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ALLIED ORANGE BLOSSOM:

Four U.S. Air Force men and their wives arrive at St. Mary's Church, at Bocking in Essex to welcome another couple to their number; and it's quite a number, for these four represent the 799 G.I.s from one airfield who have married British girls in the last five years. And here's the 800th bride - Janet Andrews from Black Notley, who's marrying Staff Sergeant Claude Holland from Miami, Florida. Wethersfield Essex is the U.S. fighter base which believes in marrying British.

Ron Hanley's another who plans to join the Anglo-American community in the married quarters at Wethersfield. Staff Sergeant David Bennett and his wife Heather, from Leigh-on-Sea, have been married 18 months. Just along the road is Airmen First Class Bill Slaughter with his wife Margaret from Westcliffe. Of course 800 couples means a lot more than 1,6000 people.

And here come the 800th pair - Mr. and Mrs. Claude Holland. Every year, about 3,000 G.I.s marry British. Explains Sergeant Holland: "British girls tend to appreciate their menfolk more".