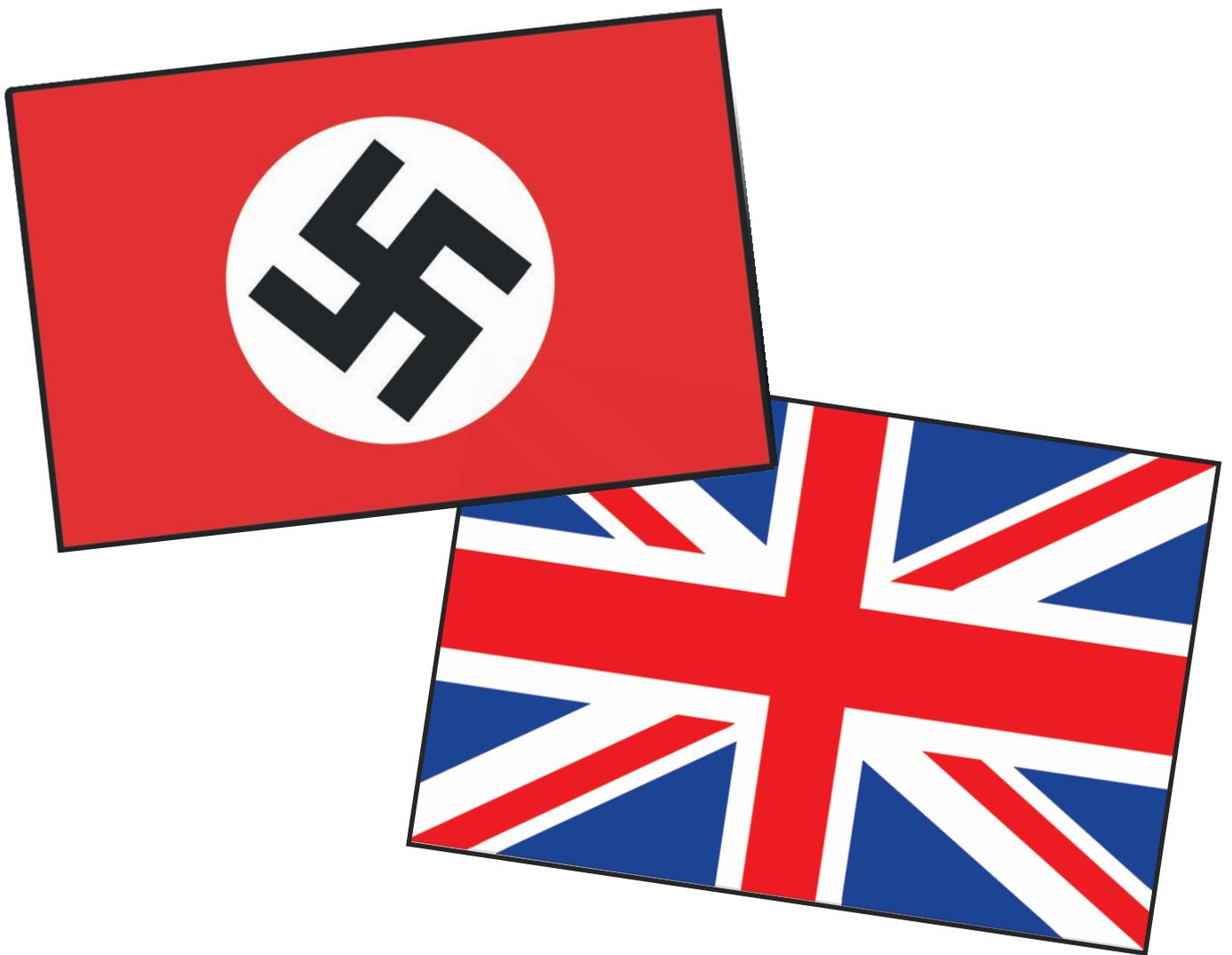


**A year before  
the war, the  
government gave  
out 40 million  
gas masks!**



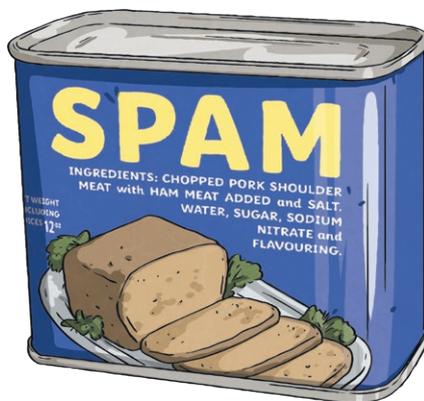
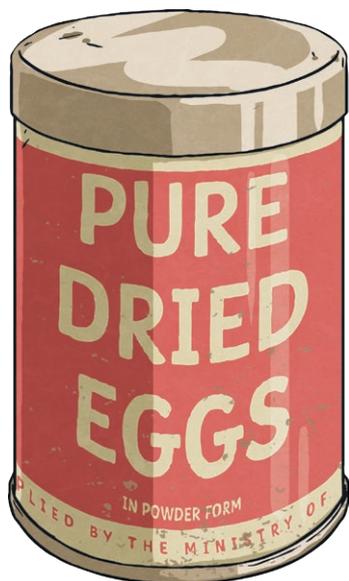
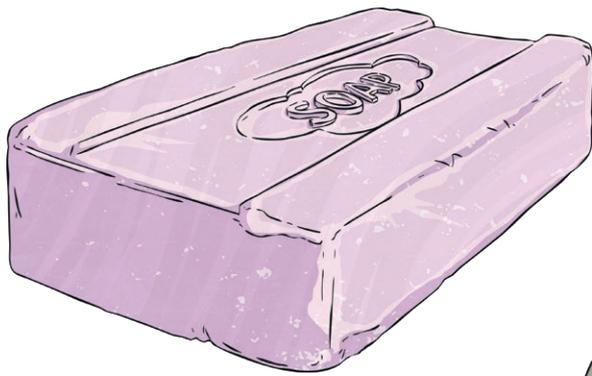
**Many people  
believed that the  
