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Didn't know anything about it until it happened. My parents had been told that this could happen, but the first we were aware of it was somebody came down the avenue and said there's a load of children being brought round, and the officer bringing them round, there was a crocodile of children walking down Park Hall Avenue knocking on doors because no arrangements had been made at all. And people I suppose were to some extent taken aback. Some weren't in. And in our avenue there were only 2 evacuees taken out of about 25 houses. Plus one of the teachers, she was billeted in. And there were 2 children and Nora and Alan Garside. We had the boy and Nora, our next door but one neighbour had the girl Nora. The first time I saw our evacuee he was brought up the path because we were standing, my mother and I were standing at the gate and he was brought up the path and he'd got a large bar of Cadbury's fruit and nut chocolate in his hand and that was what really caught my attention. Of course my father was at work, he knew nothing about this so it entirely on my mother's...they might have talked about it I don't know but me mother had to make her mind up and so when my father came home that night he'd got another member of the household to contend with.