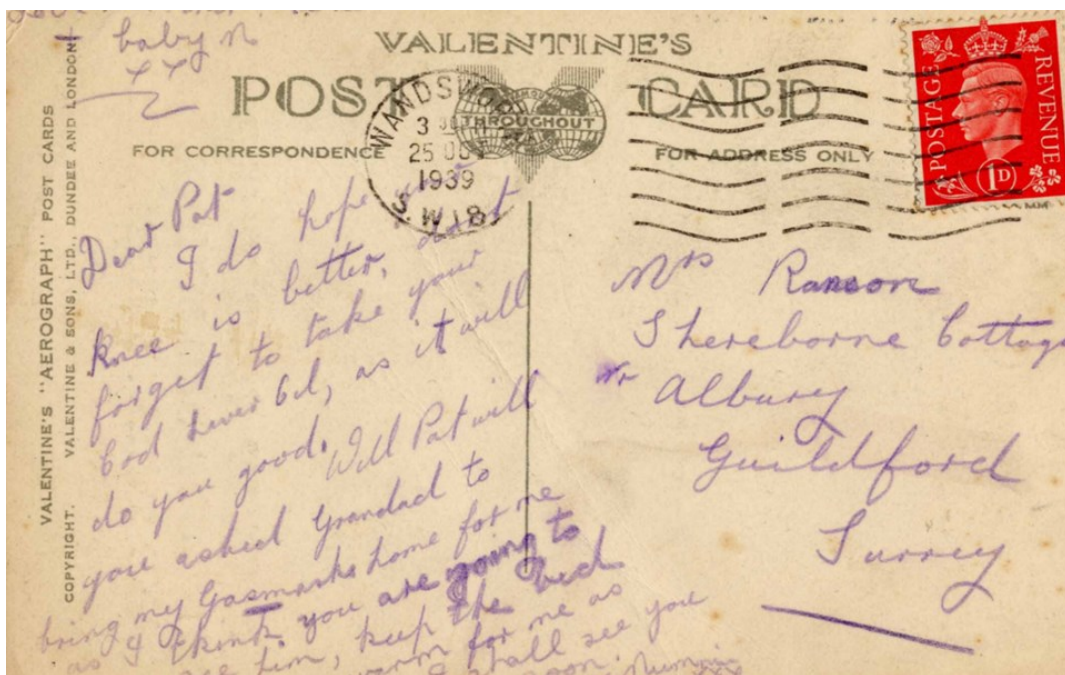


# Make a Personal Evacuee Postcard

During wartime, people kept in touch by sending post to one another. In the 1940s, people didn't have the Internet or video-calling, so they sent letters and postcards. Below is a real postcard from a mother to her evacuee child in 1939.

Have a good look at it and try to read the message. We don't know if Pat was a boy or a girl. The handwriting is quite difficult to read, so there is an easier version below.

Do you think the mother is saying everything she feels? How do you think you would feel if you were Pat?



*Dear Pat*

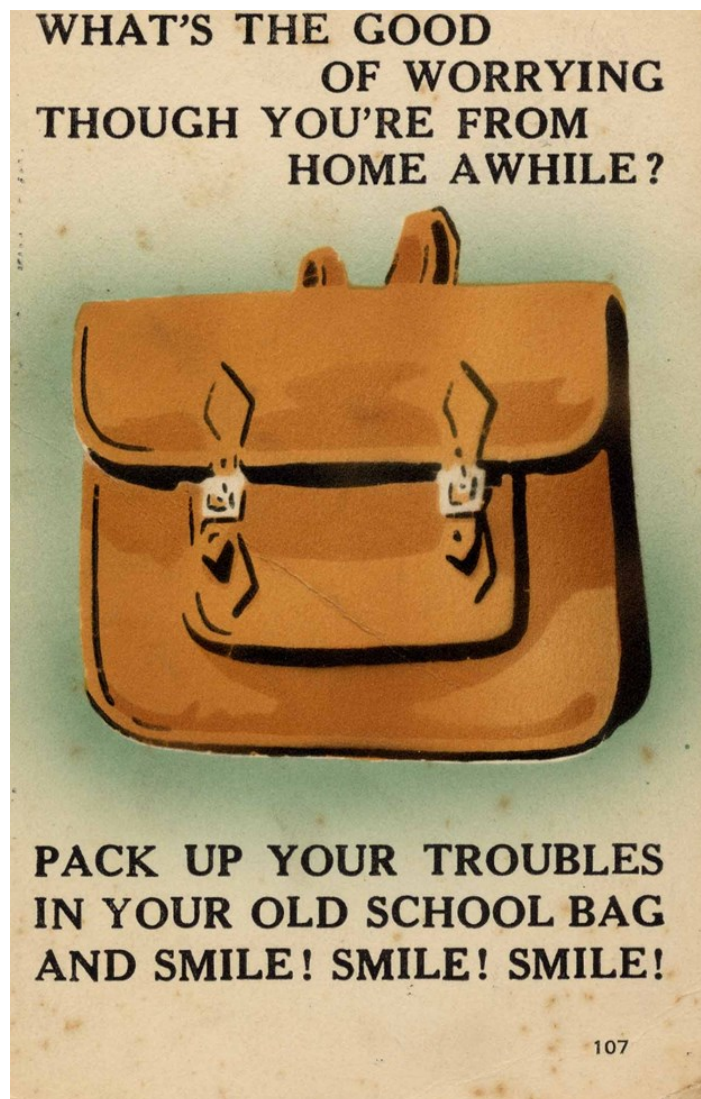
*I do hope your knee is better. Don't forget to take your cod liver oil, as it will do you good. Well Pat will you asked Grandad to bring my Gasmask home for me as I think you are going to see him, keep the bed warm for me as I shall see you soon. Love Mum xxx*

## Now it's your turn to write back

- Design a picture for the front, and decide what you are going to tell your mum. Will you answer her questions? Will you describe the family you're billeted with, or the home you're staying in? You haven't got a lot of room on a postcard, so choose your words carefully.

Recently, lots of us have not been able to see our friends and relatives for a long time.

- Can you design a card or postcard for someone you know, to make them smile?
- If you have any chalk, you could write or draw something happy on the path near your house, for people to see.



*Postcard in the RAMM handling collection*