EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

Regulations 1 and 2 provide for the organisation, by the local authorities therein mentioned, of divisions of the Civil Defence Corps. Regulation 3 provides for expenses. Regulation 4 provides for the training, equipping, etc., of members of the corps by an authority other than the recruiting authority if any part of the function imposed by Regulation 1 is transferred. Regulation 5 provides for the joint organisation of a division of the Corps by more than one local authority.

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2. AMBULANCE

The Civil Defence (Ambulance) Regulations, 1949

1949 No. 2146

Made - - - - 21*st November*, 1949
Coming into Operation 22*nd November*, 1949

M.H. 109436
Whereas by an Order in Council dated the twenty-eighth day of July, 1949(a), and made under subsection (2) of section 9 of the Civil Defence Act, 1948(b), the Minister of Health has been designated the Minister for certain purposes of the said Act, including the purpose of making regulations under section 2 thereof in relation to the taking of measures to deal with casualties and disease:

Now therefore, the Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the said section, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations in the terms of a draft duly approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Civil Defence (Ambulance) Regulations, 1949, and shall come into operation on the twenty-second day of November, 1949.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(c), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) In these regulations, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them—

" the Act " means the National Health Service Act, 1946;

" local authority " means the council of a county or county borough; and

" the Minister " means the Minister of Health.

2. It shall be the duty of a local authority, when so required by the Minister—

(*a*) to make plans for the expansion in the event of hostile action or a threat of hostile action of the ambulance services provided under section 27 of the Act so that they may be available for the purposes mentioned in paragraph (*d*) of this regulation, and for the maintenance of the expanded services and of their communications;

(a)S.I. 1949 No. 1438, p. 652 below. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 5. (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(*b*) to train the members of the staff of the ambulance services provided under section 27 of the Act, and also members of the Civil Defence Corps whose services are made available for the purpose, in duties as ambulance drivers and attendants or other ambulance duties to be performed in the event of hostile action or a threat of hostile action:

Provided that to such extent as the Minister may approve the local authority may enter into arrangements for such training to be undertaken on their behalf in accordance with the Minister's directions by any voluntary organisation approved by the Minister for the purpose;

(*c*) to supply the Minister with information as to the estimated number of additional vehicles of ordinary commercial types which will be required for the purpose of such training, and to take steps to ensure that vehicles to such number as may be approved by the Minister shall be available and shall be adapted as necessary to make them suitable for that purpose; and

(*d*) notwithstanding any limits imposed by proposals approved under section 20 of the Act for the provision of ambulance services under section 27 thereof, to take, within such time as the Minister may by notice specify, measures to expand those services so that they may be available for conveying persons suffering from injury or illness in consequence of hostile action to or from places in the area of the local authority from or to other places in Great Britain, and for assisting other local authorities in the discharge of functions under these regulations.

3. As respects the exercise of any of their functions under these regulations, a local authority shall comply with any directions given to them by the Minister.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this twenty-first day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

(L.S.)

Aneurin Bevan,
Minister of Health.

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3. BURIAL

(1) *England.* | (2) *Scotland*, p. 650.

(1) ENGLAND

The Civil Defence (Burial) Regulations, 1949

1949 No. 2145

Made - - - - 21*st November*, 1949
Coming into Operation 22*nd November*, 1949

M.H. 109440

Whereas by an Order in Council dated the twenty-eighth day of July, 1949(**a**), and made under subsection (2) of section 9 of the Civil Defence Act, 1948(**b**), the Minister of Health has been designated the Minister for certain

(a) S.I. 1949 No. 1438, p. 652 below. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 5.