

AN EPISODE OF WAR



An account of the German naval bombardment
of Scarborough, 16th December 1914

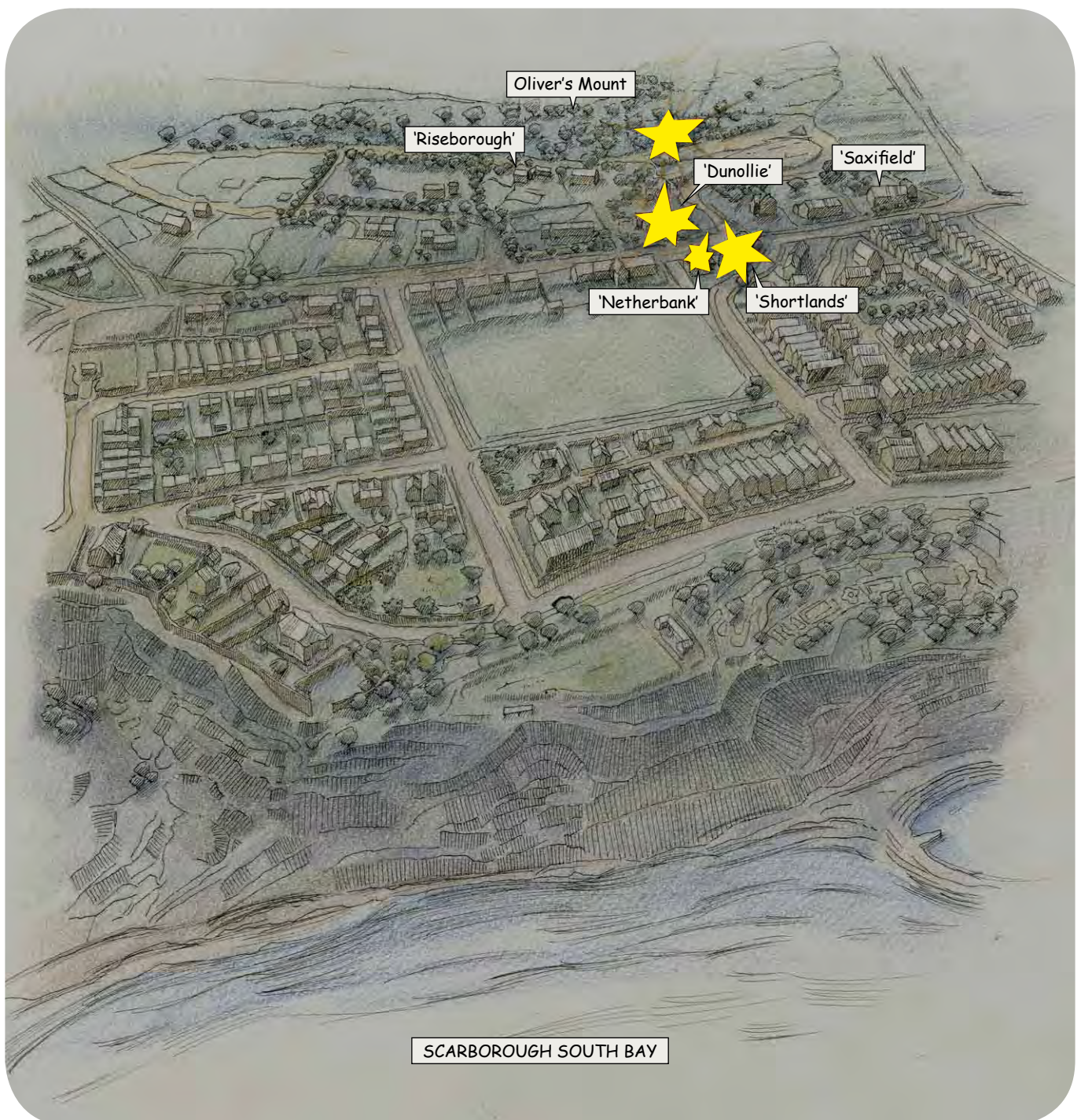
SCARBOROUGH BOMBARDMENT

On December 16th, 1914 at 8:00 am the town of Scarborough was shelled by two German destroyers in the South Bay, killing 17 people and wounding 80.

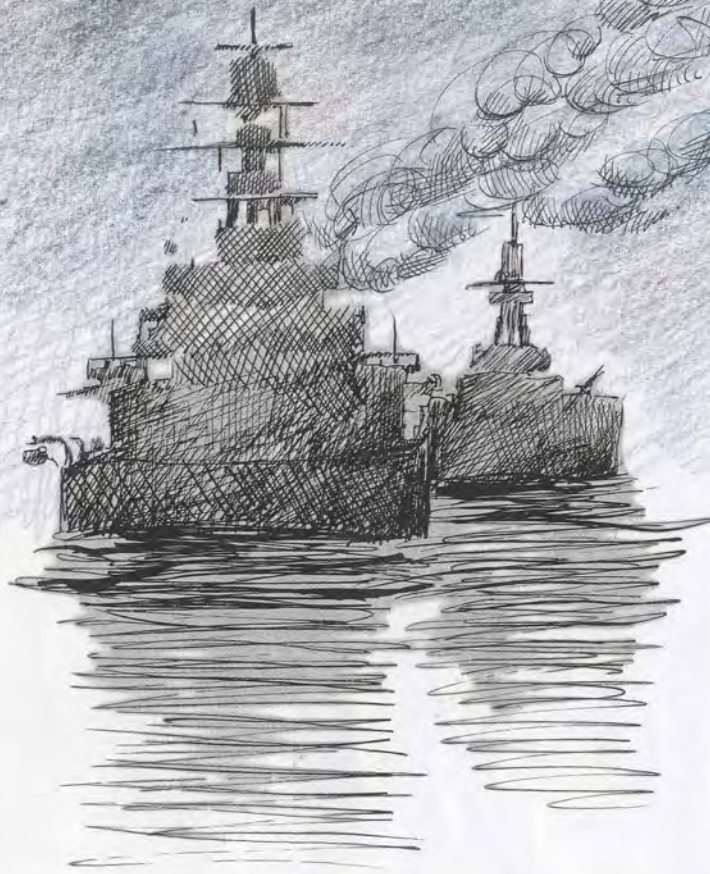
Mrs George Rowntree, a Quaker woman who lived with her husband in 'Riseborough' near to Oliver's Mount, wrote an account in her journal of the attack when over 500 shells fell on the town.

