

Midland Raid:

Fine Work

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Services

High explosive and incendiary bombs fell in a residential area on Tuesday, and there were between 40 and 50 casualties, five of them fatal. Three bombs fell in the main street, destroying two shops and damaging a third. There was also damage to property near the ancient church which, however, was untouched.

The A.F.S. dealt with more than thirty outbreaks of fire so promptly that little material damage was done by fire. A number of people were burned while dealing with incendiary bombs. Two special constables were among these casualties. The damage by high explosives was confined to house and shop property. Industrial premises were hardly touched.

The A.R.P. organisation had its first large-scale test, and the work was carried out smoothly and efficiently. The co-ordination work of the Control Centre reflected the greatest credit on all concerned with it.

On Wednesday night the area was straddled with incendiary bombs, but large numbers of them fell in open ground. Those which affected property were again quickly dealt with.