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## Car Park Attendant With Throat Wound

An Eastgate Corporation employee named Albert Martin, of 112, Saxon-road, was rushed to the Royal East Sussex Hospital on Thursday by the St. John Ambulance, suffering from a severe throat wound.

He was discovered by his wife at about mid-day, lying among some brambles near the allotments at Pinders, not far from his home. He was barely conscious.

Mrs. Martin hurried to find help and met Police-Sergeant Sheppard, who had just come off duty, accompanied by a special constable. The sergeant immediately sent for the ambulance and a doctor while he applied a field dressing to the wound.

Martin, who is about 45 years old, is lying in a serious condition in hospital.

Until the Corporation car parks on the Front Line closed down he had been employed as an attendant there.

## 10 p.m. Curfew Until Thursday

The 10 p.m. curfew for the Wilmington front line area, which has been in force for a fortnight, has been extended until (and including) next Thursday, August 22nd.

Meanwhile the curfew hours are under consideration, and further news of what, it is hoped, will prove a stabilised curfew hour to cover a reasonably long period, will be forthcoming after next Thursday.

The morning curfew hour until August 22nd will be 5 a.m.

## Sand for Household

To-day (Saturday) there will be a further distribution of sand to householders in the following roads in Wilmington:-

Berwick-drive, Cundall-road, Bourne-drive, Perry-street, Croft-gardens, Dunn-road, Ash-close.

## NURSES PRAISED

### ROYAL EAST SUSSEX PRIZE-GIVING

Tribute to the loyal work of the nursing staff during war-time was paid at the nurses' prize-giving at the Royal East Sussex Hospital on Tuesday.

The Countess Brassey, J.P. (president of the hospital), presented the awards, and others present were Mr. A. Martin (chairman), and Mr. W. G. Kemsley (secretary). The Countess Brassey said she was always pleased to visit the hospital, and was sorry the nurses' friends could not be present as usual. "I do know the happy way in which the work is done by you nurses," she said, "and that is better for the patients and for you."

Thanks to Lady Brassey were expressed by Mr. Martin, who mentioned the loyalty of the nursing staff, from the matron down to the newest recruit. Seconding, Mr. J. Berthon Sparke said no gathering as the hospital was complete without Lady Brassey.

The prizewinners were:—First prize (presented by the Countess Brassey), Miss M. E. Toop; second prize (the Agnes Ebdon prize), Miss Georgina Saunders; third prize, Miss M. M. Hidgkinson; matron's prize (for the best practical nurse of her year), Miss B. J. Tawn.

## BALED OUT

Two ladies on a lonely Stonegate farm were awakened at 2.30 one morning this week to find a parachutist on their doorstep. It was not a pleasant experience until they discovered, to their relief, that he was none other than a British pilot who had baled out owing to lack of petrol. Returning from his part in the night's heroic air battles, he had lost his bearings and cruised around until his petrol was exhausted.

When they discovered the identity of their visitor, the ladies were eager to offer him every hospitality. But his greatest need was a cup of tea, and as the milk supply had also run out the cow, to her intense astonishment and disapproval, was milked before dawn.

# Bombs on Wilmington and Eastgate

Two people, a man and a woman, were killed and two houses at Eastgate were extensively damaged when a lone Nazi bomber raided the town on Wednesday afternoon. The man was a member of the Home Guard.

THE husband of the woman killed on Wednesday was taken to the Buchanan Hospital, where he is now lying suffering from severe wounds.

The member of the Home Guard was not on duty when he met his death.

A number of houses in one road were damaged and several people suffered minor injuries.

Two bombs were dropped in fields on the outskirts of Wilmington. These exploded harmlessly.

The appearance of the enemy bomber over the west of the town was signalled by the chatter of machine gun fire. After dropping the first bombs it turned eastwards and was seen to fly low along the Front. Hundreds of people saw the swastika emblem on the plane, and the figures of its crew.

