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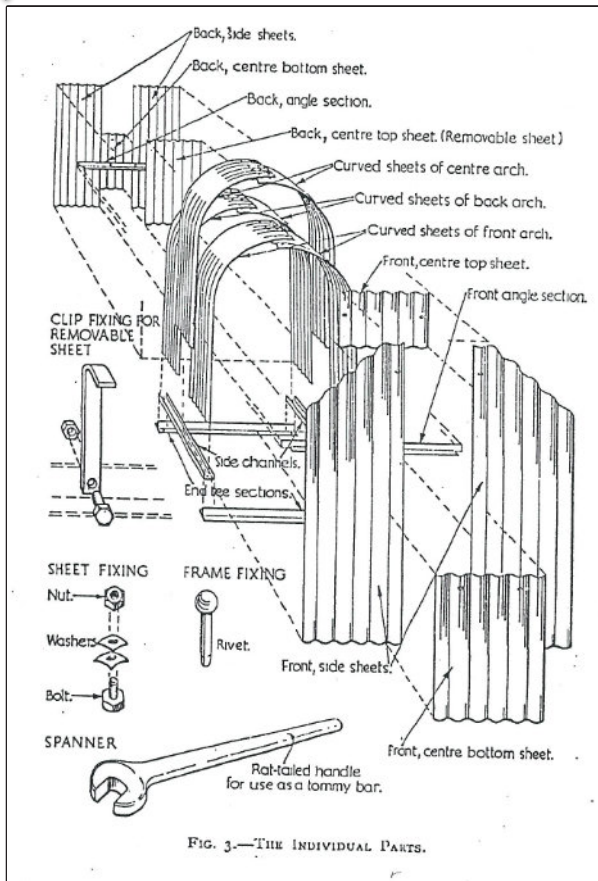
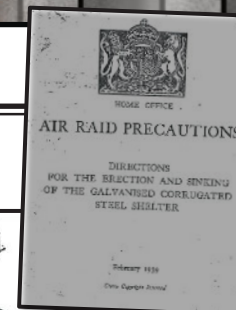


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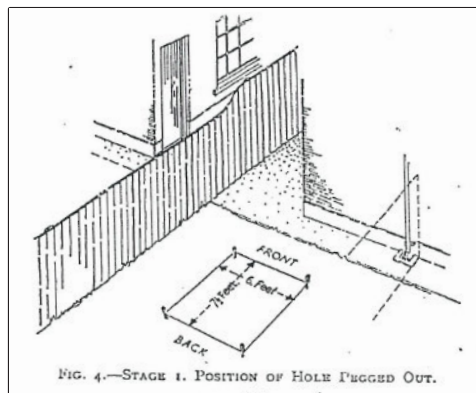


FIG. 4.—STAGE 1. POSITION OF HOLE PEGGED OUT.

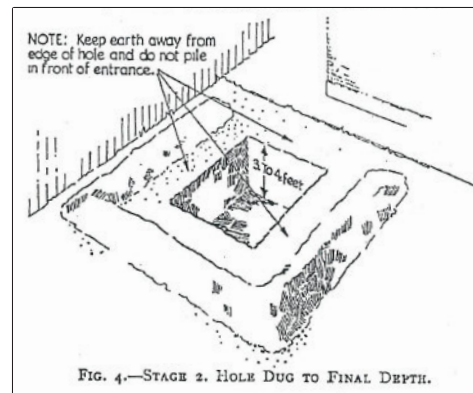


FIG. 4.—STAGE 2. HOLE DUG TO FINAL DEPTH.

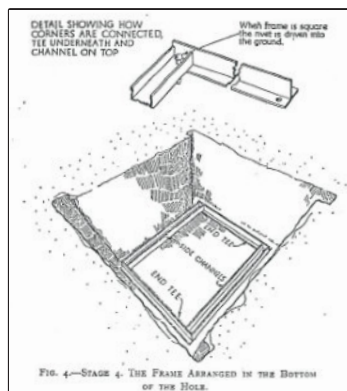
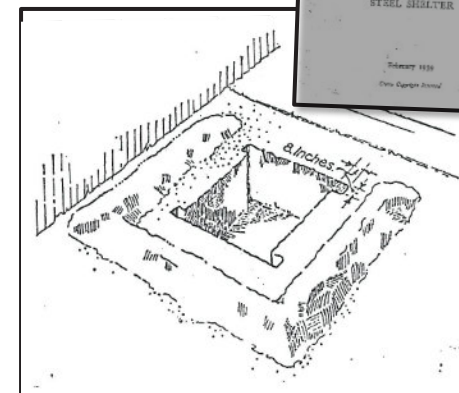


FIG. 4.—STAGE 4. THE FRAME ARRANGED IN THE BOTTOM OF THE HOLE.



