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## FAILED TO REGISTER

"This is the most definite and deliberate case of defying the law that one can imagine," declared Mr. R.H. McCall (Town Clerk's department), prosecuting solicitor at Eastgate Police Court on Thursday when Norman Robert Taylor was summoned for failing to register under the National Registration Act.

Taylor admitted the offence. Mr. McCall said all persons were required to register on September 29th, 1939, but Taylor put in an attempt at registration which was actually a refusal to register, as he merely gave his name and address and described his occupation as "the dangerous one of trying to live as a Christian in a pagan civilisation."

On Tuesday he was stopped by a police officer at Guestling and on failing to produce his identity card was instructed to report at Eastgate Police Station with it as soon as possible.

He did so and said he had no identity card. He was then required to proceed forthwith to the nearest registration office and register. He did so, but again refused to register.

"This is a very serious case," said Mr. McCall. "The possession by every citizen of an identity card is of the greatest importance in the present dangerous times. The police and the military are constantly having to ask people to produce their identity cards."

"This is the most definite and deliberate case of defying the law that one can imagine. Taylor twice refused to register and I submit conscience is nothing to do with it. He has protection on that ground in the matter of National Service under another Act."

Taylor said he could be called for National Service if he registered and all forms of war works were against his beliefs.

The Deputy Chief Constable (Superintendent W.J. Buddle) said Taylor was 38 years of age and described as a working jeweller.

After retiring, the Bench imposed the maximum penalty of one month's imprisonment and a fine of £5.

## Curfew Warning

When George Edward Brown, an Admiralty draughtsman, and Violet Edith Spray, a war office clerk, both on leave at Eastgate, were fined £1 each by the Eastgate magistrates on Saturday for being at Verulam-place at 10.50 p.m. the previous evening, contrary to the Defence Regulations, the Deputy Chief Constable (Superintendent W.J. Buddle) said the police had now ceased to caution people for this offence.

"People are simply laughing at us and at the Home Guard," he said. "We have had a lot of trouble on the Front, although not from these two defendants. Orders have now been given that future offenders are to be brought to the police station and charged straight away. It is a very serious matter, especially as the Regional Commissioner has been good enough to extend the time to 10.30 p.m."

## "THANK YOU" SAYS GERMAN PILOT

"Thank you," said a German pilot who escaped by parachute when he was arrested by a Sergeant of the Special Constabulary during the big raid on Saturday afternoon.

The German, who landed near a cemetery, took to his parachute when his Dornier met with disaster and crashed to the ground, there to burst into flame. The remainder of the crew of four perished when the machine came to earth some five miles away.

The pilot, who was about 26 years of age, was dazed when he landed and had injuries to his head and hand.

When he said "Thank you" he was asked if he could speak English, but only shook his head in reply.

He was taken to hospital in a car driven by a Canadian officer who happened to be passing, and after receiving attention was handed over to the authorities.

## "OBSERVER" SPITFIRE FUND

### Last Opportunity to Respond to £1,000 Challenge

Amount needed 100,000 shillings  
So far subscribed 90,294  
Still required 9,706

The last week for contributions to be received for the Walmington Shilling Spitfire Fund, launched by the "Observer," begins to-day, and townspeople now have their last opportunities of responding to Alderman Blackman's £1,000 challenge offer by completing the collection of the remaining £4,000 needed to pay for a fighting plane.

The coming week brings your last great chance to make your gesture of admiration to the R.A.F. and defiance to the Nazi bombers by joining to the utmost of your ability in this all-Walmington effort to buy a Walmington Spitfire.

Contributions will be gratefully received at the "Observer" office, Waterlane, Walmington, or at the Town Hall, Summer Fields, Eastgate. Cheques should be payable to "Observer" Spitfire Fund and crossed "Swallow Bank, Ltd." Holders of collecting sheets are specially asked to return these to the "Observer" Office, with the money collected, not later than Thursday morning. A similar request is made to holders of collecting boxes.

It will be appreciated if all those intending to contribute forward their donations as early in the week as possible.

Contributions have been pouring in again throughout the past week, and they have come from all sections of the community. Included in the gifts this week is one of 100 shillings from the Countess Brassey.

