

Diary of James R John

Home Guard Second World War

James Rowledge John was a Fire Watcher in the Home Guard during the Three Nights' Blitz.

James was born in 1883 and was 58 years old during the Three Nights' Blitz.

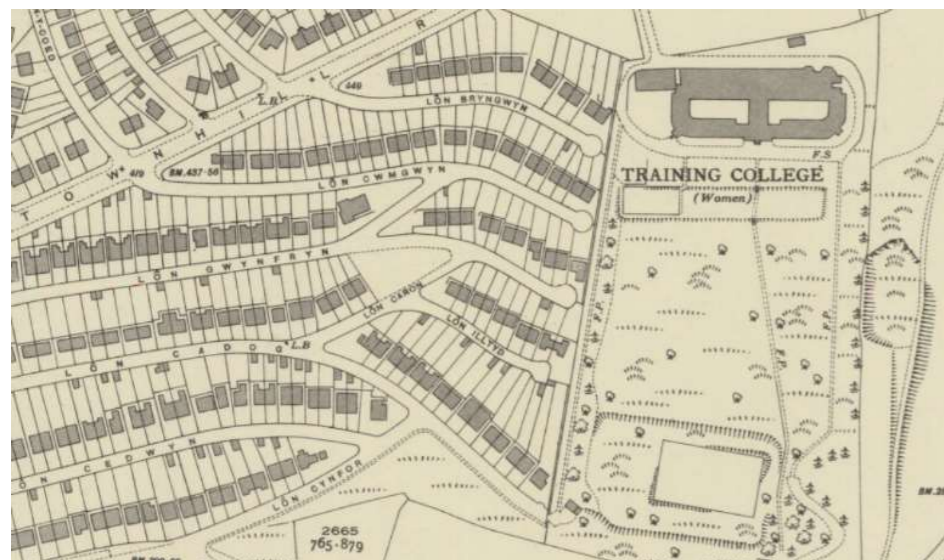


Figure 2: Map showing where James R John lived

He lived at **The Rookery**, 9 Lon Illtyd, Sketty, Swansea.



Figure 1: James R John in his Home Guard uniform

His daytime job was a Journalist for the South Wales Evening Post.

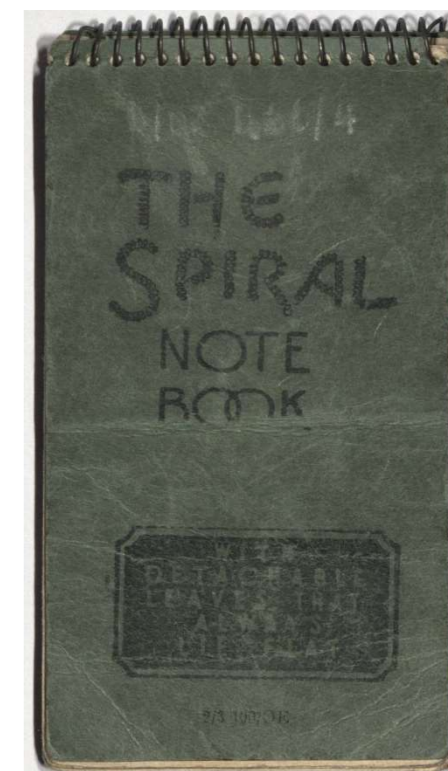


Figure 3: Actual size of the diary (D/D Z 417/3)

James wrote a diary about his nights spent fire watching. Read the extracts from the diary, which cover the Three Nights' Blitz. Try to answer the questions on the back of this sheet.

Read the diary extracts of James R John

- Identify the areas that were destroyed by bombs during the Three Nights' Blitz.
- Use the map to find the areas that were bombed.
- Match the captions with the photographs.
- Use the photographs to see the damage.



Figure 4: Map of Swansea after the Three Nights' Blitz