

Veterans Voices: Question Sheet

Section 1- Mary Sim: Early Years and Balloon Command

Activity 1



Watch Mary talk about her life before & at the start of World War Two



Listen for the answers to the 10 questions on your sheet



Write the answers down on your question sheet

Questions	Write Your Answer Here
1. What is Mary's birth date? (day, month, year)	6 th August 1922
2. Did Mary enjoy school?	Yes Mary enjoyed all subjects at school
3. Did Mary enjoy physical education?	She hated netball (and used to hide behind a tree)
4. Where was Mary when she heard the war had started?	In church with her family
5. Did Mary enjoy working in the factory?	No she hated working in a factory
6. Why did Mary want to sign up?	To escape working in the factory
7. How old was Mary when she joined WAAFs?	She was 17 years old
8. What was Mary's job?	To repair barrage balloons at Balloon Command/Centre in Bishopbriggs.
9. What was the process of repairing the balloons?	The balloons were inflated first. Then some WAAFs repaired the balloon standing inside the balloon while others worked in the same way standing outside the balloon. Patches were stuck on top of any tears and WAAFs had to use a special stitch to repair the barrage balloons.
10. Did Mary like her co-workers?	Yes she liked her co-workers a lot.

Veterans Voices: Word Bingo Sheet

Section 2 - Mary Sim

Life in Uniform, Everyday Life and the Night War Ended

Activity 2



Now watch Mary talk about her life in uniform and her lifelong friendships.



Listen for Mary saying the 12 words and phrases you see below, for example, 'red tie', 'air raid' and 'wounded soldiers'. 'When you hear Mary say each of the words and phrases below please circle them.



The first person or pair to circle all the words is the winner

red tie
 Muriel
 Newcastle
 wounded soldiers
 Churchill
 caterpillar
 doing our bit
 good times
 Air Raid
 electric iron
 Cinema
 WAAFs

Activity 3



Repeat: Watch Section 2: Everyday Life and the Night War Ended again



This time listen for Mary saying the words and phrases above



Write the number 1 or 2 or 3 etc. next to the word or phrase to show the sequence/order in which Mary says them during her recollections

1. Caterpillar	2. Muriel	3. WAAFs	4. Air Raid	5. Newcastle	6. Doing our bit
7. Good times	8. Cinema	9 Electric Iron	10. Red tie	11. Wounded soldiers	12. Churchill