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During the war as a child I lived at Townshend Rd Chislehurst. One evening we had an air raid and 3 bombs were dropped. There were direct hits on houses in adjacent roads, Degema Road, Albany Road and Adelaide Road. Altogether that night 8 houses were demolished with many casualties, the noise was horrific. After the air raid my Dad went to try and help injured people in their air raid shelters. On my way to school the next day along Albany Road I saw the carnage and devastation which I shall never forget. There was not a pane of glass left in the windows including ours. Mrs Tegg a neighbour stood in front of her houses which was badly hit, looking at a small joint of meat which was covered with glass and dirt crying her eyes out saying 'Look what they have done to my dinner'. Never mind what they had done to her house. People soon forget everything was on ration, meat was precious.