

## Sussex

- ◆ Sussex was front line of British defences
- ◆ Beaches closed and piers mined to stop invasion



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Above: A direct hit in Brighton, East Sussex, 1940

- ◆ 1940 and 1944 worst years for Sussex
- ◆ Worst attack: East Grinstead on 9 July 1943  
-lone German aircraft killed 108 people, injured 235
- ◆ German bombers dropped bombs on south coast rather than return home with full loads

## Brighton, Friday September 20, 1940

- ◆ Date used in *A.R.P.* film –historical date
- ◆ Midday air raid siren warned of attack
- ◆ German aircraft, possibly Junkers 88
- ◆ Caledonian Road area severely damaged
- ◆ Franklin Arms pub destroyed
- ◆ Barmaid Betty Marchant rescued after 3 hours
- ◆ 15 people killed including a 1 month old girl

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- ◆ Air raids killed 198 civilians
- ◆ 25 May 1943 worst bombing raid:
  - 22 1000lb bombs dropped
  - Area machine-gunned
  - 150 homes destroyed
  - Black Rock gasworks on fire
  - London Road viaduct destroyed
  - Total of 6 minutes
  - 24 people killed
  - 130 injured