

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 146

Approved February 16, 1961

Resolved,

That Rule 20 of the Rules of the City Council, approved January 3, 1961, be amended by adding an additional Committee entitled, "Committee to Assist in Implementing the Downtown Master Plan", and

Be It Further Resolved, that Rule 21 of the said Rules of the City Council be amended to provide that said Committee shall consist of seven members of which at least two members thereof shall be members of the minority party.

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 16 1961

READ and PASSED

*Edward P. Quigley*  
President  
*Reverette L. Lohan*  
Clerk

APPROVED

FEB 16 1961

*Edward P. Quigley*  
ACTING MAYOR

RESOLUTION  
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PROVIDENCE, R.I.

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THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 147

Approved February 16, 1961

Resolved,

That the City Council endorse the passage of (H-1199) being An Act in amendment of section 3-7-3 of the General Laws, in Chapter 3-7 entitled "Retail Licenses", as amended, which proposes to authorize the sale of Potato Chips, Pop Corn, Nuts, Pretzels, Cigarettes and other packaged merchandise of which the Director of the State Department of Business Regulations shall approve.

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 16 1961

READ and PASSED

*Edward P. Quigley*  
President  
*Robert H. Kellum*  
Clerk

APPROVED

FEB 16 1961

*Edward P. Quigley*  
ACTING MAYOR

RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL

Resolution endorsing the  
passage of H-1199 authorizing  
the sale of certain packaged  
merchandise in establishments  
licensed under the provisions  
of Chapter 3-7 of the General  
Laws.

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*M. Savage*

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

JOURNAL

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one.

Vol. 73, No. 17

Tuesday, February 7, 1961

Seventeenth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, on Tuesday, February 7, 1961, and is called to order at 1:31 o'clock P. M. by Honorable HARRY F. CURVIN, Speaker.

Call of the roll of members is dispensed with, by unanimous consent.

There is a quorum present by unanimous consent.

CORRECTION

By unanimous consent, the record as printed is corrected in column 2 on page 3 by changing the fourth line which reads "Read and passed, on motion of Mr. THOMPSON," to read as follows:

"Read and passed in concurrence, on motion of Mr. THOMPSON,".

There is a quorum present.

The records of Friday, February 3, 1961, are approved as corrected, on motion of Mr. THOMPSON, seconded by Messrs. COCHRAN, BECHTOLD, COTE, KELLEHER and ORTOLEVA, on a voice vote.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable Speaker announces receipt by the Secretary of State of the following measures, approved and signed by His Excellency, the Governor:

(H 1120) Resolution of the general assembly, expressing to Representative Charles H. Bech-

told, of South Kingstown, its sincere sympathy in the recent death of his mother, Mrs. Ella Harrison Bechtold. (Approved February 3, 1961.)

(H 1124) Resolution of the general assembly expressing to Representative Samuel C. Kagan, of Providence, sincere sympathy upon the death of his father. (Approved February 3, 1961.)

(H 1151) Resolution providing for the use of the state armory in Pawtucket by the Pawtucket Firemen's Relief Association. (April 28, 1961.) (Approved February 3, 1961.)

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable Speaker announces receipt of a communication from the Adjutant General relative to Special Order #18.

Read, received and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Messrs. COCHRAN, BARONE and BECHTOLD introduce (H 1199) An Act in amendment of section 3-7-3 of the general laws, in chapter 3-7, entitled "Retail licenses," as amended.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. WALSH introduces (H 1200) An Act with relation to the appointment of a superintendent of schools.

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 148

Approved February 16, 1961

Resolved,

That the Traffic Engineer be requested to investigate, and, if deemed necessary, invoke a two-hour parking limitation on the westerly side of Tuxedo Avenue from Atwells Avenue to its southerly termination.

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 16 1961

READ and PASSED

*Edward P. Dingley*  
President  
*Robert H. Lan*  
Clerk

APPROVED

FEB 16 1961

*Edward P. Dingley*  
ACTING MAYOR

RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
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Mr. Deane, by request

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*Approved* February 16, 1961

That the Superintendent of schools and committee be and they hereby are requested feasibility and advisability of making of school facilities and affording greater educational opportunities to children by the school day and the school year, also to idea of keeping schools open upon a twelve for some or all of the children enrolled system, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of any report based upon such study be made available to the City Council.

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 16 1961

READ and PASSED

President

**Clerk**

**APPROVED**

FEB 16 1961

ACTING MAYOR



RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
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IN CITY  
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FEB 2 - 1961

FIRST READING

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON  
*Sanitation, Welfare...*  
*Devereux Hallam*  
Presented by: CLERK

Mr. Wexler

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PROVIDENCE, R.I.

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 150

Approved February 16, 1961

Resolved,

That the Building Code Revision Board, in the interest of public safety, health and general welfare, be requested to study the feasibility of mandatory construction of "Fallout Shelters", in all future public buildings as an effective means of adequate shielding in preventing radiation casualties.

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 16 1961  
READ and PASSED  
*Edward P. Dwyer*  
President  
*Robert L. Helton*  
Clerk

APPROVED  
FEB 16 1961  
*Edward P. Dwyer*  
ACTING MAYOR

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THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 31

Approved February 16, 1961

**Whereas,** the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization has embarked upon a program of preparedness, in its national campaign of protection against possible fallout from radio-activity by nuclear explosions, which could possibly follow an enemy attack, and

WHEREAS, the prospect, despite the unequivocal position of our Government, that differences of policies should not be resolved by the use of armed might, of an atomic war and the resulting effects of radiation, threatens the lives of many millions of our people,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to facilitate this program of preparedness so necessary for survival, the Director of the Department of Building Inspection is directed to provide, without cost to the public, such plans, specifications and permits as he shall deem to be required to construct such fallout shelter and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Assessor shall exempt from assessments such structures or additions to existing structures that are constructed for such use.

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 16 1961

READ and PASSED

*Edward P. Quigley*  
President  
*R. E. ...*  
Clerk

APPROVED

FEB 16 1961

*Edward P. Quigley*  
ACTING MAYOR

RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL

IN CITY  
COUNCIL

MAR 24 1960

FIRST READING

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON  
*Sanitation & Cleanliness*  
*Devereaux D. Dineen* CLERK

*Mr. Dineen*

**The City of Providence — Legislative Department**

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE—OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM**

Providence, R. I., March 25, 1960

TO: Walter E. Ahearn, Director of Civilian Defense

SUBJECT: Resolution to facilitate the planning and obtaining of permits for the construction of fallout shelters for dwellings by providing plans, specifications and permits without charge to the public and exempting such structures from tax assessments.

CONSIDERED BY: City Council - March 24, 1960.

ACTION TAKEN: VOTED: To refer attached Resolution for study, report and recommendation.

*Devereux Wilson*

*City Clerk*

Office of the City Clerk

In City Council,

March 24, 1960

To the Chairman,  
Committee on DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

The following matters were this day referred to your Committee.

*Devereux Helm*  
City Clerk

Resolution to facilitate the planning and obtaining of permits for the construction of fallout shelters for dwellings by providing plans, specifications and permits without charge to the public and exempting such structures from tax assessments.

Col. W.E. Ahearn  
~~Benjamin M. McLyman~~

Director

David Joyce

Deputy Director



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**PROVIDENCE CIVILIAN DEFENSE COUNCIL  
CONTROL CENTER**

194 Oxford St., Providence, R. I.

March 30, 1960

Mr. Edward P. Quigley  
President, City Council  
City Hall  
Providence, R.I.

Dear Mr. Quigley:

Reference is made to memorandum, City Clerk's Office, March 25, 1960 which refers to me for study, report, and recommendation a Resolution of the City Council on the subject of Fallout Shelters.

Let me first say that, as the city official responsible to the Mayor for provision of protection against possible attack by nuclear weapons, I am delighted by this evidence of the City Council's recognition of the peril and it's action to advance and facilitate protective measures.

After careful consideration of the proposal it is my conviction that it's implementation would greatly advance the best interests of the people of Providence.

It is widely felt throughout the Civilian Defense structure of the nation that no other single protective measure would be as effective as the existence of numerous adequate shelters against radio-active fallout. Therefor any action by government to stimulate construction of such shelters is highly desirable.

Insofar as provision of plans and specifications are concerned your attention is invited to the enclosed pamphlet which might serve that purpose. This office has a substantial supply of this pamphlet.



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Mr. Edward P. Quigley

I heartily recommend appropriate action to implement the provisions of the subject Resolution.

Yours very truly,

Walter E. Ahsam  
Colonel, USA (Ret.)  
Director

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Enclosure (1)

COPY

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 16 1961

READ:

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

CLERK

**Memo** Feb. 9 1961 **PROVIDENCE  
CIVILIAN DEFENSE  
COUNCIL**

To Mr. Vespia

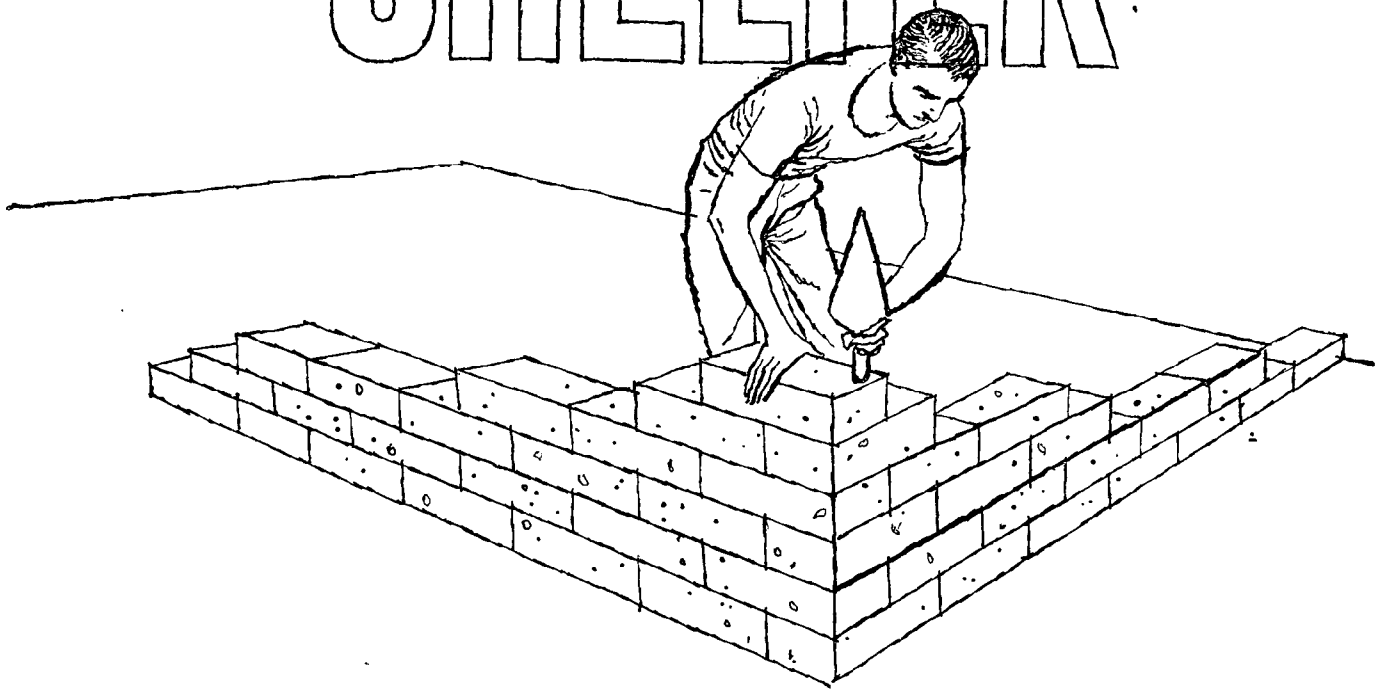
From Colonel Ahearn

Subject

Forwarded herewith as requested  
by you is copy of a letter forwarded  
to Mr. Edward P. Quigley at City  
Hall March 30, 1960.

*W E Ahearn*  
W. E. Ahearn

# THE FAMILY FALLOUT SHELTER



**MP-15**

A committee of the National Academy of Sciences, in a recent study of national preparedness, concluded:

*"Adequate shielding is the only effective means of preventing radiation casualties."*

**OFFICE OF CIVIL AND DEFENSE MOBILIZATION**

## INTRODUCTION

Let us take a hard look at the facts.

In an atomic war, blast, heat, and initial radiation could kill millions close to ground zero of nuclear bursts.

Many *more* millions—everybody else—could be threatened by radioactive fallout. But most of these could be saved.

The purpose of this booklet is to show how to escape death from fallout.

Everyone, even those far from a likely target, would need shelter from fallout.

Your Federal Government has a shelter policy based on the knowledge that most of those beyond the range of blast and heat will survive if they have adequate protection from fallout.

