

CIVIL DEFENCE

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can be taken. The incident officer should set up his post near a telephone if possible, or have runners or messengers attached to it, and he indicates his post by a blue and white check flag in daylight and two blue lamps at night. The work goes on, and from time to time the "incident officer" will report progress. In the meantime, the incident may have caused a certain number of people to be homeless, and the warden or the "incident officer" will report this to the controller, who makes sure that a rest centre or rest centres are open to receive them. The warden should know where the rest centres are, and should be responsible for shepherding the people to them. Once there, they should be looked after and given some hot tea or something to drink until the next morning, when they can be found other accommodation. It's most important, however, that the rest centres should be cleared during the following day in case of a return raid. If water mains or gas mains are damaged, the warden will make his report, probably in the second message he sent, which should be as soon after his express report as possible, and the controller will order out the necessary squads from the water, gas, or electricity services which have officers working with the control. These squads are sent out and put to work at once. Their task is to take whatever immediate action is necessary to save life and to restore supply.

After It's Over

Incidents like this have been going on in a number of different places. As soon as the incident has been cleared up, the squad or squads return to their depot and at once report to the control centre that they've finished, and particularly if they're ready to be called out again. Before the squads are dismissed from an incident, the incident officer, if he is present, or if not, the senior officer or party leader, must satisfy himself that the incident has been entirely cleared and there's no possibility of anyone remaining unrescued. In doing so, the widest information will be of great value just as it should have been when the party arrived. The Controller is by this time building up a picture of the raid, and should know just where all his services are and how long they've been out at work. Quite often we've had to send for reinforcements from outside. You may not be able to do that, but if you can, it's a help not only to reinforce but also to relieve the members of the squad, who may be very exhausted after their work. As soon as the raid is over, the Controller must at once satisfy himself that he's in a position to deal with another raid if it should come, and the services be ready if possible. At the same time, the first-aid side of the organisation will operate and continue to operate during the following days until the situation has been completely restored.

That is just a very brief picture of what's happened. In the following talks I'm going to give you some practical points about the working of some of the civil defence services such as wardens, rescue, first-aid and control.



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