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GERMAN PRISONERS AND THEIR ARMED ESCORT.

ALIENS PLACED UNDER ARREST.
Curious Experience.
Taken to Brighton and Returned!
Now at Aldershot.

We briefly announced in our last issue that the Police were arresting certain Germans in our midst, and that this was being done upon instructions that had been received. Those who were thus detained were between the ages of...
nineteen and forty-five, and the majority of them
had only been in the town for a short while, since
the order of expulsion from the Brighton district.
The Police were busy in placing them under
arrest on Wednesday, and by quite an early hour
in the afternoon they had thirteen in the cells at
Ann-street. Four more were added to the
number, and as it was too late to do anything with
them then they were kept there for the night.

Armed Guard in Charge.
On Thursday morning preparations were made
to hand them over to the Military Authorities,
and just after noon they left their temporary
quarters in Ann-street, under a guard of some
members of the National Reserve, who were
armed, and proceeded to the Railway Station.
They were handcuffed in batches. Some of them
carried parcels and handbags, and they all seemed
to be on good terms with themselves. They were
for the most part of the waiter type, and some of
them had been engaged in this occupation, whilst
others bore the stamp of indoor servants.

They were taken to Brighton, where it was ex-
pected that they would be received by the Military,
but on arrival there the authorities refused to take
them over, and there was nothing to be done but
to bring them back to Worthing!
Their reappearance here caused quite a
Renewal of the Excitement,
and for a long time in the evening a large number
of people assembled in the vicinity of the Central
Police Station, whither the aliens had been taken.
The question of accommodating them had then
to be considered, and it was found possible to
house them in the Drill Hall in Bath-place for the
night, and they were removed there in as quiet a
manner as possible. They had to provide their
own food and anything else they required.

During the night they were guarded by members
of the Civil Guard, and in the morning, shortly
after six o’clock, they were on their way to
Brighton once again, where, with some others,
they were entrained for Aldershof, where it is
understood there is a compound for German
prisoners.