

# Wartime West Sussex 1939 – 1945 RATIONING

## **The smell of an orange**

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By Miss S Brons

During the war, school milk was 2½d a week, with free milk for needy children. The milk was delivered in pint bottles, and the teacher poured this into the child's own mug.....Children brought "lunch" to eat at milk times, and when a consignment of oranges came into the country, children and pregnant women were allowed the ration. Oh the agony of being asked, "Please Miss Brons, will you peel my orange?" The smell of the orange, the temptation to lick my fingers was a torment, for I hadn't tasted an orange for years.

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