

Middlewich Urban District Council

NOTICEBOARD

Pray for a new world.

OUR MOST HOLY Spirit of God, from whom alone floweth the fulness of wisdom and life: Come in thine everlasting power and glory upon thy Church and into the hearts of men, to bring to the world a new birth of holiness, new understandings of truth and new unity in love, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with the Father and with thee livest and reignest, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us now make together our resolve to our Father in heaven.

§ Then shall be said by the Minister and people together, like by line.

OUR GOD, we acknowledge thee as our Father: ourselves as thy children: our neighbours as our brethren: And we dedicate to thy obedience: and to their service: our hearts and minds, our wills and works: Resolved to stand fast in thy faith: to seek the help of thy Holy Spirit: and to do battle for thy perfect Kingdom: In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy will be done: In earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses. As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: But deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

§ Then the Minister shall say.

Finally, in the hour of rejoicing let us silently remember all those for whom the end of war is not the end of suffering.

§ At the end of the service the Minister shall say.

The Lord be mindful of them and bless them.

§ Then shall the congregation stand, and there shall be sung TE DEUM LAUDAMUS, or this

HYMN

Before th'almighty Father's throne,
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone;
He can create, and he destroy.
His sovereign power, without our aid,
Made us of clay, and formed us men;
And when like wandering sheep we strayed,
He brought us to his fold again.

THE BLESSING

Let each one go forth from this thanksgiving to practice his dedication, advancing in the service of God, and making by his daily work and life an offering to the Creator for the new creation: to the praise of his holy Name and the good of all.

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§ The Clergy and choir having taken their places, the congregation shall stand and sing the first verse of

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King!

§ The congregation still standing, the Minister shall say

THE BIDDING
BRETHREN, we are met together on this day to pour out our hearts in fervent thanksgiving to the God and Father of us all, and to dedicate ourselves afresh to the service of his Kingdom. We desire to thank him for deliverance from the hand of our enemies; for the devotion, even to death, of those who for the five years past have stood between us and slavery; and for the hopes of a better world for all his people. I bid you, therefore, lift up your hearts that you may tell the praise of our God, and pray that his wisdom may lead us, and his Spirit strengthen us, in the days that are to come.

Minister Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us;
People but unto thy Name give the praise:
Minister The Lord hath done great things for us already:
People whereof we rejoice.
Minister Praise the Lord, O my soul:
People and forget not all his benefits.

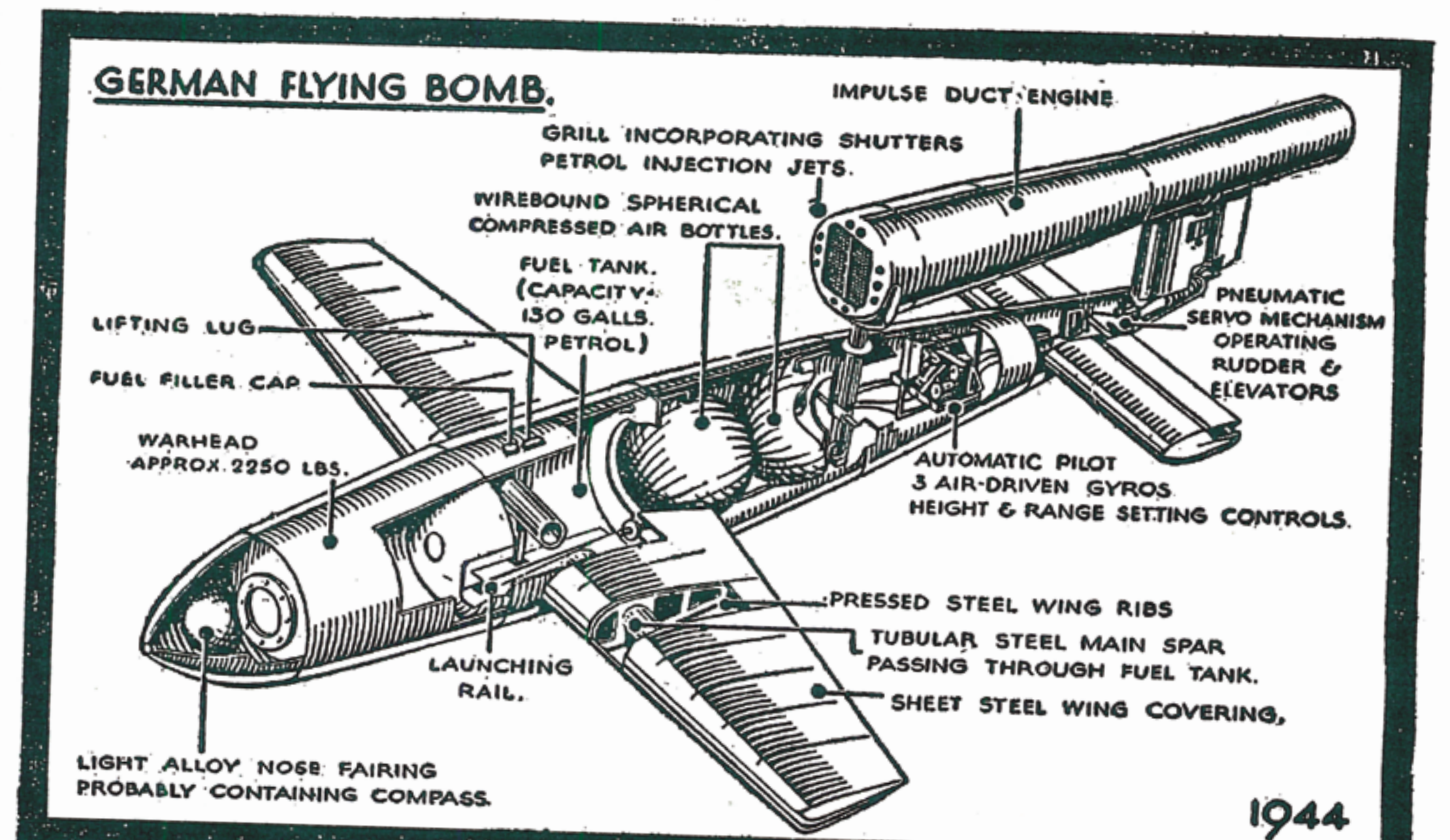
HYMN
Father-like, he tends and spares us;
With our feeble frame he knows us;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Waileth yet his mercy flows.
Angels help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

