



SCAN ME

World War Two: The Home Front.

Read this story and do the word search.

In 1940, when the Luftwaffe German air force began dropping bombs on London, it was very dangerous for all the people living there, especially children. Everyone had to carry a gas mask, which they would wear so they could breath if any poisonous gas was around. There was also food rationing, which meant that only a small amount of things like meat, eggs, butter, and sugar could be bought each week.

When the siren went off in Miller street, Alice and her family had to run to an underground Anderson shelter in their garden and wait until the Air raid Warden, Mr Jones, had given the all clear. Alice was always very scared but atleast she had her toy doggy with her. Not everyone was lucky enough to have their own air raid shelter and many Londoners had to use the London underground stations.

As Alice's dad was away fighting in France, her mum and granny decided it was safer to send Alice and her little sister Sophia to the countryside, away from all the bombs and destruction.

So with a small suitcase in their hands, a gas mask in a small cardboard box hanging from their shoulders and paper labels marked "Evacuee" pinned to their duffel coats, Alice and Sophia left Paddington Station, London and Mummy on the 10.30 train to Malvern. Apart from a few visits to the seaside they had never really travelled away from London that much before.

On the train there were lots of other children, all sad to leave their families and all a little bit nervous. Atleast Alice had her sister. After several hours they arrived at Malvern Link station where they were met by the Kay family and taken to their farm in West Malvern. The farm was beautiful, there were lots of animals and importantly no bombs. On the farmer's fields the Woman's Land Army (WLA) girls were working, as the farm labourers had left to join the army. The Woman's Land Army were young women who volunteered to help the farmer grow food for the nation.

The children loved to help the farmer feed the animals and play with the Land Girls. The farmer's wife also taught them how to knit as she was always knitting socks for the boys at the front. Her son was in the 1st Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment, in Africa. He was only 19 years old. In the evenings Mr Kay joined his friends in the Home Guard who were patrolling the streets and guarding important buildings, just in case some enemy para-troopers ever attacked or an enemy plane crash landed.

Alice and Sophia were happy at the farm but missed their parents very much and couldn't wait to see them again.

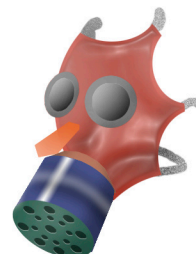
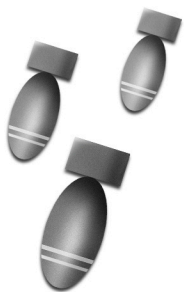
(All the character names in this story are fictional, any similarity to living or deceased persons are pure coincidental).



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Can you find all 15 words?



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RATIONING

GAS MASK

EVACUEE

HOME GUARD

SIREN

LUFTWAFFE

ALL CLEAR

DESTRUCTION

LAND ARMY

KNITTING

AIR RAID

BOMB

GROW FOOD

WARDEN

ANDERSON SHELTER

