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Duntisbourne Abbotts War Book
1940

DUNTISBOURNE ABBOTTS WAR BOOK.

This War Book has been made on the instructions of Regional Authority in order that all the information in connection with civil defence measures may be immediately available without reference to files, minutes etc.

The book will be kept at Windmill except when Captain Dalton is away from home in which case Mrs Perkins will take charge of it.

A duplicate of the book will be kept by the Rev P Brown.

The book has been read by all members of the Invasion Committee.

C. C. Dalton
Chairman

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(I) HEADQUARTERS

- (a) Home Guard Newbold Farm (Capt Young
Mis 52)
(b) Invasion Committee Windmill (Capt Dalton
Mis 18)
Report Centre The Village School
(c) 1st Aid Post (Mrs Hatchingcock)

(2) INVASION COMMITTEE

- Chairman Capt Dalton. Windmill Mis 18.
ARP Org, V F O, Information, Billetting.
Dep Chairman Rev Brown RAC Cirencester
Dep V F O Cirencester 429.
Mrs Perkins Duntisbourne House Mis 55.
Rest Centre, Warden, WVS.
(Mrs Perkins will act as Chairman in the
absence of Capt Dalton and Mr Brown)
Capt Young Newbold Farm Mis 52.
Home Guard.
Mr Newton Rectory School Mis 62.
Home Guard.
Mrs Dalton Windmill Mis 18.
WVS organiser. Rest centre, Housewives.
Lady Birchall Cotswold Farm N Cerney
223.
Mr Penting Jackbarrow Mis
Police.
Mr Locke Duntisbourne House Mis 55.
Miss Smith
Youth Squad & Sec Invasion Committee

3. CIVIL DEFENCE SERVICES

ARP Control Centre. Windmill, Mis 18.
(Cirencester Control Centre Ciren 253)

A R P Wardens

Head Warden Capt Dalton Mis 18.

Mr H Vincent Duntisbourne Leer.

Mr C Thomas New Barn Duntisbourne Leer.

Mr Sadler Cotswold Farm Cottages

(Tel through North Cerney 223)

Mrs Perkins Duntisbourne Houes Mis 55.

4. FIRE FIGHTING.

Strirrup pumps at Capt Daltons, Mrs Reinholds,

Mr Newtons, The Church, Miss Machonechys,

Mr Brunsdons, Mr Vincents, Mrs Perkins, Mr Walbrooks

Lady Birchalls, *how Sadlers, The Village School.*

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Chemical extinguishers at Capt Daltons, Mrs Reinho

Capt Youngs, Mr Newtons, Miss Ingliss, Miss Machonec

Lady Birchalls, Mrs Perkins. ys

Water

Two main springs (a) Below the Church.

(b) By Mrs Jarvis's house.

Wells or berings at Capt Daltons, Mrs Reinholds

Capt Youngs, Mr Newtons, Mr J Partridges,

Miss Inglis's, Mr Thomas's, Mr Walbrooks, Mrs Perkin

Mr Hoyle's, Mr Rucks, Lady Birchalls

A boring on Hitch's farm piped to tanks at

Dixey's Barn.

A ram at Miss Machonechy's.

PASSES FOR MESSENGERS

All messengers must be provided with a small
card on which is stated

" The bearer----- is a messenger in the service
of the Duntisbourne Abbetts Invasion Committee".

5. POLICE.

Special constables.

Mr Ponting. Jackbarrow cottages. Tel through Mis 22.

Mr Locke. Duntisbourne House cottages. Tel through Mis 55.
Special constables will work under orders from police HQs probably on traffic control.

6. COMMUNICATIONS & MESSENGER SERVICES.

Messenger service to be organised by Youth Squad.
i/c Youth Squad, Miss M Smith.

On "Action stations" being notified the Youth Squad will, without further notice, send messengers with bicycles as follows-

- To (a) Windmill.
(b) Home Guard HQs (A boy).
(c) 1st Aid Post.
(d) Duntisbourne House.
(e) Cotswold Farm.

7. INFORMATION.

Official information will be received by Captain Dalton who will pass it to the wardens, Mrs Perkins, Mr Thomas, Mr Vincent and Mr Sadler, and to the Post Office.

The public must be warned no news or orders can be considered official unless received through one of the sources detailed above or from a known Home Guard Officer or a known Police Officer.

8. REST CENTRE.

Village to supply 3rd line Rest Centre to accommodate at least 30 persons.

i/c Mrs Perkins Duntisbourne House Mis 55.
Deputy Mrs Dalton Windmill Mis 18.
Accommodation

Women & children in the village school.
Men in the parish Church.

Washing & sanitary arrangements.

For women & children at the village school.
For men in Mrs Reinhold's saddle room.

Feeding.

Communal feeding at the Meet Room.

Warning

1st warning of arrival of refugees will be received at windmill.

Mrs Dalton to pass on warning to-
Mrs Perkins Mis 55.

Mrs S White & Mrs Harding i/c village school
accommodation.

Mr Bevan. To make ready Reinhold saddle room.

Mrs B Smith. i/c cooking arrangements.

Mrs Bevan. i/c stores.

Miss M Smith. To prepare Church.

