



Lilian Bader

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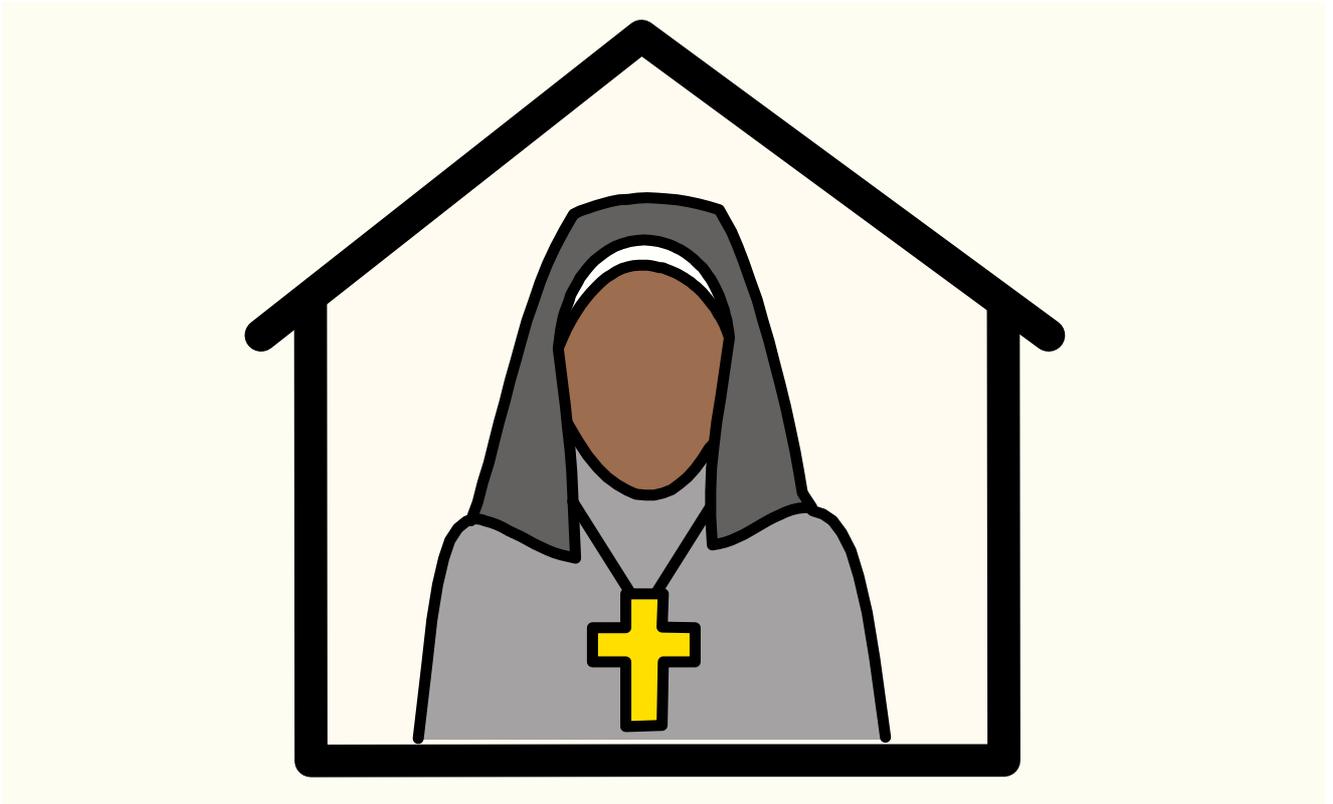


Lilian Bader was born in Liverpool in 1918.

Her father was from Barbados in the West Indies.

Her mother was British.

Lilian became an orphan at the age of nine.

