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Pilotless Plane Crashes Into Middle Of



PILOTLESS PLANE wrecked this allotment hold on's potato crop. Within an hour or two he was phlegmatically replacing it with winter greens.

Estate BUT IT FELL ON ALLOTMENTS

THE FIRST PILOTLESS PLANE TO CRASH IN ONE PART OF SOUTHERN ENGLAND JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON FRIDAY FELL ON ALLOTMENT GROUND IN THE MIDDLE OF AN ESTATE.

No one was killed, but surrounding property suffered—in some cases seriously—from blast.

There were a number of casualties, a few of them serious. Most of the injured suffered cuts from flying glass and abrasions from fallen plaster and brickwork.

Soon after the pilotless plane crashed searchlights pinpointed another flying bomb and the A.A. defences opened up a heavy barrage.

A War Reserve constable expressed the right spirit. His potatoes, peas and beans — "beauties all of them, too," he said—were wrecked in the churned up allotment field.

Arriving at his plot a few hours later, he surveyed the leafless stalks. "Well, they're gone," he said, "so in goes the winter cabbages" and straight away he started in on clearing the ground for the next crop.

Several persons were injured by flying glass splinters and plaster blasted from the ceilings, and the roofs of houses were shorn of their slates.

Some of the casualties were treated at a first aid post. Others more seriously hurt were taken to hospital. These included Miss



WORTHING BOMBER PILOT'S double honour. Acting Wing Commander Eric Brodie Reid, D.F.C., who has just been promoted to that rank and awarded the D.F.C. See story on page two.

Hospital Will Have To Refund £1,000 Legacy

A decision this week by the highest court of law in the land means that Worthing Hospital has spent £1,000 that doesn't belong to it.

The sum came to the hospital under the will of the late Oskel Diplock, of Polegate. His estate of over a quarter of a million pounds had been distributed to charity. Now it has been legally decided a certain vagueness of wording makes uncertain his intention, and the charities which have already benefited will have to return their legacies.

Worthing Hospital received £1,000. The money has already been spent.

Mr A. V. Oakton, the House Governor of the Hospital told a "Herald" reporter that repayment would be something of a problem.

"We already have a deficit," he said.

COMMON GAMING HOUSE CASES: £117 IN FINES

Fines totalling £117 were imposed at Worthing Police Court on Wednesday in cases in which defendants were accused of keeping a common gaming house.

One of the defendants was a so fined £14 for keeping a public bagatelle board for public use without a licence.

Costs in all the cases came to £17 3s. 11d.

(Report back page).

FLYING BOMB CRASHED INTO SCHOOL OF PORPOISES

R.A.F. FIGHTER PILOTS AND COAST BATTERIES HAVE BEEN TAKING A HEAVY TOLL OF GERMAN PILOTLESS PLANES—OR FLYING BOMBS, AS THEY ARE CALLED.

Watchers at one point on the South Coast on Sunday evening saw a flying bomb crash into the Channel amidst a school of porpoises.

Shortly afterwards another came into view. Guns opened up a barrage, and the pilotless plane was intercepted by a fighter which zoomed up beneath it and caught it afire.

It crashed into the sea.

SLOGAN WINNERS

Winners of the Salute the Soldier Week slogan competition, run in conjunction with the "Worthing Herald," were made known yesterday afternoon. They are:

1st prize (Jointly). — Miss M. Hansen, Red Cottage, 45 Sompington-road; and Mrs C. Liddbetter, 11 Brougham-road ("Go all out to get all in").

2nd prize. — Mrs E. C. Smith, Hale Cottage, The Olen ("We depend on him—he relies on us").

3rd prize. — R. Turner, 184 Sompington-road ("Buy savings stamps and Nek the other side").

Child Killed In Road Accident

A four year old child lost his life in a street accident in Littlehampton-road, Worthing, on Wednesday. He was Anthony E. L. Dunnet, of 21, Beechwood-avenue, Worthing.

HOME GUARD HASN'T MISSED PARADE IN FOUR YEARS

Lieut. General E. C. A. Schreiber, K.C.B., D.S.O. (General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, South Eastern Command) has awarded a certificate for good service to Gunner J. Orchard, M.M., of the 5th (Worthing) Sussex Home Guard.

Gunner Orchard, who lives at "Heathfield," Brackburn-way, Worthing, served in the Royal Garrison Artillery from 1904 to 1920. During the last war, he won the M.M. He was also severely wounded.

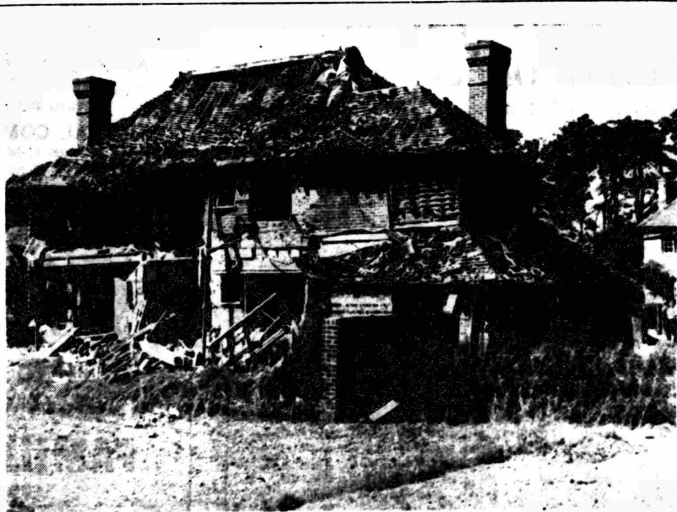
Now he is in the Home Guard, serving with a coast battery. He joined in the beginning of June, 1940, and has a record of 100 per

cent attendance at parades as well as for general efficiency. Although he quickly earned promotion, he asked to remain a gunner; he felt command was for younger men.

Although Gunner Orchard still suffers considerable pain from his old wounds, the citation points out that he has never permitted it to interfere with his Home Guard duties.

Gunner Orchard, it says, displays the true Home Guard spirit.

A certificate for good service has also been awarded to Corporal R. H. Sweetzer, (Worthing) of the Queen Regiment. He previously served with a G.P.O. Home Guard detachment.



HOUSE DAMAGED when a robot plane exploded close by during a week-end raid on Southern England.

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