

Fecamp during the 19th and 20th centuries

- Fecamp during the WW2:

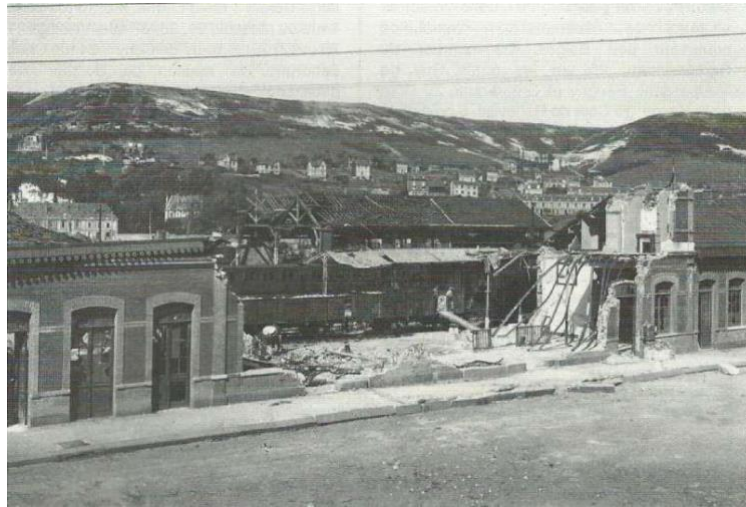


During the years 44 in the space of 2 days on April 18 and 19, 96 bombers flew over the city in 4 waves and aimed at the military grounds of Côtes De La Vierge in Val Criquet, the beach, the quai Vicomte and the Chenal.

There are several consequences such as: 15 injured including 3 serious, 18 houses and industrial stores destroyed and 50 apartment buildings damaged.

-The German occupation

The occupation of the German troops are from June 9-10, 1940 to September 2, 1944. In 1942, Hitler asks the engineer Todt to design a system of protection of European coasts: it will be the Atlantic Wall.



The last days of the German occupation:
From August 29 to 30, 1944, by withdrawing, the German soldiers practiced the policy of the scorched earth.

On the 30th, the civilian installations are referred to as: the Post Office hotel, Pont Gayant, etc.

And the last soldiers left the city in a convoy on the 31st around 3am.

-The D-Day

On June 6, 1944 the Allies started Operation Overlord, the largest military operation of all time was launched.

The roads to freedom open onto the covered beaches of Normandy. The Atlantic Wall, deemed impassable by Nazi propaganda, will fall.

In Fécamp, the news of the landing spread quickly to the population.



That same day, 7 hostages were appointed by the occupation authority in order to prevent any hostile movement of the population, Messrs Jenan Banse, Félix Britel, Émile Fernand, René Legros, Clément Leroux, Gaston Marset and Georges Priston.