scheme will be settled shortly, when Parliament has passed the War Damage Bill.

(3) If bombing has left you without any *ready cash*, because you have lost your job or cannot get to work to be paid or because you have been hurt, you can apply to the Assistance Board.

COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE TO HOUSES

IF YOU *own your house* or hold it on a long lease and it is damaged or destroyed, whatever your income, you should, as soon as possible, make a claim on Form V.O.W.1.* The amount of your compensation and the time of paying it will depend on the passing of the War Damage Bill now before Parliament.

REPAIRS

IF YOUR HOUSE can be made fit to live in with a few simple repairs the local authority (apply to the Borough or Council Engineer) will put it right if the landlord is not able to do it. But how quickly the local authority can do this depends on local conditions.

FOOD

IF YOU should find it more convenient not to do your own cooking or you are unable to get gas, water or electricity, then in a rapidly increasing number of places you will find both before and after the raid community kitchens. Here you can get well cooked, hot meals at low prices in cheerful surroundings. If you prefer to do so you can buy the food ready cooked and take it home.

* You can get this form at your Town Hall or the offices of your Council.

You can find out if there are community kitchens in your town and where they are from any policeman, from the Town Hall or Council offices or the Citizens' Advice Bureaux.

THE INJURED

IF YOU are injured, treatment will be given at First Aid Posts and Hospitals, and :—

(*a*) If your doctor says you are unable to work as a result of a "war injury," you will be eligible to receive an *injury allowance*. Application should be made immediately to the local office of the Assistance Board and you should take with you, or send, a medical certificate from a doctor or a hospital.

(*b*) If you are afterwards found to be suffering from a serious and prolonged disablement, your case will be considered for a disability pension.

(*c*) Widows of workers and Civil Defence Volunteers killed on duty will receive £2 10*s*. 0*d*. a week for ten weeks, after which a widow's pension will become payable. Pensions for orphans and dependent parents are also provided.

Ask at the Post Office for the address of the local branch of the Ministry of Pensions if you want to apply for a pension.

KEEP THIS AND DO WHAT IT TELLS YOU. HELP IS WAITING FOR YOU. THE GOVERNMENT, YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS AND YOUR NEIGHBOURS WILL SEE THAT "FRONT LINE" FIGHTERS ARE LOOKED AFTER!

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WHEN YOU HAVE been in the front line and taken it extra hard the country wants to look after you. For you have suffered in the national interest as well as in your own in the fight against Hitler. If your home is damaged there is a great deal of help ready for you.

You will want to know where this help can be found and whom to ask about it. Here are some hints about how you stand. Remember, in reading them, that conditions are different in different areas and the services may not always be quite the same.

HAVE YOUR PLANS READY

YOU SHOULD TRY to make plans *now* to go and stay with friends or relations living near, but not too near, *in case your house is destroyed.* They should also arrange *now* to come to you if their house is knocked out.

If you have to go and stay with them until you can make more permanent arrangements the Government will pay them a lodging allowance of 5*s.* per week for each adult and 3*s.* for each child. Your host should enquire at the Town Hall or Council offices about this.

Find out now, in case of emergency, from the police or wardens where the offices are at which the local authority and the Assistance Board are doing their work for people who have been bombed.

FOOD AND SHELTER

IF YOU HAVE NOT been able to make arrangements with friends or relatives and have *nowhere to sleep and eat* after your house has been destroyed, the best thing to do is to go to an emergency *Rest Centre.* The wardens and policemen will tell you where this is. You will get food and shelter there until you can go home or make other arrangements. You will also find at the Rest Centre an officer whose job it is to help you with your problems. He will tell you how to get *clothes* if you've lost your own, *money* —if you are in need—a new ration book, a new identity card, a new gas mask, etc.

NEW HOMES FOR THE HOMELESS

A HOME WILL BE FOUND for you, if you cannot make your own arrangements. If you are still earning your normal wages you may have to pay rent.

If you can make arrangements to go and stay with friends or relatives, you will be given a free travel voucher if you cannot get to them without help. Enquire about this at the Rest Centre.

TRACING FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

TO KEEP IN TOUCH with your friends and relatives you should, if you find your own accommodation, send your new address to the Secretary, London Council of Social Service, 7, Bayley Street, Bedford Square, London, W.C.1. Of course, also tell your friends and relatives where you are.

Anyone who is homeless and has been provided with accommodation can be found through the Town Halls, the Council offices and the Citizens' Advice Bureaux, since records are kept.

If you have got sons or daughters in the Army, Navy, R.A.F., or the Auxiliary Services, they can find you, too, through their Commanding Officer, wherever you may be, whether you have gone to the country, are in hospital or are with friends.

FURNITURE AND OTHER BELONGINGS

(1) *If your income is below a certain amount* you can apply to the Assistance Board for :—

(*a*) a grant to replace *essential* furniture* and *essential* household articles ;

(*b*) a grant to replace your clothes† or those of your family ;

(*c*) a grant to replace *tools*† essential to your work.

You also have a claim for your other belongings but these do not come under the Assistance Board's scheme, and you should make your claim on Form V.O.W.1.‡

(2) *If your income is above certain limits* you do not come under the Assistance Board's scheme and should make out a claim for all your belongings on Form V.O.W.1.‡

The time at which payment can be made for belongings not covered by the Assistance Board's

* The household income must be normally £400 a year or less (*i.e.*, nearly £8 0*s.* 0*d* per week or less).

† Your income in this case must be normally £250 a year or less (*i.e.*, nearly £5 0*s.* 0*d.* per week or less) or £400 a year or less if you have dependants.

‡ You can get this form at your Town Hall or the offices of your Council.