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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE
ADDRESSED TO "THE TOWN CLERK."

Dear Sir,

Civil Defence
Exercise and Display
Sunday, 2nd March, 1952.

On behalf of the Members of Leeds City Council appointed for Civil Defence purposes, I am desired by the Chairman, Alderman James Croysdale, to invite your co-operation in publicising an exercise and display to take place during the morning of Sunday, 2nd March.

This is desired with the object of encouraging recruitment to the Civil Defence Services, in particular the Auxiliary Fire Service and the Civil Defence Corps, in support of Government policy.

I enclose a descriptive statement prepared by the Chief Officer, Leeds Fire Brigade Headquarters, from the Auxiliary Fire Service standpoint.

As regards the Civil Defence Corps, the Warden, Rescue, Ambulance and Welfare Sections will participate with the co-operation of the British Red Cross Society and Queen's as indicated in the note which I have had prepared and enclose.

Yours faithfully

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This is a pointer

LEEDS AUXILIARY FIRE BRIGADE EXERCISE

SUNDAY, 2ND MARCH, 1952.

The exercise will embrace the brigades of the Fire Authorities of a wide surrounding area. Contingents totalling some five hundred men operating between sixty and seventy fire appliances are to take part and will represent the Auxiliary Brigades of the following cities and towns :-

<u>County Boroughs :</u>	Barnsley	Leeds
	Bradford	Oldham
	Dewsbury	Rotherham
	Doncaster	Sheffield
	Halifax	Wakefield
	Huddersfield	York
	Hull	

<u>County Councils :</u>	<u>East Riding</u>	<u>North Riding</u>	<u>West Riding</u>
	Beverley	Northallerton	Slaiithwaite
	Bridlington	Scarborough	Sowerby Bridge
		Grangetown	Pontefract
		Redcar	Cleckheaton
			Castleford
			Mexborough
			Todmorden
			Bingley
			Elland

Small parties of women auxiliaries will also be taking part.

For the purpose of the exercise, it is to be supposed that an incendiary air attack has severely affected an area adjoining the River Aire in the City centre, between Leeds Bridge and Old Mill Lane, Hunslet, and that property has sustained damage which has necessitated reinforcement of the local Auxiliary Brigade whose resources have been exhausted. Several major fire incidents will be staged, the fire appliances are to take positions on both banks of the waterway, and will pump water from it. \ To obviate damage to property, the water will be returned to the river through the fire hose. \

Wireless control points will be established at the supposed conflagrations and inter-communication by Walkie-Talkie wireless sets will also be demonstrated.

The incoming reinforcements are to be assembled and detailed from Rendezvous bases, which will be established at strategic points on major roads in the City.

The exercise is scheduled to commence at approximately 11.0 am. when the first reinforcements should report at these bases, and will reach its zenith and finality between mid-day and one o'clock, when all appliances should be in operational activity at the pre-determined incidents.

The exercise presents particular interest as it is the first of its kind to be held in the North Eastern counties.

CITY OF LEEDS - CIVIL DEFENCE AUTHORITY

QUEENS

Civil Defence Department,
(Town Clerk's Office),
Civic Hall,
Leeds, 1.

Civil Defence Exercise and Display
Sunday, 2nd March, 1952.

Main interest will be centred at Warehouse Hill, off Call Lane.

Here between 11. 15 and 11. 30 a.m. faked casualties will be extricated by the crews of two rescue vehicles and borne by stretcher to ambulances for conveyance to hospital.

A damage control post will have been set up at this spot, manned by Wardens, for the reception and despatch of appropriate messages.

A Queen's Convoy of canteen vans will provide tea at the rendezvous points at Fullerton Park, Elland Road, and The Green, Seacroft and also tour incidents on the banks of the River Aire between Leeds Bridge and Old Mill Lane while the exercise is in progress.

A meal will be served after the exercise to the personnel who have taken part. This will be produced on a transportable kitchen unit to be set up at Burton Avenue Canteen where staff of the School Meals Service will operate an Emergency Feeding Centre, with help from the Civil Defence Corps Welfare Section.

