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UNITED KINGDOM ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY



ST. GILES COURT,
LONDON, W.C.2

Ref: DPR/PCV/13

8th October, 1957

Dear Sir,

On Friday, November 1st, 1957 Lord Salisbury will open buildings at Amersham which are an extension of the Radiochemical Centre. These buildings, made necessary by the increasing scope of the Centre's work and world-wide demands for its products, incorporate interesting features in design and new techniques in handling radioactive materials.

To assist adequate photographic coverage I have made the following arrangements.

We shall be pleased to welcome still photographers on Thursday, 24th October, from 10.30 a.m. onwards to obtain advance pictures for use on November 1st. For the opening ceremony itself there will be opportunities to photograph Lord Salisbury in the new buildings from 2.30 onwards.

Newsreels and Television: We have reserved Friday, 25th October for this purpose and will be pleased to see you from 10.30 onwards. Arrangements for investigating power supplies and lighting arrangements can be made beforehand if required. We can also make arrangements for coverage on November 1st.

If you are interested can you please let me know beforehand that you intend to come along? In each case I suggest November 1st as the release date.

This day will be too late for issue - we should go Thursday with Mrs.
Yours sincerely,

S.R. White
(S.R. WHITE)

NOTE: The full address at Amersham is the Radiochemical Centre, White Lion Road. The nearest station is Chalfont and Latimer and train times from Baker Street and Marylebone are:

Baker Street

9.16
10.5
11.15
12.0

Marylebone

10.28

Chalfont & Latimer

10.6
10.54
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12.50

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Stanley White, Esq.,
Chief Press Officer,
United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority,
St. Giles Court,
London, W.C.2.

15th October, 1957.

Dear Mr. White,

Many thanks indeed for your hand-out regarding the visit to Aersham on Friday, October 25th, we shall be glad to be represented.

We note that the release suggested for this material is Friday November 1st. Is it at all possible for the release to be made Thursday, October 31st, which is the day our Newsreel is issued? If you can help us in this way, we will be very grateful.

Yours sincerely,
ASSOCIATED BRITISH-PATHE LIMITED.

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PRESS BUREAU

A.F.S. "BIKINIS" AT THE SERPENTINE
SUNDAY, 27 OCTOBER 1957

On Sunday, 27 October, 500 men and women Auxiliary Fire Service volunteers from nine counties and county boroughs will take part in a large scale A.F.S. exercise focussed on Hyde Park. From Hertfordshire, Middlesex, Essex, East Ham, West Ham, Kent, Surrey, Croydon and London, 92 A.F.S. appliances will mobilise into two columns (at Warwick Avenue, W.21, and Albert Embankment, S.E.1) and then converge on Hyde Park Corner, reporting to Command Control there between 10.15 and 10.30 a.m.

This mobilisation manoeuvre will be followed at about 10.45 a.m. by a spectacular exercise at Dell Bridge, where 63 pumps on the bridge and both sides of the Serpentine will provide a curtain of water from up to 150 jets.

A vital part in the operation will be the use of three of the new "Bikini" rafts - inflatable, jet propelled, each carrying three pumps and manned by a crew of two or three A.F.S. volunteers. The rafts will be launched close by the boat house from special A.F.S. appliances equipped with cranes.

Each of 14 Land Rovers equipped with 5-channel and 2-channel radio sets and manned by three radio operators will act as company or column control units. "Walkie-Talkie" equipment will also be used.

Women members of the A.F.S. will take part in the operation as radio operators, control unit crews and drivers.

As well as providing valuable training and experience, the operation is a feature of the Autumn Civil Defence recruiting drive. The operation will be inspected by General Sir Sydney Kirkman, Director General of Civil Defence, accompanied by the Mayor of Westminster, the Chairman of the L.C.C. and other representatives of the Home Office and local authorities whose Auxiliary Fire Services are taking part.

After the exercise all concerned will have lunch at the London Fire Brigade Headquarters.

Details of the operation are attached, including a list of units and officer-in-charge, and diagrams showing the arrangements on arrival of the two columns and for the exercise at Dell Bridge.

Note:-

The Council's Press Officer can be contacted at the Command Control Point up to 10.30 a.m. and afterwards on the Dell Bridge.

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A.F.S. EXERCISE IN HYDE PARK ON 27 OCTOBER 1957

Inspecting the operation will be General Sir Sydney Kirkman, Director-General of Civil Defence, accompanied by Sir Charles Cunningham, Permanent Secretary to the Home Office; Mr. K. A. L. Parker, Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, the Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Sir Charles Norton) Her Majesty's Inspector of Fire Services (Mr. H. M. Smith); the Chairman of the L.C.C. (Mr. R. McKinnon Wood); the Leader of the L.C.C. Opposition (Sir Norris Kenyon); the Clerk to the L.C.C. (Mr. W. O. Hart); the Chief Officer of the London Fire Brigade (Mr. F. W. Delve); the Deputy Clerk to the L.C.C. (Mr. T. G. Randall); the Town Clerk of Westminster (Mr. A. G. Dawtry); and representatives from the East Ham, Essex and Middlesex local authorities.

