Bournemouth and the Second World War  
- The Air Raids -

The pages below outline the details of all 51 Air Raids in which bombs were dropped onto premises and land within the County Borough of Bournemouth, during the Second World War.

The information is taken from official Civil Defence records kept by the area Civil Defence Controller - H.P.E. (‘Harry’) Mears OBE.

The records were first released for publication in November 1944, and appeared, in abbreviated form, in the Bournemouth Times of 8th Dec 1944... (Photo copies of those pages appear in appendix ‘D’ of Michael Edgington’s book ‘Bournemouth and the Second World War’, an online copy of which you can find here: http://www.edg.jp137.com )

The introduction to the official notes reads as follows:

“Controllers Office,  
Bournemouth,  
18th November, 1944

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the County Borough of Bournemouth

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Publicity Regarding Air Raids.

It will be remembered that the Government recently decided that more extensive information about past Air Raids may in future be published without endangering security, and it is now permissible to supply information to the press about Air Raids which occurred on or before the 29th February 1944. In point of fact there has been one enemy attack only on Bournemouth since that date - namely on 24th April, 1944 - and although included in my report as Incident No. 51 details must not be published yet awhile.

There are certain exceptions made by the Government to the publication of information; e.g. damage to military objectives; the size or type of bombs which caused an incident; and the number or percentage of unexploded bombs; bombs before or after sirens etc., and as it is the Ministry's instruction that the Press be given access to this Report I wish to point out that the Report is for the information of the Council and any publicity given must be in accordance with the appropriate Government circular and submitted to the Censor, in the general interest of the War Effort.”

The next page shows a précis of the information, as presented by the Bournemouth Times in December 1944.
That in turn is followed by the detailed notes themselves, which start under the heading:

“The Incidents Summarised”

(The whole document is fully searchable, which may help when looking for specific details.)
From “Bournemouth Times”, Dec 8th 1944….

2,271 Bombs : 219 Deaths : 13,950 Buildings Destroyed or Damaged

The Official Narrative

Between 3rd July 1940, and February 29th 1944 (up to which date details of air raids may now be freely given) there were exactly 50 air raids on Bournemouth. In all 2,271 bombs, including incendiaries, were dropped, representing a tonnage of 46.

Last week a detailed report of all these raids was circulated to members of Bournemouth Town Council, and to the press, by the Civil Defence Controller, Cllr. H.P.E Mears, OBE.

Other total figures are:

**CASUALTIES**

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**HOMELESS PERSONS** dealt with at rest centres 401

**DAMAGE TO PROPERTY**

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Total: 13,590

**RED WARNINGS** 958
THE INCIDENTS SUMMARISED

1940

No. 1 The first enemy air raid on Bournemouth occurred on the 3rd July, 1940 (00.17 hrs). 1 High Explosive (H.E.) bomb was dropped. Fire totally destroyed one house in Cellars Farm Rd and another damaged in the same road. No casualties. 19 properties damaged.

No. 2. 10th July, 1940 (06.30 hrs). 5 H.E. bombs dropped in Meon Rd area - one civilian cyclist was killed. 1 bomb in Hambledon Rd. 7 bombs on allotments. 38 premises damaged.

No. 3. 10th August, 1940 (23.16 hrs). 11 H.E. bombs dropped in Alyth Rd and Huntley Rd - 1 casualty. - No. 47 Alyth Rd was completely demolished – 2 other houses badly damaged and several others slightly damaged – gas, water mains and telephone wires were also damaged. In all 36 premises were damaged.

No. 4. 15th August 1940 (17.46 hrs). Plane brought down by enemy action in Walsford Rd. No civilian casualties or damage to property. (Pilot - P/O Cecil Hight - killed)

No. 5. 21st August 1940 (10.50 hrs). Madison and Walpole Rds. Machine gunning. Some damage to house roofs. No casualties.

No. 6. 21st. August. 1940 (16.59 hrs). 7 H.E. bombs were dropped. 1 man killed, 12 civilians injured. Damage in Keswick Rd, Chessel Avenue and Beechwood Avenue. Grovely Manor sustained extensive damage. A total of 110 properties were involved in damage.

