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Doodlebug.

A Mr Henry Harrison from Bugbrooke had a workshop at Upper Stowe during the war years, John Gilkes and Frank Nightingale from Bugbrooke used to work for him, they not only mended motorcars in this workshop, but made engine parts for the war effort, it was one late summers day at the back end of 1944 after the Normandy Landings had taken place, Bugbrooke was like a ghost town after all the soldiers had gone and took part in these landings, when there was a funny noise coming from out of the sky sounding more like a motorbike, it was to be a so called Doodlebug, when its engine stopped it was to crash and blow up on the slopes in one of the fields facing towards Grimscote, Mr Henry Harrison's workshop was to overlook this particular field, for it was to blow all the windows out of the workshop that were facing the blast from it, Henry did have some cuts on his face from the flying glass, I was told that he drove to Bugbrooke in quite a state of shock to find Doctor White, this was in his Austin Seven motorcar of what he always wore a motorcycle helmet and goggles for being he was so tall, he always had his head up through the sky light of the thing, it was quite a comical sight of him doing so looking back.

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