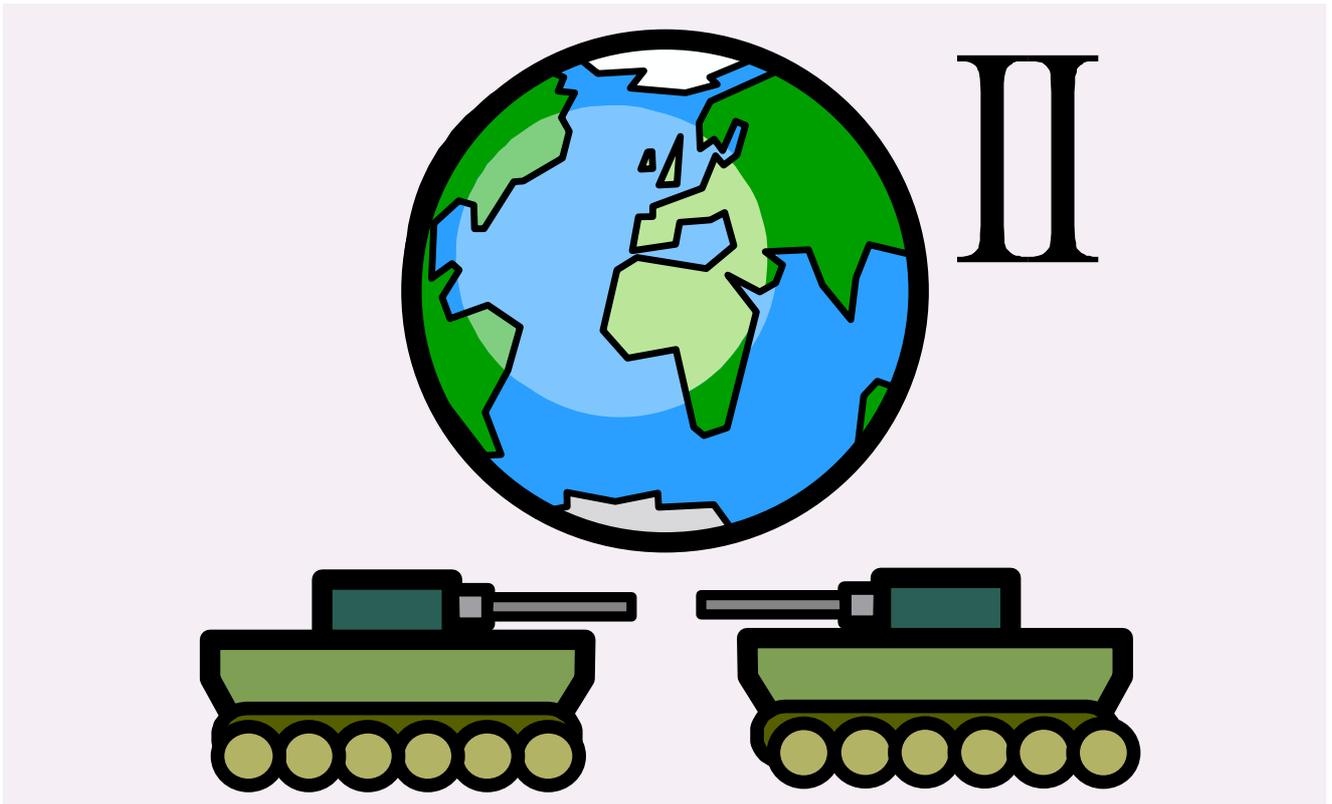


Lilian lived in a convent until she was 20.

It was difficult for her to find a good job.

She thought this was because of discrimination.

People didn't want to employ her because of her race.

