



War Diaries
85th Heavy Battery
Royal Canadian Artillery

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

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March 1940

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WAR DIARY

OF

85th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. CASF YORK ISLAND B.C. *(details) Ser No 390*

FROM March 1st TO March 31st

VOLUME VII

APPENDICES A TO E

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendix and initials
York Island	March 1		2 N.C.O.s reported for duty. B.S.M. proceeded on "Command" to Gas Course. 1OR S.O.S. on transfer to 11th Battery. Weather: Raining. Report: Fire Protection. (see App. "D") 1 N.C.O. sent to Vancouver for Medical Board Weather: Dull	2-0-8.19
		2	Weather: Fair	
		3	Weather: Fair	
		4	2202 Fired 3 "Bring to" rounds (see App. "D")	1-0-4-8.29
		5	Lieut. N.J.H. D'Arcy reported for duty "Border Prince" landed stores and water 1 O.R. returned from leave 2 O.R.s sent to Vancouver for Dental Attention 1 O.R. proceeded on leave Letter re Detachment 2nd Bn (MG) Can. Scots. Regt. (see App. "D") Weather: Raining	6-0-8.30
		6	1 O.R. returned from leave Weather: Raining	
		7	Lieut. J.P. Keen proceeded on leave. Weather: Raining.	
		8	Major C.K. Rosebrugh arrived 5 O.R.s proceeded on leave 1 O.R. S.O.S. Medically Unfit. Letter re Radio Station Power Plant (see App. "D") Letter re Leave (see App. "D") Weather: Bright	1-0-4-8.34 6-0-8.39

85th. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND. B.C.

1/3/40

PART I ORDERS # 61

BY

MAJOR J.K. FIENCY.



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|---|--------|----------------------|
| 1. <u>DUTIES.</u> To be Orderly Officer | 2/3/40 | Lt. J.P. Keen |
| Next for Duty | | Lt. R.F. Osburn |
| To be Orderly Sergeant | 2/3/40 | L/Sgt. Cuddeford T. |
| Next for Duty | | Sgt. Woodhouse J. |
| To be Orderly Trumpeter | 2/3/40 | Gnr. Willoughby W.S. |
| To be Canteen Orderly N.C.O | 2/3/40 | L/Sdr. Cholowski W. |
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0745 hrs. 2/3/40
to 0745 hrs. 3/3/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Good I.L.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Bdr. Mackie
and S.O.R.s as detailed

#2. GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. Thurlwell S.E.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

L/Sdr. Cholowski S.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE. 0930 hrs. 2/3/40

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR SATURDAY 2/3/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

2. CANTEN D-TAIL

Gnr. Willoughby W.S.
Gnr. Dyer A.
Gnr. Waddy R.V.

Gnr. Phillips

5. SANITARY DUTY from 1800 hrs 2/3/40 to 0600 hrs. 3/3/40

Pte. Irvine: Pte Vogel: Pte Etherington H.

6. CANTEN COMMITTEE 1. A meeting is called for 1900 hrs tonight in the Mess Hall, for the purpose of electing 3 members to the Canteen Committee which will function for the following twelve months.

2. The Canteen Committee is to consist of one Officer detailed by the Officer Commanding York Island, namely Lieut. R.F. Osburn, and two other ranks, (one of whom shall be a Bombardier) to be elected by the members of the 85th battery, and one other rank, to be elected by members of attached units, so one above the rank of bombardier or corporal shall be eligible to vote at such an election. 3 To facilitate voting, members of the 85th. Battery will occupy the south side of the Mess Hall, and members of attached units will occupy the north side. 4. The committee so elected will meet on Thursday 17th. March at 1900 hrs at a place to be decided

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YOUSK ISLAND, N.C.

File No. P-O-S.19

1st March 1940

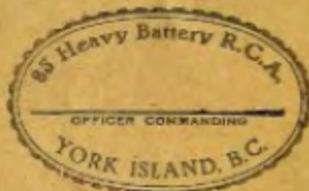
W.C. VANCOUVER ARPA

Vancouver, B.C.

FIRE PROTECTION

1. Replying to D.A. & Q.M.G. circular of 23rd February, 1940 File (V 53-1-1)
2. The protection for this camp consists of the following:-
 - (a) Five buckets
 - (b) Four fire extinguishers
 - (c) Two fire pumps, and 2000 lineal feet of hose borrowed from the Forestry Department of the Province of B.C. Both the pumps and hose have to be returned to the Forestry Department early in April.
3. After April 1st the only protection will be the fire buckets and fire extinguisher which will be entirely inadequate to put out a fire of any size.
4. In addition the Island is covered with windfalls, slashed trees, etc., and we will almost certainly have a forest fire on the Island during the dry season, as with over 150 men employed on the island, there will be numerous cases of matches and cigarette stubs being thrown away by careless smokers.
5. The hazard is particularly bad around the fort where all the trees were felled two years ago by the contractors in order to give a field of fire, but no attempt was made to burn the slash or fallen timber which is now dried out.
6. The limited number of men available in the garrison have cleared the actual camp-site and most of the site of the fort, but it is absolutely impossible for them to clear the rest of the island before the dry season commences.
7. While the wire fence was being built round the fort in September the civilians started a small fire which spread rapidly and nearly involved the fort before it was brought under control.
8. It is proposed to establish one or two tanks capable of holding 10,000 gallons of fresh water for domestic purposes, but this will be insufficient to put out a really serious fire.
9. This matter was brought to the attention of the following:-
 - (1) H.C. M.D. 11 by letter October, 1939.
 - (2) The Dist. Officer (Major J.G. Rycroft, R.C.A.) was informed of it in November, 1939, and said he would report it.

- (3) District Hygiene Officer, December 1939, who stressed the matter in his report.
 - (4) The D.F.O. was personally informed by me about December 28, 1939.
 - (5) The danger was personally drawn to the attention of Lieut. Cunningham, R.C.E. in January, 1940.
 - (6) The District Officer (Lieut. Wingert) advised he will report on it.
11. It will be necessary to employ at least 50 men for over two months to cut and pile the best timber for firewood and burn the remainder. The firewood should be kept as much as possible in order to save expense to R.C.A.S.C. in forwarding firewood later. The season for burning slash ends on April 30.
 12. It will also be necessary to supply fire pumps and hose capable of reaching any part of the island. There is plenty of sea water available for fire fighting but no pumps or hose.
 13. If this is not done before May the Department of National Defence will have to build a new fort and living quarters before September 1940.



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STRENGTH ESTABLISHMENT

YORK ISLAND BATTERY

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Est. Strength</u>
YO 1	85th Hvy. Bty.	3 Offr. 76 O.R.s
YO 2	5th Hvy. Bty	3 O.R.s
YO 3	5th Tp. 3rd Bty. 1st S/L Regt.	1 Offr. 33 O.R.s
YO 4	10th Post Sigs.	3 O.R.s
YO 5	"C" Coy 2nd Bn. (MG) Can. Scots. Regt.	14 O.R.s
YO 6	R.C.A.S.C.	1 O.R.
YO 7	R.C.A.M.C.	1 Offr.
YO 8	31st Hvy. Bty.	1 Offr.
YO 9	58th Hvy. Bty.	1 Offr.
	Civilians	21

YORK ISLAND H.C.

MARCH 1st 1940

O.C. VANDUWYK AREA

409	STRENGTH	R.C.A.M.C.	1	OFFR	
		5 HVY BTY			3 ORS
		3 S/L B ty	1	OFFR	24 ORS
		85 BTY	2	OFFR	64 ORS
		10 F. COY			3 ORS
		CIVILIANS			20
		31 BTY	1	OFFR	
		R.C.E.	1	OFFR	6 RATINGS
		DET CSR C COY			14 ORS
		R.C.A.S.C.			1 OR

O.C. YORK ISLAND

(SENT IN CIPHER)

T.O.O. 1600 HRS

86th HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND, N.C.

3/3/40

PART I ORDERS # 62

BY

MAJOR J.E. FIERBY

<u>1. DUTIES</u> To be Orderly Officer	3/3/40	Lt W.F. Osburn
Next for Duty		Lt J.P. Keen
To be Orderly Sergeant	3/3/40	Sgt Woodhouse J
Next for Duty		Sgt Cox S.D.
To be Cantee R.C.O.	3/3/40	Lt. Gilson
To be Orderly Trumpeter	3/3/40	Cnr. Willoughby H

2. DUTIES WATCHES For 24 hrs from 0845 hrs 3/3/40
to 0745 hrs 4/3/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 GUN DETACHMENT.

Lt. Mackie
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Hummel F.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

#2 GUN DETACHMENT.

Lt. Cholowski W.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Lt. Hamrell G.D.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

3. MARCHING PARADE. 11000 hrs 3/3/40

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 3/3/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE

Cnr. Fraser
Cnr. Gatenby
Cnr. Vail

2. CANTINE DETAIL

Cnr. Harman

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1900 hrs 3/3/40

Pte Adams A. Pte Scott W. Pte McQueen J.

6. PERMISSION TO MARRY.

A soldier who has been granted permission to marry, will, as soon as practicable after the marriage, hand in the Marriage Certificate to his Commanding Officer, in order that the necessary notification of the marriage may be published in the Daily Orders Part II. A certified copy of the Marriage Certificate, together with a certified copy of the Daily Order Part II, shall be attached to the M.F.M.16. (Application for Dependents Allowance) completed by the soldier, after which the Marriage Certificate will be returned to the soldier.

7. TRADESMEN TESTS FOR THE PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA.

Officers Commanding Units are advised that copies of Tradesmen Tests for the Permanent Active Militia, 1937, are in the course of preparation at District Headquarters, and will be issued to Units as soon as they are available.

8. CONDUCT SHEETS. (a) H.F.M.6. "Field Conduct Sheet" is the only conduct sheet to be maintained by members of the C.A.S.F. consequently Regt. Conduct Sheets and Company Sheets (see K.R.(Can) 1518 and 1523) will not be kept.
- (b) The conditions governing Field Conduct Sheets are outlined in K.R.(Can) 1527.(a),(b),(c) and (f). The conditions of K.R.(Can) 1527.(d) and (e) do not apply to the C.A.S.F.
- (c) Field Conduct Sheets will not be destroyed in accordance with K.R.(Can) 1524. The original Sheet will be maintained for the full period of the individual's service. Sheet 2 will be raised for continuation, when space for entries is not available on the original, but neither may be destroyed.
- (d) The ultimate disposal of a Field Conduct Sheet is governed by C.A.S.F. Routine Order 3815) not the last sentence of K.R.(Can) 1527.(e)

9. DRESS. The attention of all Officers Commanding is directed to the following:-

- (i) Officers and all other ranks will attend all public functions in uniform.
- (ii) ~~Mufti~~ may be worn by Officers and Other Ranks for recreational purposes while on leave and at functions of a strictly private nature.
- (iii) When uniform is worn, it must be in accordance with Dress Regulations as promulgated in District Routine Orders from time to time.
- (iv) The collars of tunics, also greatcoats, when worn, must be properly buttoned up. This also applies to blouses of Battle Dress.
- (v) The Field Service Cap must be worn at the correct angle, i.e. the front of the cap should be over the centre of the

forehead, one inch above the right eye, and just touching the right ear.

(vi) Troops at all times, and particularly so in public places must be properly dressed, and carry themselves in a smart and soldier like manner. The practice of troops walking around with their hands in their pockets must cease forthwith.

10. ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE.

(a) It has come to notice that there quite a number of cases of personnel being absent without leave for short periods.

(b) Officers Commanding all units are to impress upon all concerned that this offence will not be tolerated and offenders will be severely dealt with.

(c) Troops must be made to understand that absence without leave even for a short period, is a serious breach of military discipline and is not conducive to the maintenance of proper discipline.

11. CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION.

All requests for Transfers, Postings, Discharge etc, must be made through the correct Channels of Communication, which is through the Unit Commanding Officer



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75 MBW

VICTORIA MAR 2 /1305

O C YORK ISLAND

882 FURTHER MY 779 LIEUTENANT D R LEAROYD WILL BE POSTED AS M O
YORK ISLAND TO RELIEVE MAJOR W L BOULTER INSTEAD OF LIEUTENANT J A
MACMILLAN AS PREVIOUSLY STATED STOP INTERCHANGE WILL BE EFFECTIVE
APPROXIMATELY TWENTIETH MARCH STOP INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING LEAVE
MAJOR BOULTER AND RELEASE LIEUTENANT J A GANSHORN WILL BE AS CONTAINED
IN MY 779 STOP ADDRESSED O C VANCOUVER AREA REPEATED O C YORK ISLAND

~~10/13/~~

EP/WH/ 1435

HEADQUARTERS MD 11 ATTENTION

D A A G

YORK ISLAND B.C.

End XIX MARCH 1940

CC VANCOUVER AREA

414 YO 1 MINUS ONE AND MINUS THIRTY TWO YO 3 MINUS SEVEN

STOP OUR LETTER FILE NO 5-1-S.17 YO THREE SHOULD READ 1

and 32 NOT YO THREE AND THIRTY THREE

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.C. 1600 HRS

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

5/3/40

PART I ORDERS # 63

BY

MAJOR J. T. FINNEY.

1. DUTIES. To be Orderly Officer 6/3/40 Lt. J. F. Keen
Next for Duty Lt. W. F. Osburn
To be Orderly Sergeant 4/3/40 Sgt. Cox S. D.
Next for Duty Sgt. Brandon E.
To be Centeen Orderly H.C.O. 4/3/40
To be Orderly Trumpeter 4/3/40 Cnr. Willoughby H.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours from 0745 hrs 4/3/40
to 0745 hrs 5/3/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

1. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Hummel F.
and S.O.S.s as detailed

Sgt. Wood I. L.
and S.O.S.s as detailed

2. GUN DETACHMENT.

Lt. Dr. Hamrell C. D.
and S.O.S.s as detailed

Sgt. Brandon E.
and S.O.S.s as detailed

3. MARCHING PARADE. 0900 Hours 4/3/40

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR MONDAY 4/3/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE.

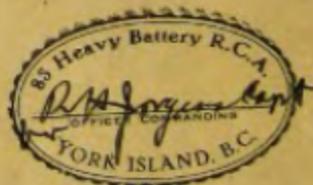
Cnr. Willoughby H. W.
Cnr. Vann J.
Cnr. Woodward

2. CANTINE DETAIL

Cnr. Mattocks

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 4/3/40 to 0600 hrs 5/3/40

Pte. Irvine: Pte. Vogel J. S.: Pte. Etherington H.



ARMAMENT OFFICER

SENT IN CYPHER

YORK ISLAND B.C.

15th. VANCOUVER COAST BDE.R.C.A

3rd. MARCH 1940

415 HURRY SHIPMENT BATTERIES 012 VOLT FOR ALDIS LAMPS HAVING
DIFFICULTY PRESENT BATTERIES URGENT

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1230 hrs

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615W
VANCOUVER MAR 3/1255

O.C. York Is.

