

We raced across the lawn and scrambled over the fence into a farmer's field. As I rolled my body over the top of the fence, I saw a light come on in the kitchen window and the shape of Dr McKenna outlined in the open doorway. A voice called out in the dark. We paid no attention. I knew we would be in trouble, but I was already living on a knife edge so I didn't care anymore. Panting heavily, we reached the other side of the field and looked for a gate we could climb over. The only gate we could see led into a field to the right of the field we wanted to get into.

"Come on," said Kenneth. "Follow me." We climbed over the gate and followed the hedge, looking for a gap we could get through. We trudged across the uneven ground until our way was blocked by yet another thick hedge running adjacent to one we had just followed. "This is going to take us away from the field we need to get into," Kenneth complained.

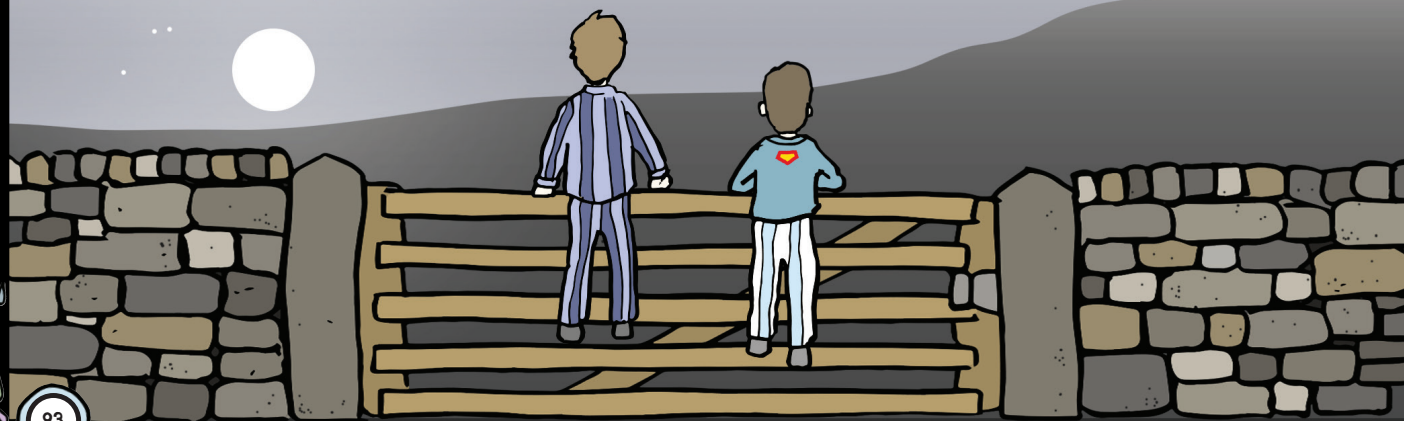
"Look!" I shouted. "That's a big enough gap. We could get through that." I led Kenneth towards a narrow gap in the hedge I had spotted. There was a ditch in front of the hedge that we had to cross first, before we tackled the hedge. Being a hawthorn hedge there were thorns, and by the time we got through we had badly scratched ourselves. I had torn a hole in the sleeve of my pyjamas and Kenneth had ripped the back of the Superman pyjama top. With wet shoes (from the ditch) and torn clothes, we ran across the field. So far, there was no sign of our pilot. We ran to yet another gate and, stepping onto the bottom bar, we peered into the darkness of the field beyond. The occupants seemed to be aware of our presence and a number of dark shapes turned in our direction. It wasn't the crew of a plane, but a herd of cows that were staring at us from out of the darkness.

"Do you think we've gone too far?" Kenneth asked.

"I'm not sure," I replied. "It's difficult to tell in the dark." I was completely disorientated. I thought we had passed the barn that could be seen from our bedroom window, but now I wasn't sure whether it was behind us or in front of us. We wandered around for ages, crossing field after field, before admitting that not only was finding the airman a lost cause, but we were well and truly lost. The last gate we climbed over took us out onto a narrow country lane. We debated which way we should head, when Kenneth suddenly grabbed my arm.

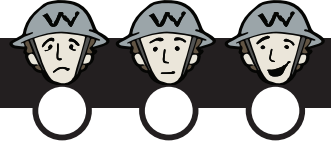
"What's that noise?" he whispered. It didn't take long to discover. Some sort of vehicle was heading in our direction. We found ourselves squinting into the bright headlights of an approaching jeep. The jeep stopped in front of us and two men in blue-grey RAF uniforms looked down at us in surprise.

"What are you lads doing here?" one of them asked. "You need to get home right away. A dangerous German pilot is on the run!"





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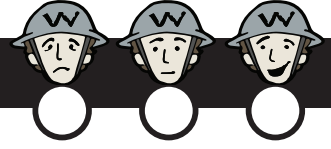
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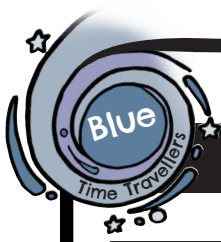
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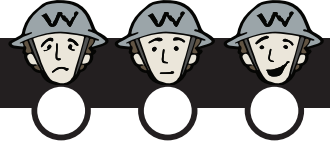
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