Many people have visited the Heinkel bomber exhibition at Summer Fields. The bomber and other items of Nazi air equipment will remain on show from 9 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. and no one should miss this opportunity of seeing the exhibits and, at the same time, helping the Spitfire Fund. Admission is 6d, all proceeds going to the fund.

The "Observer" appeals to all patriotic people of Walmington to rally in this concluding week to provide every one of the necessary shillings to bring Alderman Blackman's generous challenge offer into effect. He has expressed his full confidence in the people of Walmington and they will show him that his confidence was well founded. Give all you can—if you cannot spare shilling, pennies will do—and give at once.

## What do I do... about my Gas Mask?

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## Spitfire Shots

AN EASTGATE lady sold a quantity of plated goods to help the Spitfire Fund and as a result was able to send a cheque for £3 2s. 6.

Sapper H.C. McNeile, a Walmington man now on service "Somewhere in the North," has sent 2s. 6d. for the fund—his first extra pay allowed towards cigarettes.

Mr. J.H. Marsh of Walmington has given the whole of his prize money won at the Walmington Horticultural Society's show last month to the Spitfire Fund. Mr. Marsh won first prize in the open class for a collection of vegetables (nine varieties) among them being a marrow over three feet long. A sum equal to the prize money has been given to Mr. Marsh by a well-wisher, making the total contribution £1 6s.

The lady artist Miss Ballinger auctioned a collection of her watercolours of the Pett Levels at The Gay Dolphin in Tilling last week and has sent £1 2s. for the fund.

## "Spitfire" Sam

LAMB AUCTIONED FOR THE FUND

A lamb, which was christened Spitfire Sam, was auctioned by Messrs. J. Woodham and Son at Robertsbridge Market on Monday, the proceeds going to the Spitfire Fund.

As soon as Sam was bought, he was put up for re-sale, and the amount finally realised was exactly £20.

The farmer who bought Spitfire Sam will put him up for sale at Bloodford Market at 1 p.m. on Monday in aid of the Fund.

## HOME GUARD EFFORT FOR THE FUND

On Saturday 14th, a fundraising meeting is being held at St. Aldhelm's Church Hall in aid of the Spitfire Fund.

It is arranged under the auspices of the Walmington and Eastgate Rotary Club and Colonel Chinstrap (president of the branch) hopes to attend.

The highlight of the meeting will be a precision drill demonstration by the men of the Walmington Home Guard, and it is hoped that there will be a full house.

The meeting commences at 4 p.m. and doors open at 3.30. Admission is 1s., and tickets may be obtained wherever posters are displayed.

## Winning the Victory

The spirit that will win the victory is visible everywhere. A few days ago, the twenty thousand workers of Montague Burton, Ltd., sent a deputation to the management, suggesting that contributions should be accepted from all the workers for the purchase of a "Spitfire".

On learning of this magnificent offer, sire Montague Burton promised to contribute 50 per cent. A cheque for £5,000 was sent to Lord Beaverbrook as a token of gratitude and admiration for the brave and gallant deeds of our airmen.

The same spirit is gathering force everywhere. It is the forerunner of victory.

## Marriage Service in Raid Shelter

VICAR'S "ALL CLEAR" MESSAGE

When the sirens sounded during a wedding ceremony at the Fishermen's Church, Walmington-on-Sea, the Rev. G. Marsh, who was officiating, continued the service in the air raid shelter beneath the church.

Here the bride, Miss Constance Marsh, of 17 Winding-street, Walmington-on-Sea, in her wedding attire, the bridegroom, Mr. Nahum Marsh, of Walmington-on-Sea, the bridesmaid, Miss Charity Marsh (sister of the bride), gathered with others attending the ceremony to take part in the concluding portion of the service.

Mr. Barnabas Marsh, the organist, accompanied the singing in the shelter on a piano, and while waiting for the "all clear," a hymn was sung, the bride choosing her favourite, "Lord, the Wind and Sea Obey Thee."

Just as the hymn ended, the "all clear" was sounded, and the Vicar remarked to the happy couple: "That means 'all clear' for your married life."