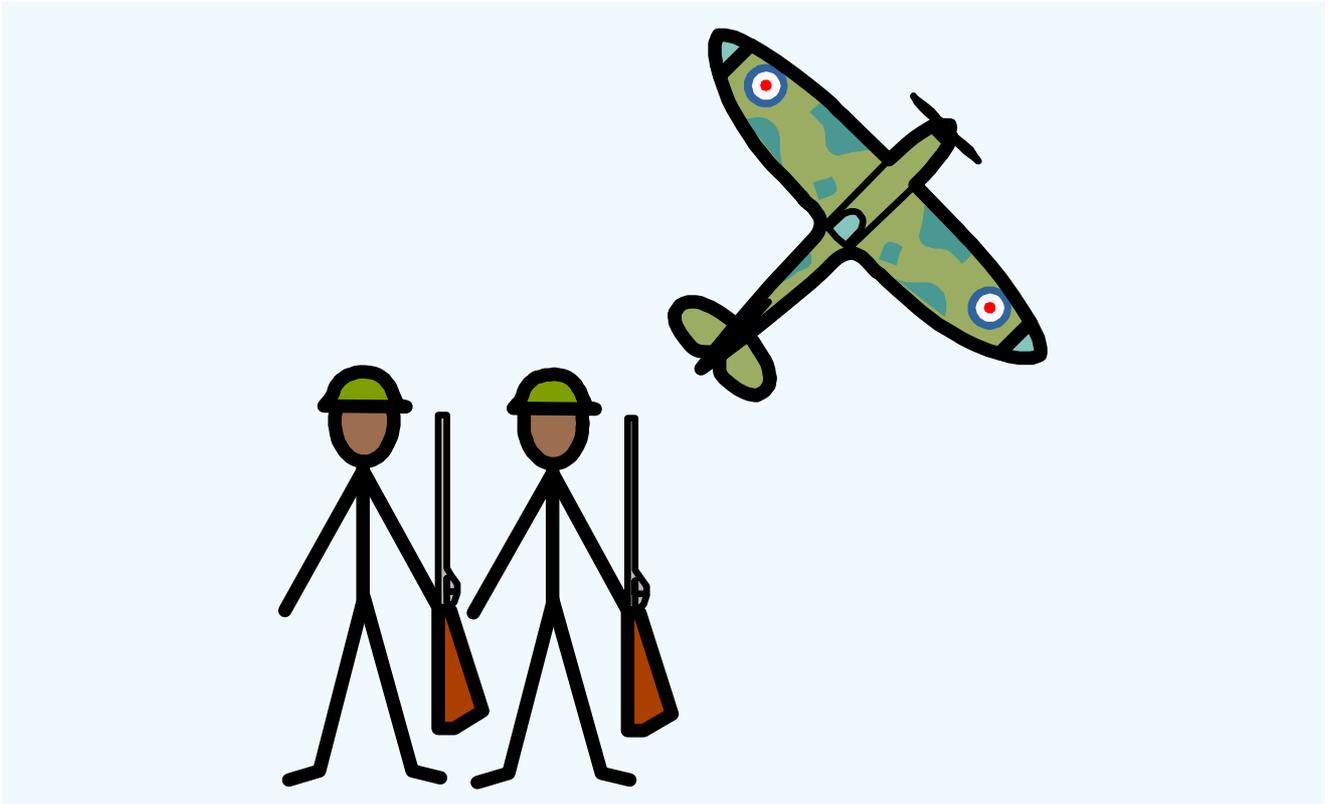


World War 2 began in 1939.

Lilian wanted to help so she joined the NAAFI.

The NAAFI supported the armed forces.

Lilian had to leave because her father wasn't British.

