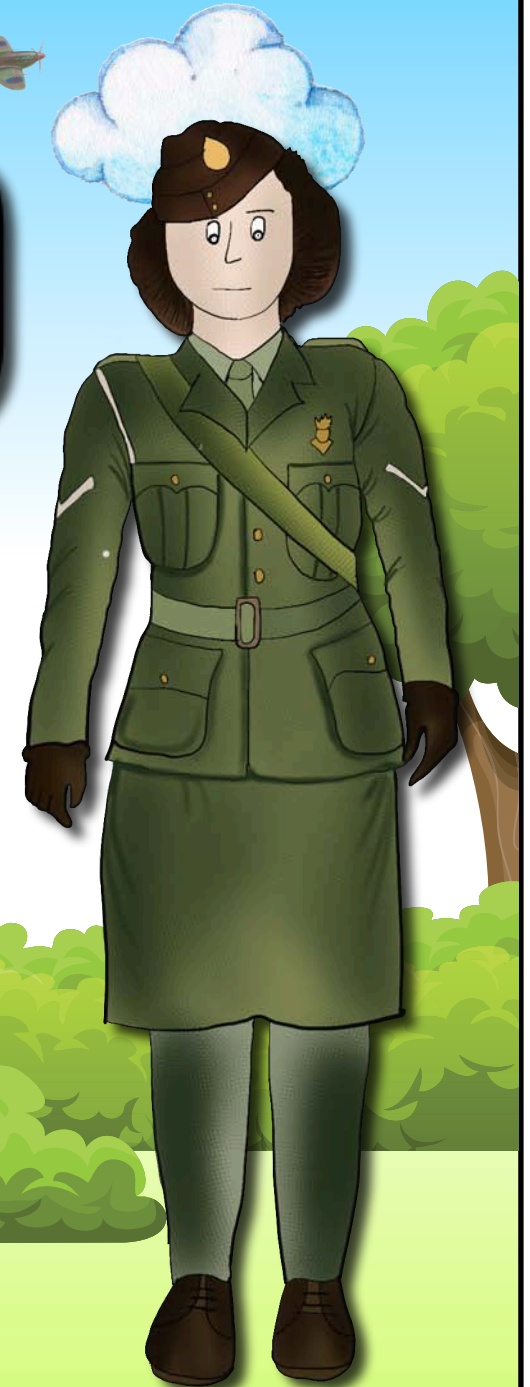


# WORLD WAR 2

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In this section,  
you will learn  
about...

1. When the two World Wars took place.
2. The countries that fought in the war.
3. The effect of the war on people and society.

In the 20th century, there were two World Wars. The First World War took place in Europe between 1914 and 1918. The Second World War took place between 1939 and 1945 in Europe, Russia, North Africa and Asia.