944 LIEST DABCY ~~LIEST~~ LEAVING VANCOUVER
MONDAY NIGHT MARCH FOURTH ARRIVING YORK ISLAND TUESDAY MORNING
TO RELIEVE MR KEEN WHO WILL PROCEED ON LEAVE IMMEDIATELY
STOP UPON MR KEENS RETURN MR OSBURN WILL GO ON LEAVE AND AT
EXPIRATION WILL RETURN TO HIS BATTERY BEING REPLACED BY
LIEST MCGAVIN AT YORK ISLAND STOP LEAVE FOR OTHER RANKS
TO BE ARRANGED BY YOU

O.C. VANC AREA

SB/ED/1525

Day

York Island O.C.

March 3rd

O.C. VANCOUVER AREA

418 YOUR 900 DATED 22nd FEBRUARY PLEASE ADVISE WHAT REP-
LACEMENTS WILL BE SENT STOP CAN THEY BE SENT WITH
LIEUTENANT DAYCY.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 14:5

YORK ISLAND B.C.

3rd MARCH 1940

O.C. V. BUCKINGHAM

421 YO ONE BIRDS ONE AND BIRDS FOURTEEN YO THAT BIRDS FIGHT
STOP ONE STRATEGY FOR YO BIRDS SHOULD READ ONE AND THREE
THAT IS BIRDS IN LETTER NUMBER FIVE ONE S. SEVENTEEN CANCELLED
LAST TIME OF ONE 414 MARCH 2

O.C. YORK ISLAND

TO.C.1600 HRS

4/3/40PAGE 1 ORDERS # 64BYMAJOR J.F. FIERCE.

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|-------------------|--------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| <u>1. DUTIES.</u> | To be Orderly Officer | 5/3/40 | Lt. E.F. Oxburn |
| | Next for Duty | | Lt. J. Keen |
| | To be Orderly Sergeant | 5/3/40 | Sgt. Cox S.D. |
| | Next for Duty | | Sgt. Haddon V. |
| | To be Orderly Bombardier | 5/3/40 | Lt. Col. Mr. Larsen J. |
| | Next for Duty | | Lt. Col. Maxwell G.S. |
| | To be Orderly Trumpeter | 5/3/40 | Cnr. Willoughby H.S. |

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 Hours from 0745 hrs 4/3/40
to 0745 hrs 5/3/40

ON DUTYSTANDING BY#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. ~~xxxxxx~~ Wood I.L.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Harnoll F.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

#2. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Haddon V.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Bdr. Macle
and S.O.R.s as detailed

3. TRAINING PARADE 0900 hrs. 5/3/40

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches

4. PATIENS FOR TUESDAY 5/3/40

1. SANITARY FATIGUE

Cnr. Willoughby H.W.
Cnr. Shore
Cnr. Thompson

2. GARDEN DETAILS

Cnr. Lunny V.D.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 5/3/40 to 0600 hrs 6/3/40

Pte. Irvine: Pte Vogel: Pte Mth-rington H.

6. VENEREAL DISEASE. On first noticing a sore or a discharge anywhere on the private parts or on the lips, it is required that this be reported to the M.O. at once; the same applies to "Crabs" or Body Lice. Personnel going on leave, or for any kind of Medical Attention or Dental Treatment to Vancouver, will report to the Brigade M.O. at Beesborough Armouries, to have appointments made for medical treatment, for A. Ray of Queset, where this has not already been done, and for prophylactic treatment against V.D. where there has been exposure to possible infection.

Sanitubes will be provided to anyone on application to the Medical Orderly at the Hospital.



York Island B.C.

4th March 1940

O.C. VAN ANTA

419 3 3/1. BY DETACHMENT K 22070 SGT MOORE TRANSFERRED TO
WESTMINSTER REGT JANUARY K 22066 GMR ROSS SENT DOWN TO HOSPITAL
IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL IN YORK ISLAND DIAGNOSED VDQ HAS NEVER
RETURNED STOP OWING TO NUMBER OF MEN DUE FOR LEAVE NEED ALL
POSSIBLE REPLACEMENTS STOP INSTRUCT WHITE SPENDING DETACHMENTS
REQUIRE MEDICAL INSPECTION ESPECIALLY DENTAL STOP ONE MAN
SENT DOWN LAST WEEK TOOTHACHE ONLY TEN DAYS ON ISLAND.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1040 HRS

1 CIV

17 NBW

VANCOUVER MAR 4 / 0950

O C YORK ISLAND

//A ORDNANCE REQUESTED BY WIRE TO HASTEN NEW ALDIS LAMP BATTERIES
STOP USE LUCAS LAMP BATTERIES INMEANTIME

ARMAMENT OFFICER

EP/RC/ 1019 /4th

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

VANCOUVER MAR 4th/1150

O.C. YORK ISLAND

946 LT. DANCY LEAVES TONIGHT BY CAR. NATIONAL AIRRABBY YOUR
TEL SO HAVT HIM TAKEN OFF

VANCOUVER

(RECEIVED IN OFFICE)

YORK ISLAND B.C.

4th MARCH 1940

O.C. VANCOUVER AREA

422 YO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS FOURTEEN YO THREE MINUS NINE

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.C. 1600 HRS

85th. HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND. R.C.

5/3/40

PART I ORDERS # 65

III.

MAJOR J.F. PINNEY.

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|-------------------|--------------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| 1. <u>DUTIES.</u> | To be Orderly Officer | 6/3/40 | Lt. R. J. H. Doray |
| | Next for Duty | | Lt. J. P. Koch |
| | To be Orderly Sergeant | 6/3/40 | Sgt. Russell F. |
| | Next for Duty | | Sgt. Wood I. L. |
| | To be Orderly Bombardier | 6/3/40 | L/Sgt. Marshall G. S. |
| | Next for Duty | | Sgt. Stron V. G. |
| | To be Orderly Trumpeter | 6/3/40 | Cnr. Willoughby H. R. |

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 Hours from 0745 hrs 6/3/40
to 0745 hrs 7/3/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY.

#1. GUN DETACHMENT.

Sgt. Russel Cox S.D.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Wood I. L.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

#2. GUN DETACHMENT.

L/Sgt. Larnen J.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Ransden E.
and S.O.R.s as detailed

3. MARCHING PARADE. 0900 hrs. 6/3/40

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches

4. PATROLES FOR WEDNESDAY 6/3/40

1. SANITARY PATROLE.

2. CANTINE DETAIL

Cnr. Willoughby H. R.
Cnr. Cooper F.
Cnr. Russell

Cnr. Willoughby Richards G. H.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs 6/3/40 to 0600 hrs 7/3/40

Pte. Adams A. Pte Scott J. Pte McInnes J.

6. CANTEEN COMMITTEE

The Canteen Committee for the period

1st. March 1940 to 1st. March 1941 will consist of the following:-

Lieut. W. F. Osburn President.

L/Sgt. Marshall G. S.

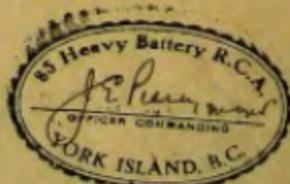
Cnr. Richards W. H.

Pte. Whitehouse E.

85th. Heavy Battery R.C.A.

85th. Heavy Battery R.C.A.

"C" Coy. 2nd (H.G.) B.C.R.



3 AND 4 in CIE

25 NBW

VICTORIA MAR 5 / 1940

~~NEW YORK~~
NEW YORK Island

938 REFERENCE DISTRICT ROUTINE ORDER NO ONE FOUR SEVEN

STOP ARE WET CANTEENS BEING OPERATED ON SUNDAYS AND

HOLIDAYS STOP REPLY BY RADIO

MUGS

EP /RA/ 1735

A.S. M.D. XI

~~O C VANCOUVER AREA~~

YORK ISLAND
5 MARCH

428 A YOUR 938 OPERATED EVERY DAY 1200 HRS TO 1230 HRS
and 1830 HRS TO 2130 HRS STOP NO OTHER AMUSEMENTS HERE

O C YORK ISLAND

T O O 1804 HRS

2 CIV

14 HBW
VANCOUVER MAR 6/1905

O.C. YORK ISLAND

957 MAJOR ROSBRUGH LEAVING THURS NIGHT FOR YORK ISLAND BY
UNION

R O.C. V I AREA

(RECEIVED IN CIPHER)

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

 No. of Groups
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

 CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS
IN
OUT

TO (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

OFFICER COMMANDING VANCOUVER AREA

 FROM OFFICER COMMANDING YORK ISLAND
 Originator's Number Date In Reply to Number

 418YOUR 900 DATED 22ND FEBRUARY PLEASE ADVISE WHEN YOUR REPLACEMENTS
 WILL BE SENT STOP CAN THEY BE SENT WITH LIEUTENANT DARCY

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1455

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

 ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

SIGNED

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

T.H.I

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

T.O.R.

Department of National Defence

York Island, B.C.

File No. 1-0-4-3.23

5th March 1940

C.C. Vancouver Area

Vancouver, B.C.

BRIS TO BOUND

1. About 2150 hrs on 4th March, 1940, the examination vessel was in Sunderland channel examining a vessel when another vessel passed along Johnston Straits.
2. The Examination vessel signalled it to stop several times, then fired a red very light as a stop signal.
3. The vessel failed to stop as the fort was signalled to stop the vessel.
4. No. 2 Gun fired one round at 2202 hrs, at 3200 yards across her bow.
5. The vessel failed to stop as the examination vessel signalled the fort to fire again.
6. No. 2 Gun fired two more rounds before the vessel stopped and headed back toward the examination vessel.
7. The Examination Officer dealt with the case. I am informed that the vessel was H.V. Shrimp of Wrangell, bound for Seattle.



C.C. 15th (Vanc) Coast Bde.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 6-0-~~32713~~ ^{8.30}

5th March 1940

Officer Commanding

Vancouver Area.

DETACHMENT 2nd. Bn. (MG) Can. Scots. Regt.

1. This detachment is due for relief on March 18, 1940, as they arrived on December 18, 1939. Will you please arrange for them to be relieved.
2. In connection with this relief will you please ask O.C. 2nd Bn. to see that the two N.C.O.s (Sergeant and Corporal) are picked men, capable of maintaining discipline in the detachment. I have had to send down two men, Sgt. Kerton and Cpl. Fleming in the previous detachment as useless. The Sergeant, in addition to being a good disciplinarian should be a good MG instructor, as the detachment should continue training as machine gunners.

MEDICAL INSPECTION

1. The previous detachments came up without any medical inspection. On arrival one of the last detachment was found to be infected with crabs and two were sent down with suspected venereal.
2. In addition, three men were sent down to Vancouver for dental treatment. Three more men should go down for dental treatment, but are being held until relief.
3. If a proper medical and dental examination had been made prior to leaving Victoria, the expense of transportation would have been saved.

UNIFORMS

1. The last detachment only had five kilts among fourteen men; the remainder being sent up dressed in sweaters and trousers service (one pair), with only one suit of summer underwear. One man had only a pair of boots worn through at the toes.
2. I have issued to them two suits winter underwear, one pair trousers service, etc., and am trying to obtain an issue of battle dress so that they can pass through Vancouver decently clothed.
3. I would request that the next detachment be sent up properly clothed and equipped, as this station is no place to send men inadequately clothed.



THE ISLAND B.C.

10th March 1940

O.C. VANCOUVER AREA

487 JEROMEY TODAY TO GIVE VISITORS AND FRIENDS WELCOME TO
CANYA HINSHU BIRTH

O.C. YORK ISLAND

S.O.O. 1600 HRS

8888 HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

6/3/40

PART I ORDERS # 66

BY

MAJOR J.E. FINNEY

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|-------------------|-------------------------|--------|---------------------|
| 1. <u>DUTIES.</u> | To be Orderly Officer | 7/3/40 | Lt. H.F. Ostern |
| | Next for Duty | | Lt. H.J.H. D'Arcy |
| | To be Orderly Sergeant | 7/3/40 | Sgt. Wood, I.L. |
| | Next for Duty | 8/3/40 | Sgt. Mackie, |
| | To be Orderly Bombadier | 7/3/40 | Sgt. Jones |
| | Next for Duty | 8/3/40 | L/Mr. Gayton |
| | To be Orderly Trumpeter | 7/3/40 | Cnr. Willoughby, H. |

2. DUTY WATCHES FOR 24 hours from 0745 hrs 7/3/40 to 0745 hrs 8/3/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1 COMPANY

L/Mr. Maxwell
and 8 O.R.s as detailed

Sgt. Wood, I.L.
and 8 O.R.s as detailed

#2 COY. DETACHMENT

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

Sgt. Rowden, R.
and 8 O.R.s as detailed

3. MORNING PARADE 0900 hrs 7/3/40

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR THURSDAY 7/3/40

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE

(b) CACTUS DETAIL

Cnr. Willoughby, H.
Cnr. Mattocks
Cnr. Johnson

Cnr. Gouffrey

5. HEAVY DUTY from 1800 hrs 7/3/40 to 0800 hrs 8/3/40

Pte. Pugh

Pte. Wagh

Pte. Ellis

6. SANITARY FATIGUE

In future all urinals will be emptied and disinfected twice daily---morning and evening.

7. DETAILED

will parade in future outside Mess Hall door during sunrise evening, and will wait for Orderly Sergeant.

8. It has been brought to notice that individuals are approaching officers without first making application in the proper manner. In future personnel wishing an interview will first see the Orderly sergeant or the Orderly Bombadier.

The practice of approaching an Officer other than through the above channels is a breach of Discipline and must cease forthwith.



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206 PLEASE RETURN FIFTY WATER BARRELS ON HAND YORK ISLAND
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YORK ISLAND B.C.

6th MARCH 1940

O.C. VAN AREA

430 STRENGTH TODAY YO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS SEVENTEEN
YO THREE MINUS ONE AND MINUS NINE

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1800 HRS

85th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND, R.C.

7/5/40

PART I ORDERS & SV.

BY

MAJOR J.E. FINNEY

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|------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| 1. <u>DUTIES</u> | To be Orderly Officer | 8/5/40 | Lt. H.J.H. D'Arcy |
| | Next for Duty | | Lt. W.F. Osburn |
| | To be Orderly Sergeant | 8/5/40 | Sgt. Russell Mackie |
| | Next for Duty | 9/5/40 | Sgt. Russell |
| | To be Orderly Bombadier | 8/5/40 | Cpl. Turnbull |
| | Next for duty | 9/5/40 | L/Mr. Robertson, D.A. |
| | To be Orderly Trumpeter | 8/5/40 | Cnr. Willoughby, R. |

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 Hrs. from 0745 hrs 8/3/40 to 0745 hrs 9/3/40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

#1. Gun Detachment

Sgt. Wood, I.L.
and 8 O.R.s as detailed

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

#2 Gun Detachment

Sgt. Ramsden, E.
and 8 O.R.s as detailed

I/Mr. Larsen, J.
and 8 O.R.s as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs 7/5/40

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR FRIDAY 8/5/40

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE

(b) CANTREIN DETAIL

Cnr. Willoughby, R.
Cnr. McGeragie, L.L.