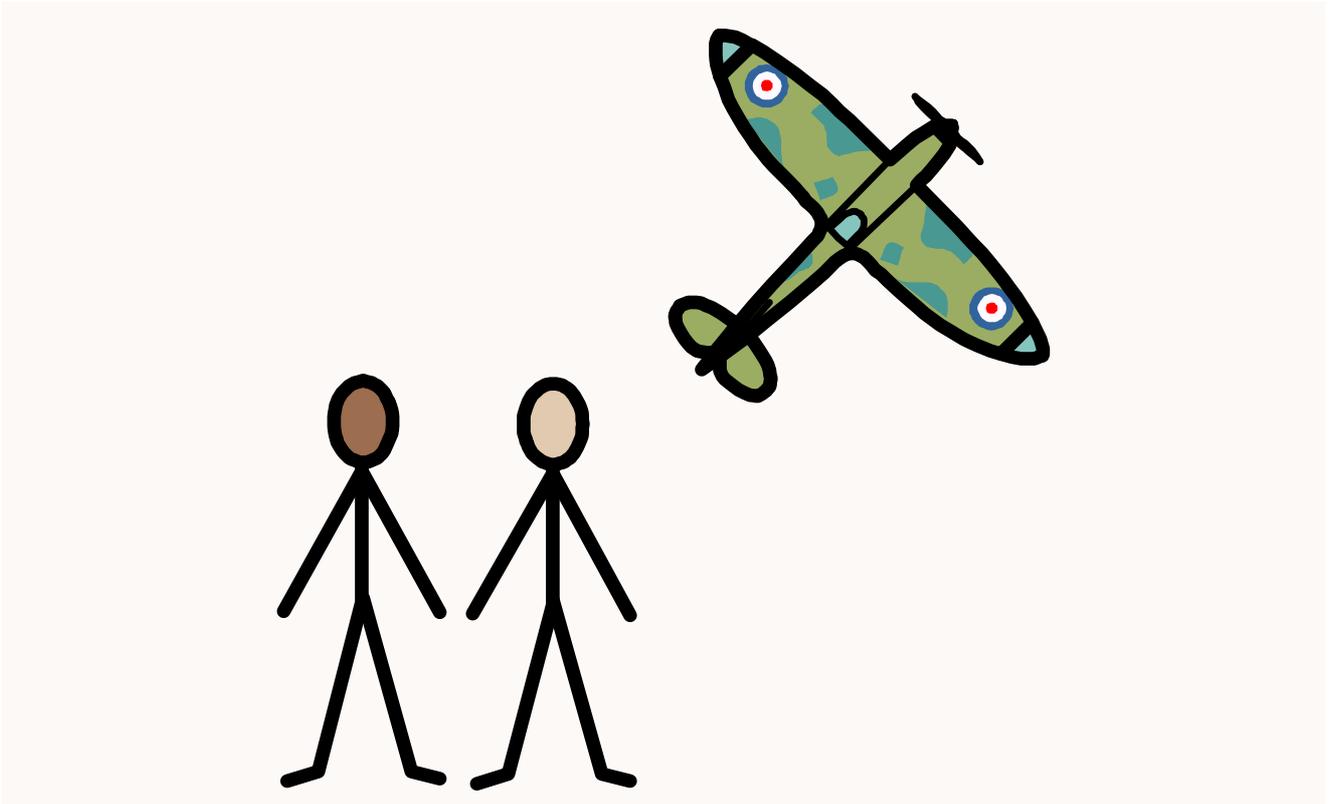


One day Lilian heard West Indian men on the radio.

The men talked about wanting to be soldiers.

The Army would not let West Indian men enlist.

But West Indian men could join the Royal Air Force.

