

# Town that won the Cup links with Bolton puts on party for evacuees from West Ham

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And once he is evacuated to base hospital in England the chances are 269 to one that a wounded man will pull round.

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He said speedy handling of wounds was the secret. Allied soldiers were under constant medical care within a few minutes of being wounded.

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The German garrison forces on the Channel Islands, discounting unconfirmed reports that they have been evacuated, have Allied troops facing them from the west coast of the Cotentin Peninsula to St Malo on the north coast of Brittany.

The enemy garrison coastal batteries cannot prevent the passage of Allied vessels to Granville or the ports of Brittany and it is unlikely that the islands could be used as first-class E-boat bases.

They have a nuisance value and could be used for small concentrations of E-boats. They lie on the direct route from the south of England to St Malo and Granville and Allied shipping using these ports would have to route their passage to outrange the islands' coastal guns.

**Not jailed for husbands' sake**

For the sake of their husbands, Kathleen Organ (21), and Joyce Bernaerts (21) were placed on probation instead of being sent to prison when convicted of shoplifting at Marlborough-street, London, yesterday. Both had previous convictions and had been to Borstal.

Organ's husband, a soldier fighting in Normandy, knew nothing of her criminal record. Bernaert's husband is a Belgian parachutist with several decorations.

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Outside the cinema Alderman Doherty was greeted by a neighbour, Mrs. E. Adams, who came to Bolton three years ago when her home in Charford-road, Canning Town, was destroyed in the blitz.

Between signing autographs for the children of his citizens, Alderman Doherty told me:—

"I am satisfied. Our children and their mothers are in good hands up here. I can go back and tell their families so. We are facing the Huns' viciousness now, but that is just the misfortune of war. A few years ago some of your Lancashire towns were themselves evacuation areas and sent their own children away to safety. They know the problems and deal with them kindly."

**COMPULSION IN CITY**

Manchester, expecting more evacuees, introduced compulsory billeting last night. More than 200 of the earlier arrivals are still without billets. Said a billeting officer:—

"We are reluctant to introduce compulsion, but our difficulty is to find accommodation for mothers and children. It will not be confined to any particular area of the city, but will apply wherever available accommodation cannot be found."

\*\*\*Miss Florence Horsbrugh, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, will today and tomorrow make a tour of north-west evacuation areas. She will talk with evacuees and billeting officials.

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Said the mayor: "We have evacuated 11,500 people from Willesden. I am satisfied that the 400 in Hoole are no less happy than the rest in Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Cheshire, South Wales, and Cornwall."

Said Mr Brown: "Your people's joys and sorrows are now ours. There have had to be some billeting adjustments, but not so many proportionately as in earlier evacuations."

Said the mayoress: "I wouldn't mind being billeted in Hoole myself. We came down here in a crowded train, but it will be worth it for a quiet night's sleep."

The brake in which Mr and Mrs Hill toured Hoole is one of two coaches lent by the Duke of Westminster for the crowning ceremony of Hoole's stay-at-home holiday carnival queen on Monday. Mrs Hill will stay to crown her. Afterwards they will visit Hoole evacuees at Birkenhead and Wallasey.

**THE MAJOR SEES FOR HIMSELF**

**Liverpool now a safe area**

*'Call back evacuees'*

**A PLEA** that children evacuated from Liverpool should be returned to their families now that the city is regarded as a safe area is made by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, Dr R. Downey, in the Cathedral Record.

He writes: "Some of the most serious mistakes in the first period were due simply to lack of foresight and co-ordination on the part of the Ministries of Health, Education, and Transport."

"Each blamed the others, and the situation was further complicated by the attitude of some local authorities, who added the officiousness of bumbledom to the afflictions suffered by the evacuees and their parents."



THAT is the Mayor of Willesden, Mr W. J. Hill, in the centre of the coach party. His wife, the mayoress, is on the left of the picture, and next to her, hatless, is Mr A. E. C. Jones-Lloyd, chairman of the council at Hoole, evacuee centre which Willesden's mayor see for himself.



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