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Option 12: Warfare and British society, c1250–present *and* London and the Second World War, 1939–45

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Source A: An account by a man in East London, printed in the *Picture Post*, September 1940. The *Picture Post* was a national magazine that used a combination of photographs and text to provide news and messages about the war.

I have been bombed out. That's my house, that heap of rubbish. I have spent 48 hours trying to get help. I can't get money, can't get anything out of the house. I've only got the clothes I'm wearing.

I went to the Food Centre – they hadn't got no grub* and sent me to the district centre down Barnes Street to get some rations. They could do nothing and sent me to the Unemployed Assistance Board down the East India Dock Road. They sent me off to the Public Assistance Committee**.

No help there either. I got fed up. Asked 'em if somebody couldn't make up their minds where I really should go. They ordered me out and said they'd had enough of people coming in all day, demanding this or that.

The neighbours give me food – I have to rely on them.

*grub – food

**Public Assistance Committee – an organisation providing help for people in need

Source B: A photograph taken for the Ministry of Information, 1944. It shows builders of the 'Blitz Repair Squad' at work on a row of houses damaged by a V1 flying bomb, in London. The Blitz Repair Squad was a team of builders who came to London from various parts of the country to help repair such damage.



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