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and the following number quoted :—

Telegrams: Enblaz Sowest London.

F.B. Gen. 38/1/2

30th December, 1939.

Sir,

Uniform and Equipment for Auxiliary Fire
Service Personnel.

F.B. Circular No. 99/1939.

1. I am directed by the Minister of Home Security to refer to F.B. Circular No. 77/1939 on the subject of revised purchasing arrangements in connection with the purchase of uniform and equipment for members of the Auxiliary Fire Service and to transmit herewith a revised book of specifications for use on and after 1st January, 1940, when the revised scheme comes into operation.
2. The specifications relating to Part 1 of the revised arrangements have been amended in several respects: mainly in connection with the specified materials required to be used and which should be obtained through the Controller, Post Office Stores Department. Care must be taken to ensure that contractors are made acquainted with the alterations when tenders are invited.
3. The items of uniform and of personal equipment covered by Part 2 of the scheme have been amplified and include details of sizes where required.
4. The opportunity has been taken of incorporating sections dealing with the recommended markings of steel helmets and badges of rank in the Auxiliary Fire Service.
5. In order to secure the smooth working of the scheme, particular attention is directed to the following points:—
 - (a) every endeavour should be made to obtain adequate competition. Invitations to tender for supplies of uniform should be advertised as widely as possible, and not confined to the contractors shown on the Post Office list.

The Town Clerk,
The Clerk to the Council.