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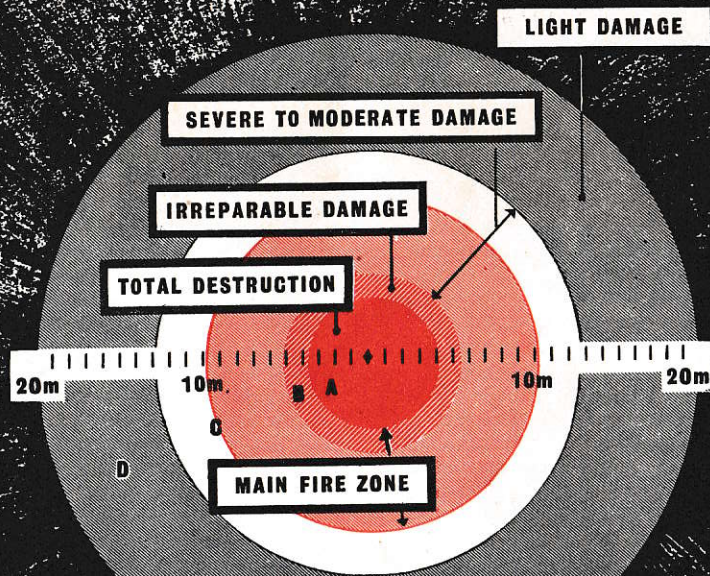


THE H-BOMB
What about the millions of survivors?



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What one H-Bomb can do

Estimated damage from one 'ten megaton' H-Bomb burst on or near the ground.

A 'ten megaton' bomb has the power of ten million tons of high explosive. The power of such a weapon is almost too terrible to imagine. But to say that none of us would stand a chance of coming through is just NOT TRUE.

See what this diagram really means

In the destroyed area 'A' and the area of irreparable damage 'B', there would be terrible loss of life. But even in the 'B' area, some people would survive; and for people in 'C' and 'D', which are much larger, there would be increasing chances of survival as the damage lessened, away from the point of burst.

Many of the survivors would be homeless or need rescue from fire or damaged buildings. All of them would need the help that only Civil Defence could give.

Then, there is 'fall-out'. The mushroom cloud contains thousands of tons of debris and earth which have been turned to dust and become radioactive. This is the fall-out which drifts down-wind and, still radioactive, drops slowly back to earth. Radioactivity is particularly dangerous: you can't hear it, you can't feel it, you can't smell it or taste it . . . *but you can take cover from it.* Used to the best advantage, a ground-floor room in an ordinary house would reduce the danger from radiation to between one-tenth and one-fiftieth, depending on the construction of the house. A basement would be even better. Another job for Civil Defence would be to see that people took cover from 'fall-out', and knew when it was safe to come out.

Millions of people could survive the H-Bomb. Life would be disrupted; life would be distorted; but millions and millions of our people would have a very good chance of coming through.

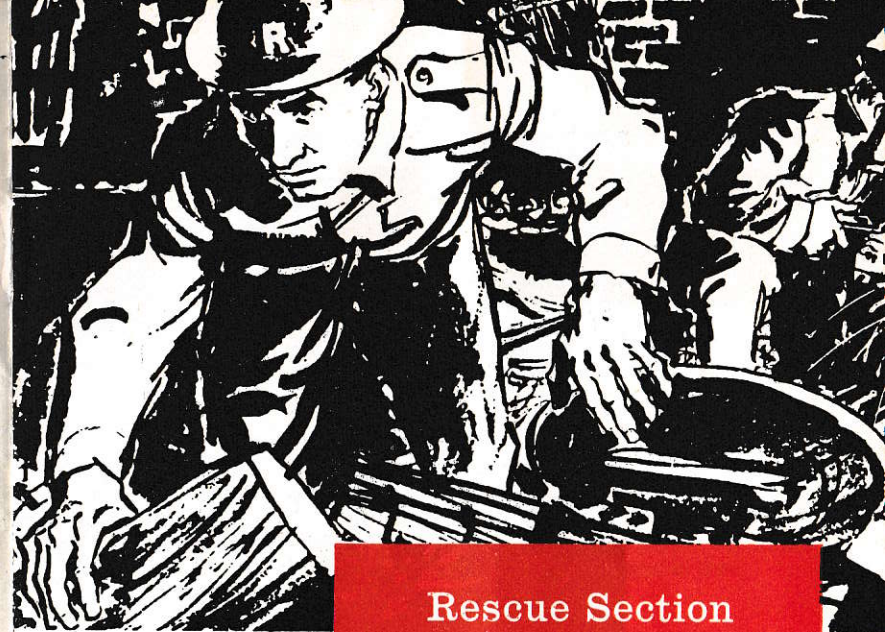
The more people we have in Civil Defence, and the higher their calibre, the more survivors there would be.

