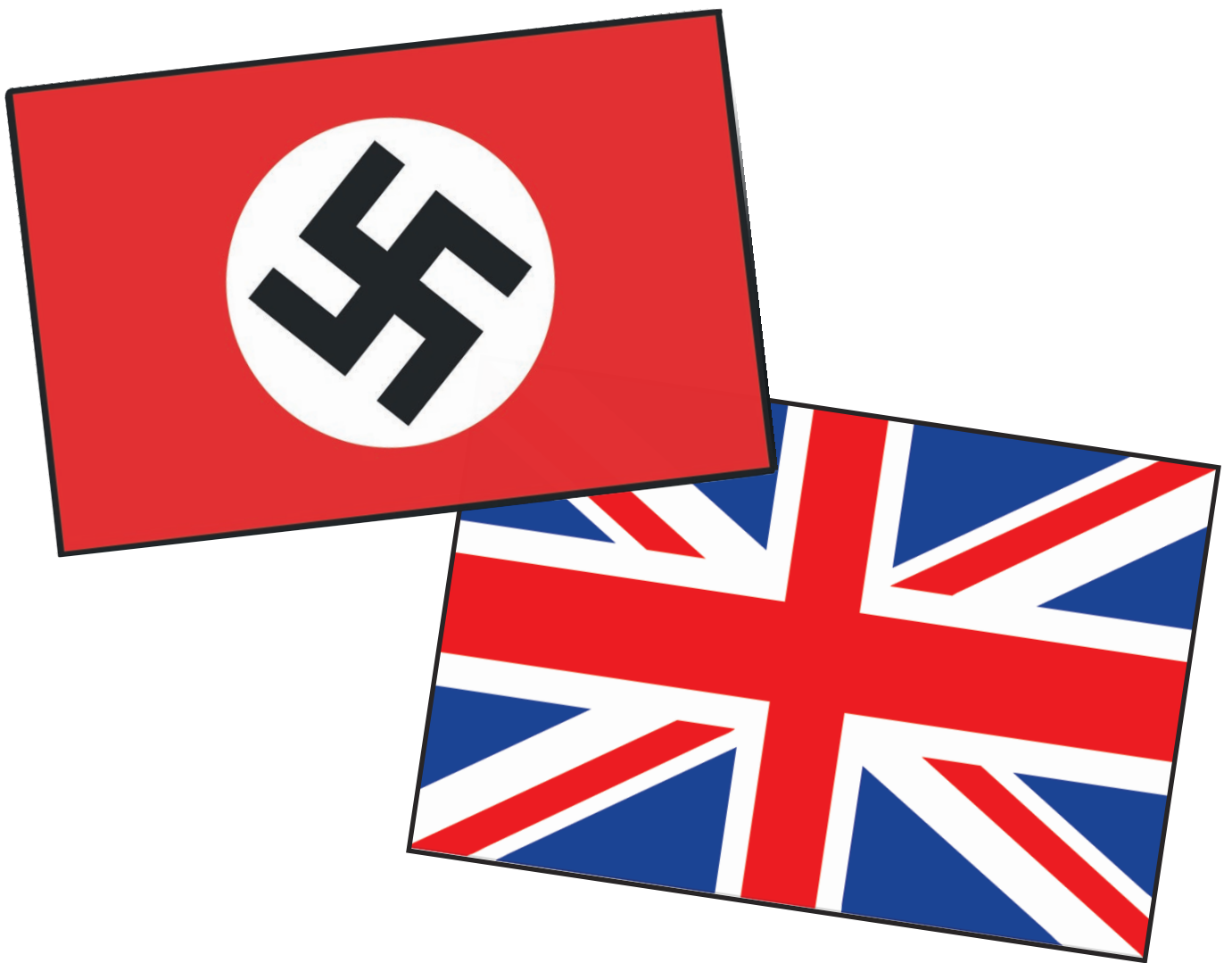


**A year before
the war, the
government gave
out 40 million
gas masks!**



**Many people
believed that the
war would only
last for six weeks.**



**By 1941 there
were 1.3 million
evacuees.**



The groceries were often delivered by bike, van or horse and cart.