FIG. 4.—STAGE 5. ERECTING THE BACK ARCH.  
A. Supports curved sheets. B. Levers slots into hole with bar.

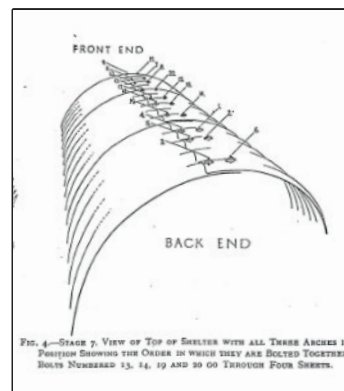


FIG. 4.—STAGE 7. VIEW OF TOP OF SHELTER WITH ALL THREE ARCHES IN POSITION SHOWING THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY ARE BOLTED TOGETHER. BOLTS NUMBERED 13, 14, 19 AND 20 GO THROUGH FOUR SHEETS.

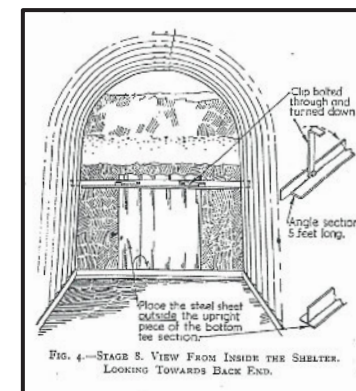


FIG. 4.—STAGE 8. VIEW FROM INSIDE THE SHELTER. LOOKING TOWARDS BACK END.

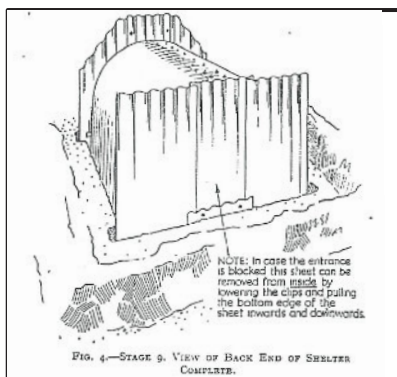


FIG. 4.—STAGE 9. VIEW OF BACK END OF SHELTER COMPLETE.

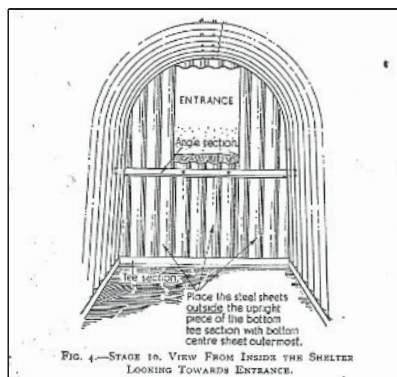


FIG. 4.—STAGE 10. VIEW FROM INSIDE THE SHELTER LOOKING TOWARDS ENTRANCE.

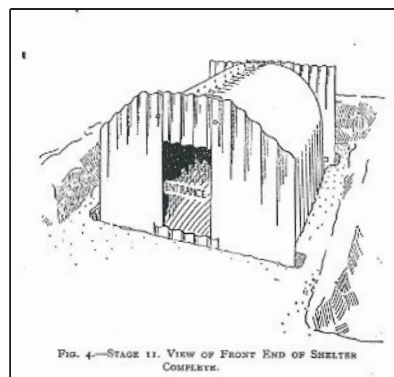


FIG. 4.—STAGE 11. VIEW OF FRONT END OF SHELTER COMPLETE.

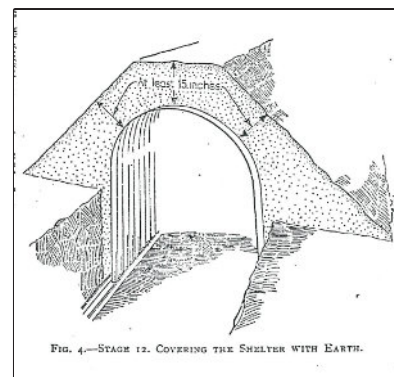


FIG. 4.—STAGE 12. COVERING THE SHELTER WITH EARTH.