No. 7. 25th August, 1940 (04.32 hrs). 2 bombs (1 H.E. - 1 Petrol ) dropped in West Howe. 45 premises were damaged, also telephone wires. No casualties.

No. 8. 25th-26th August, 1940 (23.17 hrs). 30 incendiary bombs dropped in the Iford and Tuckton district - all fell on waste ground. No casualties, 6 properties damaged.

No.9 29th August, 1940 (01.30 hrs). 1 H.E. bomb dropped in Wicklea Rd area - 6 craters found in open and one on pavement of Broadway. Fractured water main, no other damage. At Mucklefield (shell?) Farm 2 bombs fell on swampy ground, no damage. 1 bomb fell in High Howe Lane. No casualties. 51 premises damaged.

No. 10. 2nd September, 1940 (21.55 hrs). 7 H.E. bombs dropped in the West Southbourne and Pokesdown areas. 3 civilians killed and 5 injured. Premises in Seabourne Rd, Southville Rd and Christchurch Rd damaged. 173 properties affected.

No. 11. 4th September, 1940 (05.40 hrs). 2 bombs (1H.E. -1 Petrol) dropped on railway line near Surrey Rd South - 1 person slightly wounded - railway communications cut - gas and water supply damaged. 7 properties slightly damaged.

No. 12. 5th September, 1940 (00.15 hrs). 5 H.E. bombs dropped in Alum Chine district. Direct hits on nos. 2 and 8 Burnaby road - damage to sewers - telephone wires down. No casualties. In all 19 properties damaged.
No. 13. 6th September, 1940 (00.43 hrs). 4 H.E. bombs and 1 Oil Bomb (un-ignited) dropped in Durley Chine district. No casualties or damage.


No. 15. 14th September, 1940 (17.50 hrs). 2 H.E. bombs dropped in Crabton Close Rd and district. 4 people killed, 11 injured. In all 143 premises were damaged on this occasion.

No. 16. 22nd September. 1940 (00.58 hrs). Bombs (H.E. and Incendiaries) were dropped at Holdenhurst, Throop - 1 casualty. 24 properties damaged including the Vicarage and Holdenhurst School.

No. 17. 25th September, 1940 (12.09 hrs). The north side of one house in Westminster Rd demolished by fire. No casualties. (Hand written note added: ‘28th Incendiary bomb at Parley Cross’)

No. 18. 12th October, 1940 (05.50 hrs). 1H.E. bomb dropped in Bath Rd, 3 houses damaged. No casualties. (Hand written note: ‘Kildare’)

No. 19. 14th October, 1940 (15.00 hrs). 4 H.E. bombs dropped in West Station district. 4 persons injured and damage sustained by 73 properties.

No. 20. 21st October, 1940 (16.39 hrs). 10 H.E. bombs dropped in Queen’s Park area. 5 Persons were seriously, and 5 slightly injured. Altogether 212 premises damaged. (Hand written note: ‘House of Bethany Orphanage damaged. 24-26 Shaftesbury Rd destroyed. Spencer Rd, Moorland Rd, Q. P. Gdns.’)

No. 21. 9th November, 1940 (22.15 hrs). 10 H.E. bombs dropped in Knyveton Rd area, when 4 persons were killed, two seriously and two slightly injured. 109 premises damaged. Incendiary bombs were also dropped at junction of Gervis Rd East and Meyrick Rd.

No. 22. 10th November, 1940 (21.01 hrs). Incendiary bombs dropped in the Southbourne and Grovely Manor areas causing slight damage to 10 properties. Many bombs fell in open ground. No casualties.

No. 23. 14th November 1940 (23.35 hrs). 12 H.E. bombs dropped in Terrace Rd, etc., and Leven Avenue. 5 civilians killed and 8 injured. 372 properties damaged.