This booklet tells her story in pictures, of that frightening twenty minutes.

The full story is available on-line at <http://www.guise.me.uk/rowntree/george/reminiscences/chapter13.htm>

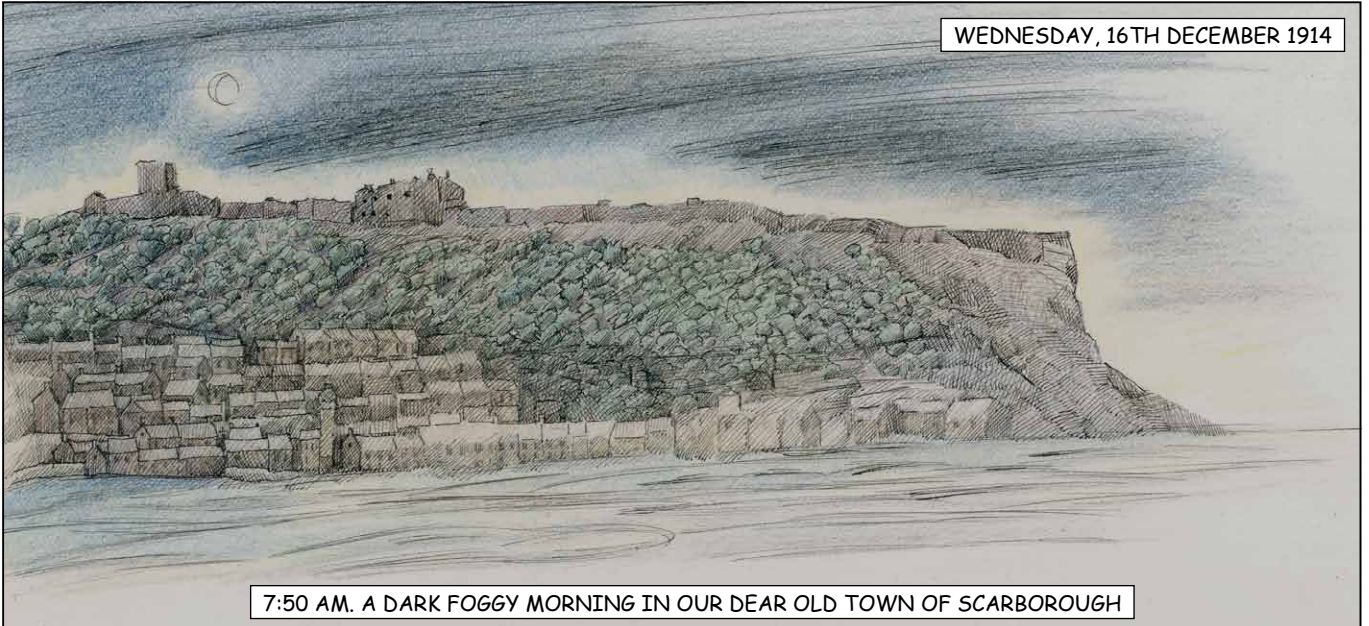


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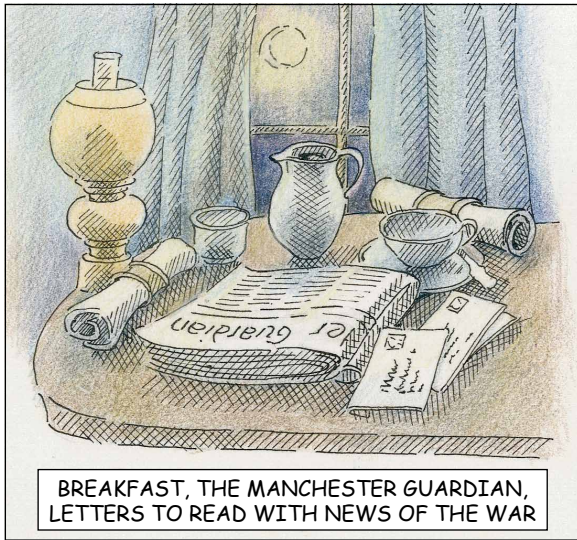


TAKEN FROM
MRS ROWNTREE'S DIARY

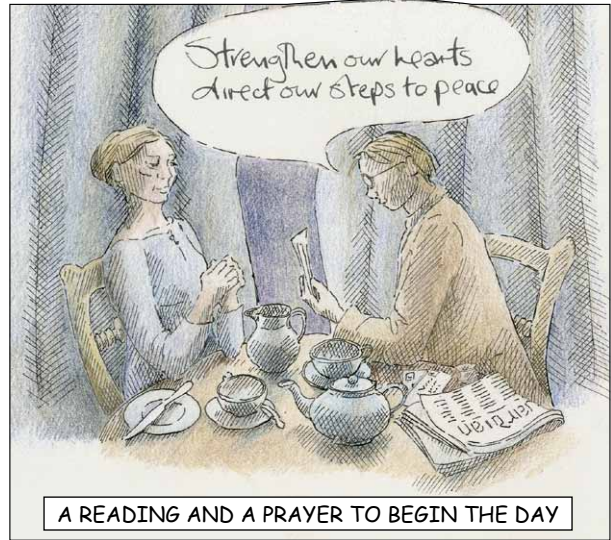
WEDNESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER 1914



