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FIRE PREVENTION TRAILER

Had there been an efficient fire guard in this street, such ruin might not have happened. Every street should have an organised fire guard so as all the hours of darkness are covered. Three make up a fire guard duty every night, these three men are on the rota list for duty which is drawn up before hand so each man knows his times on watch. Two can rest so the one being on duty must be dressed. He needn't stay outside unless he hears aircraft, local gunfire or the alert. Organisation of fire watches is good but training and practise are essential. This daylight practise shows what often happens with untrained people. Everybody runs out at the sound of a whistle and they all run to the obvious fire bomb which may be a fairly harmless one. In the meantime other and more dangerous ones may be left unattended. On the warning whistle the party should come out ready, disregard the harmless bombs and on the watcher's indication start on the really dangerous ones, and keep to your own sector. The area under a watcher's control should be limited. Learn your area thoroughly, particularly the awkward spots where bombs may fall. Don't rely upon your water tap, but keep plenty of static water available in any recepticle which can be used for refilling buckets. With everything ready, the fire watcher is confident. Don't forget on the sound of local gunfire, aircraft or siren and not till then, the fire watcher must take up his position and he need only rouse the rest of the party when he thinks that

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fire bombs are likely to start falling very soon. Watch out well and go firstly to the ones that are likely to cause most trouble.