

Thursday, December 25

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1818:** The Christmas carol *Silent Night* was sung for the first time at the Church of Saint Nikolaus in Oberndorf, Austria

336: The first known celebration of Christmas took place in Rome

1223: St Francis of Assisi assembled the first known nativity scene, in Greccio, Italy

1800: Queen Charlotte, German-born wife of George III, erected Britain's first Christmas tree at Windsor

1914: British and German soldiers exchanged cigarettes and played football in an unofficial Christmas truce in the trenches of World War I