

World War II - Script

The children are divided into two groups :

- Air-Raid Group (including children and adults taking shelter, an air-raid warden and a WVS lady)
- Evacuation Group (children being evacuated and parents of evacuees)

The first point of focus is the start of an air-raid.

SFX: Air-raid Siren

CD Track 7

As the siren pierces the air, Warden Stringer hurries people into the safety of the shelter. Adults and children are already inside, but two children have been caught in the raid without a parent.

MIKE (Holding his ears) What a horrible noise!

SUE It's scary – it makes me want to run!

SFX: Fighter Plane

CD Track 8

(Sue screams as fighter planes are heard overhead.)

WRDN STRINGER What's going on out there? (To Mike and Sue) Get in here, you kids! Don't mess about – Jerry's over early tonight. You should know the drill by now. What are you playing at standing around? (He pushes them in to join the others)

MIKE We only arrived in London today. We have been sent home from France. Our dad was working over there.

SUE We're to wait at Gran's house until Mum gets here in a few days.

WRDN STRINGER Never mind all that – just get into the shelter and settle down.

SUE It's very dark and a bit smelly.

WRDN STRINGER You'll soon get used to it. Budge up everyone!

MIKE The floor's all wet!

CHILD 1 That's because the shelter floods when it rains. You're all right, but my shoes have got holes in them and we've got no more clothing coupons left, so we can't get any new ones.

OLD LADY Everything is rationed because of this war. We have coupons for clothes, coupons for food, coupons for sweets.

CHILD 2 (Interrupting) But there aren't any sweets in the sweet shops any more!

ADULT No sweets and now you've got no homes, you poor little souls.

SUE No homes?

MIKE What happened?

CHILD 3 We've been bombed out!