

I is for Incendiary bomb. Bombs of this type were dropped during Air Raids in World War II. Incendiary bombs are explosive & highly flammable resulting in fire & much destruction. They contain thermite and a magnesium casing which burns at a very high temperature.



WWII Display @Time& Tide Museum including incendiary top right

Great Yarmouth suffered badly from aerial attack, air raids, during WWII. Buildings were set alight often trapping helpless people inside. Great Yarmouth was bombed more than any other coastal town in the country, 217 civilians were killed in air raids between 1940-1944 & 237 properties were completely destroyed.

*Middlegate Street Great Yarmouth 1941*



*Middlegate Street, April 8th, 1941*

The Air Raid Warden service was set up in 1937 and one of their duties was to extinguish small fires. Civilians were encouraged to volunteer as fire watchers, by the end of 1940 fire watcher became a compulsory duty.



A Fire Watcher on duty at a factory, South London 1944. Courtesy of the Imperial War Museum

Incendiary bombs changed the face of cities & towns instantly across Europe & Japan , leaving miles of destruction and wreaking havoc on the lives of civilians.