The party then went back into the church for the final benediction.

## HIGH WATER TIMES

commencing Saturday, Sept. 14th			
		a.m.	p.m.
Saturday	..	10.46	.. 11.14
Sunday	..	11.26	.. 11.49
Monday	..	11.57	.. —
Tuesday	..	0.18	.. 0.28
Wednesday	..	0.48	.. 0.59
Thursday	..	1.18	.. 1.31
Friday	..	1.49	.. 2.01

## LIGHTING-UP TIMES

commencing Saturday, Sept. 14th			
Saturday	..	..	.. 8.18
Sunday	..	..	.. 8.16
Monday	..	..	.. 8.13
Tuesday	..	..	.. 8.11
Wednesday	..	..	.. 8.09
Thursday	..	..	.. 8.06
Friday	..	..	.. 8.04

## BLACK-OUT TIMES

Week commencing September 14th			
	Begins	Ends	
Saturday	7.48 p.m.	6.02 a.m.	
Sunday	7.46 p.m.	6.04 a.m.	
Monday	7.43 p.m.	6.06 a.m.	
Tuesday	7.41 p.m.	6.07 a.m.	
Wednesday	7.38 p.m.	6.08 a.m.	
Thursday	7.36 p.m.	6.10 a.m.	
Friday	7.34 p.m.	6.12 a.m.	

The curfew in the Front Line area begins at 10.30 p.m. and lasts till half an hour before sunrise, i.e., end of black-out.

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## THE LAST LAP!

We have now reached the final week of the "Observer" Shilling Spitfire Fund appeal. This is the last opportunity for Walmington people to rally to the £1,000 challenge by Alderman A. Blackman, J.P., that they should provide the remaining £4,000—80,000 shillings—needed to pay for a fighter aircraft.

Every shilling counts—every penny in the collecting box, too.

Walmington—go all out this week to complete the Fund! Let your contributions be a token of your admiration for the R.A.F. and your defiance of Hitler's bombers.

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## Council Items

### RAID SHELTER TENDERS

Items in the Town Council agenda for next Tuesday's meeting include a report from the Aerodrome and Air Raid Precautions Committee asking for confirmation of action in accepting tenders totalling £2,078 for the construction of seven air raid shelters in various parts of the town to accommodate a total of 600 persons.

The Education Committee will also recommend that Mrs. A. Eshelby, who has served as a school nurse since March, 1912, should be superannuated from November 30th.

### Poison Gas and Food

A leaflet explaining how to protect food against poison gas, and what to do if food becomes contaminated, is being issued by the Ministry of Food to urban areas. You will be able to get one at your local Town Hall.

This does not mean that a gas attack is expected shortly. It is just a matter of being prepared for anything

### 10 p.m. CLOSING

### REGIONAL ORDER FOR THEATRES AND CINEMAS

*Licencees and Caterers Affected*

TEN o'clock has been fixed by the South-Eastern Regional Commissioner as the time at which all theatres and cinemas in Kent and Sussex must close for the night.

A similar order has been made in respect of other types of licensed and unlicensed premises, such as public houses, off-licenses, restaurants, canteens and refreshment rooms.

Clubs, billiards saloons and dance halls are also affected, as well as premises devoted to other forms of entertainment, including sport and music.

The new order comes into force this (Saturday) evening.

Chief constables will be allowed to use their own discretion in granting extensions of time for special occasions, and may fix, in certain circumstances, an earlier closing hours, though not earlier than nine o'clock.

Sir Alfred Dyer, J.P.

We regret to have to state that Sir Alfred Dyer, J.P., Editor of the "Observer," who returned to Eastgate after a fortnight's absence through ill health, has again had to go away for a rest.

He is very sorry, because he is against leaving the town, and would like to "stay put." He will return as soon as possible.

### Golden Penny League

Collectors for the Walmington and Eastgate Golden Penny League are asked to note that from to-day the office at 41, Cambridge-road will only open as follows:— Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10 to 1, and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2.30 to 5.