Cnr. Fox, R.

5. SEWERY DUTY from 1800 hrs 8/5/40 to 0600 hrs 9/3/40

Pte. Vogel Pte. Etherington, H. Pte. Etherington, W.

6. INTERIOR ECONOMY -- In future the practice of detailing personnel daily for hut orderly duties will be discontinued.

The H.C.O. i/c of each barrack room will establish a roster providing two men each day--one to attend to the fires, and one to sweep out the barrack room each morning.

Each man will be responsible that the area around his own bed (or in the case of vacant beds due to personnel being on leave--an area to be decided by the said H.C.O. i/c) is swept to the middle of the floor before breakfast each morning. The man detailed as per roster will be responsible that the centre of the hut is swept clear fifteen minutes before the parade hour.

Cigarette ends, matches, etc., must not be thrown on the floor of barrack rooms. Tobacco tins can be used as ash trays.

Each week, as weather permits, a period will be devoted to interior economy; i.e. airing of blankets and scrubbing out barrack rooms, etc.

Page two

A box or other receptacle is to be maintained in each barrack room for the disposition of cigarette cartons, paper, etc. The man detailed for sweeping each morning will be responsible that this container is emptied as required.

CANTEEN -- Boxes have been provided for the reception of cigarette boxes, chocolate bar wrappers, etc. These latter must no longer be thrown on the floor of the Canteen or along the walk outside the building. Personnel disregarding these orders will be strictly dealt with.

ABLUTION HUT - Bowls provided in this hut are not to be carried away.

HYSS -- All ranks are warned against wasting food. No man should take on his plate more than he can eat. If he does not want any portion of the food, he should so state before being served. If he needs a second helping he can go back for it.

All ranks must appear with clean hands and face and hair brushed.

MARKING OF CLOTHING All ranks are required to mark all items of clothing and equipment with their Regimental number and, where possible, their name, immediately.

CANTEEN PURCHASES

1. Effective 1st March, the Canteen is placed on a cash basis. (Authority District Routine Order # 157 (b))
2. Henceforth no merchandise or tickets will be sold on credit.
3. As there does not appear to be any regulation prohibiting the purchase for cash of Canteen Tickets (which are redeemable for cash), until further notice Personnel who so desire will be permitted to purchase books of tickets for cash, in order to obviate the necessity for carrying sums of money on York Island.

LEAVE AND FURLOUGH - GENERAL

1. With reference to Routine Order No. 62, leave or furlough must be restricted to Canada. Leave to travel abroad will not be granted. (Auth. C.I.C.F. R.O. 155) Leave and furlough is a privilege and not a right.
2. It must be clearly understood that leave privilege is not cumulative and that no assurance can be given that leave not taken now will be available at a later date.
3. All leave and furlough authorized by C.I.C.F. Routine order 62, 26th October, 1939, will be completed as quickly as possible.
4. Leave and furlough should therefore be granted to as large a percentage of total strength of units at one time as possible. Due consideration however should be taken to ensure that essential duties are not interfered with and that sufficient personnel are available to perform these duties.

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YORK ISLAND B.C.
7th MARCH 1940

O.C. VAN AREA

~~32~~ 435 STRENGTH TODAY YO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS SEVENTEEN
YO THREE MINUS ONE AND MINUS NINE

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 2000 HRS

85th HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

8-3-40

PART I ORDERS - No. 68
by

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

1. DUTIES SATURDAY
- | | | |
|--------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| To be Orderly Officer | 9-3-40 | Lt. W.F. Osburn, RCA |
| Next for Duty | 10-3-40 | Lt. H.J.M. D'Arcy, RCA |
| To be Orderly Sergeant | 9-3-40 | Sgt. Hammell |
| Next for Duty | 10-3-40 | Sgt. Ramsden |
| To be Orderly Bombardier | 9-3-40 | L/Bdr. Robertson D.A. |
| Next for Duty | 10-3-40 | L/Bdr. Strom |

2. DUTY WATCHES SATURDAY For 24hrs. from 0745hrs. 9-3-40 to 0745hrs. 19-3-40

ON DUTY

STAND BY

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| No. 1 | Sgt. Cox D.
and 8 O.Rs. as detailed | Sgt. Hammell
and 8 O.Rs. as detailed |
| No. 2 | L/Bdr. Larsen J.
and 8 O.Rs. as detailed | L/Bdr. Hammell
and 8 O.Rs. as detailed |

3. MANNING PARADE SATURDAY 0900 hrs. 9-3-40
Headquarters Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR SATURDAY 9-3-40

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE

(b) CANTEEN DETAIL

Gnr. Willoughby
" Ramsden

Gnr. Hammell

5. SENTRY DUTY - SATURDAY - from 1800 hrs. 9-3-40 to 0600 hrs. 10-3-40
Ptes. Irvine - McQueen - Scott, C.S.R.

6. MAIL - OVERSEAS TROOPS

The address of Canadian Troops who have proceeded overseas is republished for the information of all concerned.

Mail will be addressed as follows:

Regtl. No.
Rank
Name
Unit
C.A.S.F.
Canada Base Post Office
Canada.

FEDERAL ELECTION - 4 March, 1940 (From District Routine Orders #163. 1/3/40)

Notice to Active Service Electors that
Federal Election has been Ordered in Canada.

Public Notice is Hereby Given that Writs of Election

have been issued ordering that a General Election be held in every electoral district in Canada, that the Nomination of Candidates will be held on the Eleventh day of March, 1940. That the day fixed as polling day will be Tuesday, the Twenty-sixth day of March, 1940.

b. That, pursuant to the Active Service Voting Regulations, all Active Service electors as defined by the said Regulations, are entitled to vote at such election and that Active Service electors may cast their votes before any Commissioned Officer designated by the Commanding Officer of his unit for that purpose, on application to such Officer during such hours as may be indicated by the Officer Commanding, not less than three each day, between nine o'clock in the forenoon and nine o'clock in the afternoon, local standard time, if he be in any unit within Canada between the Saturday following Nomination Day, and the Saturday immediately preceding polling day, inclusive, but excepting Good Friday and Sunday, and that the votes of Active Service electors will be applied only to the electoral district in which such electors ordinarily resided immediately preceding the date of their appointment, enlistment, enrolment or calling out.

c. Given under my hand at Victoria, B.C. this Twenty-ninth day of February, 1940.

(C.V. Stockwell), Brigadier
District Officer Commanding, M.D. No. 11.

(V.1-1-14)

8. SPECIAL RETURNING OFFICER
Federal Election, 26th March, 1940 (from D.R.O. # 165, 1/5/40)

Captain Charles W. McCool, M.C., K.C., of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan has been appointed Special Returning Officer for the Provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia and will be stationed at Edmonton, Alberta.

(H.C. 1064-46-9 Org. 2b) dated 12-2-40)

V.1-1-14)

9. RECOVERY OF DEBTS CONTRACTED BY PERSONNEL (C.A.S.F. R.O. #544)

a. To maintain the high standard and good reputation of the Active Militia generally and of the Canadian Active Service Force in particular, it is essential that all personnel pay their accounts with tradesman, etc., and all legitimate debts as soon as possible.

b. Letters received at National Defence Headquarters show that in many cases units and individuals have proceeded overseas without paying all accounts before leaving Canada, or that individuals who have enlisted are using the fact that they are soldiers as an excuse to evade payment of legitimate debts contracted prior to enlistment.

c. The following points are to be borne in mind:-

- (1) The Department will take no responsibility for the debts contracted by units or individuals.
- (2) A member of the C.A.S.F. is subject to the jurisdiction of the Civil and Criminal Courts in the same manner and to the same extent as all other subjects of His Majesty, with the exception that no execution can be taken against his person, pay, arms, equipment, regimental necessaries or clothing.

d. Each individual is responsible at all times that sufficient money is kept to his credit in his bank account to pay

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all cheques issued by him. If he has not sufficient funds to his credit in the bank on which his cheque is issued, ~~if~~ he is liable to be prosecuted under Section 405 of the Criminal Code, in addition to any military proceedings.

c. Officers Commanding are responsible that all legitimate debts of their units are met, and that they draw to the attention of all under their command the necessity for paying their individual debts, especially when moving out of a locality.

(Effective 28th February, 1940)

(H.C. 923-16)



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 1-0-4-S.34

8th March 1940

O.C. Vancouver Area

Vancouver, B.C.

RADIO STATION POWER PLANT

1. Referring to your letter 5th March 1940 file S-24-1
2. No light has been supplied to the Officer's Mess or other building in the camp since receipt of your letter of 21st February.
3. The only exception may have been one light in the Radio hut, but as the bulb has now burnt out and I am refusing to give him another, he can't use the electric light outlet.



BY ARRANGEMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 6-0-3-33

8th March 1940

O.C. Vancouver Area.

Vancouver, B.C.

LEAVE - PERSONNEL YORK ISLAND

1. Replying to your letter 4th March 1940. File 5-11-19.

2.(a) 85th Bty. Remount

By H.Q. M.D. 11 Circular V 2-1-26-36 dated 20th November, 1939, O.C. York Island is authorized to grant 7 days leave every three months to personnel of this battery. This was a subject of correspondence between O.C. York Island and the B.C.C. about relief for this Battery and the B.C.C. recommended to H.Q. M.D. that instead of relief, this Battery should be granted 7 days leave every three months, which was approved by H.Q. M.D.

(b) Under this ruling practically every man has had seven days in December or January and are now entitled to another 7 days which is being granted as rapidly as possible.

(c) The only exceptions are men who-

- (i) Whose homes are too far away to be reached in a week. e.g. Calgary or Winnipeg.
- (ii) Men who joined other Regiments (e.g. B.C. Dragoons) at the outbreak of war, but were later transferred to this Battery.
- (iii) These amount to the 5 O.R.s mentioned in our Telegram # 407 dated 28th February.

3.(a) #5 Tp. 3 S/L Bty. Detachment

This detachment was sent up for three months (some arriving 12th Dec. balance 19th Dec.) and the instructions were that these men should be relieved by other men on 12th and 19th of March. On returning to Vancouver they would obtain leave.

(b) All of these men have served six months and are now entitled to two weeks. See our telegram # 407 dated 29th February.

(c) Apparently this detachment cannot be relieved by another detachment owing to shortage of personnel at Vancouver, because if you cannot replace three men sent down sick it is obvious you cannot replace 1 Officer and 33 O.R.s

(d) Under these circumstances I asked you for permission to grant these men two weeks leave which, I understand, is approved.

(e) I request that you advise me whether it is intended to maintain # 5 Troop permanently on York Island. If so it will be necessary to give me authority to give them a weeks leave every three months in a similar manner to the 85th Bty. Bty.

(f) I would like to keep them as most of them are rapidly becoming trained gunners on 4.7 guns, and I would have to break in a new detachment if it is sent up.

- (g) At present I have 24 O.R.s left in ϕ B Troop at York Island. Three O.R.s are down under treatment and six O.R.s have been transferred to Vancouver and elsewhere and have never been replaced by 3rd S/L Bty.
- (h) I propose to send them on two weeks leave in three parties commencing 12th March. This will complete their leave in about seven weeks.
4. Detachment 2nd Bn. (MG) C.S. Regt. The question of relief for this detachment was dealt with in a letter to you last week.
5. Detachment 10th Fortress Sig. This detachment has just been relieved .



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 5-2-2-40

8th March 1940

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

DENTAL TREATMENT

1. Referring to your letter of 1st March 1940 file 5-11-6-3, enclosed are letters and reports on the following.

K.22106 Cmr. Wadham, R.E. 3 S/L Bty.
K.19051 Cmr. Carlson, S. 80th Wvg. Bty.
K.17088 Cmr. Beaulieu, J.L. 80th Wvg. Bty.

2. These are examples of what I have been trying to bring out in the last series of letters apparently without success.
3. By the regulations Coast Defence Personnel may be Category "A", "B", "C" or "D". This may be alright in a well constructed concrete Fort with warm living quarters and proper sanitary facilities but it does not apply, at present, to York Island, with a cold damp climate, very windy and wet, unlined draughty sleeping bays, very primitive and inadequate sanitary facilities and extremely poor light.
4. Under these conditions men sent up here who are used to good living conditions sicken rapidly and the weak point of most of them is teeth.
5. When a man parades before the M.O. with toothache he can get painkiller for a while, but if the toothache continues there is nothing else for it but to send him to Vancouver.
6. Out of the last twelve reinforcements that have arrived in the last three weeks one man is back in Vancouver with toothache and another on his way, while a third is being stalled off, but will probably have to go soon.
7. The Medical Corps at Vancouver has been undermanned, consequently the men have had to wait a considerable time between appointments. The O.C. York Island wonders why it takes so long to fill a few cavities and writes about it as it runs the Gun Crew short.

The men don't like it because the B.S.M. looks on them as a godsend to do continuous fatigues between dental appointments. The Brigade Major wonders why so many York Island men are in Vancouver and writes dirty letters. As a result everyone gets annoyed except the above mentioned B.S.M.

8. It seems to me that the only way to prevent this continuous friction about dentistry and other sickness is for a careful examination by both a Medical Officer and a Dental Officer before anyone is sent to York Island. No one should be sent up unless perfectly fit both medical and dental.
9. The first detachment of 50 O.R.s who came up on Aug. 6th 1939, had far less sickness than later reinforcements, even though all they had was an examination by Major Bealter and Lieut Ganshorn. After some months on the Island a

certain amount of Dental trouble developed but it has not been as serious as later drafts.

10. In the meantime the men are here, and I would suggest that a dental officer and equipment be sent up here to fix them up. One difficulty is the lack of accommodation, but we will have to find accommodation even if we have to build a hut for him. This will be a lot cheaper than sending a steady stream of men back to Vancouver.



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YORK ISLAND B.C.

8th March 1940

O.C. VAN ARMA

437 STRENGTH TODAY YO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS TWENTY THREE
YO THREE MINUS ONE AND MINUS NINE STOP PLUS ONE OFFR
FIFTEEN BDE

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1900 HRS

These pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

ORIGINAL

M.F.M. 11.

