

EDITH'S WARTIME SCRAPBOOK

Reducing the cast size

Minimum Cast Number: **31**

Here is our suggestion to reduce the cast size without compromising the plot.

Some of the speaking and non-speaking characters appear in only one scene. This allows for multiple parts to be played by most of your cast, thus reducing the number you need to fulfil all the main roles, as below:

Speaking Part	Also playing part/s
Evacuee 1 (Sc 2)	ARP 1(Sc 3) / Adult 1(Sc 4) / Local Lad (Sc 7)
Mother 1 (Sc 2)	Adult 2 (Sc 4) / Angry Wife (Sc 6)
Mother 2 (Sc 2)	Adult 3 (Sc 4) / Girl (Sc 7)
Evacuee 2 (Sc 2)	Adult 4 (Sc 4) / Local lad (Sc 7)
Father (Sc 2)	Adult 5 (Sc 4) / Soldier 4 (Sc 8)
Billeting Officer (Sc 2)	Adult 6 (Sc 4) / Captain (Sc 8)
ARP 2 (Sc 2)	Adult 7 (Sc 4) / Home Guard 1 (Sc 6) / Local Lad (Sc 7)
ARP 3 (Sc 2)	Home Guard 2 (Sc 6) / Local Lad (Sc 7) / Soldier 1 (Sc 8)
ARP 4 (Sc 2)	Home Guard 3 (Sc 6) / Local Lad (Sc 7) / Soldier 2 (Sc 8)
ARP 5 (Sc 2)	Tea Lady (Sc 4) / Home Guard 4 (Sc 6) / Soldier 3 (Sc 8)
Wally Davies (Sc 3 & 4)	Home Guard 5 (Sc 6) / American GI (Sc 7)
Non-Speaking Parts	Also playing part/s
5 Working Women (Sc 5)	5 Hollywood Girls (Sc 7)
5 American GIs	More evacuees & parents (Sc 2) and shelterers (Sc 4)

Increasing the cast size

To **100+**

You can have **unlimited numbers of extra non-speaking characters** in the scenes where they appear. They could also feature prominently in the performance of the song associated with their particular scene:

Non-speaking part	Appearing in scene/s
Evacuees & Families	2, 9, 10
More ARPs	3, 10
Sheltering Families	4, 10
Working Women	5, 10
More Home Guards	6, 10
More GIs & Local Lads	7, 10
'Hollywood' Girls	7, 10
Arnhem Soldiers	8, 9, 10

You could also have a dedicated choir seated to one side of the stage, to sing all songs – number unlimited.

Please get in touch if you have any further questions about staging this musical – we're always happy to help!