

VE DAY RESEARCH

Questions	Grandma	Great Aunt
Age on VE Day	Just 7	Almost 12
Where were they living?	Shoeburyness	Medway Towns
Was this a safe place to live?	No, because it was in the Thames estuary on the doodlebugs route to London.	No, because there was a dockyard there and it was targeted by doodlebugs
What do you remember about the time?	It was a sad time because her parents were divorcing and they got kicked out of their Grandfather's house	It was a happy time. She got 2 days off school. People danced in the streets and there were loads of flags but best of all lots of food
What was your favourite memory?	Going to town to see the streetlights on for the first time	Being able to walk around without the fear of being bombed
What did members of the family do?	Dad was in the Royal Artillery but she knows nothing about what he did. She only saw him for a day every couple of months	Dad was a Gunner in the Royal Engineers. He got wounded quite badly. Sister was a WREN
Rationing	Remembers her sweet ration. Her brother used to steal them! You were only allowed one egg a week so they kept chickens.	Remembers a lot about it. She could remember how much you were allowed. Sausages weren't rationed but you had to have your name put down on a waiting list.
Can you remember your first banana?	Yes. She remembers a picture of one up in a shop. After the war ended the first one she ate was unripe and tasted disgusting so she was really disappointed.	Yes she did eat a ripe one but did not know how to eat it and somebody had to show her what to do.
What was your favourite toy in the war?	Rupert Bear. She had him from the age of two into the 1980's!	She got a toy dog but she really wanted a Teddy Bear which she only got later
Were you evacuated?	Yes, twice. The second time to Dawlish in Devon. She went with her mum and brother. It was a massive coincidence because the owners of the chalet they lived in belonged to our Mum's Great Grandpa!	Yes, to Wales with her older sister Nancy. She went without her parents and had to live with strangers. They met up again in the 1980s
When were you most scared during the war?	She was being washed on the kitchen table when a bomb went off and she got hit by the blackout blind that fell in. She thought the bomb had exploded on her!	When she was evacuated.
Other Memories.	A Micky Mouse gas mask. Milk bottles at school	She still has her gas mask. She was also able to show us a milk bottle from the time.

