

SOURCE F: A photograph and caption published in a magazine *ILLUSTRATED*, published in January 1941. It was an article about firewatchers in a fictitious avenue, Acacia Avenue. It was in reality Old Farm Avenue in Sidcup.



‘The women of Acacia Avenue are turning out, too, to do their two hours of fire watching twice a week. Here is Ruth Dawe from No 65. She had already attended fire fighting demonstrations and lectures given by the local fire brigade.’

SOURCE G: An account, made in the 1980s, of the bombing of Bexleyheath Broadway, 15 October 1940 by Lord George Wallace of Costany. For a time he worked at the Central Meat Depot, Bexleyheath.

“Whilst at the depot, we acted as wardens if there was an emergency. Not long after the bombing started, in 1940, we saw a whole crowd of aircraft overhead, hundreds of them. Fighters trying to get in between them. They let off a stick of bombs, right the way down the Broadway. We went over to help get casualties out of Woolworth’s. It had been set on fire. There were a lot killed. There was a little child killed. About 3-4 years old. Right at the door of Woolworth’s. The casualties down the Broadway were terrible. They were mainly taken into Christ Church. That was used as a mortuary.”

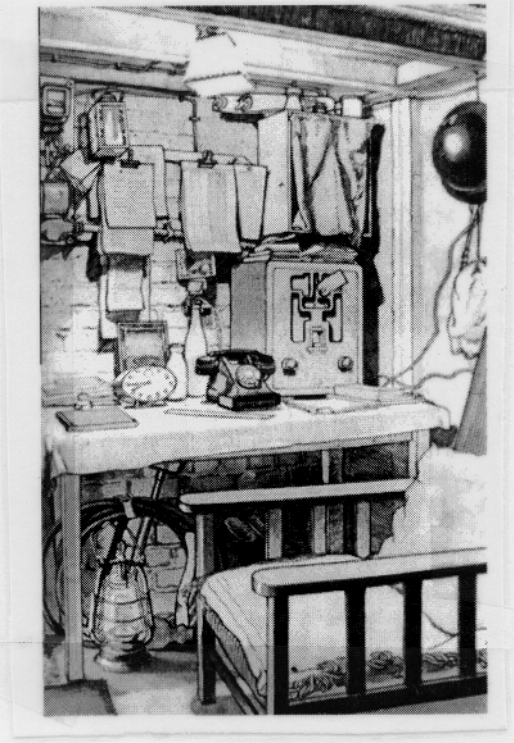
SOURCE H: A table showing the effects of enemy action in the Borough from September 1939 to May 1945

	Local Authority				Totals
	Bexley M.B	Chislehurst & Sidcup U.D.	Crayford U.D.	Erith M.B.	
Alerts	1,233	1,209	1,353	1,050	4,845
Incidents	1,197	824	260	497	2,778
H.E. Bombs	674	919	385	444	2,422
Incendiary Bombs (approx No)	20,042	20,674	5,401	8,510	54,627
Flying Bombs	25	48	11	12	96
Crashed Enemy Aircraft	2	1	1	-	4
Mines	8	19	4	6	37
People Killed	155	178	66	109	508
Injured detained in hospital	678	647	156	509	1,990
Others injured	1,372	890	329	872	3,463
Property: totally destroyed	879	485	184	572	2,120
Property: severely damaged	1,274	1,200	568	750	3,792
Other Properties damaged	60,363	15,815	6,265	10,154	92,597

