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| **Who?** | **What was their role in World War Two?** |
| **Women’s Land Army** | * Set up in June 1939. * At first, women volunteered, but from 1941 onwards, many were conscripted. * Its main aim was to increase the amount of food grown within Britain, as it could no longer rely on food imported from abroad. * The Land Army replaced male agricultural workers who had joined the armed forces. * The Land Army did many jobs including caring for animals, ploughing fields, digging up vegetables, harvesting crops and catching rats. * They worked for up to 50 hours a week all year round in all weather conditions. * They were paid but they received less money than a man would have done for doing the same job. * They had their own Land Army uniform. |
| **Air Raid Precautions (ARP) Wardens** | * ARP warden’s main role was to help the public in the event of an air raid. * They managed the air raid sirens and ensured people were directed to air raid shelters. * They also evacuated areas around unexploded bombs and rescued people from bomb-damaged properties. * A key task was to enforce the “blackout”. ARP wardens could often be heard shouting “put that light out” and could report people to the police if they did not do what they were told. * They were posted at the junctions of roads and each was responsible for a small area. On average, 5 wardens were responsible for around 4-5,000 people. * During the first 7 months of war (known as the “phoney war”, they mainly gave advice to the public on air defence and issued gas masks and air raid shelters, but they came into their own during the Blitz – it became dangerous work! |
| **Hazel Hill** | * Hazel was a 13-year-old girl living in Britain. * Her father, Fred, worked in the Air Ministry in the 1930s, and part of his job was to develop the planes used by the Royal Air Force, including the Spitfire. * Early models of the Spitfire were not advanced enough to withstand attack so improvements were needed. * One improvement was to increase the number of guns built into it. Fred Hill felt that it needed 8 guns as opposed to the 4 that had been planned. * Fred couldn’t work out the calculations for this on his own, so he asked his daughter Hazel (who loved Maths) to help him. * Most experts thought 8 guns would weigh the planes down and would not be possible. * 8 guns turned out to be enough to win the battle and more guns meant a greater level of power. * Without her calculations, the outcome of battles would have been very different. |

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