Text Edit Exercise: SWWG

Below are three personal stories from the Second World War Gallery. Please edit the text to **no more than** **75 words each,** creating one unified tone and voice across all three stories. Please refer to the *IWM tone of Voice, Interpretation Principles* and *Audience Development Strategy* for guidance.

Please focus on:

* Writing clear text for a general museum audience
* Creating, lively, sensitive and engaging text
* A strong, unified tone of voice

Celia Horwitz (69 words)

In December 1938 twelve-year-old Cilly Horwitz and her older brother, Max, left Hamburg under the *Kindertransport* scheme. They were fostered by two London families, but Cilly soon found herself sent back to a refugee hostel by her hosts. Within a few months she was evacuated with her school-mates to rural Norfolk. Cilly’s father wrote to her in English and, in this letter, encourages her to reply in English too.

Rifleman George Roberts (71 words)

Originally from Trinidad, George Roberts joined up to fight in the First World War as a rifleman. When the Second World War broke out, he was too old for combat. Instead he enlisted in the Auxiliary Fire Service, saving countless lives in Southwark as a firefighter during the Blitz. George co-founded the fire service’s discussion and education groups and can be seen in this **magazine** giving a talk to his fellow firemen.

Pilot Officer Frederick Harrold (*127 words)*

On 28 September 1940, Pilot Officer Frederick Harrold went on his third operational flight. His aircraft – a Hurricane – was shot down by German Messerschmitt Me 109s near Deal in Kent. The following day his parents, Frederick and Florence, received a telegram telling them that he was reported missing in action. But, by 30 September, it had been confirmed that their son had been killed when his aircraft crashed. He was 23 years old when he died.

These objects include items that Frederick had with him when he was shot down. This jacket and trousers are from his service dress uniform and have rips in them. These religious medallions, bent house key and cigarette case also belonged to him. His Flying Log Book is stamped 'Killed in action'.