Special Constabulary will co-operate with the Police in the traffic control arrangements.

If the installation can be completed in time, one of the new sirens (to be erected at the Donisthorpe Street Bus Repair Garage of the Leeds Corporation Transport Department), will sound the "alert" (wailing tone) at 11. 10 a.m. and "raiders passed" (continuous note) at 12. 45 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES -

Faked
Casualties.

These will be produced through collaboration with the British Red Cross Society whose officers are employed in giving first aid instruction to Corps volunteers. Various types of injuries are simulated with a high degree of realism, using grease paints and other artificial means.

Rescue
Vehicles.

Fully equipped vans on loan from the Home Office, Civil Defence Department, for rescue training purposes. Their gear is very comprehensive, ranging from lifting tackle to remote breathing apparatus, most ingeniously stowed. Such vehicles, with crews drawn from the Rescue Section of the Civil Defence Corps, would be used for rescuing persons trapped under debris or in collapsed buildings.

Ambulances.

It is expected that additional vehicles would be brought into use as ambulances in an emergency with interchangeable driver and attendant, both expert in first aid, provided by the Ambulance Section of the Civil Defence Corps.

Damage Control
Post

These posts, denoted by a pennant by day or hurricane lamp with blue glass by night, would be set up at or near incidents. From them Damage Control Officers would operate, with the collaboration of personnel of the Warden Section of the Civil Defence Corps.

Sirens.

The siren at Donisthorpe Street will be the first of a network of 40 to be installed in the City shortly.

Queen's
Convoy.

Mobile canteens driven and serviced by members of the W.V.S. enrolled in the Welfare Section of the Civil Defence Corps. Operating under the direction of the Regional Food Officer, these convoys would be despatched to areas of damage.

Transportable
Kitchen Unit.

The T.K.U., as it is known, is part of the emergency feeding equipment controlled by the Regional Food Officer. Such units, which are completely self-contained, would be used to provide cooking facilities in areas where extensive damage to buildings had resulted from enemy action with interruption of gas and electricity supplies. Solid fuel is used. The capacity of a single unit is approximately five hundred substantial meals (main course and sweet). Weight - 3 tons; Transport - four 30 cwt - 2 ton open type lorries.

SOURCES OF FURTHER INFORMATION:-

Auxiliary
Fire Service

Fire Brigade Headquarters,
Park Street, Leeds, 1.
Telephone 31631-2-3-

~~See also leaflet.~~

Special
Constabulary.

Chief Constable, Police
Headquarters, Municipal
Buildings, Leeds, 1.
Telephone 20301

~~See also leaflet.~~

Emergency
Feeding.

Regional Food Officer, Government
Buildings, Ring Road,
Halton, Leeds.
Telephone 31741.

General,
including Civil
Defence Corps
Sections.

Deputy Civil Defence
Officer (Mr. F. Blair),
Room 60, Civic Hall,
Leeds, 1.
Telephone 31301, Ext. 338.

~~See also leaflet.~~

O.A. RADLEY, C.B.E., M.C., LL.B.,

Town Clerk and
Civil Defence Officer.

A.F.S. EXERCISE

A hand-drawn map of the R. Aire area, showing five incident locations marked with triangles and labeled "INCIDENT No. 1" through "INCIDENT No. 5". The map includes various streets and landmarks:

