

To Members of the Ordnance Survey who are at present Prisoners of War.

We are all looking forward to the day when you will rejoin us and help to start building up again the peace-time work of the Ordnance Survey. The end of the war will find us with heavy arrears in our programme. The successful development of the post-war planning of the country will depend largely on the way in which we carry out our task of supplying the maps and plans which must form the basis of the work.

The planning of the Ordnance Survey post-war programme is in hand. In order to execute our plans quickly it is necessary to get as many of our old staff to work as possible and that their knowledge and experience of Ordnance Survey methods should be as great as possible. Not only do we expect to absorb our own old staff as fast as we can get them, but there are likely to be vacancies for others who have an interest in the work. We shall want not only trained men to go on progress, but instructors for the school. There will be a place for all of you in this scheme, and the more you have kept up your survey knowledge the better you will be able to help and the better will be your prospects.

I have consequently had prepared these notes on Trigonometrical and Detail Survey for you. I suggest that those of you in each camp who have most experience should help the ones who have less knowledge. I should suggest also that any of you who have an aptitude for instructing should take turns in holding classes in order to train yourselves as instructors.

I have already mentioned that after we have absorbed our own staff, there are likely to be vacancies for new men; so encourage people who are not old survey men to join your classes. Even if they don't join us after the war, they will find the work interesting and useful.

I hope that in addition to the value both you and the survey may get from your working on these notes, you will find that they help you to pass the time away until you come back to rejoin us.

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