Over the eastern end of the town it turned inland and dropped the second group of bombs as it flew off to seek cover in the clouds, pursued by British fighters.

The same evening a brief dogfight took place over the town between an enemy plane and British fighters. Machine-gun fire could be plainly heard and our aircraft could be seen wheeling among the low clouds over the town as they manoeuvred to try and cut off the escape of the enemy. Still chasing the Nazi plane they vanished from sight.

We have received the following letter:-

Sir, Great praise should be given to all wardens and officials who rendered service to the casualties and persons in houses near to the one most seriously damaged. It was remarkable to witness the speed in which they were on the spot and the coolness and also efficiency in which both sexes went about the job of rendering valuable help. Everything necessary also was forthcoming

quickly from all sections of our service for dealing with an attack, including doctors, also help from our soldiers. I, with others, thank them heartily. I was very near the place.

"ONE WHO SAW."

## MIRACULOUS ESCAPES FROM FLYING GLASS

Score of residents in a south-east town had miraculous escapes from injury by flying glass in an air raid recently.

Casualties occurred when two houses were severely damaged.

Four bombs fell in a close group near the sea front. No one was injured here.

A garage was demolished by a direct hit. Again no one was injured, although earth and debris, including a dustbin lid were flung right over the roofs of the Front Line houses to the parade.

Two bombs struck the beach and scattered shingle like a hail of shrapnel. The windows of shops, a hotel and boarding houses in the vicinity were broken, but no casualties from the flying glass occurred.

Several bombs were seen to fall into the sea, near the Front. One of these narrowly missed a pier.

Many eye witnesses declare they counted between 40 and 50 enemy planes, which flew off to the south-east. One, lagging behind the rest and rapidly losing height, was pursued by a British fighter.

The audience remained in a cinema throughout the raid, and the programme was continued as usual. Although the noise of bursting bombs could be plainly heard not far away, no one panicked and no one attempted to leave the building.

## Emergency Committee

### GIFT OF CAR TO TOWN CLERK

At a meeting of the Eastgate Emergency Committee held yesterday (Friday) at Summer Fields, the Town Clerk (Mr. D. W. Jackson) reported that a Southgate resident, Mrs. Bonner, has made him a gift the previous day of a 16 h.p. limousine, valued at over £600, for his own official use.

He had accepted the gift on the understanding that it could also be used for Local Government and Civil Defence purposes. On behalf of the Council as well as his own behalf he proposed to thank this lady for her generous present.

Alderman Burden spoke appreciatively of the gift.

### DISMISSED MEN: COUNCILLOR'S PROTEST

Councillor S. S. Riddle asked if the committee would consent to Mr. W. W. Wood, coming before them at the next meeting and explaining on behalf of himself and a number of fellow Corporation employees, the treatment they had received that culminated with their dismissal from the Corporation's employment.

He reminded the Council that Mr. Wood had been employed for many years as a car park attendant. With the closure of the parks the job fell through. Mr. Wood and others were put at first on light work and then on heavy concreting, and from this they were suddenly discharged.

The Borough Engineer (Mr. S. Little) told the committee he had been obliged to dismiss a number of men who were not equal to the work. He agreed it was not likely that elderly men who had been on light work would prove satisfactory at heavy work, but some of them had made good, and he was anxious to give them all a chance.

Councillor Riddle protested that the dismissed men had not been given a chance to show that they could do the work. He declared that ten men were put to work where there was only room for five, so they divided themselves into shifts of five. The dismissed men happened to be the ones standing idle when an official arrived on the scene, but it

was no fault of theirs.

Councillor Hussey and Councillor Banks joined in the protest against the unsatisfactory method of dismissing men with 17 and 18 years' service.

Alderman Morgan said it would be establishing a bad precedent if they permitted discharged men to appear and voice their grievances before the committee. They had heard the Borough Engineer's explanation and should accept it.

