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I was born in the same house that I am living now in August 1941.

During the war I used to sleep in an Air Raid Shelter in the back garden after growing out of my cot!!

The first instance that I can remember was being close to two exploding ICBM's in other words V2 rockets one on the Great West Road at Gillette Corner on Packhard Cars I was at the top of my road in Heston at the time and the other one I was visiting my Great Grand Parents in Salisbury Road West Ealing as my mother was going to take me to Abenethys Shop on the Uxbridge Road in West Ealing because I wanted to use the facilities in the back garden!!! I am lucky to be alive as the Germans shut the shop by landing a V2 on it and demolishing both the shop and half of Westfield Road.

The dust from that blast which I heard was massive two large bangs.

It was after this that I became for six weeks in the summer of 1944 an evacuee with my mother we went to relatives in Leeds!!! The best things I remember about that time was coming home again to Heston and visiting Kirkstall Abbey.

On what became V.E.Day 08/05/1945 I was visiting my grandfather at West Middlesex Hospital Isleworth Middlesex where my grandfather was at the time recovering from having his appendix removed several days earlier and was sitting outside toasting us with Whiskey I was with my mother and grandmother at the time. And watching the bonfire party we had in our Road from my bedroom window.