

EYNSFORD and AIR RAIDS

1916 - 10 October: (Eynsford Parish Council) Councillor S.J. Hussey wanted to know how well the Fire Brigade would cope if there was fire from enemy aircraft. Mr F. Hussey (Vice Captain of the Fire Brigade) reported that owing to war members had left. There was also a shortage of hose. He thought there was need to put the Fire Brigade in a better position to cope with any outbreak of fire.
(SEE FIRE BRIGADE SECTION)

1917 - 20 August: Eynsford Council School managers reported that Kent Education Committee had instructed head teachers to keep children in the school building, or brought inside if in the playground during an air raid. Parents should be discouraged from coming to school for their children, but if there should be allowed to shelter inside until the danger had passed.

1917 - 11 December: Eynsford Parish clerk requested that special constables in Eynsford Ward be reorganised to do duty during a night air raid.
(There were more night raids – see Elsie Clements' diary)

1918 - 9 April (Eynsford Parish Council) Special constables were again doing night duty in Eynsford.
(This was rather belated as the last air raid was on 18 May)