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# HOW WORLD WAR II AFFECTED LONDON

# HOW CHILDREN WERE AFFECTED

- Children still went to school
- Some unusual lessons included rationing, wearing gas masks and living with strangers
- Families had a ration book and coupons were cut out and exchanged for food.
- My Great Gran'pa used to give my Great Gran'ma his sweets rations because he loved her.



# HOW CHILDREN WERE AFFECTED 2

- My Aunty Kath said there was enough food for children but it didn't taste very nice as it was rationed.
- She didn't like powdered eggs so they had chickens in their back garden.
- After the war my Great Gran'ma was really excited to find cotton sheets in the shops again



# EVIL EVACUATIONS

- City Children had to leave their families live in the countryside.
- This was for their own safety.
- It was very hard for them and their families.
- My Great Nana and Aunty Kath were evacuated





# SHELTERS DURING AIR RAIDS



# THE BLACKOUT

“The best bit of the war ending was that the lights went back on.....we hated living in the dark”

My Aunty Kath

Windows were blacked out so that enemy planes couldn't see that the cities were below them.

# THE BLITZ



- The Blitz was when London was bombed by the Nazis
- It was a horrible time
- People woke up and found their lives completely changed
- My Great Nana met my Great Grandad when she was a teenager because the vicar's house was bombed. She knew where to find the vicar and he had a bicycle and offered to take her there!



# VE DAY

- This means Victory in Europe!
- It was Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945
- Street parties happened to celebrate the war was over
- King George VI, Queen Elizabeth and the two princesses (one is our Queen now) came out 8 times to the balcony at Buckingham Palace



# Churchill's Speech

- Churchill was the Prime Minister
- He announced to the country at 3pm on the radio that the war was over
- Churchill later told the crowds “This is your victory” because everyone did their bit to win the war.



# MY FAMILY IN WORLD WAR II



# Uncle Alan

- My Uncle Alan was a hero
- He went to war in the army at age 17
- He had no choice. All young men that were able had to go to war.
- When the young soldiers marched off they sang Pack up your Troubles in your Old Kit Bag. My mum still sings this to us at night time.



# Uncle Alan

- He was in armoured cars and went over to Germany just after D Day.
- This picture was taken as they liberated Helmond in the Netherlands
- Uncle Alan is on top of the tank!
- They were greeted by all the people with fruit, flowers and hugs because they were so grateful





# Uncle Alan



- In the car there were 3 people
  - Driver
  - Gunner
  - Communications person
- One day they came across hostile troops
- The gunner let off a smoke bomb to hide the car
- The driver became a second gunner and the communications person drove the car out backwards to get away quickly!

# Uncle Alan

- On VE day he was stationed in Germany
- He celebrated with his childhood sweetheart Aunty Kath when he got home



# Aunty Kath

- My Aunty Kath was at college on VE day
- She woke up in her dormitory to hear a girl running down the corridors ringing a bell shouting “the war is over!!”
- They were allowed to go home for the weekend to celebrate
- She didn't have a big party because my Uncle was still in Germany



# Great Nana

- Great Nana was evacuated at age 13. She used to put her feet on hot bricks to keep them warm.
- She later joined the WRNS and worked as a radio mechanic 1944 – 1946
- She was disappointed when the war ended because she was due to go to Australia....luckily they went anyway!!



# Great Grandad

- Great Grandad was an officer in the Royal Engineers
- He made sure the tanks were working
- He injured his knee in Italy...falling off his motorbike!
- Once he was on top of a tank when an air raid siren went off
- He got caught by his belt and had to wait until after the enemy planes flew off for someone to come and help him down!





# Great Gran'ma and Gran'pa



This photo was taken after the war – they were very happy! We don't know who the other gentleman is!

# Great Gran'ma and Gran'pa

- Great Gran'ma went back to live in Sunderland during the war
- She was called up to be a nurse but was a trained teacher also
- She was so squeemish that she kept fainting in the operating theatre and had to be taken out to recover! She had to go back in again!
- Great Gran'pa was an accountant
- He worked for the Admiralty making sure that everyone in the war effort got paid.

# Everyone celebrated the war was over!





