

### **I'm too old to leave my home.**

Henriette Soyer, nee de Bosmelet, had difficult adult life. After her father died in 1903, she married a man who was her social inferior. They survived the Great War but she became a widow at 39. Then, during the Second World War her childhood home was occupied by the Nazis. A swastika hung from the windows of the Château de Bosmelet. [To read more about Henriette's life in my draft graphic novel. Click here.](#)

Henriette Soyer also wrote the following vignette about the time she was put in prison by the Germans for two months in 1943. Henriette was known to the family by the pet name Mémé. The vignette was given to me by my uncle Robert Soyer be Bosmelet. It was translated and edited by many people including my mother, who was interested in reading this story about her beloved grandmother. Robert told me that Mémé made a couple of good friends from this time, who were fellow inmates. Most of the fellow inmates were women of the night, one was an abortionist.

Her vignette is 15 pages.