 hrs H.Q.Party and Duty Watches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Saturday

Gnr O'Malley
Gnr Curran

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 6/7/40 to 0600 hrs 7/7/40

Ptes.Bullis,Brown,Watt, - 1st.Btn.C.S.R.



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

YORK ISLAND B.C.

JULY 5th 1950

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.N.S.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	3	50	53	
	Employed		10	10	
	On Leave		9	9	65
	H.Q.		21	21	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
	On Leave		1	1	
	A.W.L.		1	1	
Det. 1st. A.A. Batt. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	1	3	3
Det. S S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	9	10	
	Employed		3	3	13
	On Leave		1	1	
Det. 1st. C.S.F.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 12th Fld. Ash. R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
Det. 10th Ft. Sig. Coy. HQCB	On Parade		3	3	3
H.Q. 15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
Naval Personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Attached			24	24	24
GRAND TOTAL		7	159	166	<u>163</u>



VICTORIA B C JULY 5/40

O.C. YORK ISLAND

135 R C A F ADVISE GINGER COOTES WACO CF-AZN OR AZE WILL LEAVE
VANCOUVER FOR PORT ALICE MORNING JULY 5TH STOP WILL PASS
VICINITY YORKE ISLAND RETURN TRIP LIKELY IN AFTERNOON
OR MORNING JULY 6TH

H.Q. M.D.XI

VANCOUVER JULY 5/40

O.C. YORK ISLAND

279 OUR 264 LTS MCGAVIN D MOORE J G MUST BE RETURNED THE FIRST
AVAILABLE BOAT.

O.C. VAN AREA

July 6 3 O.R.'s returned from leave
1 O.R. proceeded on compassionate leave
Lt. P.F. Dockerill and A/BSM I.C. Morrison reported for duty
Lt. J. Beck, RCASC, arrived
Lt. F. H. Smyly, RCNR, CXO, relieved by Lt. J.M. Gillison, RCNR
Weather: Bright

YORK ISLAND B.C.
JULY 6th 1940

O.C. VAN AREA

615 LIEUTS BECK MCGAVIN MOORE ARRIVING VANCOUVER MONDAY MORNING
PER C P R

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T O O 2005 Hrs.

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

DAILY PART I ORDERS NO.187

BY

JULY 6th 1940

MAJOR J.F. FINNEY

1. DUTIES - Sunday
- | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| To be Orderly Officer | LT. D.G. McGavin | R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty | LT. L.F.W. Moore | R.C.A. |
| To be Orderly Sgt. | Sgt. Gray | 1st. C.S.R. |
| Next for Duty | L/Sgt. Thackeray | R.C.A. |
| To be Orderly Bdr. | L/Bdr. Strom | R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty | Bdr. Parker | R.C.A. |

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745 Hrs. 7-7-40 to 0745 Hrs. 1/2/51 8-7-40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

1 Detachment

Sgt. Davidson and
8 O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Huggel and
8 O.R.s as detailed

Bdr. Larsen and
8 O.R.s as detailed

L/Bdr. Strom and
8 O.R.s as detailed

3. MARCHING PARADE--1100 Hrs. - R.C. PARTY AND DUTY WATCHES

4. SANITARY FATIGUE

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. McKay

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 7-7-40 to 0600 Hrs. 8-7-40

Sgt. Burt E., Burt F., Presley. 1st. C.S.R.

6. PERSONNEL OF THE C.A.S.F. ENTERING THE U.S.A.

Officers Commanding Units will ensure the above mentioned Order is published in Unit Orders from time to time as it is definitely laid down that members of Military Forces in Canada are forbidden to enter the United States in uniform.



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

YORK ISLAND B.C.

JULY 6th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	
		<u>Offcrs.</u>	<u>R.E.S.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty.	On Parade	5	52	56	
R.C.A.	Employed		10	10	66
	On Leave		4	4	
	M.O.		23	23	
Det. 8th Hvy.	On Parade		1	1	1
Bty. R.C.A.	On Leave		1	1	
	A.V.L.		1	1	
Det. 1st. A.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
Regt. R.C.A.					
Det. 1st. S/L	On Parade	2	11	13	
Regt. R.C.A.	Employed		3	3	16
Det. 1st C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 19th Fort.	On Parade		3	3	3
Sig. Coy. R.C.S.					
Det. 15th Hld.	Employed	1	3	4	4
Art. R.C.A.					
M.O. M.15th (Ven)	On Parade		1	1	1
Const Bde. R.C.A.					
R.C.A.S.C. (Attached)		1	-	1	1
Naval personnel attached		1	8	9	9
Civilian personnel attached			24	24	24
GRAND TOTAL		8	121	129	
		9	160	169	140

1 copy H.O. H.D.XI for July 6th



July 7 Lt. D.G. McGavin and Lt. J.G. Moore, proceeded to Vancouver
Lt. J. Beck returned to Vancouver.
Weather: fair

PART I ORDERS
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.
By
Major J. P. Piercy

Order No. 188 7th July, 1940

1. DUTIES: Monday, July 8, 1940

To be Orderly Officer	Lt. L.P.W. Moore, R.C.A.
Next for duty	Lt. Dockerill R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	L/Sgt. Thackeray, R.C.A.
Next for duty	Sgt. Cox R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	Bdr. Garrett R.C.A.
Next for duty	Bdr. Larsen R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745 hrs. 8-7-40 to 0745 hrs. 9-7-40

<u>On Duty</u>	<u>Standing by</u>
#1 Detachment	
Sgt. Hummel	L/Sgt. Thackeray
8 O.R.'s as detailed	8 O.R.'s as detailed
#2 Detachment	
Bdr. Cox	L/Sgt. Thurlwell
8 O.R.'s as detailed	8 O.R.'s as detailed


3. MANNING PARADE - 0900 hrs. - H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

4. Sanitary fatigue - Monday

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. McKay

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 8-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 9-7-40

L/Cpl. Connatty, Pte. McNeill, Pte. Dockstader
1st Bn. C.S.R.



Diary

8th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.A.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

July 8, 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offrs.	O.S.'s	Total	Total at York Island
88th Hvy. Bty.	On Parade	3	51	54	
R.C.A.	Employed		11	11	65
	On leave		5	5	
	H.C.		23	23	
Det. 8th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
	On Leave		1	1	
	A.N.L.		1	1	
Det. 1st A.A. Bgt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
Det. 1st S/L Bgt. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	10	12	
	Employed		4	4	16
Det. 1st C.S.B.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. R.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
Det. 12th Fd. Amb. Bn. R.C.A.	Employed	1	3	4	4
Det. 15th (Vom.) Const Bde. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
R.C.A.S.C. (Attached)		1	-	1	1
Naval Personnel attached		2	8	10	10
Civilian "	"		24	24	24
Grand Total		10	160	170	171



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O.C. YORK ISLAND

182 C O P C HAS REQUESTED PARTY TO SEARCH FOR MISSING MAN STOP
ARRANGE WITH X O BUT ONE FULL DETACHMENT PER HUN REMAIN IN FORT

D.O.C.

July 8 Letter re search parties (see app. D)
" " Life boat (see app. D)
Major J.E. Piercy proceeded on leave
Weather: bright

YORK ISLAND

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VICTORIA BC

616 REPORTING NO PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL SIGNED

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YORK ISLAND

CONFIRMATION

2. *Plan*

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.I.B.F.

YORK ISLAND R.C.

DAILY ORDER # Part I No. 189

July 8th 1940

1. DUTIES - Tuesday

To be Orderly Officer	Lt. P.F. Lockhill	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Lt. L.F.N. Moore	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	Sgt. Cox	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Russell	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Mdr.	Mdr. Larsen	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Mdr. Cox	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745 Hrs. 9-7-40 to 0745H10-7-40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 Detachment

L/Sgt. Thackery and
8 O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Cox and 8 O.R.s
as detailed

#2 Detachment

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

Sgt. Davidson and
8 O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 Hrs. R.C. PARTY AND DUTY WATCHES

4. MILITARY PATROL - Tuesday

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. McKay

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 9-7-40 to 0600 Hrs. 10-7-40

Ptes Clark, Dickson and Webster, 1st. C.S.R.



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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

July 8, 1940.

Daily Strength State

		Offrs.	O.S.'s	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	51	53	
	Employed		11	11	64
	On Leave		5	5	
	H.Q.	1	23	24	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
	On Leave		1	1	
	H.Q.L.		1	1	
Det. 1st A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
Det. 1st S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	10	11	
	Employed		4	4	15
Det. 1st C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. RCUS	On Parade		3	3	3
Det. 12th Field Arb. RCANC	Employed	1	3	4	4
R.C. 15th (Ven.) Coast Bde. RCA	On Parade		1	1	1
Naval Personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian "	"		24	24	24
		7	150	167	156



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
80th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.B.F.
York Island, B.C.

8th July, 1940.

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

SEARCH PARTIES -- TEL. BAYLEN, B.C. REF. W/T 1882 8/7-7-40

1. For your information the C.O. of the HMCS "Loela Vivian" reported to the Naval Officer i/c York Island that Tel. Marlow failed to return from trout fishing at 1600 hrs., 3rd July, 1940. The missing man was fishing in a stream which runs out of Stafford Lake into Fraser Bay at Loughborough Inlet. The crew of the vessel searched for this man until night fall of that day and then proceeded to York Island where the occurrence was reported at about 0100 hrs., 4th July.

2. The H.O. i/c requested assistance from the O.C. York Island to continue the search that day, and Lieut. Leareyd, RCAMO, and 12 O.R.'s experienced in the woods, embarked on the "Loela Vivian" at about 0800 hrs. and arrived early in the morning at Fraser Bay. This party searched the stream and surrounding area until 1800 hrs. without success. The party returned to York Island about 2200 hrs., and it was decided to send as large a party as possible early next morning to continue the search.

3. At 0630 hrs., 8th July, Capt. R.H. Jorgensen with two officers and 57 O.R.'s including some experienced civilian employees embarked on the HMCS "Vandal" to continue the search. This party thoroughly examined the stream and combed the wooded areas on each side for a distance of about three miles from the mouth. Dynamite charges were set off in some of the deeper pools of the stream, but no trace of the missing man was found, except a small tin in which he carried some fishing tackle. As this was found near the mouth of the stream it is believed that he was drowned. This party returned to York Island that evening at about 2200 hrs. and the result of this search was reported to the H.O. i/c.

Headquarters,
HQ. No. 11.

4. On the morning of 7th July the H.Q. i/o received orders from the C.O.P.C. to continue the search, and Lieut. L.F.W. Moore and 18 O.R.'s were sent with the HMCS "Vanisle" with dragging equipment and instructed to assist in dragging operations and searching until night fall 8th July. Your wireless message No. 182 was received some time after this party had left.

(R.H. Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
For Commanding Officer
York Island

RHJ/JS

8th July, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
Pacific Coast,
Royal Canadian Navy,
Esquimalt, B. C.

LIFE BOAT

1. Major J.R. Pieray, R.C.A., C.O., York Island, has directed me to express his thanks and appreciation for the 26-ft. steel life boat delivered here yesterday by HMCS "MacDonald."
2. The presentation to us of this boat is deeply appreciated by all ranks as a further means of recreation.
3. We are attempting to procure suitable oars for this boat in Vancouver, and in this connection respectfully suggest that any suitable oars which you may have in your stores that are possibly not fit for service at sea but would still be useful for this boat, may be forwarded at your convenience to this station.
4. Again please accept our thanks.

(R.H. Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
For Officer Commanding
York Island

RHJ/JS

C.O. C.O., Vancouver Area.

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. I.

This pages will be prepared.

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

WAR DIARY
OR
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
(Base heading not required)

ORIGINAL

(Original duplicate and triplicate to be forwarded to G. 1/2 and 1/3 for disposal.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendix and Initials
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA York Island	July 9 1940		Letter re ration shipments (see App. D) 7 O.R.'s proceeded on leave Weather: rain	8-1
	10 1610		No. 2 Gun fired one Bring-to round (see app. D) Weather: rain	1-0
	11		Letter re "Z" Force (see app. D) Weather: showery	6-9
	12		1 O.R. proceeded on leave 1 O.R. T.O.S. at Vancouver	
	1130		No. 1 gun fired Bring-to Round (see app. D) Weather: cloudy with showers	1-0
	13		Letter re ration shipments " " reinforcements " " wireless telegraph traffic 1 O.R. T.O.S. at Vancouver Weather: cloudy with showers	8-1 6-0 3-1-2
	14		16 "Z" Force volunteers proceeded to Vancouver	
	15		Letter re clothing recruits (see app. D) " " fire protection (see app. D) 1 O.R.'s committed suicide while returning from leave Weather: Bright	5-2 9-8
	16		Letter re K16030 Gnr. Wilson, J.R., deceased (see app. D) " " Mental Attention (see app. D) Capt. A.L. Cornish, RCAMC arrived to relieve Lt. Learoyd 1 O.R. Posted to this Bty. in Vancouver Weather: Bright	5-2 5-2
	17 0925		No. 1 Gun fired one Bring-to round (see app. D) 1 O.R. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. arrived to install radio station equipment 2 O.R.'s proceeded on leave Weather: Bright	1-0
	18		Major J.E. Piercy and 1 O.R. returned from leave Capt. T.L. Harrison and Lt. F. Wingert arrived 1 O.R. RCOC arrived to inspect and adjust small arms 1 O.R. proceeded on leave Lt. D.R. Learoyd, RCAMC, and L.F.W. Moore, R.C.A. proceeded to Vancouver Weather: Fair	

July 9 Letter re ration shipments (see App. D)

7 O.R.'s proceeded on leave

Weather: rain

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

9th July, 1940.

