

ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS - POSTS

FUNCTION

PRIMARY FUNCTIONS

1. To provide information from the Bomb Power Indicator and the Ground Zero Indicator, from which the position, height and power of nuclear bursts can be determined.
2. To provide information from the Fixed Survey Meter on the first arrival of fallout.

SECONDARY FUNCTIONS

3. To give warning to the public from those Posts equipped as warning points of the approach of air attack by means of the hand-operated siren and of fallout by means of the maroon, when the RED or BLACK warning is received over the Carrier Receiver; to act independently, in the event of loss of communications with the operations room and/or the unserviceability of the Carrier Receiver, by sounding the BLACK warning when the Fixed Survey Meter registers 0.3 cGy/h.
4. To provide, from the Fixed Survey Meter, dose-rate readings at 5-minute intervals after the arrival of fallout.
5. To provide, at specified Posts equipped with the necessary instrumentation, regular meteorological observations.
6. To provide in the post-attack period a mobile monitoring and reconnaissance capability, through the discharge of two tasks:
 - a. Primary Task: to provide, at the direction of the Sector Controller or the Group Controller, dose-rate readings in those areas where adequate coverage is not available from routine Post reports.
 - b. Secondary Task: to provide general intelligence of local conditions, including damage and fire states, road conditions, movement of population, and weather reports.

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