

GOOD SCENES.

GV.flooded house.
CU.men taking piece of furniture out from window.
LV.two haystacks almost submerged.
CU.men rowing boat.
SV.flooded house owner looking from window.
CU.top of haystack above flood water.
SV.roof of house only above water pan past haystack.
LV.cattle being led into hanger.
SV. bull being led into hanger.
CU.men in boat.
SBV.farmers walking towards sheep on ground.
CU.dead sheep on ground farmers among them.
CU.Farmer T.E. Gwillim.
CU.dead sheep on ground.
SV. bull in hanger.
GV.of farm lying under shadow of the Black Mountains.
LV.farmer and shepherds setting out to look for sheep.
SBV.they walk to sheep lying under hedgerow.
GV.pan field of ruined swedes.
CU.swedes lying on ground.
GV.of fields.
CU.cracked land which had been covered with water.
GV.field of ruined corn farmer inspecting.
CU.farmer examining corn.
LV.ruined corn pan to GV ploughing field up.
CU.ground being ploughed.
CU.farmer pulling grass away trying to find clover, track
towards.
SV.two men and horse among rotten swedes.
LV.men in field of rotten brussel sprouts.
GV.six ploughs working on field.
CU.plough thru ground.
GBV.of six ploughs at work.

Mr or Mrs Newman pointing to
Farm house almost submerged
in floods.

" We built that farmhouse 21
years ago and in that house
are ~~all~~ all the treasures we have
accumulated during our
married life.

We were almost ready to
retire"

Q What is the extent of your
loss.

A ~~Shame~~ I cannot estimate
the extent of my loss,
Everything has gone and
I am not very impressed
with all this talk of a nation
wide relief fund!

~~I can't believe that anyone
is going to give money for us~~

Sometimes we think that the
people in the town are not
interested.

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HE FARMS IN A HANGAR NOW

TWENTY-SIX-YEAR-OLD farmer, Eric Hard, of Earith, is a typical son of the Fens—slow moving, slow talking, but fast thinking in an emergency.

Ten days ago the prosperous farm he had built up was submerged under 10ft. of water.

He was given 48 hours to get out. The Army saved what it could in "ducks." Farmer Hard led his livestock to high ground. He found himself on Mepal aerodrome, former bomber station.

Surrounding him were the remnants of his "farmyard"—70 Friesian cows, six calves, two bulls, a couple of small hayricks, a large quantity of mangolds

Eric Beats The Fen Floods

By Philip Phillips

and fodder, farming implements, two farmyard dogs, and his four labourers and their families.

Farmer Hard, an ex-RAF corporal, seemed to be facing ruin—then he saw a long, empty hangar ahead. "My new farm," he said. And he moved in.

Yesterday I called at Hangar Farm. The shed which once throbbed to the roar of bombers echoed to the mooing of cows.

Forty cows stood the length of the hangar, tethered to the steel

gantries. There was plenty of straw for bedding. Elsewhere in the hangar bales of barley straw enclosed the other 30 cows and calves. The sheep dogs, Nell and her son Toby, played around.

The two workers, Fred Raby and Charley Doggett, were un-hurriedly milking.

Mr. Hard, a bachelor, and his workers are living in a Nissen hut 100 yards away.

The local agricultural Executive Committee officials got the hangar for Mr. Hard when he asked for it: RAF officials slashed red tape. Hangar Farm will continue for several weeks until Farmer Hard can return to Earith.

... became popular with...



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Farm