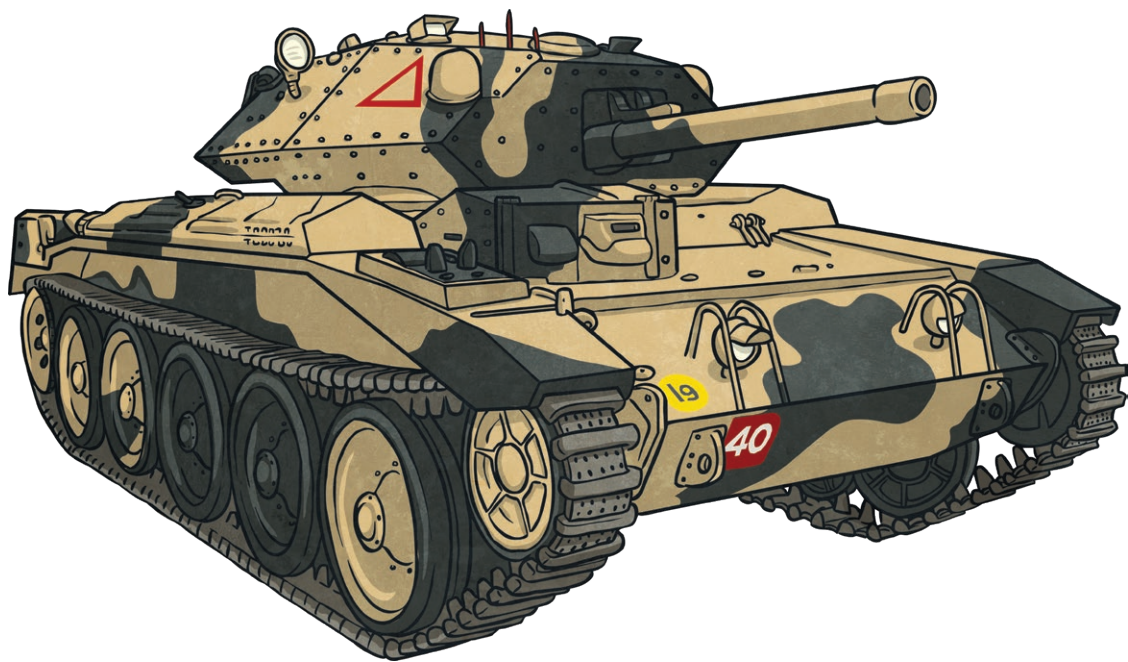
**Wartime meals
included
squirrel-tail soup
and crow pie.**



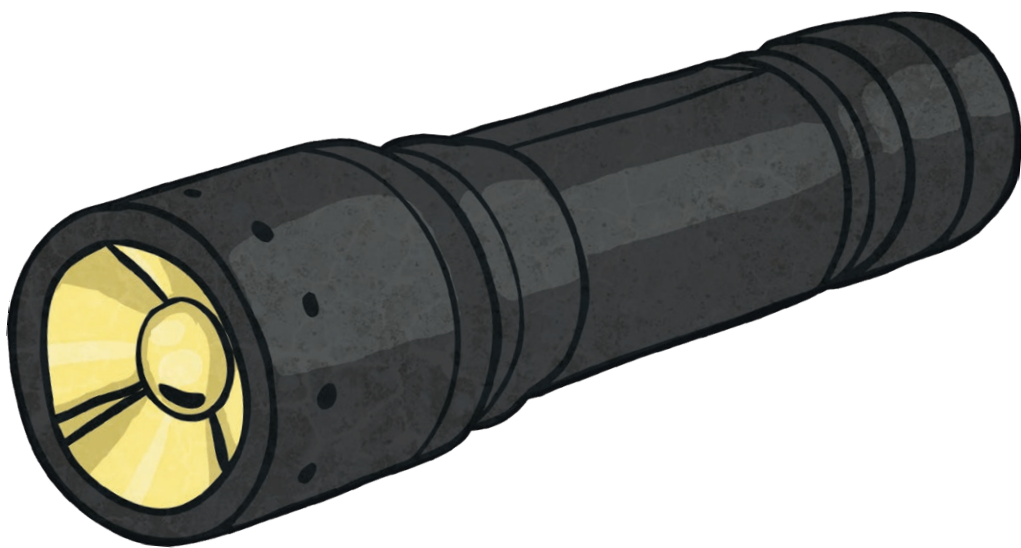
In 1940, Princess Elizabeth (now Queen Elizabeth II) broadcast a radio message to evacuees.



