The Blitz Gallery Trail



HELLO, I'M SHIRLEY HAMILTON AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE ATS, SHORT FOR THE AUXILIARY TERRITORIAL SERVICE.

I TRAVELLED FROM JAMAICA TO ENGLAND TO JOIN THE WAR EFFORT, AND NOW I'M GOING TO HELP YOU TRAVEL THROUGH THE MUSEUM AND LEARN ABOUT THE BLITZ.

ARE YOU READY?

FIRST OF ALL, WE NEED TO GET YOU THE RIGHT UNIFORM, SO OVER TO THE FORMATION GALLERY.

LET'S MOVE ON TO THE CONFLICT IN EUROPE GALLERY...

LOOK OUT FOR THE FIRST WORLD WAR WEAPONRY DISPLAY, NEARBY, YOU WILL SEE A STEEL HELMET AND A GAS RATTLE.

EVEN THOUGH THESE ITEMS WERE ORIGINALLY USED DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR, THEY WERE ALSO USED BY AIR RAID PRECAUTION (ARP) WARDENS DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

ONE OF THE MAIN JOBS OF THE ARP WARDEN WAS TO WARN PEOPLE ABOUT AIR RAIDS. HOW WOULD THE HELMET PROTECT THEM WHILE THEY DID THEIR JOB?



WHY IS THIS SYMBOL A GOOD IMAGE FOR THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT DIVISION? WRITE YOUR ANSWER BELOW:

AS A MEMBER OF THE ATS, I SPENT LONG HOURS ON DUTY, SEARCHING THE SKIES FOR ENEMY AIRCRAFT AND KEEPING BRITAIN SAFE.

THIS IS THE FORMATION BADGE FOR THE FIRST ANTI-AIRCRAFT DIVISION.





CAN YOU FIND THE TEDDY BEAR COAT?

NOW WE ARE ALL KITTED OUT FOR A NIGHT PATROL.





ONWARD MARCH! NEXT STOP, THE ARMY AT HOME GALLERY.
THERE YOU'LL MEET LOTS OF PEOPLE WHOSE JOB IT WAS
TO HELP OTHERS DURING THE BLITZ.

SOME JOBS INVOLVED
WORKING WITH BRIGHT LIGHTS.
FIND SOMETHING YOU COULD
WEAR TO PROTECT YOUR EYES
FROM THE BIG BRIGHT SEARCH
LIGHTS WHILE LOOKING FOR
ENEMY AIRCRAFT OVERHEAD.

FIND THE PAINTING CALLED 'NIGHT ENGAGEMENT ON THE SUSSEX COAST, 1941'
AND READ THE DESCRIPTION. WRITE DOWN ALL THE DIFFERENT TEAMS THAT WORKED AS PART OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMMAND.





THE LAST THING I WANT YOU TO FIND IS A MEDAL THAT HAS GREEN, BLACK AND ORANGE STRIPES ON THE PIRRON

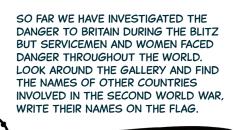


ONTO THE GLOBAL ROLE GALLERY, THE FINAL STOP ON OUR TOUR,



THIS MEDAL IS ONE OF THE ONLY MEDALS THAT COULD BE AWARDED TO CIVILIANS AS WELL AS SOLDIERS, INCLUDING PEOPLE IN THE HOME GUARD, ATS, ARP WARDENS, NURSES, AUXILIARY FIRE SERVICE AND TODAY, TO YOU!

WELL DONE FOR COMPLETING THE TRAIL AND HELPING ME ON PATROL. WEAR YOUR MEDAL WITH PRIDE AND I HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN SOON.





FIND THE BATTLE DRESS BLOUSE OF CORPORAL J.C. SHEPPARD AND THE HOME GUARD POCKET BOOK. MAKE NOTES ON THE INFORMATION YOU CAN FIND ABOUT THE HOME GUARD.