A.P. 1018

1 M 1-10 (1750)

H.Q. 17745-12

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

85 HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, reference to Appendices and initials
York Island	March 9	1145 1713	3 "Bring to" Rounds fired by No. 2 Gun (See App. "D") 1 "Bring to" Round fired by No. 1 Gun (See App. "D") 1 O.R. proceeded on leave Weather : Cloudy	1-0-4-8.42 1-0-4-843
		10	Weather : Fair	
		11	Letter re Transportation (See App. "D") Weather : Raining	7-2-845
		12	Border Prince landed stores and water 3 O.R.s reported for duty Weather : Raining	
		13	Erected tide guage on wharf. Col. Letson, O.C. Vancouver Area; Major Francis, Bde. Major; W/Ondr. McLeod, R.C.A.F.; Major H.F.E. Smith, 1st S/L Regt; and 4 other Officers visited by plane and returned to Vancouver; Major Rosebrugh returned in plane.	
		14	Letter re Machine Guns (See App. "D") Weather : Raining	9-1-8.48
		15	11 O.R.s proceeded on leave 4 O.R.s returned from leave Weather : Raining	
		16	1645 1 "Bring to" Round fired by No. 1 Gun (See App. "D") Active Service Voting commenced. Letter requesting Glass for B.O.P. (See App. "D") Letter re Tractor (See App. "D") Letter re Strength Returns. (See App. "B")	1-0-4-8.50 8-4-M. 350 7-2-M. 350 6-2-8.51
		17	Weather : Dull	

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1. 1st. HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

PART I ORDERS - No. 69

9-3-40

by

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

1. DUTIES To be Orderly Officer 10-3-40 Lt. H.J.H. D'Arcy, R.C.A.
SUNDAY Next for Duty 11-3-40 Lt. W.F. Osburn, R.C.A.
To be Orderly Sergeant 10-3-40 Sgt. Ramsden,
Next for Duty 11-3-40 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~Cpl. Turnbull
To be Orderly Bombardier 10-3-40 L/Bdr. Strom
Next for Duty 11-3-40, L/Bdr. Larsen

2. DUTY WATCHES For 24hrs. from, 0745hrs. 10-3-40 to 0745hrs. 11-3-40

SUNDAY

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

No. 1 Sgt. Hummell Sgt. Wood
8 O.Rs. as detailed. 8 O.Rs. as detailed

No. 2 Bdr. Gilson Sgt. Ramsden
8 O.Rs. as detailed 8 O.Rs. as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 1100 hrs. 10-3-40

SUNDAY

Headquarters party and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR
SUNDAY 10-3-40

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE

(b) CANTEEN DETAIL

Gnr. Gosby
" Woodward

Gnr Johnson

6. SLEETRY DUTY

SUNDAY

for period 1800hrs. 10-3-40 to 0600hrs. 11-3-40

Ptes. Waugh, Ellis and Adams C.S. Regt.

6. BOARD OF OFFICERS

With reference to D.O. Pt. I No. 53-7
dated 26/2/40. Delete the name of Lieut. J.P. Keen and
substitute the name of Lieut. H.J.H. D'Arcy, as member.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 1-0-4-3.42

9th March 1940

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

BRING TO ROUNDS

1. At 1130 hrs on 9th March, 1940, the Fort observed a vessel moving from west to south-east on Johnson straight. The attention of the Examination vessel was drawn to the vessel.
2. The Examination Vessel signalled the ship to stop and on failure to do so, signalled the fort to fire a Bring to Round.
3. No. 2 Gun was the only one able to bear on the target (No. 1 being unable to do so for a safety reason) No. 2 Gun had a misfire but after the specified time, the cartridge was withdrawn and a new cartridge substituted and fired at 1145 hrs at 4000 yards.
4. The vessel failed to stop, so the examination vessel signalled for further rounds.
5. Two more rounds were fired which appeared to fall in front of the vessel which disappeared out of sight heading south.
6. The O.C.O. reported the failure to stop to Esquimalt by telegram.
7. The vessel was chased by the other examination vessel, H.M.C.S. "San Tomas", which happened to be at Kelsey Bay. She was chased for 15 miles before being overtaken. Her name was "GTS 6". There were some suspicious circumstances about the case which are being fully dealt with by the Navy.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 1-0-4-3.43

9th March 1940

O.C. Vancouver Area

Vancouver, B.C.

BRING TO ROUND

1. At 1712 hrs, March 9th 1940, the Examination Vessel called for a "Bring to Round" on a vessel proceeding down Sunderland Channel.
2. At 1713 hrs No. 1 Gun fired at 2375 yards range. The shell fell about 150 yards in front of the vessel which stopped and was dealt with by the Examination Vessel.
3. The vessel is reported to be the M.V. "MIMAH", of Vancouver.



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YORK ISLAND B.C.

9th March 1940

O.C. VANCOUVER AREA

439 STRENGTH TODAY YO ONE MINUS ^{*one*} ~~021~~ AND MINUS TWENTY FOUR
YO THREE MINUS ONE AND MINUS NINE.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 2000 HRS

85th HEAVY BATTERY, B.C.A.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

10-3-40

by

MAJOR J. E. FINNEY, B.C.A.

- 1 DUTIES
MONDAY
- | | | |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| To be Orderly Officer | 11-3-40 | Lt. S. F. Osburn, RCA |
| Next for Duty | 12-3-40 | Lt. H. J. H. D'Arcy, RCA |
| To be Orderly Sergeant | 11-3-40 | Cpl. Turnbull, CSR. |
| Next for Duty | 12-3-40 | Sgt. Pearce, CSR |
| To be Orderly Bombardier | 11-3-40 | L/Bdr. Larsen RCA |
| Next for Duty | 12-3-40 | Bdr. Gilson RCA |
| Orderly Tpnr. | | Gnr. Willoughby, RCA |
- 2 DUTY WATCHES Per 24 hours from 0745hrs. 11-3-40 to 0745hrs. 12-3-40
MONDAY
- | | <u>ON DUTY</u> | <u>STANDING BY</u> |
|-------|--|---|
| No. 1 | Sgt. Wood
and 8 ORs. as detailed | Sgt. Cox
and 8 ORs. as detailed |
| No. 2 | Sgt. Ramsden
and 8 ORs. as detailed | L/Bdr. Larsen
and 8 ORs. as detailed |
- 3 MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 11-3-40
MONDAY
Headquarters Party and Duty Watches.
4. FATIGUES for
MONDAY
- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) <u>SANITARY FATIGUE</u> | (b) <u>CANTEN DETAIL</u> |
| Gnr. Willoughby | Gnr. Melnyk |
| " Fox | |
5. SENTRY DUTY For 12hrs. 1800hrs. 11-3-40 to 0600hrs. 12-3-40
MONDAY
Ptes. Pugh ; Etherington W. ; Etherington W. CSRT.



from

YORK ISLAND B.C.

MARCH 10th 1940

O.C. VAN AREA

~~331~~ 440 STRENGTH TODAY YO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS TWENTY
FOUR YO THREE MINUS ONE AND MINUS NINE

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1600 HRS

85TH. HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

PART I ORDERS NO. 71

11-3-40

by
MAJOR J.E. PIRBY, R.C.A.

1. DUTIES
TUESDAY
- | | | |
|--------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| To be Orderly Officer | 12-3-40 | Lt. H. J. H. D'Arcy, R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty | 13-3-40 | Lt. W. P. Osburn, R.C.A. |
| To be Orderly Siffgeant | 12-3-40 | Sgt. Pearce, C.S. Regt. |
| Next for Duty | 13-3-40 | Sgt. Woodhouse, R.C.A. |
| To be Orderly Bombardier | 12-3-40 | Bdr. Gilson, R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty | 13-3-40 | L/Bdr. Robertson D.A. R.C.A. |
| Orderly Trumpeter | | Gnr. Willoughby, R.C.A. |

2. DUTY WATCHES For 24hrs. 0745 hrs. 12-3-40 to 0745hrs. 13-3-40
TUESDAY

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

No. 1 Sgt. Cox
8 O.Rs. as detailed

Sgt. Rummell
8 O.Rs. as detailed

No. 2 Bdr. Mackie
8 O.Rs. as detailed

Bdr. Gilson
8 O.Rs. as detailed

3. MARCHING PARADE 0900 hrs. 12-3-40
TUESDAY

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR
TUESDAY

(a) SKINITARY DETAIL

(b) CANTEN DETAIL

Gnr. Willoughby
" Gatenby

Gnr. Cooper F.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 0200hrs. 12-3-40 to 0600hrs. 13-3-40
TUESDAY
- Ptes. Vogel, Irvine and McQueen, C.S. Regt.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 7-2-3-45

11th March 1940

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

TRANSPORTATION

1. Replying to your letter of March 7th, 1940, file 5-11-6-3-1.
2. Will you please arrange to forward a number of the forms mentioned as we have no multigraph here and our limited office staff is already overworked.
3. From your letter of March 7th, I understand that this cancels your letter of 29th February, 1940, file 5-11-6-3, and that in consequence it will not be necessary to go on with the elaborate telegram exchange between us, nor will it be necessary to make out a copy of these telegrams for the purser of the S.S. Co.

4. Will you please inform us when the different Steamship Companies have been informed that they are to accept my signature on the above mentioned. They have at present instructions from the Brigade Major Vancouver Area not to accept my signature under any circumstances. I do not want any of my officers or men to be confronted by a similar embarrassing situation, as our Lieut. Osburn, who found that the purser of S.S. Chelohsin had orders originating from Brigade Major Vancouver Area, copy of which had not been sent to me.

We get along very well with the Steamship Companies, and do not want any disputes with them due to contradictory orders from Vancouver Area.

5. Referring to your para 3. I would request you to take this matter up again with D.S. & T.O. Invoices in quadruplicate on all these men have been O.E.ed by me and forwarded on during the last few months and they should be on the D.S. & T.O. files. He has more clerical help than we have and should be able to give you this information.



YORK ISLAND B.C.

11th MARCH 1940

O.C. VAN AREA

444 ⁴ STRENGTH TODAY YO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS TWENTY FOUR
YO THREE MINUS ONE AND MINUS FIVE

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1600 HRS

85TH. HEAVY BATTERY, B.C.A.

YORK ISLAND

PART I ORDERS NO. 72

12/3/40

by
MAJOR J. B. PIERCE, B.C.A.

1. DUTIES WEDNESDAY
- | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| To be Orderly Officer | 13-3-40 | Lt. Woburn, R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty | 14-3-40 | Lt. H. J. H. S. Aray, R.C.A. |
| To be Orderly Sergeant | 13-3-40 | Ramsden |
| Next for Duty | 14-3-40 | Sgt. Ramsden, R.C.A. |
| To be Orderly Bombardier | 13-3-40 | Lt. Dr. Larsen, R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty | 14-3-40 | Lt. Dr. Larsen, R.C.A. |
| Orderly Trumpeter | Lt. Dr. Hanson | Lt. Dr. Hanson, R.C.A. |
| | | Gnr. Willoughby, R.C.A. |

2. DUTY WATCHES WEDNESDAY For 24hrs. 13-3-40 to 14-3-40

ON DUTY

No. 1

Sgt. Hummel
8 O.Rs. as detailed.

No. 2

Gnr. Gilson
8 O.Rs. as detailed

STANDING BY

Sgt. Wood
8 O.Rs. as detailed

Sgt. Ramsden
8 O.Rs. as detailed.

3. MANNING PARADE WEDNESDAY 0900 hrs. 13-3-40

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES FOR WEDNESDAY

(a) SANITARY DETAIL

Gnr. Willoughby
" Stockin

(b) CANTEN DETAIL

Gnr. Vann
" Wood ward

5. HEAVY DUTY TUESDAY 1800hrs. 13-3-40 to 0600hrs. 14-3-40

Ptes. Scott, Adams and Ellis C.S. Regt.



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74 NBW

VICTORIA MAR 12 /1425

O C YORK ISLAND

41 INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM SPECIAL RETURNING OFFICER THAT NAVAL VESSEL WILL BRING VOTING SUPPLIES AND WILL REMAIN AT YORK ISLAND UNTIL TUESDAY MARCH NINETEENTH TO BRING BACK BALLOTS STOP IT WILL THEREFORE BE NECESSARY FOR ELECTORS TO VOTE ON SATURDAY SIXTEENTH MONDAY EIGHTEENTH OR TUESDAY NINETEENTH BECAUSE NO FACILITIES EXIST FOR MAILING IN TIME TO REACH SPECIAL RETURNING OFFICER VOTES CAST LATER STOP ADVISE SPECIAL RETURNING OFFICER EDMONTON BY RADIO IF ANY DIFFICULTIES ARISE

A A AND Q M G ELEVEN

EP/ LB/1533

VANCO VEE MARCH 12 1940

O.C. YORK ISLAND

966 O.C. VAN AREA AND FIVE OFFERS FLYING YORK ISLAND TOMORROW
ARRIVING APPROXIMATELY 1000 HRS RETURNING SAME DAY SPACE
FOR MAJOR ROSEBROUGH IF HE WISHES RETURN

O.C. VAN AREA

YORK ISLAND B.C.

12th MARCH 1940

O.C. VAN AREA

448 STRENGTH TODAY TO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS TWENTY ONE
TO THREE MINUS ONE AND MINUS NINE

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1600 HRS

85th. HEAVY BATTERY, RCA

YORK ISLAND R.C.A.

PART I ORDERS No. 78 12-3-40

By

Major J. B. Phillips, R.C.A.

1. DUTIES To be Orderly Officer: 14-3-40 Lt. H. J. D'Arcy, RCA
THURSDAY 15-3-40 Lt. F. Osburn, TC
To be Orderly Sergeant 14-3-40 Sgt. Cox, R.C.A.
15-3-40 Sgt. Russell R.C.A.
To be Orderly Bombardier: 14-3-40 E. H. Jones, R.C.A.
15-3-40 Mr. Gilson R.C.A.
Orderly Trumpeter 15-3-40 Mr. Milloughby, RCA

2. DUTY WATCHES Per Orders. 15-3-40 to 16-3-40
THURSDAY

ON DUTY

STANDBY BY

No. 1 Sgt. Wood I.
8 O.Ss. as detailed

Sgt. Cox
8 O.Ss. as detailed

No. 2 Sgt. Parnson E.
8 O.Ss. as detailed

Mr. Larsen
8 O.Ss. as detailed

3. MORNING PARADE 0900 hrs. 14-3-40
THURSDAY

Headquarters Party and Duty Watches

4. ATTENDANCE FOR
THURSDAY

(a) SENTINEL DUTY

(b) CANTEREN DETAIL

Mr. Milloughby
" Phillips

Mr. Cooper F.

5. SENTINEL DUTY from 1800hrs. 14-3-40 to 0600hrs. 15-3-40

Ptes. Waugh, Fugh and Begoff, C.S. Regt.

DOMINION GENERAL ELECTION

A Naval vessel will bring Voting supplies and will remain at York Island until Tuesday, March 19th, 1940.

It will therefore be necessary for Electors to vote on Saturday the 16th, Monday the 18th or Tuesday the 19th.

All votes will be mailed in a special bag which will be taken back on Tuesday, March 19th.



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YORK ISLAND B.C.