*Trenches used during World War One in Belgium.*

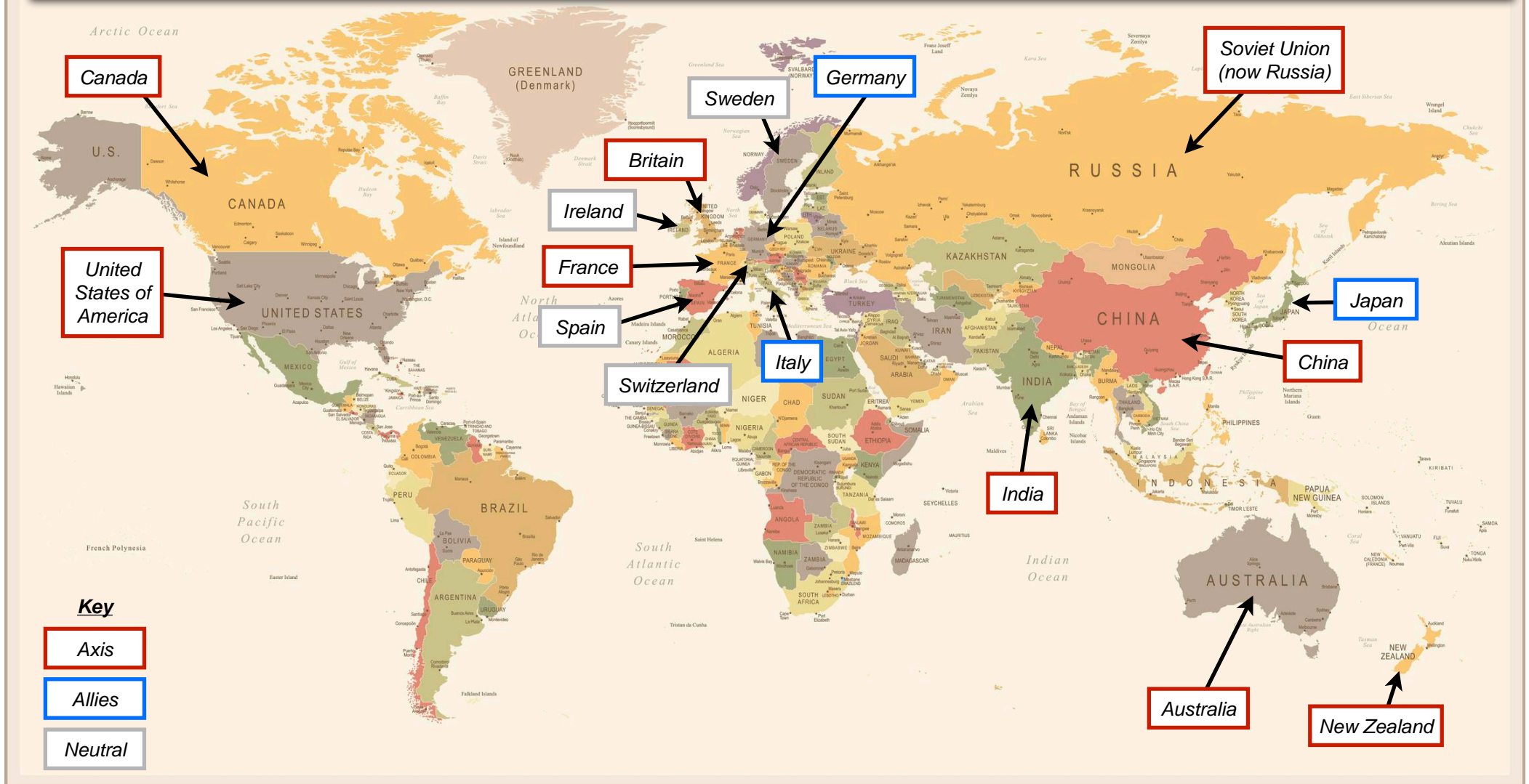


*A formation of British World War Two planes.*



## Who fought in the war?

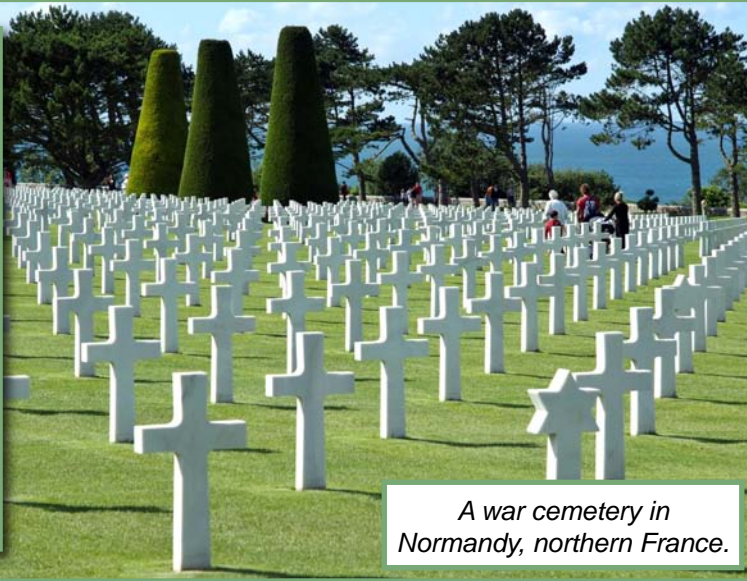
The two main sides fighting against each other were the **Axis** powers and the **Allies**. The Axis powers included Germany, Italy and Japan. The Allies included Britain, France, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, India, the Soviet Union, China and the United States of America. Some countries chose not to fight in the Second World War and did not take sides. These included Spain, Switzerland, Sweden and Ireland (although Irish troops did **volunteer** and serve in the British army).



## The effects of the war

World War II is referred to as a 'total war'. Every part of society was affected:

Young men were called up to fight in the **armed services**. Millions of soldiers and ordinary **civilians** died as a result of the war.



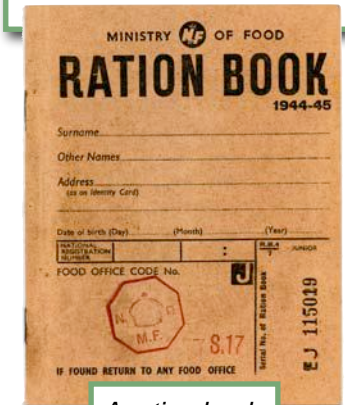
*A war cemetery in Normandy, northern France.*

*British girls working in the Women's Land Army.*



Millions of people were called on to produce weapons in factories. In Britain, women played a vital role in supporting the war effort by working on farms and in factories.