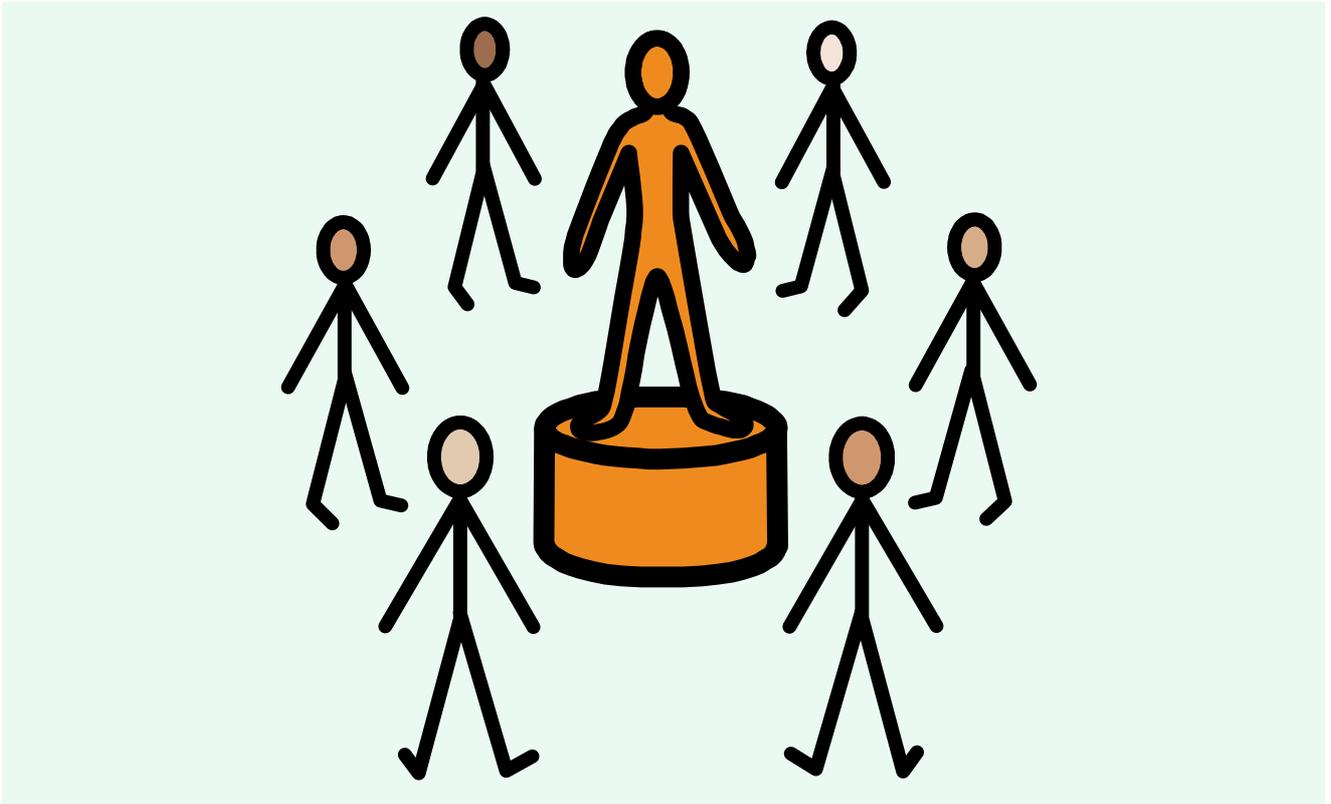


Lilian still wanted to help in the war.

She thought she could try again like the men.

Lilian joined the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

She trained as a mechanic in the WAAF.

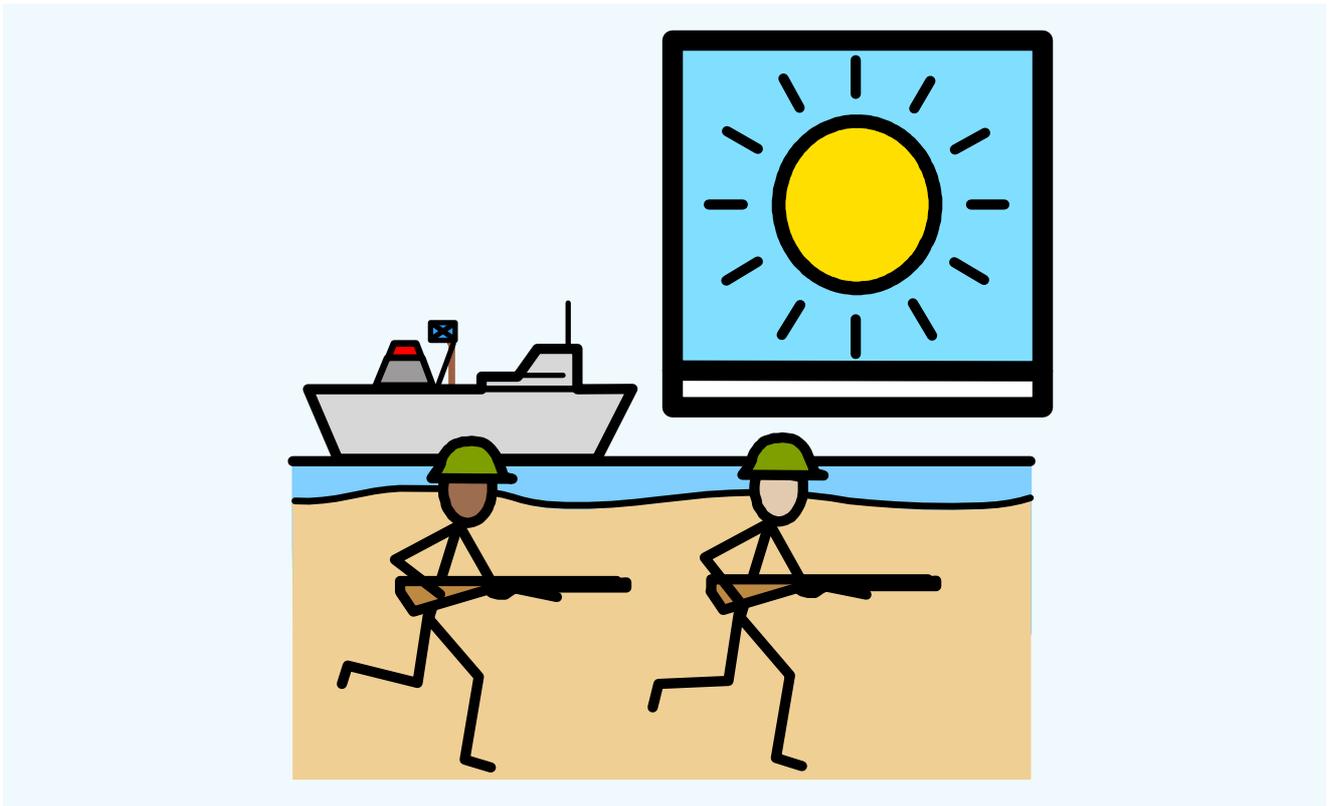


Lilian had faced discrimination in her life.

Now she was proud to be accepted in the WAAF.

She worked hard and was promoted to Corporal.

