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BUNKERWATCH

Kristin Barrett of Blairgowrie CND reports on her group's visit to a local R.O.C. bunker — the inspiration behind SCND News — New Year competition.

Bunker Day, 17 November, started off clear and frosty but by mid-day, things were hotting up nicely. The sun was warm, the bunker visits were at their peak, and Dundee HQ of the UK Warning and Monitoring Organisation (Caledonian Sector) were "in a panic" about us, according to an amused policeman on the sidelines.

At one bunker, three men from Dundee Peace Committee were getting short shrift from the duflie-coated Royal Observer Corps volunteer perched at the bunker entrance: "If you want any information about this exercise, telephone Dundee 454013, Monday to Friday, between 9 and 5. But just then, along came three or four local CND families, bringing him presents of flowers "because we regard your bunker as a tomb". Somehow, this shook him, and he began to respond to questions about his family and how he thought we would all manage in a nuclear war. He didn't seem to mind our video camera a bit — maybe he quite liked the attention!

From the conversations at this and other bunkers (which we won't identify for fear of reprisals against the ROC volunteers), we heard enough to give us a good idea of just how weak their nuclear war plans were. Some ROCs had forgotten to close the bunker top when they went down to do whatever it is they do down there, so tell-tale cries of despair were quite clear: "This F... pump's not working. The bloody thing's jammed", and "The telephones are completely dead". Other ROCs appeared to have missed their emergency briefing session (telling them not to give information) and were happily communicative: "Actually, the exercise is not going too well — our communications are not working properly today." "After 5 hours down there, the air is so foul that you have to come up!" "They're meant to stay down 2 weeks at least). One ROC was so pleased to have visitors that he took them down into the bunker to see for themselves the 40-gallon tank of water, the monitoring equipment, and a portrait of the Queen, no less!

Our press and local radio coverage of the bunker visits was quite good although a bit patchy (local papers, Dundee "Courier", Scotsman, New Statesman, Radio Tay). We didn't do so well on photos, but the video is quite good, considering that the amateur camerawoman had 2 children under 2 with her all day! (The video will be on show at the SCND meeting at The Pleasance, Edinburgh on 25th January).

Altogether we felt that our bunker day had been interesting, worthwhile, and good fun. It brought the nuclear war dialogue right into our own rural backyards.

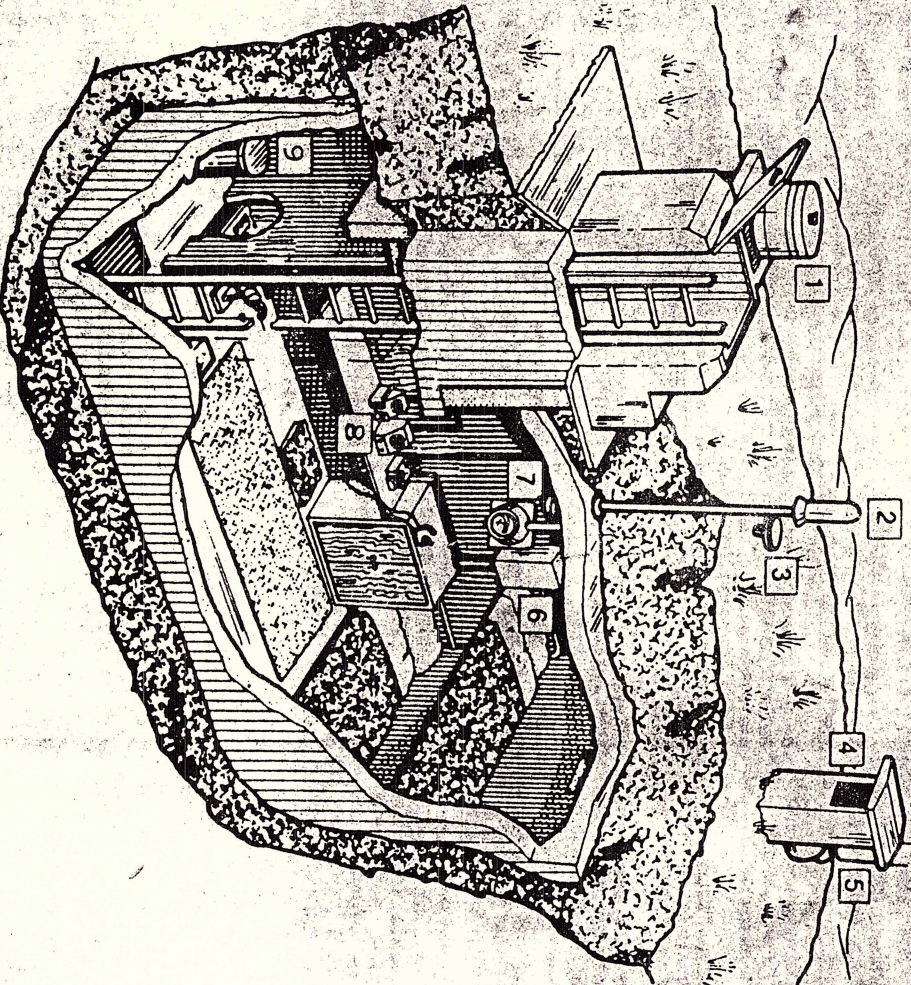
On a more formal level, we have invited...

...for a chance at their national exercise in November last year, the UK Warning and Monitoring Organisation will be going on with their nuclear war exercises (monitoring fallout etc.) at ROC bunkers in Spring/Summer 1986. In case we do some coordinated bunker-visiting, SCND would like to know the exact whereabouts of all the 200 plus bunkers.

...so everyone has a fair chance of finding a few of them. The islanders are a bit limited, but maybe they can join forces with nearby mainlanders?

Anyway, what you have to do is:

- 1) Send for list of ROC Bunkers (SAE to Scottish CND Office)
- 2) Pick out from the UKWMO list the bunkers you think may be in your area (watch out for UKWMO's unusual spelling — could Oysart be Dysart?)
- 4) Write your name (or group), address, tel. no., and the ref. no. and name of each bunker found, with a short clear description of each location, like this:



1. Ground Zero indicator to indicate the point of explosion
2. Survey Meter Probe Unit cover
3. Bomb Power Indicator Baffle Plates
4. Air ventilator
5. Pneumatic aerial for radio set
6. Radio set
7. Bomb Power indicator
8. Loudspeaker telephone
9. Toilet.

371470 Glamis: From Glamis village, take A94 towards Perth for 1/4 mile, then turn up track on LH side of A94 opposite duckpond at Newton of Glamis farm.

5) Send your lists of locations in as soon as possible to Kristin Barrett, 25 Ashgrove Terrace, Blairgowrie, PH10 7ZT.

Closing Date: 31st March 1986.

THREE PRIZES: "Bread not Bombs", SCND T-shirt, "Give Peace a Chance" kite.

BONUS POINTS: Extra points for hard-to-find bunkers! For example, Ballater bunker, on the UKWMO list as 266954, is actually at 366954 (8 miles further East!)

CLUES: The bunkers are usually in a fairly exposed position, near a road, with no sign-post at all. Sometimes there's a small fence and stile enclosing the bunker square (10 yds x 10 yds). The bunker entrance is about 3 ft. x 3 ft. x 3 ft., and the air filter cover about 1 ft. x 1 ft. x 3 ft. deep, and both are painted dull green.

QUERIES: to Kristin Barrett (0250 4594 (evenings)).

Yes, I'd like to join Scottish CND.

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