Hull History Centre: Registration of personnel for Civil Defence Service

C TYR Registration of personnel for Civil Defence 1935-1947 Service

Historical Background: Created by City and County of Kingston upon Hull during the Second World War

Custodial history: Inherited by Hull Record Office when it was created in 1967. The records were transferred from the Guildhall basement.

Description: Index cards and registers forming a record of persons registered for services of the Civil Defence Service. They were used to manage the personnel, what service, division and district they belonged to, their training process, and equipment issued to them. The descriptions list the information that could be included on the cards, however, in many cases only the basic information is filled in.

When these cards were initially filled out, the information was not always accurately taken with some surnames possibly being spelled incorrectly, a search using alternate spellings may be required. These cards can be searched by name or address via the Hull History Centre's on-line catalogue.

The post-war records held at C TYR/20 are closed under the Data Protection Act due to their containing personal sensitive information and are not available for public inspection until January 2032.

Arrangement:

- C TYR/1 Warden Service personnel cards
- C TYR/2 Control and Report Centre personnel cards
- C TYR/3 Cyclist Messenger Corps personnel cards
- C TYR/4 Fire Guard Section personnel cards
- C TYR/4/1 Fire Guard Section Men
- C TYR/4/2 Fire Guard Section Women
- C TYR/5 Ambulance Driver personnel cards
- C TYR/6 First Aid Service personnel cards
- C TYR/7 First Aid Attendant personnel cards
- C TYR/8 Decontamination of Personnel personnel cards
- C TYR/9 Rescue Party personnel cards
- C TYR/10 Highways personnel cards
- C TYR/11 Transport Driver personnel cards
- C TYR/12 Messenger personnel cards
- C TYR/13 Clerk personnel cards
- C TYR/14 Office personnel cards
- C TYR/15 Storekeeper personnel cards
- C TYR/16 Sewers personnel cards
- C TYR/17 Dresser personnel cards
- C TYR/18 Fire Watchers (Business Premises) personnel cards
- C TYR/19 Registers of Personnel for Civil Defence Service
- C TYR/20 Post-war Civil Defence Corps personnel cards

Extent: 144 boxes

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Related material: Almost all records dating from the years 1939-1945 contain information relating to the war and its impact on the body creating the records. The following are records which were created as a result of the war:

TCM/TCR The Council and its Committees whose duties related specifically to the war: Air Raid Precautions 1936-1939; Emergency, 1939-1945; Air Raid Precautions 1945-1946; Reconstruction 1942-1946; Victory Celebrations 1944-1946. The paperwork behind the Victory Celebrations can be found at C TCVC.

The City Engineer's Department collection contains correspondence files, photographs, maps, plans and diagrams relating to the Second World War.

Two classes of correspondence files relate to Air Raid Precautions, later re-named civil defence [CD] and War Damage [WD]:

Civil Defence correspondence 1935-1947 C TSCD

War damage correspondence 1935-1949 C TSWD

Photographs & negatives 1936-1945 CTSP

These include preparations for war, the war related activities of the department and the damage caused by the war. In addition they contain photographs relating to shelters, report centres, A.R.P. training and temporary houses.

Maps [C TSY]

C TSY/2/2: A set of 12 maps of the Hull area (scale 5.5 inch=1 Mile) indicating the type and position of each bomb falling on Hull in specific raids during the Second World War. C TSY/2/3: A set of 1928 edition Ordnance Survey maps of the Hull area (scale 1:2500) indicating war damaged properties.

Evacuation accounts [C TED/1/6/1-58] 1940-1945

Accounts of financial adjustments between Hull and education authorities into whose areas Hull children were evacuated. There are separate files for each authority over the years 1940-1945. Some include lists of children with their Hull addresses and the names of their schools in Hull and the evacuation area.

Control and report [C TYA]

Control incident files containing the papers relating to individual raids including messages received during raids and subsequent reports filed in chronological order of raids. Also includes correspondence and papers relating to training courses, retention and dispersal of staff, lists of unexploded bombs and mines, schedules of bombs dropped in incidents giving the time and place of landing and the type of each bomb.

Casualty registration [C TYC] 1940-1945

These contain casualty lists for each incident giving the name, age and address (or unit in the case of service personnel) of casualties under the headings of:

Mortuary (dead)

Hospital (seriously injured)

First Aid Post (slightly injured)

Awards for gallantry [C TYG]

Many of those who volunteered their services or carried out acts of bravery were recognised by the City and the paperwork relating to the Gallantry Awards and the Defence Medal have survived within this series. It contains case papers relating to both commendation by the local authorities and recommendations for recognition by the King including correspondence and statements by witnesses.

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Warden Service Records [C TYW]

Covering all aspects of war time life, these files cover subjects such as administration, equipment, civilian respirators, finance, maintenance and repairs, bombs, anti-gas precautions, shelters and buildings, training, air raid welfare, general welfare, and homelessness.

Access Conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader, except for those items containing information on named individuals which may be restricted in accordance with the Data Protection Act. To consult these records please see the 'Closure Guidelines' available on our website.