This meant she became the leader of a team.

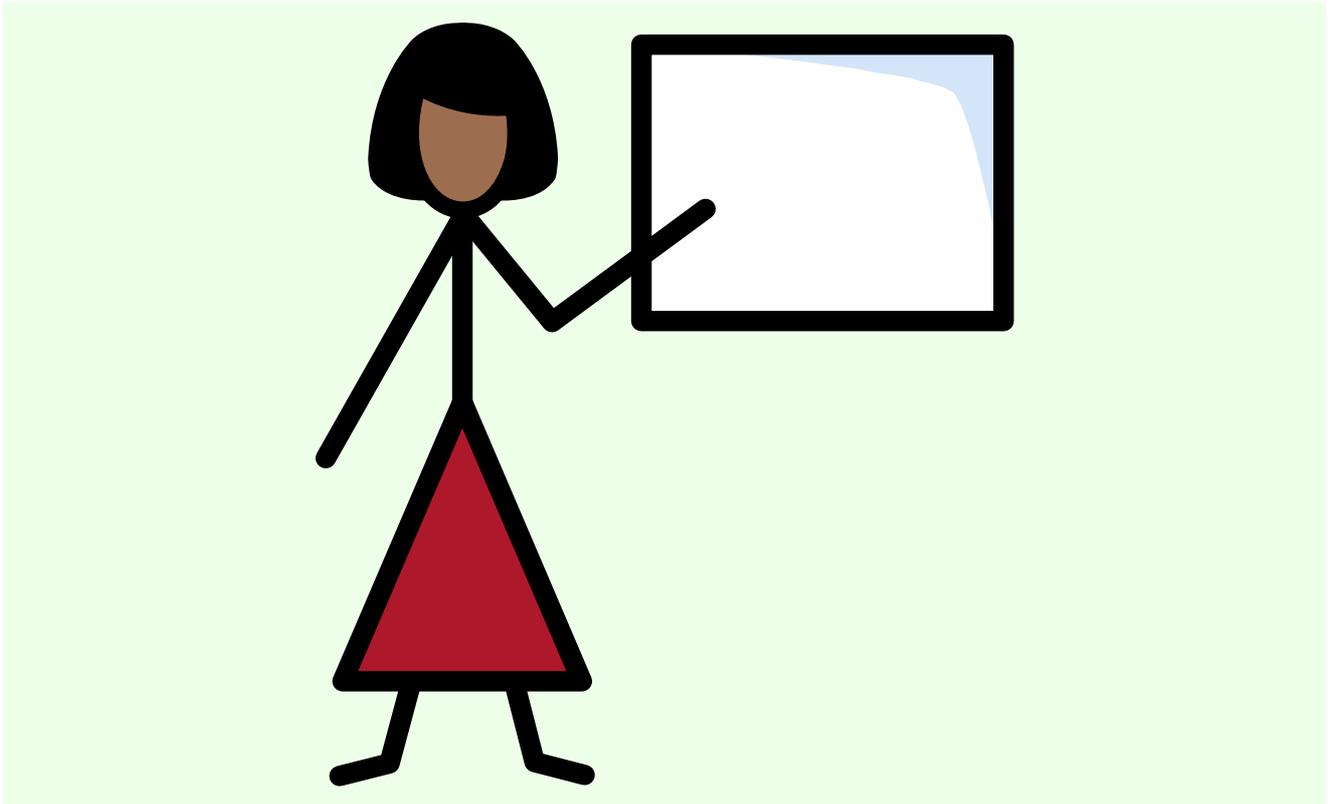


Lilian met a soldier called Ramsay Bader.

Lilian and Ramsay were married in 1943.

Ramsay took part in the D-Day landings.

Lilian prayed that Ramsay would come home safe.



Ramsay survived D-Day and came home to Lilian.

Ramsay and Lilian had two children.

Lilian had to leave the WAAF.

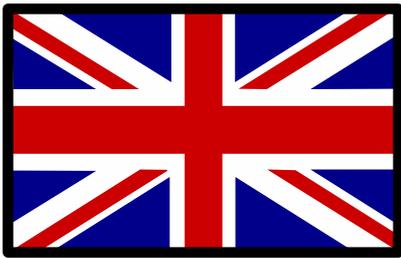
She studied to become a teacher instead.



