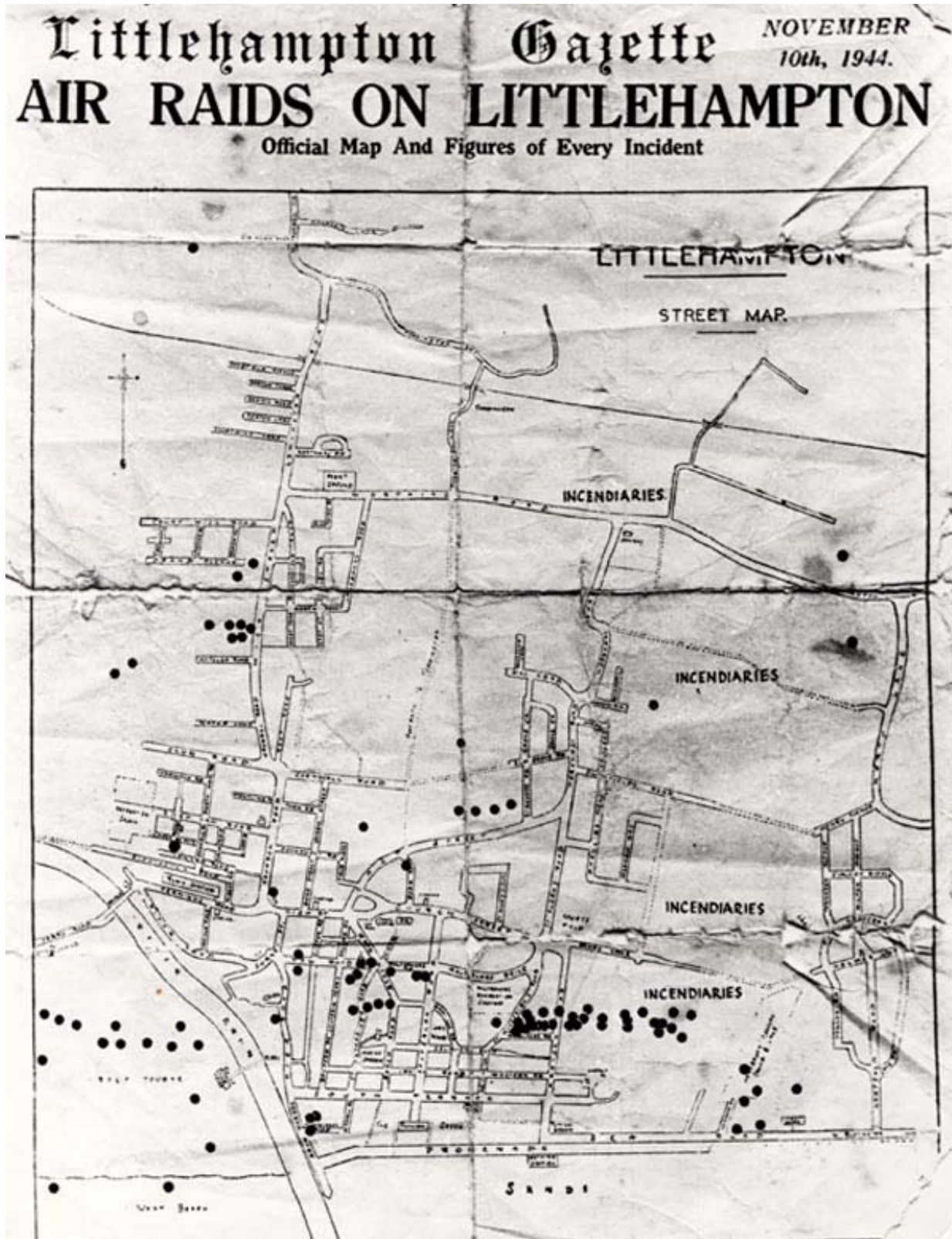


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Map of air raids on Littlehampton

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Thanks to the courtesy of the officials of the department concerned and, specially through the co-operation of Mr. L. B. Beresford, the Clerk to the Urban District Council, the "Littlehampton Gazette" is able to publish a map showing where bombs and other missiles have been dropped on the town, and also compile vital figures and incidents as a result of enemy action since the opening of hostilities on September 3rd, 1939.

