Enfield At War

Southgate WW2 Images
Girl guides give a display in Broomfield Park. From an early age children were encouraged to help the war effort.
These Sea Cadets give a display of cemophor in Broomfield Park as part of a big Civil Defence demonstration in 1945.
Schoolboys donating their model aeroplanes to raise money to build real ones.
People were encouraged to buy War Bonds and National Savings Certificates to raise money for weapons like the Southgate Spitfire.
Nurses marching at Broomfield Park.
Broomfield House was requisitioned as an ambulance station and first aid post to deal with the casualties of the air-raid bombings.
The Women’s Land Army was formed to supplement the workforce in farming. They learned new skills including driving heavy machinery. (Below: Oakwood Park).
In the Dig for Victory campaign residents were encouraged to grow fruit and vegetables in their back gardens as food was in such short supply. Parks and Sports grounds were also given over to agriculture. (Below: Broomfield Park).
Rationing was introduced on many everyday foodstuffs. It was supposed to make sure that everyone got their fair share. Unfortunately like this shop in Green Lanes, queues would form if people heard of a delivery of a scarce item.
There was a real fear that Britain would suffer an attack by poisonous gas. Therefore people were trained to deal with such an event and issued with protective clothing.
Repairing bomb damage in Wakefield Road, Southgate.
Bomb damage in De Bohun Road.
Clearing up the mess of a bombing raid the morning after was almost a daily event between October 1940 and April 1941, as is shown here in Addison Road, Southgate.
This photograph was also taken at the rear of Addison Road, Southgate where this huge crater was the result of a bombing raid.
Shop fronts blown out on Aldermans Hill after bomb damage in April 1944.
Businesses were often affected like the greenhouses at this nursery in Avenue Road, Southgate.
This house in Ringwood Way, Winchmore Hill was virtually destroyed in November 1944.
This photograph in Queen Elizabeth’s Drive, Winchmore Hill shows the stretcher bearers in attendance for the rescue of victims. Luckily on this occasion there were no casualties.
The remnants of the Princes Dance Hall bombing in March 1941.
Finally on 8th May 1945 peace was declared in Europe. This became known as VE (Victory in Europe) Day. Street parties, like this one in Addison Road, were held for the children all across the Borough.