

# Real Air Raid Alarm Finds Port Units Ready For Work

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Gregory, Defense Director,  
Commends Port Services  
Monday Morning

ALSO HITS AT SOME  
NEGLIGENCE CASES

Warns Against Turning  
Lights On In Homes,  
Use Of Phones

The conduct of the Port Washington area during the first nighttime air raid alarm of the war, arousing the eastern seaboard in the darkness of Labor Day morning, was commented on today by War Council Director Robert Gregory in a statement that coupled stinging criticism with words of praise for civilians and war workers alike.

"Too much cannot be said for the praiseworthy actions of those scores of persons who jumped to their war posts when the alarm of attack was sounded," said Gregory in a statement issued from War Council headquarters in Main Street, "but at the same time no words are too strong to condemn the actions of those who without thought of their foolishness endangered their own lives and the lives of thousands of other persons by violating fundamentals of wartime living."

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Record of Work

For those who want a play-by-play record of that Monday morning, the air horn sounded the warning at 2:31 a. m., street lights went out at 2:40, and all clear sounded at 2:43 and the street lights went on again at 2:53. Police Chief Stephen Webber reported the delay in extinguishing street lights and himself pulled the switch which was left at "off" until it officially was verified that the all clear, not audible in some sections, had sounded.

Uniformed men of the Reserve Police reported quickly to strategic posts throughout the defense sector. All vital spots were under guard, traffic control points were manned, business and residential sections patrolled. A preliminary check by organization officials showed no less than 75 men, in uniform, already on duty just 10 minutes after the alarm sounded.