

RURAL RELOCATION

Thousands Migrate to Escape the Bombs

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On the 1st to the 3rd September last week, thousands (including young children, teachers, mothers with babies and disabled people) were migrated to rural areas like Cornwall due to the government's Health Department keeping people safe from bombs.



Evacuees explore their new home.

Over the last few days, an unimaginable amount of city residents have been 'evacuated' to the country in order to keep away from Nazi bombings. For many this has been a traumatic experience, because of all the family being left behind in the process. Many have been advised to pack some essentials for their 'new home', as there is no way of telling how long they

will be there.

Teachers will be accompanying children in the evacuation, because the sheer number of children arriving would mean classes at school would consist of 60 or 70.

If you are considering evacuating your child, you are in the right place to learn about it. First, wait to receive the government issued form, which contains a list of equipment to pack for your child/children. After you have done this, send them to school with everything they need and their form teacher will do the rest. Make sure to let them pack a few toys, books and games so they do not get bored in their new home. They may be sad at leaving you, but remember that you are doing your bit for the war effort, and that every little helps.

Evacuation has happened due to the war. There are expected bombs to be dropped on major cities, as it would be far more resource efficient for the Germans to drop a bomb on a largely populated area full of houses than a field with a farmhouse and a cow. Therefore, thousands if not tens of thousands have been relocated to a less populated area to save them from death.

One of our reporters interviewed Eva Q. E., a 9-year-old evacuee being migrated to Cornwall. This is what she reported, "I don't like the idea of leaving Mum and Dad. I've lived with them all my life and I don't see why I have to go away.

When we heard about evacuation, I was worried I would mess up and leave something behind, so I did a double-check of everything I packed to make sure I didn't. Then, we went to the station, which was very crowded and noisy, and I unwillingly said goodbye to Mum and Dad. It made me very sad to go away and I still miss them, even though my new home has a big garden, a lovely host family and a great view. But, despite this, I got on the train like everyone else, got given a tag with my name and birthday on it, and then sat in a stuffy metal tube for 4 hours with nothing to eat and no entertainment, which was a blast. Not.

When we arrived, I got off and there was this 'billeting officer' who led us to this massive hall, and we were all lined up inside. Then people came in and chose children, which was very scary as I didn't know if I would not get picked at all, or be picked by someone really mean who would beat me and hate me. Luckily, I was picked 12th, by a nice lady called Miss Miggins who had a nice house in a field."

With any luck, children like Eva will be transported back to their actual homes in the near future, and all will be well. We can only hope that the war will be over and done with soon. In the meantime, though, how can you help the war effort?

