

Reference: V/PPDT/T23

1. BOMBING OF LONDON
2. EDGAR PHILIP YOUNG
3. NOBILITY

(1940)

LONDON

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17th Sept. 40

SECRET

In LONDON the CITY and the districts adjacent to railway stations suffered particularly from the bombing. There is not a single main road which one can drive straight through. There have been hits on KING'S CROSS and HUSTON Stations but they are working. There is a noticeable effort to destroy telephone exchanges. Bombs have fallen on the telephone exchange in HOWLAND STREET. Business life is now suffering seriously, not only from delayed-action bombs, since whole districts have been evacuated and it is difficult to move about them. I think most of the heavy damage is done not to military targets but to civilian property. Usually they require two or four air-raids to destroy military targets.

[62 groups missed].

The delayed-action bombs have generally been 10-50 kg ones I doubt as report that the one-ton bomb which lay for three days at a depth of several metres in the CITY was a delayed-action one. It is relatively quiet during the day and worst at night. The noise of the A.A. guns and the shelling makes it impossible to work. The general state of tension and [C%] the morale among [1 group unidentified] is increasing. The number of homeless families is growing. In the evening the people, spontaneously and with the authorities' permission, move into the Underground and every available tunnel to spend the night. The numerous above-ground shelters are only haphazardly used by people sheltering from the rain of A.A. shrapnel and it is dangerous to move about them.

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The naval correspondent YOUNG [YANG][i] considers the following
 GB-DEALER [KOLBASHIKI][ii] invasion [MASTUPLSKIE] plan probable. The
 strike from Norway where the coast is suited to concentration in secret.
 tion of the SHETLAND Isles, Iceland and Ireland. He considers that
 SAUSAGE-DEALERS have adequate naval forces for this operation since the
 sh have left only six battleships here and have thrown all the rest
 the Mediterranean.

NOBILITY [EMAT'][iii] has reported that the British have brought
 destroyers into the THAMES and are evacuating EASTBOURNE.

BARCH [iv]

Notes: ✓ [i] YOUNG: Edgar Philip YOUNG, then naval correspondent of the
 MANCHESTER GUARDIAN. See also LONDON's No. 950 of 28th
 August 1940.

✓ [ii] SAUSAGE-DEALERS: the Germans.

✓ [iii] NOBILITY: Unidentified covername. See also LONDON's Nos.
 987 of 6th September 1940, 1170 of 16th October 1940 and
 1232 of 30th October 1940 (3/MSF/T1472, first sentence, in
 which NOBILITY appears as "[1 group unidentified]").

[iv] BARCH: Possibly Simon Davidovich KREMER, whose official
 post was Secretary to the Soviet Military Attaché in
 LONDON. He was appointed in 1937 and is thought to have
 left sometime in 1946. The covername BARCH occurs as a
 LONDON addressee and signatory between 3rd March 1940 and
 10th October 1940, after which it is superseded by the
 covername BRION.