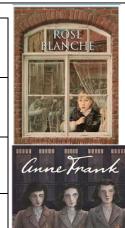
Allies	The United Kingdom, France and Poland, later joined by other countries, including the USSR (Soviet Union), the United States of America and China.
Appeasement	Trying to avoid conflict by giving a someone everything he wants.
Axis	The Axis Powers were originally Germany, Japan and Italy. Other countries joined them later.
Nazi Party	A German political party with racist and anti- Jewish ideas, led by Adolf Hitler.

Annex	To take another country's land and make it part of your country.
Czechoslovakia	A European country. Now two countries: the Czech Republic and Slovakia
Propaganda	Information designed to promote a political idea or opinion.
Active service	Taking part in a military operation as part of the armed forces.





All but one of the crew of the Lancaster ND981 were killed

On 23 June 1944, a crash between 6 Lancaster planes was witnessed by villagers attending a fete in Crowland.

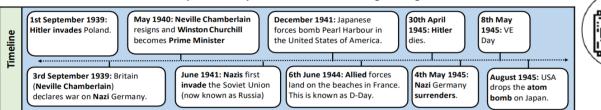
They looked up to see six Lancasters practising flying in formation, but aircraft ND981 accidentally caught the tail of ME625.

# Local Study



In 2021, volunteers spent 5 days digging out a perfectly preserved WW2 tank that had been buried 30ft beneath the ground in Crowland. The Buffalo LTV was brought into the area in 1947 to provide flood defences, but was swept away and sank into a hole. The Buffalo Tank was originally an American cargo carrier.

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Change

#### Power

# Starting of WW2

The leader of Germany, Adolf Hitler, had plans to take over other countries. In March 1938, Germany invaded and annexed Austria, which made other countries worried. On 29th September 1938, British, French, German and Italian leaders signed a treaty called the Munich

Agreement. This allowed Hitler to annex the Sudetenland (an area of Czechoslovakia) if he agreed not to invade anywhere else. However, in August 1939, Hitler broke the agreement and invaded the rest of Czechoslovakia, followed by Poland on 1st September. Britain, France and



Poland had made a pact to support each other, so Britain and France declared war on Germany.

# **Evacuation**

During World War II, over 3.5 million children, along with some of their teachers and helpers, mothers with very young children, pregnant women and people with disabilities, were evacuated from

the cities to the countryside, where it was believed they would be safer from bombing. All evacuees had to take their gas mask, ration book and identity card. When they reached their destination, a billeting officer would arrange a host family for them. Evacuation happened in



waves, beginning on 1st September 1939. Other waves occurred at the start of the Battle of Britain and at the start of the Blitz.

## <u>Axis</u>

Germany, Italy and Japan

### <u>Allies</u>

Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Estonia, France, Greece, India, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States, USSR and Yugoslavia.

### Rationing

Supply ships were targeted by German bombers and it was necessary to conserve as much food as possible. Rationing meant that each person was only allowed a fixed amount of foods. Ration books were issued, with coupons that showed people how much of each item they were allowed. Shopkeepers would remove or stamp the coupons when they were used. People were also encouraged to 'Dig for Victory' and grow as much of their own food as possible. Petrol, soap, clothing and timber were also in short supply. Clothing ration books were issued and people were encouraged to 'make do and mend'

