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It may have taken over 7 decades but the truth can now be revealed. In 1940, the South Hallsville School Disaster was said to have killed 77 people in World War 2, but after many suspicions and many disagreements, this paper can finally expose the truth about how many had actually been killed?

The official casualty rate for the South Hallsville School Bombing was 77. But now we know in shocking detail, that the death toll was much higher. In fact the casualty rate was up to a significant figure of 600 – surpassing the 173 lives lost at Bethnal Green Tube Station in 1943, making it the worst civilian tragedy of the Second World War. The government at the time significantly lowered the number of declared deaths so the Germans wouldn't get a propaganda boost from knowing that only one of their bombs had killed hundreds of our people. Even worse they could have come back and set more deadly explosive bombs on us.

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Aftermath of South Hallsville School Tragedy



Locals claimed at the time that there were hundreds of people in the basement. One of those people was Elizabeth Frankly, a survivor of the bomb who was only seven years old at the time, "I'm glad that the truth has finally been revealed. For years and years I've been saying that there were hundreds of people down in that basement, but nobody would believe me. But now 70 years later the lies have all stopped and the truth has come out. My heart goes out to the families who lost their loved ones. I'm just lucky to have been one of the 11 that survived."#

The government thought that covering up the official numbers would not be a big deal," My apology goes out to the families who lost someone in that tragic event during the war. The reason that we didn't want to reveal the numbers at the time was because the Germans would have had a tremendous morale boost and it would have been detrimental to our citizens. We are very sorry for any offence caused."

Now that the truth has finally come out, we hope that people who lost their loved ones during the South Hallsville Bombing can move on with their lives and keep them in their hearts. There is a memorial planned to take place at the new South Hallsville School. If you want to donate to the appeal, call 08009275391. For more information search newsnewsnews.com/southhallsvilleschool. Read again tomorrow for more news.

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