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SUBJECT:- Ringings of Church Bells.

To:- Chief Constable, Newcastle-on-Tyne. ✓
Chief Constable, Gosforth.
Chief Constable, Gateshead-on-Tyne.



Dear Sir,

The following instructions have now been received regarding the ringing of church bells.

G.H.Q. Home Forces have ordered that Church Bells will NOT be rung as a general alarm for the turning out of personnel of the H.G. in the case of invasion.

Church Bells will only be rung as a local alarm to indicate that an actual invasion by sea or by air is taking place in that particular locality.

The ringing of the bells of one Church will NOT be repeated by the bells of another Church unless a landing is also taking place in that locality.

In consequence of the above order from G.H.Q. Home Forces all previous orders regarding ringing of Church Bells are hereby cancelled and the attached orders substituted.

J. White

Colonel,
Fortress Commander, Newcastle.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.
12th September, 1940.

Copy to:- O.C. 13th D.L.I. for necessary action.

H.Q. 54th Division. for information.

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