



World War 2 started in 1939. Children that lived in cities were in constant danger of bombs.



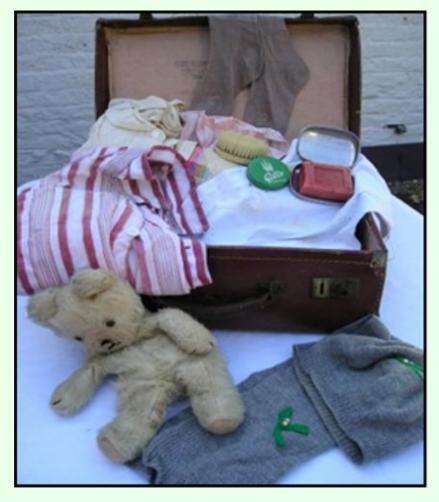
Children were moved to the countryside away from the bombs. These children were called 'evacuees'.



Children went to school and were taken to train stations. Here they were given a label to wear.



They got onto a train and went to the countryside. Their families did not know where they were going.



Children took a small suitcase containing pyjamas, clean clothes, a teddy, soap and a toothbrush.



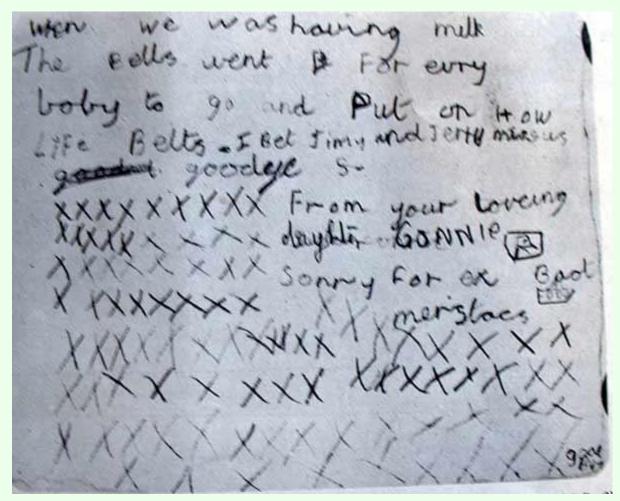
Children had to carry a gas mask in a bag at all times. They would help them breathe during attacks.



Some children thought this was a big adventure. Others were frightened and wanted their Mums.



Once in the countryside these children would live with a new family and went to new schools.



Once in their new homes the children would write letters to their families. Most wanted to go home.



After the war ended in 1945 some evacuees returned home. Others stayed in their new homes.