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In 1916, My great granddad <sup>was</sup> serving in the British Royal Navy. The First <sup>World</sup> War took place between 1914 and 1918 in which millions of people died. The Greatest Battle during that war was the battle of the Somme in which 50,000 men were killed on the first day.

In Ireland on Easter Monday in 1916 the Easter Rising took place at the G.P.O. in Dublin. Paddy Pearse was the leader of the Irish volunteers. However, they were over powered by the British and had to surrender after a few days.

At that time, Ireland was a very poor country. It was what is known today as a third world country. There was no electricity, and the main form of transport was done with horses.

After the Great War, and all the deaths it was said that there would never again be another war but these was another one between 1939 and 1945. My great granddad was in the British Merchant Navy during that war. His ship was hit by a torpedo and

The coast of Africa. The boat  
sank and he was lucky to survive  
when the lifeboat drifted to the shore  
of a friendly country.

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