This booklet contains building plans for five basic fallout shelters. One of the five—the Basement Concrete Block Shelter—has been designed specifically as a do-it-yourself project. Solid concrete blocks are used to build it. Most people probably would need the assistance of a contractor to build any of the other four types.

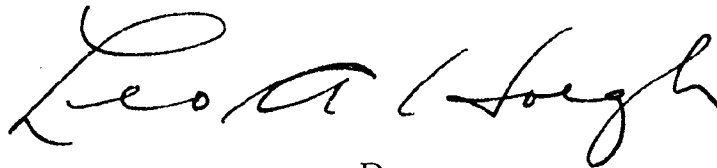
The least expensive shelter described is the Basement Concrete Block Shelter. The most expensive is the Underground Concrete Shelter.

Savings usually can be realized if a shelter is constructed at the time a house is being built.

Each of the shelters incorporates the fundamentals for fallout protection—shielding mass, ventilation, space to live. Each can serve a dual purpose—protection from tornadoes and other severe storms in addition to protection from the fallout radiation of a nuclear bomb.

There *are* means of protection.

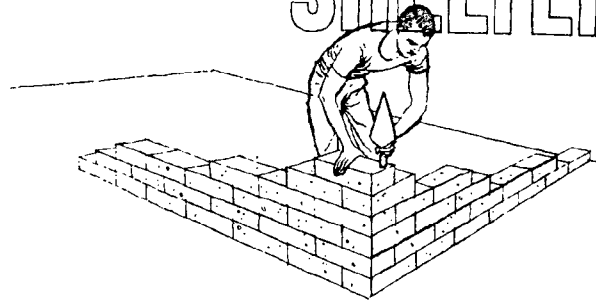
But that protection must be provided before, not after, the sirens sound



DIRECTOR

Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization

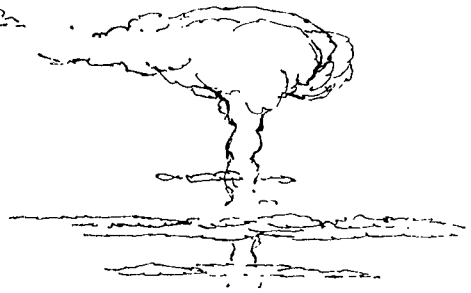
# THE FAMILY FALLOUT SHELTER



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## I. Fallout Shelter Is Needed Everywhere

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One thing is certain if this country is attacked with nuclear weapons our air and missile bases will be primary targets.

The enemy would try to knock out our retaliatory power.

He might also try to destroy our cities.

No one can be sure now how far the enemy will go.

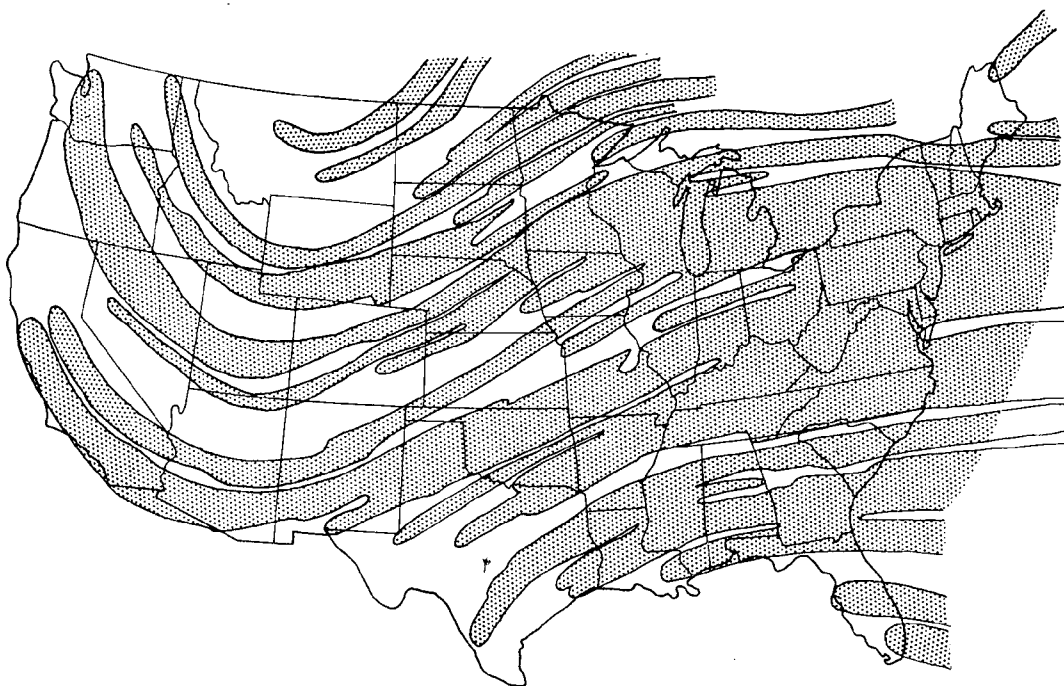
But it must be emphasized that even if an enemy confines his attack to our retaliatory bases, the radioactive fallout from his nuclear bombs would threaten life in the entire country. An atomic burst on the ground sends up a mushroom cloud from which radioactive dust will fall hundreds of miles away.

Fallout from one test explosion spread over 7,000 square miles of the Pacific Ocean.

The following maps show the spread of fallout after a large assumed attack on military and civilian targets. Hour by hour the fallout spreads and overlaps until, after 24 hours, it almost completely covers the Nation. (See figs. 1 and 2.)

*Figure 1.—Fallout areas at 1 hour after detonation*



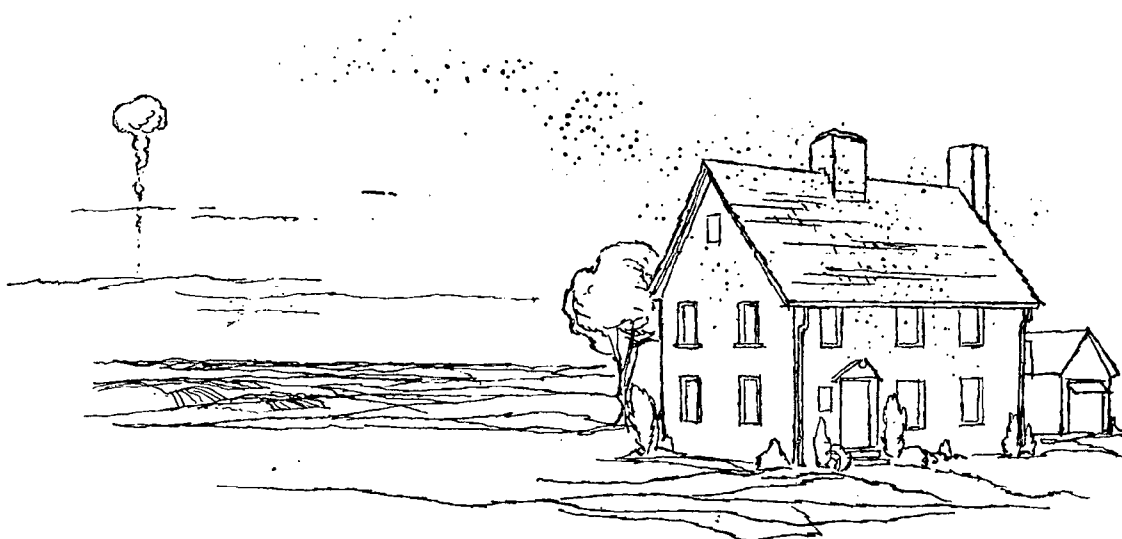


*Figure 2.—Fallout areas at 24 hours after detonation*

These maps show where the wind would have carried the fallout from the assumed attack on a given day. On another day, the wind could swing in any other direction and turn safe areas on these maps into areas of extreme fallout danger.

The fallout radiation threat indicated on the map is not uniform. The danger diminishes as the fallout drifts further from the points of nuclear explosion. But even on the extreme limits of the drift the fallout remains a menace to life and health for some time.

**The lesson is: fallout shelter is needed everywhere.**



## II. The Shelters

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### YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FALLOUT RADIATION.

Any mass of material between you and the fallout will cut down the amount of radiation that reaches you. Sufficient mass will make you safe.

Concrete or bricks, earth or sand, are some of the materials heavy enough to afford protection by absorbing radiation. There is about the same amount of shielding in 8 inches of concrete, for instance, as in 12 inches of earth, 16 inches of books or 30 inches of wood. In most of the country, everywhere except in areas hit by the heaviest fallout, these thicknesses would give ample protection for a basement shelter.

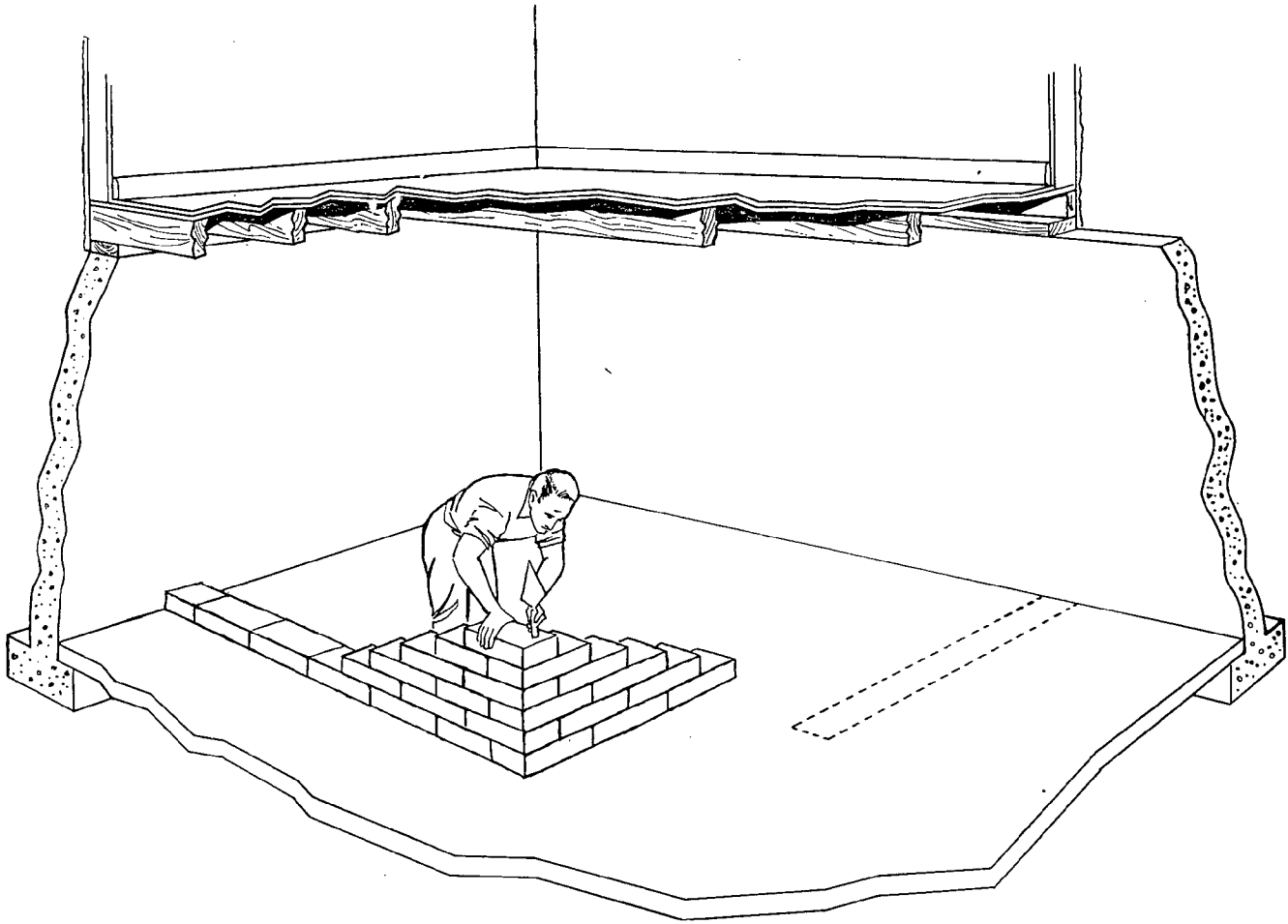
The shelters suggested here have concrete and earth for shielding. You can build some of these shelters yourself. Others would require contractors. Some of the shelters are for basements, some for outdoors. For family shelters 10 square feet per person is adequate. (12½ square feet per person is recommended for mass shelters.)

### BASEMENT CONCRETE BLOCK SHELTER

Basement shelters generally are the least expensive type that will give substantial protection. A basement shelter can be built with solid concrete blocks as a do-it-yourself project. The price of materials varies in different parts of the country. In May of 1959 sample bids showed a price range of between \$150 and \$200. This shelter would provide all the protection needed in most of the Nation. That means it would save many lives even in the areas of heaviest fallout, and most lives everywhere else.



This type of inexpensive basement shelter also can be incorporated in plans for new home construction. Other types of effective shelters can be built in new homes with relatively minor changes in design. (See Fig. 20.)