These figures show that 16 inhabitants of the town have been killed as a result of enemy air activity, including four people officially listed as missing believed killed.

Fifteen others were seriously injured and detained in hospital, while 71 minor casualties were reported and dealt with.

NINETY BOMBS.

Within the urban area 90 bombs and five oil bombs have fallen, while there was also one parachute mine. In addition five clusters of incendiary bombs fell in the town area to add to the misery of the town.

The Surveyor's Department reports that 29 houses were demolished, including 18 so seriously damaged that their remains had to be pulled down.

There have been 91 houses seriously damaged and 922 have received minor damage.

Apart from enemy action, some 30 other houses have suffered either from sea or land mines or from military demolitions.

OVER 1,000 ALERTS.

There have been over 1,000 Alerts in the Littlehampton area.

Incidentally, no flying bombs have fallen in this area, although several have been shot into the sea uncomfortably near.

WORST EXPERIENCE.

Although by no means the most serious incident in Littlehampton's front-line experiences happened in January of 1941, when 27 high explosive bombs were showered on the town without a single casualty being reported. Some of these bombs fell within a few yards of the A.R.P. training centre here and it is hard to understand how it was that no one was hit.

In the incident referred to the back of one house was completely wrecked but the family, asleep in the front, were unharmed.

Another miraculous escape was recorded when a bomb demolished a public-house and three tenement houses without killing or even seriously injuring the 12 people asleep in them.

RECORD OF AIR RAID INCIDENTS

Date	Place	Incidents
14/9/40	Golf Course and adjoining fields	12 H.E.
14/9/40	Maltrove road and New-road	9 H.E.
3/10/40	Various parts of town	Cannon & Machine Gun-fire
5/11/40	Hendon-avenue and Sea-road	6 H.E.
18/11/40	West of Castle View Estate	2 H.E. 2 Oil Bombs.
18/1/41	East of Norfolk-road, Norfolk-road and St. Winifride's-road	27 H.E.
20/2/41	Stanhope-road, East-street, Parkside Estate and Berry-lane	4 H.E. numerous Incendiaries.
11/3/41	Wick-street and Whitelea-road	8 H.E.
20/3/41	Gold Course and Pier-road	1 H.E. and Machine Gunning Bombs.
29/4/41	Courtwick lane	Incendiary Bombs.
11/4/41	Parkside Estate and Sports Field	Incendiary Bombs.
	Cemetary and west of Boundary-cottages	2 H.E. Incendiaries.
12/5/41	Beach-road, St. Catherine's-road and Bayford-road	4 H.E.
27/5/42	Various parts of town	Cannon & Machine Gun-fire.
3/5/42	Hatlin's amusement Park	2 H.E.
16/5/42	Old Mead road	1 Parachute Mine.
18/7/42	Pier-road	1 H.E.
3/8/42	Arundel-road and Goda-road	1 H.E.
15/8/42	Woodland-road and Coastguards-road	2 H.E.
26/10/42	Various parts of town	Cannon & Machine Gun-fire.
20/2/43	Elm-grove School and Connaught-road	2 H.E.
1/6/43	Between Gloucester-road and Linden-road	1 H.E.
1/8/43	Southfield-road and adjoining fields	Incendiary Bombs
27/4/44	Field adjoining Gosden-road	1 H.E.

A Grim Reminder



Rescue workers and troops searching for victims some hours after a bomb fell on Pier-road on Saturday, July 18th, 1942. Eight people were killed by the raider, who also machine gunned the town, and six houses were totally destroyed.

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