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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
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HOME OFFICE,
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22nd June, 1940.

F.B. Gen.265/2.

Sir,

Police and Firemen (Employment) Order.

F.B. Circular 84/1940.

I am directed by the Minister of Home Security to refer to F.B. Circular 81/1940 regarding the Police and Firemen (Employment) Order 1940 and to confirm that the Order came into effect on 20th June last.

A copy of the Broadcast announcement referred to in that Circular is given overleaf.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. Dixon

The Clerk of the London County Council,
The Town Clerk,
The Clerk to the Council.

Issued to:

All Fire Authorities in England and Wales.

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Chief Officers of Fire Brigades and
Chief Constables in England and Wales.

In view of the vital importance to Civil Defence of the police and fire services, including the Police Auxiliaries and the Auxiliary Fire Service, the Government have decided that the strengths of these services must not be allowed to decline, and that wherever necessary they must be increased.

The following steps have been taken.

Under an Order made under the Defence Regulations, no man now serving in a whole-time paid capacity in the Police or Fire Services, or their auxiliaries, may leave these services except with the consent of their Chief Officers. Consent may be given in special cases.

Men aged 30 to 50, including men who have reached the age of 30, and are to register for military service to-morrow Saturday the 22nd June, may volunteer for the auxiliary Police or Fire Services, if not already in a reserved occupation. If accepted for whole-time service, they will be directed to enter one of those services, and to remain in them until further notice.

Such men who wish to enrol for police or fire service should apply at once to the local police or fire station, where they will be able to obtain particulars of the conditions of service.