No. 24. 16th November, 1940 (03.30 hrs). 6 Parachute Mines dropped in the Alma Rd (School), St. Leonard's Rd, Westbourne (RLS Ave - ‘Skerryvore’, Denewood Rd), Malmesbury Park Rd, and Turbarry Common area. 53 civilians killed and 120 injured (approx). 2,321 properties damaged. 300/400 incendiaries in Westbourne area.

No. 25. 19th November, 1940 (12.12 hrs). 2 H.E. bombs dropped in Montague and Southern Rds, 17 premises were damaged. There were no casualties.

(Hand written note in margin: ‘Hurn attacked 3rd Dec.18.00’ )
No. 25a. 21st December, 1940. Bombs dropped in Christchurch area with resultant damage to 21 properties in Bournemouth, viz: - Old Bridge Rd, Castle lane. Hand Written addition: ‘1 serious injury, 18 slight’

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1941

No. 26. 11th March, 1941 (21.08 hrs). 4 H.E. bombs dropped at Throop Rd to Littledown Lane with slight damage. No casualties.

No. 27. 11th March, 1941 (22.15 hrs). 4 H.E. bombs dropped from Broadway and Russel Way junction to Mill Rd, Yeomans Rd and Valley Rd, causing slight damage. No casualties.

No. 28. 12th March, 1941 (20.45 hrs). 2 H.E. bombs dropped in Portland, Murley and Ripon Rds. 1 woman was killed, 1 man seriously injured, who subsequently died - 1 woman seriously injured - 4 men, 9 women and 2 children slightly injured. 723 properties damaged and water-main burst.

No. 29. 14th-15th March, 1941 (23.50 hrs). 1 H.E. bomb dropped in Hillcrest Rd - very slight damage to 28 properties. No casualties.

No. 30. 15th March, 1941 (02.05 hrs). An H.E. bomb was dropped affecting Gerald, Grafton and Iddesleigh Rds. 1 woman was slightly injured. Two other treated at a First Aid Post. 47 premises damaged. (Hand written note: ‘3 incendiary’)

No. 31. 15th March, 1941 (02.14 hrs). An H.E. bomb was dropped in Queen’s Rd damaging 7 premises. No casualties.

No. 32. 15th March, 1941 (20.17 hrs). H.E. bombs dropped in Surrey Rd when 3 premises were damaged. No casualties.

No. 33. 15th (16th?) March, 1941 (02.10 hrs). 2 H.E. bombs dropped in Wimborne Rd area - slight damage to property. One bomb in Cemetery damaging headstones and one between Cemetery and 43, Wimborne Rd, causing damage to Wardens’ Post. No casualties.

No. 34. 15th (16th?) March, 1941 (02.20 hrs). One bomb dropped in Leven Ave, no damage to property. 4 bombs dropped on Meyrick Park Golf Links. No casualties.

No. 35. 27th March, 1941 (12.20 hrs). Three bombs dropped in Lowther Rd and Methuen Rd. Three persons injured. 101 properties damaged. Water main burst. (Hand written note: ‘Gas Works’)

No. 36. 27th March, 1941 (12.20 hrs). 2 unexploded H.E. bombs in Alma Rd and the area was evacuated.

No. 37. 10th April, 1941 (22.14 hrs). 1 H.E. bomb dropped in Westminster Rd - no damage to property. Damage to telephone wires. No casualties.
No. 38. 10th-11th April, 1941 (23.57 hrs). Bombs dropped in the Square area - 1 man and 7 women killed, 2 women severely wounded, 2 men and 1 woman slightly wounded. Properties damaged: Hampshire Court - Woolworths - St. Stephen’s Rd - Richmond Hill Drive - Rotherfell Court, Bodorgan Rd.
2 direct hits on Woolworth’s store followed by fire which gutted the whole premises.
1 direct hit on Hampshire Court, demolishing 3 flats.
1 bomb in roadway opposite Hampshire Court, smashing 2 water mains.
1 direct hit on Richmond Hill Congregational Church Hall, demolishing east wing.
1 direct hit on Fernbank, St. Stephen’s road, demolishing 4 flats.
1 bomb in garden of Walton Cottage, Richmond Hill Drive, causing slight damage.
Unexploded bomb on Rotherfell Court, Bodorgan Rd.
Direct hit on corner of 20a, Richmond Hill Gardens. 2 houses evacuated but repairable.
21 houses slightly damaged. 1 block of 49 flats slightly damaged.
Total of 112 premises damaged.