# FLOTSAM & JETSAM

BY VIGILANT

## Only One More Week to Complete the Spitfire Fund

Only one more week remains for the people of Walmington to complete their quota of the cost of a Walmington Spitfire by contributing to the fund launched by the "Observer." That quota, as everyone knows, is £4,000. Alderman A. Blackman, J.P., having generously offered £1,000 is the remainder of the purchase price of a Spitfire is forthcoming within a month from the date of his challenge. Despite increasing difficulties, local people are responding nobly to the challenge, but every effort must now be concentrated on completing the £4,000 in the coming week.

The results during the past week have been very encouraging, and, though there is no question but that the last lap will call for intense endeavour, I feel that Walmington will succeed in hitting back with its own fighter aircraft. There can only be one reaction to the horrors which the Nazis' infernal air machine has unleashed on London during the past week - a grim resolve on the part of all that, whatever they can do to assist in wrecking that machine, they will do to the utmost of their power.

Walmington's immediate outlet for this resolve is to ensure that the Spitfire Fund is completed within the next few days. It is a shilling fund, but pennies and halfpennies will all tell up into shillings and pounds. Remember the words: "Hard hit, we hit back harder still" and let us all have a hand in this final effort.

## The Best Answer to Rumour Mongers

Far too often it becomes necessary to warn the public against those particularly dangerous pests of war-time days - the rumour mongers. These people who take a malicious delight in spreading scare stories and warping official information without the least foundation are a menace of the worst type, and their evil work is done in such a way this it is almost impossible to bring them to book. My strong advice to all my readers is to ignore all rumours. A leading tradesman in the town gave me an instance only yesterday of an entirely groundless rumour regarding his own business that had come to his ears from more than one source. In whose wild imagination the rumour originated no one can tell, but this instance shows just how little reliance can be placed on the "know-alls," and how completely their words must be disregarded.

I look on deliberate rumour mongering, with the misery it so often causes, as wickedness of an advanced order. Take no notice of rumours. You will be surprised how much happier you will be. And if you meet a rumour monger, do your patriotic duty and tell him bluntly to "Shut up."

## Freedom After the War

To the local correspondent who has written to ask if we think all the war-time restrictions are necessary, we would say the country has a great leader, put your faith in him, and be sure he will not permit unnecessary interferences with freedom. But the subject is sufficiently

interesting to call for further comment. That is why whoever prizes freedom is loth to lose it even for a day.

The war touches life at every point and unavoidably it compels us to accept suspension of some of our rights as citizens. Industry is controlled; personal freedom is restricted in a thousand ways; conscription requires millions of younger men to submit to military law. Bureaucracy replaces individual initiative as the principle of our political and social existence. It may be questioned whether the control of industry is not in some instances unnecessary; and whether all the restrictions on personal freedom are essential to the safety of the realm; and whether bureaucracy isn't too widespread and expensive and dilatory.

Broadly, however, nobody will question that to win the war we must sacrifice temporarily much of the freedom we have been accustomed to in peace time. But this sacrifice is made for a purpose—the successful prosecution of the war. When that purpose is achieved we shall require a full return of every liberty we have surrendered.

Great importance, therefore, should be attached to the passage in the recent broadcast statement by Sir Archibald Sinclair, in which he said: "The Prime Minister has authorised me to give you this message—that it is the intention of His Majesty's Government to preserve in all essentials a free Parliament and a free Press, that all these emergency measures which restrict the liberty of the subject shall disappear with the passing of the emergency and that the new offences created by regulations under the Emergency Powers Act and the extraordinary powers entrusted to the executive will vanish with the advent of victory and peace."

A free Parliament and a free Press are essential to our freedom and they further the prosecution of the war. Had France possessed a Parliament and a Press as free as ours, she might have been spared the unhappy fate that has overcome her. The plight of France is an answer to whoever makes the error of supposing that we can gain in efficiency by depriving Parliament of its power to restrain the executive and the Press of its right to criticise. Both Parliament and the Press have already done much to remedy mistakes made since the declaration of war and to ensure that the war shall be fought with all our strength and resources. A continuation after the war of the present restrictions on the liberty of the subject would be intolerable.

