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Victory Celebrations

AND
DIARY OF THE WAR

JUNE, 1946



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PROGRAMME



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NEW ZEALAND



INDIA



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NEWFOUNDLAND



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Diary of the War

1939

September

- 1—German Armies enter Poland.
- 3—Great Britain and France declare war on Germany.
- 17—Russia invaded Eastern Poland.
- H.M.S. "Courageous" sunk.
- 27—The City of Warsaw fell to German troops.

October

- 14—Battleship "Royal Oak" sunk.

November

- 8—A bomb was thrown in the Munich Beer Cellar after Adolf Hitler had departed.
- 30—Russia invaded Finland.

1940

December

- 13—Battle of River Plate.
- 17—The German pocket battleship "Graf Spee", after an engagement with the "Ajax", "Achilles", and "Exeter", is scuttled in the estuary of the River Plate.

February

- 17—H.M.S. Destroyer "Cossack" after entering Joessing Fjord in Norway, boards the German prison ship "Altmark", rescuing many prisoners.

April

- 9—Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.
- 11—German pocket battleship "Admiral Scheer" sunk by the submarine "Spearfish".
- 15—British troops land in Norway.

May

- 10—German armies invade Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg. The Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill became Prime Minister.
- 15—Netherlands army surrendered to the Germans.
- 26—Anglo-Soviet Treaty signed in London.
- 28—King Leopold surrenders the Belgium army to the Germans.
- 29—Allied Forces capture Narvik.

June

- 3—The Evacuation of Troops from Dunkirk.
- 10—Italy declared War on Great Britain and France.
- British Troops evacuate Norway.
- 14—Germans enter Paris.
- 30—Germans occupy Channel Islands.

July

- 1—British liner "Arandora Star" sunk.

August

- 4—Italians invade British Somaliland.
- 8—Battle of Britain began.

- 15—180 German aircraft destroyed.

- 24—First Night-bombing of London.

September

- 15—Attempted Invasion of England; 185 German 'planes destroyed.

October

- 31—End of the Battle of Britain.

November

- 11—Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm attack the Italian Fleet at Taranto.
- 14—Largest Air Raid on Coventry.

December

- 10—British Forces attack at Sidi Barrani.
- 29—First intensified Fire Raid on London.

1941

January

- 21—Tobruk falls to British troops.

February

- 6—Benghazi captured by Allied Forces.

March

- 5—A Combined Operations Raid is made on the Lofoten Islands.
- 28—Naval Battle of Cape Matapan.

April

- 6—Germany invaded Greece and Yugoslavia.

May

- 2—Last troops evacuated from Greece.
- 20—Germans invade Crete.
- 24—The battleship H.M.S. "Hood" is sunk in an engagement with the "Prince Eugen" and the "Bismarck".
- 27—The "Bismarck" sunk by H.M.S. "Dorsetshire".

June

- 1—British troops evacuate Crete.
- 2—British troops enter Bagdad.
- 8—Allied Forces enter Syria.

July

- 14—Syria signs Armistice.

August

- 10—Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt meet on the "Prince of Wales".
- 14—Announcement of the Atlantic Charter.

November

- 14—Aircraft-carrier "Ark Royal" sunk.
- 25—H.M.S. "Barham" sunk.

December

- 7—Japanese aircraft attack Pearl Harbour.
- 10—H.M.S. "Repulse" and "Prince of Wales" sunk by Japanese dive-bombers.
- 11—Germany and Italy declare War on America

DIARY OF THE WAR—continued.



FIELD MARSHAL LORD MONTGOMERY

1942

January

- 1—Combined Forces Raid on the Lofoten Islands off Norway.
- 2—Bardia is taken by Allied Forces.

February

- 12—Battle of the Straits of Dover began.
- 15—Singapore surrendered.
- 27—Battle of the Java Sea.

March

- 9—Java and Rangoon lost to the Japanese.
- 28—Commandos landed at St. Nazaire and destroyed the lock gates.

April

- 10—Aircraft-carrier "Hermes" sunk.
- 16—Malta received the George Cross.

May

- 4—Beginning of the Battle of the Coral Sea.
- 5—British troops occupy Madagascar.

