

WARNING:- FROM 1540 hours - 13th August 1940, to
1711 hours - 13th August 1940.

The following incidents took place in SOUTHAMPTON and the attached parishes during this warning:- Nos 2, 3, 4, & 5 (est weight 2 tons)

No.2. The Old Docks Square UK time 1623 Hours 13th August.

7 or more H.E. & at least 1 oil incendiary bombs were dropped by (probably) a single plane, one of the flight responsible for No 3. The bombs were dropped on, or near the International Cold Storage plant, square UK, and on the quays and sheds South of it. At least 1 H.E. was dropped in the Empress Dock.

Casualties.

(a)	nil
(b)	1
(c)	3

Damage to Property.

(a)	1
(b)	Nil
(c)	2
(d)	?

Damage to Mains

Nil

Remarks.

The plane making this attack dived to do so. One at least of the bombs fell in the Empress Dock, and exploded 3 hours & 50 minutes after it fell, doing no damage, the size of this and the other bombs is not known, but some of them were 250 kilos.

The casualties were part of a machine gun detachment on the roof of the Cold Storage building.

The I.C.S. building was completely burned out, the fire lasting for over two weeks on account of the small isolated compartments and the ammonia.

Very little damage was done to the Dock Property, 2 of the bombs in a shed, but this was empty.

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No 3 TOWN WHARF, High Street, Canal Walk, Platform Road,
Square Road. 1623 hours 13th August.

About 15 H.E. bombs were dropped by probably 2 planes on:

- (a) The lower end of HIGH STREET and across
PLATFORM STREET to the Dock Wall and,
Canal Walk.

there may have been 1 or 2 oil Incendiary Bombs as well.

Casualties

- (a) 6. (2 bodies were not recovered for
20 hours)
(b) 8.
(c) 9.

Damage to property.

- (a) 8
(b) 17
(c) 31
(d) 72

Damage to Mains.

Water. 1 (one) 16 inch main supplying Docks
and a small main broken. Alternative
supply to Docks arranged at once, and
repairs carried out in 18 hours.

Electrical 1 D.C. feeder and 1 D.C. distributor
failed.

Gas 1 small (3 inch) main broken.

Remarks.

This is a very congested part of the town, and a great deal of material damage was done, to both dwelling houses and warehouses etc. There were 4 fires, and although they were quickly dealt with, they interfered with the Rescue work. The work of the Rescue Parties was also hampered by danger of buildings collapsing, and by spectators, in fact it was almost a relief when the sirens went a second time, and these people went to shelter.

But with the exception, the people behaved very well indeed in this, their first important Raid, and the first in this particularly poor part of the town. The public shelters proved their value. Some at least of the casualties were due to people not taking shelter. Among the more important buildings demolished or badly damaged were Pickfords Warehouse, Tillings, Edwin Jones' Store and at least 8 public houses.

The lower part of High Street was blocked by debris, and Platform Street by craters and debris, for about 2 days. Canal walk is still blocked 2½ weeks after Raid.

No 4. BOTLEY, Eastern Parishes, Pudbrook Lane.

WARNING:- 1630 hours - 13th August 1940

7 H.E. bombs, probably small, dropped in or close to MARKS FARM, Pudbrook Lane, at 1630 hours 13th August. 5 in the Lane and 4 in the adjoining fields.

Casualties

(a)	Nil
(b)	Nil
(c)	Nil

Damage to property

(a)	Nil
(b)	Nil
(c)	Nil
(d)	.3

Damage to Mains

Nil

Remarks

Craters made in Pudbrook Lane, and a small road bridge demolished.

No 5. HAMBLE, Eastern Parishes.

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7 H.E. bombs (1 unexploded) and 2 incendiary bombs dropped at 1630 hours 13th August 1940 in the fields S.E. of SIDNEY FARM, HAMBLE. The nearest was 120 yards from the west side of the Main Armstrongs Whitworth Factory Building, for which the plane was presumably aiming.

Casualties

(a)	nil
(b)	nil
(c)	nil

Damage to Property

(a)	nil
(b)	nil
(c)	nil
(d)	nil

Damage to Mains

Nil

Remarks.

The bombs were of the whistling type, of probably 150 pounds. No damage was done to building, not even broken glass, the unexploded bomb was removed by the B.D.S. at 0200 hours 14th August 1940.