No. 39. 12-13th April, 1941 (22.30 hrs). H.E. bombs dropped in Square area and Exeter Rd - serious property damage, 1 bomb on road in Square, 1 on bank of Bourne in Lower Gardens, 1 in gardens near Royal Exeter Hotel, 1 in garden of Rotherfell Court resulting in complete demolition of building, 1 in Bodorgan Rd fracturing water main, 1 in gardens of 35 Bodorgan Rd, partial demolition necessary. 42 properties were damaged. No casualties.

No. 40. 16th April, 1941 (00.35 hrs). 5 H.E. bombs dropped in Wimborne Rd (Kinson area).
Roads affected: Millhams Lane, Glendon Ave, Bramley Rd and Weyman’s Ave.
No casualties. 83 premises damaged.

No. 41. 9th-10th May, 1941 (00.45-03.35 hrs). Reports of bombs (parachutes with canisters) were received from R.L. Stevenson Ave, Fernside Rd, The Avenue, Moordown and Strathmore Rds. No damage or casualties.

No. 42. 12th May, 1941 (03.32 hrs). Bombs (H.E. and incendiary) dropped in Northbourne Ave. There were no casualties, and the number of properties damaged was 35.

No. 43. 7th October, 1041 (21.20 hrs). 2 Parachute Mines dropped in Pier Approach and East Beach area (one in the sea). 12 people sustained cuts by glass. Extensive damage to windows over fairly large area including Bath Rd, Westover Rd, Old Christchurch Rd, “Rothesay” Bath Rd, East Beach Cafe, Beach Office and huts, Royal Bath Hotel, etc.
235 properties were affected.

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**No. 44.** 25th May 1942 (00.15 hrs). 1 H.E. bomb dropped in Avenue Rd (near Bealesons) Upper Pleasure Gardens: 1 casualty (Fire Watcher slightly hurt).

Crater formed approx. 55ft. x 63ft. X 15ft. deep. 40ft from boundary fence of gardens and smashing a 42in. Cast-iron storm sewer.

Flying debris damage over large area - surface fracture on Avenue Rd - cracks on commercial buildings, damage to Fairlight Glen and Town Hall, shops and flats. 141 properties damaged.

**No. 45.** 25th May, 1942 (01.00 hrs). H.E. bombs dropped in Argyll Gardens and West Overcliff Drive.

1 bomb on north west corner of tennis court 33ft from south boundary fence of “Rothwell Dene", Milner Rd, and 100 ft from Bowling Pavilion, causing slight damage to several properties.

Size of crater 35ft diameter, 15ft deep.

1 bomb on Bowling Green, 80ft from south side of Pavilion, and 23ft from West Overcliff Drive.

Size of crater 30ft diameter, 15ft deep.

1 bomb at side of cliff edge adjoining public footpath of West Overcliff Drive, opposite west end of Bowling Pavilion.

1 bomb on cliff side opposite south wall of Pavilion, approximately 20ft down cliff causing slight damage to public shelter. No casualties. Damage to 22 properties.

**No. 46.** 28th May 1942 (00.05 hrs). 1 delayed action bomb exploded in the Upper Pleasure Gardens south of the bomb crater near the War Memorial. (referred to in Incident 44).

Avenue Rd and Bourne Ave were closed.

**No. 47.** 6th June, 1942 (17.15 hrs). H.E. bombs dropped in St. Peter’s Church area. 2 civilians were killed. 3 civilians seriously injured and 6 civilians slightly injured. 3 bombs dropped, 1 on Anglo-Swiss Hotel, Gervis Rd East, 1 on Hill House, Parsonage Rd and 1 on railway siding adjoining Transport Depot, Southcote Rd. 454 properties damaged.