13th MARCH 1940

O.C. VAN AREA

450 COL LETSON AND PARTY WILL ARRIVE APPROXIMATELY 1600 HRS

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1445 HRS

YORK ISLAND B.C.

13th MARCH 1940

O.C. PRINCE RUPERT

451 YOUR 426 AFFIRMATIVE REPLY TO BOTH QUESTIONS

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1600 HRS

13 March

5 CIK

22 NBW

O.C. YORK ISLAND

PR 426 ARE YOUR MEN GETTING HALF FARE WARRANTS AND
ARE STEAMSHIP COMPANIES ACCEPTING THEM STOP ADVISE EARLY AS POSSIBLE

O.C. PRINCE RUPERT AREA

WW/EN/1252/13

YORK ISLAND B.C.

13th MARCH 1940

O.C. VAN AREA

452 STRENGTH TODAY YO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS TWENTY ONE
YO THREE MINUS ONE AND MINUS NINE

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1600 HRS

82ND. HEAVY BATTERY, I.C.A.

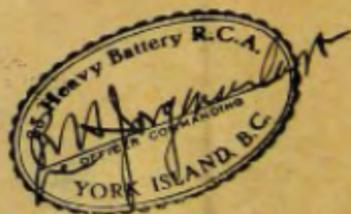
YORK ISLAND, R.C.

RAIT I ORDERS NO. 73. 14-3-40

by

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

1. DUTIES To be Orderly Officer 15-3-40 Lt. W.F. Osburn, R.C.A.
FRIDAY Next for Duty 16-3-40 Lt. H.J.H.D'Arcy, R.C.A.
- To be Orderly Sergeant 15-3-40 Sgt. Russell, R.C.A.
Next for Duty 16-3-40 Sgt. Wood I., R.C.A.
- To be Orderly Bomb'dier 15-3-40 Bdr. Gilson R.C.A.
Cpl. Turnbull, R.C.A.
2. DUTY WATCHES Per 36hrs. 0740hrs. 15-3-40 to 0740hrs. 16-3-40
FRIDAY
- | | <u>ON DUTY</u> | <u>STANDING BY</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>No.1</u> | Sgt. Cox
8 O.Ps. as detailed | Sgt. Russell
8 O.Ps. as detailed |
| <u>No.2</u> | L/Bdr. Larsen
8 O.Ps. as detailed | Bdr. Gilson
8 O.Ps. as detailed |
- 2a. MARCHING PARADE 0900hrs. 15-3-40 Hq. Staff & Duty Watches.
4. PARADES FOR
FRIDAY
- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) <u>SANITARY DETAIL</u> | (b) <u>CANTEN DETAIL</u> |
| Gnr. Willoughby | Gnr. Cooper F.E. |
| " Cooper F.E. | |
5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 15-3-40 to 0600hrs. 16-3-40
Ptes. Vogel, Hetherington H., Hetherington W.C.S. Sgt.



Diary

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VICTORIA MARCH 14/1910

O.C. YORK ISLAND

65 NAVAL BOAT CALLING YORK ISLAND FRIDAY EVENING WILL LOAD
TRACTOR ARRANGE ACCORDINGLY

D.S. & T.O. VICTORIA

(RECEIVED INCIPHER)

Diary

YORK ISLAND B.C.

MARCH 14th 1940

H.Q. H.D.XI

REQUIREMENT B.C.

454 PLEASE SEND IMMEDIATELY ON NAVAL VOTING UNIT BOOK

OF BALLOTS FIFTY WHITE INNER ENVELOPES AND FIFTY LARGE OUTER
ENVELOPES AS REQUIRED BY ACTIVE SERVICE VOTING REGULATIONS

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1100hrs

Diary

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

MARCH 14th 1940

O.C. VANCOUVER AREA

455 PLEASE FORWARD LIST OF ALL CANDIDATES GENERAL
ELECTION IN TONIGHT'S MAIL

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1400 HRS

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

14th March 1940

O.C. VANCOUVER AREA

Vancouver, B.C.

MACHINE GUNS

1. Two machine guns were sent up at the beginning of the war for the defence of York Island, and were manned by a detachment 2nd. Bn. (MG) Can. Scots. Regt.
2. These M.G.s and accessories are now on charge to 2nd. Bn. (MG) Can. Scots. Regt.
3. I request that authority be obtained for transfer of these M.G. and accessories to O.C. York Island, as otherwise they would have to be returned to 2nd. Bn. (MG) Can. Scots. Regt. when their Detachment leaves York Island.
4. These guns are essential for defence of York Island against any landing parties, in fact the number should be increased to four, as two are insufficient.



Diary

YORK ISLAND B.C.

14th MARCH 1940

O.C. VAN ARMA

456 STRENGTH TODAY YO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS TWENTY ONE
YO THREE MINUS ONE AND MINUS NINE

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.C. 1600 HRS

85TH. HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND R.C.

PART I ORDER NO. 74, 16-3-40

by

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

1. DUTIES To be Orderly Officer 16-3-40 Lt. H. J. M. D'Arcy, R.C.A.
SATURDAY Next for Duty 17-3-40 Lt. W. F. O'Leary, R.C.A.
- To be Orderly Sergeant 16-3-40 Sgt. Wood I., R.C.A.
Next for Duty 17-3-40 Sgt. Cox, R.C.A.
- To be Orderly Bombardier 16-3-40 Cpl. Turnbull, R.C.A.
Next for Duty 17-3-40 L/Dr. Larsen, R.C.A.
- Orderly Trumpeter Gnr. Willoughby, R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES
SATURDAY for 24hrs. 0745hrs. 16-3-40 to 0745hrs. 17-3-40.

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

No. 1 Sgt. Rummell
8 ORs. as detailed

Sgt. Wood I.
8 ORs. as detailed

No. 2 Dr. Gilson
8 ORs. as detailed

Sgt. Ramsden E.
8 ORs. as detailed

3. MORNING PARADE
SATURDAY, 16-3-40 - 0900 hrs. H.Q. Party & Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR
SATURDAY

(a) SANITARY DETAIL

(b) CANTEEN DETAIL

Gnr. Willoughby
" Mackie

Gnr. McAlister

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800 hrs. 16-3-40 to 0600 hrs. 17-3-40
Ptes. Irvine, McQueen and Scott C.S. Regt.

6. DUTY WATCHES
MEALS

With effect from 16th. March, 1940, (Saturday),
Duty Watches will parade at Mess Hall door at 0700hrs.,
Monday to Saturday inclusive and at 0800 hrs. Sundays.
Personnel failing to observe this order will be treated
as absent from parade.

The Orderly Sergeant will take the above parade.

7. CANTEEN

In compliance with Federal regulations the Mess
Canteen will be closed all day Saturday and Monday
while Voting is in progress.



Deary

3 CIV

36 NEW
VANCOUVER
MAR 15/1105

OC. 85TH BATTERY

~~2021~~ OUR WIRE 206 PLEASE RETURN FIFTY WATER BARRELS
FIRST BOAT OTHERWISE VALUE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS
WILL BECOME UNIT CHARGE ACKNOWLEDGE

DDS & TO VANCOUVER

GG/TT/1225

Deary
5 CIV

32 NEW

O C YORK ISLAND

VANCOUVER MAR 15 - 1300

969 YOUR 455 LIST OF CANDIDATES RECEIVED HERE TODAY STOP

IF NOT RECEIVED BY YOU WIRE FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED STOP WILL

MAIL COPY OF LIST TO YOU MONDAY

EP/RC/ 1320

O C VANCOUVER AREA

Drum

March 16th 1940

VANCOUVER? B.C.

O.C. YORK ISLAND, B.C

975 REFERENCE SOLDIER VOTE IMPRESS ALL WITH FACT THAT
PROCEDURE IN VOTING REQUIREMENTS ENSURES BALLOT IS SECRET
SEE PARA #6 ETC.

O.C. VAN. AREA.

(RECEIVED IN CIPHER)

Diary

YORK ISLAND B.C.

15th MARCH 1940

O.C. VAN AREA

460 STRENGTH TODAY TO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS TWENTY ONE
TO THREE MINUS ONE AND MINUS SEVENTEEN

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1600 HRS

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

YORK ISLAND, R.C.A.

PARADE I ORDERS NO. 70. 16-3-40

by

MAJOR J. H. PHOENIX, R.C.A.

1. DUTIES SUNDAY
- | | | |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| To be Orderly Officer | 17-3-40 | Lt. S. P. Osburn, R.C.A. |
| Next For Duty | 18-3-40 | Lt. H. J. H. D'Arcy, R.C.A. |
| To be Orderly Sergeant | 17-3-40 | Sgt. Cox, R.C.A. |
| Next For Duty | 18-3-40 | L/Sgt. Cuddeford, R.C.A. |
| To be Orderly Bombardier | 17-3-40 | L/Dr. Larsen, R.C.A. |
| Next For Duty | 18-3-40 | L/Dr. Gayton, R.C.A. |

2. DUTY WATCHES SUNDAY Per 24hrs. 0245hrs. 17-3-40 to 0645hrs. 18-3-40

ON DUTY

- NO. 1 Sgt. Wood I
8 O.Rs. as detailed
- NO. 2 Sgt. Ramsden
8 O.Rs. as detailed

STANDING BY

- Sgt. Cox
8 O.Rs. as detailed
- L/Dr. Larsen
8 O.Rs. as detailed

3. MORNING PARADE SUNDAY 17-3-40 0200hrs. - Headquarters Party and Duty Watches.

4. FATIGUES FOR SUNDAY 17-3-40

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Gnr. Emerson
" Phillips

(b) CANTENEN DETAIL

Gnr. Salmon

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 17-3-40 to 0600hrs. 18-3-40
Ptes. Adams, Ellis and Vaughn, C.S. Regt.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 8-4-N.350

16th March 1940

R.C.E. Works Officer
Vancouver, B.C.

GLASS

1. Will you please forward by S.S. Border Prince the following to repair broken windows in the men's huts.

24 sheets 12 x 14
36 sheets 10 x 12
4 lbs putty
1 lbs glazing points
1 glass cutter

2. Also please forward one pane of glass size 2' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 1'9". This is for the Observation Post. This window was damaged by the gale last night and the firing of the 4.7 gun this afternoon shattered it entirely. This pane of glass must be extra strong to stand the concussion of firing the guns.
3. Will you please treat this as urgent as the wind blows right into the Observation Post.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 7-B-41,800

16th March 1940

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

TRACTOR

1. Replying to your telegram instructing us that a Naval Vessel would arrive on 8th inst. to load the tractor.
2. The H.M.C.S. Alverdy arrived at 0700 hrs on 9th inst. with instructions to take the tractor if the ship's tackle could handle it. The Skipper inspected the tractor and advised that it was too heavy for his tackle so went off without it.
3. The Naval Officers advise me that the masts and tackle of all the Fishermen's Reserve Vessels are too light to lift the tractor and that the S.S. Border Prince is the only vessel with tackle heavy enough to handle the heavy load.
4. The S.S. Border Prince should arrive York Island Tuesday (19th) morning and if you wish it shipped on this vessel please telegraph us immediately on receipt of this letter.

C.C. to C.C. Van Arden

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 6-M-2 81

March 16th 1940

O.C. Vancouver Area,

Vancouver, B.C.

DAILY STRENGTH RETURN

1. By last mail we received instructions from 18th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A. C.A.S.F. to fill in a daily strength return, on forms provided, and mail it to them as soon as possible.
2. In view of the fact that we telegraph this information daily to you, it seems to me that it is unnecessary to make out another form for 18th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A. C.A.S.F. as they can obtain it by telephone from you.
3. Please advise if it is possible to do without this extra form, as it only means unnecessary paper work.

O.C. 18th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A. C.A.S.F.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 1-0-4-3 50

16th March 1940

O.C. Vancouver Area

Vancouver, B.C.

BRING TO ROUND

1. At 1640 hrs 16th March, 1940, a vessel was observed passing down Sunderland Channel which had not been passed by the Examination Vessel.
2. The vessel was reported to the O.I.C. who ordered a BRING TO ROUND to be fired, if the vessel did not clear the examination vessel.
3. No. 1 Gun fired one round of plugged shell at 1645 ~~hours~~ hours. The vessel stopped and proceeded to the Examination Vessel which dealt with the case.
4. I am informed that the vessel was M.V. Maggan of Seyward.



85TH. HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

PART I ORDERS No. 76

1743-40

by

MAJOR J. E. PILBRY, B.C.A.

1. DUTIES To be Orderly Officer 18-3-40 Lt. H. J. H. D'Arcy, R.C.A.
MONDAY Next for Duty 19-3-40 Lt. W. F. Osburn, R.C.A.
- To be Orderly Sergeant 18-3-40 L/Sgt. Cuddeford, R.C.A.
Next for Duty 19-3-40 Bdr. Gilson, R.C.A.
- To be Orderly Bombardier 18-3-40 L/Bdr. Gayton, R.C.A.
Next for Duty 19-3-40 L/Bdr. Hannell, R.C.A.
- Orderly Trumpeter Gnr. Willoughby, R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hours 0745hrs. 18-3-40 to 0745hrs. 19-3-40

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

No. 1 Sgt. Cox
8 O.Rs. as detailed

Sgt. Hummell
8 O.Rs. as detailed

No. 2 L/Bdr. Larsen
8 O.Rs. as detailed

Bdr. Gilson
8 O.Rs. as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 0900hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches
MONDAY - 18-3-40

4. (a) SANITARY FATIGUE
FATIGUES
MONDAY Gnr. Willoughby
" " ~~Willoughby~~ Vail

(b) CANTEEN DETAIL
Gnr. Mayman

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 18-3-40 to 0600 hrs. 19-3-40

Ptes. Pugh, Begoff, Etherington W. C.S. Regt.



Diary

YORK ISLAND B.C.

17th MARCH 1940

O.C. VAN ANTA

KIX XXX 455 STRENGTH TODAY TO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS TWENTY
ONE TO THREE MINUS ONE AND MINUS SEVENTEEN

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1500 HRS

This page will be prepared.

WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

85 HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A. (Erase heading not required)

ORIGINAL

M.F.M. 11.

4 P.C. 718

1 M.C. 4.2 (728)

R.Q. 17243-12

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
York Island	March 18		Letter re window in E.O.P. (See App. "D") Weather : Bright	8-4-M.353
	19		"Border Prince" landed stores and water 2 O.R.s reported for duty. First Aid Course (See App. "D") Fire Prevention (" " ") Broken Glass (" " ") Weather : Bright	5-2-M.360 2-08.52 8-4-M.356
	20		Major W.L. Boulter, M.O. proceeded to Vancouver. Lieut. D.R. Learoyd, M.O. reported for Duty Weather : Fair	
	21		Lieut. W.F. Osburn and 6 O.R.s proceeded on leave. Report on Duty of 5th Heavy Battery, RCA (See App. "D") Letter to Capt. Harrison. (See App. "D")	6-0-M.367 8-7-C.230
	22		Lieut. 5 O.R. returned from leave. Border Prince delivered Water Weather : Fair	
	23		1 O.R. returned from leave. Weather : Raining	
	24		2 O.R.s sent to Vancouver for Dental Treatment. Weather : Bright	
	25		Weather : Bright	
	26		1 O.R. S/O.S. Medically Unfit. Border Prince landed Rations and Water. Weather : Raining - Pressure abnormally low.	