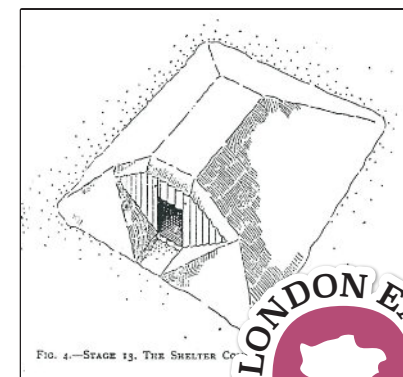


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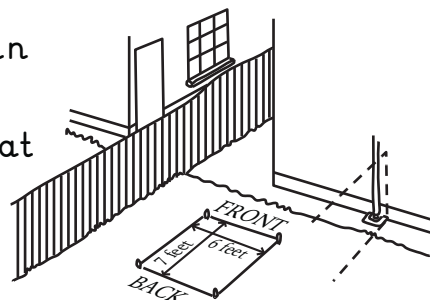
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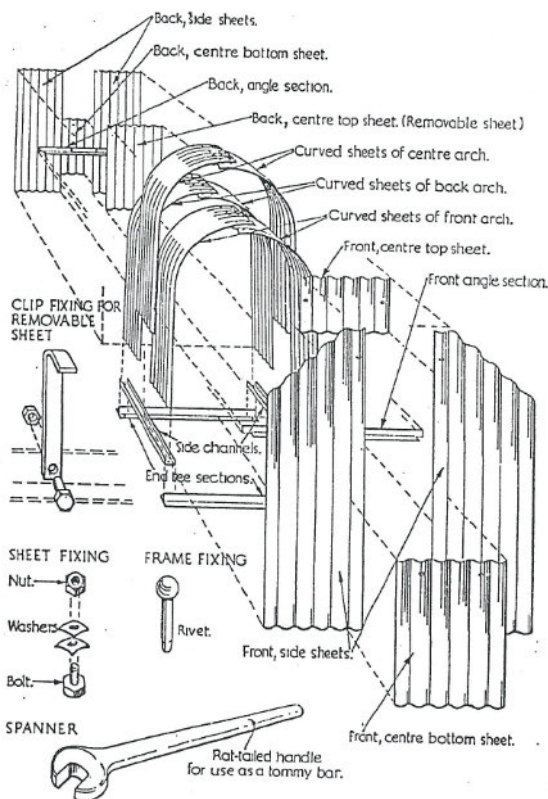
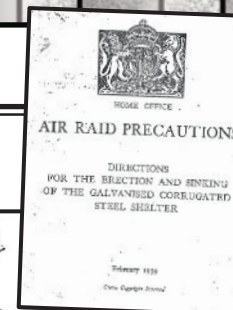
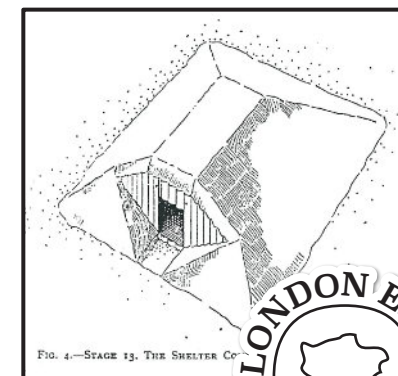
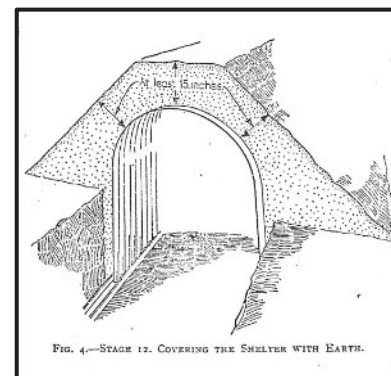
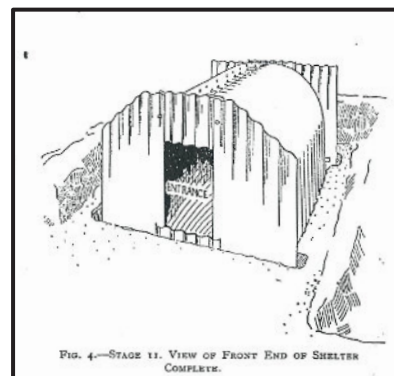
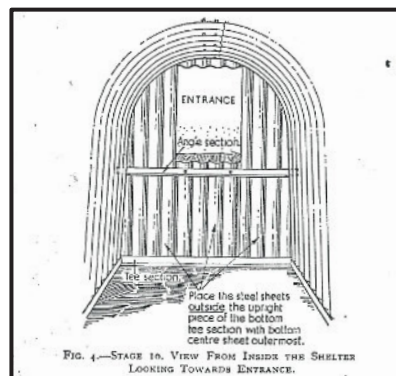
