

Meanings of Military Service

Learning Resources KS3

The Home Front: Just how terrifying were air raids on London during World War One?

These suggested activities are designed to provide support to teachers using our resources in the classroom.

Suggested sources:

Letter from General Sir Neville Lyttleton to his wife
Aerial photo daylight raid
Kaiser's enemies
Picture of bombed babies
Bombed babies article
Bringing up reinforcements 2
Postcard of Queen Alexandra's visit to The Royal London
'Social Function' Article from the East London College Magazine

1. Factual: what do these sources tell us about Zeppelin raids? What do they not tell us? What else do we need to know to make an informed judgement?
[Inference activity – A3 sheet, three boxes – what can we definitely tell [centre] what can we probably tell [next box out] what might be the impact of raids [outer box]
2. Utility: how useful are these sources as evidence of the impact of the raids?
Group them in order – most useful to least useful.

3. Do these official statistics agree with these sources of evidence?

Approx 50 Zeppelin raids on Britain during WW1

A maximum of 12 Zeppelins in any one raid

556 deaths in total from Zeppelin raids

First one on Great Yarmouth 19th January 1915 – 2 deaths

First on London, 31st May 1915, 7 dead, 15 injured

[source – a GCSE textbook on Britain 1900-1918]

4. What conclusions can we draw about [a] archives, and [b] zeppelin raids, from these documents?