D.D.S. & T.O.,
Immigration Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

RATION SHIPMENTS.

1. It has been noted that the last two or three shipments of rations on Mondays have been via Union Steamships whereas we have requested shipments per s.s. "Border Prince."

2. As previously explained s.s. "Border Prince" arrives Tuesday morning whereas the s.s. "Chelosin" arrives late Tuesday evening. This means that the "Polar Forsite" has to make a crossing to Sayward late at night to load the rations in bad weather which is hazardous as well as inconvenient. We would therefore request that whenever s.s. "Border Prince" sails from Vancouver on schedule Mondays that rations be shipped with this vessel.

(R.H. Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding
York Island

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

YORK ISLAND B.C.

JULY 9th 1940

DAILY PART I ORDERS NO. 190

1. Duties - Wed. July 10th

To be Orderly Officer	Lt. L.F.S. Moore	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Lt. F.F. Dockerill	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	Sgt. Hummel	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	L/Sgt. Thurlwell	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	Bdr. Cox	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	L/Bdr. Strow	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745 Hrs. 10-7-40 to 0745 Hrs 11-7-40

1 Detachment ON DUTY

STANDING BY

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

Sgt. Hummel and
8 O.R.s as detailed

2 Detachment

Sgt. Davidson and
8 O.R.s as detailed

Bdr. Cox and
8 O.R.s as detailed

3. MARCHING PARADE - 0900 Hrs. H.Q. PARTY AND DUTY WATCHES

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Wed.

Cmr. Willoughby
Cmr. McKay

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 10-7-40 to 0600 Hrs. 11-7-40
Ptes. Bullis, Brown, Watt, 1st. Bn. C.S.B.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.E.P.

YORK ISLAND REC.

July 9th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offce.</u>	<u>C.N.S</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at</u>
					<u>York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. H.C.A.	On Parade	2	48	50	
	Employed		10	10	60
	On Leave		8	8	
	H.Q.	1	284	285	
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Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	1	1
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	A.W.L.		1	1	
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Det. 1st A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	1
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Det. 1st. S/L Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	10	11	
	Employed		4	4	15
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Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
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Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. R.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
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Det. 12th Amb. R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
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H.Q. 15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
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Naval personnel attached		1	7	8.	8
Civilian personnel attached			32	32	32
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GRAND TOTAL		7	167	174	<u>139</u>
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July 10 1610 NO. 2 Gun fired one Bring- to round (see app. D)
Weather: rain

Quarry

PART I ORDERS

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

York Island, B.C.

By
Major J.E. Piercy O.C.

ORDER NO. 191 10th July, 1940

1. Duties: Thursday, July 11th, 1940

To be Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. P.F. Deckerill,	R.C.A.
Next for duty	-	Lieut. L.F.H. Moore,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	-	L/Sgt. Thurlwell,	R.C.A.
Next for duty	-	Sgt. Davidson,	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Mr.	-	L/Mr. Stron,	R.C.A.
Next for duty	-	Mr. Jones	R.C.A.

2. Duty Watches from 0745 hrs. 11-7-40 to 0745 hrs. 12-7-40

<u>On duty</u>	<u>Standing by</u>
#1 Detachment	L/Sgt. Thackeray
Sgt. Hummel	8 O.R.'s as detailed
8 O.R.'s as detailed	
#2 Detachment	L/Sgt. Thurlwell
Mr. Cox	8 O.R.'s as detailed
8 O.R.'s as detailed	

3. Morning Parade - 0900 hrs. R.C. party & duty watches.

4. Sanitary Fatigue - Thursday

Mr. Willoughby
Mr. McKay

5. Sentry Duty from 1800 hrs. 11-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 12-7-40

Ptes. Burt, E., Burt, F., Presley, 1st M. C.S.R.

85 Heavy Battery R.C.A.
W.E. Ferguson
OFFICER COMMANDING
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CASE

YORK ISLAND R.C.

JULY 10th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>G.S.S.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	48	49	
	Employed		11	11	60
	On Leave	1	8	9	
	H.Q.	1	22	23	
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Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
	A.S.L.		1	1	
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Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
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Det. 1st. L. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	10	11	
	Employed		4	4	15
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Det. 1st. G.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
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Det. 10th Fort. Sig. R.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
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Det. 12th Fld. Amb. R.C.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
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H.Q. 15th (Ven) Coast Bde. R.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
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Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			32	32	32
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GRAND TOTAL		7	166	173	140



July 11 Letter re "Z" Force (see app. D)

Weather: showery

Order

PART I ORDER
88th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.B.F.
York Island, B.C.
By
Major J. W. McKay, C. C.

ORDER NO. 192 11th July 1940

1. DUTIES: Friday, July 12, 1940.

To be Orderly Officer	-	Lt. J. F. W. Moore, R.C.A.
Next for duty	-	Lt. P. F. Dockerill "
To be Orderly Sgt.	-	Sgt. Davidson "
Next for duty	-	Sgt. Ramsden "
To be Orderly Bdr.	-	Bdr. Jones "
Next for duty	-	Bdr. Cox

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745 hrs. 12-7-40 to 0745 hrs. 13-7-40

<u>On Duty</u>	<u>Standing by</u>
#1 Detachment	
L/Sgt. Thackeray	Sgt. Cox
8 O.R.'s as detailed	8 O.R.'s as detailed
#2 Detachment	
L/Sgt. Thurlwell	Sgt. Davidson
8 O.R.'s as detailed	8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. TRAINING PARADE - 0900 hrs. R.C. Party and Duty Watches

4. SANITARY PARADE - Friday

Gnr. Willoughby
" McKay


5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 12-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 13-7-40

L/Cpl. Connatty, Pte. McGill, Pte. Dockstender
1st Bn. C.B.R.

6. "Z" FORCE: The following personnel from 88th Hvy. Bty. have been chosen:

K17027 B.S.M. Lockhart, F.J.	K42029 Gnr. Dickinson, A.F.
K17031 Sgt. Davidson, G.	K17054 Gnr. Fox, P.S.
K17033 L/Sgt. Thurlwell, W.H.	K17060 Gnr. O'Malley, C.R.
K17061 Bdr. Parker, J.L.	K17025 Gnr. Power, P.L.
K17023 Bdr. Larsen, J.	K17064 Gnr. Schofield, A.L.
P9976 Gnr. Gale, R.J.	K17083 Gnr. Thompson, L.H.
K17010 L/Bdr. McConnell, J.W.	K19030 Gnr. Wilson, J.R.
K17043 Gnr. Adcock, D.	K17082 Gnr. Ramsey, R.H.
K17015 Gnr. Skjel, S.	K17002 Gnr. Hayman, C.
K17085 Gnr. Beaulieu, J.L.	
K17064 Gnr. Court, L.A.	

Waiting
K17049 Gnr. Cooper, P.A.



85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CASE

YORK ISLAND B.C.

July 11th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offre.</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty.	On Parade	1	47	48	
R.C.A.	Employed		11	11	59
	On Leave	1	8	9	
	H.Q.	1	34	35	
--	A.W.L.		2 /	2 /	
Det. 5th Hvy.	On Parade		2	2	2
Bty. R.C.A.					
Det. 1st. A.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
Regt. R.C.A.					
Det. 1st. S/L	On Parade	1	10	11	
Regt. R.C.A.	Employed		4	4	15
Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 10th Fort.	On Parade		3	3	3
Sig. MCCS					
Det. 12th Fld.	Employed	1	4	5	5
Amb. R.C.A.M.C.					
Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			32	32	32
Grand Total		7	179	186	<u>140</u>



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EX

41 MBW

VANCOUVER JULY 11/1940

O.C. YORK ISLAND

320 11 O.R.s Vancouver Coast Bde. LEAVING FOR YORK ISLAND VIA UNION 12TH STOP ON THEIR ARRIVAL ALL PERSONNEL FOR Z FORCE WILL BE RETURNED TO VANCOUVER ON 1st. AVAILABLE BOAT STOP ADDITIONAL REPLACEMENTS WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

O.C. VAN AREA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
58th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B. C.

11th July, 1940.

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

"Z" FORCE

1. The O. C., Vancouver Area, today wired instructions to return all personnel for "Z" Force to Vancouver on the first available vessel after arrival of eleven replacements sailing on the U.S. "Catala" Friday evening. The twenty men listed on your memo of 8th July will report to you on Monday, July 15th. They will arrive via Union U.S. "Venture" about 0001 hrs.
2. K17049, Gnr. Cooper, P.A., who has been designated as a waiting man will not be sent down unless you telegraph instructions to this effect.
3. Please advise as soon as possible the effective date of transfer to the "Z" Force of this draft, and advise, if possible, the correct name or number of battery which they are joining, to be shown in our Part II Orders.
4. We will show K17027 B.S.M. Lockhart, E.J., as having reverted at his own request to the rank of B.Q.M.S., effective the date of transfer.

(R.H.Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding
York Island

July 12 1 O.R. proceeded on leave
1 O.R. T.O.S. at Vancouver
1130 No. 1 Gun fired Bring-to Round (see app. D)
Weather: cloudy with showers

File: 1-5

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
88th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.

12th July, 1940.

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

BRING TO ROUND

1. At about 1610 hours, July 11, 1940, a small vessel of the speed boat type passed through the examination line without being "passed" by the HMCS "MacDonald" I.V.

2. The Fort signalled the I.V. which started up at full speed to intercept this vessel but being unable to overtake it, BRING-TO signal was flashed to the Fort, and a round was fired at 1616 hours by No. 2 gun at 3500 yards range. The vessel stopped and was dealt with by the I.O.

3. The vessel proved to be the "Patayna" (No. V029R, owner-master, Lorne Mahoney, #81A Indian Reserve, North Vancouver, B.C.

(R.H. Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
For Officer Commanding
York Island

c.c. O.C. Vancouver Area.
c.c. O.C. 18th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. CANF.

1 CIV CX 34 NEW
VANCOUVER
JULY 12/1940

O.C. YORK ISLAND

330 CAPT A H CORNISH ARRIVING 1000 HRS JULY 15TH VIA C L
TO REPLACE LIEUT LEAROYD. AFTER ACQUAINTING HIM WITH DUTIES
LIEUT LEAROYD WILL REPORT TO MAJOR F.W. LEES AT VANCOUVER
FOR DUTY

O.C. VAN/AREA

88th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CAMP

York Island R.C.

DAILY PART II ORDERS

No.195

JULY 15th 1940

1. DUTIES - SATURDAY

To be Orderly Officer	LT. P.F. Deckerill	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Lt. L.F.W. Moore	R.C.A.
To be orderly Sgt.	Sgt. Ramsden	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	L/Sgt. Thackeray	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bdr.	Bdr. Cox	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	L/Bdr. Stroom	R.C.A.

2. BURY WATCHES from 0745 Hrs. 13-7-40 to 0845 Hrs. 14-7-40

1 Detachment ON BURY

STANDING BY

Sgt. Cox and 8 O.R.s
as detailed

Sgt. Hummel and 8 O.R.s
as detailed

2 Detachment

Sgt. Davidson and 8 O.R.s
as detailed

Bdr. Cox and 8 O.R.s
as detailed

3. MARCHING PARADE 0900 Hrs. - R.C. Party and Duty Watches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Saturday

Sr Gnr. Willoughby
Gnr. - Cooper

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 13-7-40 to 0600 Hrs 14-7-40

Ptes. Clark, Dickson, Webster . 1st. Bn. C.S.R.

6. FIRST AID INSTRUCTIONS

All personnel concerned will take notice that First Aid Lectures will resume as per schedule today, July 15th, at 1400 to 1500 Hrs. in the Recreation Hut.



65th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CAMPYORK ISLAND R.C.

July 12th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Office</u>	<u>O.P.S.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Is.</u>
65th Hvy. Bty.	On Parade	1	48	49	
R.C.A.	Employed		11	11	60
	On Leave	1	9	9	
	A.H.S.		2	2	
	H.Q.	1	34	35	
			3	3	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On parade	2	2	2	2
Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	10	11	
	Employed		4	4	15
Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 10th Fort. Sig. HQCS	On Parade		3	3	3
Det. 18th Fld. Arb. HQAHC	Employed	1	4	5	5
Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			32	32	32
GRAND TOTAL		7	100	107	141



July 13 Letter re ration shipments
 " " reinforcements
 " " wireless telegraph traffic
 1 O.R. T.O.S. at Vancouver
 Weather: cloudy with showers

PART I ORDER

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

York Island, B.C.

By

Major J.E. Pickey, O.C.

ORDER No. 194 13th July, 1940

1. DUTIES: Sunday, July 14, 1940

To be Orderly Officer	- Lt. L.F.W. Moore, R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill "
To be Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Thackeray "
Next for duty	- Sgt. Gray, C.S.R.
To be Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Strom, R.C.A.
Next for duty	- L/Bdr. Burgess

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0845 hrs. 14-7-40 to 0745 hrs. 15-7-40

<u>On Duty</u>	<u>Standing by</u>
#1 Detachment	L/Sgt. Thackeray
Sgt. Hammel	8 O.R.'s as detailed
8 O.R.'s as detailed	
#2 Detachment	
Bdr. Cox	
8 O.R.'s as detailed	

3. MANNING PARADE 1100 hrs. 14-7-40 H.Q. party and duty watches.

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Sunday

Cnr. McKay
 " Harbord


5. Sentry duty from 1800 hrs. 14-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 15-7-40

Ptes. Bullis, Brown, Watt, 1st Bn. C.S.R.