Councillor Riddle's motion, seconded by Councillor Hussey, that Mr. Wood be invited to appear before the committee, was heavily defeated.

### FIREMEN'S PAY

When a request was submitted from the members of the Fire Brigade for an increase in pay by reason of the increase in the cost of living, Alderman F. W. Morgan moved that it be not granted, first because the Council had turned down a similar application from their workmen, and secondly because the firemen would as a matter of course be entitled to an increase of 5s. each in September according to the terms of their engagement.

This was carried unanimously.

### CURFEW FOR TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Arising out of a report by the Chief Constable (Mr. J. Bell), it was decided to extinguish all traffic lights in the borough at dusk.

### "KEEP LEFT" SIGN WANTED

Councillor H. E. Johnson referred to a recent Police Court prosecution and urged the need for more than one "Keep Left" sign, or some other indication, at the refuge at the approach to Wellington-square.

The matter was referred to the chairman of the Highways and Works Committee and the Borough Engineer.

The Mayor (Councillor E. M. Ford) presided at the meeting. Others present were the Deputy Mayor (Alderman Dr. W. E. Jameson, J.P.), Aldermen G. Payne, F. W. Morgan and H. Burden, J.P., and Councillors H. E. Johnson, J.P., G. H. Ormerod, J.P., S. S. Riddle, F. T. Hussey, A. Honnor and P. Banks.

## HIGH WATER TIMES

commencing Saturday, August 17th.

	a.m.	p.m.
Saturday	11.50	—
Sunday	0.10	0.25
Monday	0.46	0.58
Tuesday	1.19	1.30
Wednesday	1.51	2.01
Thursday	2.22	2.39
Friday	2.52	3.01

## LIGHTING-UP TIMES

commencing Saturday, August 17th.

Saturday	9.19
Sunday	9.17
Monday	9.15
Tuesday	9.13
Wednesday	9.11
Thursday	9.09
Friday	9.07

## BLACK-OUT TIMES

Week commencing August 17th

	Begins	Ends
Saturday	8.49 p.m.	5.18 a.m.
Sunday	8.47 p.m.	5.19 a.m.
Monday	8.45 p.m.	5.21 a.m.
Tuesday	8.43 p.m.	5.22 a.m.
Wednesday	8.41 p.m.	5.24 a.m.
Thursday	8.39 p.m.	5.26 a.m.
Friday	8.37 p.m.	5.27 a.m.

The curfew in the Front Line area begins at 10 p.m. and lasts till 5 a.m.

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# FLOTSAM & JETSAM

BY VIGILANT

## Reasons for Expecting Victory

In one of my notes last week I gave reasons for thinking that if we stand fast we shall win the war. A local resident has written to thank me for the note, which she declares has given her encouragement. Well, if I can do anything in that direction I shall feel very glad, so here are a few additional reasons for thinking victory will be ours in the end. Germany's strength is based upon her temporary superiority in certain material weapons of war. That superiority is gradually being overcome. Already Germany is dangerously deficient in other munitions of war which are no less powerful in the long run. The moral forces of the world are against her. Germany has no real friends, not even Italy. She has many subject populations who are rapidly becoming more of a liability than an asset.

But every man who loves freedom is our ally in whatever land he may dwell. Those who can are helping us now. Many cannot help yet, but longingly wait for the opportunity. Though the wicked flourish for a while, their might always conceals within it the seeds of its own destruction. History has seen the tyrants one by one to their ignominious graves.

*"Freedom's battle once begun,  
Bequeathed from bleeding sire to son,  
Though baffled oft is ever won."*

## The Children Who Stayed at Home

To contend, as three or four correspondents have done recently in letters to the Editor, that because a number of local schoolchildren have been evacuated under a voluntary scheme, there is no justification for reopening schools in the borough so that those children not evacuated can continue their education is to take a decidedly selfish view of the matter. It means, in effect, that these correspondents are willing to see children lose their education because their parents do not agree with evacuation.

