

## The Second World War in Dorset

In World War 2 many people had to leave their homes.

Children from London and other cities were evacuated to Dorset villages in order to keep them safe from air raids, leaving their families behind to stay with strangers.

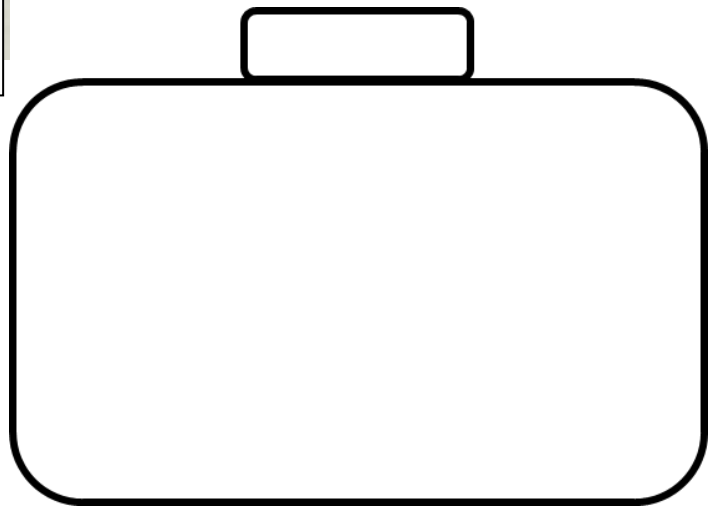


Stanley (aged 40) changing billets:-  
"I'll carry my bag now, Miss."

Picture from the Verwood entry in the WI War Book.

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Draw or write in the suitcase  
the items that you would pack if  
you had to leave your home...



The villagers of Tyneham all had to leave their home after it was taken over by the military. They were promised that they would be able to return after the war, but they never did.

Below is an extract from the WI War Book written by Tyneham-cum-Steeple WI describing how the military asked them to leave their homes and everything had to be packed up in a hurry.

*The vicissitudes of War were soon experienced by this rustic Institute which had its headquarters at Tyneham. Its members were drawn from this village, Grafton, Steeple and Kimmeridge. One Sunday morning early in the war, a message was received that the Village Hall was required by the Military authorities for immediate use and had to be made instantly available. It was a sad Sabbath day's task but all the furnishings and other property of the Institute were removed and alternative accommodation was provided, as a temporary arrangement, at Steeple by the kindness of a former President, where, with its continuity unbroken, it carried on until more permanent quarters were found in Kimmeridge. The wartime activities of the Institute were many, members excelled in their varied tasks and apart from practical hard work they helped to make happier the life of the troops stationed in the vicinity and*

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Can you find the following words in the word search:

- Blackout
- Dig
- Evacuee
- Fruit
- Gardening
- Homefront
- Home guard
- Jam
- Knitting
- Rationing



During the war people in Britain worked hard growing vegetables and making jam. If you were making jam what fruit or vegetables would you use?

Nobody has lived in Tyneham for almost 70 years!

On the picture, add plants growing up the side of the building and holes in the roof in this picture of a cottage in Tyneham to show how it would look today.

