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LONDON SIGNALS' SWIFT WORK

Speedy work by Royal Signals and Home Guard Signals in London District was revealed today in detailed reports on the exercise which took place on the morning of Sunday 24th October last as a test of communications and defence in the area.

In one large Sector, mustering of Home Guard key men was so swift that all signal offices, including those at the headquarters of all battalions, were in full operation within 45 minutes of the receipt of the code word at Sector Headquarters.

Royal Signals in one Sub-District Headquarters cleared the code word to 33 addresses, spread over a quarter of the Metropolitan District in 43 minutes.

The same Sub-District, "bombed" out of its Headquarters, re-established itself and its main communications in its alternative Headquarters within 20 minutes. With the co-operation of the G.P.O., the switching of its full communications, including all private wires, was completed in 45 minutes.

All Signals personnel are armed and trained to fight and the importance of this was proved at another Sub-District Headquarters which was captured by "enemy paratroops". The Royal Signals <sup>relief</sup> personnel, in a nearby billet, staged a spirited and successful counter-attack on the enemy around the Headquarters until umpires stopped the fight.

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