Parents had freedom of choice in this matter, and those who agreed to their children being sent to the reception areas should rest content with the satisfaction that they did what they considered the right thing and not indulge in uncharitable hopes that the authorities will "take it out" of those who acted otherwise by depriving their children of opportunities of attending school.

All the while the scheme is voluntary, the Government should make provision for children who stay at home as well as those who go away. As I have pointed out before, in the ordinary way the children would now be having their summer holidays, and would be "running wild," as a correspondent this week puts it, in any case. But that they should continue to run wild because the schools remain closed is unthinkable. The question will have to be tackled soon, and the sooner the better. It is wrong that, while freedom of choice was allowed, the parents who chose to keep their children at home should be penalised.

## Letters to Evacuees—A Warning

A great many letters and postcards are passing between parents and friends in Walmington and the local schoolchildren who have been evacuated to the Home Counties and there is great joy on both sides when a really newsy letter is received. Parents should remember, however, that in their letters they should mention nothing about the war situation. The slogan "Careless talk may give away vital secrets" applies equally to what is said in letters to other parts of the country, particularly where the communications are to young people, who are quite likely to lose the letters or leave them lying about where the wrong eyes may see them. I hope, therefore, that those who write to evacuees will be most careful to avoid reference to any war matters, and to discourage their children from making reference to such subjects when they write home. It is well known that the most innocent repetition of certain facts may form a link in a chain of information that may be of great use to the enemy and disastrous in its results. So remember, when you write to your children, keep all war matters out of your letters and warn them to do the same.

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## The Talk About the Invasion Threat

In one of my notes last week I dealt with talk about the invasion threat, and I pointed out that it would be very stupid to overlook the fact that Hitler is committed to the invasion, and that the present lull, coupled with his "peace" offer, was probably a deliberate part of his strategy intended to give people in this country a false sense of security, so that they will be unprepared for attack. I added: "The only safe course to pursue is to go on strengthening our defence and increasing our preparations and vigilance." On Sunday we were told that the previous day the Prime Minister had issued a warning that the possibility of German invasion has by no means passed away, and that there must not be the slightest relaxation of vigilance or moral alertness. I do not mention to coincidence to remind my readers of the old adage about great minds. The fact is that my contention and Mr. Churchill's warning were merely common sense, and the surprising thing is that anybody could take a different view of the situation. It seems so silly to think Hitler intends to let us off with mere threats and unreliable peace offers. There must be no slackening on our part. We must be ready for any and every contingency, including invasion and much more intensive bombing from the air. On Monday I received a letter from a local pensioner, and I take from it the following extracts:—"Your paragraph commenting upon the view of non-invasion held by a large number of people prompts me to express my agreement with your remarks. While we have prepared defensive measures which apparently make the would-be invader hesitate, we should not be over-complacent. We must remember that there is one thing that the enemy does not like, which is the cold steel. He does not like it up him at all. In light of this fact alone Hitlerism is not destined to achieve ultimate victory, however ardently its author may push his power."

## Stand Fast And We Win

I hope the preceding note will not cause depression amongst our readers, but if it has that effect on anybody I would invite him or her to remember that there is good reason for thinking the enemy will fail in his endeavour to defeat us. "Stand fast and we win" runs the slogan on the post. And we know it's true. Every day that passes our defences grow stronger, our aggressive power increases, our stranglehold on Germany's supplies presses remorselessly tighter. It is easier for Britons to attack than to defend. We can rise to an emergency. Now we are proving that we can perform the harder task of standing on guard, vigilantly waiting for what may come to-night, to-morrow, next month, or even not at all. We can be proud of the self-control and the preparedness of those who have already had to meet the test of air bombardment. They have not faltered. And we are all ready steadfastly and with determination to do our duty and stand our ground until the job is done. The day is approaching when the initiative will be with us. The hour for attack will come, and with it the end of that evil man and his sinister domination. Meantime we stand fast, and Hitler's assaults beat in vain upon our island fortress.

