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R.M. No. 2113/40.S.

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MOBILE NAVAL BASE DEFENCE ORGANISATION.

Approval has already been given to the enlistment and training of the fighting personnel of the R.M. Group (R.M. Secret Circulars No.2000/40.A. of 2.1.40 and 10.2.40.) In order that arrangements may be made to enable complete defences for a base, including under-water defences, to be available, it has now been approved that, as from 15th May 1940, departments concerned are to make provision to enable an advanced Base to be established at one month's notice. Arrangements for the provision of personnel and equipment are to be implemented as follows :-

(a) Personnel.

To be made available as far as possible from existing reserves and margins, any additional personnel required being enlisted and utilised in the margins for meeting other war commitments.

(b) Stores.

Material required, as far as notice permits, should be included in normal holdings, or held on dormant demand. Only material which cannot be available at the required notice is to be specially obtained and held in stock.

2. The appendix, attached sets forth an establishment which is intended to serve as a guide in making administrative arrangements, assessing, earmarking or accumulating material, and earmarking or providing personnel.

3. In order to co-ordinate the work of the various groups of the M.N.B.D.O., and to carry out preliminary planning and administrative work a skeleton Naval Staff consisting of one Captain and one Commander, R.N. and an Accountant Officer is being appointed.

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Adjutant General, R.M.

Copies to :-

Commandants, R.M.
O.C. R.M. Group, M.N.B.D.O.
O.C. R.M. Fortress Unit.
O.C.R.M.R.D.

APPENDIX.

R.M. Group.

(a) Defence Headquarters.
(b) A.A. Brigade consisting of :-

1st Echelon.

Brigade Headquarters.

Two in No. Batteries 3.7" A.A. each of 8 guns.

One in No. Battery light A.A. of 12 guns.

Two in No. Batteries A.A. Searchlights each of 24 lights

2nd Echelon.

Two in No. Batteries 3.7" A.A. each of 8 guns.

One in No. Battery Light A.A. of 12 guns.

(c) Coast Defence Brigade consisting of :-

Brigade Headquarters.

Two in No. Indirect Fire 6" Mk.XII Batteries. each of 3 guns.

Three in No. 4" Batteries each of 2 guns.

One in No. A/M.T.B. Battery of 4 - 2 pdr.

Pom-poms equipped to operate as two 2 gun sections.

One in No. Battery of Coast Defence Electric Lights of 12 D.E.L's.

(d) Signal Company.

(e) Landing, Transport, Workshop and Administrative Group.

(f) Land Defence Force of one Battalion to War Office War Establishment.

(g) R.M. Labour Company.)
R.M. Engineers.) Awaiting Board approval.

Underwater Group.

(a) Boom Defence Unit.

1 mile A/B, 2 miles A/S,
1 mile of A/T double and
two gates. 3 Bar Class
Vessels.

(b) Controlled Mining Unit.

8 loops plus 4 spares and
two Controlled Mining Stations.

(c) Indicator Loop Unit.

Material and one station to
cover a 15 mile front
including two H.D.A's.

Administrative and Pay Services.

For R.M. and Underwater Groups
and miscellaneous craft approx.
5000 personnel.

Medical Services.

For R.M. and Underwater Groups
and miscellaneous craft approx.
5000 personnel.

Meteorological Section.

For R.M. Group.

Signal Communications.

Base ship W/T and visual
communications, R.D.F.

Boat Section.

8 M.L.C's.

3 45ft. Motor Launches.

2 50ft. Diesel Picket Boats.

3 Speed Boats, 2 16ft. Skiffs.