

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

LO: Comprehension

## Second World War Love Letters Discovered

**A collection of love letters dating back to the Second World War have been found in a seaside resort hotel.**

The letters were found during renovations to a hotel in Scarborough. They were discovered below the floorboards of a utility room on the first floor.

During the war, the hotel was used to house soldiers who were training or waiting to be posted.

The letters have been looked at closely by the Scarborough Archaeological and Historical Society. They believe that the letters were sent between 1941 and 1944.

Marie Woods works for the society and says, "It would be truly wonderful, if by some miracle, we were able to find out more about these wartime sweethearts and their lives after the war."

This is made especially difficult as the letters don't share the pair's names and have been nibbled at by mice. However, one of the letters is signed off with the letter 'M' and has an address for the woman at the time.

Other items from the time were also located alongside the letters. Chocolate and cigarette wrappers were found as well as a collection of handwritten poems.



Within the letters, the pair talk of how they miss one another and look forward to being reunited.

One of the letters found was scrunched up and written in pencil. Historians believe that the man may have rewritten it once he had ink. The letter reads, "Time doesn't seem to go so quickly up here and the days drag" he goes on to add "Oh darling I'm so lonely without you."

But, the question remains, who are the couple and were they ever reunited?

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