



WW2 TERMS

DYING

The following are terms for being killed in action or wounded. Finding other words can help take away the difficulty of dealing with death in times of war.

- Gone for a burton**
- To get the chop**
- Gone for six**
- Bite the dust**
- Cash in your chips (US)**
- Cast the last anchor (US)**

AT WAR

- Bale or bail out** leave an aircraft by jumping right on target
- Bang on** meeting before an operation to receive instructions
- Briefing** hair-raising operation
- Dicey-do** anti-aircraft fire – heavy or light. Also used for anything giving you grief
- Flak** paralysed with fear
- Frozen on the stick** get into trouble
- Come to grief** service medal
- Gong** missing in action
- MIA** operation/attack to get airborne asap
- Op**
- Scramble**

COLLOQUIAL PHRASES

- Cheers** thank you
- The Bee's Knees** something wonderful
- Bob's your uncle** there you have it
- Damp squib** something which should have been exciting but turns out to be a disappointment
- Jammy dodger** lucky person
- Scrummy** delicious
- Tickety-boo** something that is going smoothly/quickly
- Belt up** be quiet
- Chuffed** really happy
- Chum** friend
- Lose your wool** lose composure
- Spawny** very lucky
- Roger!** Okay, right you are
- Blighty** the UK
- Civvies** Civilian clothes

FOOD

- Brew** Hot drink
- Cha, Char** Tea
- Spam** US Canned meat

STOMACH UPSET

- Gippy tummy**
- The Trots**
- Screaming hab-dabs**

THE ARMED FORCES

- Dorris** Female member of the Royal Air Force
- Boffin** scientific or technical person working on new developments
- Brass** the commanding officers
- Civvy street** before or after being in the RAF
- CO** Commanding officer
- Sprog** new boy (fresh from training)
- Jerry** A German soldier
- GI Joe** An American Soldier
- Tommy** A British soldier

