

My grandmothers father was born on the 24th of July 1916.

He joined the army regiment R.E.M.E which was the royal electrical mechanical engineers in 1933.

He told a fib about his age as he was not really old enough but the army accepted him.

He started as a member of the regimental band.

He travelled all over the globe and he finally ended up in China and was billeted at the British concern which belonged to my great great grandfather who was a Greek national named Athonasis Mavromaros.

My great grandfather married his eldest daughter Sofia.

Her mother was manchiurin.

When problems arose with Germany the British were called home to prepare for world war II.

My great grandfather was sent all over the globe to fight.

Ending up at Dunkirk in France which he told my grandmother was a terrible experience .

He saw hundreds killed on the beach there but eventually got home on a fishing boat that went to rescue the forces on the beach in Dunkirk.

During this time my great grandmother Sofia received a telegram saying her husband was missing believed killed which was wrong

After the war he was sent to Kenya to fight the Mau Mau.

And finished his 25 years of service in Cornwall before being demobbed.

PATERNAL GRANDFATHER

He was called up in 1939 not to fight but to be a mechanic to keep the airplanes flying and he repaired hundreds .

He was based in Ireland for the first four years and after he came home and repaired the planes at Biggin hill until the end of the war and then he was demobbed.

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From my Grandmother's
point of view

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→ 1939

The Day world War 2 broke
out I was 12

They heard people talking about it
but never thought it would happen.

John my older brother was at
the trashing & said war had
broken out.

Trashing is now known as
harvesting.

She thinks it was September unsw.

looking for volunteers to join
British Navy so my brother was
18yrs, there was no work in
Ireland so abt of his clan
joined British Navy & Irish
Army.

Had Cousins living in the UK
(Wales) write letters home to
gr grandmother & letters were
censored. Pieces cut out of them.

De Valera was President and
only BR him Ireland remained
neutral. British wanted to
use the Irish Ports however
De Valera would not allow them.

- Farmers in Ireland were very poor.
- Irish Farmers grew flax to make linen and had a better living out of this.
- eldest brother was about to join British Navy Parents pleaded with him to stay at home & help on the farm so he did.
- He'd nothing about what was happening in Britain - war cut out.
- Another Brother joined British Air Force ~~worked~~ officer based in Iceland. Decoding Morse Code
- Rational Butter } had to
Tea } have
oil } coupons
cloth }
- Self-sufficient in every other way
- Brother working in Creamery ^{local shop} tea was weighed out any scraps was given to staff.
- People abt worse off than themselves, they shared out any leftovers.
- Got used to it, no such thing as white bread.