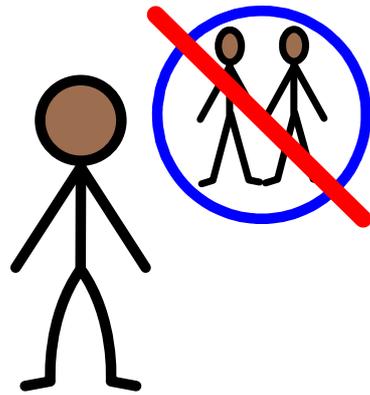
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West Indies



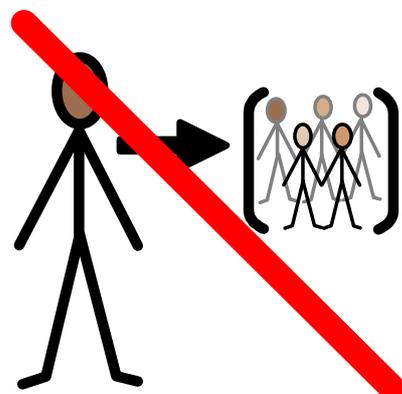
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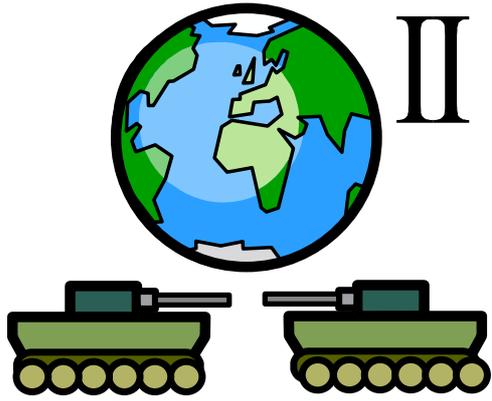
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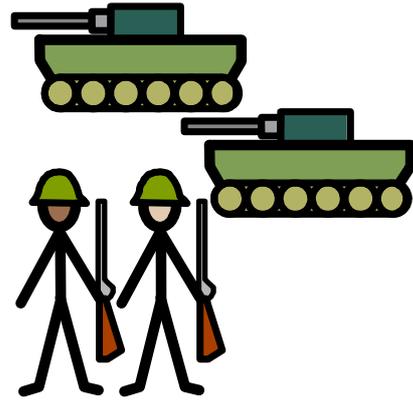
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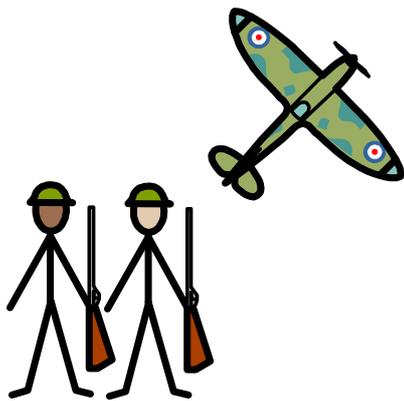
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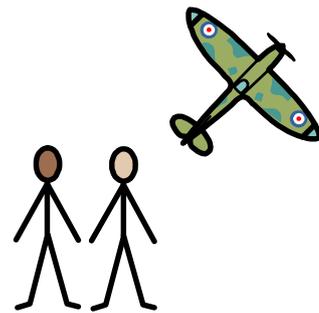
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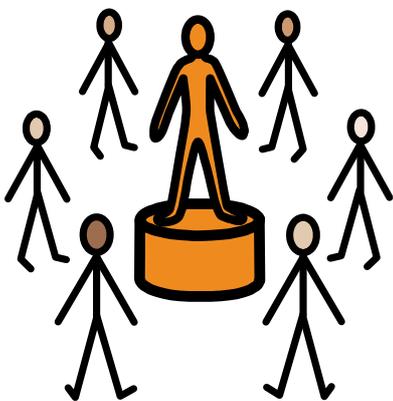
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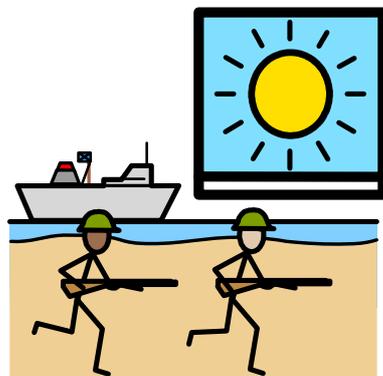
Royal Air Force



Women's
Auxiliary Air Force



leader



D-Day landings