

Christmas 1945



By January 1945, Capt. Edward Wall was planning to marry Betty Spall, but sadly on the 13th January 1945 he was shot down on a mission to Worms, Germany. Betty had no idea if he was alive or dead. In fact Edward was a POW and at Stalag Luft 3. When the war was over Edward returned to Seething and he and Betty were married on the 20th May 1945 after obtaining a special license. Soon afterwards Edward left for the U.S and they had to wait until 21st March 1946 before they could be together again.



Joan Moore & Reo Hunt married at St. Margaret's Church in Seething on 20th March 1945. By 30th August 1945 Reo was back in the U.S and honourably discharged. Joan was still in England and pregnant. She gave birth to a daughter in November 1945. On 24th February 1946, Joan and her daughter made the trip over to the U.S. and Reo got to meet his daughter for the first time.



Franklin Copp who was a crew chief for the 715th Squadron married Joyce Wilkerson in St. Augustine's Parish church, Norwich on 10th February 1945. After the war Franklin went back to the U.S on 11th June 1945. He had to spend Christmas without Joyce as she was unable to come over until 23rd March 1946.



William Bulpitt and his wife, Isabella, didn't get to spend Christmas 1945 together. Isabella came over to England in August 1945 as her mother was dying. William returned to the U.S in October 1945 but Isabella had to wait until March 1946 to go back to the U.S with the GI brides despite being married to William since 1942.