*Figure 3*

A row of solid concrete blocks is set in about three-eighths of an inch of wet mortar along guidelines marked on the basement floor. The corner is built about six blocks high (fig. 3). The remainder of the wall then is raised to the same height. The corner is built up once more and the wall again raised to its level. The wall is not raised all the way to the basement ceiling. Clear space of at least 16 inches is needed overhead to permit the later construction of the shelter roof. The top rows of concrete blocks are not set on the wall until after the roof is in place.

Ventilation is provided by an open doorway and vents near the floor in one wall. The four vents are simply small gaps in one layer of blocks.

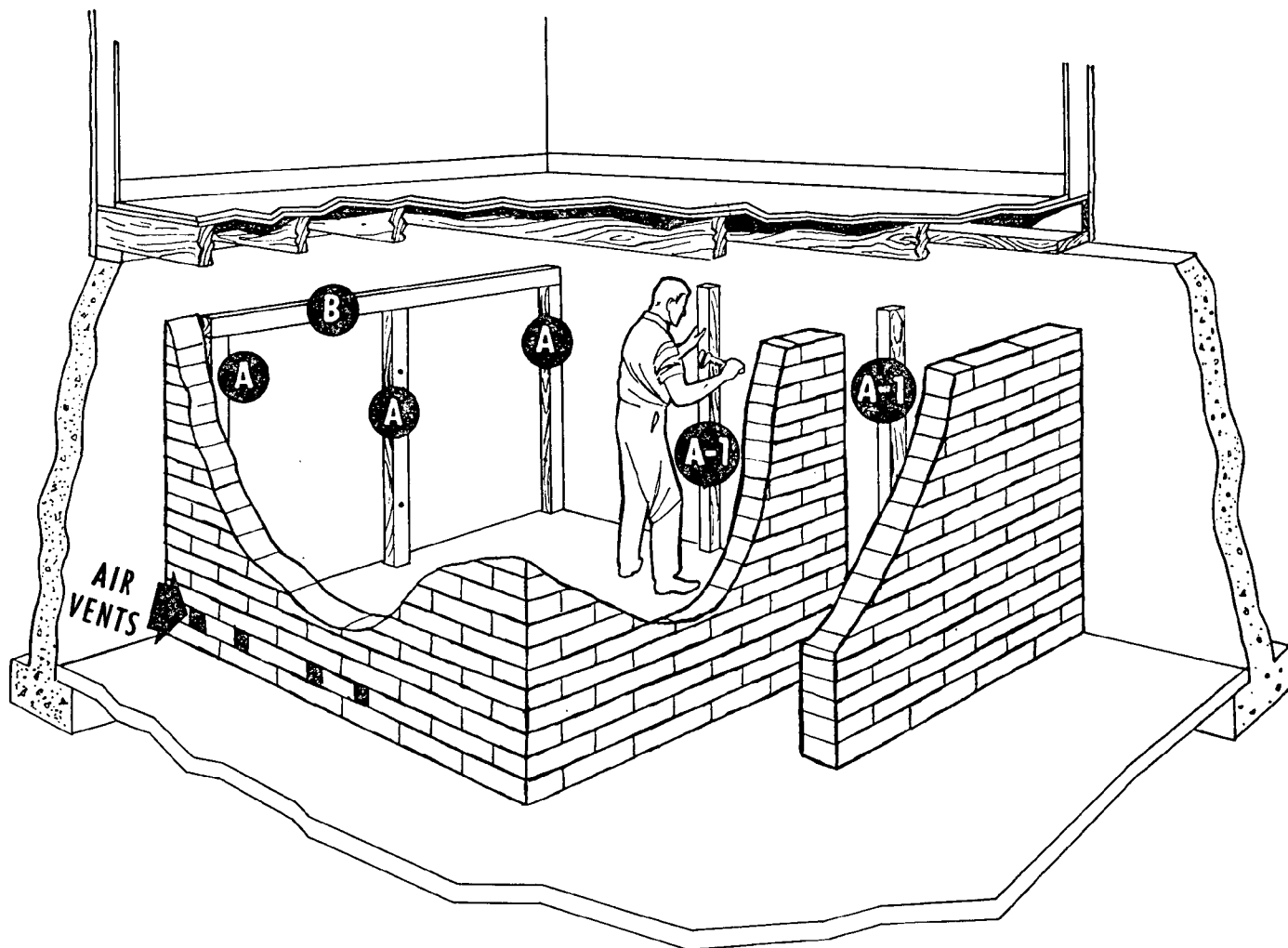
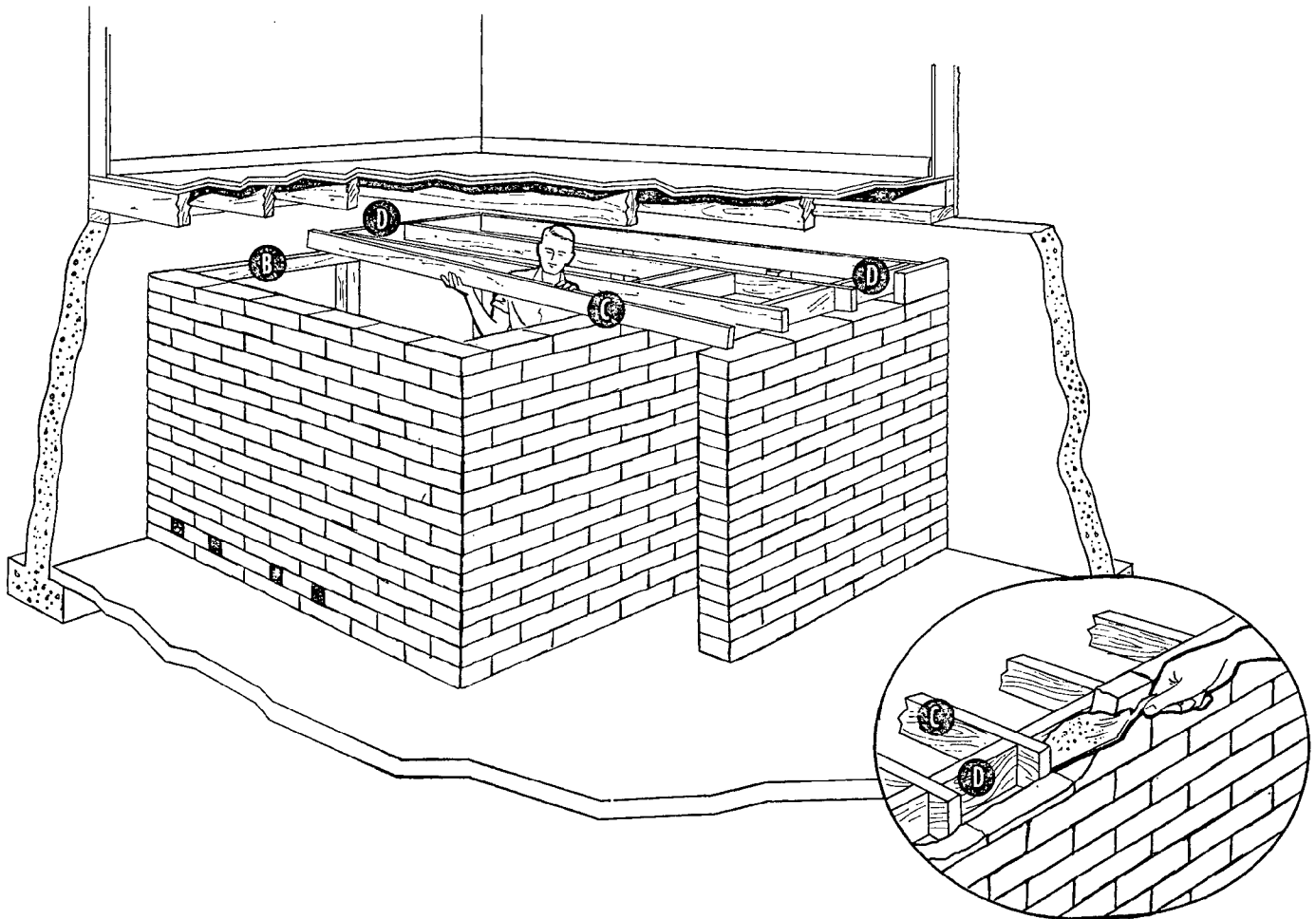


Figure 4

The wall protecting the shelter entrance from direct radiation should be the same height as the main shelter walls. The posts (marked "A" and "A-1" in fig. 4) that support the roof beams are fixed to the basement walls with  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch anchor bolts. The height of the posts marked "A-1" should equal the height of post "A" plus the thickness of beam "B." A wall beam (marked "B" in fig. 4) is put in place against the rear wall from one corner post to the other. The beam should be nailed to the uprights on which it rests.

The roof beams (marked "C" in fig. 5) are installed after the mortar in the block wall has dried at least a day. One end of each roof beam is nailed to the wall beam (marked "B" in fig. 5). The roof beams are placed on edge. Wood braces (marked "D" in fig. 5) hold them in place.

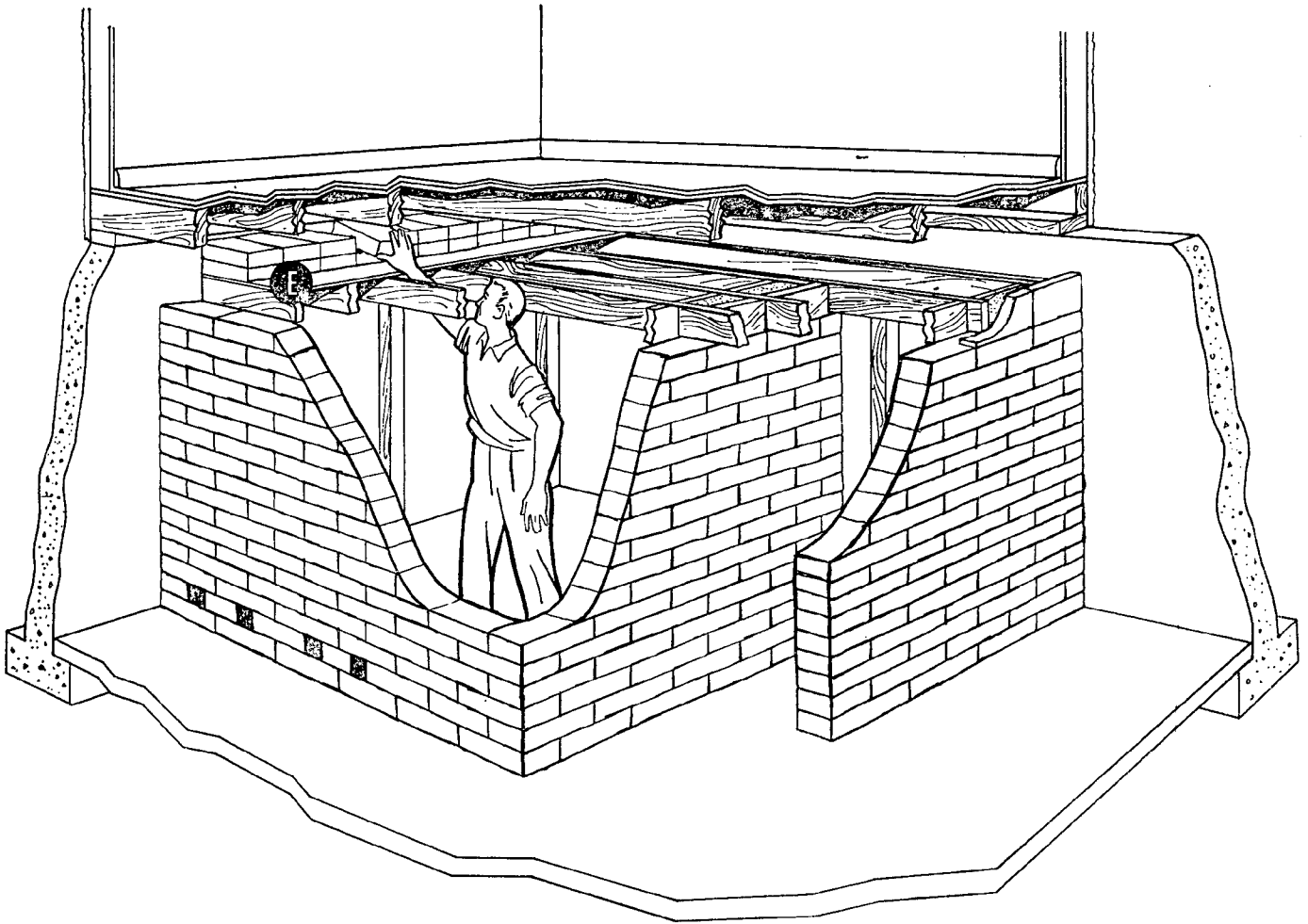


*Figure 5*

At the entrance side of the shelter, each roof beam is rested on the inside 4 inches of the block wall. The outside 4-inch space is filled by mortaring blocks on edge. The wooden bracing between the roof beams is placed flush with the inside of the wall. Mortar is poured between this bracing and the 4-inch blocks on edge to complete the wall thickness for radiation shielding. (For details see inset, fig. 5.)

