

FRIENDLY INVASION

300 000
American service personnel
 |
 stationed in East Anglia



Fighter and bomber airbases were built

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| Bury St Edmunds | Newmarket |
| Felixstowe | Stradishall (near Haverhill) |
| Ipswich | Sudbury |

CHANGES IN EAST ANGLIA

Friendly Invasion

Said to be the biggest impact on East of England since the Norman invasion of 1066



landscape

airbases were quickly built on the flat rural land
 |
 powerful planes filled the skies of East Anglia



culture

rural East Anglia experienced new ways of living
 |
 the way people did things changed



people

a diverse range of American people arrived in East Anglia
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 segregation also arrived

Over 200 new airbases built
 Suffolk was the home to thousands of American servicemen and women

American also troops brought

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| prosperity | pinball |
| chewing gum | popular dancing |
| peanut butter | a boisterous attitude |

AMERICAN AIRBASES TODAY

Mildenhall and Lakenheath