Firefighters

One of the H-Bomb's first effects is a wave of intense heat. Fires would break out immediately and spread quickly.

The first call would be for **FIREFIGHTERS**. The Auxiliary Fire Service, recruited to help the regular Brigades, has some of the most modern fire-fighting apparatus in the country, much of it specially designed for nuclear war. If you join them, this is the sort of equipment you will do your training with.

The circle of fires from one H-Bomb might be 20 miles wide. The more men and women we have in the A.F.S., the better.



Rescue Section

From the surrounding districts, the **RESCUE PARTIES** would converge upon the stricken area . . . to carry out the biggest rescue job there has ever been.

The more Rescue Parties there were, the more lives they would be able to save.

Each man carries a pack containing saw, wrecking-bar, lashings, wire-cutters, first-aid kit and other things needed for speedy rescue. Backing up the Rescue Parties are vehicles carrying heavier rescue gear.

Rescue is skilled and exacting work. Rescue Parties have to be trained and organised. That is why the Civil Defence **RESCUE SECTION** wants more volunteers, *now*.



Ambulance and Casualty Collecting Section

There would be a big and vital job for the AMBULANCE AND CASUALTY COLLECTING SECTION. Here, they want two sorts of people: casualty collectors, to give first-aid and see that the injured get safely to the ambulances; and drivers, to take the ambulances back to hospital. This is work for both men and women – and if you drive a car already, so much the better.

The WELFARE SECTION would help with evacuation, and after an H-Bomb attack would have the job of taking care of the very large numbers of people made homeless. These people would be dazed and bewildered; they would want food and water and clothing, shelter and news of their families; they would have to be kept warm, kept healthy, *kept going* – until they could look after themselves again. In the first few vital days after attack millions of people could depend for their very lives on what the Welfare Section did. That is why people must plan and train for this tremendous job beforehand. And that is why the Civil Defence Welfare Section needs more members – dependable, intelligent, capable men and women; and needs them now.

Welfare Section





Warden Section

The whole working of Civil Defence hinges on the WARDEN. He or she – for women are wanted, too – is the local leader. It is to the Warden that the neighbourhood would look for advice and encouragement if war came. The Warden takes control of his area, assesses the amount of radiation and damage, and sends in essential reports. And when the Rescue or Ambulance services come, he directs them to where they are most needed.

The Warden's work is interesting, responsible, important. Civil Defence needs men and women who can give a lead to train in the Warden Section, now.

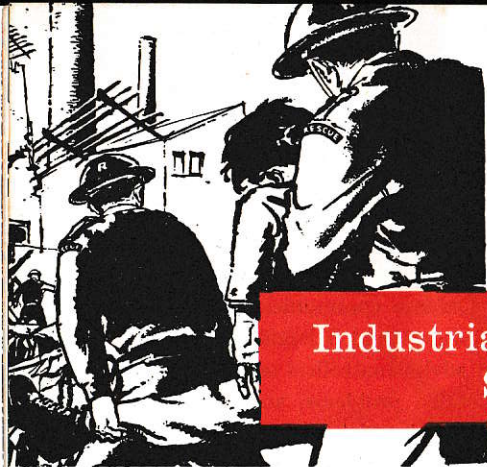
At the nerve-centre of this operation – where the reports come in and the orders go out – are members of the Civil Defence HEADQUARTERS SECTION.

There are three sub-Sections in Headquarters: 'Intelligence and Operations' – controlling operations at various levels, often from mobile control vehicles; 'Signals', to operate the complex network of Civil Defence communications: radio, field-telephone, and despatch-riders; and 'Scientific and Reconnaissance' – the people who advise controllers on the level of radioactivity and other scientific problems, and the teams which go out with radio-equipped vehicles, walkie-talkie and radiac equipment to send back technical information.

If you are an office or scientific worker, a radio 'ham', motor-cyclist or driver, here are jobs that you can train for, now. You are wanted.