W.F. Osburn

85TH. HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

PART I ORDERS - NO. 77

18-3-40

by

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

1. DUTIES To be Orderly Officer 19-3-40 Lt. W.F. Osburn, RCA
TUESDAY Next for Duty 20-3-40 Lt. H.J.H. D'Arcy, RCA
To be Orderly Sergeant 19-3-40 Sgt. Pearce, C.S. Sgt.
Next for Duty 20-3-40 Cpl. Turnbull, CSRgt
To be Orderly Bombardier 19-3-40 Bdr. Jones, R.C.A.
Next for Duty 20-3-40 L/Bdr. ~~Hummell~~, RCA
Orderly Trumpeter Gnr. Willoughby, RCA

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hrs. 0745hrs. 19-3-40 to 0745hrs. 20-3-40

TUESDAY

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

No. 1 Sgt. Hummell
8 O.Rs. as detailed

Sgt. Wood I.
8 O.Rs. as detailed

No. 2 Bdr. Gilson
8 O.Rs. as detailed

Sgt. Remsden
8 O.Rs. as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 0900 hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches.
TUESDAY - 19-3-40

4. FATIGUES

TUESDAY

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE

(b) CANTEEN DETAIL

Gnr. Willoughby-
" McAlister

Gnr. McAlister

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 19-3-40 to 0600hrs. 20-3-40

Ptes. Vogel, Irvine, and McQueen, C.S. Sgt.



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Dixey

47 NBW
VANCOUVER
MAR 18/1436

O.C. YORK ISLAND

13 SHIPPING TONIGHT ALL MATERIALS REQUESTED EXCEPT
WATER TANK AND PIPELINE WHICH HAS BEEN REFERRED TO
ND HQ STOP PLEASE SEND CERTIFICATE THAT ADEQUATE
STEPS ~~WERE~~ TAKEN TO PREVENT BREAKAGE OF GLASS
WHEN GUNS WERE FIRED STOP THIS REQUIRED TO AVOID
CHARGES AS BARRACK DAMAGES

WORKS OFFICER R.C.E.

GG/TT/1610

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Dixey

43 NEW
VANCOUVER
MAR 18/1436

O.C. YORK ISLAND

13 SHIPPING TONIGHT ALL MATERIALS REQUESTED EXCEPT
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WORKS OFFICER R.C.E.

GG/TT/1610

Diary

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O.C. WORK IS

84 NBW
VICTORIA
MAR 18/1958

143 RADIO SPECIAL RETURNING OFFICER CARE OF OFFICER
COMMANDING EDMONTON GARRISON ADVISING HIM WHETHER
OR NOT MILITARY AND NAVAL ~~VOTING~~ PROCEEDING SATISFACTORY
ILY

VOTING

GG/EB/1535

HQ M.D./ NO 11 A.A. & QMG

*File
Down*

6 (IV)

38 BLUE
VICTORIA MAR 18/1838

O.C. YORK ISLAND

159 REFERENCE YOUR LETERS DATED ELEVENTH AND NINETH
MARCH AND RADIO SIXTEENTH MARCH ALL MATERIAL ASKED FOR SHIPPED THIS
DATE EXCEPT WATER PIPE BINE QUESTION OF USE SALT WATER FOR WASHING
NOW BEING CONSIDERED AT OTTAWA

(MUCO)
H Q? M.D. 11 ATTENTION DEO.

WW/RC/1918/18

Diary

YORK ISLAND

18 MARCH

SPECIAL RETURNING OFFICER,
Care of OFFICER OGBLANDING
MILBURN GARRISON,
EDMONTON ALBERTA

467 NAVAL AND MILITARY VOYING PRACTICALLY COMPLETED

O O YORK ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. B-4-M 353

March 18th 1940

Works Officer, R.C.E.

Vancouver, B.C.

WINDOW IN OBSERVATION POST

1. Referring to our letter of the 16th of March re glass for broken window.
2. Enclosed is a broken catch with handle missing, which I have had unscrewed from the Steel Sash. Both the catches are broken which probably accounts for the strong wind blowing it in and cracking it. Later one round of gun fire finished it.
3. Will you please send up two catches this pattern, together with screws complete for screwing into metal sash.



Diary

YORK ISLAND B.C.

18th MARCH 1940

O.C.VAN AREA

466 STRENGTH TODAY YO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS TWENTY ONE
YO THREE MINUS ONE AND MINUS SEVENTEEN

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1600 HRS

85TH. HEAVY BATTERY, R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND R.C.

PART I ORDERS - No. 78 19-3-40

by

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

1. DUTIES
WEDNESDAY
- To be Orderly Officer 20-3-40 Lt. R. J. B. D'Arcy, R.C.A.
Next for Duty
- To be Orderly Sergeant 20-3-40 Cpl. Turnbull, C.S. Sgt.
Next for Duty 21-3-40 Sgt. Rummell, R.C.A.
- To be Orderly Bombardier Larsen
20-3-40 L/Bdr. Kuzoski, R.C.A.
Next for Duty 20-3-40 L/Bdr. Rummell, R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24hrs. 20-3-40 to 0745hrs. 21-3-40
WEDNESDAY

	<u>ON DUTY</u>	<u>STANDING BY</u>
<u>No. 1</u>	Sgt. XXX Wood I. 8 ORs. as detailed	Sgt. Cox 8 ORs. as detailed
<u>No. 2</u>	Sgt. Ramsden 8 ORs. as detailed	L/Bdr. Larsen 8 ORs. as detailed.

3. MAINTING PARADE 0900hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches
WEDNESDAY, 20-3-40

4. FATIGUES
WEDNESDAY

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE (b) CANTREIN DETAIL

Gnr. Ramsden
" McGowan

Gnr. Adzich

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 20-3-40 to 0600hrs. 21-3-40

Ptes. Scott, Adams and Ellis



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 5-1-4 360
March 19th 1940

Major J.T. Piercy,
O.C. 85th Avy. Bty.
York Island, B.C.

FIRST AID COURSE

The u/m men have received full course in First Aid, Lectures and demonstrations, and also shown how to load and unload stretchers.

K.22113	Sgt.	Woodhouse, J.A.
K.21085	"	Wood, I.D.
K.22051	"	Barnes, F.C.
K.17073	L/Sgt.	Thurwell, W.H.
K.17082	L/Bdr.	Hammell, G.D.
K.17003	"	Burgess, M.M.
K.22077	Cnr.	McCardell, J.J.
K.21106	"	Woodward, G.F.
K.17063	"	Richards, W.H.
K.21081	"	Vail, W.H.
K.17004	"	Cameron, D.E.
K.17049	"	Cooper F.A.
K.22027	"	Fraser, E.S.
K.17021	"	Johns, H.E.
K.42099	"	Dickinson, A.W.
K.22112	"	Gorbey, M.C.
K.22048	"	Holt-Barlow, A.A.
K.17002	"	Wayman, C.
K.21167	"	Martell, W.L.
K.21119	"	Johnson, R.H.
K.22099	"	Stocken, S.R.
K.22100	"	Strom, V.V.
K.22106	"	Wadman, A.W.
K.17060	"	O'Halley, C.R.
K.17015	"	Skjeie, S.
K.17070	"	Hammell, M.C.
K.17064	"	Schoffield, A.L.
K.22020	"	Dimes, S.
K.22015	"	Cook, F.A.
K.17012	"	Rensden, D.S.
K.17070	"	Cinfrey, E.
K.		

W.L. Boulter, Major, R.C.A.M.C.

M.O. York Island, B.C.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 2-0-8 58
March 19th 1940

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

Attention Col. Letson

FIRE PREVENTION

1. As you saw during your inspection of this island, the island is covered with slash and fallen debris which in dry weather would take fire and be very difficult to put out.
2. The worst situation is in front of the fort and along the road leading to the fort.
3. Due to the prevalence of westerly winds during the summer, a fire once started from any cause, could easily develop into a conflagration which would destroy the fort and camp, especially as there is a considerable amount of ammunition stored in the fort.
4. The fallen timber should be cleared, useless material burned and good material cut up for use as firewood on the island.
5. Proper fire pumps and hose should be supplied for the garrison.
6. This matter has been brought to the attention of the D.F.O. personally several times, both by letter and interview, but so far nothing has been done.
7. The season for burning and clearing will soon be over, and I should suggest that you bring the matter to the attention of the D.O.C. personally, so that action could be taken immediately to abate the fire risk.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 8-4-N 356

March 19th 1940

Works Officer, R.C.N.

Vancouver, B.C.

BROKEN GLASS

1. I hereby certify that the window in the observation post was broken on Active Service as follows:
2. During a severe westerly gale a window was blown in probably due to a defective catch. The glass in the window was cracked in falling. The window was replaced and later on the cracked glass was shattered by the concussion of firing the 4.7 gun.
3. The smaller window glass was broken:
 - (a) By flying rock during blasting to clear the camp.
 - (b) Some of the putty in the new window dried and fell out leaving no protection for the glass, and as several panes fell out in consequence, I had no putty to replace the defective putty.



Diary

YORK ISLAND S.C.

19th March 1940

O.C. VAN ANTA

XXI 469 STRENGTH TODAY TO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS NINETEEN
TO THREE MINUS ONE AND MINUS SEVENTEEN

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1600 HRS

85TH INFANTRY BATTERY, R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

PART I ORDERS - NO. 79 20-3-40

by
MAJOR J. B. PELLEY, R.C.A.

1. DUTIES To be Orderly Officer 21-3-40 Lt. W. F. Osburn, R.C.A.
THURSDAY Next for Duty 22-3-40 Lt. H. J. H. D'Arcy, R.C.A.
- To be Orderly Sergeant 21-3-40 Sgt. Russell, R.C.A.
Next for Duty 22-3-40 Sgt. Ramsden R.C.A.
- To be Orderly B'dier 21-3-40 L/Bdr. Russell, R.C.A.
Next for Duty 22-3-40 L/Bdr. Gayton, R.C.A.
- Orderly T'p'ter. Cmr. Ramsden, R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24hrs. 0745hrs. 21-3-40 to 0745hrs. 22-3-40
THURSDAY

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

<u>No. 1</u>	Sgt. Cox 8 O.Rs. as detailed	Sgt. Russell 8 O.Rs. as detailed
<u>No. 2</u>	L/Bdr. Larsen 8 O.Rs. as detailed	Bdr. Gilson 8 O.Rs. as detailed

3. MORNING PARADE 0900hrs. 21-3-40 H.Q. Party & Duty Watches
THURSDAY

4. FATIGUES
THURSDAY

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE

(b) CANTEEN DETAIL

Cmr. Ramsden
" Wilson

Cmr. McAlister.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 21-3-40 to 0600hrs. 22-3-40

Ptes. Waugh, Begoff, & Etherington W. C.S. Regt.

6. X-RAYS

The following O.R.s of the 85th Bvy. R.C.A. have not yet had x-rays of chest taken.

K.17043 Cmr. Adrich, D.	K.17025 L/Bdr. Larsen, J.
K.42070 Cmr. Barber, J.M.	K.17027 B.S.M. Lockhart, W.J.
K.17048 Cmr. Confrey, E.	K.17002 Cmr. Mayman, C.
K.17051 Cmr. Cuddsford, L.	K.17059 Cmr. McGeragle, J.L.
K.42071 Cmr. Neerson, W.	K.17075 Cmr. O'Brien, P.C.
K.17022 L/Bdr. Russell, G.D.	K.17077 Bdr. (L/L/Bgt.) Patterson, W.
K.17020 Cmr. Russell, H.S.	K.42072 A/L/Bdr. Robertson, P.T.
K.17064 Cmr. Schofield, A.L.	K.

These men will report to Shaughnessy hospital for this x-ray at 11 A.M. or 2 P.M. and day of the week except Saturday, when they are next in Vancouver, on leave or any other reason.

7. DISCHARGES

FOR PURPOSE OF ENTRY INTO H.C.N. OR R.C.A.F.

Reference C.A.S.F. Routine Order No 327 dated 17th February, 1940

All applications for discharge for the purpose of entry into the Royal Canadian Navy or Royal Canadian Air Force, submitted to District Headquarters for approval, must be accompanied by a signed statement from the soldier concerned to the effect that he desires to apply for discharge for the purpose of entry into the Royal Canadian Navy or Royal Canadian Air Force as the case may be, in addition to the information requested in C.A.S.F. Routine Order No. 327 of 1940.

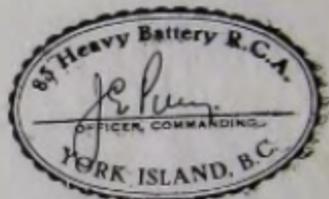
(from 15th Bde. D.O. Pt. I No. 64-2)

8. REPAIRS TO GLASSES

It is noted that in several instances units have submitted requests for repairs to broken glasses which have not been accompanied by the prescriptions for same.

As it is essential that prescriptions be received by the D.M.O. before repairs can be authorized, it is requested that these prescriptions be obtained and forwarded in all cases.

(from 15th Bde. D.O. Pt. I No. 64-6)



Dray

YORK ISLAND B.C.

20th MARCH 1940

O.C. VAN AREA

471 STRENGTH TODAY YO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS NINETEEN

YO THREE MINUS ONE AND MINUS EIGHTEEN YO SEVEN PLUS ONE

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.C. 1600 HRS

1. DUTIES FRIDAY
- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| To be Orderly Officer Next for Duty | 22-3-40 Lt. H. J. H. D'Arcy, R.C.A. |
| | 23-3-40 Lt. W. F. Osburn, R.C.A. |
| To be Orderly Sergeant Next for Duty | 22-3-40 Sgt. Ramsden, R.C.A. |
| | 23-3-40 Sgt. Cox, R.C.A. |
| To be Orderly Bombardier Next for Duty | 22-3-40 L/Pdr. Cayton, R.C.A. |
| | 23-3-40 L/Pdr. Larsen, R.C.A. |
| To be Orderly Trumpeter | Gnr. Ramsden, R.C.A. |

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24hrs. 0645hrs. 22-3-40 to 0745hrs. 23-3-40
FRIDAY

ON DUTYSTANDING BY

No. 1 Sgt. Russell
8 ORs. as detailed

Sgt. Hood I
8 ORs. as detailed

No. 2 Bdr. Gilson
8 ORs. as detailed

Sgt. Ramsden
8 ORs. as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 1100hrs. H. Party and Duty Watches.
FRIDAY, 22-3-40

4. FATIGUES FRIDAY

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE(b) CANTENEN DETAIL

Gnr. Ramsden
" McAlister

Gnr. McAlister

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 22-3-40 to 0600hrs. 23-3-40
FRIDAY

Ptes. Etherington N., Vogel and Irvine, C.S. Regt.