6. "E" FORCE VOLUNTEERS:

The following personnel will parade on the deck before
 embarking on the m/v "Polar Forsite" at time to be announced

K17027 BSM Lockhart, R.J.	K17084 Cnr. Court, L.A.
K17031 Sgt. Davidson, G.	K17084 Cnr. Fox, P.S.
K17033 L/Sgt. Thurlwell, W.B.	K17080 Cnr. O'Malley, C.R.
K17061 Bdr. Parker, J.L.	K17064 Cnr. Schofield, A.L.
K17083 Bdr. Larsen, J.	K17088 Cnr. Thompson, L.H.
K17010 L/Bdr. McConnell, J.W.	K17092 Cnr. Ramsey, R.M.
P9978 Cnr. Gale, R.J.	K17002 Cnr. Mayman, G.
K17043 Cnr. Adrich, D.	K17049 Cnr. Cooper, P.A.
K17015 Cnr. Skjeie, S.	K17019 Cnr. Wood, A.W.
K17083 Cnr. Beaulieu, J.L.	


 OFFICER COMMANDING
 YORK ISLAND, B.C.

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

YORK ISLAND

JULY 13th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Officer</u>	<u>C.P.S.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	59	60	
	Employed		11	11	
	On Leave	1	9	10	71
	H.Q.	1	25	26	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.			2	2	2
Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.		1	1	2	2
Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	9	11	
	Employed		4	4	15
Det. 1st. C.G.R.			14	14	14
Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. R.C.S.S.			3	3	3
Det. 12th Fld. Amb. Employed R.C.A.M.C.		1	4	5	5
RMS. Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			32	32	32
Extra copy to H.Q. RMKI	TOTAL	8	100	108	<u>152</u>



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
88th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.

SECRET

18th July, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
Vancouver Area,
523 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Wireless Telegraph Traffic
Militia Service Cipher

1. We have for acknowledgment your S.76-2, dated 18th July, 1940. It is presumed this refers to our W/T 620 and not 120 as stated.
2. Your comments in para. 1 are noted but it is suggested that you refer to your H.Q. letter, file 5-11-6-3, dated 19th April, 1940, and to your letter, file 5-24-1, dated 1st April, 1940, together with copy of M.D. XI circular letter, file V.S. 30-2-1-6, dated 29th March, 1940.
3. Inasmuch as H.Q. M.D.11 last year authorized military wireless station at York Island to accept personal or non-military messages of an urgent nature at the discretion of the O.C., York Island, on account of the infrequent mail service, and that the instructions referred to above were quite definite in this matter, it is requested that the instructions given in your letter of 18th July, 1940, be reconsidered.
4. It is realized that cipher messages necessitate a lot of time and effort in coding and decoding, and this method of communication with you is only used when considered urgent enough to warrant it.
5. Your comments will be appreciated.

(R.H.Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding
York Island

RMJ/JS

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

13th July, 1940.

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

REINFORCEMENTS - 85th HVY. BTY. R.C.A.

1. Today 11 O.R.'s, mostly recruits, reported for duty at York Island. On inspection by the Medical Officer here several of these men were found to be defective in several respects. A full report will be forwarded later. In the meantime the certificate issued by the Unit Medical Officer who inspected these men before they left Vancouver, will be appreciated.

2. It is also pointed out that none of these men had been issued with razors nor hand towels.

(R.R. Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding
York Island

RHJ/JS

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

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

York Island, B. C.

15th July, 1940.

D. D. S. & T. O.,
Immigration Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

RATION SHIPMENT

1. Further to our letter of 9th July, 1940, re the above wherein it was pointed out that shipment of rations should not be made on the s.s. "Chelosin" unless the s.s. "Border Prince" was too far off schedule, I have the following observations to make:

- 1) 165 gallons of fresh milk was found to be sour when opened on Wednesday morning. You will realize that this shipment of milk was delivered to the Union Steamship Co.'s dock Monday afternoon and stood in the warm freight shed for several hours before being loaded on the steamer, and then spent some 30 hours in the unrefrigerated hold of the vessel. This milk was finally placed in the refrigerator at York Island at about 0130 hours Wednesday. It is therefore suggested that if shipments are to be made by the s.s. "Chelosin", evaporated milk be substituted for fresh milk.
- 11) The steamer docked at Sayward wharf at about 0030 hours Wednesday morning. It was a very dark night and the ration party had to load the stores on our launch in complete darkness, and in doing so lost one ~~half~~ quarter of beef weighing about 150-lbs. overboard due to the breaking of the rope which was used to lower the stores from the wharf to the deck of the boat. As it was impossible to retrieve it that night the piece of beef had to be left on the bottom until low tide the next day when we were fortunately able to retrieve it with grappling hooks.

2. Had this ration shipment been sent forward via s.s. "Border Prince" it would have arrived at 1030 hours Tuesday morning, and the milk would have been placed in our refrigerator fifteen hours earlier, and the ~~stores~~ would have been landed by ship's tackle directly on the wharf at York Island.

(R.H. Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding
York Island

July 14

16 "Z" Force volunteers proceeded to Vancouver

Diary

PART 1 ORDERS
85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B. C.
By
Major J.V. Piercy, O. C.

ORDER NO. 125 14th July, 1940

1. Duties: Monday, July 15, 1940.

To be Officer of the watch:	S/Lt. I.C. Harrison	R.C.A.
Next for duty	Lt. L.F.W. Moore	"
To be Orderly Officer	Ec. P.F. Beckerill	"
Next for duty	S/Lt. I.C. Harrison	"
To be Orderly Sgt.	Sgt. Gray	S.S.R.
Next for duty	Sgt. Hummel	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Mr.	L/Mr. Burgess	"
Next for duty	Mr. Jones, D. D.	"

2. Duty Watches from 0845 hrs. 15-7-40 to 0745 hrs. 16-7-40

<u>On Duty</u>	<u>Standing by</u>
#1 Detachment L/Sgt. Thackery 8 O.R.'s as detailed	Sgt. Cox and 8 O.R.'s as detailed
#2 Detachment L/Sgt. Gaddesford, T. and 8 O.R.'s as detailed	Mr. Jones, D.D. and 8 O.R.'s

3. MORNING PARADE 0900 hrs. H.Q. party and Duty watches

4. Sanitary Fatigue -Monday

Cmr. Willoughby
Cmr. King

5. Sentry Duty from 1800 hrs. 15-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 16-7-40

Ptes. Bart P., Bart P., Presley, 1st Bn. C.S.R.



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

YORK ISLAND

16th July, 1940.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		<u>Officer</u>	<u>S.S.'s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total York Is.</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	60	61	
	Employed		10	10	
	On leave	1	9	10	71
	R.Q.		16	16	
	Attached 58th Bty.	1		1	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On parade		2	2	2
Det. 1st A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
Det. 1st S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	9	11	
	Employed		4	4	15
Det. 1st C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
Det. 12th Fd. Amb. R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	4	5	5
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Att.			32	32	32
Total		8	171	179	158



YORK ISLAND B C
JULY ~~13~~ 14TH 1940

O.C. VAN AREA

622 YOUR 320 16 O.R.s ARRIVING VANCOUVER MON MORNING
VIA S S ADELAIDE

O.C. YORK ISLAND

July 15 Letter re clothing recruits (see app. D)
" " fire protection (see app. D)
" " wireless telegraph traffic
1 O.R. committed suicide while returning from leave
Weather: Bright

YORK ISLAND B.C.
JULY 15/40

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623 REPORTING TWO PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL/SIGNED O.C. STE HOSPITAL

O.C. YORK ISLAND

PART I ORDERS
 68th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
 YORK ISLAND B.C.

No. 196

July 15th 1940

1. DEUTY - TUESDAY July 16th

OFFICER OF THE WATCH		
Next for Duty	Lieut. L.F.W. Moore	R.C.A.
Orderly Officer	Lieut. P.P. Dockerill	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	2/Lt. I.C. Morrison	R.C.A.
Orderly Sgt.	Lt. L.F. Moore	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Hummel	R.C.A.
Orderly Bdr.	L/Sgt. Cuddeford	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Bdr. Cox	R.C.A.
	Bdr. Garrett	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745 Hrs. 16-7-40 to 0745 Hrs. 17-7-40

§ 1 Detachment ON DUTY

Sgt. Cox and 8 O.R.s
as detailed

STANDING BY

Sgt. Hummel and 8 O.R.s
as detailed

§ 2 Detachment

Bdr. Jones D.D. and 8 O.R.s
as detailed

Bdr. Cox and 8 O.R.s
as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - 0900 Hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - TUESDAY

Cmr. Willoughby
Cmr. King

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 16-7-40 until 0600 Hrs. 17-7-40.

Ptes. McNeill, Docksteadox, Howard, 1st. Bn. C.S.R.



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

YORK ISLAND B.C.

July 15th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.P.S.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty.	On Parade	1	44	45	
B.C.A.	Employed		10	10	
	On Leave	1	9	10	
	H.Q.		30	30	
	Att. 50th	1	-	1	55
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Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. B.C.A.	On Parade		1	1	1
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Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. B.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
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Det. 1st. S/E Regt. B.C.A.	On Parade	2	9	11	
	Employed		4	4	15
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Det. 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
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Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. ROCS.	On Parade		3	3	3
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Det. 18th Fld. Amb. RCAMC	Employed	1	4	5	5
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Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			16	16	16
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Grand Total		8	152	160	<u>119</u>



July 16 Letter re K19030 Gnr. Wilson, J.R., deceased (see app. D)

“ “ Dental Attention (see app. D)

Capt. A.L. Cornish, RCAMC arrived to relieve Lt. Learoyd

1 O.R. posted to this Bty. In Vancouver

Weather: Bright

QUEEN HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
YORK ISLAND B.C.
DAILY ORDERS PART I

197 July 16/40

1. DUTIES - Wed.

Officer of the Watch	Lt. P.F. Beckerill	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	R/Lt. I.C. Morrison	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Officer	Lt. L.F.W. Moore	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Lt. P.F. Beckerill	R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sgt.	L/Sgt. Cuddeford	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Cox	R.C.A.
Orderly Bdr.	Bdr. Garrett	R.C.A.
Next for Duty	L/Bdr. Burgess	R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0745 Hrs. 17-7-40 to 0745 Hrs. 18-7-40

<u>ON DUTY</u>	<u>STANDING BY</u>
# 1 Detachment	
Sgt. Hummel and 8 O.R.s as detailed	L/Sgt. Thackeray and 8 O.R.s as detailed
# 2 Detachment	
Bdr. Cox and 8 O.R.s as detailed	L/Sgt. Cuddeford and 8 O.R.s as detailed

3. MORNING PARADE - 0900 Hrs. 17-7-40. R.C. Party and Duty Watches

4. SANITARY FATIGUE - Wed.

Gnr. Willoughby
Gnr. King.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 Hrs. 17-7-40 until 0600 Hrs. 18-7-40
Ptes. Clark, Dickson and Webster. 1st. Bn. C.S.R.

PART 1 ORDERS

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

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

By

Major J.E. Flacey, O.C.

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197-6 MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

"I have just taken over the post of Minister of National Defence. My colleague the Minister of National Defence for Air and the Honourable A.L. Macdonald Minister designate of National Defence for Naval Services join with me in sending you this message. We are workers together in the biggest task which CANADA has ever undertaken. Stop World conditions make it impossible to tell with any certainty what lies ahead of us. Stop No man can foretell what will be required of this Nation. stop Our job is to be prepared for whatever may come. Stop The foundation of that preparation is physical fitness and discipline and training in the basic principles of the fighting services. stop Then with that foundation training in any arm or any special branch can be readily added. Stop The Department of National Defence must spare no effort to provide the personnel and manpower. Stop The task of providing equipment is not being allowed to lag for a moment. stop The abrupt cutting off of major sources of supply and the greatly increased requirements which the changes in the last two months have called for are making tremendous demands on purely Canadian production. Stop We ask everybody to make the very best use of the things we have and to use their brains and ingenuity to improve and keep going at full speed even when complete supplies are not available. Stop We did that in the last war and we can do it again. Stop We know that every Officer and man will work as he has never worked before. Stop The enemy works Sunday and Holidays as well as week days and nights as well as days. Stop And so shall we because victory depends directly on the untiring energy and effort of us all. Stop Major Power, Mr. Macdonald and I pledge you the very best we can give in this great undertaking. Stop Signed J. L. Malton, Minister of National Defence"



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

YORK ISLAND R.C.

JULY 16th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Offrs.	O.R.s	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	1	43	44	
ON PARADE		10	10	
EMPLOYED		1	1	55
SEN HOSPITAL	1	4	5	
On Leave		5	5	
A.W.L.	1	-	1	
Att. 58th				
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.		1	1	1
On Parade				
Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	1	1	2	2
On Parade				
Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	2	9	11	
On Parade		4	4	15
Employed				
Det. 1st. C.S.B.		14	14	14
On Parade				
Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. ROCS		3	3	3
On Parade				
Det. 15th Fls. B. ROCS	2	4	6	6
Employed				
Naval personnel attached	1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached		16	16	16
Grand Total	9	155	161	120



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

16th July, 1940.