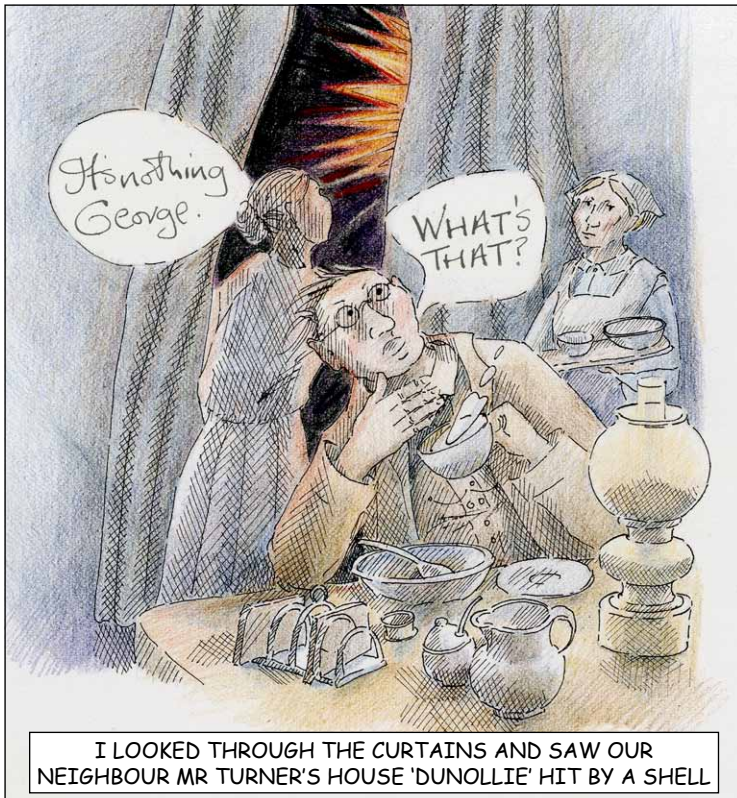
7:50 AM. A DARK FOGGY MORNING IN OUR DEAR OLD TOWN OF SCARBOROUGH



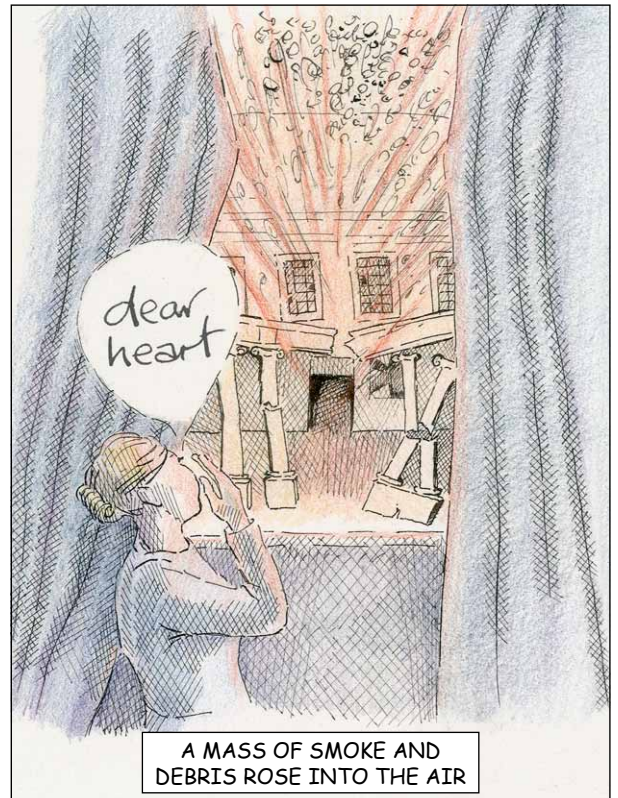
BREAKFAST, THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN, LETTERS TO READ WITH NEWS OF THE WAR



