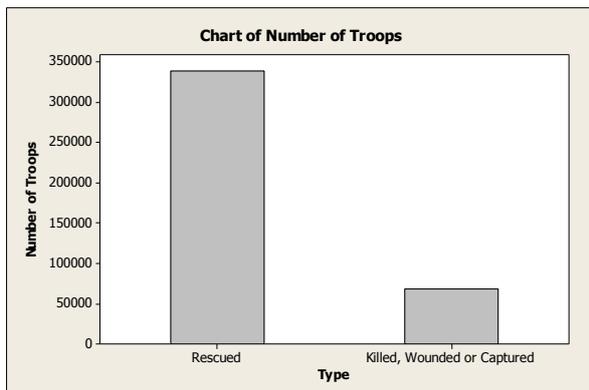


Miracle at Dunkirk

We can now report that yesterday morning, the final members of the British Expeditionary Force landed at various ports on the south coast bringing the total of those men rescued to 338,226. The evacuation from Dunkirk means that the Germans have now taken control of northern France but the brave southern contingent of the B.E.F. are still fighting near Paris.

The evacuation began on the 26th May and finished in earnest with the last troops being retrieved from the beach at Dunkirk shortly before midnight last night, 3rd June. As well as Royal Naval vessels, 861 small ships from ports up and down the coast of southern England have taken part in the rescue. Our brave French allies held back the German advance to afford us as much time as possible to retrieve our soldiers.



The evacuation from France has shown the true fighting spirit of the British as many civilians volunteered to make the perilous trip across the Channel to rescue our brave troops.

The journey was not without risk as Ju 87 Stuka dive bombers hounded the rescuers throughout the week long evacuation. Of 861 small vessels that made the brave journey, 237 were lost. In addition to this, six destroyers were also sunk.

Interviewing some of the survivors, Corporal Evan Jones of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers said, "These lads in the small boats are marvellous. We were in a really sticky situation, being strafed by the Luftwaffe while we were on the beach, but these lads came through for us. I was picked up by a small pleasure boat that came right in to the shore. I think about 17 of us were lifted on that trip. The pleasure boat dropped us off at Folkestone and then went back to get more troops. They deserve the Victoria Cross do those lads."



Wounded French soldier landing at Dover

The Prime Minister will address the nation this evening on the radio.