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THE SECRETARY,
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MINISTRY OF HOME SECURITY,
HORSEFERRY HOUSE,
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H.S.C.225/40.

3rd September, 1940.

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Sir,

Home Security Circular No.225/1940.

F.B.Circular No.121/1940.

Scottish Home Dept. Fire Brigades Division
Circular No.L.155/40.

Annual Leave for Civil Defence Volunteers.

I am directed by the Minister of Home Security, to refer to Home Security Circular No.187/1940 of the 23rd July, which assumed that, in the circumstances then obtaining, extended leave for whole-time personnel would be suspended apart from individual cases.

The Minister after consultation with the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Minister of Health, feels that in the interests of efficiency it is undesirable to keep in force a general suspension of leave, particularly where local circumstances would enable the local authority to maintain an effective service while allowing a reasonable proportion of their paid personnel to take leave subject

The Clerk of the County Council,
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The Town Clerk,
The Clerk of the District Council.

to recall at short notice. The suspension may therefore be relaxed at discretion of the scheme-making authority, and whole-time personnel who have not already done so may be allowed to take part at any rate of their annual leave if local circumstances permit - in periods up to a maximum of seven days, and subject to a provision that not more than 15% of the war establishment of any service should be absent on leave at any one time. Arrangements should, of course, be made so that volunteers on leave can return to duty within, say, 24 hours in the event of grave emergency necessitating the presence of the whole establishment.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Burial Allen

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