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

KI7030 Gnr. WILSON, J. R.
DECEASED

1. The m/n man was granted seven days leave of absence from 9th July to 15th July. He was returning to report for duty, York Island, as a passenger on board s.s. "Border Prince" at 2130 hours, July 15th. he shot himself with a .32 calibre revolver.

2.- The master of the s.s. "Border Prince" called at Powell River to put the body ashore and it was taken charge of by Coroner Scarlet and Cpl. Sweeney of the Provincial Police. The master of the ship also notified his agents in Vancouver, Borderline Navigation Co., who, in turn, notified the military authorities in Vancouver.

3. It is believed that Wilson took his life during a fit of despondency as his medical category did not allow him to join the draft for the "2" Force.

4. The master of the s.s. "Border Prince" states that all his clothing and equipment which he was carrying with him were turned over to the Provincial Police at Powell River for disposal.

(R.H. Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding
York Island

KHJ/JB

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

16th July, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
Vancouver Area,
523 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

DENTAL ATTENTION

1. Attached hereto is copy of letter to O.C., 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. RCA, and copy of report submitted by the Medical Officer, York Island.
2. You will note that four of the eleven reinforcements recently arrived require dental attention, two of whom should have early attention.
3. It is proposed to return K17127 Cnr. Lamb, W.C., and K17118 Cnr. McBryer, J., to Vancouver for attention at the Dental Clinic about July 20th.
4. In order to avoid repetition of this with future reinforcements it is urged that any men requiring necessary dental attention should have this completed before leaving Vancouver.

(R.H. Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
for Officer Commanding
York Island

RHJ/JS

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

Enc

July 17 0925 No. 1 Gun fired one Bring-to round (see app. D)
 1 O.R. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. arrived to install radio station equipment
 2 O.R.'s proceeded on leave
 Weather: Bright

PART 1 ORDERS

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

YORK ISLAND

By

Major J. E. Fickes, O.C.

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 NO. 198

July 17,
 1940

1. DUTIES: Thursday

Officer of the Watch Next for duty	2/Lt. I.C. Morrison Lt. L.F.W. Moore
To be Orderly Officer Next for duty	Lt. W.F. Dockerill 2/Lt. I.C. Morrison
To be Merly Sgt. Next for duty	Sgt. Cox Mr. Cox
To be Orderly Mr. Next for duty	1/Sgt. Burgess 1/Mr. Gayton

2. DUTY WATCHES: from 0745 hrs. 18-7-40 to 0745 hrs. 19-7-40.

<u>On Duty</u>	<u>Standing By</u>
#1 Detachment	
1/Sgt. Theodoray and 8 O.R.'s as detailed	Sgt. Cox and 8 O.R.'s as detailed
#2 Detachment	
1/Sgt. Giddesford and 8 O.R.'s as detailed	Mr. Jones, P.D. and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE - 0900 hrs. 18-7-40 H.Q. party & Duty watches

4. SANITARY PARADE - Thursday

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. King

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1600 hrs. 18-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 19-7-40

Ptes. Bullis, Brown and Watt. C.S.R.

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6. LAUNDRY

- (a) Overalls, Ponies, Shirts Service and Trousers Service must be laundered every two weeks.
- (b) Clothing worn by cooks and kitchen staff must be laundered weekly.
- (c) Soiled clothing will be left at the Q.M. Stores on Mondays during the period 1130 Hrs. to 1400 Hrs. Each man will leave his laundry personally with a list showing name, for the storeman who receives it.
- (d) Laundry will be drawn from Q.M. Stores every Saturday from 1130 to 1400 Hrs. only.
- (e) All personnel proceeding on leave will place all spare clothing, blankets etc. in one blanket with an itemized list, and turn it in to Q.M. Stores.

7. MAIL

- (a) In future all personnel will call for their mail personally at the wicket (Pay Office) in the Administration Bldg.
- (b) Mail will be called for between 1500 and 1700 Hrs. on Thursdays and Saturdays, and between 0900 to 1200 Hrs. on Wednesdays.
- (c) Wicket will not be opened until mail is sorted.



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

York Island B.C.

JULY 17th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.S.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	45	46	
	Employed		10	10	56
	On Leave	1	3	4	
	R.C.		32	32	
	Att. 58th A.N.L.	1	2 3	1 3	
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Det. 5th Hvy. Bty.	On Parade		1	1	1
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Det. 1st. A.I. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	2	2
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Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	9	¹¹ 11	
	Employed		4	4	15
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Detl 1st. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
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Det. 10th Fort Sig. R.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	
	Employed		1	1	4
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<u>REINFORCEMENTS</u>					
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R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	2	4	6	6
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Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
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Civilian employees attached			16	16	16
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GRAND TOTAL		9	153	162	<u>162</u>



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JULY 17/1938

O.C. YORK ISLAND

361 THREE OFFICERS AND 18 O R S THURSDAY PRINCESS ADELAIDE

O.C. VAN AREA

File: 1-0

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

17th July, 1940.

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

BRING TO ROUND

1. At 0925 hours, July 17, 1940, No. 1 gun fired a Bring-to Round across the bow of a vessel proceeding east on Sunderland Channel. This vessel was sighted close to the north shore while the Examination Vessel was on the south shore. As the I.V. HMCS "Vamale" could not overtake this vessel before it was out of range and bearing, the C.I.O. instructed the Port to fire a Bring-to Round. The vessel stopped and was examined by the I.O. of the HMCS "Vamale."

2. The vessel was the O.B.#1, Recognition No. V OVO B, and owned by the O'Brien Logging Company, Vancouver, B.C. It was in charge of Roy E. MacLennan of Wells Passage, B.C.

(R.H. Jorgensen) Capt. R.C.A.
For Officer Commanding
York Island

RLJ/JS

C.C. O.C. Vancouver Area.
C.C. O.C. 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. CASF

July 18 Major J.E. Piercy and 1 O.R. returned from leave
 Capt. T.L. Harrison and Lt. F. Wingert arrived
 1 O.R. RCOG arrived to inspect and adjust small arms
 1 O.R. proceeded on leave
 Lt. D.R. Learoyd, RCAMC, and L.F.W. Moore, R.C.a proceeded to Vancouver
 Weather: Fair

PART 1 ORDERS
86th Heavy Battery R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B. C.
BY
Major J. E. Piercy, O.C.

ORDER NO. 199 18th July, 1940. Page 1
 2 Pages

1. DUTIES: Friday

Officer of the watch	- Lt. J.P.W. Moore	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill	"
To be Orderly Officer	- S/Lt. I.C. Morrison	"
Next for duty	- Lt. L.F.W. Moore	"
To be Orderly Sgt.	- Mr. Cox	"
Next for duty	- Sgt. Gray	C.S.R.
To be Orderly Mr.	- L/Mr. Gayton	R.C.A.
Next for duty	- L/Cpl. Connolly	C.S.R.

2. DEUTY WATCHES: from 0745 hrs. 19-7-40 to 0745 hrs. 20-7-40

<u>On Duty</u>	<u>Standing By</u>
#1 Detachment	
Sgt. Cox	Sgt. Russell
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed	and 8 O.R.'s as detailed
#2 Detachment	
Mr. Jones R.D. and	Mr. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed	8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. MORNING PARADE - 0900 hrs. 19-7-40 by H.Q. Party & Duty Watches

4. SANITARY PATROL - Friday

Mr. Willoughby
 Mr. King

5. SENIOR DUTY from 1800 hrs. 19-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 20-7-40

Ptes. Bart, M. Bart, P. & Presley

6. APPLICATION FOR LEAVE & FURLOUGH, etc.

In future any man who wishes to be paraded before the Sergeant-Major on matters pertaining to leave, etc., will hand his name to the Orderly Sgt. in the morning and will be paraded to the Orderly Room between the hours of 1400 hrs. and 1530 hrs. daily.



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

York Island, B.C.

July 18, 1940.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total at York I
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	62	64	
	Employed		11	11	75
	On Leave		2	2	
	H.Q.		30	30	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	58th Att.	1		1	
Det. 5th Hvy.		2	1	1	1
Det. 1st A.A. Regt. R.C.A.		1	1	2	2
Det. 1st U/L Regt. R.C.A.		2	8 5	10 5	15
H.Q. 15th Coast Bde. R.C.A.		2		2	2
Det. 1st Can. Scottish Regt.			14	14	14
Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy.		3 2	3 1	3 1	4
R.C.A.M.C.		2	3	5	5
			1	1	
R.C.O.C.			1	1	1
Naval personnel att.		1	7	8	8
Civilian employees att.			16	16	16
Grand total		11	168	179	143



Instructions regarding preparation of War Diaries, (which will be kept from first day of mobilization, creation or embodiment), are contained in P.F. Page Vol. 1.
This page will be prepared.

80th Heavy Battery RCA (CASF)
YORK ISLAND, B. C.

WAR DIARY
OR
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
(Erase heading not required)

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendixes and Initials
85th Bvy. Sty.R.C.A. York Island	July 1940	19	Ross Rifles issued in lieu of Le Enfield's 1 O.R. sent to Vancouver for dental attention. Weather: cloudy with showers	
		20	Letter re life boat (see app. D) " " water storage (see app. D) 1 O.R. proceeded on leave Lt. J.H. Bricker reported for duty Lt. A. Lenoaster, RCNR, relieved Lt. J.H. Gillison, RCNR, OXO Weather: Bright	5-8 8-1
		21	Lt. Cmdr. G.A. Thomson, RCNR, returned as OXO Capt. T.L. Harrison returned to Vancouver 1 O.R.'s sent to Vancouver for dental treatment. Weather: fair	
		22	Letter re war reserve - food - (see app. D) 1 O.R. S.O.S. on transfer to Seafarths Weather: Bright	8-1
		23	Major W.K. Hicks, Capt. W.G. Purdy and Master Gnr. Croft, arrived. Practice shoot - 21 rounds fired Lt. Wingart and Master Gnr. Croft returned to Vancouver 1 O.R. proceeded to "C" Wing, CSAS, Sarcee, Alta. Weather: Bright	
		24	Letter re local defence (see app. D) Weather: cloudy	2-7
		25	1444 hrs. No. 2 gun fired one Bring to-round (see app. D) Major W.K. Hicks and Capt. W.G. Purdy returned to Bde. H.Q. 14 O.R.'s "B" Coy, 2nd Bn. (MG) C.S.A., arrived to relieve det. 1st BN. 1 O.R. reported for duty. 1 O.R. proceeded Weather: cloudy	1-0
		26	Letter re accommodation (see app. D) Weather: dull and showery	1-0

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July 19 Ross Rifles issued in lieu of Le Enfield's
1 O.R. sent to Vancouver for dental attention.
Weather: cloudy with showers

JULY 19 1940

G S O
M D NO. XI
VICTORIA B C

625 YOUR CIRCULAR 12 JULY C WING CANADIAN
SMALL ARMS SCHOOL NOMINATE K17042 BDR. W D
DASHWOOD JONES

C C
YORK ISLAND

CONFIRMATION
T.O.O. 1030 hrs.

PART I ORDERS

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

York Island, B. C.

By

Major J. E. Stacey, O.C.

ORDER NO. 200

19th July, 1940.

Page 1

1. DUTY: Saturday

Officer of the watch	- 2/Lt. I.C. Harrison
Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Dockerill
To be Orderly Officer	- Lt. P.F. Dockerill
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. I.C. Harrison
To be Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Gray, C.A.R.
Next for duty	- Bdr. Jones, B.L.
To be Orderly Bdr.	- L/Cpl. Connolly

2. DUTY WATCHES from 1000 hrs. 20-7-40 to 2000 hrs. 20-7-40

#1 Detachment	#2 Detachment
Sgt. Cox and	L/Sgt. Cuddiford and
13 O.R.'s as detailed	13 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 2200 hrs. 20-7-40 to 1000 hrs. 21-7-40

#1 Detachment	#2 Detachment
Sgt. Munnell and	L/Sgt. Thackeray and
12 O.R.'s as detailed	12 O.R.'s as detailed

4. Morning Parade 1000hrs. 20-7-40 H.Q. and Duty Watches

5. SANITARY PATROL - Saturday

Cox. Willoughby
Cox. Conroy

6. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 20-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 21-7-40
Ptes. McNeill, Bookstender & Howard

7. CARE & PRESERVATION OF RIFLES.

In future the Nos. 1 of the detachments will draw a week's supply of 2 x 4 from the C.M. Stores every Friday, and will be responsible for seeing that the men in their detachments keep their rifles thoroughly cleaned at all times.

8. ORDERLY SERGEANTS.

When the duties of the Orderly Sergeant do not require him to be out around the camp, he will remain in the Orderly Room, so as to be available when required.



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

YORK ISLAND B.C.