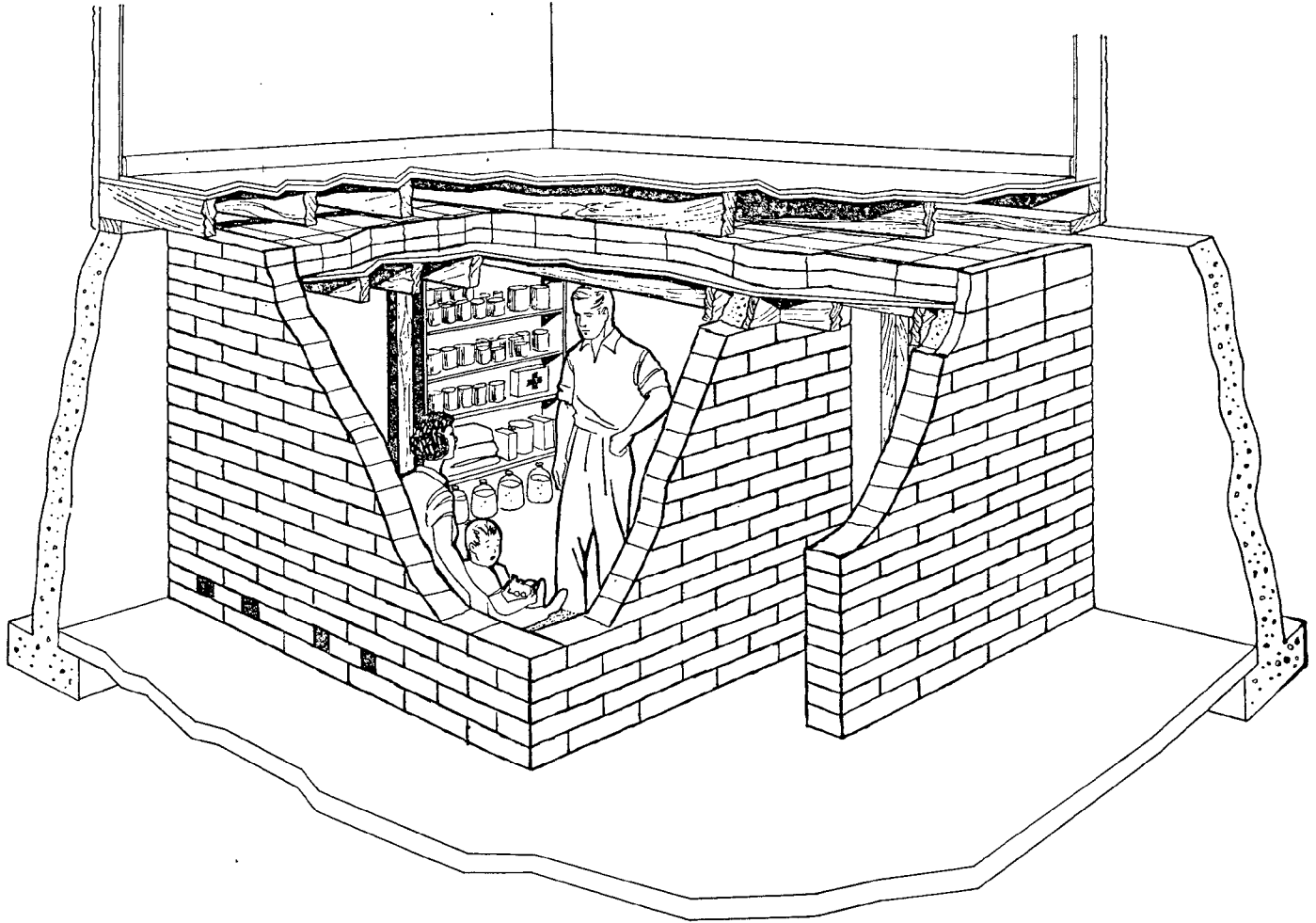
The first one or two roof boards (marked "E" in fig. 6) are slipped into place across the roof beams, from outside the shelter. These boards are nailed to the roof beams by reaching up through the open space between the beams, from inside the shelter. Concrete blocks are passed between the beams and put on the boards. The roof blocks are in two layers and are not mortared together.

Work on the roof continues in this way. The last roof boards are covered with blocks from outside the shelter.



*Figure 6*

When the roof blocks are all in place, the final rows of wall blocks are mortared into position. The structure is complete. (See fig. 7.) Building plans are on page 21.

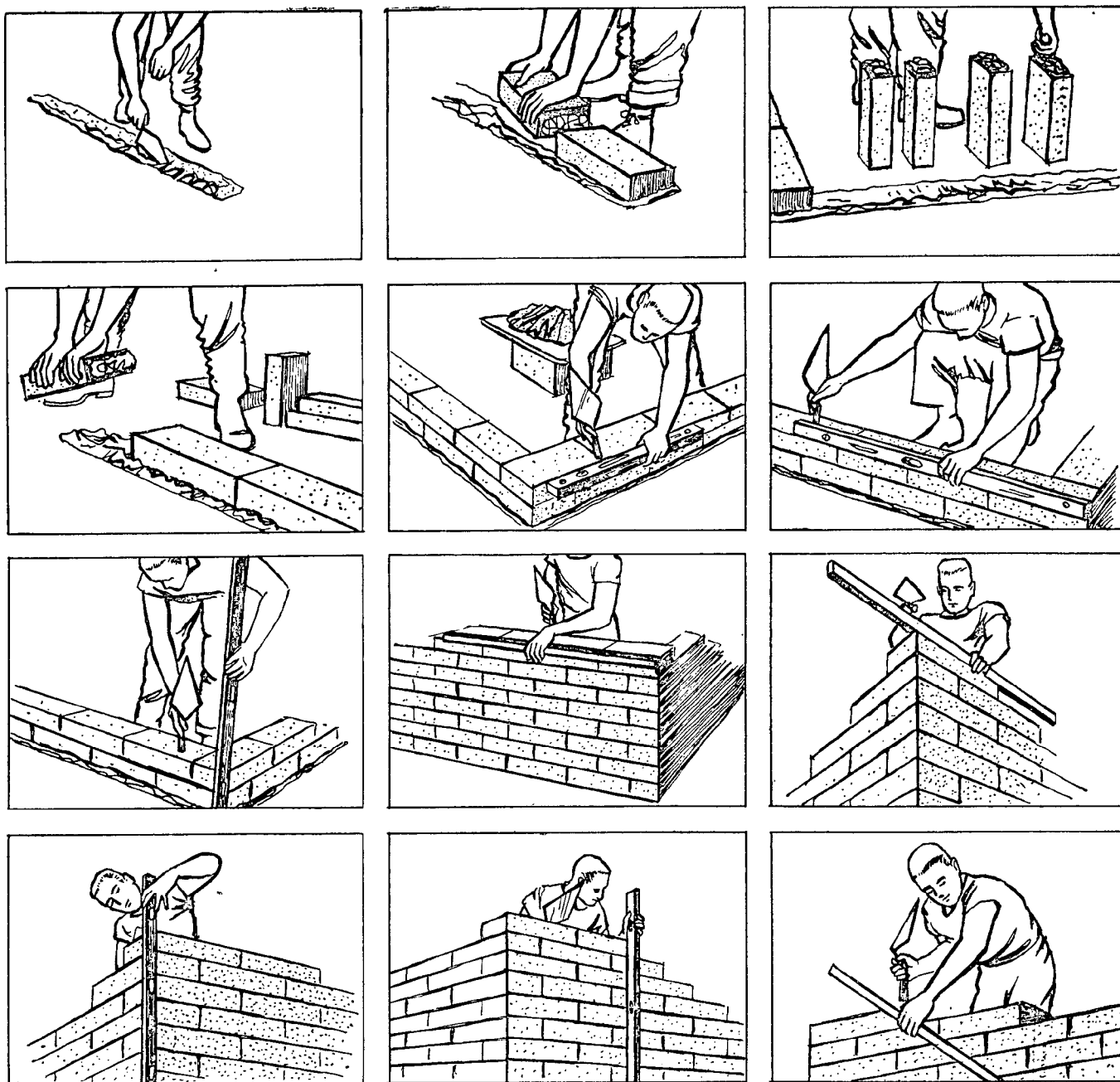


*Figure 7—Basement Concrete Block Shelter*

Solid concrete blocks, relatively heavy and dense, are used for this shelter. These blocks are sold in various sizes so it seldom is necessary to cut a block to fit.

Solid blocks are recommended because hollow blocks would have to be filled with concrete to give effective protection.

Bricks are an alternative. If they are used, the walls and roof should be 10 inches thick to give the same protection as the 8-inch solid concrete blocks.



*Figure 8*

The illustrations in fig. 8 show how to lay a concrete block wall. More detailed instructions may be obtained from your local building supply houses and craftsmen. Other sources of information include the National Concrete Masonry Association, 38 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill., the Portland Cement Association, 33 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Ill., and the Structural Clay Products Association, Washington, D.C.

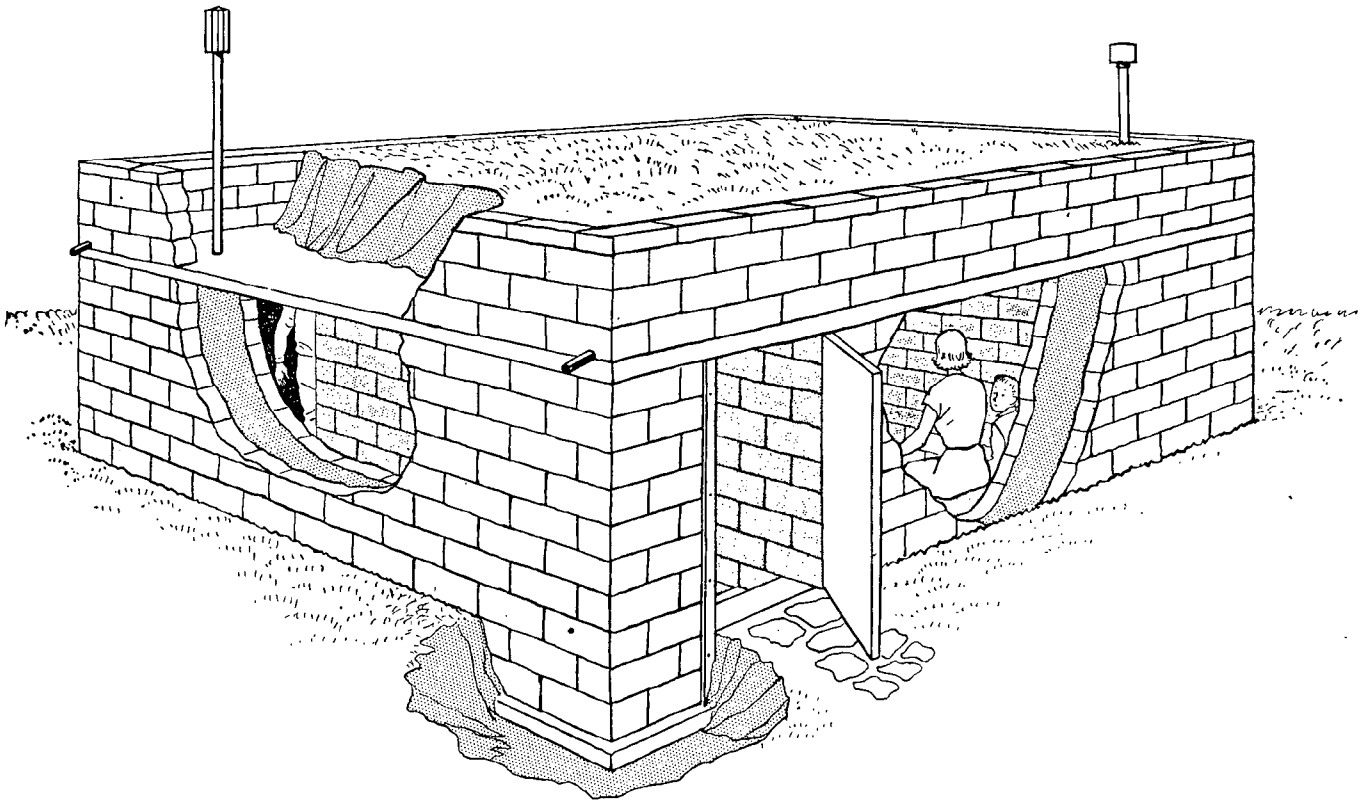
## ABOVEGROUND DOUBLE-WALL SHELTER

An outdoor, aboveground fallout shelter also may be built with concrete blocks. (See fig. 9, double-wall shelter.) Most people would have to hire a contractor to build this shelter. Plans are on pages 22 and 23.