June

- 21—Tobruk fell to enemy troops.

August

- 9—American Forces re-take Guam.
- 12—Aircraft-carrier H.M.S. "Eagle" sunk.
- 19—Combined Operations Raid on Dieppe.

October

- 23—Battle of El Alamein.

November

- 8—American and British troops land in North Africa.
- 27—Scuttling of French warships at Toulon.

1943

January

- 23—British troops enter Tripoli.
- 31—Annihilation of German troops at Stalingrad.

March

- 23—Eighth Army attack the Mareth Line.

May

- 7—Bizerta and Tunis are captured.
- 17—Moehn and Eder Dams breached.

June

- 11—Pantellaria surrendered.

July

- 10—Allied troops invade Sicily.

August

- 17—Messina entered; all resistance ended.
- 23—Russians re-capture Kharkov.
- 28—All Japanese troops cleared from New Guinea.

September

- 3—Allied Forces cross the Straits of Messina and land in Italy.
- 8—Italy surrendered.
- 25—Russians capture Smolensk.

October

- 1—Naples is occupied.
- 7—Russian Forces crossed the Dnieper.
- 13—Italy declared war on Germany.

November

- 6—Russians re-take Kiev.

December

- 3—The Big Three meet at Teheran.
- 26—German battleship "Scharnhorst" sunk.



MARSHAL J. V. STALIN.

DIARY OF THE WAR—continued.

1944

January

24—Anzio is captured.

February

1—American Forces land on the Marshall Islands.

16—American Forces attack Truk.

May

9—Russian troops re-take Sebastopol.

June

5—Allied Forces occupy Rome.

6—Allied Forces invade France, landing on the beaches of Normandy.

13—First Flying-bomb launched against England.

27—Cherbourg taken.

August

23—Paris is liberated.

September

3—Brussels is liberated.

10—Luxembourg liberated.

11—American Forces invade Germany.

12—Harve capitulated.

17—Airborne landing at Arnhem.

19—Brest surrendered.

October

1—Calais taken by Allied Forces.

November

10—First V.2. landed in England.

12—R.A.F. sink the "Tirpitz".

December

3—"Stand Down" of the Home Guard.



THE RT. HON. WINSTON CHURCHILL



GENERAL "IKE" EISENHOWER

1945

January

17—Russians liberate Warsaw.

February

7—Big Three Meeting at Yalta.

March

20—Mandalay re-taken by Allied Forces.

23—British troops cross the Rhine.

April

12—Death of President Roosevelt.

26—Bremen surrenders to the British Second Army.

29—Venice and Milan captured.

German armies surrendered in Italy; Benito Mussolini executed.

May

Fourteenth Army enter Rangoon.

3—Hamburg captured by British troops.

4—Unconditional surrender of German troops in Holland, Denmark and North-west Germany.

7—Unconditional surrender of all German troops.

8—"VE-Day". Official end of hostilities with Germany.

July

17—Big Three at Potsdam Meeting.

21—Victory Parade in Berlin.

August

6—Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

9—Second atomic bomb, dropped on Nagasaki.

14—Japan surrendered unconditionally.

September

1—"V.J.-Day" Proclaimed.

The Royal Drive

The King, accompanied by the Queen and the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret, will drive in a State Landau. They will be escorted by a Captain's Escort of the Household Cavalry with Standard.

- 10.10 a.m.—
BUCKINGHAM PALACE
- 10.25 a.m.—
MARBLE ARCH
OXFORD STREET
- 10.35 a.m.—
CHARING CROSS ROAD
- 10.40 a.m.—
NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE
- 10.46 a.m.—
BRIDGE STREET
WHITEHALL
- 10.57 a.m.—
THE MALL (Saluting Base)

March Past and Fly Past

The Chiefs of Staff at VE-Day and VJ-Day, together with the Supreme Allied Commanders, precede the Mechanised Column, leaving the Clarence Gate, Regent's Park at 9.15 a.m., and arriving at the Saluting Base in the Mall at 10.20 a.m. The Mechanised and the Marching Columns will proceed via the routes shown, meeting at Parliament Square, and passing together up Whitehall. Between the arrival of His Majesty at the Saluting Base and the commencement of the March Past, Massed Pipers, drawn from Irish and Scottish Regiments will march and countermarch in The Mall. The head of the combined Column will pass the Saluting Base at 11.20 a.m. At the conclusion of the March Past, Squadrons of the Royal Air Force and Squadrons of the Royal Naval Air Arm, will fly over the Saluting Base.



