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VILLAGE SCHOOL BOMBED

TWENTY-FOUR KILLED

A lone German raider, diving out of low clouds brought tragedy to a small town in the South of England on Tuesday morning.

A boys' school received a direct hit and of the 80 pupils and their teachers six are still missing. 24 bodies have been found and four boys are on the hospital danger list.

The headmaster of the school is among the victims, with Miss C. Marshall, an assistant teacher, a third teacher, Miss Weekes is injured, but saved her own life and that of some of the pupils by standing close to a wall.

A Mrs. Streeter, working at a nearby laundry, was also killed. Mrs. Esther Cullen and Mrs. Elsie Streeter, who were outside the school, were injured when the bombs fell.

All the killed and injured boys were local children. No evacuee children were attending the school. Some L.C.C. children are evacuated to the district with their teachers, but they have their own school some distance from the bombed school.

The names of some of the dead boys are: Donald Holden (7), William Herrington (7), David Moss (9), Charles Hillman (8), John Bertram Morey (7), Robert James Shane (8), Roy Gumbrell (10), Albert Burgess (12), Frederick Charles Bushby (10), Paul William Thayne (9) and Brian Dennis Cross (11).