This shelter could be built in regions where water or rock is close to the surface, making it impractical to build an underground shelter.

Two walls of concrete blocks are constructed at least 20 inches apart. The space between them is filled with pit-run gravel or earth. The walls are held together with metal ties placed in the wet mortar as the walls are built.

The roof shown here (fig. 9) is a 6-inch slab of reinforced concrete, covered with at least 20 inches of pit-run gravel. An alternate roof, perhaps more within do-it-yourself reach, could be constructed of heavy wooden roof beams, overlaid with boards and waterproofing. It would have to be covered with at least 28 inches of pit-run gravel.



*Figure 9.—Aboveground double-wall shelter*

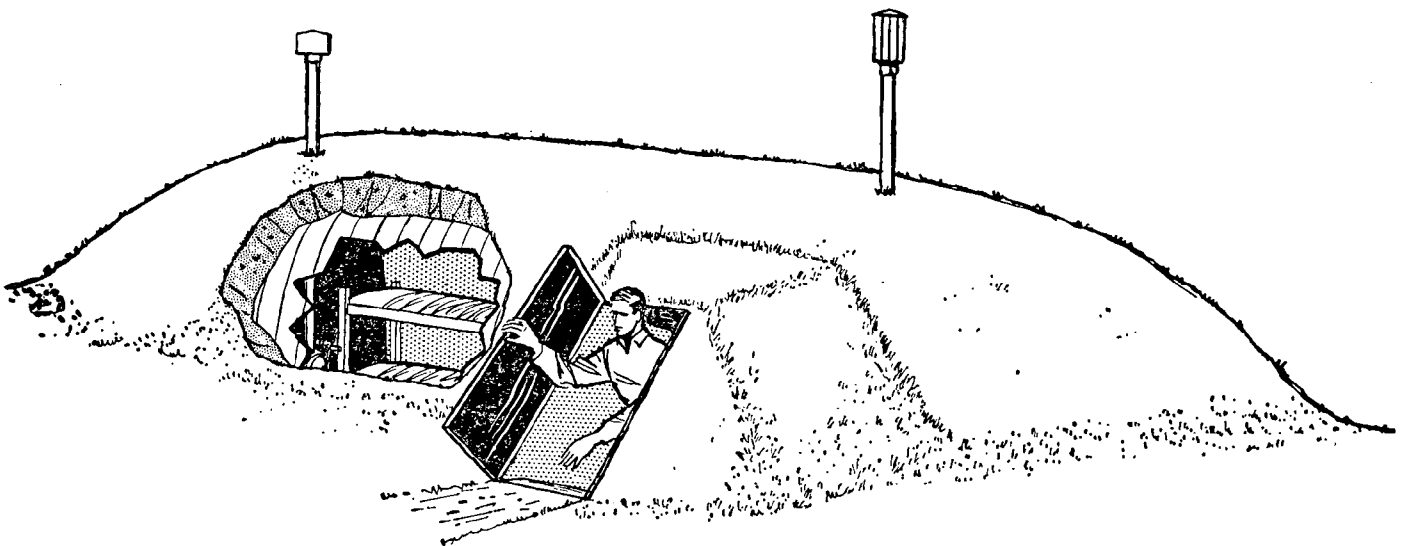
The materials for a double-wall shelter would cost about \$700. Contractors' charges would be additional. The shelter would provide almost absolute fallout protection.

## PRE-SHAPED METAL SHELTER

Pre-shaped corrugated metal sections or pre-cast concrete can be used for shelters either above or below ground. These are particularly suitable for regions where water or rock is close to the surface. They form effective fallout shelters when mounded over with earth, as shown in figure 10.

Materials for this shelter would cost about \$700. A contractor probably would be required to help build it. His charges would be added to the cost of materials. This shelter, as shown on page 24, would provide almost absolute protection from fallout radiation. An alternate hatchway entrance, shown on page 25, would reduce the cost of materials \$50 to \$100.

The National Lumber Manufacturers Association, Washington, D. C., is developing plans to utilize specially treated lumber for underground shelter construction. The Structural Clay Products Institute, Washington, D.C., is working to develop brick and clay products suitable for shelter construction.



*Figure 10.—Pre-shaped metal shelter*

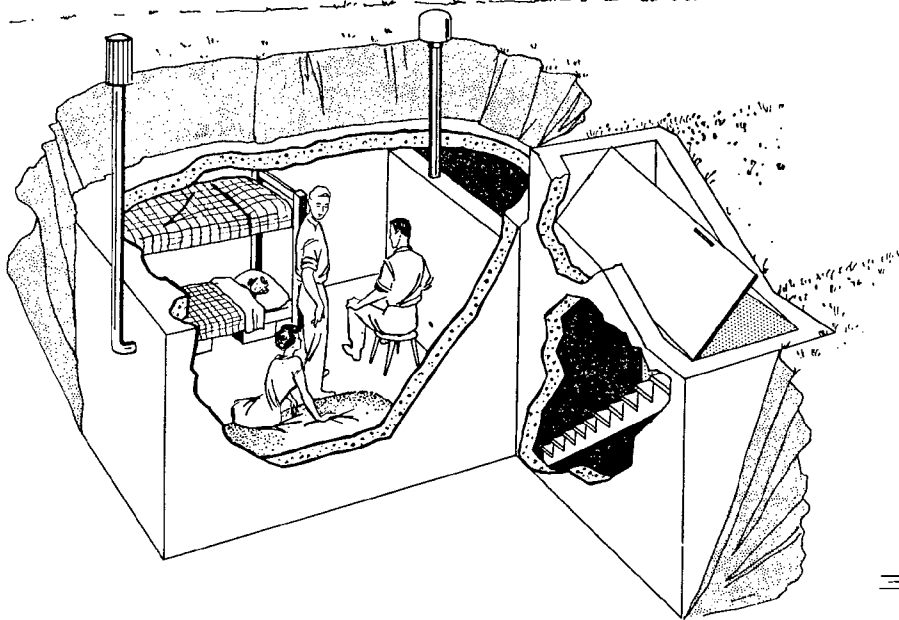
## UNDERGROUND CONCRETE SHELTER

An underground reinforced concrete shelter can be built by a contractor for about \$1,000 to \$1,500, depending on the type of entrance. The shelter shown would provide almost absolute fallout protection.



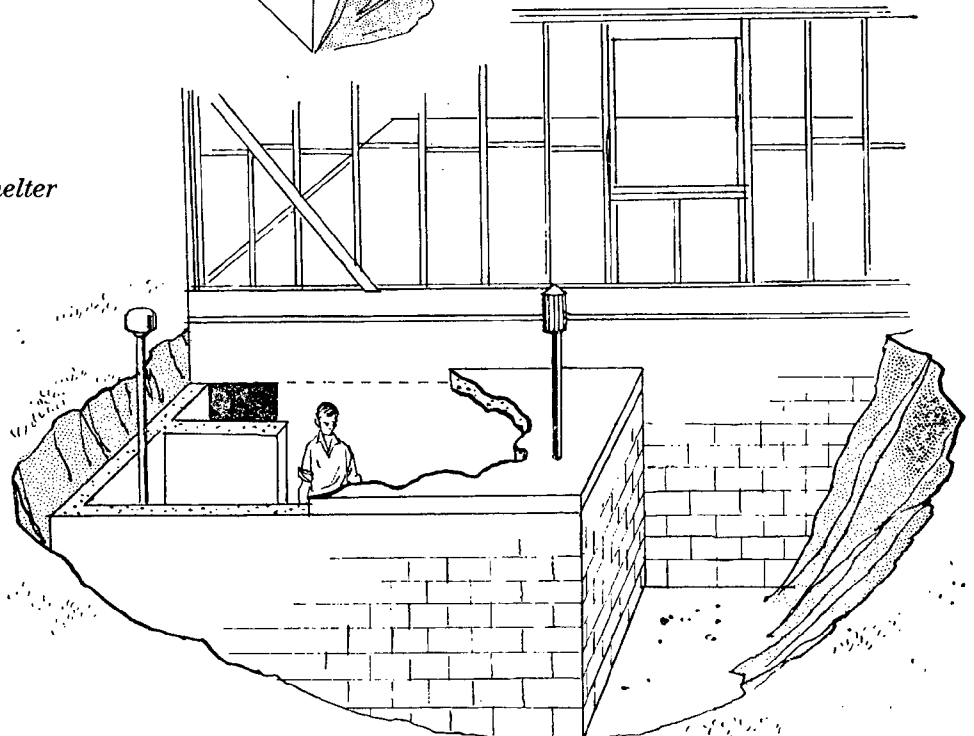
The illustration (fig. 11) shows this shelter with the roof at ground level and mounded over. The same shelter could be built into an embankment or below ground level. Plans for the shelter, with either a stairway or hatchway entrance, are shown on pages 26 and 27.

Another type of shelter which gives excellent fallout protection can be built as an added room to the basement of a home under construction. It would add about \$500 to the total cost of the home. The shelter illustrated in figure 12 is based on such a room built in a new home in the Washington, D.C., area in the Spring of 1959.



*Figure 11.—  
Underground concrete shelter*

*Figure 12.—Concrete basement shelter  
in new housing*



IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS common to each type of shelter are:

1. Arrangement of the entrance.
2. Ventilation.
3. Radio reception.
4. Lighting.

THE ENTRANCE must have at least one right-angle turn. Radiation scatters somewhat like light. Some will go around a corner. The rest continues in a straight line. Therefore, sharp turns in a shelter entrance will reduce radiation intensity inside the shelter.

VENTILATION is provided in a concrete block basement shelter by vents in the wall and by the open entrance. A blower may be installed to increase comfort.

A blower is essential for the double-wall shelter and for the underground shelters. It should provide not less than 5 cubic feet per minute of air per person. Vent pipes also are necessary (as shown in figs. 9, 10, and 11), but filters are not.

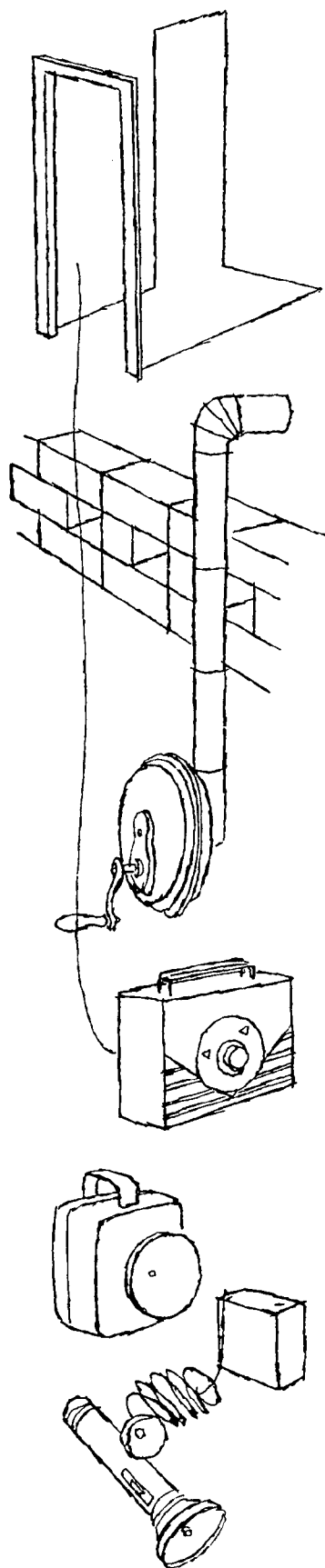
RADIO RECEPTION is cut down by the shielding necessary to keep out radiation. As soon as the shelter is completed a radio reception check must be made. It probably will be necessary to install an outside antenna, particularly to receive CONELRAD broadcasts.

LIGHTING is an important consideration. Continuous low-level lighting may be provided in the shelter by means of a 4-cell hot-shot battery to which is wired a 150-milliampere flashlight-type bulb. Tests have shown that such a device, with a fresh battery, will furnish light continuously for at least 10 days. With a spare battery, a source of light for 2 weeks or more would be assured. A flashlight or electric lantern also should be available for those periods when a brighter light is needed. There should be a regular electrical outlet in the shelter as power may continue in many areas.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.—If there are outside windows in the basement corner where you build a shelter, they should be shielded as shown in the Appendix, page 29. Other basement windows should be blocked when an emergency threatens. Basement walls that project above the ground should be shielded as shown in the Appendix, page 29.

In these shelters the entrance should be not more than 2 feet wide. Bunks, or materials to build them, may have to be put inside the enclosure before the shelter walls are completed.

The basement or belowground shelters also will serve for tornado or hurricane protection.