Headquarters Section





Industrial Civil Defence Service

The Industrial Civil Defence Service

The Civil Defence Corps has as its partner the Industrial Civil Defence Service in factories, shops and offices all over the country. Units of the Service are formed by the managements of the larger undertakings to provide protection for their people while at work.

As in the Civil Defence Corps, there are Headquarters, Warden and Rescue Sections; and also a First-aid Section to man first-aid points and provide first-aid parties. There are over 200,000 men and women already in industrial civil defence units who would be immediately available if an attack came while people were at work.

There are over half a million people in Civil Defence already. Civil Defence is organised in every town in the United Kingdom. It has three full-time Instructors' Schools, running full-time regular courses, and its own Civil Defence Staff College.

It is a big thing you will be joining!

Two questions you may ask

1 Won't the training be a waste of time if we don't have a war? Nobody can be sure there will *never* be another war, however hard this country works to avoid it. The choice might not be ours. It just won't do to bury your head in the sand and say 'It can't happen here'. It might. And, anyway, the question has a good answer. The thing about Civil Defence is what you *learn* in it. For a practical example, take first-aid. Imagine every man, woman and child in Newcastle dead or injured; or the same thing in Portsmouth, or Cardiff, or Stoke-on-Trent. Imagine *a quarter of a million* casualties. That's what we get in a single year from road accidents.

Imagine everybody dead or injured in *all four* of these towns: a million casualties. That's what we get every year from accidents in people's homes.

Obviously, the more people who are trained in first-aid the better. First-aid is one of the things that *every* Civil Defence volunteer is taught.

Waste of time?

Do you remember the Dagenham rail crash, the Farnworth housing subsidence, the East Coast floods? These are three of the emergencies where trained volunteers from Civil Defence were ready and able to help. They were needed.

Waste of time?

2 But why worry about Civil Defence before there is an actual threat of war? Because the only safe thing is to prepare in peacetime – in case.

Civil Defence could not succeed without a vast number of trained, responsible volunteers – and training them takes time. If you say, 'I'll be there if the balloon goes up', you're not giving anybody time – even yourself. Just as we have a peacetime Navy, Army, and Air Force, so we must keep up the Fourth Arm of our Services – Civil Defence.

And realise this: the H-Bomb is everybody's business. We've got to face it – all of us. It's no good leaving Civil Defence to other people because, for everybody else, *The Other Fellow is YOU.*

Who can join?

Membership of the Civil Defence Corps, the Industrial Civil Defence Service and the Auxiliary Fire Service is open to men and women of 18 and over. In the Civil Defence Corps and Industrial Civil Defence Service men under 30 are at present accepted only (a) for the Rescue Section or (b) as Scientific Intelligence Officers or (c) if they have been found unfit for H.M. Forces but are fit enough for service with the Corps or the Industrial Civil Defence Service. Members of the Services listed below and some but not all men with reservist obligations cannot be accepted. If you are a reservist the enrolment officer will tell you whether you are free to join.

The liability of reservists to return to the Colours for whole-time service if called upon overrides any part-time obligations they undertake in the Civil Defence Corps, the Industrial Civil Defence Service and A.F.S.

You should not apply if you are a serving member of H.M. Regular Forces or a member of the TERRITORIAL ARMY or AUXILIARY FORCES, ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS, MERCHANT NAVY, ROYAL NAVAL MINE-WATCHING SERVICE, POLICE SERVICES, REGULAR FIRE SERVICE, MEDICAL, NURSING or MIDWIFERY PROFESSIONS, AMBULANCE SERVICE (WHOLE-TIME).

Nor may you belong to more than one of the public Civil Defence Services but you may join the Industrial Civil Defence Service and one of the public services as well.

If you would like to join the Civil Defence Corps or the Auxiliary Fire Service, fill in the Enrolment Form opposite. For the Auxiliary Fire Service a medical examination may be required.

If you wish to join the Industrial Civil Defence Service ask the Civil Defence Officer at your place of work.

If there is any more information you would like to have, please ask at your Council Offices or your local Fire Station or Civil Defence Headquarters.

ENROLMENT FORM

CIVIL DEFENCE CORPS and **AUXILIARY FIRE SERVICE**

Application for enrolment as a part-time member of

The Civil Defence Corps

The Auxiliary Fire Service

(Cross out whichever does not apply)

SURNAME.....(MR., MRS. OR MISS)

FORENAMES.....

