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# COUNTY OF CORNWALL

## EXERCISE "THUN"

EMERGENCY BULLETIN NO. 2

It has now been decided that this Exercise shall take place on **Saturday and Sunday next, September 12th/13th**

Preparations are proceeding apace and are evoking considerable interest in the mind of the public. This is as it should be since the whole success of the Exercise will depend on the interest the public take in it. The speed with which the invader is driven out will depend very largely upon the understanding of the public as to what role they will have to play.

When invasion comes we must have one thought and one thought only in our minds—to destroy the enemy at the earliest possible moment. Everything must give way to that object. Our own safety and security must take second place in our thoughts, or rather, they must have no place at all if they are going to interfere with the destruction of the enemy.

Efforts are being made to provide as many incidents as possible in the Exercise. The Civil Defence Services will not be large enough to deal with all of them, so that we depend upon the public to play the part which, in a real invasion, would be allotted to them. Many rural services are arranging incidents in their own parishes so as to ensure as far as possible that everyone is practised in the Exercise.

Volunteers are required for many different duties, of which the following are some:—

**FOOD.** Loading and unloading food stocks; removing them from damaged or threatened buildings; transporting and distributing food; assisting with emergency feeding arrangements.

**WATER.** Pumping and distributing emergency drinking water supplies; supervising rationing; spreading advice about the use of water and conserving supplies.

**COOKING.** Advising upon and possibly assisting with emergency cooking arrangements in the absence of gas and electricity supplies. Collecting and distributing wood for cooking when coal supplies are exhausted.

**GAS.** Treating in your own home persons who have come into contact with gas. The Members of the Housewives Service will be busily engaged and will require your help.

**CASUALTIES.** Accommodating temporarily in your own home persons who have been injured in the street and are awaiting removal to hospital. Taking into your house and looking after persons suffering from shock and minor injuries. Lending temporarily beds and bedding for a casualty station set up in your district.

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## WORKING PARTIES.

- (a) for clearing roads of debris, filling in bomb craters, filling sandbags, etc. (unskilled)
- (b) for constructing defence works (mainly skilled)
- (c) for loading and unloading materials of all kinds.
- (d) for providing emergency sanitary arrangements when water and sewers are affected.
- (e) for digging slit trenches.

**MESSENGERS.** To supplement present strength of messenger service.

**AGED AND SICK PEOPLE.** To help and comfort aged people and children and those who are ill.

**STRETCHER BEARERS.** Acting as stretcher bearers to transport casualties on improvised stretchers.

By helping in this Exercise you will prepare yourself for your proper "invasion job". So tell your Warden, Fire Guard, or W.V.S. that you are ready to help in the Exercise in any way you can and tell them in good time beforehand, so that they may have time to get a job ready for you.

You are reminded again that **TEAR GAS** will be used in this Exercise. You should, therefore, examine your respirator **NOW** and if you are not satisfied with it take it to the nearest Warden and ask him to test it for you. Be sure to carry your respirator during the Exercise and be ready to use it.

**STAND FIRM.** ALL have an important part to play in repelling the invader and protecting their homes and those of their neighbours. The object of this Exercise is to practice the public in the role which they will have to play and we depend upon you, the public, to make a success of it.

Remember that Rumour and Truth are both dangerous things if the enemy gets hold of them so **KEEP YOUR MOUTHS SHUT.**

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*Commanding Cornwall Coastal Area.*

County Hall, Truro,  
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