This is a war for freedom, and a victory that was not accomplished by a revival of freedom would be a war lost to ourselves, however victorious we may be against the enemy. The offences created by the Emergency Powers Act would, if they were not abolished after the war, undermine every constitutional safeguard we possess; to speak of a free Britain, if they were still in force, would be a futility. The powers granted to the executive are extraordinary indeed; they, too, must be abolished so soon as we have won our victory. The war is being fought to bring security against the aggression of Nazi Germany; it is not being fought so that we may enslave ourselves to a bureaucracy.

After the war there must be no more bureaucracy that there was before war was declared. Is it too much to hope, rather, that there may be less?

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## Letters to the Editor

### DANGER IN WALMINGTON IS SMALL

## ALDERMAN MORGAN SAYS "STAY PUT"

Sir,—To destroy the morale of the people is to play into the hands of the enemy. Unnecessarily to quit Walmington gives the impression that this coast is dangerous and tends to destroy the morale both of the people of Walmington and of the people of those towns and villages to which our people go. There is a very large proportion of our people who should stay put.

I am no soldier, but as one who spends much of his time in weighing pros and cons, I venture to express a confident feeling that the enemy will be beaten and that our danger in Walmington is small.

Let us examine the matter calmly. What is the danger?

Is it bombs? If so, what other place is free from this danger? Why should the civil population expect the Forces to bear all the danger and they themselves be absolutely safe?

Is the danger that of a mass attack? Why should Walmington be singled out for such an attack? If Walmington were destroyed as Rotterdam was, the enemy would be no nearer victory, and why should he waste upon Walmington bombs which would be more usefully dropped upon aerodromes, petrol, munitions, etc.? One can well understand the bombing London with its numerous military objectives scattered widely among the civilian population; moreover to destroy London's morale would be a profitable piece of work. But the case of Walmington is far otherwise.

Is the danger invasion from the sea? The Spanish Armada with all its might fell to the weaker fleet of the admirals of Elizabeth, a fleet which included merchant vessels of Walmington. The Englishmen of those days, with robust piety, ascribed its destruction to the action of Divine Providence and of the courageous and skilful sailors of England—two great forces which have not ceased to operate in our own days. Suppose a multitude of vessels, mostly frail barges and the like, packed with German troops set out from what is left (after the operation of our airmen) of the ports of Norway, Antwerp, Calais, Boulogne and Havre, how far would they go without encountering our navy? The sea off Walmington looks empty in these days, but the silent Navy would soon be on the spot when the enemy put to sea. And his frail vessels would be easy targets for our aircraft, out torpedoes, and the guns of our Fleet. Where are the German warships without whose help the invaders must be massacred? And to attempt invasion and fail would be colossal catastrophe.

Is there danger of bombardment? So long as Britain has, as is undoubtedly the case, command of the seas, bombardment from the sea would be practically impossible. Theoretically guns of a special character on the French coast might drop shells on Walmington, but practically they would be as ineffective as the Berthas of the Great War which fired into Paris at long range without profit to the Germans.

Germany has already found her match. In my view her match will at no distant date become her superior.

I look forward to a time when the British Empire having had the responsibility and honour of destroying Nazism and Fascism with their corrupt philosophy of life, will draw to herself the peace-loving and freedom-loving nations of Europe and the Americas, determined to establish a system which will not tolerate aggression. It can be done if there is a will to do it, and those nations which have been under the heel of the robber nations and those which have been apprehensive of attack have every reason to establish such a system.

And so I say—stay put.

F.W. MORGAN

### British Spirit Will Prevail

Sir,—This war is showing the wonderful capacity of the British to rise above all circumstances and succeed in the midst of failure.

Recently we have had an onslaught from Haw-Haw, reinforced by the Ministry of Information, which tends to strike terror into the heart of anybody. But the local population treats the statements of Haw-Haw and the predictions of the Ministry of Information as matters for their mirth, and takes delight in observing falling enemy aircraft and is quite prepared to swallow any amount of falling ammunition for the joy of seeing victory on the way.

This spirit is sure to win, to overcome German propaganda and the Ministry of Information and come out on top.

Yours, etc.,  
OPTIMIST