



# World War 2

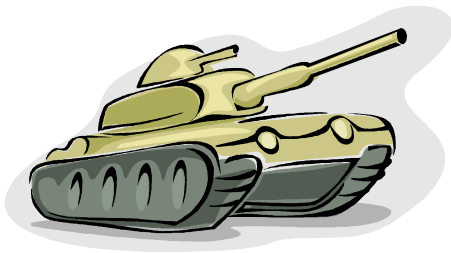
## In Shetland



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# World War 2

In 1939, Germany invaded Poland. This is how the second world war began.



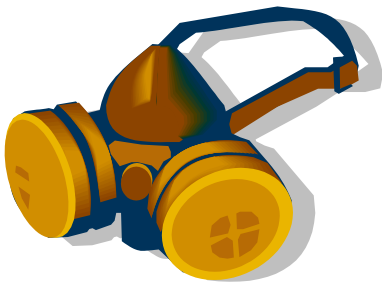
Hitler, leader of Germany, wanted to control Europe.

Britain went to war with Germany.



This is Adolf Hitler. He started the second world war by invading Poland.

The war lasted 6 years.  
It ended in 1945.



# Everyday life



War changed day to day life for everybody.

You had to carry an identity card to prove you were a friend and not an enemy!



You were given a gasmask, in case of a gas attack.

You had to put black cloth over your windows so enemy planes couldn't see you.

In an air raid, sirens would go off and everyone had to go into an air raid shelter to keep safe.

Children were sent home from school if enemy planes were flying around the building!



# Shetland



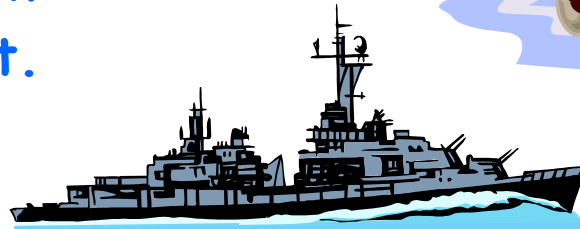
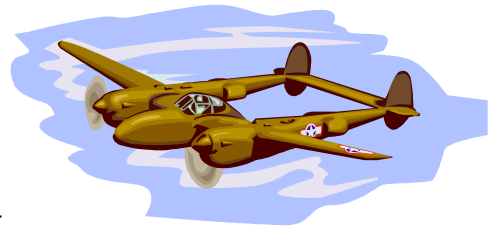
The first German bomb from World War 2 landed in Shetland.

Bombs fell from planes, mines exploded in the sea, and ships were attacked.



British soldiers stayed in Shetland to help keep everyone safe.

Some Shetland men went away to fight.



Shetland lasses went away too—they helped to look after wounded soldiers.



# At Home



Some men stayed at home  
to help keep everyone safe.

Norway was under attack  
so everyone was afraid  
that Shetland might get  
attacked too.



Shetland men in  
the 'Home Guard'



The soldiers who came  
to Shetland, and the  
Shetland men who  
stayed at home, helped  
to look after everyone.

Shetland women sold  
their knitting—the warm  
clothes they made were  
good for soldiers!



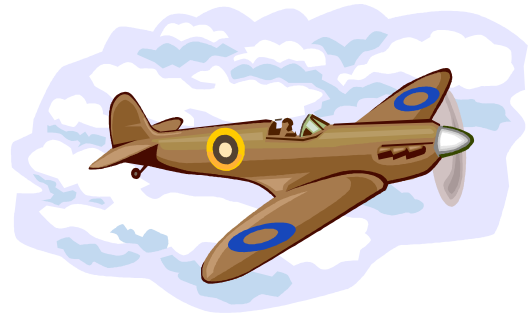
# Out to fight



Lots of Shetland men went out to fight with Britain in the war.

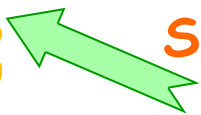
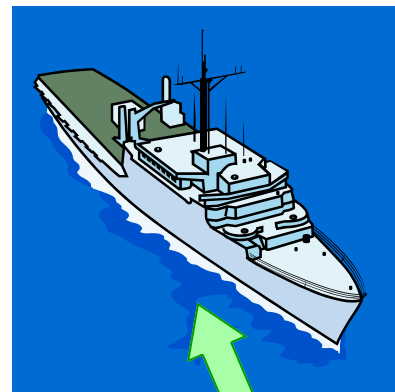
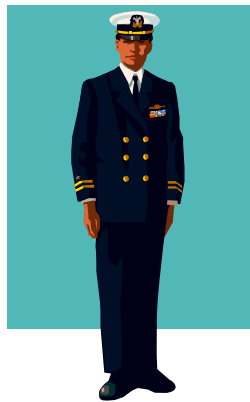


Some were soldiers in the army.



