

STORIES FROM THE BLITZ

WHAT WAS THE BLITZ?

The Blitz was when Nazi Germany bombed London in World War 2. Thousands of people were killed. The Nazis wanted to destroy London before invading Britain.

My Great Grandmother:

She lived in London during the War, unlike many kids who were sent to live in the countryside. She wasn't young enough to be sent so stayed to help out with the war effort.

Her Stories

1. Her friend used her car as an ambulance. One day after work she was driving home when she noticed a terrible smell. Somones dead leg had been left under the car seat for a whole week to rot.
2. During the bombing raids everyone hid in underground shelters there they heard and felt the massive bombing raids. It was only when the "All Clear" was given were they able to see the damage. One time they saw a big tower in the East End that was completely destroyed except a section of each floor of the building where

the toilets were built on the same place on each floor. There all one could see were the toilet bowls were seen in the open with all the plumbing pipes were seen running from floor to floor toilet to toilet. The tower became known as "The Tower of Toilets".

3. During the daytime my Great Grandmother sat on the roof of her house. When they heard or saw the German planes coming they bang their pots and pans to alert everybody, and then they ran to the shelters.

After the War she met her husband, an Irish man, and they moved to Cork. Her surname was Whittaker and when she married she became a Murphy and lived in Rochestown, Cork.

This is my history project and these are the stories she told my Grandmother who passed them on to me.

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