The radioactivity of fallout decays rapidly at first. *Forty-nine hours after an atomic burst the radiation intensity is only about 1 percent of what it was an hour after the explosion. But the radiation may be so intense at the start that one percent may be extremely dangerous.*

Therefore, civil defense instructions received over CONELRAD or by other means should be followed. A battery-powered radio is essential. When radiation meters suitable for home use are available they will be of value in locating that portion of the home which offers the best protection against fallout radiation. There is a possibility that battery-powered radios with built-in radiation meters may become available. One instrument thus would serve both purposes.

Your local civil defense will gather its own information and will receive broad information from State and Federal sources. It will tell you as soon as possible:

How long to stay in your shelter.

How soon you may go outdoors.

How long you may stay outside.

You should be prepared to stay in your shelter full time for at least several days and to make it your home for 14 days or longer. A checklist in the Appendix, (page 30) tells what is needed. Families with children will have particular problems. They should provide for simple recreation.

There should be a task for everyone and these tasks should be rotated. Part of the family should be sleeping while the rest is awake.

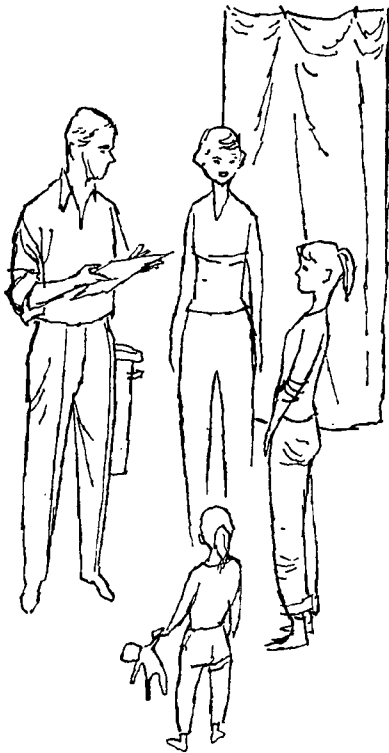
To break the monotony it may be necessary to invent tasks that will keep the family busy. Records such as diaries can be kept.

The survival of the family will depend largely on information received by radio. A record should be kept of the information and instructions, including the time and date of broadcast.

Family rationing probably will be necessary.

Blowers should be operated periodically on a regular schedule.





There will come a time in a basement shelter when the radiation has decayed enough to allow use of the whole basement. However, as much time as possible should be spent within the shelter to hold radiation exposure to a minimum.

The housekeeping problems of living in a shelter will begin as soon as the shelter is occupied. Food, medical supplies, utensils, and equipment, if not already stored in the shelter, must be quickly gathered up and carried into it.

After the family has settled in the shelter, the housekeeping rules should be spelled out by the adult in charge.

Sanitation in the confines of the family shelter will require much thought and planning.

Provision for emergency toilet facilities and disposal of human wastes will be an unfamiliar problem. A covered container such as a kitchen garbage pail might do as a toilet. A 10-gallon garbage can, with a tightly fitting cover, could be used to keep the wastes until it is safe to leave the shelter.

Water rationing will be difficult and should be planned carefully.

A portable electric heater is advisable for shelters in cold climates. It would take the chill from the shelter in the beginning. Even if the electric power fails after an attack, any time that the heater has been used will make the shelter that much more comfortable. Body heat in the close quarters will help keep up the temperature. Warm clothing and bedding, of course, are essential.

Open-flame heating or cooking should be avoided. A flame would use up air.

Some families already have held weekend rehearsals in their home shelters to learn the problems and to determine for themselves what supplies they would need.

#### **IV. If An Attack Finds You Without A Prepared Shelter**

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Few areas, if any, are as good as prepared shelters but they are worth knowing about.

A family dwelling without a basement provides some natural shielding from fallout radiation. On the ground floor the radiation would be about half what it is outside. The best protection would be on the ground floor in the central part of the house.

A belowground basement can cut the fallout radiation to one-tenth of the outside level. The safest place is the basement corner least exposed to windows and deepest below ground.

If there is time after the warning, the basement shielding could be improved substantially by blocking windows with bricks, dirt, books, magazines, or other heavy material.

## V. Shelter In Apartment Buildings

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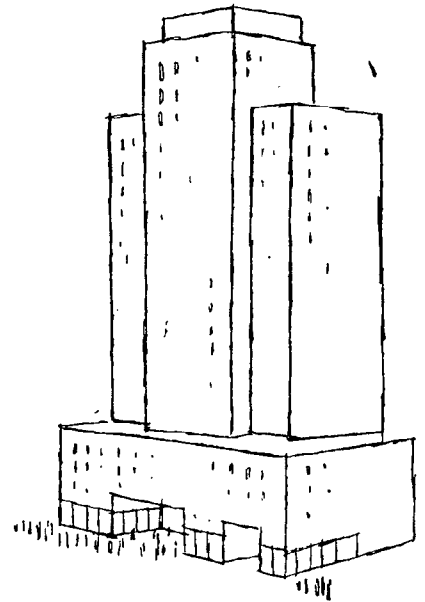
Large apartment buildings of masonry or concrete provide better natural shelter than the usual family dwellings. In general, such apartments afford more protection than smaller buildings because their walls are thick and there is more space.

The central area of the ground floor of a heavily constructed apartment building, with concrete floors, should provide more fallout protection than the ordinary basement of a family dwelling. The basement of such an apartment building may provide as much natural protection as the specially constructed concrete block shelter recommended for the basement of a family dwelling.

The Federal Government is aiding local governments in several places to survey residential, commercial and industrial buildings to determine what fallout protection they would provide, and for how many people.

The problem for the city apartment dweller is primarily to plan the use of existing space. Such planning will require the cooperation of other occupants and of the apartment management. The space available should be identified and assigned to those who are to use it. The plan will work more smoothly if it is rehearsed. The owner of the building may find it necessary to modify the basement ventilation, water supply, and sanitation system.

You probably would have time to carry your family supplies from your apartment to the basement after an attack warning, before fallout arrives.



## VI. Why Prepare A Shelter Now?

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Fallout can threaten more people than blast and heat in a nuclear attack.

We do not want a war. We do not know whether there will be a war. But we know that forces hostile to us possess weapons that could destroy us if we were unready. These weapons create a new threat—radioactive fallout that can spread death anywhere.

That is why we must prepare.

No matter where you live a fallout shelter is necessary insurance. It will not be needed except in emergency. But in emergency it will be priceless—as priceless as your life.

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<sup>1</sup>Larger scale drawings may be obtained through your local civil defense organization, or from OCDM, Battle Creek, Mich.

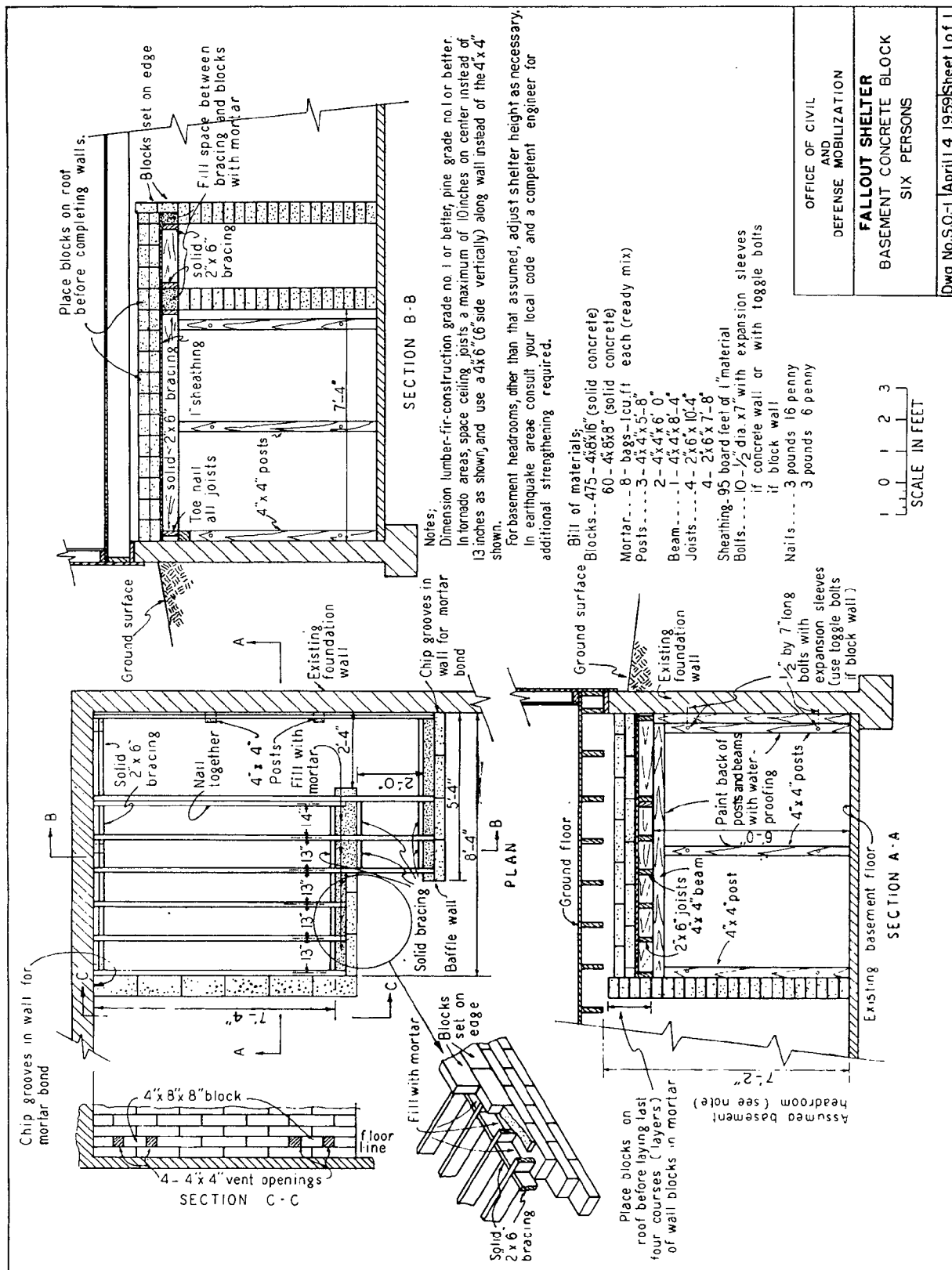
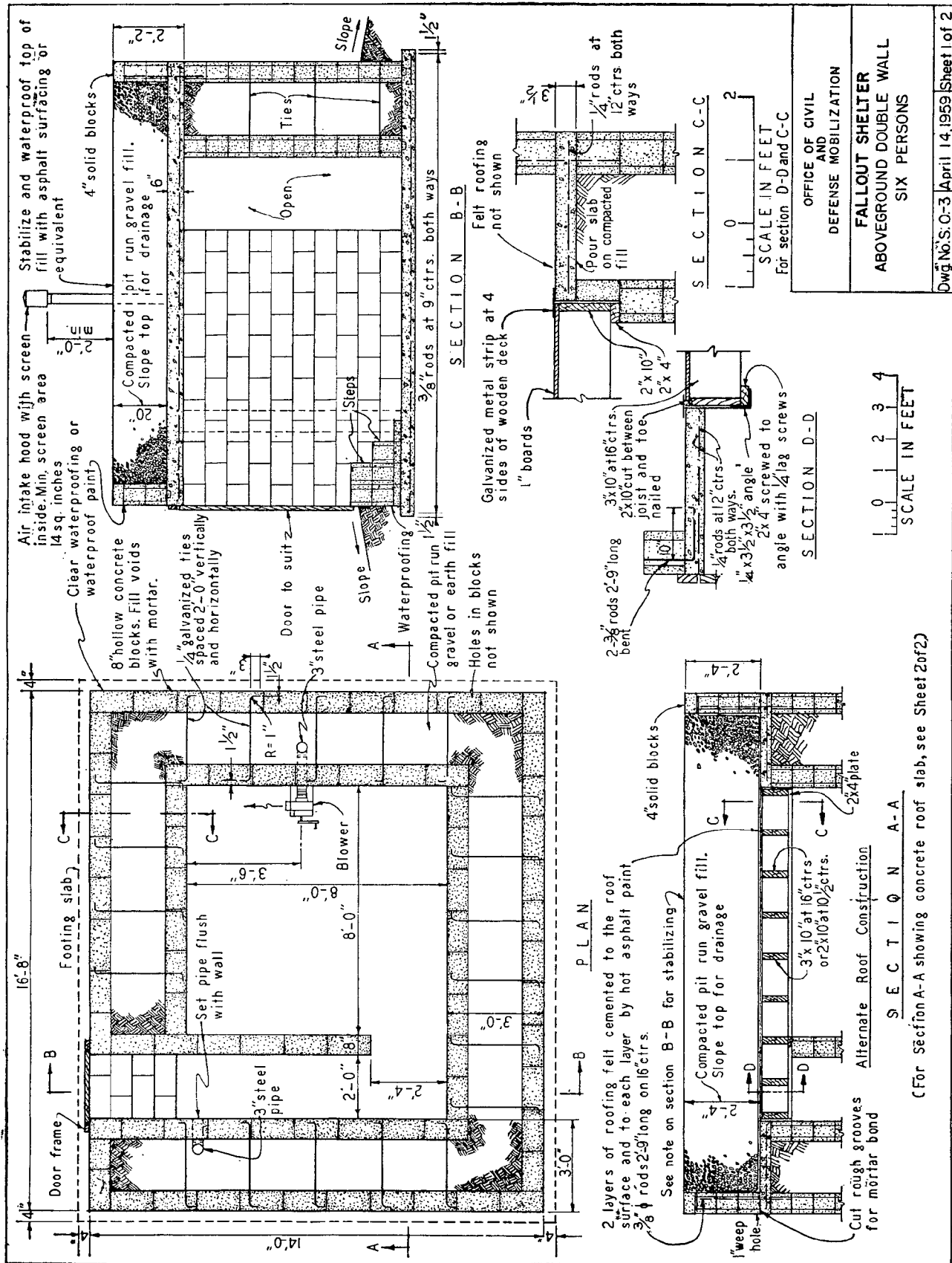