JUNE 8th. 1946.

ORDER OF PROCESSION

The Mechanised Column

THE ROUTE

REGENT'S PARK, (Clarence Gate), PARK SQUARE WEST, MARYLEBONE ROAD 9.18; EUSTON ROAD, PENTONVILLE ROAD, CITY ROAD, 9.28; OLD STREET, HACKNEY ROAD, CAMBRIDGE HEATH ROAD, 9.45; WHITE-CHAPEL ROAD, WHITECHAPEL HIGH ST., ALDGATE HIGH ST., 10.04; MANSELL ST., ROYAL MINT STREET, SHORTER STREET, 10.11; TOWER HILL, EASTCHEAP, KING WILLIAM STREET, 10.14; LONDON BRIDGE, BOROUGH HIGH STREET, NEWINGTON CAUSEWAY, 10.19; NEWINGTON BUTTS, KENNINGTON PARK RD., HARLEY STREET, 10.31; KENNINGTON OVAL, HARLEYFORD ROAD, UPPER KENNINGTON LANE, 10.39; VAUXHALL BRIDGE, MILLBANK, ABING-DON STREET, 10.43; PARLIAMENT SQUARE, WHITEHALL, ADMIRALTY ARCH 10.52; THE MALL (Saluting Base), CONSTITUTION HILL, 11.20; HYDE PARK CORNER, HAMILTON PLACE, PARK LANE, EDGWARE ROAD, MARYLEBONE RD., 11.26; REGENT'S PARK, arrive at 11.50 a.m.

ORDER

POLICE MOBILE PATROLS
ALLIED COMMANDERS
ROYAL NAVY COMMANDERS
ARMY COMMANDERS
ROYAL AIR FORCE COMMANDERS
ROYAL NAVY — ROYAL AIR FORCE
CIVILIAN SERVICES — FIRE SERVICES
CIVIL DEFENCE SERVICES — POLICE
AGRICULTURE — TRANSPORT VEHICLES
PUBLIC UTILITIES — GENERAL SERVICES
ROYAL ARMoured CORPS
ROYAL ARTILLERY — ROYAL ENGINEERS
ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS
INFANTRY AND ARMY AIR CORPS
ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS
ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS
WAR CORRESPONDENTS
ROYAL ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS
ARMY FIRE SERVICES
FIRE TENDER LORRIES

The Marching Column

THE ROUTE

MARBLE ARCH 10.35; OXFORD STREET 10.45; CHARING CROSS ROAD 10.58; TRAFALGAR SQUARE 11.08; NORTHUMBERLAND AVE. 11.11; EMBANKMENT 11.16; PARLIAMENT SQUARE 11.25 — Halt. WHITEHALL 11.55 a.m. THE MALL (Saluting Base) 12.01; CONSTITUTION HILL 12.05; HYDE PARK CORNER will be reached at 12.13 p.m.

ORDER

ALLIED FORCES — ANGLO EGYPTIAN
SUDAN — DOMINIONS — INDIA — BURMA
THE COLONIAL EMPIRE
WEST AFRICA
Nigeria, Gold Coast, Sierra Leone, Gambia
EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA
ADEN — BERMUDA — CEYLON — CYPRUS
FALKLANDS ISLANDS — GIBRALTAR
HONG KONG — MALAYA
WEST INDIES
Bahamas—Barbados—British Guiana—British Honduras — Jamaica — Leeward Islands
Trinidad — Tobago — Windward Islands
FIJI & WESTERN PACIFIC — MAURITIUS
Police and Guerilla Forces
PALESTINE — ST. HELENA — SEYCHELLES
SOUTH AFRICAN HIGH COMMISSION
TERRITORIES — MALTA

NAVAL FORCES

ROYAL NAVY
MERCHANT NAVY
FISHING FLEETS
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICES
COASTGUARDS
PILOTS
LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

