



# War Effort Diaries

I can explain how people on the Home Front helped with the war effort.



Read the diary extracts and write a description of how they are contributing to the war effort.

<p><b>15<sup>th</sup> November 1942 - Barbara Reed</b></p> <p>Tonight I made a Woolton pie. I used up the spare vegetables from the garden patch and added just a little of our milk ration to make it nice and creamy. Everyone enjoyed it! There were clean plates all round.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> January 1940 - Connie Brown</b></p> <p>I've got a job! Starting tomorrow I'm going to be working at Elstow Ordnance Factory making weapons. Mum says it's no job for a girl but I'm 21 now and I think women should be doing more to help win this war.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p><b>16<sup>th</sup> October 1940 - William Frankell</b></p> <p>They used to call us 'service dodgers' but they're eating their words now! We were out all night directing people to the nearest shelters and putting out fires in the street - I'm exhausted. I'm going to try and get some sleep this afternoon as I'm sure the bombers will be back again tonight and the hard work will start all over again.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> September 1940 - Nadia Begum</b></p> <p>The poor little mite arrived this morning shivering with cold and looking like a bag of bones. I gave her a hug and a good bath and she's stopped crying now. She's now settled with a book and a glass of milk. I hope this war is over quickly for her sake, but I'll look after her as best as I can for now.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p><b>7<sup>th</sup> July 1944 - Bobby Halliwell</b></p> <p>Today, mum told me that my last pair of socks couldn't be patched anymore (she had done them five times) and since we've used up all the clothes rations this month, we can't get any more. I now have to wear Peter's old socks. He thinks it's hilarious. I think: yuck!</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>