JULY 19th 1960

DAILY PERSONNEL STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offrs.	O.N.S	TOTAL	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	8	61	69	76
	Employed		11	11	
	Employed H.Q.		31	31	
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	Att. 58th	1	-	1	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.			1	1	1
Det. 1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.			1	1	1
Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	8	10	16
	Employed		5	5	
H.Q. 15th (Van) Coast SCo. RCA		2		2	2
Det. 1st. C.S.R.			14	14	14
Det. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. RCGS	On Parade	2	2	2	2
	Employed		1	1	3
Det. R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On Leave		1	1	
R.C.O.C.			1	1	1
Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			16	16	16
Grand Total		9	165	174	189



July 20 Letter re life boat (see app. D)

" " water storage (see app. D)

1 O.R. proceeded on leave

Lt. J.H. Bricker reported for duty

Lt. A. Lancaster, RCNR, relieved Lt. J.N. Gillison, RCNR, CXO

Weather: Bright

File: 5-8

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

20th July, 1940.

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

LIFE BOAT

1. H.M.C.S. "MacDonald" brought up one life boat which was turned over to me. Enclosed is a letter from the Naval Authorities which show that the equipment for this and one other lifeboat was turned over to the Army Authorities at Esquimalt. Will you please arrange to have this forwarded to York Island per s.s. "Border Prince" leaving Vancouver about July 28th.
2. The lifeboat sent up needs painting very badly, and I am having the old paint scaled off, as I presume you wish these lifeboats redelivered back to the Navy at some future date in as good condition as possible.
3. Will you please instruct the D.O.O. to ship:
10 gals. Aluminum paint for a base
10 gals. Antifouling paint for the bottom
20 gals. white paint
5 gals. Turpentine
4. To stand up to the wear and tear these vessels should have four or five coats. I anticipate this should be enough for the two lifeboats and possibly for the other lifeboat to be sent up as water boat.

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

EJP/JS
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PART I ORDERS

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

York Island, R.C.

By

Major J.E. Pierce, O.C.

ORDER NO. 801

20th July, 1940

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1. DUTIES - Sunday

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. P.F. Dockerill
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. I.C. Morrison
To be Orderly Officer	- 2/Lt. I.C. Morrison
Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Dockerill
To be Orderly Sgt.	- Mr. Jones
Next for duty	- Mr. Cox
To be Orderly Mr.	- L/Sgt. Hammel
Next for duty	- L/Sgt. Burgess

2. DUTY WATCHES from 1000 hrs. 21-7-40 to 1600 hrs. 21-7-40

#1 Detachment	#2 Detachment
Sgt. Cox and	L/Sgt. Cuddeford and
15 O.R.'s as detailed	15 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 1600 hrs. to 2200 hrs. 21-7-40

#1 Detachment	#2 Detachment
Sgt. Hammel and	L/Sgt. Thackeray and
15 O.R.'s as detailed	15 O.R.'s as detailed

4. DUTY WATCHES from 2200 hrs. 21-7-40 to 1000 hrs. 22-7-40

#1 Detachment	#2 Detachment
Sgt. Cox and	Sgt. Cuddeford and
15 O.R.'s as detailed	15 O.R.'s as detailed

5. SANITARY PATROL - Sunday

Cnr. Confrey
Cnr. Waddy

6. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 21-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 22-7-40
Ptes. Clark, Dickinson and Webster

7. DIVINE SERVICE - All personnel are cordially invited to attend Divine Service to be held on July 21st at 8000 hrs. in the Mess Hall.



Diary

July 20th

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Office	C.M.S.	Total	Total at York Island
88th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	59	61	
	Employed		11	11	
	Str. Hospital		2	2	74
	A.S.L.		3	3	
	On Leave		2	2	
	Att. 50th	1	27	28	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.			1	1	1
Det. 1st. A.S.			1	1	1
Det. 1st. S/L		2	8	10	
Det. 1st. Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.			8	8	18
31st Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.		1	-	1	1
H.Q. 15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.		2	-	2	2
Det. 1st. C.F.R.			14	14	14
Det. 10th Port. Sig. Coy. R.C.A.	On Parade		2	2	
	Employed		1	1	3
Det. R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On Leave		1	1	
R.C.O.C.			1	1	1
Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached.			10	10	16

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1 copy to H.R. H.D.M.I



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

20th July, 1940.

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

WATER STORAGE

1. In the scheme for water distribution it was proposed to build a tank on the top of the Island to supply water to the Fort and provide fire protection.
2. It was proposed to install a wooden water tank.
3. Our experience with the wood stave tank now installed half way up the hill is that unless the tank is filled up completely nearly all the time the staves dry out at the top, when the water is not standing, during hot weather. This causes considerable leakage when the staves are dried out.
4. After discussing the matter with Mr. R. Mann, the Works Foreman, I suggest that the tank be changed to a concrete or steel tank to avoid this trouble.
5. A concrete mixer will be sent up to build the crew shelter and parapet walls and could be used to build a concrete tank.
6. In addition I request that the tank be increased in size to give at least one week's water supply in case this Fort is cut off by enemy attack. Consumption at present is nearly 8,000 gallons per day, whereas the wooden tank now installed holds 15,000 gallons.

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

JEP/JA

July 21 Lt. Cmdr. G.A. Thomson, RCNR, returned as CXO
Capt. T.L. Harrison returned to Vancouver
4 O.R.'s sent to Vancouver for dental treatment.
Weather: Fair

D. H. H.

PAGE 1 ORDER

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

York Island, N.C.

21st July, 1940

Major J.E. Pierson, O.C.

ORDER NO: 204

PAGE 1

1. DUTIES - Monday

Officer of the Watch Next for duty	- S/Lt. I.C. Harrison - Lt. P.F. Deckerill
To be Orderly Officer Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill - S/Lt. I.C. Harrison
To be Orderly Sgt. Next for duty	- Sgt. Hurrell - Sgt. Thackeray
To be Orderly Bdr. Next for duty	- Mr. Strum - L/Mr. Hurrell

2. DUTY WATCHES from 1000 hrs. 22-7-40 to 2300 22-7-40

#1 Detachment Sgt. Hurrell and 13 O.R.'s as detailed	#2 Detachment Sgt. Thackeray and 13 O.R.'s as detailed
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3. DUTY WATCHES from 2300 hrs. 22-7-40 to 1000 hrs. 23-7-40

#1 Detachment Sgt. Cox and 13 O.R.'s as detailed	#2 Detachment L/Sgt. Cuddeford and 13 O.R.'s as detailed
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4. SANITARY PATROL - Monday

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. Confrey

5. SENTRY DUTIES - from 1800 hrs. 22-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 23-7-40

Ptes. Ballin, Brown and Watt



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

YORK ISLAND B.C.

JULY 31st 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offrs.	O.N.S	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty.	On Parade	2	59	61	
R.C.A.	Employed		11	11	74
	Hospital (Stn)		2	2	72
	On Leave		2	2	
	A.W.I.		2	2	
	R.C.		32	32	
	Att. 58th	1		1	
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Det. 5th Hvy.	Stn. Hospital		1	1	1
Bty. R.C.A.					
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1st. A.A. Regt.	On Parade		1	1	1
R.C.A.					
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Det. 1st. S/L	On Parade	2	8	10	
Regt. R.C.A.	Employed		5	5	15
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31st. Hvy. Bty.	On Parade	1		1	1
R.C.A.					
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H.C. 15th (Van)		2		2	2
Coast Bde. R.C.A.					
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Det. 1st. Bn.	On Parade		14	14	14
C.S.B.					
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Det. 10th Port. Sig.	On Parade		2	2	
Coy. R.C.S.	Employed		1	1	3
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R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On Leave		1	1	
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R.C.O.C.	Employed		1	1	1
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Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
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Civilian personnel attached			16	16	16
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GRAND TOTAL		10	168	178	140
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July 22 Letter re war reserve – food - (see app. D)
1 O.R. S.O.S. on transfer to Seaforths
Weather: Bright

File: 8-1

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

22nd July, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
Vancouver Area,
325 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

WAR RESERVE - FOOD

1. The D.O.C. instructed me to lay in a war reserve of food for the garrison at York Island because in the event of enemy attack the garrison would be cut off for some time.
2. This matter was discussed with Lieut. Beak, R.C.A.S.C., on his recent visit, and he advised that they could make an issue of bully beef, etc., which could be kept in store.
3. I suggest that rations for at least 200 men be issued as we would probably have to support the crews of the examination vessels who would take shelter on York Island. Their crews would be of use in repelling a landing party even though their vessels could not fight.
4. Will you please give instructions to D.S. & T.O. to supply war reserve of food, as instructed.

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

JEP/JS
C.O. D.D.S. & T.O., Vancouver, B.C.

JULY 22/40

O.C. YORK ISLAND

BDR DASHWOOD-JONES SELECTED TO ATTEND 5 WEEKS "C" WING COURSE
SARGE TO PROCEED VANCOUVER FIRST AVAILABLE BOAT AND APPLY
D D S & T O THAT POINT FOR TRANSPORTATION TO SARGE STOP
RESPIRATOR TO BE TAKEN

D A G 11

PART I ORDERS

45th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.B.F.
York Island, R. I.

22nd July, 1940

By
Major J. F. Pickay, R.C.

ORDER NO. 205

PAGE 1

1. DUTIES - Tuesday

Officer of the watch - Lt. F. F. Deckerill
Next for duty - E/Lt. I. C. Morrison

To be Orderly Officer - E/Lt. I. C. Morrison
Next for duty - Lt. R. F. Deckerill

To be Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. Thackeray
Next for duty - Sgt. Gray

To be Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Hamnell
Next for duty - L/Bdr. Gayton

2. DUTY WATCHES from 1000 hrs. 23-7-40 to 2200 hrs. 23-7-40

#1 Detachment
Sgt. Hamnell and
13 O.R.'s as detailed

#2 Detachment
L/Sgt. Thackeray and
13 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 2200 hrs. 23-7-40 to 1000 hrs. 24-7-40

#1 Detachment
Sgt. Cox and
13 O.R.'s as detailed

#2 Detachment
L/Sgt. Cuddeford and
13 O.R.'s as detailed

4. SANITARY PATROL - Tuesday

Cmr. Willoughby
Cmr. Conroy

5. SENTRY DUTIES from 1800 hrs. 23-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 24-7-40

Pts. Bart, E., Bart, F. and Presley

6. COVERS, BRANCH, RIFLE

All personnel issued with the above mentioned
will return them to C.M. Stores at the earliest opportunity.



86th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.B.F.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

July 22nd 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offcr. O.R.S. Total Total at York Isl.</u>			
86th Hvy. Bty.	On Parade	2	54	56	
R.C.A.	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.		2	2	60
	On Leave		2	2	
	A.S.L.		2	2	
	H.Q.		30	36	
	Att. 56th	1		1	
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5th Hvy. Bty. RCA	Hospital (Stn)		1	1	1
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1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.			1	1	1
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Det. 1st. S/L	On Parade	2	8	10	
Regt. R.C.A.	Employed		5	5	15
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1st. Hvy. Bty RCA		1		1	1
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Det. 15th (Van)		1		1	1
Coast Bde. R.C.A.					
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1st. Bn. CSR	On Parade		14	14	14
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10th Ft. Sig.	On Parade		2	2	
Coy. RCOS	Employed		1	1	3
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R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On Leave		1	1	
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R.C.O.C.	Employed.		1	1	1
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Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
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Civilian personnel attached			16	16	16
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GRAND TOTAL		9	167	176	<u>134</u>




July 23 Maj. W.K. Hicks, Capt. W.G. Purdy and Master Gnr. Croft, arrived.

Practice shoot – 21 rounds fired

Lt. Wingert and Master Gnr. Croft returned to Vancouver

1 O.R. proceeded to "C" Wing, CSAS, Sarcee, Alta.

Weather: Bright

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA		
		
CANADA		
RADIOTELEGRAPH SERVICE		
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CLASSES OF SERVICE		TELEGRAPH, CABLE AND RADIO CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD
DAY MESSAGES		
DAY LETTERS		
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NIGHT LETTERS		
1 CIV	OK	38 NEW VANCOUVER B.C.
O.C. YONK ISLAND		
408 PERMISSION GRANTED FOR U S AIRCRAFT TENDER TEAL AND MOTOR LAUNCH PROCEEDING SEATTLE VIA SITKA VIA INSIDE PASSAGE 25-30 JULY STOP U S ARMY AIRCRAFT ALSO FLYING SEATTLE TO JUNEAU AND PRINCE GEORGE		
O.C. VAN AREA		
N.D. - G. F. 4 (a) 2M pads of 100-12-39 (3137) H.Q. 42-20-5		

Order

PART I ORDERS

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

23rd July, 1940

Major J. E. Piercy, O.C.

ORDER NO. 204

PAGE 1

1. DUTIES - Wednesday

Officer of the Watch	- S/Lt. I.C. Harrison
Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill
To be Orderly Officer	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill
Next for duty	- S/Lt. I.C. Harrison
To be Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Gray
Next for duty	- Sgt. Cox
To be Orderly Bdr.	- L/Bdr. Gayton

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 24-7-40 to 1930 hrs. 24-7-40

Detachment No. 1

L/Sgt. Thackeray
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

Detachment No. 2

Sgt. Cox
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 1930 hrs. 24-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 25-7-40

Sgt. Hummel
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Bdr. Hamrell
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

4. ~~STAND BY WATCHES~~

STAND BY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 24-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 25-7-40

Sgt. Cox
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Sgt. Gaddesford
and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

5. MANNING PARADE - 0900 hrs. 24-7-40 R.C. Party & Duty Watches

6. SANITARY PATROL - Wednesday

Gnr. Willoughby
Gnr. Confrey

7. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 24-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 25-7-40

Ptes. McNeill, Dockstader, Howard



88th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.M.F.

