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DIRECT HIT ON SOUTH WEST CEMETERY

A.A. Batteries Give Bombers A Worrying Time

DURING last night's raids a cemetery in a South-West area suffered a direct hit for the third time in the past month or so. A.A. batteries gave the bombers a worrying time.

"Express & Echo."

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This is what woke us in Camp!
on Wednesday night.

Scouts Abington & Seaton from the A.K.s. & P.L. Mann
& Scout Riddle of the 2nd N.A.B.S. accompanied ^(Sunday) me
to Trignmouth last night & we performed in aid of the Home
Guard at the Riviera Cinema. £40 was raised.

Monday 19th August 1940.

All the Troop present: Brian Forde
& Terence Bond were elected Patrol Leader & Second
for three months. I am delighted that Kenneth
Palfrey wishes to come back into the Troop, he was
a very keen Scout in former days & I am glad
to have him back into the Troop. He will start
again as from next Monday. We had an outdoor
game tonight & thoroughly enjoyed it.

Tuesday 20th August 1940.

OUR AIR-RAID

At 6.35 tonight I was with P.L. Mann at his home,
(36, Pooduhem Road) when I suddenly heard a loud explosion,
looking up I saw two German Planes flying low over the
Railway Station at Newton Abbot. This explosion was very
quickly followed by some more. I made a dim

from my car, where I was sitting at the moment, & shouting for Danny & Peter Couves (both 2nd Newton Abbott Scouts) we rushed for his shelter. The din was simply terrific - Machine gun bullets were falling around us & in the vicinity & people were all rushing for the shelter of houses, etc. The damage caused may best be summarised by the following report from the "Mid-Duron Advertiser" of Saturday 24th August. The Station buildings were damaged more than the report would make it appear. I took three of the 2nd Newton Scouts out of the Town & into Abbotskerswell, where the air fight was also witnessed. I saw several A.K. Scouts & was glad to find them safe. Machine gun bullets also fell in Abbotskerswell & people soon rushed for their homes.



Station Cottages
Newton Abbott
after the Raid!

(Photo)

AFTER A RAID IN THE SOUTH-WEST

(Bibbings)