CIVILIAN SERVICES

First Contingent
POLICE
FIRE SERVICES
CIVIL DEFENCE SERVICES
NURSING SERVICES
WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICES
AGRICULTURE

ARMY

LIFE GUARDS and ROYAL HORSE GUARDS
ROYAL ARMoured CORPS
ROYAL ARTILLERY, ROYAL ENGINEERS
and ROYAL SIGNALS
ROYAL HORSE ARTILLERY
ROYAL ARTILLERY
BRIGADE OF GUARDS
Corps of Drums of the Brigade of Guards
Grenadier Guards — Coldstream Guards
Scots Guards — Irish Guards — Welsh Guards

INFANTRY

COMMANDOS
ARMY AIR CORPS
MILITARY BANDS
CORPS AND SERVICES
HOME GUARD DETACHMENT
AUXILIARY TERRITORIAL SERVICE

CIVILIAN SERVICES

Second Contingent

TRANSPORT SERVICES

CIVIL DEFENCE SERVICES
(Third Part)

INDUSTRIAL CIVIL DEFENCE SERVICES
FIRE GUARDS — RAID SPOTTERS
POST RAID SERVICES
PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES
INDUSTRIAL WORKERS
GENERAL SERVICES
NATIONAL SAVINGS WORKERS
ALLIED AIR FORCES

ROYAL AIR FORCE

BOMBER COMMAND - FIGHTER COMMAND
COASTAL COMMAND
BRITISH AIR FORCES OF OCCUPATION
(Germany)
AIR COMMAND, SOUTH-EAST ASIA
MEDITERRANEAN & MIDDLE EAST
COMMAND
TRANSPORT COMMAND
FLYING TRAINING COMMAND
TECHNICAL TRAINING COMMAND
MAINTENANCE COMMAND
ROYAL AIR FORCE REGIMENT
ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS
PRINCESS MARY'S R.A.F. NURSING SERVICE
VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT
CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT

ENTERTAINMENTS IN THE PARKS ON JUNE 8th, 1946.

AT THE COCKPIT IN HYDE PARK

3.00—3.10

Selections will be played by a Nautical Orchestra

3.10—3.30

Display of Folk Dancing by a team of London schoolchildren

4.00—4.20

Community Singing.

5.00—5.45

Children's Ballet, followed by Selections by the Nautical Orchestra.

5.45—7.30

Military Band Concert and Community Singing.

7.00

Display by Scottish Pipers and Dancers.

Between the hours of 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Punch and Judy entertainments will be given at hourly intervals.

AT THE BANDSTAND IN HYDE PARK

3.00—5.45

Salvation Army Regent Hall Band. Community Singing.

GREEN PARK

3.00—3.10

Orchestral Music and Community Singing.

3.10—3.30

Children's Ballet

4.00—4.20

Display of Folk Dancing by a team of London schoolchildren

5.00—5.20

Community Singing.

5.20—5.45

Orchestral Music by the Symphony Orchestra.

5.45—7.30

Military Band Concert and Community Singing.

7.30

Display by Scottish Pipers and Dancers.

Between the hours of 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Punch and Judy entertainments will be given at hourly intervals.

ST. JAMES' PARK

3.00—3.10

Selections by Metropolitan Police Central Band.

3.10—3.30

Community Singing.

4.00—4.20

Children's Ballet.

5.00—5.20

Display of Folk Dancing by a team of London schoolchildren

5.20—5.45

Selections by Metropolitan Police Central Band.

5.45—7.30

Military Band Concert and Community Singing.

6.00

Display by Scottish Pipers and Dancers.

Between the hours of 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Punch and Judy entertainments will be given at hourly intervals.

REGENT'S PARK OPEN AIR THEATRE

3.00

Shakespeare's "AS YOU LIKE IT" presented by the Robert Atkins Bankside Players.

GLOUCESTER GREEN

5.45—7.30

Public Dancing to Military Dance Bands.

7.30—9.30

Open Air Dancing to the music of Military Dance Bands in Hyde Park, Green Park, St. James' Park, and Regent's Park.

