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I worked in HM dockyard Portsmouth from 1941-1963 in the Naval Store Department. As a young person I had no fear, so therefore, would not get out of bed for air raids, my mother used to say 'get up the sirens sounded'. Likewise dad who lost a leg etc in the Great War - said 'I am not getting up - the trenches were worse than this.'

It certainly was an experience. One night our Barrage Balloon caught fire. It was shot at and lit up the sky in bright orange glow.

If we heard a plane overhead I used to say to my mother 'It's one of ours' followed by a nasty whistling noise and a large crash!! Anyway like I mentioned it was an experience - one to be missed - no lipstick etc; oh dear. I was very annoyed and obviously very self centred.