6. INTERIOR ECONOMY

It has been brought to notice that, despite a warning notice to the contrary, wash basins are still being removed from the ablution hut without proper authority.

Personnel removing these basins in future will be severely dealt with.

7. HOLIDAYS

Good Friday, March 22nd, and Easter Monday, March 25th, are Official holidays. Therefore on these days hours and routine as for Sundays will be observed.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 6-C-11367

21st March 1940

O.C. R.C.A.
Verginait, B.C.

DUTY OF PERSONNEL OF
5th HVY. BTY. R.C.A. CASE

1. Replying to your letter of 11th March - File P.6-C-2
2. Sgt. McAlister is at present employed as acting B.S.M., in the absence of B.S.M. Lockhart, "On Command". Normally he acts as instructor.
3. P.9978 Gnr. Gale & P.7523 Gnr. Grabbe. These men are appointed to watches; while on watch at the guns, during the day, they clean the guns and equipment with the assistance of the other men on watch.
4. P.9978 Gnr. Gale This man is reported very satisfactory, active and conscientious in his duties.
5. P.7523 Gnr. Grabbe This man has been reported to be an unsatisfactory. It has been suggested to me that he be taken off his duties on the guns and made to do fatigues like any other gunner. He is being watched and if he does not improve he will be suitably dealt with.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 8-7-0-0.230

21st March 1940

Capt. J.B. Harrison,
Imperial Oil Co.
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Capt. Harrison:

The parcel of books sent by the employees of the Imperial Oil Company arrived yesterday and are in distribution among the men.

They are very welcome, because while we get plenty of magazines, there are very few books. There is very little opportunity for sport on the island as there is no cleared or level land available; consequently reading is the main amusement.

Will you please convey to the donors of the books the thanks of the men for their gift.

Yours faithfully,

J.W. Pieroy, Major,
O.C. 85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

March 21/40

O.C. VAN ARFA

475 STRENGTH TODAY YO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS TWENTY
~~DNEXTEREKKMLKNS.8NEXXX~~ ONE YO MINUS ONE AND MINUS EIGHTEEN

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 2000 HRS.

DAILY ORDERS () I - NO. 31 - by MAJOR () PIRECY, R.C.A.

OFFICER COMMANDING, YORK ISLAND, B.C.

YORK ISLAND

22nd. MARCH, 1940

1. DUTIES SATURDAY
- | | | |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| To be Orderly Officer | 22-3-40 | Lt. S.F. Osburn, R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty | 23-3-40 | Lt. H.J. H.D. Arcy, R.C.A. |
| To be Orderly Sergeant | 22-3-40 | Sgt. Cox, R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty | 23-3-40 | Sgt. Hummell, R.C.A. |
| To be Orderly Bombardier | 22-3-40 | L/Bdr. Larsen, R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty | 23-3-40 | Bdr. Larsen, R.C.A. |
| To be Orderly Bombardier | | Gilson
Gnr. Ramsden, R.C.A. |
2. DUTY WATCHES for 24hrs. 0745hrs. 24-3-40 to 0845hrs. 24-3-40
SATURDAY
- | <u>ON DUTY</u> | <u>STANDING BY</u> |
|--|--|
| <u>NO.1</u> Sgt. Wood I
8 ORs. as detailed | Sgt. Cox
8 ORs. as detailed |
| <u>NO.2</u> Sgt. Ramsden
8 ORs. as detailed | L/Sgt. Thunwell
8 O.Rs. as detailed |
3. MANNING PARADE 0900hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches.
SATURDAY, 24-3-40
4. FATIGUES SATURDAY
- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) <u>Sanitary fatigue</u> | (b) <u>Canteen detail</u> |
| Gnr. Ramsden | Gnr. Phillips |
| " Dyer | |
5. SENTRY DUTY for 12hrs. 1800hrs. 24-3-40 to 0600hrs. 25-3-40
Ptes. McQueen, Scott and Adams, C.S.Rgt.
6. SICK PARADE

It has been brought to notice that personnel have been reporting to the Hospital at times other than those designated, viz. 0900hrs. and 1330hrs. This practice must cease forthwith. Personnel are also warned that, except in the event of real emergency, they must first report to the Orderly Sergeant.

Light and Excused Duty

It must be distinctly understood that personnel being placed in either of the above categories, must report sick at the 0900hrs. parade on the following morning.

Any contravention of the above orders will be severely dealt with.



YORK ISLAND, B.C.

MARCH 22/40

O.C. VAN AREA

478 STRENGTH TODAY ONE MINUS ONE MINEX AND MINUS SIXTEEN
YO THREE MINUS ONE MINUS EIGHTEEN YO EIGHT MINUS ONE
DELETE YO EIGHT AS FROM TODAY

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1800 HRS.

DAILY ORDERS PART I by MAJOR J. E. ARCY, R.C.A.

OFFICER COMMANDING YORK ISLAND, B.C.

YORK ISLAND

23rd MARCH, 1940

1. DUTIES To be Orderly Officer - 24hrs. - Lt. N. J. E. D'Arcy, R.C.A.
SUNDAY Next for Duty

To be Orderly Sergeant- 24-3-40 - Sgt. Hummell R.C.A.
Next for Duty - 25-3-40 - X/Sgt. Wood R.C.A.

To be O/Bombardier - 24-3-40 - Bdr. Gilson, R.C.A.
Next for Duty - 25-3-40 - Bdr. Garrett R.C.A.

To be Orderly Trumpeter: Gnr. Ramsden, R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24hrs. 0845hrs. to 0845hrs. 25-3-40

SUNDAY

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

No. 1 Sgt. Cox
8 ORS. as detailed

Sgt. KECK Hummell
8 O.Rs. as detailed

No. 2 Sgt. Ramsden
8 ORS. as detailed

Bdr. Gilson
8 ORS. as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 1100hrs. 24-3-40 H.Q. Party and Duty Watches
SUNDAY

4. FATIGUES

SUNDAY

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE

(b) CANTEN DETAILED

Gnr. Johns
" Dickenson

Gnr. McAlister

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 24-3-40 to 0600hrs. 25-3-40

SUNDAY

Ptes. Ellis, Waugh and Fugh C.S. Regt.

6. BFDS. BLANKETS

Blankets will be thrown back on the foot of the bed in the morning, and will remain so until after breakfast, when the beds will be made up with the pailasse and blankets full length, the blankets tucked in at sides and foot, but not at the head. The ground sheet will be placed so that two thirds of the sheet is under the pailasse, and the remaining portion turned up over the blankets at the foot of the bed.

(V.92-1-18)

(From Routine Order #245, dated 20/3/40)



Diary

YORK ISLAND, B.C.
MARCH 23/40

D.O.O.

VICTORIA

481 YOUR INDENT 4328E Please ship IMMEDIATELY LAMP
FILAMENT FOR ALDIS SIGNALERS LAMP STOP OUR LAST LAMP
NOW WORN OUT

O.C. YORK ISLAND.

T.O.O. 1130 HRS.

Drury

1 CIV

24 NBW

VANCOUVER MAR 23/1958

O.C. 85th HEAVY BATTERY

LIEUTENANT KEEN NOT RETURNING YORK ISLAND
VIEW PENDING TRANSFER OUT OF THIS UNIT STOP LIEUTENANT RUSKIN
AND FOUR MEN LEAVING HERE TUESDAY NIGHTS BOAT

O.C. THIRD S/L BTY

WW/ON/1214

YORK ISLAND .B.C.

23rd MARCH 1940

O.C. VAN AREA

483 STRENGTH TODAY YO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS TWENTY YO THREE
MINUS ONE AND MINUS NINETEEN.

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1600 HRS

PART I ORDERS -

NO. 63

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

OFFICER COMMANDING, 85TH. H. BTY. R.C.A., YORK ISLAND B.C.

No. 1. DUTIES To be Orderly Officer 25-3-40 - Lt. N. J. H. D'Arcy, R.C.A.
MONDAY Next for Duty

To be Orderly Sergeant " - Sgt. Wood R.C.A.
Next for Duty 26-3-40 - Sgt. Ramsden, R.C.A.

To be Orderly Bombardier 26th. Bdr. Garrett, R.C.A.
Next for Duty 26th

To be Orderly Trumpeter 26th. Gnr. Wilson, R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24hrs. 1845hrs. 25-3-40 to 0745hrs. 26-3-40
MONDAY

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

No. 1 Sgt. Hummell
8 ORs. as detailed

Sgt. Wood
8 ORs. as detailed

No. 2 L/Bdr. Larsen
8 ORs. as detailed

Sgt. Ramsden
8 ORs. as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 1100hrs. 25-3-40 H.Q. Party and Duty Watch
MONDAY.

4. REGIMENTS

MONDAY

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE

(b) CANTEEN DETAIL

Gnr. Wilson
" Stocken

Gnr. Hammell S.

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 25-3-40 to 0600hrs. 26-3-40

Ptes. Begoff, Hetherington H and Hetherington W, C.S. Sgt.

6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE - 3rd S/L BTY. R.C.A., C.A.S.F.

Personnel of the 1st S/L Regt. R.C.A., C.A.S.F. who are attached for duty to the 85th Hvy. Bty. R.C.A., C.A.S.F. at York Island will be granted seven days leave of absence with pay after three months service, after returning to duty from furlough.



YORK ISLAND, B.C.

MARCH 24/40

O.C. VAN AREA

484 STRENGTH TODAY YO ~~KINEXEXEX~~ ONE MINUS ONE AND
MINUS TWENTY TWO YO THREE MINUS ONE AND MINUS NINETEEN

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1600 HRS.

DAILY ORDERS PART I - NO. 84 - BY MAJOR J.E. PIERCY,
OFFICER COMMANDING 85TH. H. BTY., R.C.A., York Island, B.C. 25-3-40

1. DUTIES
TUESDAY
- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| To be Orderly Officer 26-3-40 | Lt. H. J. H. D'Arcy, R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty | |
| To be Orderly Sergeant 26-3-40 | Sgt. Ramadan, R.C.A. |
| Next for Duty 27-3-40 | " Pearce C.S. Regt. |
| To be Orderly B'dier 26-3-40 | Cpl. Turnbull, C.S. Regt. |
| Next for Duty 27-3-40 | L/Bdr. Larsen R.C.A. |
| To be Orderly T'p'ter. 26-3-40 | Gnr. Wilson, R.C.A. |

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24 hrs. 0745hrs. 26-3-40 to 0745 hrs. 27-3-40
TUESDAY

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

No. 1 Sgt. Wood
8 ORs. as detailed

Sgt. Cox
8 ORs. as detailed

No. 2 L/Bdr. Strom
8 ORs. as detailed

L/Sgt. Thurwell
8 ORs. as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 0900hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches.
TUESDAY 26-3-40

4. FATIGUES
TUESDAY

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE

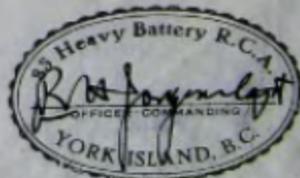
(b) CANTEEN DETAIL

Gnr. Wilson
" Shore

Gnr. McCowan

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1200hrs. 26-3-40 to 0600hrs. 27-3-40
TUESDAY

Ptes. Vogel, Irvine and McQueen, C.S. Regt.



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YORK ISLAND, B.C.
MARCH 26/40

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

487 PLEASE ADVISE WHEN LIEUT. MCGAWIN WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR DUTY AT YORK ISLAND

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.C. 1600 HRS.

Vancouver
YORK ISLAND, B.C.

25th March 1940

O.C. YORK ISLAND

994 LIEUT. RUSHTON AND 4 O.R.s 3 S/L BTY LEAVING FOR YORK
ISLAND ON TUESDAY NIGHT VIA UNION

O.C. VANCOUVER AREA

(RECEIVED IN CIPHER)

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

MARCH 25th 1940

O.C. VAN AREA

486 STRENGTH TODAY YO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS TWENTY TWO
YO THREE MINUS ONE AND MINUS NINETEEN

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1600 HRS.

DAILY ORDER PART I - NO 85 - by MAJOR J.E. PIRNEY,
OFFICER COMMANDING 85TH. MVY. BTY., R.C.A., YORK ISLAND, B.C.

1. DUTIES
WEDNESDAY
- To be Orderly Officer 27-3-40 Lt. N. J. H. D'Arcy, RCA
To be Orderly Sergeant 27-3-40 Sgt. Pearce C.S. Regt.
Next for Duty 28-3-40 L/Sgt. Thurwell, RCA
To be Orderly Bom' dier 27-3-40 Cpl. Turnbull, C.S. Regt.
Next for Duty 28-3-40 Bdr. Garrett, R.C.A.
To be Orderly Trumpeter Gnr. Wilson R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24hr. 0745hrs. 27-3-40 to 0745hrs. 28-3-40
WEDNESDAY

	<u>ON DUTY</u>	<u>STANDING BY</u>
<u>No. 1</u>	Sgt. Cox 8 ORs. as detailed	Sgt. Ramsden 8 O.Rs. as detailed
<u>No. 2</u>	L/Bdr. Larsen 8 ORs. as detailed	L/Mr. Hassell 8 ORs. as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 0900hrs. 27-3-40 H.Q. Party and Duty Watches
WEDNESDAY

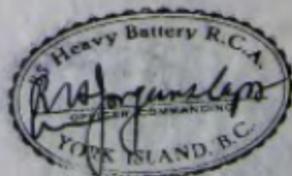
4. FATIGUES
WEDNESDAY
- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| (a) <u>SANITARY</u>
<u>FATIGUES</u> | (b) <u>CANTEEN DETAIL</u> |
| Gnr. Wilson
" XXXX Dickenson | Gnr. XXXX Johns |

5. SENTRY DUTY 1800hrs. 27-3-40 to 0600hrs. 28-3-40
Ptes. Scott, Adams and Ellis, C.S. Regt.

6. RIFLE PRACTICE

Henceforth practice will be confined to .22" or other sporting guns.

Positively no .303" ammunition may be fired under any circumstances. Contravention of this order will be treated as a breach of discipline and action taken accordingly.



YORK ISLAND B.C.

