

A BOY'S WAR JOURNAL 1940-1944



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In September 1940 the Battle of Britain was over. In March 1941 the battle for Britain began when the Germans invaded Kent.

There have been many books on the subject, but few from a personal perspective. This is a collation of diaries, discovered in an attic during a house clearance. They were written by Billy Palmer, a boy of fourteen; but not on a daily basis, only when he had spare time. He was one of hundreds of runners who carried messages to and from the front. Inevitably their casualty rate was high.

This is Billy's story going through to 1944. The boys are captured, become farmers and experience various other adventures.

About the author

Ray Wooster has been writing since a teenager, but it is only in his 80s that his first book was published, the first of the 3-part series *A Boy's War Journal*. At the time he was also president of the Harrow Writers' Circle.

Ray told [GetWest London](#) back in 2015:

"In 1940 when I was eight and my sister was three my mother put us on a train to her sister's in Swansea.

"We had had two lots of bombs dropped in [Mandeville Road, Northolt](#). I remember it very vividly. We stepped into the cupboard under the stairs because we did not have a shelter."

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