10.00—11.45

A Firework and Searchlight Display on the River Thames, between Vauxhall and Hungerford Bridges.

10.00

His Majesty the King will travel by water from Chelsea passing under Westminster and Waterloo bridges, then sweep back to the landing stage at the Houses of Parliament. A Salute will be given by Searchlights and Aerial Maroons of Anti-Aircraft Command, and by the playing of the National Anthem relayed by 500 loudspeakers, followed by national music.

10.20

The River Thames will be floodlit between the Westminster and Lambeth Bridges; A coloured water display by 800 jets from firefloats and a number of specially equipped barges, manned by personnel from the National Fire Service on both sides of Lambeth and Westminster Bridges.

10.30

A discharge of 200 rockets will announce the commencement of a Firework Display by Messrs C. T. Brock and Co.

10.45

A Searchlight and Aquatic Firework Display, accompanied by Illuminated Firefoam from firefloats.

10.55

Arrival of R.A.F. aircraft caught in the beams of Searchlights.

11.00

Interlude for Fireworks, including set-pieces from a number of barges moored opposite the Houses of Parliament.

11.15

Arrival of further Aircraft. Aquatic Display with Firework jets from the temporary bridges on either side of Westminster and Lambeth Bridges.

11.30

Cascades of Fire from the temporary bridges and a Devil's Tattoo, accompanied by a coloured Water Display. A brief concert of popular music relayed by loudspeakers.

11.45

The firing of 50 magnesium shells will announce the end of the Display, and Military Bands will play the National Anthem.

DECORATIONS AND ILLUMINATIONS

The Processional Route from Parliament Square to Buckingham Palace has been decorated by the Ministry of Works. Commencing with a special feature in Parliament Square, all the public buildings in Whitehall are decorated with large flags representative of Civilian and Fighting Services. Nelson's Column, Trafalgar Square, Admiralty Arch and the National Gallery have been decorated. The Mall is decorated with 103 masts bearing the flags of the Services, Dominions, Colonies and the Fighting Allies each mast bears the name of the country or the Service represented. The Saluting Base is situated opposite Marlborough Gate. From 10.00 p.m. until midnight, and on the following nights up to and including Saturday, 15th June, the following buildings, amongst others, will be floodlit:

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
ST. JAMES' PALACE
HAMPTON COURT PALACE
WINDSOR CASTLE
HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT
WESTMINSTER ABBEY
ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
LAMBETH PALACE
TOWER OF LONDON
MANSION HOUSE
ROYAL EXCHANGE
THE WAR OFFICE
HORSE GUARDS
SOMERSET HOUSE
NATIONAL GALLERY
ADMIRALTY ARCH
NELSON'S COLUMN
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE
Greenwich
ROYAL MINT
BETHNAL GREEN MUSEUM
COUNTY HALL, WESTMINSTER

RIVER TRIPS

Sightseeing Trips along the river will be run daily until midnight from 9th to 15th June.



The Admiralty are illuminating some of His Majesty's Ships, which will be berthed as follows at:
GREENWICH

H.M.S. Diadem and H.M.S. Bellona
Cruisers.

WOOLWICH

H.M.S. Myngs, H.M.S. Zambesi,
H.M.S. Zest and H.M.S. Zealous
Destroyers

DEPTFORD

H.M.S. Stork, *Sloop* H.M.S. Bamborough Castle
Corvette

LONDON DOCKS

Shadwell New Basin:
H.M.S. Token and H.M.S. Thermopylae
Submarines

UPPER POOL

Four Minesweepers.

The Public will be able to visit these ships on Whit-Sunday, 9th June, and Whit-Monday, 10th June, between 12.30 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.

During the same period, Motor Torpedo Boats will be moored on the River Thames at Chelsea, Vauxhall and Charing Cross, and near H.M.S. President.

THE ROYAL BARGE

H.M. The King will travel by water from Chelsea, under Westminster and Waterloo Bridges, then sweep back to the landing stage at the Houses of Parliament. A Salute will be given by Searchlights and Aerial Maroons of Anti-Aircraft Command, and by the playing of the National Anthem relayed by 500 loud-speakers, followed by national music.



In Memory of the Fallen



Lest We Forget

They Died that We might Live



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