The objects of the operation are:-

To exercise all personnel in the use of, and procedure at, rendezvous points

To give experience in the use of Command and Column Controls

To give experience in the use of the new "Bikini" Water Units, water relaying with 6 in. hose and the erection of pipe bridges

To exercise all personnel in the use of light portable pumps to provide massed jets.

Routes from rendezvous points

No. 6 column - From Warwick Avenue via Edgware Road, Marble Arch, Hyde Park, East Carriage Road, and halt at Serpentine Road.

No. 14 column - From London Fire Brigade Headquarters via Lambeth Bridge, Horseferry Road, Greycoat Place, Artillery Row, Victoria Street, Grosvenor Gardens, Grosvenor Place, Hyde Park Corner, Knightsbridge, Hyde Park (Prince of Wales Gate and South Carriage Road) and halt at the junction of Rotten Row.

The exercise at Dell Bridge

Sixty portable pumps will feed 120 jets from both sides of the Serpentine.

Three "Bikini" units will be launched from a point immediately to the east of the Boat House.

Two units will proceed to the Dell Bridge, anchor, and each feed four lines of hose to pumps stationed on the bridge which will feed eight more jets.

The third "Bikini" unit will lie off-shore at the launching point to feed a line of 6 in. hose which will be laid to a pump stationed on the Dell Bridge which will feed four further jets. The hose will be taken over a 'pipe bridge' which will be erected across the footpath at the north end of the Dell Bridge.

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Routes back to London Fire Brigade Headquarters

At approximately 12.30 p.m:

Column 6 will proceed via Serpentine Road, West Carriage Road, North Carriage Road, leaving Hyde Park via Aspley Gate, Grosvenor Place, Grosvenor Gardens, Victoria Street, Parliament Square, Millbank and Lambeth Bridge, and will park between Black Prince Road and Glasshouse Walk.

Column 14 will proceed via West Carriage Road, leaving Hyde Park via Alexandra Gate, Kensington Road, Sloane Street, lower Sloane Street, Chelsea Bridge Road, Grosvenor Road, and Vauxhall Bridge, and will park opposite Column 6.

DETAILS OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE A.F.S. COMPANIES
AND THEIR ASSEMBLY POINTS

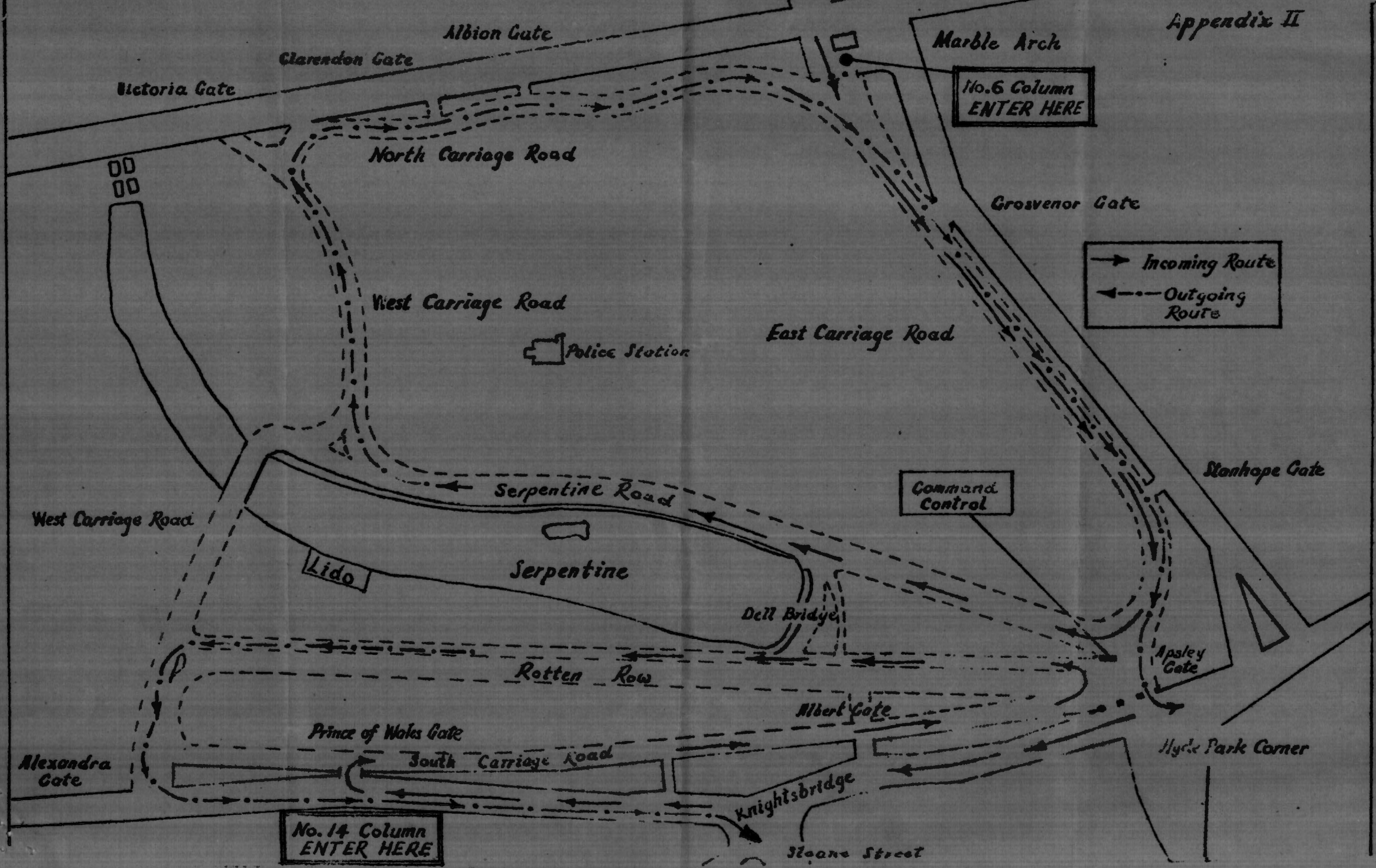
Column No.6 - (Officer-in-charge -
Auxiliary Station Officer Chegwidzen)

