

2ND HEREFORDS.

SECRET

Scheme for Military Assistance for dealing with heavy
Air Raid damage in HORSHAM.

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1. The object of the scheme is to be able to supply, at short notice, a limited amount of military assistance to the civil authorities at HORSHAM at times when "STAND TO" is not in force.
2. NO military assistance will be available after the order "STAND TO" is received.
3. TROOPS AVAILABLE.
Inlying Picquet Coy.
4. ROLE OF TROOPS.
 - (a) One Pl. to assist Civil Police in road control, forming cordon and prevention of looting etc.
This Pl will report to the Superintendent of Police at Police Station, Battelot Road, Horsham.
Dress:- Fighting Order. One cycle will be taken. 50 rds S A A per man.
 - (b) One Pl for fire fighting, extinguishing incendiaries and clearing of streets.
This Pl will report to the Controller, Civil Defence, Urban District Council Office, North Street, Horsham. (Tel. Horsham 1066/7).
Dress:- Canvas, steel helmets (not rifles). Take Pl shovels, picks, axes, matchets and one cycle.
 - (c) One Pl as a reserve for rescue work etc.
This Pl will report to the Controller, Civil Defence.
Dress:- Canvas, steel helmets (not rifles). Take Pl Shovels, picks, axes, matchets, 2 stretchers and one cycle.
 - (d) Coy Comd and Coy H Q will report to Controller, Civil Defence.
Dress:- Fighting Order.
5. TRANSPORT.
Coy tpt will NOT be taken. Pl trucks will be loaded with gas capes of all Pls and haversacks of Fire Fighting and reserve Pls, and will remain in Vehicle Park.
6. Full anti-gas equipment will be carried by all tps.
7. RATIONS.
In accordance with the situation, but every attempt will be made to deliver in hot containers from DENNE PARK.
8. RELIEFS.
Depends on the intensity of the Raid. Remaining Coys will be called on if necessary.
9. CIVIL DEFENCE SERVICES.
Shown on plan attached at Appendix A.
10. Action in the event of assistance being required.
 - (a) The Controller, Civil Defence (Mr. A Slyfield) will telephone the Duty Officer at DENNE PARK (HORSHAM 1390) or send a runner asking for aid.
 - (b) The Duty Officer will send a runner with a written message to rouse the Inlying Picquet Coy. The Duty Officer will inform the C O and Adjt.
 - (c) The Pls of the Inlying Picquet Coy will fall in and proceed, independently and as quickly as possible to the destination given in Para 4 hereof.
 - (d) The Coy next for Duty will immediately take over the operational duties of the Inlying Picquet Coy.
11. RECE. A thorough recee of the town of HORSHAM will be carried out by all Officers and Senior N C Os forthwith.

ACK.

W. J. ...
2/Lt. for
Capt. & Adjt.

2nd. Bn. The Herefordshire Regiment..

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Horsham Police (16): War Diary (17 & 18): File (19): Spare (20).