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No. 48. 23rd May, 1943 (13.00 hrs). H.E. bombs dropped in 10 areas of Bournemouth and it was estimated that some 25 enemy planes were responsible for the raid.

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Killed when dealing with demolition at Beales: 1

Property Damaged - Buildings:
- Totally destroyed: 22
- Requiring demolition: 37
- Seriously damaged but repairable: 268
- Slightly damaged: 2640
- Glass only: 514
- Total: 3481

Incident Areas:
1 -- Upper Terrace and Exeter Rds, The Square, Richmond Hill
   - 1 bomb in Upper Terrace Rd
   - 1 bomb on Bobby’s, The Square
   - 1 bomb on Keystone Garage car park, Exeter Rd
   - 1 bomb on Central Hotel, Richmond Hill

   - 1 bomb on Shamrock and Rambler Garage
   - 1 bomb on The Metropole Hotel
   - 1 bomb in Lansdowne Rd

3 -- Richmond Wood, Howard and Egerton Rds and Queens Park South Drive
   - 1 bomb in Queens Park South Drive
   - 1 bomb in Richmond Wood Rd
   - 1 bomb in Howard Rd

4 -- Drummond, Hamilton and Carysfort Rds, Boscombe
   - 1 bomb in Drummond Rd
5-- Old Christchurch, Fir Vale, St. Peter’s Rds and Gervis Place
• 1 bomb on West’s Cinema
• 1 bomb on Beale’s

6-- Manor and Grove Rds
• 1 bomb in Manor Rd
• German plane - with bomb intact - crashed into St. Ives Hotel, Grove Rd.

7-- Carlton, Vale, Spencer and St. Clement’s Rd.
• 1 bomb in Vale Rd

8-- Holdenhurst, Bethia, Methuen, Cleveland, Spring and Windham Rds and Garfield Ave
• 1 bomb in Bethia Rd
• 1 bomb in Spring Rd
• 1 bomb on 248 Holdenhurst Rd
• 1 bomb in Cleveland Rd

9-- Cotlands and York Rds
• 1 bomb in Cotlands Rd

10-- Dean Park and Littledown Rds
• 1 bomb in Dean Park Rd

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No. 49. 12th August, 1943 (01.10 hrs.) H.E. bombs in the following areas:

• 1 - Junction of Firs Glen and Woods View Rd.
  1 bomb dropped – 3 casualties – telephone wires down.

• 2 - Wilton and Gloucester Rds.
  2 bomb dropped – 12 casualties – damage to water and coal, gas mains. Fire.

• 3 – Boundary and Beswick Rds.
  1 bomb dropped. Damage to buildings. No casualties.

• 4 – Spring Rd.
  1 bomb dropped - casualties – gas and water mains damaged.

• 5 – Shelbourne Rd.
  1 bomb dropped. Electric cable damaged. No casualties.

• 6 – Charmminster Ave, Malvern Rd.
  1 bomb dropped. Damage to school and surrounding properties. No casualties.

• 7 – Strouden Ave.
  1 bomb crater. Glass broken in neighbourhood. Bomb fell on waste ground adjoining No.40.

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Property Damaged - Buildings:
Totally destroyed: 4
Requiring demolition: 11
Seriously damaged but repairable: 57
Slightly damaged: 1063
Glass only: 320
Total: 1455
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No. 50. Ist November, 1943 (17.45 hrs). 23 H.E. bombs dropped in following areas:

- 1 - Junction of Heron Court and Gerald Rds and Cemetery.
- 2 - Cecil Ave and Howard Rd.
- 3 - Queens Park Ave (nos. 135, 85 and 89) - and Queen's Park Golf Links.
- 4 - Campbell Rd, Boscombe - Borthwick Rd.
- 5 - Avon, Chatsworth, Bennett and Orcheston Rds. - 59 Shaftesbury Rd, 146 Shelbourne Rd.

