

V1 bomb dropped in Hoe Street Walthamstow in 1944

My Father was a Police Sergeant stationed at Forest Road Police Station at the time when the V1 bomb dropped in Hoe Street/High Street corner. If I remember rightly, it actually dropped on the Piano shop that was on the corner of High Street/Hoe Street.

I can remember my Dad being called the scene as he was on duty at that particular time. I can also remember him coming home very distraught, as his friend who owned the sweet shop just a few yards away in Hoe Street was killed and Dad had to go to that scene and saw his friend in a very sad state and it was really horrific.

The reason I remember it so well, (although I was a young child at the time), was out of all the bombings and horrific scenes he had to attend and that he witnessed that was the only time I can ever remember him going completely off of his food as he was so upset at what he had seen. He was a good friend of this man as when he was on duty, he would always pop into the shop to see how he was and if he was alright.

My Dad died in 2001, but had he have been alive he could have told you far more than I can now. It is just what I remember. It was something Dad never ever forgot, but very seldom spoke about.

His friend was such a lovely man too as I knew him, but unfortunately cannot remember his name. I was quite a little girl at that time. I loved sweets and this man used to spoil me if I went into the shop and give me a sweet each time, although sweets, as everything else, were on ration, He was a Jewish man and so lovely. He used to keep all our points that we had for sweets (as we always got out ration of sweet from him) and then when we went into the shop, we never had to remember the sweet coupons. He never ever let us have more than our ration though (which was quite right).

Walthamstow did get a lot of bombs during that time as in Blackhorse Lane there were factories on either side of the road and that was the target for the enemy, but was often missed and Higham Hill Road got hit instead, which ran adjacent to Blackhorse Lane. I lived in Mt Pleasant Road Walthamstow and Higham Hill Road was just a couple of yards away from my house where I lived then.

I hope that the little I have been able to tell you is of some help. I now live in Dorset, which is beautiful.

Kind regards,

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