

Alfred Cope - killed on the 19 November 1940 at 49 St Stephen's Road (Selly Oak) B29 7RP. Alfred was 51 years of age when this happened. - Died with twin sons John and Stanley. Buried in Grave 5290 - Section B16 (B18?) - Brandwood End Cemetery.

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Additional Notes: - Husband of Maud C.

Relatives of Alfred:- Maud (Wife) – Twin Sons - John (Son aged 18)- Stanley (Son – aged 18)

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West Midlands Police Records **Raid 43 - 19th /20th November 1940**

Air Raid Warning Red was received at 6.50 p.m. on Tuesday 19th November and White at 4.29 a.m. on Wednesday 20th November.

During this period an intense raid was made on all districts of the City. (C District - Gerrard Street, George Street Garage, ICI Witton;, D-Division - Nechells Gas Company, GEC, Hughes, BBC, Queen Street, Aston Hall Road; E-Division - Coventry Road, Stratford Road).

The areas least affected were Kingstanding, Harborne, Northfield, Kings Norton, Stechford, Kings Heath. 18 Parachute mines (4 unexploded), 677 High Explosive, including about 42 Delayed Action type, 243 Incendiary Bomb incidents have been reported. 17 of the incendiary bombs were of the oil type.

The first report of a bomb being dropped was at 7.25 p.m. Extensive damage to property was caused by exploding parachute mines, High Explosive bombs and fires.

About 100 factories were damaged, including 25 important places. 8 large and 50 subsidiary water mains were broken or damaged, and approximately 150 gas mains were damaged during the raid.

Casualties (approximately) 400 fatal, 540 seriously wounded and 540 slightly injured.

The following police stations were damaged: Lozell's Road - Inspectors House was damaged by blast from a High Explosive bomb exploding in the carriageway.

Duke Street - garage damaged by incendiary bomb.

Hay Mills - damage to windows and roof by incendiaries.

In addition to this the Police Social Club premises, Tally Ho, Pershore Road, were seriously damaged by fire from incendiary bombs.

New Street Railway Station was damaged by High Explosive bombs and was closed for a short period owing to the presence of a Delayed Action bomb.

Snow Hill Railway Station was damaged when a parachute mine exploded in Colmore Row.

Other notable places damaged were: St. Phillip's Cathedral, 3 hospitals (slight damage), a number of bank premises, large store (Grey's, Bull Street) and other shopping and business premises.

Many roads were temporarily blocked by debris and the streets in the centre of the City were covered with plate glass.

Birmingham Fire Services Air Raid Action -12.00 a.m. **Wednesday, November 20th 1940**
Summary No. 81 Air Raid Warning - Yellow at 13.01 p.m. and 18.42 p.m. Purple at 18.46 p.m. Red at 18.51 p.m. and White at 13.19 p.m. and 04.31 a.m.

Number of incidents dealt with 378; Number of fires caused by enemy action 338; Number of fires caused not by enemy action 3; Number of A.F.S. Appliances engaged 381; Number of R.B. Appliances engaged 60; Number of Jets 472.

General Report: The air raid warning in Birmingham on this night was given at 1842 hours and from 1855 hours when the first fire call was received, the raid quickly developed in an intensive form and was widespread.

A turntable had already been sent to West Bromwich from Birmingham where air raids fires had been caused and the Birmingham Services were soon fully engaged. The fires were spread over a large area of the City, including Bordesley Green, Small Heath, and the south side of the City, but these were all under control by dawn.

This raid was probably the heaviest so far experienced in Birmingham and several Fire Stations had to be evacuated during the raid as a result of unexploded bombs or mines in the vicinity.

Water conditions were not good owing to fractured mains, and water in some instances had to be relayed over long distances.

Regional Report: Three stages of the Regional Scheme were operated and a total of 107 Pumps and 2 Turntable Escapes came into the City to assist. The details are as follows: Solihull 1 pump, Sutton 1, Dudley 4, Leamington 2, Burton on Trent 3, Shrewsbury 2, Wolverhampton 7 and 1 turntable, Stoke on Trent 5 and 1 turntable, Nottingham 15, Manchester 10, Bristol 25, Reading 23, Coleshill 1, Walsall 4, Bromsgrove 1, Redditch 1. Injuries to personnel: Fatal: Division 4 Auxiliary H.V. Lugg B.12760; Division 6 Auxiliary E. Carless B.12454. There were 31 other injuries.

Welcome to the Birmingham Air Raids Remembrance Association

(BARRA) Online Database.

The data used in this website was kindly provided by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission with extra information used from the BARRA archives.

The information was processed by students from Swanshurst School during 2006 and 2007

The website is now maintained by former History Teacher Doug Smith MBE.

Those injured in the air raids were recorded on typed lists on the morning after the raid. This would have been done under very trying circumstances. The spelling of the names and addresses have been added as they appear on these list unless there is an obvious mistake. The dates for the injuries often go over two days as they were at night for the most part. Where this is the case we have taken the earlier date to represent when the person was injured. Finally the addresses recorded are the home address, which could be where they were injured, but in a number of cases they were obviously injured elsewhere.

For more information about BARRA please visit their website -

<http://www.birminghamairraids.co.uk>

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