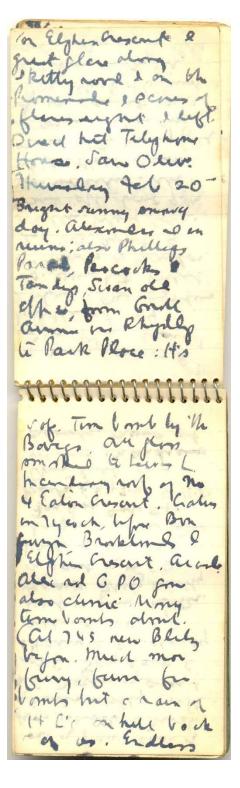




Wednesday February 19 Blitz

Planes over 7.35. Warning 7.50. Rain of fire bombs north and east and many incendiary bombs north and east as well. Not much firing. Heavy fall

of snow first SR (Spotter Reconnaissance) began then cleared brilliant sky later. One fighter up. Very hot until 9. Shower of bombs on us. Got aunt to shelter: biting cold Eased off about 9pm. Soon restarted. All clear at 12. Short alarm again with heavy fall of snow. Eileen came by in car at 10.30 saw stack of bombs burst and detonate in the air bomb crashes on the hill



on Elphin Crescent and great glare along
Sketty road and on the Promenade and scores of flares right and left.
Direct hit Telephone
House. Saw Oliver.
Thursday February 20
Bright sunny snowy day. Alexandra Road in ruins; also Phillips
Parade, Peacocks and Tandys, Swan. Old offices from Gnoll
Arms in Rhyddings

to Park Place: Its

safe. Time bomb by the Barrage. All glass smashed to pieces and incendiary roof of number 4 Eaton Crescent. Craters in Tycoch, before Brin Gwyn and Brooklands and Elphin Crescent. Arcade, Alexandra Road, GPO gone also clinic. Many time bombs about. (At 7.45 new Blitz) began. Much more fury, fewer fire bombs but a rain of incendiaries on hill back of us. Endless

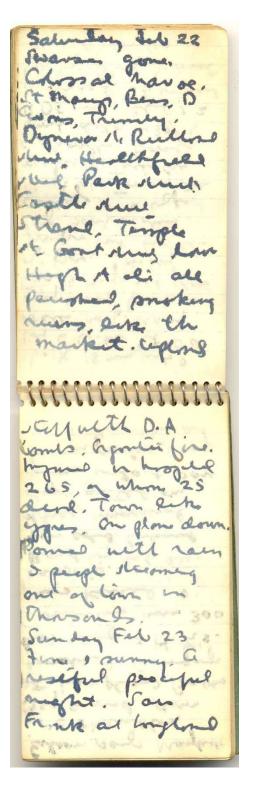
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roar of planes, crash of guns, whistle and crash of bombs mostly north and east. Dozens of search lights. Sky dark and starry later cloudy. Still at 11 o clock. Got Aunt in from shelter. Heaviest blitz locally in point of high explosives bombs of time bombs dropped at one time.

Friday February 21

Blitz (3) 7.45 to 11.30 Then Iull. Fire and explosive incendiaries mainly. More at

back took 18 men, girls and bovs to tackle it and in in roof. Many very heavy bombs in town and huge red glow of fire. Heavy gunfire but fighters up. Bomb craters College Street and Upper High Street. Tommy Owen missing. Teilo Crescent a shambles. Barrage bomb detonated 4.30, 4 Bomb Disposal Squad men killed 2 wounded. 63 injured Wednesdays Blitz reprised town a shambles



Saturday February 22

Swansea gone.
Colossal damage.
St Marys, Bens, D
Evans, Trinity,
Dynevor Street, Rutland
Street, Heathfield
Street, Park Street,
Castle Street,
Strand, Temple
Street, Goat Street, lower
High Street etc all
perished, smoking
ruins like the

market. Uplands

still with D.A. (Delayed Action) bombs. Gigantic fire Injured in hospital 265 of whom 25 died. Town like Ypres. One plane down. Poured with rain and people streaming out of town in thousands.

Sunday February 23

Fine and sunny day. A restful peaceful night. Saw Frank at Langland.