YORK ISLAND, R.C.

July 23rd 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	<u>OFFER.</u>	<u>O.R.B</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL AT</u>
				<u>YORK ISLAND</u>
88th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	54	54	
	Employed	12	12	
	Stn. Hospital	1	1	60
	On Leave	2	2	
	A.V.L.	2	2	
	H.Q.	34	36	
	Att. 88th	1	1	
1st Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	1	1	1
1st. A.A. Regt. RCA	On Parade	1	1	1
Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	8	10
	Employed		5	5
15th Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Parade	1	1	1
H.Q. 15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.		3	1	4
1st. Bn. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14
10th Fort. Sig. Coy. ROCS	On Parade		2	2
	Employed		1	1
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4
	On Leave		1	1
R.C.O.C.	Employed		1	1
Naval personnel attached		1	7	8
Civilian personnel attached			16	16
Grand Total	11	168	179	157



July 24 Letter re local defence - (see app. D)
1 O.R. S.O.S. on transfer to Seaforths
Weather: cloudy

PART I ORDERS
86th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, B.C.
24th July, 1940.
by
Major J.E. Piercy, O.C.

ORDER NO. 305 PAGE 1

1. DUTIES - Thursday

Officer of the watch - Lt. P.F. Deckerill
Next for duty - R/Lt. I.C. Morrison

To be Orderly Sgt. for week ending Sat. 27th July - Sgt. Cox, S.D.
Next for duty - Sgt. Hammel

To be Orderly Bdr. - L/Bdr. Burgess

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 25-7-40 to 1930 hrs. 25-7-40

<u>No. 1 Detachment</u>	<u>No. 2 Detachment</u>
L/Sgt. Thackeray and 8 O.R.'s as detailed	Bdr. Cox and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 1930 hrs. 25-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 26-7-40

<u>No. 1 Detachment</u>	<u>No. 2 Detachment</u>
Sgt. Hammel and 8 O.R.'s as detailed	L/Bdr. Hammel and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

4. STAND BY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 25-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 26-7-40

<u>No. 1 Detachment</u>	<u>No. 2 Detachment</u>
Sgt. Cox and 8 O.R.'s as detailed	L/Sgt. Cuddeford and 8 O.R.'s as detailed

5. MANNING PARADE - 0900 hrs. 25-7-40 H.Q. and Duty Watches


6. SANITARY FATIGUE - Thursday

Cmr. Willoughby
Cmr. Conroy

7. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 25-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 26-7-40
Plcs. Clark, Dickinson and Webster

8. SENTRIES - In future the sentries on duty will take the number and name of any man found around the camp after "lights out" and will turn them over to the Sergeant-Major on completion of their tour of duty.

9. M/S POLAR FORCEITE - No H.C.O. or man is to leave the Island on the M/s Polar Forceite, unless he is detailed to a fatigue party or is given special permission.



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


York Island, B.C.

July 24th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offrs.	O.R.M.	Total	Total at York Island
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade	2	54	56	
	Employed		12	12	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	69
	A.W.L.		1	1	
	H.Q.		27	27	
	Att. 58th	1		1	
	On Leave On Command		2	2	
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85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade		1	1	1
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1st. A.A. Regt. B.C.A. CASF	On Parade		1	1	1
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Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade	2	9	11	
	Employed		4	4	15
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51st. Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade	1		1	1
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H.Q. 15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A. CASF	On Parade	2		2	2
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1st. Bn. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
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R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
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R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On Leave		1	1	
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R.C.O.C.	Employed		1	1	1
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Naval personnel attached..		1	7	8	8
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Civilian personnel attached.			16	16	16
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GRAND TOTAL		10	167	177	<u>185</u>



GOVERNMENT OF CANADA		
CLASSES OF SERVICE		TELEGRAPH, CABLE AND RADIO CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD
DAY MESSAGES DAY LETTERS NIGHT MESSAGES NIGHT LETTERS	RADIOTELEGRAPH SERVICE ADMINISTERED BY DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE—OTTAWA, CANADA	
I CIN	CX	55NEW VANCOUVER JULY 24/1920
O.C. YORK ISLAND		
407 FURTHER VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING DISTRICT REFERENCE 2-1-26-36 OF 23RD JULY OUTGOING PARTY OF FIRST BN CAN SCOTTISH WILL BE PICKED UP BY BORDER PRINCE AT 1800 HRS 25th JULY AND TAKEN TO GOV'T WHARF CAMPBELL RIVER STOP PARTY WILL BE CONVEYED TO VICTORIA FROM THERE BY R C A S C BUS		
O.C. VAN AREA		
<small>N.D.—G. F. 4 (a) 2M. parts of 100—12-39 (1117) H.Q. 45-20-5</small>		

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85th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.B.F.
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

24th July. O.

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

LOCAL DEFENCE AND CAMOUFLAGE

1. The D.C.C. instructed me to indent for barbed wire to provide for local defense of all available landings as no barbed wire defences are installed on the Island.

2. I understand that in the Vancouver Area the 6th Field Coy. R.C.E. are to instal barbed wire defences and camouflage for all vulnerable points of the forts as part of their training for active service.

3. I request that York Island be included in the work to be done by the 6th Field Coy. R.C.E. as their men are specially trained in erection of local defences and camouflage.

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

JEP/JS

O.C. O.C. Vancouver Area

July 25 1444 hrs. No. 2 gun fired one Bring-to round (see app. D)
 Major W.K. Hicks and Capt. W.G. Purdy returned to Bde. H.Q.
 14 O.R.'s "B" Coy. 2nd Bn. (MG) C.S.R. arrived to relieve det. 1st BN.
 1 O.R. reported for duty. 1 O.R. proceeded
 Weather: cloudy

PART I ORDER
85th Heavy Bde. H.Q. R.C.M.C. C.A.M.F.
YORK ISLAND, N.C.
25th July, 1940
by
Major J.P. Pierce, R.C.M.

ORDER NO. 206 PAGE 1

1. DUTIES: Friday


Officer of the watch	- 2/Lt. I.C. Morrison
Next for duty	- Lt. P.P. Deckerill
To be Orderly Officer	- Lt. P.P. Deckerill
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. I.C. Morrison
To be Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Cox
2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 26-7-40 to 1930 hrs. 26-7-40

<u>No. 1 Detachment</u>	<u>No. 2 Detachment</u>
L/Sgt. Thackeray and 8 O.R.'s as detailed	Mr. Cox and 8 O.R.'s as detailed
3. DUTY WATCHES from 1930 hrs. 26-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 27-7-40

Sgt. Hummel and 8 O.R.'s as detailed	L/Mr. Hummel and 8 O.R.'s as detailed
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4. STAND BY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 26-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 27-7-40

Sgt. Cox and 8 O.R.'s as detailed	L/Sgt. Gudsford, and 8 O.R.'s detailed
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5. MORNING PARADE - 0900 hrs. 26-7-40 H.Q. and Duty Watches.
6. SANITARY PATROL - Friday

	Cmr. Willoughby
	Cmr. King
7. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 26-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 27-7-40
 Ptes. Wisker, Cameron, D., Robbins
8. Lt. Col. Barlow, R.C.M.C.
 A letter has been received from Lieut. J.P. Hughes, R.C.M.C. requesting that the thanks of the Commanding Officer and crew of the HMS "Leola Vivian" be conveyed to the Officers, R.C.M.C., and men of York Island Garrison and the civilian volunteers for their unstinted efforts in endeavouring to find Telegrapher Barlow, lost near Fraser Bay, Loughborough Inlet. Their help is sincerely appreciated and it was through no lack of trying that he was not found.



86th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.B.F.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

JULY 26th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

			(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
SECT			Offrs.	C.B.S	TOTAL	Total at York Island
86th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		2	55	57	
	Employed			11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.			2	2	70
	A.W.L.			2	2	
	H.Q.			37	37	
	On Leave			1	1	
	On Command			1	1	
	Att. 58th		1		1	
Det. 5th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	Stn. Hosp.			1	1	1
1st. A.A. Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade			1	1	1
Det. 1st. S/L Regt. R.C.A.	On Parade		2	9	11	
	Employed			4	4	15
1st. Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade		1		1	1
H.Q. 18th(Van) C. B. R.C.A.			2		2	2
1st. Bn. C.B.F.	On Parade			14	14	14
2nd. Bn. (MG) C.B.F.	On Parade			14	14	14
R.C.C.S.	On Parade			3	3	3
REMARKS R.C.A.M.C.	Employed		1	3	4	4
	On Leave			1	1	
R.C.O.C.	Employed			1	1	1
Naval personnel attached			1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached				16	16	16
GRAND TOTAL			10	183	193	<u>150</u>



July 26 Letter re accommodation- (see app. D)
Weather: dull and showery

Diary

PART I ORDERS

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

26th July, 1940

Major J.F. Piercy, O.C.

ORDER NO. 297

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1. DUTIES: Saturday

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill
Next for duty	- Sgt. J. H. [unclear]
To be Orderly Officer	- S/Lt. I.O. Morrison
Next for duty	- Sgt. [unclear]
To be Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Cox
To be Orderly Bdr.	- L/Cpl. Smith, C.S.R.

2. DUTY WATCHES - from 0730 hrs. 27-7-40 to 1930 hrs. 27-7-40

No. 1 Detachment

L/Sgt. Thackeray and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

No. 2 Detachment

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

3. DUTY WATCHES from 1930 hrs. 27-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 28-7-40

Sgt. Hummel and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Sgt. Samuel and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

4. STAND BY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 27-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 28-7-40

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

L/Sgt. Gudgeford and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

5. Manning Parade - 0900 hrs. 27-7-40 H.Q. and Duty watches.

6. SANITARY PATROLS - Saturday

Cmr. Willoughby
" King

7. SENTRY DUTY from 1900 hrs. 27-7-40 to 0500 hrs. 28-7-40

Ptes. Wilkin, Pimmondson, Corrill

8. DRESS - In future blouse, serge, will be worn by all ranks on the morning parade.

9. RIFLES - All O.R.'s will fall in with rifles on morning parade.



88th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

JULY 26th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offcr.</u>	<u>O(2)ls</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
88th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	55	57	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn. Hosp.		2	2	70
	A.W.L.		2	2	
	H.C.		37	37	
	On Leave		2	2	
	On Command		1	1	
	Att. 58th	1		1	
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8th Hvy. Bty. RCA	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	1
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1st. A.A. Regt. RCA	On Parade		1	1	1
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1st. S/L Regt. RCA	On Parade	2	9	11	
-	Employed		4	4	15
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51st. Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Parade	1		1	1
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2nd. Bn. C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
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R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
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R.C.A.H.C.	Employed	1	3	4	4
	On Leave		1	1	
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R.C.C.C.	Employed		1	1	1
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Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
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Civilian personnel attached			14	14	14
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Grand Total		8	168	176	<u>132</u>



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DAY MESSAGES DAY LETTERS NIGHT MESSAGES NIGHT LETTERS		 RADIOTELEGRAPH SERVICE ADMINISTERED BY DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE—OTTAWA, CANADA			
NUMBER	SENT TO	SENT BY	REC'D BY	TIME SENT	TIME FILED
SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS ON THE BACK HEREOF —					
201V		11 NW		YOR	
				VANCOUVER B.C. JULY 26/40	
417		NINE O RS ARRIVING VIA UNION SAT. A M			
		O.C. VAN AREA			

66th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. CASF
York Island, B.C.

26th July, O.

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

BRING TO ROUND

- At 1444 hrs., July 25, 1940, No. 2 gun fired a "Bring-To" round, range approximately 4,000 yds, bearing 160°, on orders from C.I.O.
- The gill netter "Sea Cub" of New Westminster, Smith's Sound to Fraser River, passed along the south shore evading contact with the HMCS "MacDonald" engaged in examining other vessels.
- The boat stopped, was overtaken by the Navy, searched and papers found to be in good order.

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

HRS/JS

c.c. C.C. Vancouver Area.
c.c. C.C. 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. RCA CASF

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

26th July. O.

SECRET

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

ACCOMMODATION - YORK ISLAND

Reference your letter 19th July re possible
disbandment of "Z" Force.

1. There is plenty of accommodation on York Island
for the 20 O.R.'s sent down from this Battery to
join the "Z" Force because the civilian employees
of the D.F.O. have been reduced by 22, and an additional
detachment of 3rd S/L Bty. have been reduced by 20.

2. I regret that the "Z" Force may be disbanded
but would welcome the return of the 20 experienced
gunners sent down for it as nearly 40% of my Battery
consists of new recruits with consequent loss of
efficiency until they are trained.

3. An intensive training course is now under-
way but it will take time to bring them up to the
standard of the 20 men sent down, most of whom had at
least a year's training.