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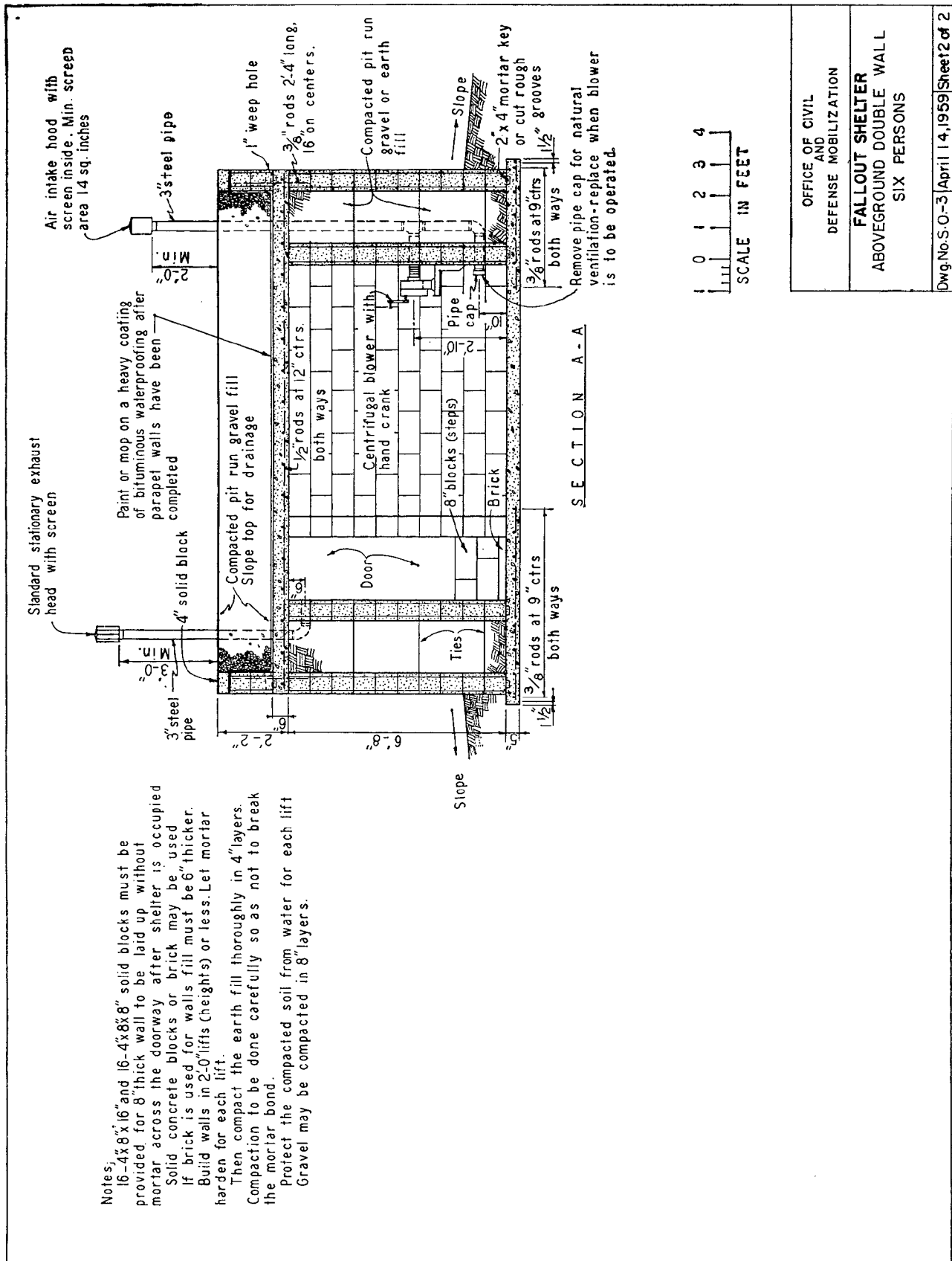
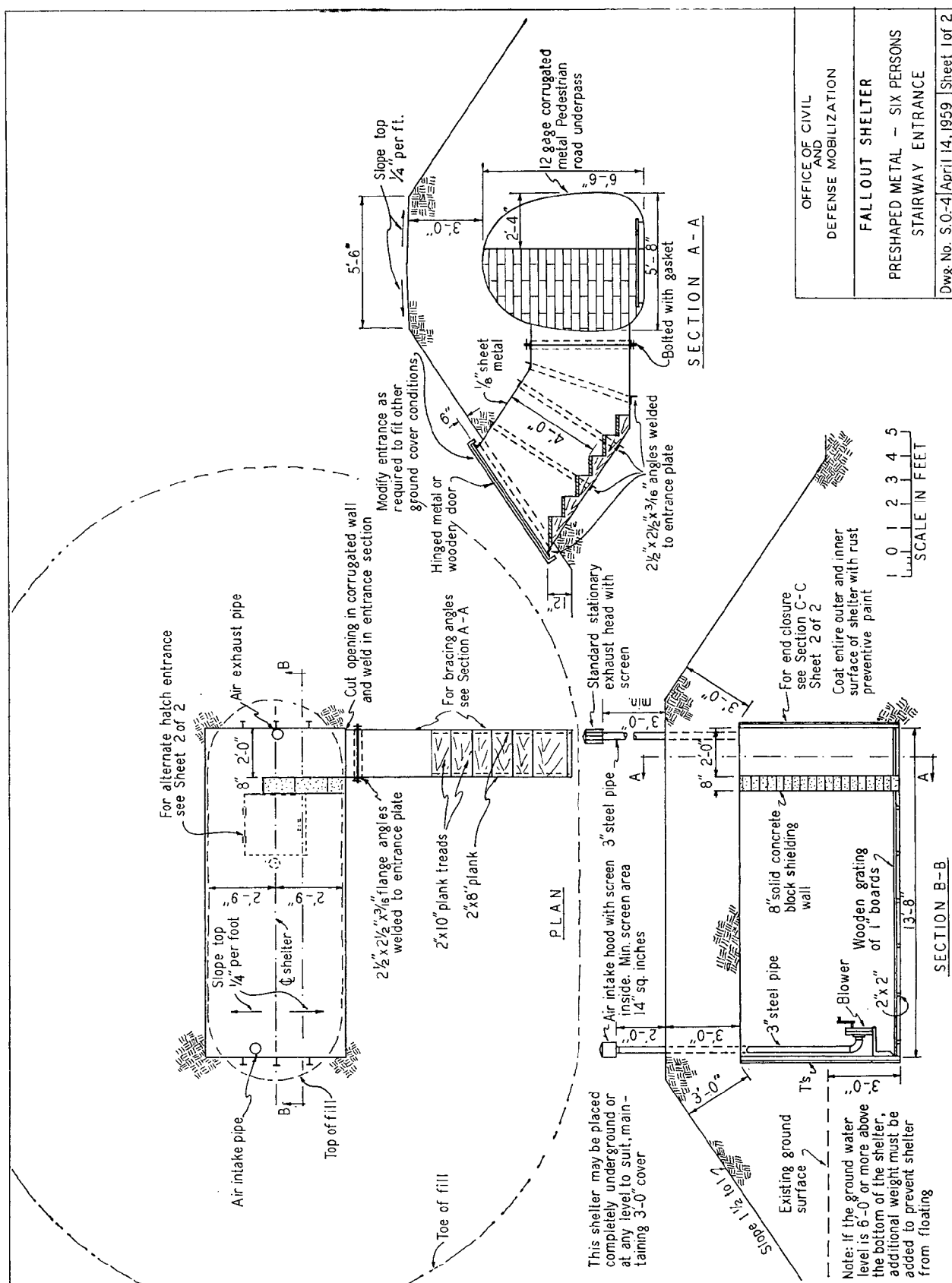


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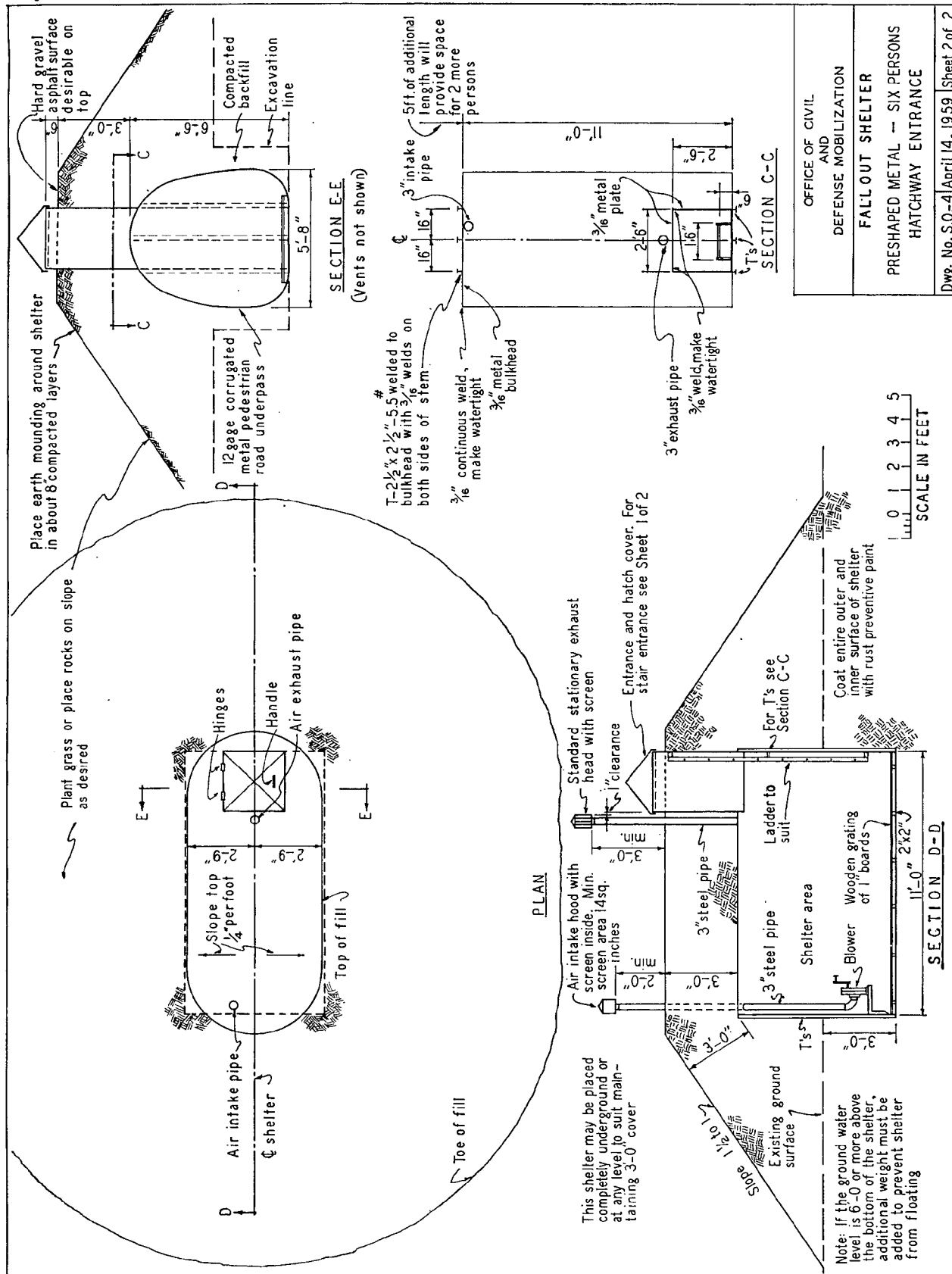


