



Look, Duck and Vanish (Local Defence Volunteers), later renamed by Winston Churchill as HOME GUARD, paid special attention to the Viaduct, which they regularly patrolled, with sentry boxes at each end. The men mustered in the Waiting Room at Ribbleshead Station, where one man, demonstrating to a friend that there was no bullet “up the spout”, pointed his rifle to the ceiling and pulled the trigger. The resultant bullet-hole in the ceiling remained for some years.

World War II air crash. On a misty day George Horner (signalman at Blea Moor) heard a loud droning as a large plane flew over, followed by big explosion. A WELLINGTON bomber had crashed into Whernside, killing the five crew members. The bodies were carried down to Winterscales Farm where they were laid in the sitting room until claimed by the RAF. Nancy Edmondson remembers retrieving some of the parachutes to make silk underwear! Remnants of the bomber can still be found at the crash site.