war would only  
last for six weeks.**



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



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



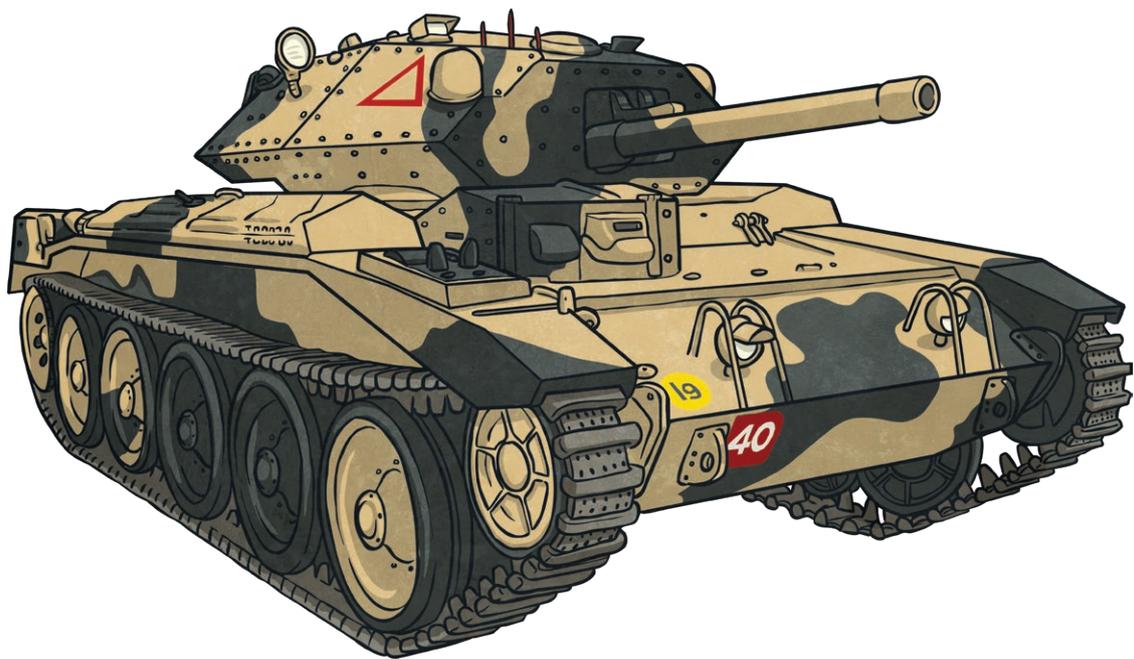
**Wartime meals  
included  
squirrel-tail soup  
and crow pie.**