<u>Company</u>	<u>Constituent Brigades</u>	<u>Appliances</u>	<u>Officer-in-charge</u>	<u>Assembly point</u>
HQ. Coy.	Surrey, London, Middlesex, and Kent	Hose Layer and 3 "Bikinis"	Auxiliary Station Officer Stothard (London)	London Fire Brigade Headquarters, Albert Embankment
Red Coy.	London and Hertfordshire	Company Control Unit and 7 Pumps	Auxiliary Leading Fireman Read (Hertfordshire)	Boreham Wood Fire Station, Manor Way, Elstree, Herts.
White Coy.	Middlesex	Company Control Unit and 7 Pumps	Auxiliary Sub-Officer Hardy	Staples Corner, N.W.2 (Junction of North Circular Road and Edgware Road)
Blue Coy.	Middlesex	Company Control Unit and 7 Pumps	Auxiliary Sub-Officer Tichner	
Green Coy.	Essex	Company Control Unit and 6 Pumps	Auxiliary Sub-Officer Greenwood	
Black Coy.	East Ham, West Ham, and Essex	Company Control Unit, 6 Pumps and a Pipe Lorry	Auxiliary Sub-Officer Christman (East Ham)	Suffolk Road, Ilford

Column No.14 - (Officer-in-charge -
Auxiliary Station Officer Fruer)

<u>Company</u>	<u>Constituent Brigades</u>	<u>Appliances</u>	<u>Officer-in-charge</u>	<u>Assembly point</u>
Red Coy.	London	Company Control Unit and 7 Pumps	Auxiliary Station Officer Scott	London Fire Brigade Headquarters, Albert Embankment
White Coy.	Kent	Company Control Unit and 6 Pumps	Auxiliary Station Officer Forster	Beckenham Fire Station, Bromley Road, Beckenham, Kent

<u>Company</u>	<u>Constituent Brigades</u>	<u>Appliances</u>	<u>Officer-in charge</u>	<u>Assembly point</u>
Blue Coy.	Surrey	} Company Control Unit and 7 Pumps	Auxiliary Sub- Officer Tyler	} Fire Station, Queens Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19 } London Fire Brigade Headquarters, Albert Embankment
Green Coy.	Surrey and London	} Company Control Unit and 7 Pumps	Auxiliary Sub- Officer Kerr (Surrey)	
Black Coy.	Croydon and London	} Company Control Unit and 6 Pumps	Auxiliary Station Officer Allgood (London)	



Victoria Gate

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Albion Gate

Marble Arch

No. 6 Column
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North Carriage Road

Grosvenor Gate

→ Incoming Route
 ← Outgoing Route

West Carriage Road

Police Station

East Carriage Road

Serpentine Road

Command Control

Stanhope Gate

West Carriage Road

Lido

Serpentine

Dell Bridge

Rotten Row

Apsley Gate

Albert Gate

Prince of Wales Gate

Hyde Park Corner

South Carriage Road

Alexandra Gate

Knightsbridge

No. 14 Column
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Sloane Street

Appendix III