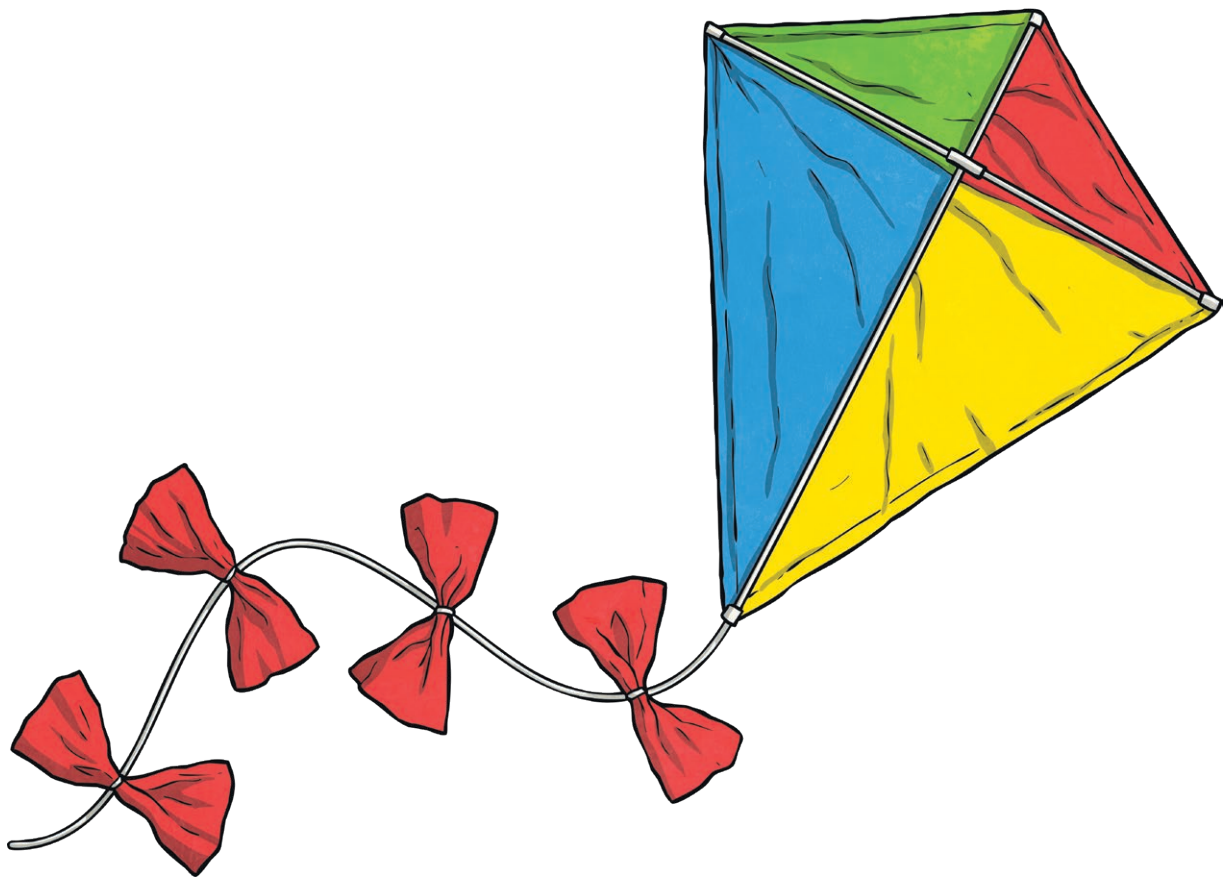
Lots of people were poorly with viruses including colds and flus, which caused Britain to lose 20 million working days a year. That's enough to build 3500 tanks!