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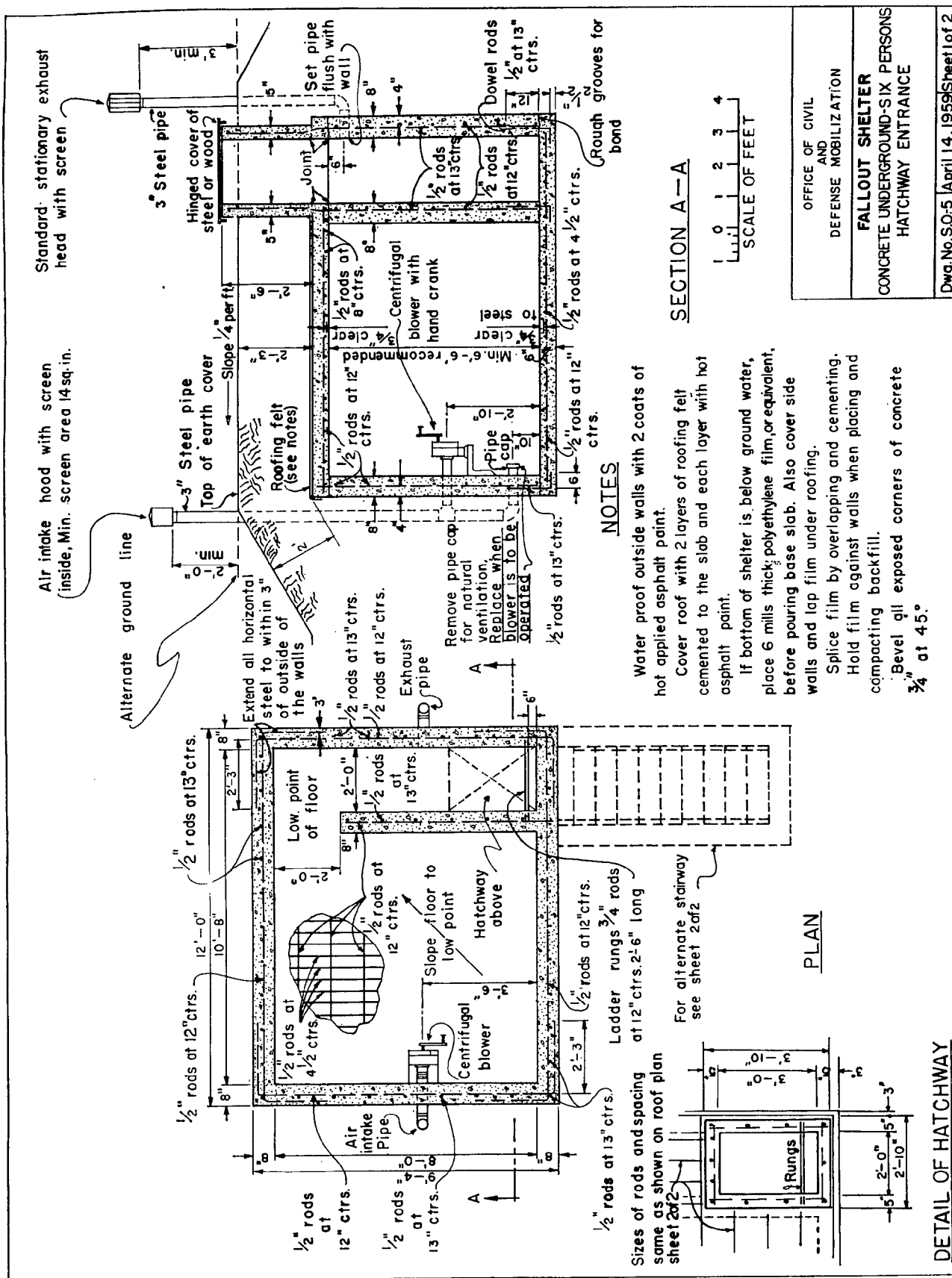


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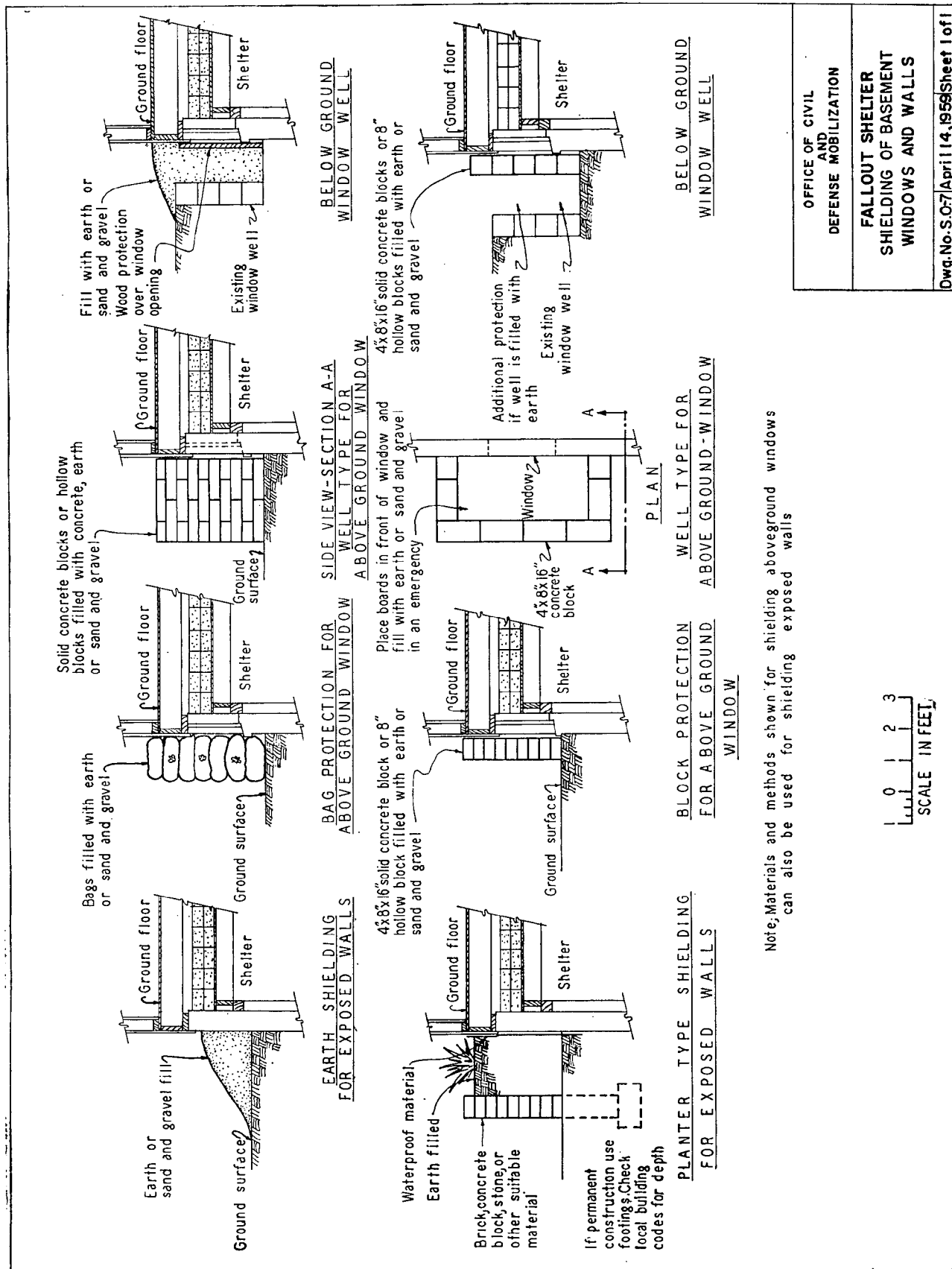


Figure 21

**Food and cooking equipment:**

- Water (2-week supply, a minimum of 7 gal. per person)
- Food (2-week supply)
- Eating utensils
- Paper plates, cups, and napkins (2-week supply)
- Openers for cans and bottles
- Pocket knife
- Special foods for babies and the sick

- Can for garbage (20-gal.)
- Covered pail for toilet purposes
- Can for human wastes (10-gal.)
- Toilet tissue, paper towels, sanitary napkins, disposable diapers, ordinary and waterless soap
- Grocery bags, newspapers for soil bags
- Household chlorine (2 pt.) and DDT (1 qt. of 5% solution)
- Waterproof gloves

- Battery radio with CONELRAD frequencies (640 or 1240) marked, and spare batteries for 2-week operation
- Home use radiation meters, when available
- Flashlights, electric lantern, and spare batteries for 2 weeks
- Clothing
- Bedding (rubber sheeting and special equipment for the sick)
- A first-aid kit and supplies listed in OCDM Leaflet L-2-12, *First Aid: Emergency Kit; Emergency Action*
- Writing material
- Reading material
- Screwdriver, pliers, and other household tools
- Games and amusements for children

Cooking equipment (canned heat, or camp stove) and matches  
Home fire-fighting equipment  
Rescue tools

Any one of the following publications from a list provided by the Bureau of Health Education of the American Medical Association would be helpful when a physician is not available.

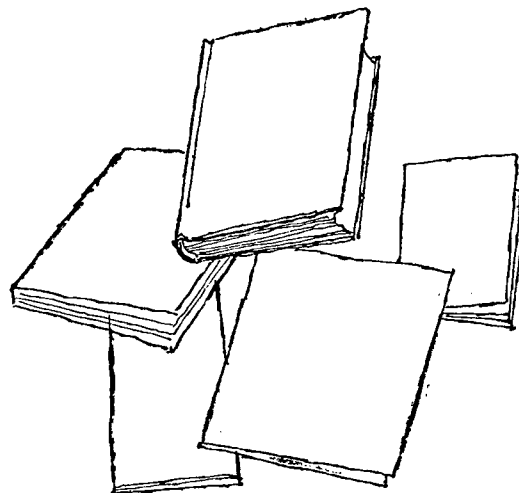




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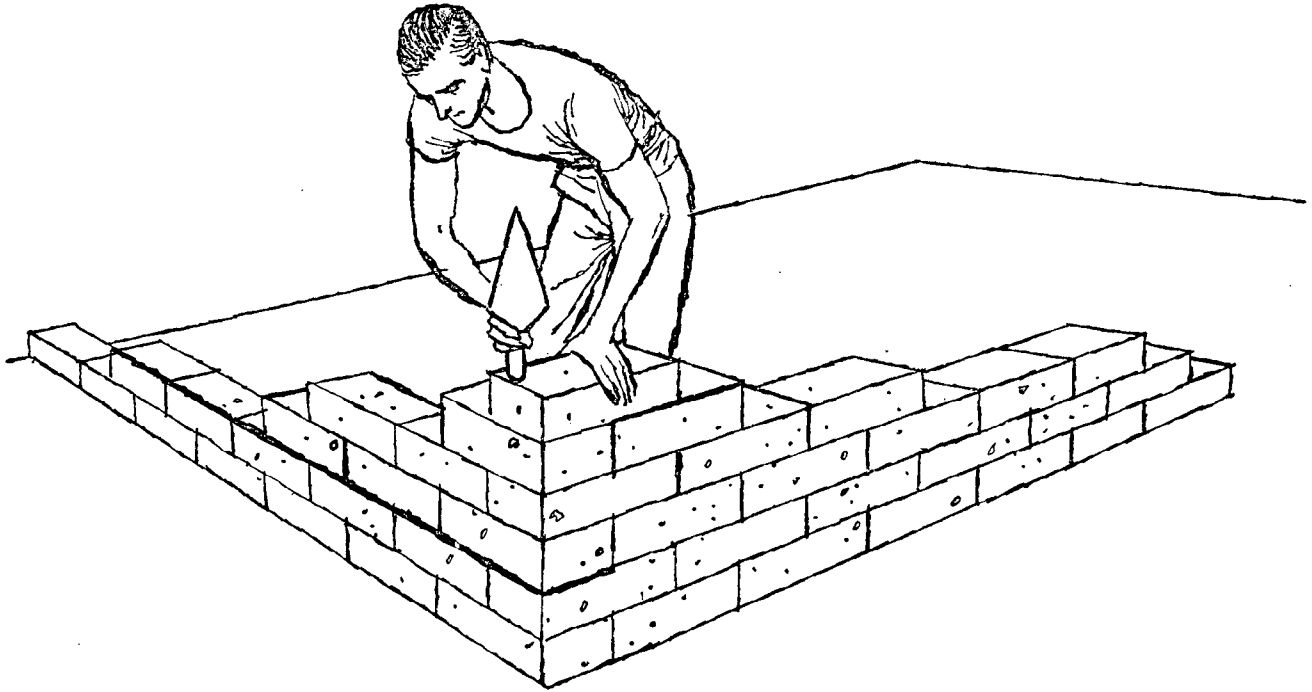


## SUGGESTIONS FOR CONTRACTS

### Section C

Following is a quick checklist of items to discuss with a contractor during negotiations:

1. Drainage from area around underground or outdoor shelters.
2. Protection against cave-in excavations.
3. Concrete strength and reinforcement.
4. Waterproofing.
5. Doors or hatches.
6. Ventilation.



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