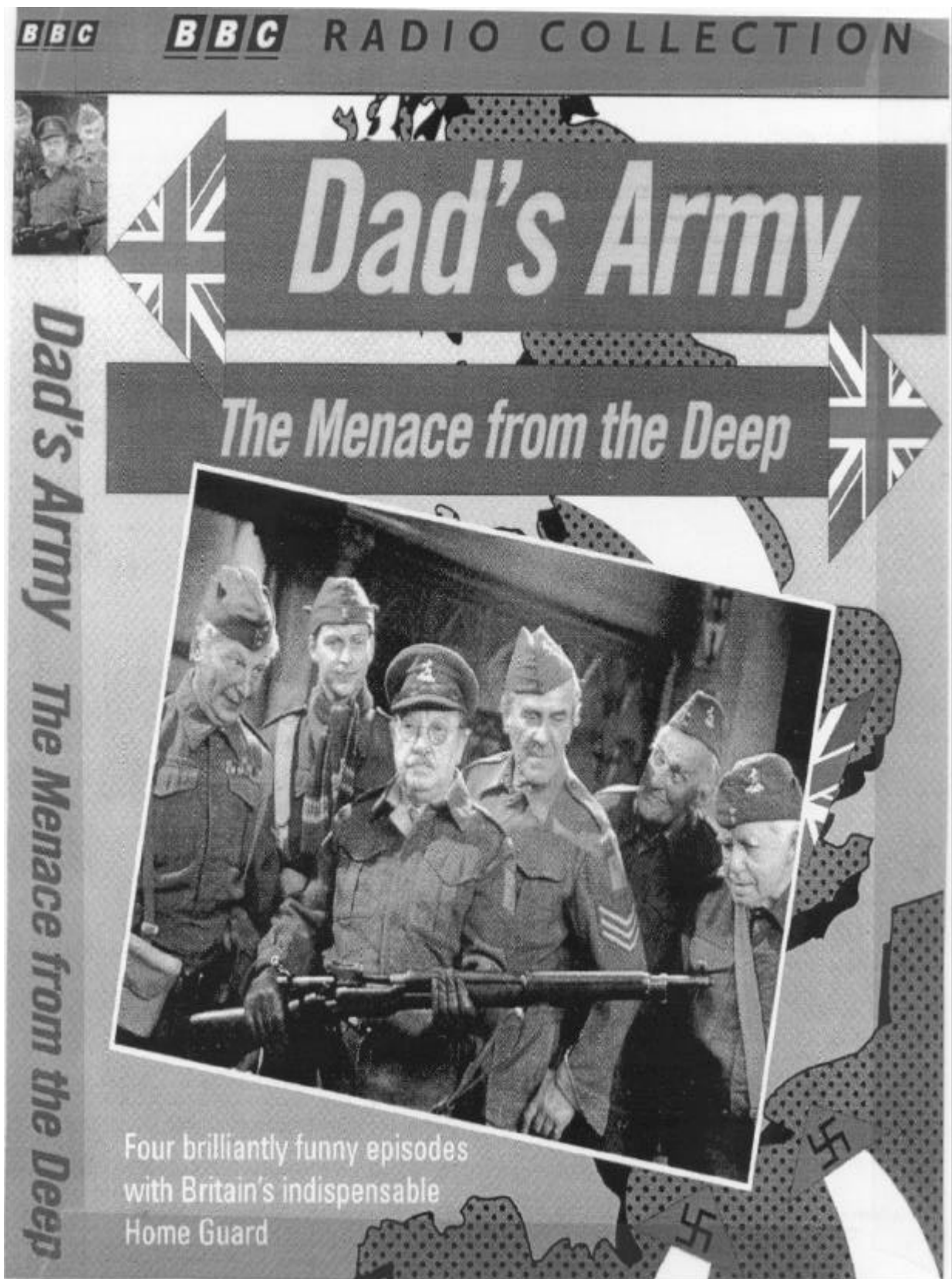
SOURCE I: A photograph showing the effects of the 15 October 1940 bombing raid on Bexleyheath. This photograph was censored and not published during the war.



SOURCE J: A drawing of a reconstruction of Post E28 Erith in Erith Museum. The Post was originally at Woolwich Road, Belvedere.



SOURCE K: Promotional material for the BBC television series *Dad's Army* (first broadcast in 1968) showing the fictional Walmington-on-Sea LDV platoon.*



*Teachers are advised to show an episode of *Dad's Army* to their students.