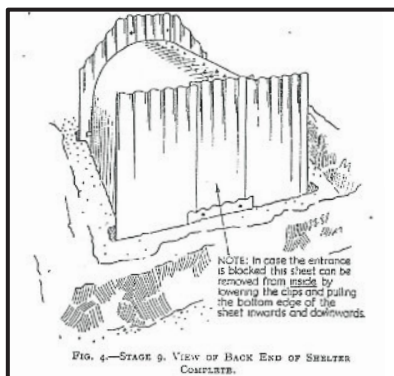
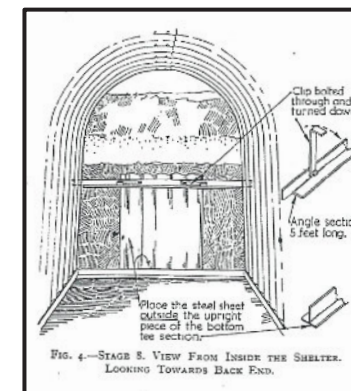
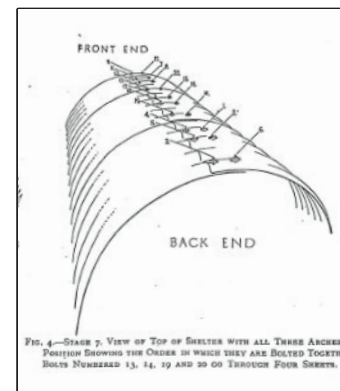
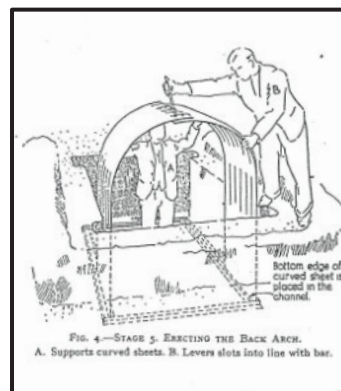
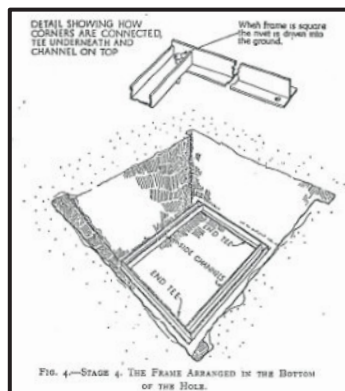
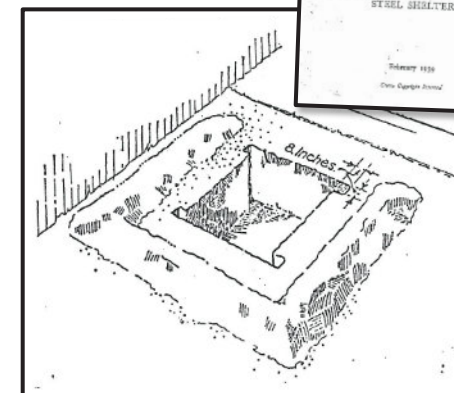
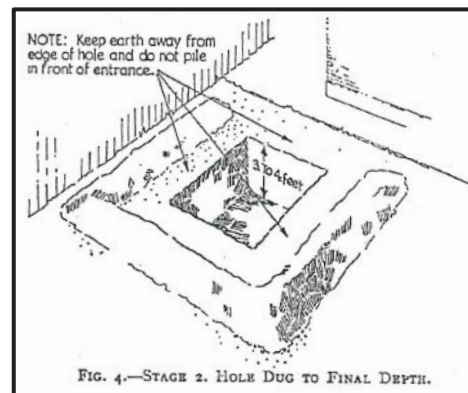
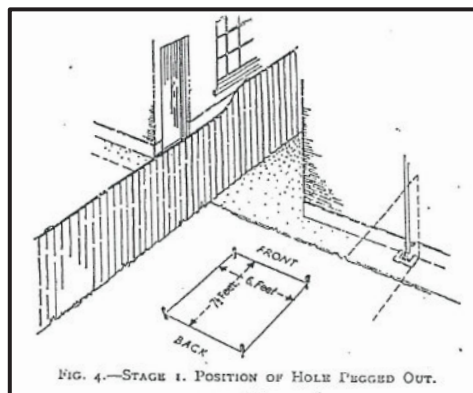


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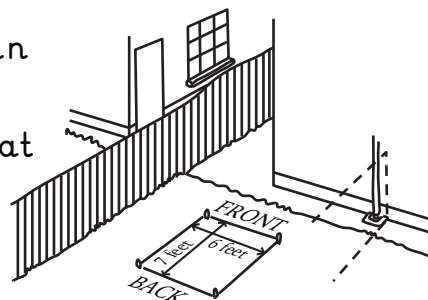
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