
The Blitz

❶ Hermann Göring announces the beginning of the Blitz on September 7th, 1940.

1 “This moment is a historic one. As a result of the provocative British attacks on Berlin on recent
2 nights the Führer has decided to order a mighty blow to be struck in revenge against the British
3 capital of the British Empire. I personally have assumed the leadership of this attack and today I
4 have heard above me the roaring of the victorious German squadrons.”

❷ Air Vice Marshal Keith Park relieved at the news that the Germans were no longer attacking the airfields.

1 “It was burning all down the river. It was a horrid sight. But I looked down and said ‘Thank God
2 for that’, because I knew that the Nazis had switched their attack from the fighter stations thinking
3 that they were knocked out. They weren’t, but they were pretty groggy”.



Left: An air raid shelter. Right: Children before their bombed house.

➤ Using the documents and your knowledge, describe the living conditions of the Londoners during the Blitz and explain how their resilience helped Britain win the war.