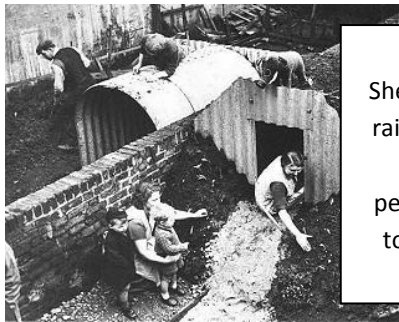
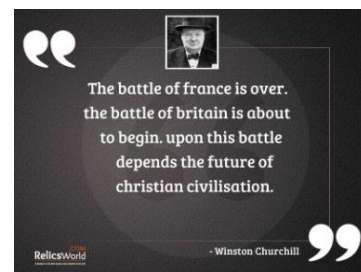


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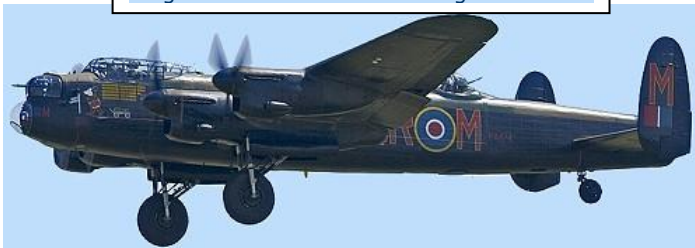
- The Battle of Britain began on **10th July, 1940** when British ships in the English Channel were bombed by the German Luftwaffe. This was called **Operation Sealion**
- **On 13th August, 1940** the Luftwaffe moved on to bombing airfields, harbours, radar stations and aircraft factories in an attempt to break down Britain's links to the outside world.
- **On 20th August, 1940** the British Prime Minister, **Winston Churchill**, said: 'Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.'
- **On 31st August, 1940**, the RAF suffered the worst damage and loss of life in the whole battle. Believing they were beginning to win, the Germans moved on to bombing London on 7th September, 1940 instead. However, this actually gave the RAF time to recover their defences and get the airfields up and running again.
- **On 15th September, 1940**, the Germans launched another massive attack but the British fighters hit back hard and it became clear that the Germans could not win.
- **On 31st October 1940**, the Battle of Britain ended.



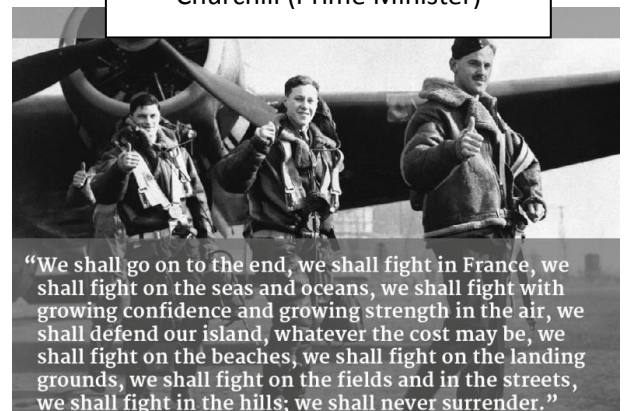
An Anderson Shelter was an air-raid shelter which was built in people's garden's to protect them from bombs.



The Avro Lancaster was a British four-engined Second World War night bomber.



Some famous quotes by Winston Churchill (Prime Minister)



Popular Aircraft

Some of the most popular British aeroplanes to fight in the Battle of Britain were the Supermarine Spitfires and the Hawker Hurricanes. The Spitfires battled with the German fighter planes while the Hurricanes targeted the bombers.

Some of the most popular German aeroplanes were the Messerschmitt fighter planes and the Heinkel bombers.



After the Battle of Britain ended, the Germans decided to bomb London. This was known as The Blitz

