Village to be Evacuated

Consternation in the Little Village

The peace and tranquility of a little village on the borders of Salisbury Plain is shortly to be turned to turmoil because of the decision of the military authorities in giving orders for its complete evacuation. All the inhabitants, including the Vicar, farmers and residents have received orders to "quit" by Christmas. There are 19 old age pensioners and the official order has taken them completely by surprise. At the moment they are all non-plusses and cannot find words to express their feelings.

One family of farmers have a lengthy association with the village and the present occupier, belongs to the fifth generation.

The Church is to be barricaded up and all livestock is to be moved to another area. The inhabitants met in protest on Monday but it is considered doubtful whether this will have any effect.

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** Due to the wartime reporting restrictions the village of Imber could not be named in the above article.