## Out and About

### EASTGATE

**NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**—Mr. and Mrs. W. Peatfield will lead an outing to Crowborough Beacon on Wednesday 21st August. Coaches will leave from the Town Hall at 11 a.m.

**LIGHT CLASSICAL CONCERT**—Mr. George Weldon and his orchestra will play an orchestral concert at the White Rock Pavilion on Sunday evening at 7 p.m. Admission is 1s.

**POPULAR DANCES**—Dances are held in the ballroom at the White Rock Pavilion every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 7 p.m. Music is supplied by the Harmony Aces Band and admission is 1s.

**CYCLISTS' TOURING CLUB**—Tomorrow (Sunday), Mr. D. Bristow is leading a run to Falmer, leaving Eastgate Pier at 9.30 a.m. sharp. Tea will be at Wartling Hill. All cyclists are welcome on this run.

### WALMINGTON

**FLOWER SHOW**—The annual flower show of the Walmington Horticultural Society, originally to be held at St. Aldhelm's Church hall on 18th August, will now take place at the Fish Market on Back Lane due to the unavailability of the former venue.

## Children's Corner

**DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,**  
In spite of everything we have been keeping our farthing collection going splendidly, and I do hope it is not going to fall off too badly.

This week's total is down and I cannot say I am surprised, because so many of our members have been evacuated and naturally we shall miss their help very greatly.

But a lot of parents and other grown-up friends of the L.L.K. have promised to help keep the flag flying and enable us to continue to maintain the L.L.K. cots in the Royal East Sussex Hospital and to help other good causes as much as we can.

There are also numbers of members still in the town, so I think if a really big effort is made we shall be able to get through this difficult period with honours. Difficulties must spur us on, because the hospitals and other good causes need our help more than ever and it would be very sad to think they had to go short.

So carry on, L.L.K., and let's show everyone how well we can beat the obstacles which through no fault of ours have cropped up in our path.

My love to you all and my best thanks to all those parents who are helping us so generously.

Uncle Jim



**Beryl Davis.**—Thank you for the parcel. I hope you will be happy in London.

**June and Kenneth Fuller.**—I am glad June is still going to save silver paper now she has been evacuated. I have noted your new address.

**Dawn Morton.**—Dawn, now evacuated, is helped in her silver paper collection by Miss Godfrey, who was 73 on August 3rd.

**Francis Pike.**—Best birthday wishes for next Thursday, and thank you for the birthday parcel.

**Derrick Stuart-Melkie.**—Herbert is very pleased to enrol your budgerigar, Peter, in the Pets' League. Many happy returns of your third birthday, Derrick.

## THANKS FOR SILVER PAPER AND OTHER GIFTS

Gifts acknowledged are of silver paper, except where otherwise mentioned:—

F. L. Kent (also stamps and cigarette cards); Derrick Stuart-Melkie (also stamps); Tim (cartridge tops); Beryl Davis (also stamps and cards); Francis Pike (also stamps); Jean and John Ballard (also cards); Sheila and Brian Shaw; Tip the Cat (also stamps); Miss Godfrey; Mitchell and David Pratt (also stamps and cards); Amos Marsh; Jean Hackett and Jimmy Bailey (also cards and comics); Gladys Peachum; Heather and Barry Ody; Roy Mills; June and Kenneth Fuller; Beryl Davis.

# What do I do...

if my job is that of housewife and mother?

I remember that this is a war-job too! — and I try to do it even better than usual. I shop with special care. I waste nothing. I save paper, tins, bones . . . I try to keep myself and my house trim and cheerful and I take special pains with the cooking, because I know this keeps the men's spirits up. I send the children to bed early and I don't stay up listening for sirens. I remind myself that in this way, though I may not be winning medals, I am certainly helping to win the war!

Cut this out—and keep it!

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