

A Home Guard member in a 1942 'Battledress uniform'

The Home Guard

- (1) Many members of the Ashtead Company have been 'called up' for service in the Navy, Army & Air Force and replacements are Urgently Needed.
- (2) The H.G. is part of the Armed Forces of the Crown and owing to its increasing efficiency is being given extra duties and so relieving regular troops for service elsewhere.
- (3) Recruits are wanted now so that training can be carried out in time for the spring offensive.
- (4) The existence of the Home Guard in every town and village last summer was one of the main factors in delaying the Nazi invasion.

Enrol NOW and help do it again.

Call at Ashtead Police Station or Company H.Q. 35, The Street, Ashtead, and fill up a form.

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A Home Guard local recruitment poster





Uniforms in 1940 and 1944



Home Guard uniform



A plastic badge issued to women from the Women's Home Guard Auxiliary force later in the war.

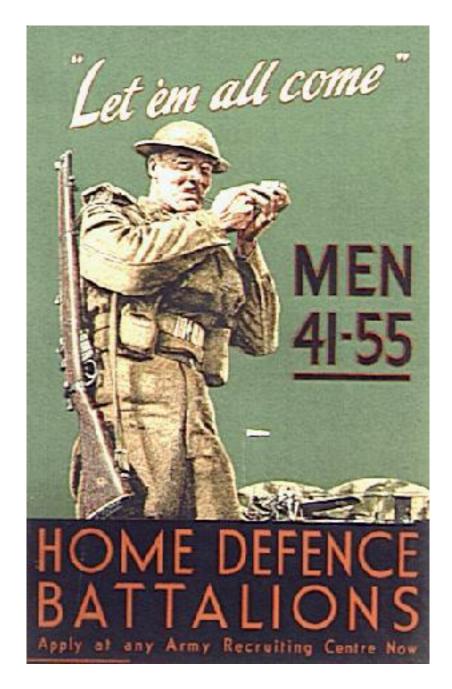


Officially women were not allowed to serve in the Home Guard but many did join the men for their training, even in some cases practising how to shoot rifles in a special division called the Women's Defence Force.

However, eventually the government created the Women's Home Guard Auxiliary force to enable women to join the Home Guard properly and work in a non-fighting role, such as administration duties and driving.



Some of the strange weapons invented by the Home Guard, including Home Made bombs and a launcher.



A poster asking men to join the Home Guard.

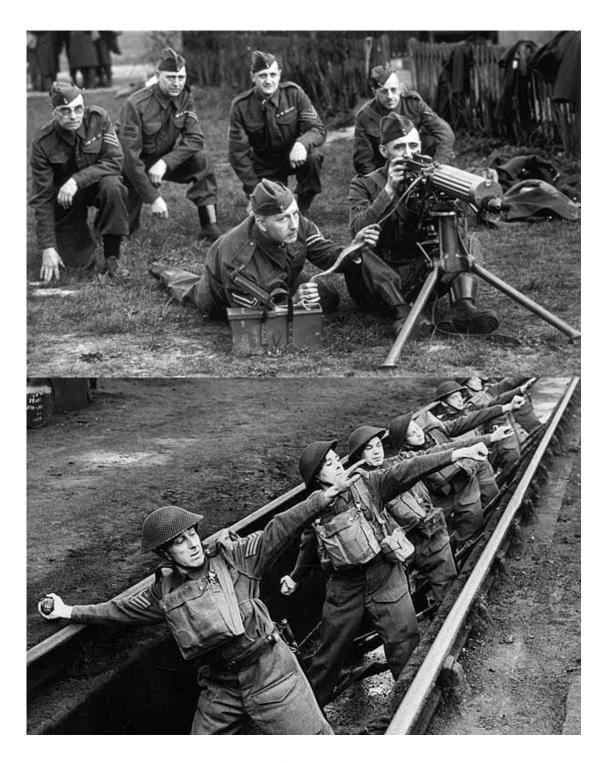




Home Guard training excercises



Home Guard road block.



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