

THESE TRAINS MAKE NEWS

18 people were killed at Trent Valley station, Lichfield, when the Fleetwood fish express ran at full speed into the rear of the local Stafford-Nuneaton train. It was little short of a miracle that any passengers in the local train remained alive. More than a hundred were injured. It was a bad beginning for the New Year, but next day there was more bad news: the explosion of an ammunition train at Savernake ~~Homann~~, near Marlboro'. 10 trucks of an 80-truck train blew up, scattering mines and shells hundreds of yards away. Seven soldiers were killed. They were loading the train from the Savernake American ammunition dump. Seven more are in hospital. Survivors with war experience in France and Germany describe it as the most terrifying explosion they ever saw.

40 inhabitants of the nearby scattered village of Cadley were evacuated to the army camp in the forest. They were not allowed to return ^{until} till there was ~~no~~ risk of further explosions, ~~One way and another it was a bad beginning for the New Year.~~

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