

# Wartime West Sussex 1939 – 1945

## POWS AND REFUGEES

### British POWs visit Worthing

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#### 1945

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** (Cousin) Nevill is home again after five years as a POW.....Some of the British POWs came into the YMCA canteen tonight - they are from the camp at Sompting, which is the largest of its kind in the country. Over a thousand servicemen a day are repatriated and the time elapsing between their entry and re-joining their families is less than two days. They can then spend fifty-six days with their families before reporting back to their regiment, ship or squadron.

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