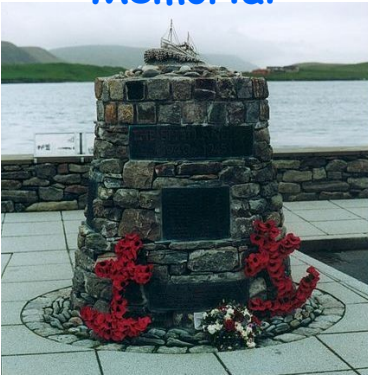
Some were pilots in the air force.

Many Shetland men worked in the Navy—they had good 'sea legs'!



Shetland men worked on ships and submarines all over the world!

## Shetland Bus Memorial



# The Shetland Bus

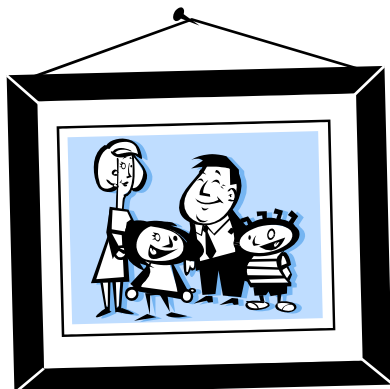
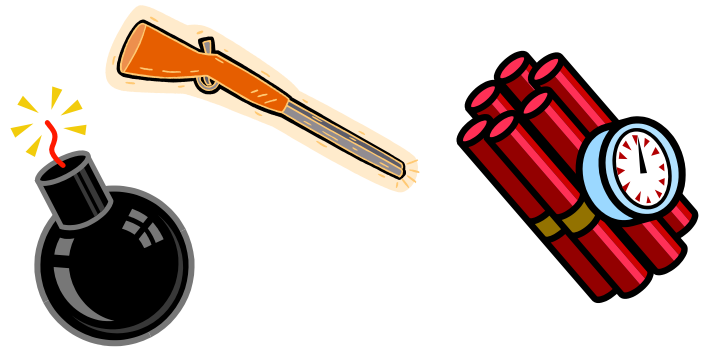
A secret group took fishing boats from Shetland to Norway.

This secret mission was called 'The Shetland Bus'.



Some of the people were from Shetland, some were from Norway, and some were from Britain!

The boats they took had weapons on board. They gave weapons to people in Norway.



It was very unsafe to stay in Norway.

The boats took people from Norway to Shetland to keep them safe.

# Lost at sea



Many Shetland men died in the second world war.

Many were lost at sea, and others died from being injured by enemy attacks.



Women and children lost husbands and fathers who were very close to them.

After the war, there were less men in Shetland. Some who went out to fight never came back.





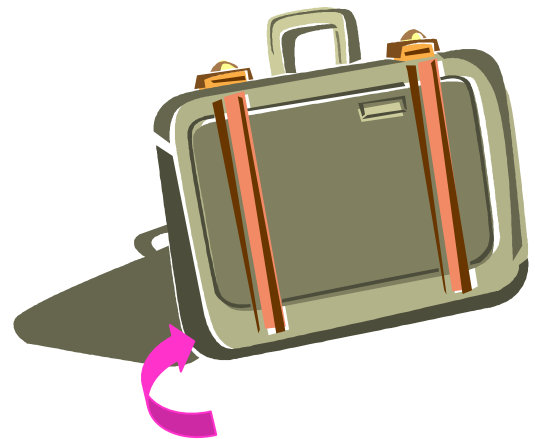
# The end of the war

The war finally ended in 1945, after six difficult years for everyone.



All the British soldiers left Shetland after the war and went home.

There weren't many jobs for Shetland people after the war.



Lots of Shetlanders moved away to find better jobs and more money.



Poppies help us remember

On 11th November every year, we remember all of the people who died during the first world war, the second world war, and all the other wars since.