Also Mr Dyer, Mr Hoyle, Mr Stanton and Mr Harding.
Emergency sanitary equipment can be supplied on request by Mr Ponting of Jackbarrow farm (tel through Mis 22)

9. FOOD.

Mr Hail (RDC Offices Cirencester) (Ciren 616) is responsible for the distribution of food to the villages as long as this remains possible. If all communication breaks down the Voluntary Food Officer (Capt Dalton) assumes this responsibility and will have powers of requisitioning.

Emergency rations for 8 days are held in store in the village as follows.
At Lady Birchall's for Cotswold Farm, the Dyers, The Sadlers, the Walls, the Workmans, and the Rucks.

At Mrs Perkins's for Duntisbourne House, the Lockes, the Hammes, the Hicks, & the Stantonons.
At Mrs Bradlaws for Jackbarrow, the Pontings & the

Rations for all other persons resident in the parish, including the Home Guard, are held in store at Windmill

The ration is as under

- 7 1/2 lbs of Biscuits per person.
- 1 1/2 lb of corned beef "
- 1 lb of Pork & Beans "
- 1 lb of sugar "
- 7 1/4 oz of condensed milk "
- 7 oz of margarine "
- 2 oz of tea "

These emergency rations are only to be issued on instructions received from Cirencester, probably on 'Action stations' being notified.

If communication with Cirencester breaks down the rations will be issued at the discretion of the V F O.

In any case they are not to be issued on the notification of "Raid action stations"

If the military authorities order the outlying households to come into the village Lady Birchall Mrs Perkins and Mrs Bradshaw will issue their rations without further instructions.

A list of amounts to be issued per household has been deposited with those persons in charge of outlying dumps. These lists must be kept up to date and easily available.

The list for the main store will be kept in duplicate with the two copies of this War Book.

Full information with reference to these rations with instructions ~~with~~ as to how they will be drawn and from where, has been given in writing to every household.

If the village becomes isolated a committee consisting of the Deputy Food organiser, Mrs Perkins and the local farmers will be called to advise the V F O as to the best method of rationing available food stocks

IO. CASUALTY SERVICES.

Ist Aid Post. The Village School. Key at

Mrs White's.

Personnel Dr Newton, Mrs Hitchcock, Mrs Jarvis.
The Rectory School will be used as an emergency hospital if evacuation of wounded becomes impossible.

The Rectory School will be the alternative Ist Aid Post.

Stretchers and Ist Aid equipment are lodged at the Ist Aid Post and next door at the Home Guard HQ. A few blankets and camp beds are usually held in store in Captain Daltons garage buildings. Also a small reserve of gas masks.

If Ist Aid Post becomes overcrowded the Housewives service (Mrs Dalton) will provide additional accommodation and care.

A runner will be on duty at the Ist Aid Pt. Reports of casualties and application for ambulances or medical aid will be made through the Report Centre (Capt Daltons).

Casualties on or beyond the main road will be looked after by the Group Housewife (Mrs Dyer). In this case reports will be made to Capt Dalton through warden Sadler.

The Military will carry their own casualties to the Ist Aid Post. If a stretcher party is required for a civilial casualty application should be made to the Report centre.

II. BILLETING.

Billeting Officers Captain & Mrs Dalton. Temporary accommodation for stragglers will be arranged through the above. If refugees arrive in large quantities the Rest Centre (Mrs Perkins) will be opened.

I2. M V S

MVS organiser for the village Mrs Dalton
Mis I8.

Members. Mrs Bevan, Mrs Bunyan, Lady Birchall,
Miss Cook, Mrs Dyer, Mrs Locke, Mrs Perkins,
Mrs Ruck, Miss Roscorla, Mrs W Smith,
Mrs Vizor, Mrs Wall, Mrs S White, Mrs
Workman, Miss M Powell, Miss Roberts, Miss
Green, Mrs Sadler, Mrs Reinhold, Mrs Watkins.
Housewives Service
Head housewife Mrs Dalton for main portion
of the village.

Group housewife for Cotswold Farm area
Mrs Dyer.

Housewife for Duntisbourne House area
Mrs Locke.

Fire parties have been formed where the conditions allow.

Mrs Dalton holds a list of next of kins of all persons resident in the village & a duplicate of this list is held by Rev Brown.

Mrs Dalton holds a list of the addresses of ~~residents~~ where persons living in the village are working if in Cirencester or Gloucester.

I3. SANITATION.

Seats and screens for a field lavatory have been prepared by Mr Ponting.

I4. BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

The village mortuary will be situated in an outbuilding of Newbold Farm

15. EMERGENCY LABOUR.

Under invasion conditions a call may be made for emergency labour to assist the military, remove casualties, dig trenches etc.

The following will be available in addition to the wardens. Mr Saunders, Hoyle, S White, Bangs, J Reeves, Brunton, Stewart, Brunson, Watkins, Dean, Stanton, Hicks, ~~Pentia~~ Sedgwick senr ' & junr.

A list of picks, shovels spades crowbars cross cut saws ladders etc is ~~led~~ kept with this book.

The method of calling out a work party will depend on circumstances. The Police (if available) and the Youth Squad can be made use of. Mr Sedgwick or Mr Thomas might be put in charge of the party depending on which end of the village the party was required.

16. THE VILLAGE SCHOOL.

The village school will close if 'Action Stations is notified'.