Food was **rationed** during the war because supplies were low and it could no longer be **imported**.



*A ration book.*

The war saw the development of new, powerful and dangerous weapons. Tanks, submarines, **fighter planes** and bombing planes were all developed. World War II also saw the development of the most deadly weapon ever built, the **atomic bomb**.



*Thousands of Sherman tanks were used during World War 2.*



*An evacuee's suitcase.*

Large numbers of people were **evacuated** from the big cities to the countryside because of the many **air raids** and bombs.



# GLOSSARY

**Ack-Ack guns**

Another name for anti-aircraft guns.

**Air raid**

A bombing attack from planes.

**Air raid siren**

A sound that was used to warn people about air raids.

**Air raid warden**

A person who looked after an area during the Blitz.

**Alliance**

An agreement to work together.

**Allied Powers**

The countries that fought against the Axis powers.

**Ambush**

A surprise attack by people lying in wait.

**Anderson shelter**

Bomb shelters made of corrugated iron and covered with earth.

**Annex**

A building or room that is joined to a main building.

**Anti-aircraft guns**

Weapons that were used to shoot at enemy aircraft from the ground.

**Anti-Semitism**

Hostility against Jews.

**Armed forces**

The army, navy and air force.

**Armistice**

An agreement to stop fighting for a period of time.

**Artillery**

Large guns that are used in warfare on land.

**Atomic bomb**

A bomb that is created by splitting an atom. Also known as a nuclear bomb.

**Atrocity**

An extremely cruel act.

**Axis Powers**

Germany, Japan, Italy and other countries who fought against the Allied Powers.

**Barrage balloons**

Large balloons that were used as obstacles to enemy aircraft.

**Billet**

The places where children stayed during their evacuation.

**Black market**

Selling things without permission.

**Blackout**

Hiding or turning off all lights at night so that the enemy cannot see towns and cities during an air raid.

**Blitz**

The bombing of British cities from 1940 to 1941.

**Blitzkrieg**

The fast advance by the German army through Europe in 1939 and 1940.

**Bunker**

An underground shelter.

**Campaign**

Military operations with a particular aim / objective.

**Censored letter**

A letter that has been read by a member of the armed services and had parts blacked out so that the enemy couldn't discover secret information.

**Chancellor**

The head of the government in Germany.

**Cipher**

A secret way of writing.

**Citizenship**

Being a member of a country.

**Civilian**

A person who does not work in the police or the armed services.



**Coalition**

An agreement between two groups to work together.

**Colony**

A country or area that is under the control of another country.

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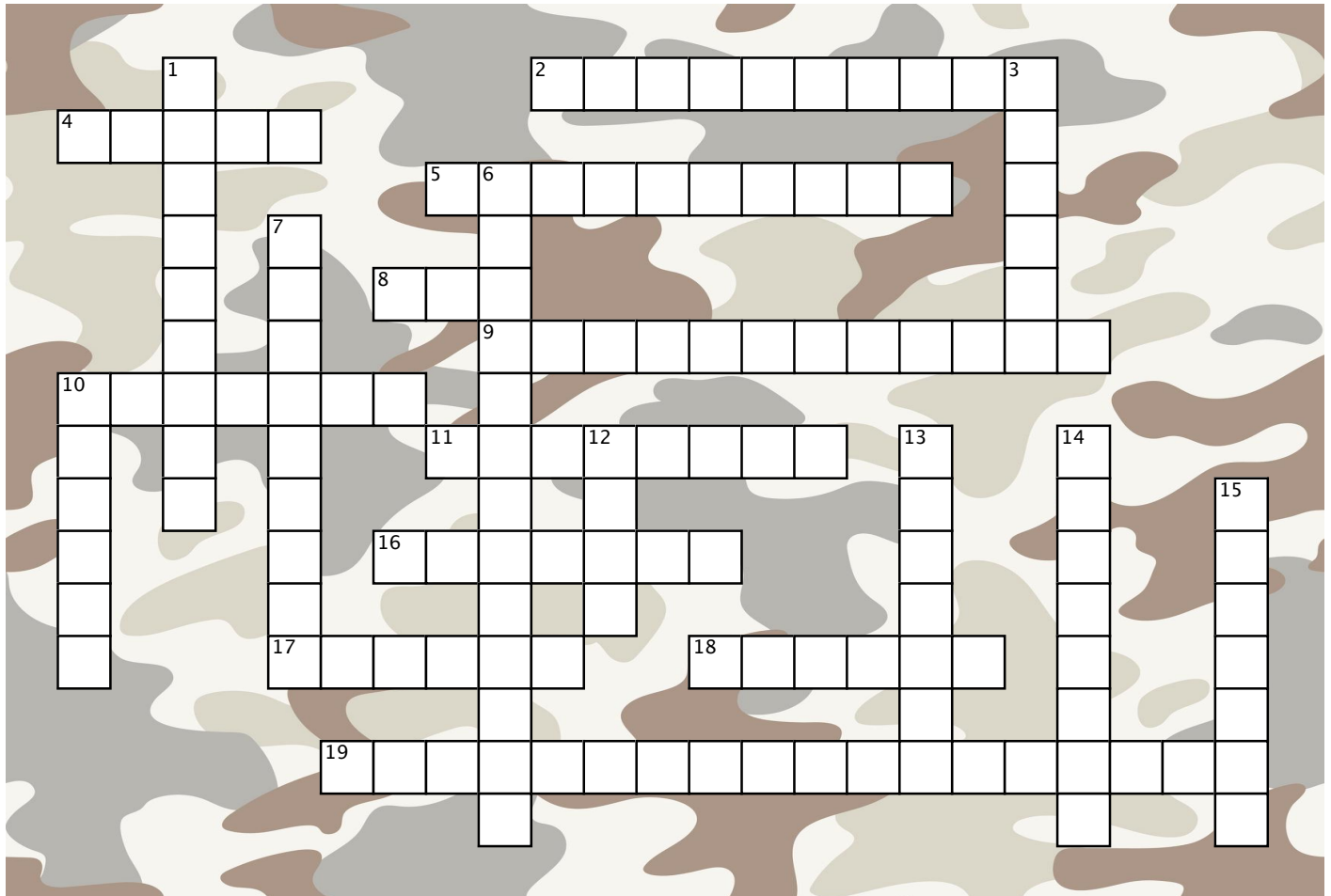
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Write your secret message here:

Ask somebody to 'crack' your secret message and write it below:



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## Across

2. A bomb that is created by splitting an atom.
4. A German submarine.
5. Information that is used to promote a point of view.
8. A person who secretly tries to find out information about the enemy.
9. The countries that fought the Axis powers.
10. A person who is evacuated.
11. An organisation in which women worked on farms to help provide Britain with food.
16. A bombing attack from planes.
17. Limiting the amount of food that people can buy.
18. The places where children stayed during their evacuation.
19. Prisons that were set up by the Nazis to wipe out people they hated.

## Down

1. A group of volunteers that was set up to defend Britain against invasion.
3. An underground shelter.
6. RAF
7. A person who chooses to do a job without getting paid for it.
10. To join the armed services.
12. The day when the Allies landed in France (6th June 1944).
13. An underwater missile.
14. A person who does not work in the police or armed services.
15. A mask that was worn to protect people from poisonous gases.





This was my first night sleeping in the London Underground.

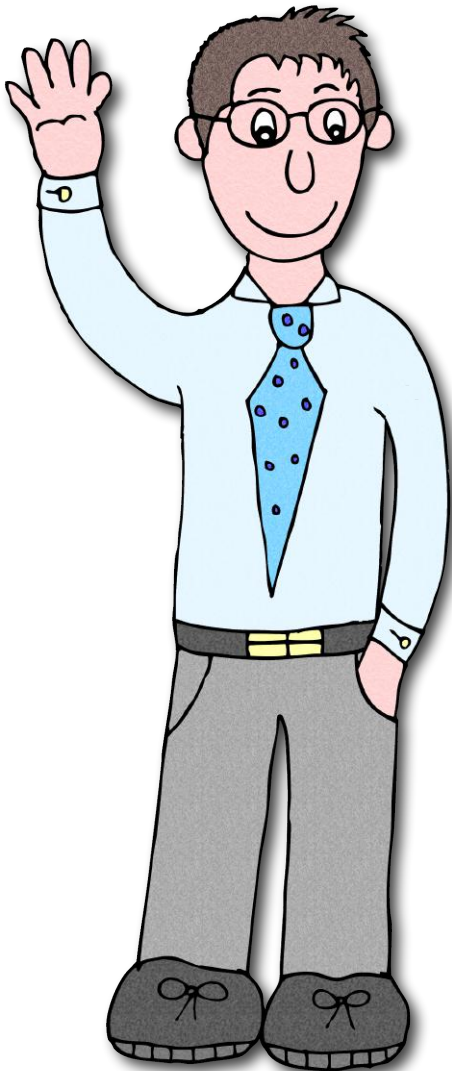


I've been told to pack my suitcase.  
I'm being evacuated tomorrow!



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