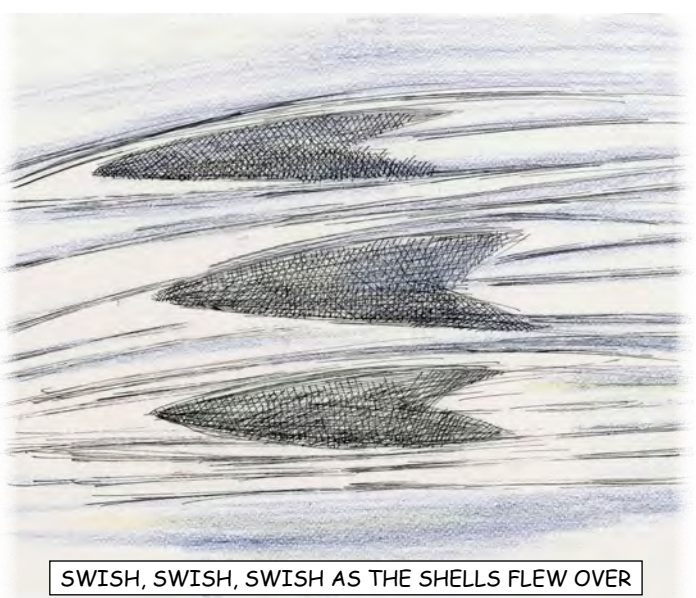
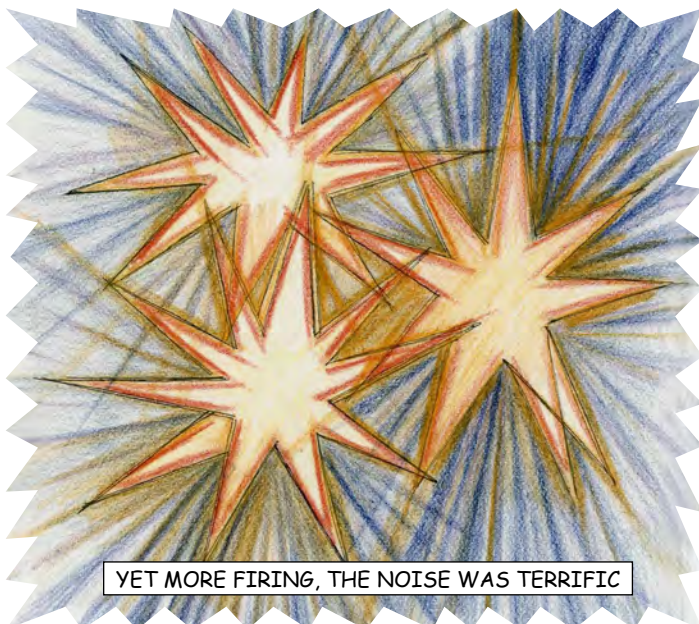
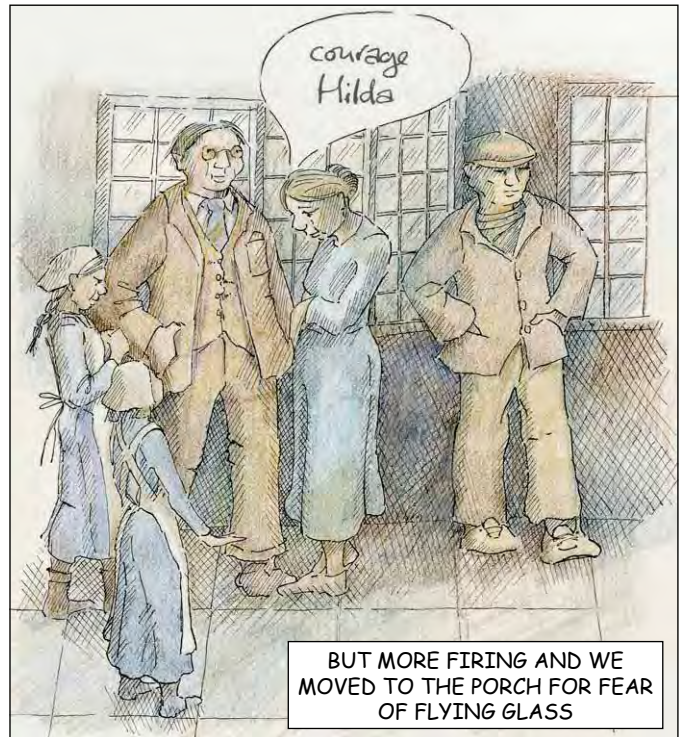
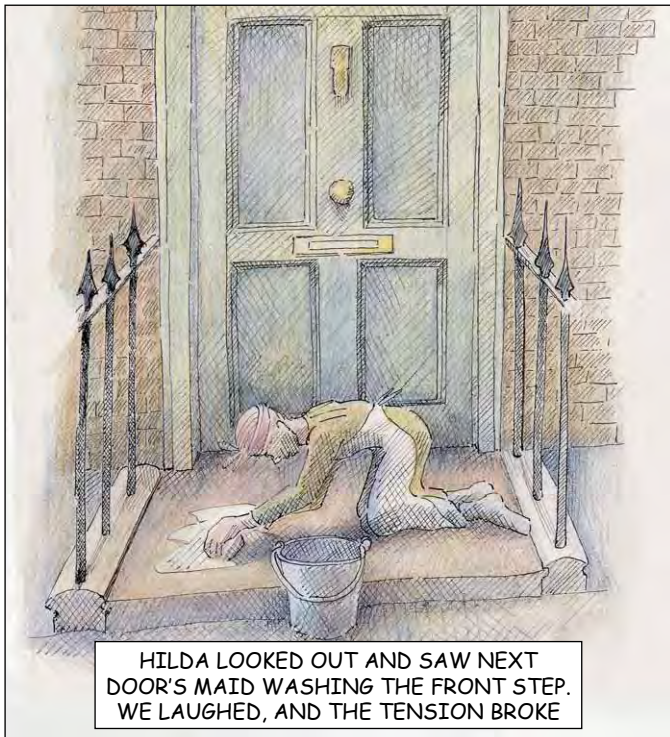
A READING AND A PRAYER TO BEGIN THE DAY