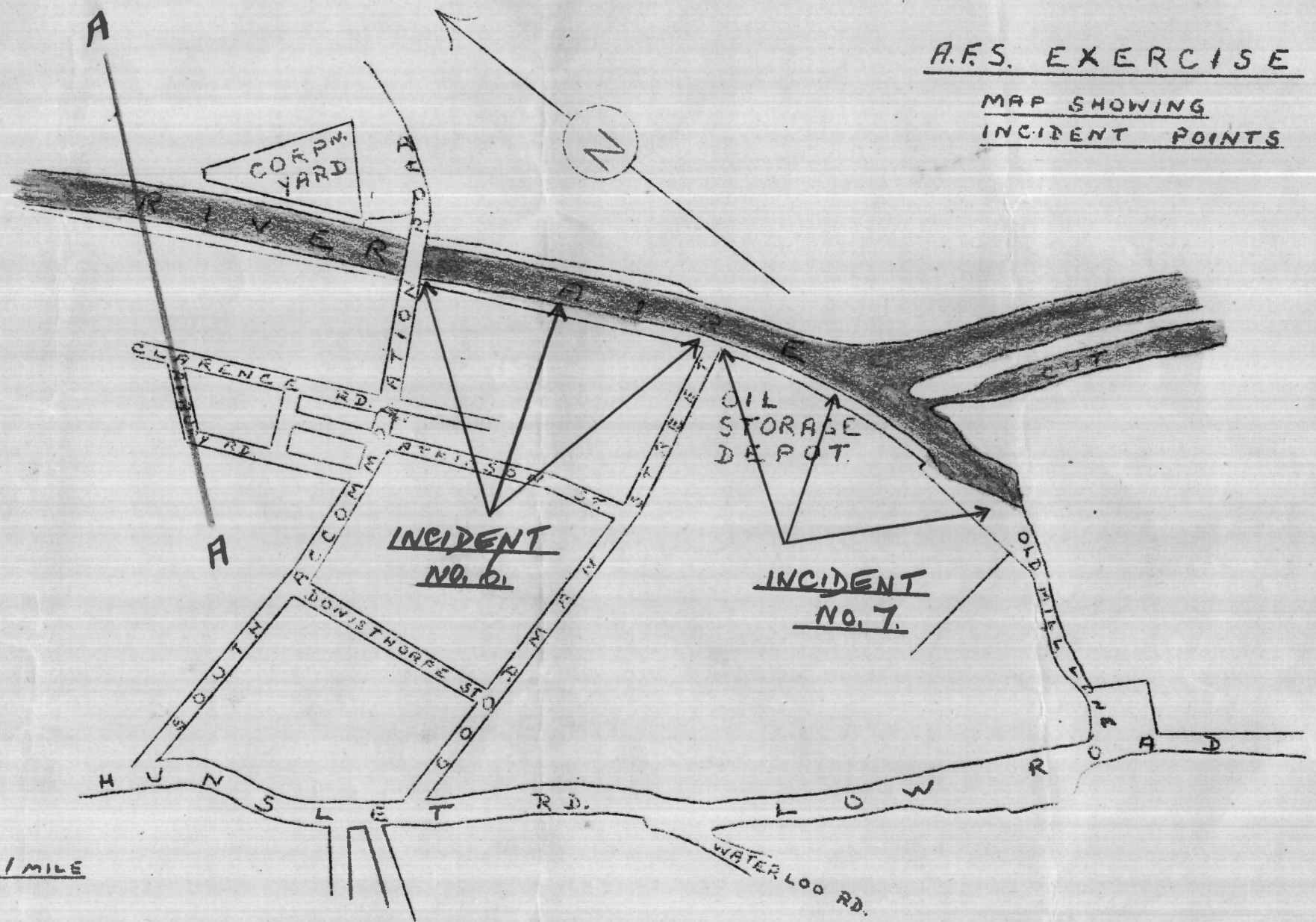
- Streets:** Pitfall St., Leede Bridge, Britten Waterways, Dock St., Cleansing Dept., Bowman Lane, Crown Point Lane, Back Street, E A S, Neptune, Roberts Mart, T. P. G. A. T., Low Ford Mills, Recreation Ground, Albany Rd., and R. Aire.
- Landmarks:** Crown Point, Saw Mills, and Low Ford Mills.
- Other Labels:** "CONTROL POINT" is marked near Bowman Lane. "RECREATION GROUND" is labeled near the bottom right.
- Scale:** A scale bar at the bottom left indicates "12 IN. = 1 MILE."
- Orientation:** A north arrow is located in the top right corner, pointing towards the top right.

SCALE = 12 INS = 1 MILE.

LEEDS CITY FIRE BRIGADE

A.F.S. EXERCISE

MAP SHOWING
INCIDENT POINTS



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