Wartime West Sussex 1939 – 1945 INVASION

Anti-invasion measures in South Harting

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Car travel was difficult as there was a shortage of petrol, headlights had to be blacked out and all roadsigns were removed. This last measure was in case of invasion, just to confuse the enemy. Old tractors and other vehicles were placed just beyond Engine Farm, the idea being that they could be quickly strewn across the road to stop the advancing enemy. On the Downs, searchlights pinpointed planes and there were mobile Ack-Ack guns in the area.

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