§ Then shall the Minister say.
Now kneels the Lord your God.
§ Then, the congregation having knelt down, shall be said

THE THANKSGIVINGS
Minister We give thanks to thee, O Lord our Father:
For the call to do battle for the right,
For the unity of nation and empire,
For the maintenance of faith and hope in the darkest days.
People We thank thee, O Lord.



Flying Bomb: Official Picture



EXTRA PRECAUTIONS

EXTRA PRECAUTIONS AGAINST EXPLOSIVE BOMBS

TRENCHES. Instead of having a refuge-room in your house, you can, if you have a garden, build a dug-out or a trench. A trench provides excellent protection against the effects of a bursting bomb, and is simple to construct. Full instructions will be given in another book which you will be able to buy. Your air raid wardens will also be able to advise.

SANDBAGS. Sandbags outside are the best protection if your walls are not thick enough to resist splinters. Do not rely on a wall keeping out splinters unless it is more than a foot thick. Sandbags are also the best protection for window openings. If you can completely close the window opening with a wall of sandbags you will prevent the glass being broken by the blast of an explosion, as well as keeping out splinters. But the window must still be sealed inside against gas.



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If the INVADER comes

WHAT TO DO - AND HOW TO DO IT

THE Germans threaten to invade Great Britain. If they do so they will be driven out by our Navy, our Army and our Air Force. Yet the ordinary men and women of the civilian population will also have their part to play. Their invasions of Poland, Holland and Belgium were hindered by the fact that the civilian population was not properly prepared. They did not know what to do when the moment came. You must not be taken by surprise. Most detailed instructions will be given you when the danger comes nearer. Meanwhile, read these instructions carefully and be prepared to carry them out.

receive such orders you must remain where you are. If you run away, you will be exposed to far greater danger because you will be machine-gunned from the air as well as civilians in Holland and Belgium, and you will also block the roads by which our own armies will advance to turn the Germans out.

II
There is another method which the Germans adopt in their invasion. They make use of the civilian population in order to create confusion and panic. They spread false rumours and issue false instructions. In order to prevent this, you should obey the second rule, which is as follows:-

(1) DO NOT BELIEVE RUMOURS AND DO NOT SPREAD THEM. WHEN YOU RECEIVE AN ORDER, MAKE SURE THAT IT IS A TRUE ORDER AND NOT A FAKE ORDER. MOST OF YOU KNOW YOUR ORDER. MOST OF YOU KNOW YOUR POLICEMAN AND YOUR A.P. WARDEN BY SIGHT, YOU CAN TRUST THEM. IF YOU KEEP YOUR HEADS, YOU CAN ALSO TELL WHETHER A MILITARY OFFICER IS REALLY BRITISH OR ONLY PRETENDING TO BE SO. IF IN DOUBT ASK THE POLICEMAN OR THE A.P. WARDEN. USE YOUR COMMON SENSE.

I
When Holland and Belgium were invaded, the civilian population fled from their homes. They crowded on the roads, in cars, on bicycles and on foot, and so helped the enemy by preventing their own armies from advancing against the invaders. You must not allow that to happen here. Your first rule, therefore, is:-
(1) IF THE GERMANS COME, BY PARACHUTE, AIRCRAFT OR SHIP, YOU MUST REMAIN WHERE YOU ARE. THE ORDER IS "STAY PUT".
If the Commander in Chief decides that he will place where you live must be evacuated, he will tell you when and how to leave. Until you

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.



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