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



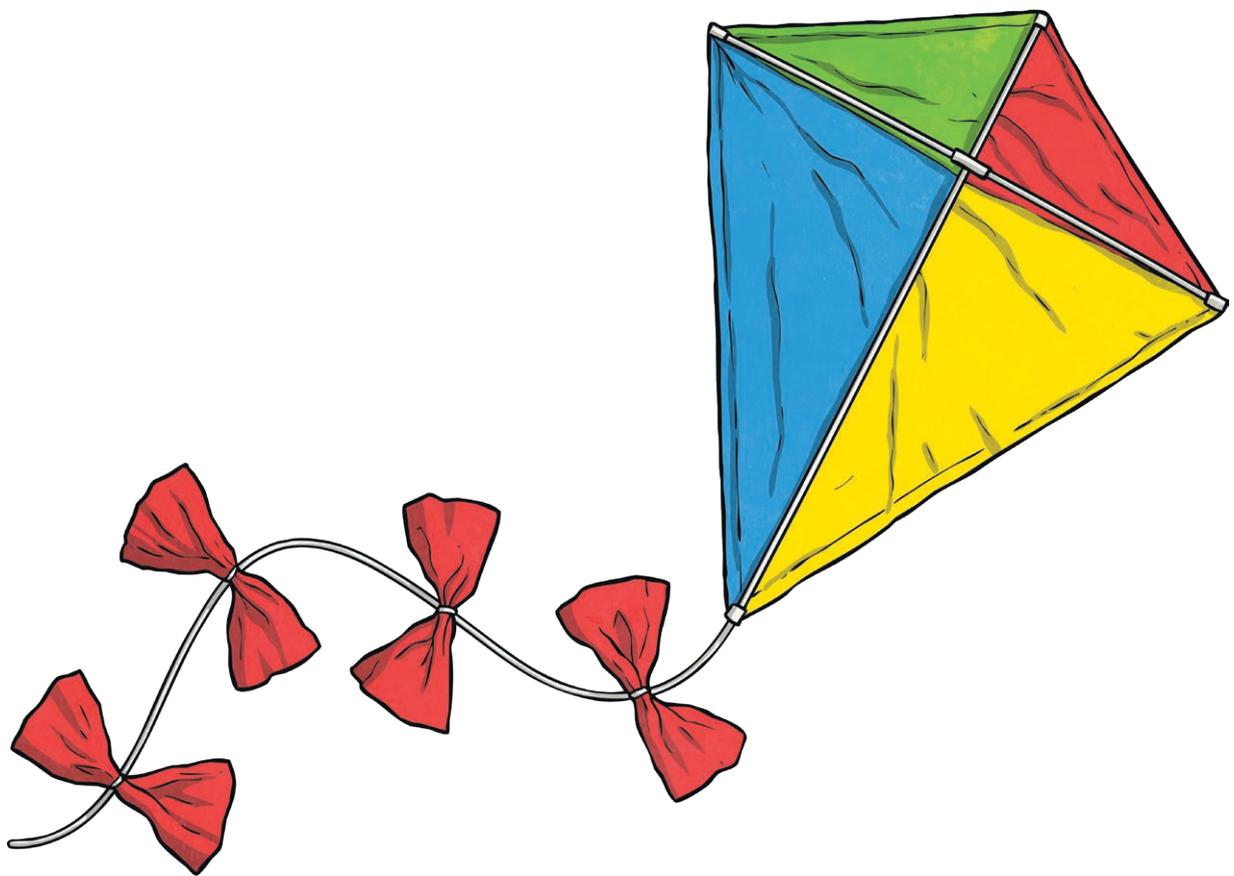
Lots of people were poorly with viruses including colds and flus, which caused Britain to lose 20 million working days a year. That's enough to build 3500 tanks!



