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Any communication on the subject of this letter should be addressed to:-

The Under Secretary of State,
and the following number
quoted:-

HOME OFFICE,

(Fire Brigades Division),

CLELAND HOUSE,

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LONDON, S.W.1.

F.B. Gen. 277/10/1.

17th September, 1940.

Sir,

Repair and Replacement of Fire Appliances.

F.B. Circular No. 125/1940.

1. I am directed by the Minister of Home Security to remind you of the procedure for obtaining replacements of pumps, hose or other emergency fire fighting equipment which may be damaged and put out of action in fighting fires caused by enemy action.
2. Occasions for replacements may arise not only if a pump or other equipment is destroyed or is damaged and under repair, but also when appliances have had to be temporarily left behind by their crews, e.g. when crews from a reinforcing brigade are recalled to their own district but their pumps cannot be spared or cannot be extricated from the scene of the fire.
3. The primary responsibility for recovering appliances, hose and other equipment as soon as possible after a fire rests with the brigade to which they were issued, whether the appliances were employed in the brigade's own area or in another area to which they had been sent for reinforcement purposes.

The Clerk of the London County Council,
The Town Clerk,
The Clerk to the District Council,
The Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade.

4. When, however, a crew has had to leave their own appliances behind in the area of another brigade it will rest with the latter to see that the appliances are returned as soon as possible.

5. Pumps or other equipment which may be temporarily out of action should be replaced so far as possible from reserves in the hands of the brigade; but where they are likely to be out of action for some time and there is urgent need for their replacement meanwhile, application should be made, as in paragraph 5 of F.B. Circular No.60/1940, to the Regional Fire Brigades Inspector, for the replacement of a pump, and to this Department for the replacement of hose or any other article of equipment issued by the Home Office, other than pumps.

6. If, however, any difficulty should arise in connection with the return of appliances left in another area or otherwise in connection with the disposal of damaged appliances or equipment, reference should be made to the Regional Fire Brigades Inspector. (See also F.B.Circular No.60/1940 as to repairs generally).

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. L. Wilson

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