

book appeared in five parts in the early years of the seventeenth century. Mr. Meggy's book comprises the five parts and was printed in 1658.

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IT has been repeatedly observed, since the beginning of intense air raiding of this country, that serious damage to property and also loss of life consequent upon enemy bombing could often have been avoided, or at least minimised, if a night watch had been maintained on the premises. This is especially true of damage resulting from incendiary bombs. Owing to the small size of these missiles their partial or complete penetration of a building often escapes notice until the fire has assumed alarming proportions.

It was mainly because of this that a night patrol system was inaugurated towards the end of the summer holidays, for the safeguarding of the extensive school premises and their occupants.

Every night, whether there is a raid in progress or not, a member of the staff and two senior boys are continuously on the alert for aerial activity. Their headquarters is the masters' common room, but whenever there are planes passing overhead they are on patrol outside ready to take immediate action. If necessary a messenger is despatched to rouse one or more of the fire parties consisting of senior boarders, most of whom have received special training. A direct telephone line has, moreover, now been installed between the School and the fire station in Hart Street.

Other duties of the patrol include the warning or rousing of the occupants of the boarding houses if circumstances justify this action, and the nightly inspection of the premises to confirm that stirrup pumps and ladders are in known positions, and sand and water buckets filled ready for immediate use.

Three patrols are on duty each night on approximately three hour shifts.

The system has already proved its worth on more than one occasion. The memorable Sunday night when the cricket pavilion was hit by an oil bomb gave some of the fire parties an opportunity to demonstrate their worth. Incidentally, on this occasion members of the Newnum House fire party