**People used torches
to walk around at
night, as there were
no streetlights.
They covered the
end with paper to
dim the beam.**



**Children weren't
allowed to fly kites
in case they were
mistaken for an
enemy plane.**



**More than 100,000
British women
married American
or Canadian
soldiers.**



**Most young boys
wore short trousers.
When they left
junior school they
were given long
trousers.**



**School children
wore hats as part
of their uniform.**



**There were no
home computers or
computer games
during the war.
They hadn't
been invented!**



**Anderson shelters
were covered in soil.
People would grow
vegetables and
flowers on top.**



**Many people
kept food, drink,
books and games
inside their
Anderson shelters.**



**Fire-watchers
carried a dustbin
lid. They used it
to shield the heat
when putting out
fire bombs.**



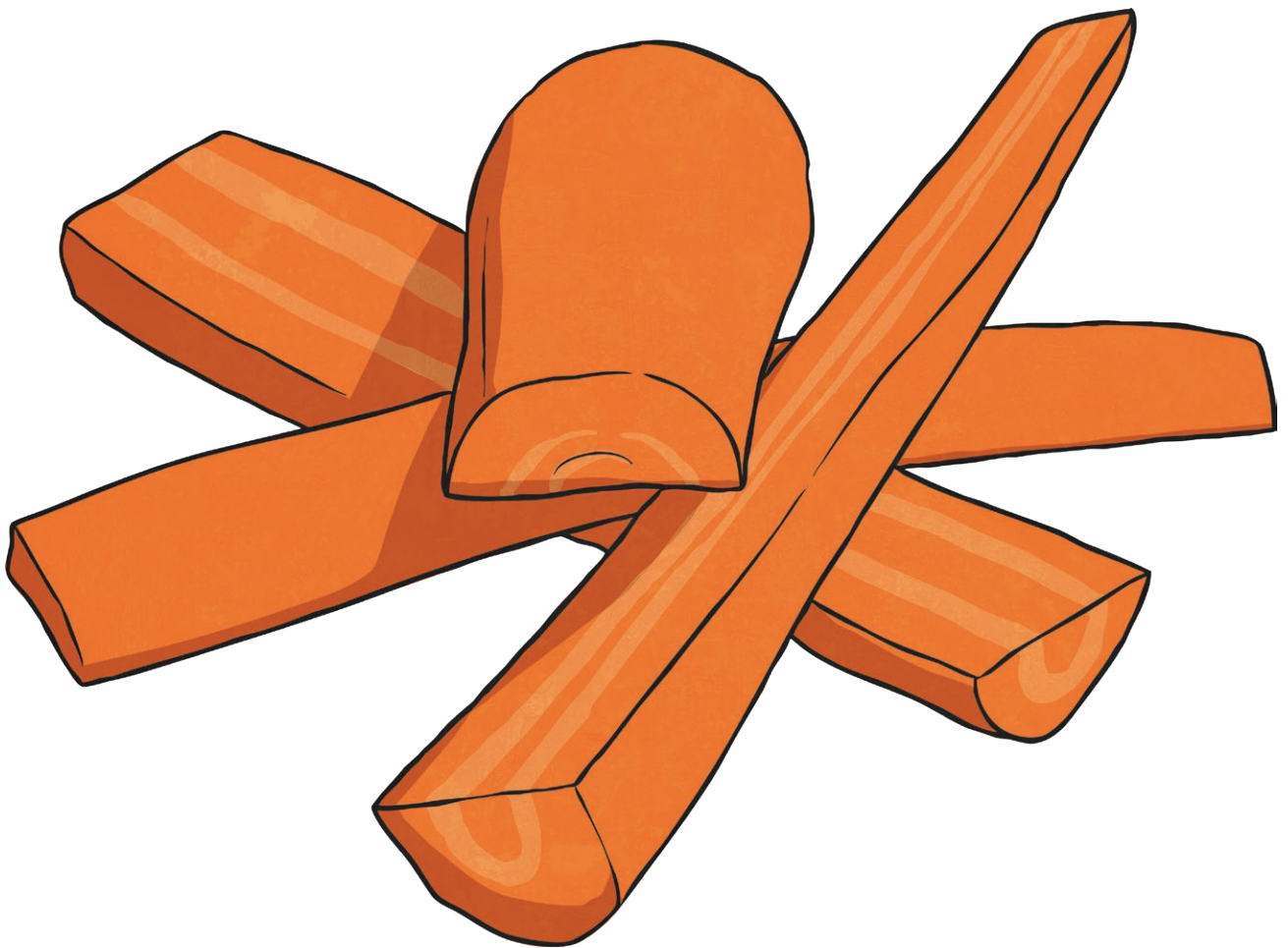
**Many people
sheltered under the
stairs at home.
This was the
safest place.**



