

Civil Authority. This is a vital necessity, for which with adequate arrangements should be made and tried out to ensure that there shall be as little delay as possible between the arrival of casualties at the car collecting posts, and their removal to hospital.

Gas casualties are to be decontaminated under the arrangements of the Civil Authorities and early action in this eventuality is even more essential.

6. In the event of the enemy not being held at the outer defences, which are well clear of the built up area, it will be necessary for defences to be constructed in Rawmarsh itself.

This defence will consist of street barricades, trenches and houses prepared for defence. The last named will entail clearing certain houses, possibly the breaking through of partition walls, the filling of furniture with soil to prepare bullet proof screens and so on. It is advisable for preparation to be made for areas which are most likely to be effected to be evacuated at a given signal, and if possible parties collected to assist the Home Guard in their work, for it must be remembered that if these defences are required they will be required very very quickly, for troops who will be already tired and maybe few in number.

THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS ARE PUT FORWARD:-

That the Invasion Committee as a whole should consider this report and should then instruct small sub-committees to arrange details and report when complete. This would have many advantages, not least of which would be that information could be given to a small body which it is not advisable to pass on to a larger body, and indeed might serve to confuse people who are actually concerned with one aspect only. It is suggested, therefore, that the following Sub-Committees might well be formed:-

1. A Sub-Committee to deal with feeding and sheltering armed forces, which need consist of little more than the Food Officer, the Police, and an Engineer and possibly one of the Council Officers to deal with transport of water supply.