I LOOKED THROUGH THE CURTAINS AND SAW OUR NEIGHBOUR MR TURNER'S HOUSE 'DUNOLLIE' HIT BY A SHELL

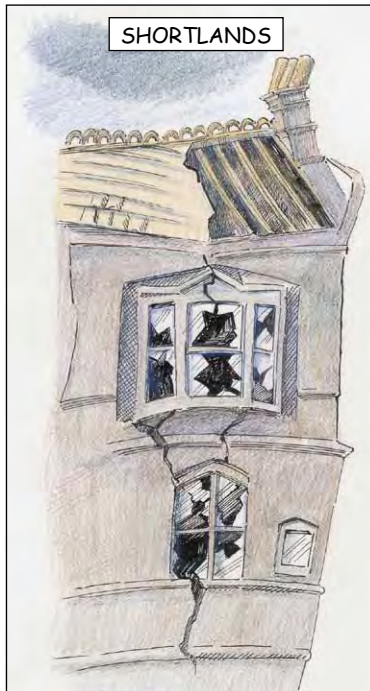


A MASS OF SMOKE AND DEBRIS ROSE INTO THE AIR





NETHERBANK



SHORTLANDS

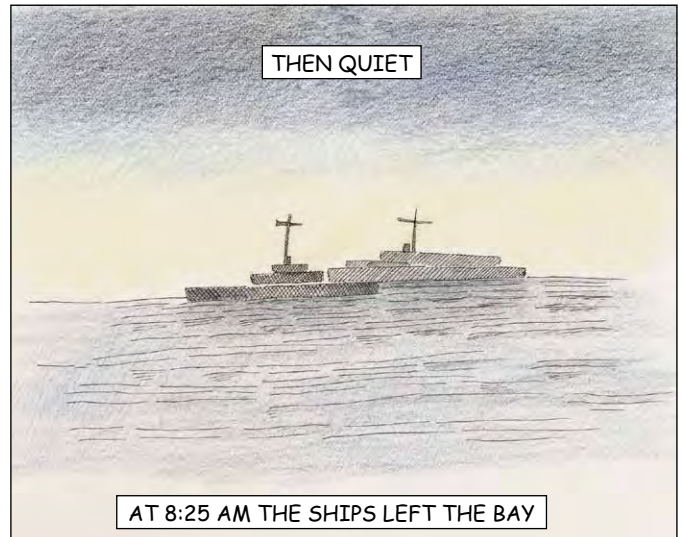


SAXIFIELD

OUR DEAR NEIGHBOURS' HOMES
HIT AND BADLY DAMAGED

