

TOMMY AT HOME IN ICELAND

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Rekjavik, picturesque capital of Iceland, now has a British garrison. Here are the first pictures taken of this Northern Atlantic island since our troops landed last May to forestall the threatened German occupation. Into valleys once far removed from international wrangling rumble the guns and transport of a mechanised army.

(3 scenes without voice)

Warm, well-built huts were erected against the approaching winter, as Iceland didn't get its name for nothing. Even the southern coastal belt has six months with the mercury below freezing point.

At the Lutheran Chapel every Sunday the British troops hold their church parade... A good report of the garrison has been brought back from Iceland by the Army Inspector-General Lord Gort, V.C.

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Tommy's genius for getting on well anywhere certainly shows itself here, especially with the younger generation. It would have been a very different story if we'd allowed German troops to take Iceland. The boys would have been in the Hitler youth by now, not playing football.

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The British have Bren gun carriers and all the latest mechanised equipment necessary for defending a country a little larger than Ireland.

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Large coastal batteries have been set up. The 120-thousand Icelanders can rest assured that a German landing is now next door to impossible. Nor will the country ever be a U-boat base.

Iceland will probably continue her friendship with Britain after the war when the country may be a useful commercial air base. Meantime she helps us against the enemy.

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