



Aerial view of Wollaton Park covered with snow.



Typical Wollaton Park street scene.



June 5, 1944 Ready to load for jump into Normandy

Walking to the Airfield at  
Folkingham



Part of F Company at Wollaton Park



Wollaton Park Guard Duty

Captain Malcolm Brannen



Market Square - Downtown Nottingham 1944



508 Troopers with  
the Council House  
Lions

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## NOTTINGHAM TAKES TO BASEBALL

**N**OTTINGHAM COUNTY football ground had one of its largest attendances yesterday when a two-half challenge match was played between the Red Devils and The Panthers, two American Army teams.

There was no charge for admission and not even a collection, but there could be no doubt about the big crowd's intense interest in the match. It is a fact that most of those present had only a vague knowledge, if any at all, of the rules of the game. Many of them probably had quite wrong ideas about it.

But it was not in fact necessary to know much about this match to enjoy it. It was played with extraordinary vigour and there was no respite during some magnificent catches and many exciting moments when the ball was kicked and thrown in. The crowd was particularly pleased when one of the goalkeepers on the other side of the field.

**Red Devils Favoured**  
It probably appeared to Americans present at the match that the

English spectators were not at all enthusiastic, but that was because they are not used to English crowds and did not realize that the frequent and prolonged clapping over what appeared to be a half of sleep play was a most curious enthusiasm as compared with that shown at the average cricket match in England.

There was an indistinguishable commentator who, by means of loud speakers, explained the game as it went on and was extremely helpful and at times very amusing. He invited people to send him written questions, and got several rather wistful results.

The crowd, for some quite unknown reason, gave their favour to the Red Devils. The common factor on the other hand, seemed to favour the players of the Panthers, and the crowd enjoyed itself by showing it backed the Red Devils.

The result was a big win for the crowd's favourites. They won by 18 to nil (or zero, as the commentator had it).

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It is a pleasure to receive that I wish to you as Chairman of the Nottingham County Football Association, the great pleasure in seeing the match played between the Red Devils and The Panthers, two American Army teams. I am sure that you will find the match very interesting and enjoyable. I am sure that you will find the match very interesting and enjoyable. I am sure that you will find the match very interesting and enjoyable.

Nottingham County Football Association, Nottingham, England, Monday, May 24th, 1944.

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Nottingham ladies - May 1944



Ralph Busson - H Company In his tent home.



Wolaton Park residents  
1944



Loading for a training jump in England.



G. I. Barber Shop



Don Jakeway - H Company - Lean and Mean



E Company Troopers at the Cheese Factory, Chef du Pont June 1944



Wollaton Park Guard Duty.



Coffee & Donuts at Folfkingham airstrip just before Normandy



Lord Mayor presenting Nottingham lace to the 508 band



Ready for action Trooper at Wollaton Park.



Red from F Company - Wollaton Park.



Ready to load for the Jump into Normandy