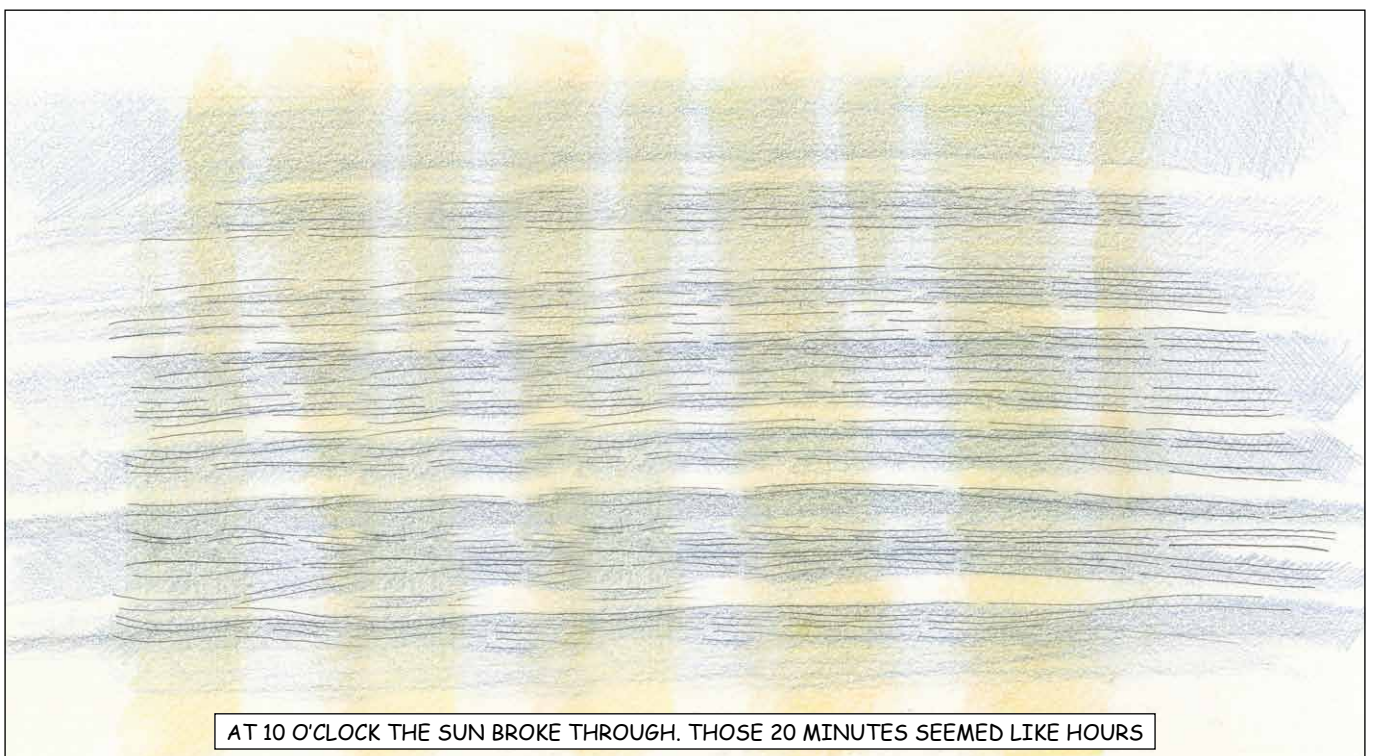


WE STAYED IN THE PORCH FOR A LONG TIME
WHILE SHELLS EXPLODED ALL AROUND

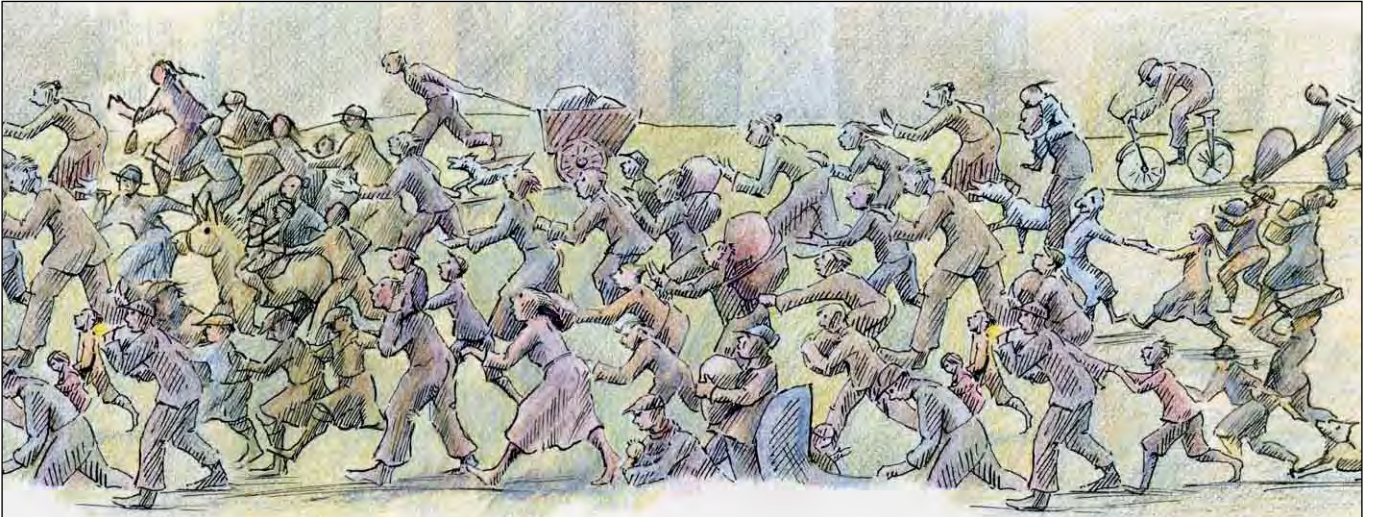


THEN QUIET

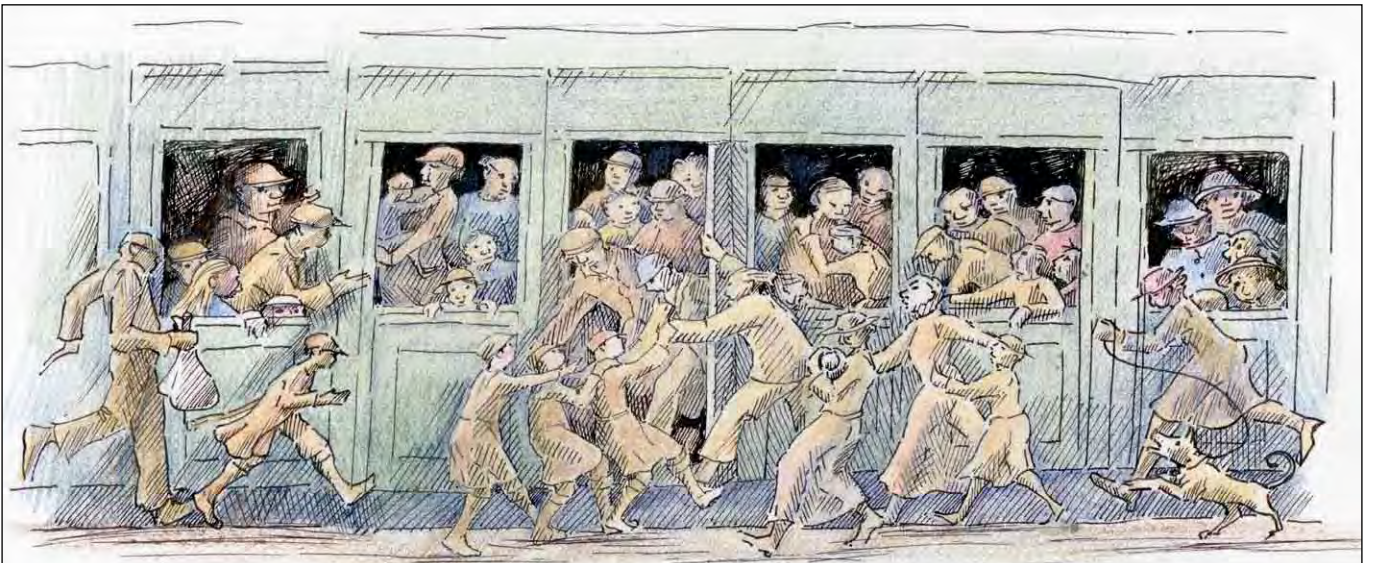
AT 8:25 AM THE SHIPS LEFT THE BAY



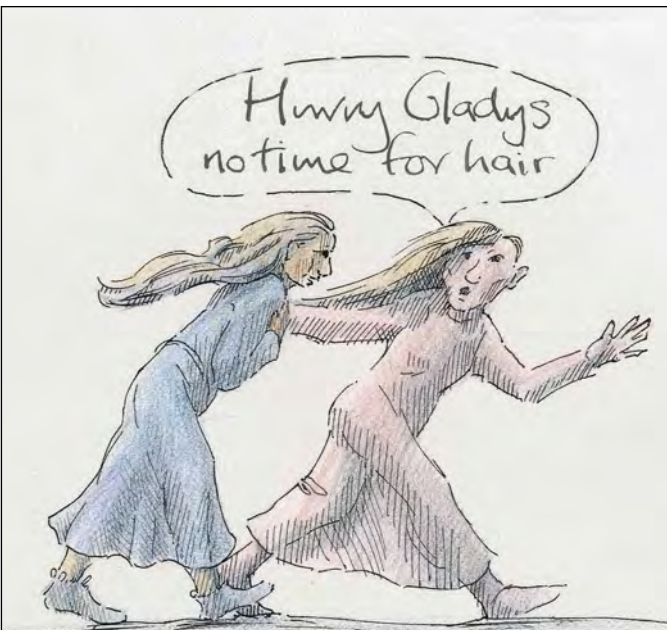
AT 10 O'CLOCK THE SUN BROKE THROUGH. THOSE 20 MINUTES SEEMED LIKE HOURS