**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.**



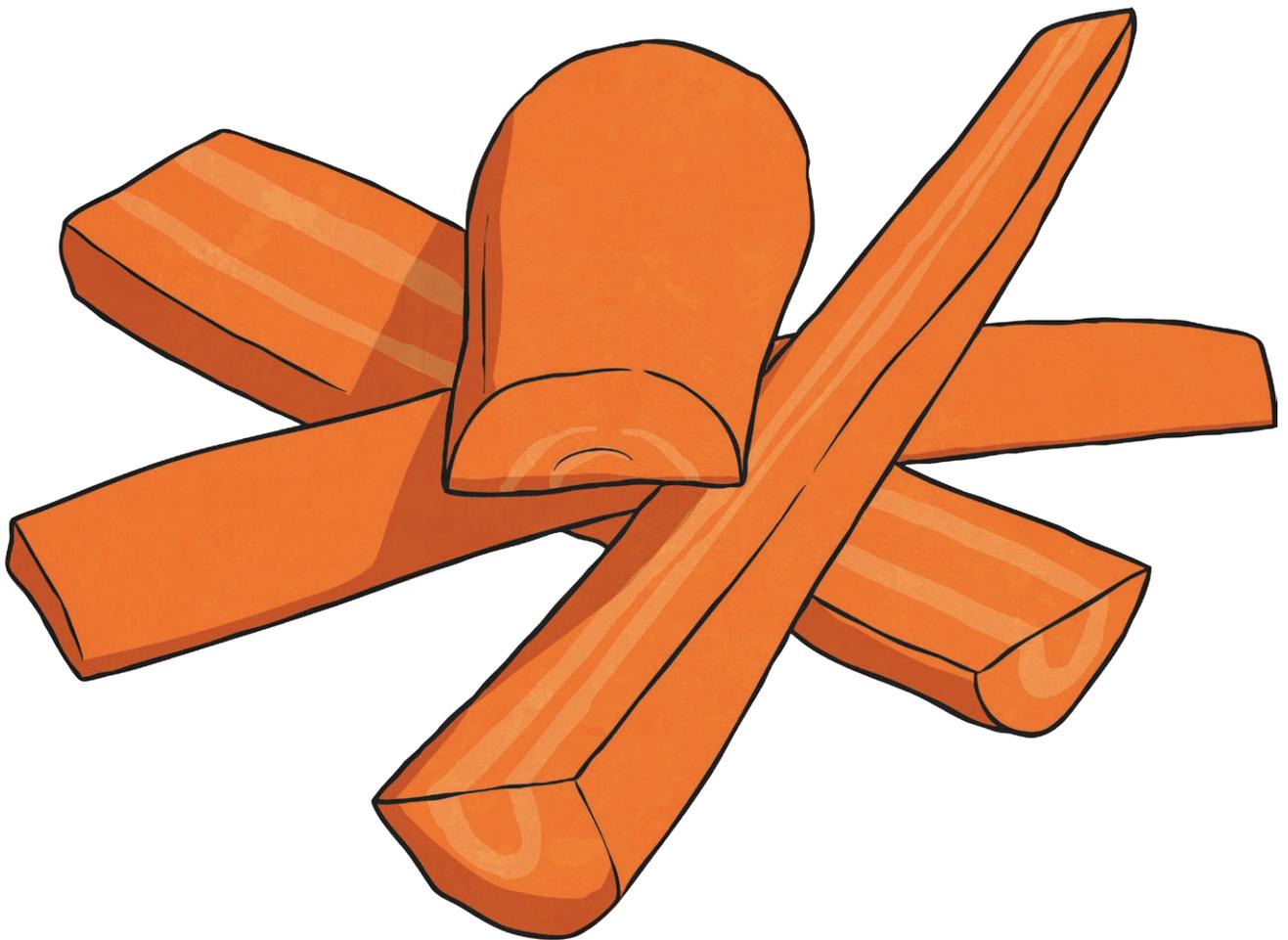
**Many people  
sheltered under the  
stairs at home.  
This was the  
safest place.**