26th MARCH 1940

O.C. VAN AREA

488 STRENGTH TODAY YO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS TWENTY TWO
YO THREE MINUS ONE AND MINUS ELEVEN

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1600 HRS

Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

85 HEAVY BATTERY R.C.A.

(Erase heading not required)

ORIGINAL

M.F.M. 11.
A.P.C. 210
1 M2-4-30 (1788)
H.Q. 1173-45-14

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
York Island	March 27		Lieut. W. Rushton and 7 O.R.s reported for duty. Letter re Recruits (See App. "D") Weather : Fair	6-2-F355
	28		10 O.R.s proceeded on leave of absence. Weather : Showers	
	29		10 O.R.s reported for duty. 4 O.R.s proceeded on leave. Major A. Madden, R.C. Chaplain arrived.	
	30	1044	2 "Bring to" rounds fired by No. 1 Gun. (See App. "D") Weather : Cloudy	1-0-4-57
	31		H.M.C.S. Standpoint, Lt. Comdr. Thornton & Lt. Chandless, Visited. Letter re Ration indent No. 2. (See App. "D") Letter re Meat Packing (" " " ") Weather : Showers	8-1-M394 8-1M395
	31		Major Madden left. Canine Mascot, "George" shot by Gnr. McAlister, who was arrested. Weather : Bright	



Handwritten initials/signature

DAILY ORDERS PART I - NO. 86 - by MAJOR J. R. PIERCY, R.C.A.
OFFICER COMMANDING 85th. INF. BATT., R.C.A., YORK ISLAND, B.C.

1. DUTIES To be Orderly Officer 28-3-40 Lt. H. J. R. D'Arcy, R.C.A.
THURSDAY Next for duty 29-3-40 Lt. Rushton, R.C.A.
- To be Orderly Sergeant 28-3-40 L/Sgt. Thurlwell, R.C.A.
Next for Duty 29-3-40 Sgt. Wood I., R.C.A.
- To be Orderly B'dier. 28-3-40 Bdr. Garrett, R.C.A.,
Next for Duty 29-3-40 L/Bdr. McConnell, R.C.A.
- To be Orderly T'p'ter. Gnr. Wilson, R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24hrs. 0745hrs. 28-3-40 0745hrs. 29-3-40

THURSDAY

ON DUTY

STANDBY BY

NO. 1 Sgt. Ramsden
8 Ohs. as detailed

Sgt. Wood I
8 Ohs. as detailed

NO. 2 L/Bdr. Hammell
8 Ohs. as detailed

L/Sgt. Thurlwell
8 Ohs. as detailed

3. MORNING PARADE THURSDAY

0900hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches

4. FATIGUES

THURSDAY

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE

(b) CANTINE DETAIL

Gnr. Wilson
" Woodward

Gnr. Crabbe

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 28-3-40 to 1600hrs. 29-3-40

THURSDAY

Ptes. Waugh, Pugh and Degoff, C.S. Regt.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YUKON ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 6-S-F.355

27th March 1940

O.C. 15th (Van) Coast Bde. R.C.A.
Beaumont Ammunition,
Vancouver, B.C.

RECRUITS

1. This Battery has a total of 73 Other Ranks on strength, considering K.19081, Cnr. Carlson, S. as on strength of the 31st Battery.

2. Will you therefore please recruit 3 men who are intelligent, and fit both physically and dentally.

3. It is suggested that these men be sent to the recruit training depot at Victoria at the first opportunity.

O.C. to O.C. Van Area.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

27th MARCH 1940

O.C. V.H. AREA

March 27

495 STRENGTH ~~TO~~ ~~ONE~~ ~~MINUS~~ ~~ONE~~ AND ~~MINUS~~ ~~TWO~~ ~~TO~~ ~~THREE~~
MINUS FOURTEEN

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.C.O. 1000 HRS

DAILY ORDERS PART I - NO. 87 - by MAJ. J. H. PIERCY, RCA
 OFFICER COMMANDING 85TH. BVY. BTRY, R.C.A., YORK ISLAND, B.C.

1. DUTIES FRIDAY

To be Orderly Officer	29-3-40	Lt. W. Rushton, RCA.
Next for duty	30-3-40	Lt. W. J. H. D'Arcy, RCA
To be Orderly Sergeant	29-3-40	Sgt. Cox, RCA
Next for Duty	30-3-40	L/Sgt. Cuddeford, RCA
To be Orderly Bombardier	29-3-40	L/Bdr. Larsen, RCA
Next for Duty	30-3-40	L/Bdr. McConnell, RCA
To be Orderly Trumpeter		Gnr. Wilson, R.I.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24hrs. 0745hrs. 29-3-40 to 0745hrs. 30-3-40

FRIDAY

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

<u>No. 1</u>	Sgt. Wood I 8 ORs. as detailed	Sgt. Cox 8 ORs. as detailed
<u>No. 2</u>	L/Sgt. Thurlwell 8 ORs. as detailed	L/Bdr. Larsen 8 ORs. as detailed

3. MORNING PARADE 0900hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches.

FRIDAY

4. FATIGUES

FRIDAY

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE (b) CANTEEN DETAIL

Gnr. Wilson	Gnr. Emerson
" Mumford	

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 29-3-40 to 0600hrs. 30-3-40

FRIDAY

Ptes. Etherington W., Etherington H. and Vogel, C.S. Regt.

6. DRESS (15th Vano) Coast Bde. R.C.A. D.O. Pt. I # 70, 23/3/40

It has been brought to the attention of this H.Q. by the Area Commander that personnel of this Bde. are not at all times wearing Battle Dress in the prescribed manner. Attention of all O.'s C. is drawn to D.R.O. No. 151 and personnel are to be instructed that there is no authority to wear blouses open.



Diary
DAILY ORDERS PART I - NO. 88 - by MAJOR J. E. PIERCY, RCA
OFFICER COMMANDING 85TH. HVY. BTY., R.C.A. YORK ISLAND, B.C.

29-3-40

1. DUTIES
SATURDAY
- To be Orderly Officer 30th. Lt. W. J. H. D'Arcy, RCA
Next for Duty 31st. Lt. W. Hashten, R.C.A.
- To be Orderly Sergeant 30th. L/Sgt. Cuddeford, RCA
Next for Duty 31st. Sgt. Wood R.C.A.
- To be Orderly B'dier 30th. L/Bdr. McConnell, RCA
Next for Duty 31st. Bdr. Jones, R.C.A.
- To be Orderly Trumpeter Gnr. Wilson, R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES for 24hrs. 0745hrs. 30-3-40 to 0745hrs. 31-3-40
SATURDAY

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

No. 1 Sgt. Cox
8 ORs. as detailed

Sgt. Madden
8 ORs. as detailed

No. 2 L/Bdr. Larsen
8 ORs. as detailed

L/Bdr. Hannell
8 ORs. as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 0900hrs. 30th. March, 1940 H.Q. Party & Duty Watches
SATURDAY

4. FATIGUES
SATURDAY (a) SANITARY FATIGUE (b) CANTEEN DETAIL

Gnr. Wilson
" Rose

Gnr. Gale

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 30-3-40 to 0600hrs. 31-3-40
SATURDAY

Ptes. McQueen, Irvine and Scott, C.S. Regt.



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45 NBW

VANCOUVER MAR 29 / 1110

o c york island

K 21135 GNR GIBBONS MOTHER UNDERGOING OPERATION STOP

VERY SICK STOP MAY THIS MAN REMAIN HERE FOR SHORT PERIOD

STOP WILL REPLACE SOON AS POSSIBLE STOP WARN SGT WOODHOUSE

TO STAND BY FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE STOP WILL WIRE HIM ON CONFIRMATION

ION

LT KEEN

EP EB / 2130

FOR O C

2nd S/L REGT

Y RK ISLAND B.C.
29th March 1940

Q.M. 1st. S/L REGT

497 RR. RUSHTON REQUESTS PERMISSION MEN GOING ON LEAVE SHOULD
TURN IN RIFLES TO Q.M. STORES YORK ISLAND BEFORE GOING ON
LEAVE STOP UNNECESSARY RISK OF LOSS CAUSES MEN TO LOSE
TWO DAYS LEAVE STOP WIRE IMMEDIATELY MEN LEAVING 2200 HOURS
TONIGHT

O.C. YORK ISLAND

copy

YORK ISLAND B.C.

29th MARCH 1940

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

498 TIMING GEAR AND DISTRIBUTOR FOR M.L. YORK LEFT AT YOUR
OFFICE BY L/SGT GUDDEFORD TEN DAYS AGO FOR REPAIR AND RETURN
STOP NOT YET RETURNED STOP PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
AS UNABLE USE YORK WITHOUT IT

O.C. YORK ISLAND

YORK ISLAND B.C.

29th MARCH 1940

O.C. VAN AREA

494 STRENGTH MARCH 28 YO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS TWENTY YO THREE
MINUS FOURTEEN

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O.0900 HRS

DAILY ORDERS PART I - NO.90 - BY MAJOR J.B. PIERCY, R.C.A.
OFFICER COMMANDING 85TH. HVY. BTY., R.C.A., YORK ISLAND TFC.

1. DUTIES To be Orderly Officer - 31st. March - Lt. W. Rushton, RCA
SUNDAYS Next for Duty - 1-4-40 - Lt. N.S.H.D'Arcy, RCA.
- To be Orderly Sergeant- 31-3-40 - Sgt. Wood R.C.A.
Next for Duty - 1-4-40 - Sgt. Pearce, C.S. Regt.
- To be Orderly Bomb'dier 31-3-40 - Cpl. Turnbull, C.S. Regt.
Next for Duty - 1-4-40 - Bdr. Mackie, R.C.A.
- To be Orderly T'p'ter - Gnr. Willoughby, RCA

2. DUTY WATCHES for 23hrs. 0845hrs. 31-3-40 to 0745hrs. 1-4-40

SUNDAY

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

No. 1 Sgt. Bessden
8 Ohs. as detailed

Sgt. Wood
8 Ohs. as detailed

No. 2 Sgt. Woodhouse
8 Ohs. as detailed

L/Sgt. Thurlwell
8 Ohs. as detailed

3. MANNING PARADE 1100 hrs. H.Q. Party and Duty Watches.

SUNDAY

4. FATIGUES

SUNDAY

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE

(b) CANTEEN DETAIL

Gnr. Willoughby
" Rose

Gnr. Gosby

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 31-3-40 to 0600hrs. 1-4-40

SUNDAY

Ptes. Ellis, Adams and Waugh, C.S. Regt.

FOR R.C. CATHOLICS

Confession will be held in the Hospital at 1900 Hrs.

Sat. March 30th.

Mass will be held at 0800 Sunday in the unfinished

hut No. 8



D. H. M.

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

MARCH 30/40

O.C. VAN. AREA

500 YOUR LETTER MARCH 12TH FILE 5-11-6-3

CANADIAN SCOTTISH DETACHMENT STOP NO MOVEMENT ORDERS

RECEIVED STOP PLEASE TELEGRAPH LATEST INSTRUCTIONS

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.C. 9000 HRS.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 1-C-4-2-57

30th March 1940

O.C. Vancouver Area
Federal Building
Vancouver, B.C.

BRING TO BOUNDS

1. At 1042 hrs. 29th March, 1940, the Examination Vessel called on the Port to "Bring To" a vessel in Sunderland Channel which refused to stop when signalled.
2. At 1046 hrs. the fort fired one plugged shell across the bow. The shot fell about 100 yards ahead of the vessel. As the vessel failed to stop, the Examination Vessel called for another round. The second plugged shell fell about 100 yards ahead of the vessel, which stopped and was dealt with by the Examination Vessel.
3. I am informed that the vessel was B.V. "Wandering Lizzie" of Victoria.

C.C. to 15th (Vanc) Coast Bde.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. 8-1-1-M.394

30th March 1940

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

RATION INDENT # 2

1. We have included on the enclosed Ration Indent a request for 1 gallon Kilbac. This same order has been placed several times but you have not filled it, and we are at present completely out of this disinfectant.
2. On the last supply of eggs received 44 eggs were broken, and the transportation company will not accept the responsibility as they were poorly packed in flimsy orange crates instead of the accepted standard egg crate. As we are short 44 eggs on our rations, may they be sent with these supplies, please.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

File No. S-1-1-M.396

30th March 1940

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

MEAT PACKING

1. Will you please instruct the Canada Packers that meat for York Island be packed in burlap as well as cotton because the present cotton packing is not strong enough and tears open.
2. Recently on Bayward wharf I noticed that meat from P. Burns and Swift's was packed in burlap for the logging company, and arrived in good condition, while our meat from Canada Packers arrived with the cotton covers torn and the meat exposed.



Diary

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

MARCH 30/40

O.C. VAN. AREA

504 STRENGTH MARCH 29TH YO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS
FIFTEEN YO THIRTE MINUS NINE STOPREKAPREKREKXKXK CHAPLAIN ONE

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 1000 HRS.

YORK ISLAND B.C.

30th March 1940

O.C. VAN ARMA

505 STRENGTH MARCH 30 YO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS FIFTEEN YO
THREE MINUS NINE STOP CHAPLAIN ONE

O.C. YORK ISLAND

T.O.O. 2000 HRS

DAILY ORDERS PART I - NO. 91 - by MAJOR J.E. PIERCY, R.C.A.
OFFICER COMMANDING 85th. HVY. BTY., R.C.A. - YORK ISLAND, B.C.

1. DUTIES To be Orderly Officer - 1-4-40 - Lt. W. Rushton, R.C.A.
MONDAY Next for Duty - 2-4-40 - Lt. N.J.H.D'Arcy, R.C.A.
- To be Orderly Sergeant - 1-4-40 - Sgt. Pearce, C.S. Regt.
Next for Duty - 2-4-40 - Sgt. Woodhouse, R.C.A.
- To be Orderly Bombardier - 1-4-40 - Bdr. Mackie, R.C.A.
Next for Duty - 2-4-40 - L/Bdr. Hammell, R.C.A.
- To be Orderly Trumpeter Gnr. Willoughby, R.C.A.

2. DUTY WATCHES

MONDAY

ON DUTY

STANDING BY

No. 1 Sgt. Wood
8 ORs. as detailed

Sgt. Cox
8 ORs. as detailed

No. 2 L/Sgt. Thurlwell
8 ORs. as detailed

Bdr. Mackie
8 ORs. as detailed

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

4. FATIGUES

MONDAY

(a) SANITARY FATIGUE

(b) CANTENIN DETAIL

Gnr. Willoughby
" Blackburn

Gnr. Dyer
"

5. SENTRY DUTY from 1800hrs. 1-4-40 to 0600hrs. 2-4-40
MONDAY

Ptes. Pugh, Begoff and Etherington W. C.S. Regt.



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11 NBW

VANCOUVER MAR 31 / 1965

O C York Island

HIGHER AUTHORITY NOW REQUIRES ALL MESSAGES TO BE SENT IN CYPHER

1615 /RC/ WW

O U VANCOUVER AREA

YORK ISLAND, B.C.

MARCH 31/40

O.C. VAN. AREA

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STRENGTH TODAY YO ONE MINUS ONE AND MINUS FIFTEEN
YO THREE MINUS NINE STOP CHAPLAINS NONE

O.C. YORK ISLAND