Erith Alarm Control  Eileen Rogers

Sending you letters of the ending and names of terms that were (as we called under our bell) when a group of four ladies were on duty night and day during the years 1939-1946 being responsible to telling employees of firms to be prepared to take shelter and then on second bell to take cover.

We had a wooden framed map of yard square marked out into mile squares – Erith being in centres because that is the area we covered. We had phone map plats from sites on the coast. We marked on map with crayon – direction of enemy raid how many in raid.

We had two circles on map. 15 mile radius and 25 mile when aircraft entered first circle if in our direction – we would sound 1 ring on alert and if aircraft entered second circle crossing our area we would sound twice on bell telling people aircraft was in our area to take cover. When the aircraft moved from our area (the inner circle we would give a longer time on bell to say all clear. At night we were in a small room inside factory – but during day in a wooden hut on roof. We also at day had a male aircraft spotter who kept a eye on the factory.