
The fear of impending invasion.

❶ The diaries of Field Marshal Alan Brooke, then commander of the Home forces . Entry dated 8 September 1940. In Field Marshal Lord Alanbrooke, *War diaries 1939-1945*, University of California Press, Berkeley and Los Angeles, 1957, p. 105.

Heavy bombing of London throughout the night, the whole sky being lit up by the glow of fires in London docks. Went to the office in the morning where I found further indications of impending invasion. Everything pointing to Kent and East Anglia as the two main threatened points.

- 5 Went over to Ferney Close¹ for lunch and spent the afternoon and evening in complete paradise with you and those two beloved small persons². It is so wonderful being able to get into such surroundings for a bit and to forget the war and all its horrors. Motored back at 8.30 with air raid on. Search lights working in all directions and a glowing red sky over London. It seemed so strange leaving you and all
- 10 the wonderful peace and happiness connected with our combined lives to return here for what may well be the most eventful weeks in the history of the British Empire!

❷ Symbolic photograph of a sentry standing guard on a beach in southern England, 7 October 1940, taken by Lieutenant E.G. Malindine. Imperial War Museum.

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➤ Using the documents and your knowledge, analyse the tense situation in England in 1940.

¹Ferney Close : the home of Alan Brooke in Hampshire, on the countryside.

²The wife and children of Alan Brooke.