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

JEP/JB

WAR DIARY OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY			ORIGINAL	
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendixes and Initials
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A. York Island	1940 July 27		<p>9 O.R.'s reported for duty</p> <p>1 O.R. returned from compassionate leave</p> <p>1 O.R. proceeded on compassionate leave</p> <p>Letter re meals (see app. D)</p> <p>" " machine guns (see app. D)</p> <p>" " mechanical saw (" D)</p> <p>" " S.A.A. ammunition (see app. D)</p> <p>" " relief of personnel (see app. D)</p> <p>Weather: cloudy</p> <p>28 1 O. R. RUOC and 1 O.R. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. returned to Vancouver</p> <p>Weather: cloudy with showers</p> <p>29 Letter re clothing: (see app. D)</p> <p>Weather: fair</p> <p>30 Letter re glass (see app. D)</p> <p>Letter re attached O.R.'s (see app. D)</p> <p>1120 No. 2 gun fired one Bring-to round (see app. D)</p> <p>Lt. I.C. Morrison and 12 O.R.'s 3 S/L Bty. proceeded to Vancouver</p> <p>1 O.R. 1st A.A. Hq. RGA proceeded to Vancouver. 1 O.R. 12th Fd. Amb. sent to Shaughnessy Hosp. Weather: cloudy with showers</p> <p>31 0922 hrs. No. 1 gun fired one Bring-to round (see app. D)</p> <p>Weather: cloudy</p>	<p>1-0</p> <p>9-1</p> <p>8-4</p> <p>9-2</p> <p>5-1</p> <p>50-1</p> <p>8-4</p> <p>6-0</p> <p>1-0</p> <p>1-0</p>

July 27 9 O.R.'s reported for duty

1 O.R. returned from compassionate leave

1 O.R. proceeded on compassionate leave

Letter re meals (see app. D)

" " machine guns (see app. D)

" " mechanical saw (see app. D)

" " S.A.A. ammunition (see app. D)

" " relief of personnel (see app. D)

" " machine guns (see app. D)

Weather: cloudy

YORK ISLAND
27 JULY 1940

O O
VAN AREA

YOUR LETTER MOVEMENT DETACHMENT 3 SL BTY STOP PLEASE

ARRANGE 1 SUBALTERN SS O R 's FROM 15 COAST BDE RCA

repl REPLACEMENTS SHIPMENT CANADIAN NATIONAL VESSEL

MONDAY

O O
YORK ISLAND

CONFIRMATION
T.O.C. 1400 hrs.

PART I ORDERS

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

25th July, 1940.

by
Major J.V. Pioray, O. C.

ORDER NO. 202

Page 1

1. DUTIES: Sunday

Officer of the Watch - Lt. J.H. Bricker
Next for duty - S/Lt. I.C. Morrison

To be Orderly Officer - Lt. P.F. Deckerill
Next for duty - Lt. J.H. Bricker

To be Orderly Sgt.
for week ending Saturday, Aug. 3rd - Sgt. Hummel

To be Orderly Bdr. - do - - L/Bdr. Hummel

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 28-7-40 to 1930 hrs. 28-7-40

No. 1 Detachment

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

No. 2 Detachment

L/Sgt. Cuddeford and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 1930 hrs. 28-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 29-7-40

L/Sgt. Thackeray and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

Bdr. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

4. STAND BY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 28-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 29-7-40

Sgt. Hummel and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

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

5. Manning Parade 0830 hrs. 28-7-40, H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

6. SANITARY FATIGUE - Sunday

Cnr. King
" Schwahn

7. SENTRY DUTIES from 1800 hrs. 28-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 29-7-40

Ptes. English, McCulloch, Johnstone



88th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A. CAMP

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

July 27th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>A.P.C.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
88th Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Parade	2	65	65	
	Employed		10	10	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	76
	On Furlough		1	1	
	On Leave		1	1	
	Att. to 88th	1	1	1	
	On Command		1	1	
	H.Q.		31	31	
8th Hvy. Bty. RCA	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	1
1st. A.A. Bgt. RCA	On Parade		1	1	1
11st. Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Parade	1		1	1
1st. C/L Bgt. RCA	On Parade	2	9	11	
	Employed		4	4	16
2nd. Bn. (123) C.S.R.	On Parade		14	14	14
R.C.C.S. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy.	On Parade		3	3	
	Employed		1	1	4
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	2	3	
	Hosp.		1	1	4
	On Furlough		1	1	
R.C.O.C.	Employed		1	1	1
Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			14	14	14
GRAND TOTAL		8	167	175	<u>139</u>

1 copy H.Q. B.D. XI



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

27th July, 0

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

MEALS - PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM YORK ISLAND

Reference your letter 24th July, 1940, file 82-3-15.

1. Will you please advise me the specific instances in which personnel demanded a midnight meal on the boat in addition to the usual breakfast, so that I can check on same. Broad general statements are useless. You can give details.
2. For your information no authorization has been given on warrants for personnel to obtain midnight meals at Government expense. If a man wants a midnight meal and is willing to pay for it, he is, of course, within his rights in asking for it.
3. Reference your para. 3 and 4, your instructions are impracticable because the vessels southbound do not pass at regular hours in the morning like passenger trains. They pass at all hours of the day and night, depending on the amount of cargo to be handled en route, time of slack water in Seymour Narrows, etc. We have had cases when vessels have been 14 hours late, and we have no means of finding out the time of arrival at Johnston Straits or Kelsey Bay. If a man travels all day on the vessel he is entitled to all three meals, and that is what we name on his warrant.
4. Leave Personnel. No personnel proceeding on leave have been supplied with meal warrants.
5. Before issuing such broad sweeping instructions I suggest that it is desirable for Staff Captain, Vancouver Area, to ascertain local conditions on York Island so that he knows what he is talking about. I suggest that he be instructed to pay a visit to York Island, and on his return we could arrange for him to sit in a boat in Johnston Straits waiting three or four hours, in the middle of the night, for a C.N. passenger vessel or sit on Kelsey Bay Wharf for six hours waiting for a Union B.C. Co. vessel.

JEP/JS

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

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

27th July.

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D. D. O.,
HQ. No. 11,
Victoria, B.C.

MAGNUM GUNS

Sgt. R.J. Irving, R.C.D.O., advises me of the following defective material.

1. Guns, Machine, Maxine, 303, Registered No. 5712,
A. barrel Requires replacement.

2. Guns, Machine, Lewis, 303, Mark 1, Registered
No. 81771 P. 8, barrel requires replacement, not up
to gauge.

3. Please wire authority to return these defective
barrels to your stores. Sgt. Irving also advises
that we need wire gauge for cleaning rifles and M.C.,
and we are enclosing indent for same.

4. Guns, Machine, Lewis, 303, Mark 1. The C.S.O.I.
advises me that we should have on charge two (2)
Lewis Guns for A.A. defence, complete with A.A.
mounting, and spare parts, whereas we only have one
on charge. The D.O., 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A.,
advises me that indent for same was submitted a con-
siderable time ago. Will you please arrange to forward
this second gun and A.A. mounting as soon as possible.

(J.V. Pacey) Major, R.C.A.
Officer Commanding
York Island

JEP/JS

C.C. District Officer, 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. RCA

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

27th July, 1940.

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

MECHANICAL SAW - YORK ISLAND

1. In March, 1940, the D.S. & T.O. hired a drag saw for use on York Island (letter D.S.&T.O., 4th March, File 297-1-3-1).
2. This saw arrived about May 7th and was adversely reported on by Lieut. A. Webster, R.C.F. (letter York Island, 7th May, File 8-4).
3. D.S. & T.O. advised that arrangements have been completed for purchase by D.F.O. of a saw for York Island, and that the hired one was to be returned (letter 13th May, 1940.)
4. The new drag saw promised has not yet been received consequently the old rented one is still in use, with frequent stoppages for repairs. This old saw now needs numerous new parts in order to keep it running, but the Ordnance Officer, R.C.M. Works Officer, D.D.S. & T.O., Vancouver, all disclaim any authority for supply of spare parts.
5. Will you please advise me:-
 - (a) Is the old saw to be retained up here on hire, and if so, which department supplies spare parts?
 - (b) or, alternatively, when will the D.F.O. send up the new saw, as advised in D.S. & T.O. letter 13th May, 1940?
6. The purchase of a new saw is more satisfactory as continued purchase of new parts means eventually the owner of the old saw receives a practically new saw bought piece by piece. I understand the cost of a heavy duty drag saw would be about \$230.00.
7. The saw is used for cleaning up the Island, any logs encountered during clearing operations being sawn up and used for fuel. There is sufficient clearing on the Island to keep the saw going for months, possibly years.

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

JEP/JS

68th Heavy Battery, R. C. A. CAMP
York Island, B.C.

27th July. O.

D. C. O.,
H.B.No.11,
Victoria, B.C.

S.A.A. AMMUNITION

1. The C.B.O. advises me that he was arranging for you to supply 45,000 to 50,000 rounds to bring us up to over war reserve, immediately.
2. Will you please advise when this will be shipped.

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

JEP/JS

c.c. D.O. 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. CAMP
c.c. D.O. Vancouver Area

File: 8-1

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
88th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.B.F.
York Island, B.C.

SECRET

27th July, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
Vancouver Area,
535 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

RELIEF OF PERSONNEL

Detachment 3rd S/L Bty.

Reference your letter, 25th July, 1940.
File 84-3-3/84-2-15.

1. A telegram was sent to you asking you to arrange with 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. to send up one Officer and 23 O.R.'s which in the strength H.Q. H.B.XI laid down in November, 1939, to be supplied by 3rd S/L Bty. as necessary to keep this garrison up to strength.

2. It is requested that these men be sent up by C. N. S. S. Co. leaving Monday evening at 2100 hrs., arriving York Island, Tuesday, 0800 hrs., and not by Union S.S.Co. vessel "Chelonia" leaving Monday, at 1600 hrs. arriving Kelsey Bay 2359 hrs. Tuesday.

S. E. 16065 Ser. Smith, L., 1st A.A. Bgt. Reference your letter dated 25th July, 1940, File 1-15.

This man cannot be sent down until you arrange to send up another tractor driver and assistant, as the tractor is our only means of transportation, and is in use every day. Please arrange to send another qualified tractor driver and assistant to replace the a/m man.

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

c.c. 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. C.A.B.F.

July 28 1 O.R. RCOC and 1 O.R. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy. returned to Vancouver
1 O.R. proceeded on compassionate leave
Weather: cloudy with showers

PART I ORDERS

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

28th July, 1940.

Major J.E. Piercy, O. C.

ORDER NO. 209

PAGE 1

1. DUTIES: Monday

Officer of the Watch	- 2/Lt. I.C. Morrison
Next for duty	- Lt. P.P. Dockerill
To be Orderly Officer	- Lt. J.H. Bricker
Next for duty	- 2/Lt. I.C. Morrison
To be Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Hummel
To be Orderly Bdr.	- Bdr. Hummel

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 29-7-40 to 1930 hrs. 29-7-40

No. 1 Detachment

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

No. 2 Detachment

L/Sgt. Gudgeford and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 1930 hrs. 29-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 30-7-40

L/Sgt. Thackeray and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

Bdr. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

4. STAND BY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 29-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 30-7-40

Sgt. Hummel and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

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

5. MANNING PARADE - 0730 hrs. 29-7-40 H.Q. & Duty watches
and 1930 hrs.

6. SANITARY FATIGUE - Monday

Gnr. Willoughby
Gnr. King

7. SENTRY DUTIES from 1800 hrs. 29-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 30-7-40

Ptes. Legg, Shearer, Hayes



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
85th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., C.A.S.F.

July 28th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>C.R.s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Parade	2	63	65	
	Employed		10	10	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	76
	On Parlour		1	1	
	On Leave		1	1	
	Att. 88th	1		1	
	On Command		1	1	
	H.Q.		31	31	
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8th Hvy. Bty. RCA	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	1
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1st. A.A. Regt. RCA	On Parade		1	1	1
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51st. Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Parade	1		1	1
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1st. S/L Regt. RCA	On Parade	2	9	11	
	Employed		4	4	15
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2nd. Bn. (MG) CSR	On Parade		14	14	14
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R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	
	Employed		1	1	4
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R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	2	3	
	Stn. Hosp.		1	1	4
	On Parlour		1	1	
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R.C.O.C.	Employed		1	1	1
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Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
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Civilian personnel attached			14	14	14
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GRAND TOTAL		8	167	175	<u>129</u>



July 29 Letter re clothing (see app. D)
Weather: fair

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SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS ON THE BACK HEREOF						
						YORK ISLAND 29 JULY 1940
D M O						
MD XI VICTORIA BC						
633 REPORTING 7 PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL						
SIGNED OC 8TH HOSPITAL						
OC YORK ISLAND						
T.O.O. 1230 hrs.						
<u>CONFIRMATION</u>						
N.D.—G. F. & 2M pads of 100—12-39 (1136)—H.Q. 82 29-5.						

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PAGE 1 - ORDERS

88th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.I.B.F.
YORK ISLAND, R.C.

29th July, 1940.

by
Major J.V. Flanagan, O.C.

ORDER NO. 210

PAGE 1

1. DUTIES: Tuesday

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. P.F. Bookrill
Next for duty	- Lt. J.H. Bricker
To be Orderly Officer	- Lt. J.H. Bricker
Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Bookrill
To be Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Hummel
To be Orderly Mr.	- Mr. Hummel

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 30-7-40 to 1930 hrs. 30-7-40.

No. 1 Detachment

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

No. 2 Detachment

L/Sgt. Cuddeford and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 1930 hrs. 30-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 31-7-40.

