

RESEARCH BRANCH SECRET WAR DIARY

8th July
1940

Arrangements for use of Research Station in case of severe aerial attack on London including occupation of part of Station by other Branches and other Government Departments

(Previous diary entry 22nd May, 1940)

In order to meet the wishes of those who might become visitors to Dollis Hill should their present or other possible accommodation become untenable due to air raids, the rooms previously earmarked for their use have been reviewed. Some re-arrangement has been made so that the accommodation occupied by the visitors might be as compactly sited as possible and, in the case of that occupied by the *offices of the War Cabinet*, as far as possible, separate from those parts of the Station where Research activities were still being carried on.

According to the final arrangement the ground and first floors of the General Research Block will remain entirely in possession of Research staff. Other accommodation has been earmarked as follows:-

For the *offices of the War Cabinet*

Central Services Building	(First Floor) (Second Floor)	All rooms All rooms except Telephone exchange
Auto and Repeater Schools	(Ground Floor) (First Floor)	All rooms All rooms except Repeater School Apparatus Room (to be used as a store)
Stores and Garage	(First Floor)	Correspondence Course and Despatch Rooms

For the Td. Branch, Circuit Laboratory

General Research Building	(Second Floor)	Rooms 9 and 10
Training School Annexe		Study Nos. 7, 8 & 9 and Inspectors' Office
Durability and P.E. Laboratories Block		Postal Engineering Laboratory

For the S. Branch, E-in-C's Plant Group

Central Services Building	(Basement)	Old Mechanical Testing and Cable Testing Laboratories
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9th July
1940

Design and Construction of simple Telegraph Printer

R. Branch has been asked to undertake development of a simple telegraph printer intended primarily for field use, on lines suggested by Capt. G.T. Evans of the R.E. & S. Board. The scheme is a modified form of the Siemens Hell-Schreiber equipment. A rough model of another receiver has been made up by the Research Branch and appears to have advantages over the Evans proposal.