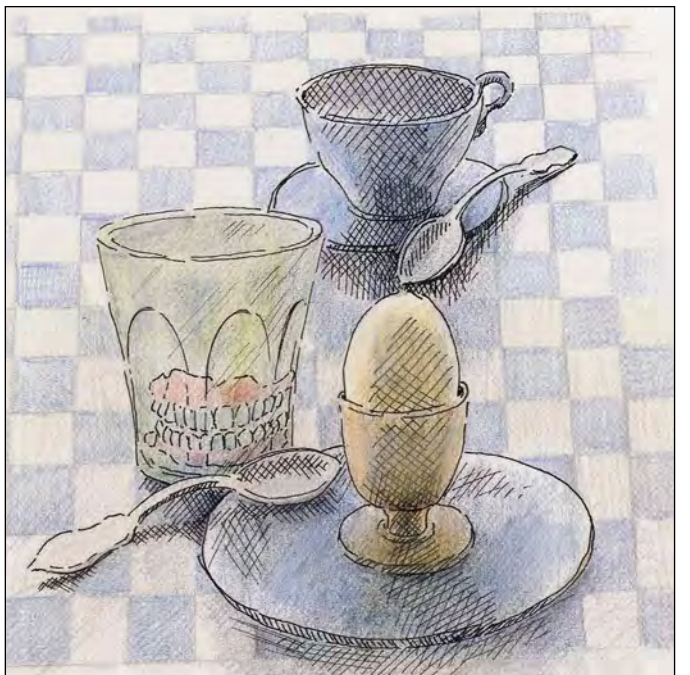
IN THE TOWN, FEARING INVASION, MANY LEFT. THEY FLED ALONG THE YORK ROAD



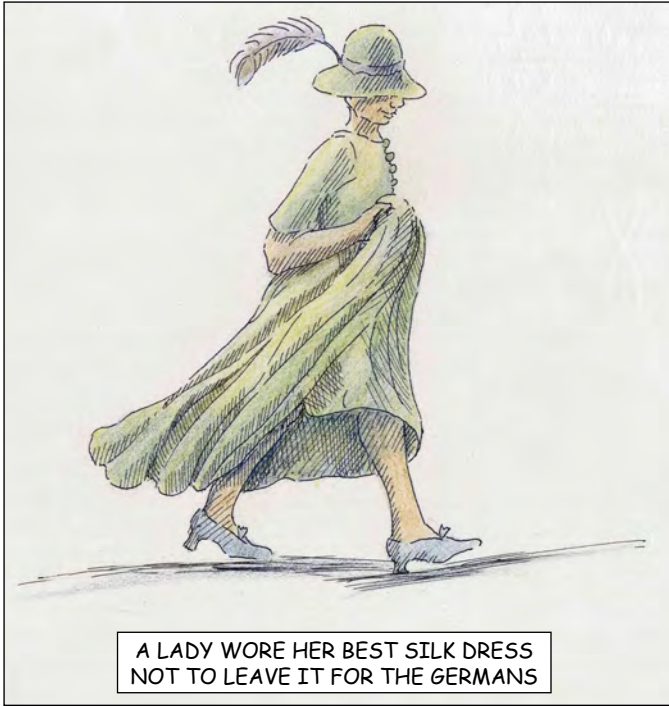
THE TRAINS WERE FULL OF RICH AND POOR



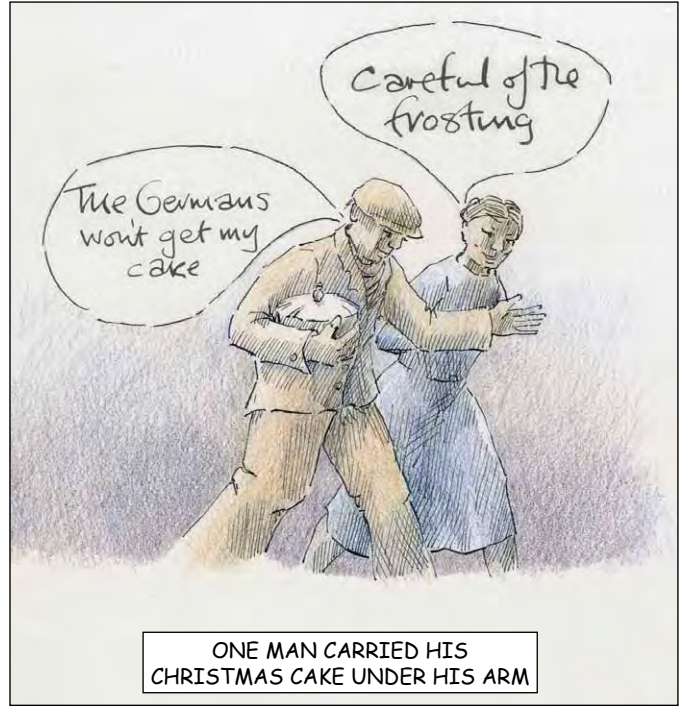
TWO LADIES RAN OUT, THEIR LONG HAIR DOWN THEIR BACKS



