

CIVIL DEFENCE DAY IN THE PROVINCES

On Civil Defence Day next Sunday men and women of the Civil Defence Services will parade at religious services in cities and villages all over England, Scotland and Wales to commemorate the victory that civilians won over the Luftwaffe two years ago.

In the blitzed cities thousands will march through bomb-scarred streets to cathedrals and city churches. In Coventry, whose first great blitz was almost exactly two years ago on Sunday, the Mayor will lay a wreath on the altar of the bombed cathedral before attending the city's parade at the Council House.

In Liverpool as in many other places there will be a parade in which not only the Civil Defence Services but also public utilities and all the civilian services that played their part in the blitz will be represented.

R.A.F. and Anti-Aircraft contingents will take part in some of the parades including that at Newcastle where the Regional Commissioner, Sir Arthur Lambert, will give an address at the assembly of the procession and will lead it to the cathedral, the Mayor taking the salute as the units leave the cathedral after the service.

At Leeds, Lord Harwood will take the salute at a big parade and there will be a service at which the Regional Commissioner, Sir William Bartholomew, will be present. Birmingham will have nine parades - one in each of the nine divisions of the city. There will be great processions in Bristol, Manchester, Hull, Cardiff, Swansea, Bath, Durham, Lincoln, Nottingham, Derby, Chesterfield, Peterborough, Northampton, Northallerton, Darlington, Tynemouth and many other places.

The Regional Commissioner for the Midlands, Lord Dudley, will attend a parade of about 2,500 in Dudley. In Leicester the Lord Mayor will take a march past of nearly 3,000. In Wallasey, 8,000 Civil Defence workers will meet for a service at the Tower Ball Room. There will be separate parades in each of the six pottery towns. Besides religious services there will be gatherings later in the day at cinemas, theatres, and halls in many places.

The Duke of Gloucester will be present at a parade and service in Glasgow, where representatives of the Armed Forces, and of the Police, National Fire Service and Civil Defence Services from the heavily raided areas in the West of Scotland will take part. The Lord Provost of Glasgow, Mr. Thomas Johnston, M.P., Secretary of State for Scotland, Lord Rosebery, Regional Commissioner, and Sir Steven Bilsland, District Commissioner for the Western District will attend the service in Glasgow cathedral.

In many small places all over the country, especially in those rural areas which have suffered heavy enemy attack, there will be impressive gatherings at churches and war memorials for commemoration services.

Next Sunday is also, traditionally, Mayor's Sunday, and in some boroughs the two ceremonies will be combined.

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