ADDRESS.....

.....PHONE.....

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH.....

NATIONALITY.....

OCCUPATION.....

Are you insured as Employed, Self-Employed, or Non-Employed?

(Cross out whichever does not apply.)

If you have served as an officer in the Royal Navy or Royal Marines or are an Army or R.A.F. Officer on the retired, unemployed or emergency list, or a Forces pensioner or a Reservist, please state:

NO.....RANK OR RATING.....

Naval Depot, Army Regt. or Corps }.....

R.A.F. Branch or Trade }.....

Are you a member of any of the Regular or Volunteer Reserves?

(State which).....

If you are applying for the Civil Defence Corps and have a preference for any particular Section of the Corps, state which Section.....

PLEASE TURN OVER

DECLARATION

I hereby apply to be enrolled as a part-time member of

the { **Civil Defence Corps** | (Cross out whichever does not apply)
Auxiliary Fire Service }

I have read the notes on conditions of service in the leaflet (H.O. 5814) to which this form was originally attached. I am not a member of any of the Services listed on page 12 of the leaflet. As far as I know I am physically fit to render efficient service.

I UNDERTAKE to undergo the appropriate training and to render part-time service in accordance with the instructions and orders issued by or on behalf of the authorities and persons duly appointed; and in the event of a war emergency occurring during my membership to serve to the best of my ability.

DATE..... SIGNATURE.....

Return this form when completed to

THIS PART FOR OFFICIAL USE.

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE—CIVIL DEFENCE CORPS and AUXILIARY FIRE SERVICE

(These conditions do NOT apply to the Industrial Civil Defence Service, conditions of service in which are for settlement within individual concerns)

You do not enrol for any fixed period of service and, although you will naturally be expected to remain a member as long as you are able and are needed, you are free to resign at any time.

If you are a member of the Civil Defence Corps, a Civil Defence Corps Authority may dispense with your service at any time without stating a reason.

Your part-time service as a member of the Auxiliary Fire Service or of the Civil Defence Corps does not relieve you from any legal requirement to which you might be subject in war time, e.g., service with H.M. Forces or liability to take or remain in other work of national importance.

TRAINING This is done in your spare time, usually at local training centres or fire stations, and normally takes about an hour or two a week.

If you join the Civil Defence Corps, you will be expected to take a course of about 50–60 hours or, for the Welfare Section, about 30 hours. Thereafter, you will normally be expected to attend only for a few hours each year for refresher training and exercises although you may, if you wish, undertake courses of additional and advanced training.

As a member of the Auxiliary Fire Service you will be expected to take a course of about 60 hours and on completion of this basic training, to attend occasionally for exercises and more advanced training, which may include attendances at fires.

EXPENSES You get reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

CHOICE OF SECTION IN THE CIVIL DEFENCE CORPS As far as is practicable, any preference for service in any particular Section will be met; and, again as far as is practicable, you may transfer from one Section to another, or from one Local Division to another.

UNIFORM In the Civil Defence Corps you become eligible for uniform on completing 22 hours' training. Members of the Welfare Section, if they also belong to the W.V.S. or one of the recognised Voluntary Aid Societies, may wear the uniform of that organisation. Overalls are available for specified tasks.

A.F.S. uniform (including overalls, rubber boots, etc.) is issued on enrolment, and additional uniform is issued later as training proceeds.

BADGES Civil Defence Corps badges are issued on enrolment. Members of the A.F.S. in uniform wear the badge of their Brigade. For wearing with civilian clothes, a buttonhole badge for men (brooch for women) is issued after 10 hours of training.

COMPENSATION FOR INJURY AND SICK PAY Benefits in respect of injury, disablement or death, caused by accident arising out of and in the course of training, will be payable under the provisions of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Acts. Details of these benefits are obtainable at the local offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance or from your local Council Office.

There is provision for payment of sick pay if you lose remuneration in your private employment in consequence of injury or disease received or contracted whilst on duty. Details are available from the A.F.S. Enrolment Officer or from your local Council Offices.

NOTE This information is given for general guidance, and relates only to peace-time enrolment for part-time service. The conditions set out may be changed from time to time.

In so far as these conditions relate to the Civil Defence Corps, they are as laid down by the Secretary of State under the Civil Defence Corps Warrant of 30th May, 1949.