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COMMONWEALTH NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

STATE OF VICTORIA.

UNEXPLODED BOMBS ORDER.

ORDER No. 34.

WHEREAS by Regulation 35A of the Commonwealth National Security (General) Regulations it is provided, *inter alia*, that the Premier of any State, after consultation with the Minister of State for Home Security or an officer of the Department of Home Security authorized by that Minister to act on his behalf and with the Commandant of a Military District or an officer authorized by the Minister of State for Defence Co-ordination or the Minister of State for the Army to act on behalf of such Commandant, may by Order make such provision as he deems necessary to protect the persons and property of the civil population in that State or any part thereof in case of emergency:

Now therefore I, Albert Arthur Dunstan, Premier of the State of Victoria, having duly held such consultations, do hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Unexploded Bombs Order Citation. (Victoria).
2. (1) In this Order, unless inconsistent with the context or subject- Interpretation. matter—
 - “District Warden” and “Warden” mean the persons appointed as such under the State Emergency Services Order (Victoria).
 - “Officer of Police” means any member of the Police Force of Victoria who—
 - (a) is not below the rank of sergeant; or
 - (b) is authorized in writing by a member of the said force not below that rank to act under this Order.

(2) Where any distance is specified in this Order, that distance may be increased or extended by any officer of police, and any distance so varied shall be deemed to be the distance specified in this Order in lieu of that distance.

Non-application of Order to Armed Forces, &c.

3. Nothing in this Order shall apply to—

- (a) any member (while acting in the course of his duties) of any of the Armed Forces of His Majesty or of any Power which is allied or associated with His Majesty in any war in which His Majesty is engaged; or
- (b) any lands buildings or vehicles occupied by or under the control of or being used by any of those Armed Forces.

Powers of officers of police to give directions.

4. Any officer of police shall have power to give such directions and take such action as he deems necessary and to enter any premises or place, by force if necessary, either alone or with such assistance as he deems necessary, for securing or enforcing compliance with the provisions of this Order.

Fall of bomb to be reported.

5. (1) The fall of any unexploded bomb, including unignited incendiary bomb, unexploded shell, and unexploded parachute mine shall be immediately reported by the most expeditious means possible by a warden or member of the Police Force having knowledge thereof to a control centre in the district within which the fall occurred.

(2) The fall of any unexploded bomb, including unignited incendiary bomb, unexploded shell, and unexploded parachute mine shall be immediately reported by a member of the public having knowledge thereof to a warden or member of the Police Force.

Action to be taken by officer of police on receipt of report.

6. An officer of police, on receiving a report or otherwise having knowledge that any such bomb has fallen, may thereupon take the following action:—

(1) *In the case of a buried bomb—*

The officer of police may—

- (a) direct all or any persons to depart immediately from an area within thirty yards of the bomb;
- (b) direct any person not to enter any such area;
- (c) take steps with a view of ensuring that all windows of buildings within one hundred yards of the bomb are opened wide;
- (d) take steps with a view of ensuring that all outer doors of evacuated buildings are opened wide; and
- (e) take steps with a view of ensuring that heavy wheeled vehicles do not approach within fifty yards of the bomb.

(2) *In the case of an unburied bomb in a street—*

The officer of police may—

- (a) direct all or any persons to depart immediately from an area within thirty yards of the bomb;
- (b) direct all or any occupants to vacate rooms facing the bomb—
 - (i) on the ground floor and first floor of any building up to two hundred yards from the bomb; and
 - (ii) on the second and higher floors of any building up to one hundred yards from the bomb— unless some other building intervenes between the bomb and that building;
- (c) take steps with a view of ensuring that all windows of buildings within one hundred yards of the bomb are opened wide;
- (d) take steps with a view of ensuring that all outer doors of evacuated buildings are opened wide; and
- (e) take steps with a view of ensuring that heavy wheeled vehicles do not approach within fifty yards of the bomb.

(3) *In the case of an unburied bomb in a small open space building narrow court or alley—*

The officer of police may—

- (a) direct all or any persons to depart immediately from an area within thirty yards of the bomb;
- (b) direct all or any occupants to vacate rooms facing the bomb—
 - (i) on the ground floor and first floor of any building up to three hundred yards from the bomb; and
 - (ii) on the second and higher floors of any building up to two hundred yards from the bomb— unless some other building intervenes between the bomb and that building;

- (c) take steps with a view of ensuring that all windows of buildings within one hundred yards of the bomb are opened wide;
 - (d) take steps with a view of ensuring that all outer doors of evacuated buildings are opened wide; and
 - (e) take steps with a view of ensuring that heavy wheeled vehicles do not approach within fifty yards of the bomb.
- (4) *In the case of an unexploded parachute mine—*
The officer of police may—
- (a) direct all or any occupants to vacate buildings within four hundred yards of the mine;
 - (b) take steps with a view of ensuring that all roads or streets within four hundred yards of the mine are roped off and all traffic excluded from those roads and streets;
 - (c) take steps with a view of ensuring that all persons in houses from four hundred to eight hundred yards from the mine are warned to keep clear of flying glass and to keep their doors and windows wide open.
7. A person shall comply with every direction given to him by an officer of police in pursuance of this Order. Persons to comply with directions.
8. Any direction given under this Order shall continue to be of full force and effect until it is revoked by an officer of police. Duration of direction.

A. A. DUNSTAN,
Premier of the State of Victoria.

Dated the 4th day of June, 1942.

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