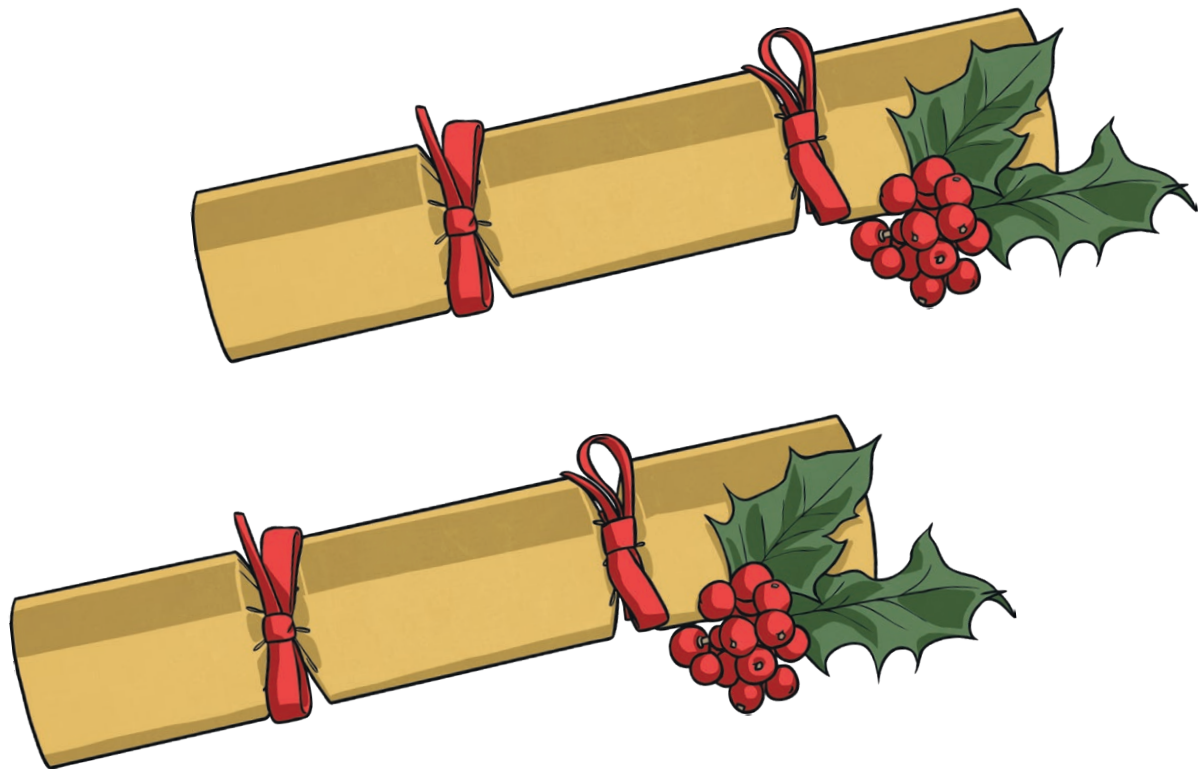
**By 1941, over 2
million homes had
been destroyed
by bombing.**



**Eating carrots
was rumoured
to help you see
in the dark.**



**Old Christmas
cards and crackers
were turned
into cartons for
explosives.**



**More than 2
million soldiers
from the Indian
Army served in the
Second World War.**

