

HOW CENSUS WILL WORK

Somerset House (where deep in the vaults they keep unsuspected records of us all) has a census on its hands. It's 150 years since the first was made; and here records of all census are kept. It's a big organisation. The land is broken into various areas (largely in line with earlier checks) so that changes may be noted, and pamphlets and forms sent to local centres for distribution. On April 8th - wherever they may be that night - everyone must register. The blitz which destroyed so much dispersed families. Pre-fabs house many of them - in other districts, perhaps. But wherever they live, the census will find them. From the returns, girls make cards, each punched according to various gradings. The holes in the card operate another machine which sorts them out and gives the totals for each grade. This information is vital for everything from rationing to man-power. It's not just another bit of snooping.

Heads of families are responsible for the filling in of forms. Everyone must be registered, so please be very careful you don't overlook anyone!