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THE ARMY AND THE FLOODS

From flooded Maidenhead our reporter sends us this dispatch. The Army Comes to the rescue of the marooned Thameside town. In the past three months the British soldier has delivered the meat, carried the coal, and driven the lorries. Now he's taken over the town of Maidenhead. With all lines of communication broken down, the Army runs the transport services. In some parts of the town, civilians risk getting wet and do the job themselves.

There was a queue waiting for the lifeboat. First for the take-off was a marooned housewife, the rescuers turned up in time. On the way back to headquarters, there was another S.O.S. from a shipwreck victim.

Thameside Mayor Mrs. Cusden says: This is the worst disaster for 300 years. Back at H.Q. the bread boat goes its watery way. Local bakers have pooled the delivery service. The newspaper-carrying duck brings the shopping as well.

To dry out at least part of the flooded houses, the jeep loads up with coal. The Borden flyer carries the milk as well.

The milk is a bit later than usual but the Army's still delivering the goods. To the British soldier - it's all part of a day's work.

This is the picture of Maidenhead enjoying the first days of Spring.