THEIR FALSE TEETH LEFT ON THE BREAKFAST TABLE



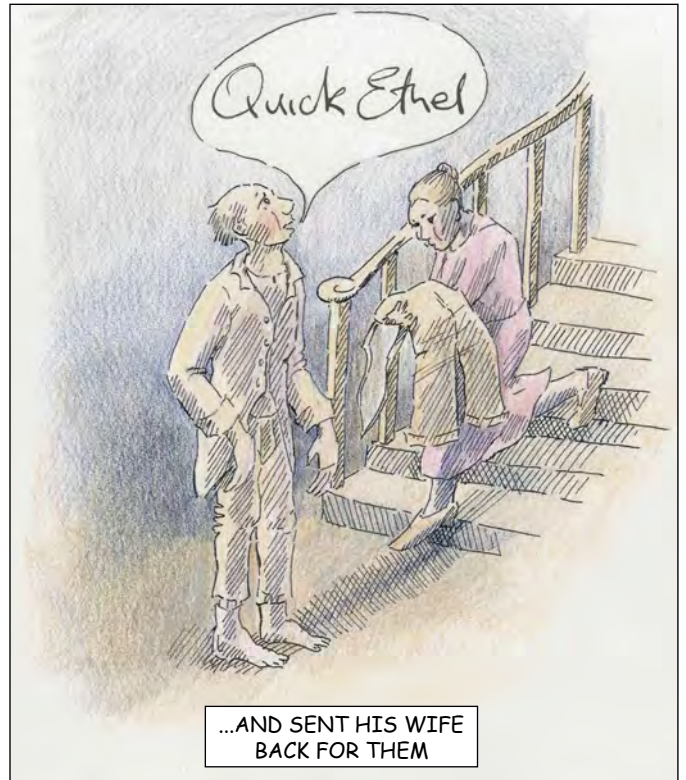
A LADY WORE HER BEST SILK DRESS
NOT TO LEAVE IT FOR THE GERMANS



ONE MAN CARRIED HIS
CHRISTMAS CAKE UNDER HIS ARM



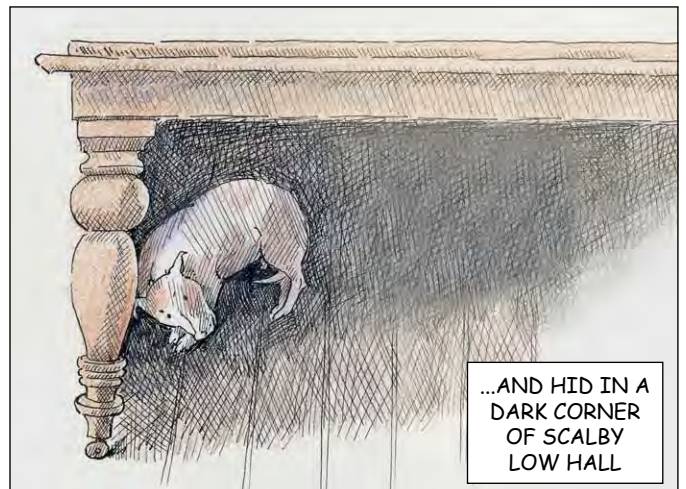
ONE MAN RAN DOWNSTAIRS
WITHOUT HIS TROUSERS...



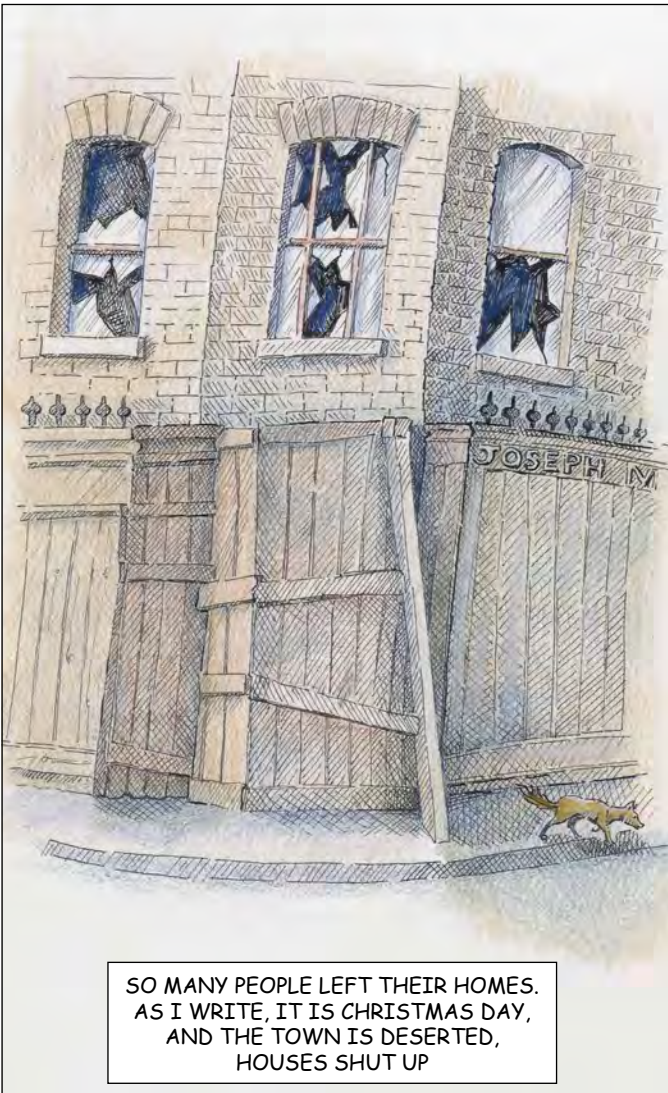
...AND SENT HIS WIFE
BACK FOR THEM



A LITTLE DOG RAN IN...



...AND HID IN A
DARK CORNER
OF SCALBY
LOW HALL



George Taylor
aged 15



NOTHING CAN REPLACE THE LIVES THAT WERE LOST



BUT WE WHO STAND FOR PEACE CANNOT RUN AWAY, BUT MUST
BE WILLING TO TAKE RISKS AND TRUST GOD TO CARE FOR US

THE ILLUSTRATOR

Judith Dobie, who illustrated this account, works for the Visualisation Team in English Heritage drawing archaeological and historical subjects. Judith's work features in many English Heritage academic publications and guidebooks where her reconstruction drawings in particular help bring the past to life. The story that Judith followed to create this series of images is that of Mrs George Rowntree who lived at Riseborough, a large house on Scarborough's South Cliff. Her diary account of the bombardment of Scarborough in December 1914 is preserved in the reminiscences that her husband wrote during the winter of 1935-36 for their grandchildren, Elizabeth, Catherine, and Ann Priscilla.



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