

How did one Englishman save 669 children from the Holocaust?

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Remembering Those Left Behind : Video transcript

Nicholas Winton remembers how the outbreak of war prevented him bringing his final group of refugees to Britain.

Robert Hall:

Thumbing through the lists of the children he saved Nicholas Winton's over-riding regret is that he couldn't do more.

Nicholas Winton:

My chief thoughts when I look into this box is not of the children who came but of the children who should have come and didn't come, couldn't come. Some because foreign countries wouldn't help and others because of just a day war broke out. I mean that was a big thing - that was our biggest transport – 250 children on that train. And just put there for the Germans to take – they didn't have to go round looking for them – awful business.

Robert Hall

A handful of those children survived; most died with their parents in the concentration camps. Eve Leadbeater's older brother should have been on that train – he was transported east from Prague with her mother and her father but no one could tell Eve until the war ended.

Eve Leadbetter

I used to get letters through the Red Cross from concentration camp and they stopped – and so I guessed I knew really. But I used to fantasize that after the war we'd all meet again. I made up little stories of how we'd recognise each other particularly my brother who I adored. It didn't happen.