

APPENDIX 8
PASSIVE AIR DEFENCE
BETWOOD NEWFOUNDLAND

(2)
 DEFENCE SCHEME
 SECRET
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1. OBJECT: To organise and prepare a P.A.D. System to protect Betwood, Newfoundland from air attacks,

2. NATURE OF POSSIBLE ATTACKS:

- (a) H.E. Bombs
- (b) Incendiary bombs
- (c) M.G. Fire
- x (d) Gas spray
- x (e) Gas bombs

x Not likely

3. AREA OF SCHEME: as per sketch attached, to Defence Scheme, Appendix 1.

4. DECENTRALIZATION OF CONTROL:

Area H.Q. situated at SEAPLANE AIR BASE with direct communication to HIGHLAND CAMP. Coys. will be responsible for the provision of the various details required which are listed below.

Civilian population will adhere to the instructions listed in Para. # 7.

5. PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

(a) Respirators: All ranks on duty will wear their respirators, at the alert. The remainder will carry the respirator at the slung position at all times, unless specific orders have been given to the contrary, when outside the immediate vicinity of the Camp.

(b) Fire Fighting Equipment: (Appendix 7)

- (1) Water buckets,
- (2) Sand,
- (3) Picks, shovels, axes, crowbars, etc.

6. ALARMS

(1) On first sight of enemy air-craft, or warning of same, sentries on duty will immediately give the air-craft alarm signal, which is a succession of short blasts on the whistle and give the visual signal by waving both hands above the head. This signal will be picked up by all posts. All ranks with whistles will sound this alarm which will be picked up and sounded by the duty bugler. At the same time the alarm gongs, situated in each Coy. Area, will be struck. To supplement these the sirens and whistles of the A.N.D. Coy. should be sounded by giving a succession of short blasts. If possible any church bells should be tolled.

(2) All signal stations will immediately relay the alarm throughout our own system and to the local telephone exchange. The signallers on duty in the Orderly Room will at once notify the NEWFOUNDLAND AIRPORT. The telegraph operator at Betwood P.O. will send out the alarm to all points on the telegraph system.

7. ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON SOUNDING THE ALARM

(a) Troops
 Procedure to be carried out as per Para. 6 (1) of Defence Scheme.

(b) Civilians
 (1) Those who have volunteered for special service will, upon hearing the 'Alarm', report to their respective stations to carry out their previously allotted tasks.

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(2) Suggested duties

- (a) Stretcher bearers.
- (b) Fire fighting.
- (c) Evacuation of women and children.
- (d) Those in possession of any vehicle could be employed to clear serious casualties to the Regtl. Air Post and if possible from there to a train to be evacuated to the hospital at Grand Falls.

(3) Equipment for volunteers

(a) Stretcher Bearers

- 1. Improvised stretchers.
- 2. Material for bandages, splints, slings etc.
- 3. Other equipment as detailed by Medical Officer.

(b) Fire Fighters

- 1. Axes, crow-bars, shovels, sand, fire buckets etc.

(c) Vehicles.

- 2. Warm clothing, food and water.

- (4) It is suggested that boys and elderly men should assist and take care of the women and children during the evacuation.

8. LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS

It is recommended that all lights, in the open, be extinguished after dark and that all internal lighting should be covered by shades on the windows.

9. RESCUE PARTIES

Bn. H.Q. and H.Q. Details will organize rescue parties consisting of an N.C.O. and eight men who will, if the bombing is not followed by a ground attack, assist casualties who have been trapped under falling debris.

After the 'All Clear' has been sounded these parties will make a thorough recon. of wrecked buildings in their areas to make sure that no one is still trapped under any wreckage.

10. FIRST AID PARTIES

Each Coy. will have its own aid-post and civilian aid-posts will be established throughout BOTWOOD.

Stretcher Bearers and civilians who have volunteered as per Para. 7 will evacuate serious casualties to the aid-posts where medical treatment from the doctors can be received.

11. FIRE FIGHTING SQUADS

- (a) All tents will be struck by those who are not detailed for any special duty.
- (b) Fire Fighting Squads will consist of Coy. Fire Piquets and if no ground attack is expected, they will assist these civilians as mentioned in Para. 7.

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12. PRECAUTIONS AGAINST INCENDIARY BOMBS

- (a) All inflammable materials should be stored where possible under ground.
- (b) Water should not be thrown on active incendiary bombs as it would result in an explosion and they should be covered with sand and scooped into buckets half filled with sand, and removed from the building.

**13. TREATMENT AND EVACUATION
OF CASUALTIES**

In the event of an engagement the following general principles will be adhered to, modified as the circumstances require:

1. The present R.A.P. will be evacuated to the emergency R.A.P. at 7046, by truck.
2. The Water Detail will proceed to have the water cart taken to above post.
3. Civilian volunteers will report to their respective posts for duty as Stretcher Bearers etc., and to assist with the evacuation of casualties.
4. Casualties from Companies engaged will walk or be carried to the R.A.P. at 7046, after being given first aid at the Coy. Aid Post.
5. After receiving medical care, casualties will be ~~evacuated~~ evacuated from the R.A.P. to the Railway Siding where cars will be provided for their transportation elsewhere for hospitalization; or, to a ship at the waterfront; or, they will be evacuated by road by whatever transportation is available, depending on the method of attack.
6. In the event of a minor engagement, Dr. Smith's surgery at 6935 will be used for casualties as an R.A.P. in that area; or if necessary, the school house at 4529 will be used for both civilian and military casualties.
7. Definite arrangements with the civilian populace should be made in regard to their duties and posts in the event of this plan having to be put in force.

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1740 hrs.

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