L/Sgt. Whackeray and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

Mr. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

4. STAND BY WATCHES from 0730 hrs 30-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 31-7-40

Sgt. Hummel and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

L/Mr. Hummel and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

5. HANDLING PARADES 0730 hrs. and 1930 hrs. 30-7-40. R.C. & duty watches

6. SANITARY PATROL - Tuesday

Cnr. Willoughby
Cnr. King
Etc. Wilkin

7. SENTRY DUTY - from 1800 hrs. 30-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 31-7-40

Ptes. Wither, Cameron, Robbins

8. NOTICE: Attention is drawn to the notice in the ablution hut - disposing of cigarettebutts, etc. in the urinals. This notice must be strictly adhered to.



85th HEAVY BATTNRY, R.C.A., CASE.

York Island, R.C.

July 29th 1940

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.S</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total at York Island</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	60	62	
	Employed		10	10	
	Stn. Hosp.		4	4	76
	On Leave		01	1	
	On Furlough		1	1	
	Att. 58th	1		1	
	On Command		1	1	
	R.C.		31	31	
5th Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Stn. Hosp		1	1	1
1st. A.A. Regt. RCA	On Parade		1	1	1
31st. Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Parade	1		1	1
1st. S/L Regt. RCA	On Parade	2	9	11	
	Employed		4	4	16
2nd. Bn. (23) CSR	On Parade		13	13	
	Stn. Hosp.		141	141	14
R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	2	3	
	Stn. Hosp..		1	1	4
	On Furlough		1	1	
Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
Civilian personnel attached			14	14	14
GRAND TOTAL		8	165	173	<u>187</u>



File 6-0-1

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

July 29th 1940

Officer Commanding,
2nd. Bn. (MD) Can. Scots. Regt. CASF
Esquimalt, B.C.

CLOTHING - YORK ISLAND DETACHMENT

1. The majority of the men of this detachment arrived here without complete issue of clothing and necessities. Table attached hereto will serve as a guide to items urgently needed.
2. If overall Battledress Blouses and trousers are not available, please try to obtain shirts service and trousers service. If shirts service are not available please try to issue shirts khaki drill with short sleeves.
3. We presume your Quartermaster has a size roll for each of these men, if not, advise immediately and we will forward this to you.

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

TABLE OF SHORTAGES													
	Overalls -	Battledress	Ca ps	Boots	Brush	Brush	Brush	Brush	Drawers	Jackets	Shirts	Blanket	Black.
	Blouses	Trousers	Balmoral	Ankle	Boot	Boot	Shave	Woolen	Woolen	Sweater	Woolen	Boots	Black.
					Blacking	Polish							
K62066 Sgt. Stilwell G.W.	2	2	1	1									1
K62047 L/Cpl. Smith R.	2	2	1	1									1
K62054 Pte. Wilkin F.S.	2	2	1										1
K62396 Pte. Wiltaker H.	2	2	1						2		2		1
K62401 Pte. Cameron D.	2	2	1	1									1
K62609 Pte. Robbins W.	2	2	1	1	1	1		2		1	2		1
K62617 Pte. Plamondon H.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2		1	2		1
K62618 Pte. English R.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2			2		1
K62774 Pte. Gerrill W.W.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2		1	2		1
K62777 Pte. McGullock F.L.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2			2		1
K62778 Pte. Jonstone D.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2		1	2		1
K62991 Pte. Legg A.S.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2			2		1
K62989 Pte. Shearer H.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2		1	2		1
K62995 Pte. Hayes W.U.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2			2		1

July 30 Letter re glass (see app. D)

Letter re attached O.R.s (see app. D)

1120 No. 2 gun fired one Bring-to round (see app. D)

Lt. I.C. Morrison and 12 O.R.'s 3 S/L Bty. Proceeded to Vancouver.

Shaughnessy Hosp. Weather: cloudy with showers

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

30th July, 1940.

Attention, R.C.E. Works Officer.

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

GLASS IN FORT

1. Please forward the following panes of plate glass to repair windows in the Fort which were broken by concussion of the gun firing:

2 pcs. 13½" x 19½" x ½"

1 pcs. 1'9" x 3'8½" x ½"

2. From time to time there will be other requests as some of the glass does not seem to stand up to gun fire but the above three pieces are all that is required at present.

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

JEP/JS

Duty

PART I ORDERS

88th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.B.F.
POPE ISLAND, N.C.

30th July, 1940.

Major J. W. Pierce, O.C.

ORDER NO. 211

PAGE 1

1. DUTIES: Wednesday

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. J.H. Bricker
Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill
To be Orderly Officer	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill
Next for duty	- Lt. J.H. Bricker
To be Orderly Sgt.	- L/Sgt. Cartwright
To be Orderly Mr.	- L/Mr. Hammell

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 31-7-40 to 1930 hrs. 31-7-40

Detachment No. 1

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

Detachment No. 2

L/Sgt. Cuddiford and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 1930 hrs. 31-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 1-8-40

Sgt. Thackeray and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

Mr. Cox and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

4. STAND BY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 31-7-40 to 0730 hrs. 1-8-40

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

L/Mr. Hammell and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

5. MANNING PARADES - 0730 hrs. and 1930 hrs. 31-7-40 H.C. & Duty watches

6. SAFETY PATROLS - Wednesday

Cnr. Willoughby
" King
Pte. English

7. ENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 31-7-40 to 0600 hrs. 1-8-40

Ptes. Wilkin, Plamondon, Correll



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


Diary


July 30th, 1940.

DAILY STRENGTH STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Offrs.	O.R.'s	Total	Total at York Is.
85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.	On Parade	2	61	63	
	Employed		11	11	
	Stn.Hosp.		3	3	77
	On leave		1	1	
	On furlough		1	1	
	Att. 56th	1		1	
	On command		1	1	
	R.C.		31	31	
5th Hvy.Bty. RCA	In Stn.Hosp.		1	1	1
1st A.A. Regt. RCA	On Parade		1	1	1
31st Hvy.Bty. RCA	On Parade	1		1	1
1st S/L Regt. RCA	On Parade	2	9	11	
	Employed		4	4	15
End Bn.(MC) CSR	On Parade		13	13	
	Stn.Hosp.		1	1	14
R.C.C.S.	On Parade		3	3	3
R.C.A.M.C.	Employed	1	2	3	
	Stn.Hosp.		1	1	4
	On Furlough		1	1	
Naval Personnel Att.		1	7	8	8
Civilian Personnel Att.			14	14	14
		8	166	174	138



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JULY 30 1940			
O C YORK ISLAND 442 K22088 GNR ROSE CH FIRST SL REGT TO REMAIN YORK ISLAND PENDING TRANSFER TO 85TH BTY			
O C VAN AREA			
N.D.—G. F. 4 (a) 2M code of 100—12-39 (3137) H.Q. 82-20-5			

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SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS ON THE BACK HEREOF —						
<div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;"> YORK ISLAND, B.C. JULY 30th 1940 </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> O.C. VAN AREA </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> 634 LIEUT. MORRISON AND 12 O.R.S S S/L BTY ONE O.R. 1 AA REGT ARRIVING VANCOUVER WEDNESDAY A.M. ON S S CAMOSUN STOP HAVE AMBULANCE MEET VESSEL TO TAKE PTE CUMMING W A TO HOSPITAL </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px; margin-top: 20px;"> O.C. YORK ISLAND </div>						
N.D.—G. F. 4 2M code of 100—12-39 (3136)—H.Q. 82-20-5						

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA



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O C
YORK ISLAND

443 REFERENCE YOUR LETTER 5-1 27 JULY GNR SMITH L
TO REPORT OWN UNIT AS ORDERED

O C
VAN AREA

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

30th July, 1940.

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

ATTACHED O.R.'s

K17091 Gnr. Barnett, P.	K17081 Gnr. Shore, T.
K17009 " Dyer, A.M.	K17104 " Battelley, J.H.
K17080 " Hamrell, H.S.	K17113 " McEachren, R.A.
K17075 " O'Brien, P.C.	K17119 " Lawrence, C.H.
K17025 " Power, P.L.	K17125 " O'Neill, J.
K17063 " Richards, W.H.	K17128 " Mackie, D.F.
	K17133 " Drayton, J.G.

1. All the above men are attached to your Headquarters.
2. It is understood that K17081 Gnr. Shore, T., is to be reposted and replaced by another man. When will this be effective?
3. It is understood that K17075 Gnr. O'Brien, P.C., is to be reposted to 51st or 58th Bty. Please advise when this will be effective.
4. Regarding the balance of the men listed an explanation regarding the reason why they are being retained will be appreciated.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
88th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.B.F.
York Island, B.C.

30th July, 1940.

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

BRING TO ROUND

1. At 1120 hrs. July 30, 1940, No. 2
gun fired a round under orders from XV at
the "KUROSHIMA" No. 2, VIIIO-0, proceeding
south in Johnstone Straits. She stopped,
was found in good order and allowed to
proceed.

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c.c. O.C. Vancouver Area
c.c. O.C. 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. C.A.S.F.

July 31 0922 No. 1 gun fired one Bring-to round (see app. D)
Lt. I.C. Morrison and 12 O.R.'s 3 S/L Bty. Proceeded to Vancouver.
Weather: cloudy

NIGHT MESSAGES NIGHT LETTERS		RADIOTELEGRAPH SERVICE ADMINISTERED BY DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE—OTTAWA, CANADA				TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD	
NUMBER	SENT TO	SENT BY	REC'D BY	TIME SENT	TIME FILED	CHECK	
SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS ON THE BACK HEREOF:—							
1CIV DB				13 NW			
				VANCOUVER B.C.			
O.C. YORK ISLAND							
454	DO YOU CONCUR TRANSFER BDR LARSEN #10 COY CFC						
				O.C. VAN AREA			

66th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.S.F.
York Island, R.O.

31st July 1940.

by
Major J.V. Pierce, R.C.

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1. DUTIES: Thursday

Officer of the Watch	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill
Next for duty	- Lt. J.H. Bricker
To be Orderly Officer	- Lt. J.H. Bricker
Next for duty	- Lt. P.F. Deckerill
To be Orderly Sgt.	- Sgt. Cartwright
To be " " " "	- L/Sgt. Hammett

2. DUTY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 1-8-40 to 1930 hrs. 1-8-40

No. 1 Detachment

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

No. 2 Detachment

L/Sgt. Caddelford and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

3. DUTY WATCHES from 1930 hrs. 1-8-40 to 0730 hrs. 2-8-40

Sgt. Thackeray and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

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

4. STAND BY WATCHES from 0730 hrs. 1-8-40 to 0730 hrs. 2-8-40

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

L/Sgt. Hammett and
8 O.R.'s as detailed

5. MANNING PARADES 0730 hrs. and 1930 hrs. 1-8-40

6. SANITARY PATROL - Thursday

Cnr. Willoughby
" King
Pte. Legg

7. SENTRY DUTIES from 1800 hrs. 1-8-40 to 0600 hrs. 2-8-40

Ptes. English, McCulloch and Johnston

8. SENIOR HUT R.C.O.'s

- i) The R.C.O. in charge of each hut is responsible for the entire cleanliness of his hut.
- ii) He will see that his men are out of bed no later than five (5) minutes after reveille.
- iii) He will keep a duty roster of hut orderlies and will hand their names to the Orderly Sgt. before 12 o'clock on the day prior to their tour of duty.
- iv) He will maintain discipline in the hut at all times, and will report any breach thereof to his senior Sgt.

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PART I ORDERS

65th Heavy Battery, R.C.A. C.A.B.F.

31st July, 1940

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

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9. HUT REGULATIONS:

- i) It is the duty of hut orderly to keep his hut clean and tidy.
- ii) He will sweep the floor, dust off all tables, benches, window sills, and rafters.
- iii) Keep the hut supplied with fuel, and empty the ashes.
- iv) See that all lamps are kept in working condition, and supplied with fuel.
- v) Keep the area under and around the outside of his hut clean of all rubbish.
- vi) He will be present at the Orderly Officer's inspection.



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

31st July, 1940

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

WRITING TO BOUND

1. At 0922 hrs. on 31st July, 1940, the X.V. H.M.C.S. "Algonquin" signalled to bring a vessel to, proceeding east along Sunderland Channel. No. 1 gun fired one round at 0923 hrs., the vessel stopped and was dealt with by the X. O.
2. I am informed the name was the m/v "Glenn".

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Officer Commanding
York Island

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C.O. C.C. Vancouver Area
C.O. C.C. 15th (Van.) Coast Bde. R.C.A. C.A.B.F.

85th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A., CAMP
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

JULY 31st, 1940

DAILY SUPPLY STATE

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.N.S.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL AT YORK ISLAND</u>
85th Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Parade	8	61	69	
	Employed		10	10	
	Str. Hosp.		5	5	76
	On Leave		1	1	
	On Furlough		1	1	
	Att. 85th	1		1	
	On Command		1	1	
	H.Q.		31	31	
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5th Hvy. Bty. RCA	Str. Hosp.		1	1	1
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31st Hvy. Bty. RCA	On Parade	1		1	1
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1st. S/L Regt. RCA	On Parade	1		1	
	Employed		1	1	2
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2nd. Bn. (MC) Can Boats. Regt.	On Parade		14	14	14
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R.C. C.S. 10th Fort. Sig. Coy.	On Parade.		5	5	5
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13th Flt. Amb. RCAMC (Detail)	Employed	1		1	1
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12th Flt. Amb. RCAMC (Detail)	Employed		2	2	2
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Naval personnel attached		1	7	8	8
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Civilian personnel attached			15	15	15
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GRAND TOTAL		7	151	158	<u>183</u>

