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 STORY COVERED Spitzbergen Evacuees arrive in Scotland LENGTH EXPOSED 300 ft.
 PLACE OF EVENT Mossbank School near Glasgow SHIPPED L.M.S. pass train
 STOCK USED Super X X EMULSION NO. _____ COVERED BY BRITISH PARAMOUNT NEWS

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SCENE NUMBER	COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF SCENES	FOOTAGE IND.	CAMERA SPEED	LIGHT COND.	LENS USED
1.	Various shots and close ups of the Norwegian and Russian evacuees at their temporary home in Mossbank School near Glasgow. Group of the 1st Svalbard Scouts with a Scots soldier showing them and explaining the pictures.	300	24 16	Very bad	Various
2.	Groups of typical personalities in their picturesque dress. Laege group approaching camera and scenes at teatime .				
3.	This story has been disgracefully handled. No facilities were granted to enable us to build up the story properly. We should have been allowed to get pictures of the arrival of the ships and of the disembarkation				
4.	there was great material to be got of the people with their scanty belongings coming off the ships etc. As you will see from the shots I have obtained everything had to be stunted and is not of much account. The light conditions were very poor and the interiors will need special development the later part of the Roll 3. contains these shots.				
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INSTRUCTIONS: GIVE FULL DESCRIPTIONS OF EACH SCENE AND ALL HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL FACTS POSSIBLE. SHIP ALL FILM PARCEL POST, SPECIAL DELIVERY TO ABOVE ADDRESS. SEND THE PINK ORIGINAL OF THIS FORM WITH NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS BY SPECIAL DELIVERY MAIL. PLACE DUPLICATE IN CAN CONTAINING NEGATIVE.

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No. 6/8/41/WDE.
Cameraman: Capt. d'Encourt.
Story: Evacuation of Spitzbergen and Demolition of Mines.
Location: Spitzbergen.

After taking on board the inhabitants the transport left Kingsford about 0130 hours on 27.8.41. The evacuation and demolition work having been done within the 24 hours.

Object of Expedition: To destroy mines and bring back Norwegians to England.

A small detachment is put ashore at 0630 hours to effect demolition and evacuate the few Norwegians. This is accomplished by 1000.8.41.

Canadians and other troops embarking. Equipment loaded. A

18.8.41.

20.8.41. Barentsburg.

On transport during journey to Spitzbergen various scenes on board including firing practice, A.A. duty and general look-out, mustering for boat drill.

24.8.41.

21.8.41. Longyearbyen (Advent Fjord)

Where the Royal Canadian Engineers have been working for the past Varicos shots on board ship as Spitzbergen is approached. Men begin to wear extra heavy coats; cold increases. Reconnaissance planes being busy there is a little ceremonial Church service and a march past the Brigadier.

25.8.41. Barentsburg (Green Harbour).

The Brigadier together with the representative of the people and his immediate staff, set off from transport, in motor boat followed by his armed escort in another, to Barentsburg in Green Harbour. This is a mining settlement.

The Brigadier is the first to land and is greeted cordially and immediately taken (up a long flight of wooden steps) to the Civic centre of the community. This is a large building which contains offices as well as communal eating halls, kitchens, etc. His escort remain outside while he discusses the evacuation of populace.

Meanwhile stores and equipment is handed from M.L.C. the inhabitants helping most willingly in all this work.

The people show great interest in the soldiers. More are landed from trawlers.

This footage covers all these activities.

26.8.41.

The evacuation begins. They bring their belongings and pile them on Jetty. Often they are helped down the hill from the little town by Canadian soldiers.

The inhabitants are taken on board a destroyer which in turn brings them to the transport anchored up the fjord.

27.8.41. Barentsburg.

Shots of Walrus landing and other incidentals.

Wireless masts destroyed. This work carried out by Royal Canadian Engineers.

28.8.41. Kingsford (New Alesund)

A small party (Chiefly R.E.) landed at this Norwegian mining settlement at approximately 0630 hours. There were no formalities and personnel etc.

after having breakfast ashore at the North Pole Hotel, the work of demolition started. This and firing the coal piles lasted until midnight, when a small ceremony took place of the Norwegian flag being lowered for the last time. The Brigadier and ship's Captain standing at the salute.

After taking on board the inhabitants the transport left Kingsford about 0130 hours on 29.8.41. The evacuation and demolition work having been done within the 24 hours.

29.8.41. Svengruwa.

A small detachment is put ashore at 0630 hours to effect demolitions and evacuate the few Norwegians. This is accomplished by 1600 hours.

A few shots to cover this uneventful episode.

30.8.41. Barentsburg.

Returning to the above for one day, a few short sequences in the town and on Jetty.

31.8.41. Longyearby (Advent Pford)

Where the Royal Canadian Engineers have been working for the past few days.

Being Sunday there is a little ceremonial Church parade and a March past the Brigadier.

The M.L.C. loading stores at the Jetty. The Brigadier followed by his immediate staff, set off from transport in motor boat followed by his men's team.

1.9.41. Barentsburg Burning.

News reached the Brigadier at Longyearby that the town of Barentsburg was on fire and that our Troops (the only occupants now) would have to be hastily evacuated.

The Walrus seaplane was sent out to investigate and shots of the burning town were obtained from it.

2.9.41. Barentsburg.

Various shots of the fires burning at the above, showing the wreckage of the power station and other damage.

A working party of free French come ashore to help with the loading of stores. They also served and prepared lunch on the beach for themselves and officers.

Various other incidentals.

3.9.41. Barentsburg.

Before finally leaving the last piece of demolition they were to light the petrol stores and fire the huge coal dumps.

Shots showing how the fires are started in the coal dumps, and others of the petrol burning.

Silhouettes shots leaving Green Harbour taken near midnight.

4.9.41. On Transport.

Various incidental shots depicting the life on the homeward journey on board. They show the very mixed company, Canadian and English soldiers, Norwegian soldiers and civilians, Free French Naval and A.A. personnel etc.