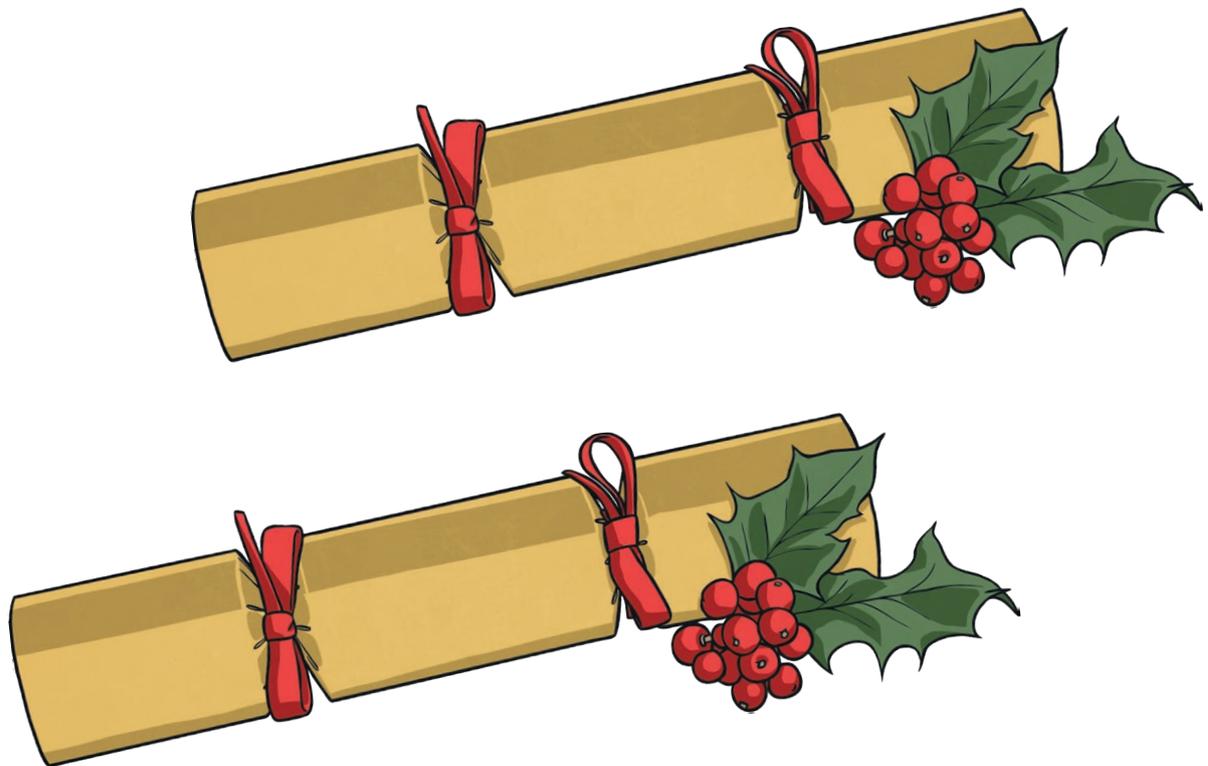
**By 1941, over 2  
million homes had  
been destroyed  
by bombing.**



**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.**

