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Men of 1st Battalion,The Royal Norfolk Regiment entering Wanssum, Holland, November 1944.

Right: Queen Elizabeth talks with one of the Land Army girls on the Sandringham Estate, August 1942.

Below: Parents of evacuees arrive in Wymondham Market Place to visit their children billeted in the town and surrounding area shortly before Christmas 1939.



Evacuees from London arrive at King's Lynn, / September 1939.





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Members of 10th (City of Norwich) Battalion, Norfolk Home Guard on their first full Battalion parade, march past the Corps Commander, Tombland, Norwich, December 1940.



Bren carrier passing through a road block manned by members of 6th Battalion, The Royal Norfolk Regiment (TA) on Cromer Road, Sheringham, 1940.