Casualties:
Dead: 1
Seriously injured: 10
Slightly injured: 17

Property Damaged - Buildings:
Totally destroyed: 0
Requiring demolition: 8
Seriously damaged but repairable: 26
Slightly damaged: 1046
Glass only: 204
Total: 1284

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No. 51. 24th April, 1944 (02.17 hrs.)
Phosphorus and incendiary bombs were dropped in the following areas:
• 1 - Corner of Stour Road and Avon Road (2 phosphorus bombs)
• 2 - Strouden Road (Incendiary and UXB)
• 3 - Beatty Road and Portland Road (Incendiary and UXB)
• 4 - Gresham Road (Incendiary)
• 5 - Shelbourne and Holdenhurst Roads (UXB)
• 6 - Charminster Avenue at junction of Sutton Road and Malvern Road and West Way
   (Incendiary and UXB)

Casualties:
Dead:  2
Seriously injured: 5
Slightly injured: 2

Property Damaged - Buildings:
156 premises were damaged - all capable of repair.
Also damage to water main.
Roxy Cinema badly damaged by fire.

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Summary of Incidents to Date

Total of bombs dropped (including incendiaries): 2271

Casualties:
• Killed: (Civilian: 168 - Service: 51)
  • Total: 219
• Injured and detained in hospital: 182
• Injured: 325
  • Total: 726

Homeless Persons: (dealt with at rest centres) 401

Damage to Property:
• Premises in Bournemouth totally destroyed: 75
• So badly damaged that demolition is necessary: 171
• Seriously damaged but capable of repair: 675
• Slightly damaged: 9413
• Glass broken only: 3256
  • Total: 13,590

Red Warnings: 958
Warnings given after bombs: 16
Bomb without warning: 59

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The following notes on this final page were written by the Bournemouth Civil Defence Controller – H.P.E. Mears OBE - as a ‘conclusion’ to the notes describing the details of the raids listed above. They were originally written for presentation to the Council, primarily to thank his team, but are also, in essence, a ‘press release’ giving permission to the local press to publish details of the raids - which they duly did on 8th December 1944……

Conclusion

“It would require a great deal of space and more time than is available to me, especially at the present juncture, to give more details than are contained in the foregoing report. Probably a history of Civil Defence will be compiled later on.

I think it is very fitting here to mention the courage and bravery shown by the Services and the General Public when death and tragedy has been the misfortune of people in our Town through enemy action. There have been deeds of heroism performed, and I would take this opportunity of thanking very sincerely indeed all the men and women of the A.R.P. Services who have shown great ability and zeal in carrying out their difficult and dangerous duties.

I wish to express my jeap gratitude to the General Civil Defence Services including the Fire Guard, Womens’ Voluntary Services, House -Wives etc. for their continued loyalty and devotion to duty , to the Garrison, Police, National Fire Service, Home Guard and the St. John and Red Cross Societies for their complete co-operation at all times, and to the members of the Civil Defence Committee for the long hours they have sat and the support and guidance they have at all times....... ......To my Officers, especially Mr. Hobbs, my Chief Staff Officer,Colonel Malet The Chief Warden, Mr. White, Staff Officer Rescue and Casualty Services, Mr. Reid, Fire Guard Officer, Mr. Taylor, Transport and Ambulance Officer, and Colonel St. John Sugg the Training Officer. They have worked as a team and my Job has been new the easier for the loyalty they have shown and the good work they have done.

I must not close without mentioning my indebtedness to the Town Clerk, Mr..A. Lindsey  Clegg and his Heads of Departments in the Town Hall and their staffs who have in no small measure contributed to the success of Air Raid Precautions in Bournemouth.

To Mr. Corrick, the Clerk to the Committee, for the voluntary services he has put in outside his official duties in giving me advice and help on many matters at all times, and to you, Mr-Mayor and Members of the Council for the confidence you have shown in me throughout a very difficult period and I hope that now the end of the war is in sight you will soon be in a position to dispense with my services.”

(signed)
H.E. Mears
Controller

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