

BIG EVENTS IN COURSE OF WAR

Chronology From Beginning, Sept. 1, 1939, To V-E Day

By the Associated Press
The European war ended today after 2,076 days. Principal dates in the conflict included:
Sept. 1, 1939—Germans invade Poland.
Sept. 3—Britain and France declare war.
April 9, 1940—Germans invade Norway, Denmark.
May 10—Hitler invades low countries.
May 13—British rescued from Dunkerque.
June 10—Italy declares war on France.
June 22—Pactin government signs armistice with Germany.
August 8—Luftwaffe begins air "blitz" on England.
June 22, 1941—Germans invade Russia.
Dec. 7—Japanese attack Pearl Harbor.
Dec. 11—Germany, Italy, declare war on United States.
Nov. 2, 1942—British shatter German line at El Alamein in Egypt.
Nov. 8—Allied armies under Eisenhower landed in North Africa.
Feb. 2, 1943—Russians win at E. Leningrad, in war turning-point.
July 10—Allies invade Sicily.
Sept. 3—Italy surrenders unconditionally. Invasion begins.
June 6, 1944—Allies land in Normandy.
Aug. 15—Allied armies invade Southern France.
Aug. 25—Paris liberated.
Sept. 12—U. S. First army crosses German border.
Dec. 16—Germans launch great counter-offensive.
March 7, 1945—Rhine crossed at Remagen.
March 24—British-American forces drive over Rhine.
April 25—U. S.-Soviet troops link at Torgau.
May 1—Nazis announced Hitler's death.
May 2—Berlin falls.
May 7—Germany capitulates unconditionally, after surrendering in Northern Italy, parts of Austria, Denmark, Holland, and Northwest Germany.



ONE MISSING, TWO WOUNDED

S. Sgt. Donald H. McGinnis Missing; Reder And Bell Wounded

In casualty reports received today one Cleveland county boy is reported missing in action, and two are listed as wounded. Staff Sgt. Donald H. McGinnis of Kings Mountain is missing and the wounded are Sgt. Harold A. Reder of Shelby, and Pvt. Horace L. Bell of Kings Mountain.

Staff Sgt. Donald H. McGinnis, son of William H. McGinnis of 301 Parker street, of the Army Air force is reported missing in action over Czechoslovakia since April 19, according to a telegram received from the War department by his father.

Sgt. Harold A. Reder, husband of the former Miss Margaret Blanton, who is making her home at 609 Hillcrest while he is in service, has been reported slightly wounded in the right arm while fighting in Italy with the infantry of the Fifth army, according to a telegram received from the American Red Cross that was dictated by him.

Pvt. Horace L. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Bell of the Oak Grove community, has been reported slightly wounded while fighting in Germany on April 14. Pvt. Bell was wounded once before in Belgium on December 25.

Pvt. Bell entered the army in April, 1944, and sailed for overseas in September, 1944. His wife, the former Miss Rocy Lee Patterson, and their two children, Nancy and Carolyn, are making their home on route 3, Kings Mountain, while he is in service.

It's All Over But Not Official

LONDON, May 7.—(AP)—E. P. Stackpole, Press association correspondent in the Parliament lobbies, wrote today that "although the war is over, I understand there will be no official announcement of this until tomorrow afternoon."

The Exchange Telegraph company's political correspondent wrote: "The war in Europe is over. The official announcement of that fact has been delayed and will not be made, it is understood, until tomorrow afternoon."

MANY SHELBIANS

citizens rejoiced with the world today at the close of the European war. The joyful news spread over the city like wildfire soon after the radio began telling the story this morning.

It was a prayerful group which met at the Cleveland county courthouse this morning at 11 o'clock to join with all the ministers of the city, white and negro, in prayers of thanksgiving for victory.

NOTED CAPTIVES ARE LIBERATED

Daladier, Reynaud, Gen. Bor, John G. Winant, Jr., Others Are Freed

PARIS, May 7.—(AP)—Two former French premiers, Edouard Daladier and Paul Reynaud, were en route to Paris today with a group of other notable after liberation from a Nazi prison by U. S. Seventh Army forces sweeping through Austria.

Reynaud was quoted in a dispatch from Litter as saying he intended to write a book to prove more could have been done to stave off the fall of France.

Among other prominent figures freed were Lt. Gen. Tadeusz Komorowski, the famed "General Bor" who led the bloody Polish underground uprising in Warsaw; Gen. Maurice G. Gamelin and Gen. Maxime Weygand and Lt. John G. Winant, Jr., son of the U. S. Ambassador to Britain.

Advices from Rome said Kurt Schuschnigg, former Austrian chancellor; former French Premier Leon Blum and German pastor Martin Niemoller had been in Allied hands for at least two days.

Members of the French group returning to Paris included Leon Jouhaux, head of French trade unions; Franchois de la Rocque, head of the extreme right anti-German nationalists, and Michael Clemenceau, son of the World War I statesman and a nephew of Gen. Charles De Gaulle.

Existence of the Litter prison camp was revealed by the famous basque tennis ace Jean Borotra, who escaped and made his way to American lines.

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Lusitania Sunk 30 Years Ago Today



WHERE GERMAN FORCES SURRENDERED—This map shows extent of German forces in Europe at the end of last week (May 5). Three areas where large German army groups surrendered are located. Black areas of map locate pockets of German resistance which existed prior to the announcement of the surrender of the German army group below Litz in Austria. German forces in Norway are also reported to have surrendered since the above map was made.—(AP Wirephoto).

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Churchill Truman Ready To Announce, Stalin Delays

NEW YORK, May 7.—(AP)—CBS Correspondent Edward R. Murrow reported from London that both President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill were prepared to broadcast the official news of the German surrender at noon Eastern War Time, but that they were delayed because Premier Stalin, who was to speak at the same time was not ready.

White House Marks Time On Report

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(AP)—The White House marked time today on a momentarily expected victory in Europe proclamation — but arrangements were complete for President Truman to go on the air when it is issued.

Rehabilitation Week Is Proclaimed

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(AP)—President Truman today proclaimed the week of June 2 as National Rehabilitation Week for the aid of civilian handicapped.

ZOAR MEMORIAL ON MAY 13

The annual memorial services of the Zoar Baptist church will be held on Sunday, May 13, at Cassar, North Carolina.

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thing; the idea of our unity, the idea of front comradeship, the idea of assistance to each other.

Following is the text of the von Krosgik's broadcast as recorded by the British Ministry of Information:

HEROIC FIGHT

LONG STRETCH

Fort Jackson Soldier Killed In Clash With MP's

Von Bock Apparently Strafing Victim

Churchill To Speak At 9 A. M. Tuesday

Barnum And Bailey Aerialist Killed

Sgt. Charles Wells Returns To States

Today's Markets

Table with market prices for commodities like wheat, corn, rye, and stocks.

SCARCE SUGAR INVESTIGATED

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(AP)—The house food investigating committee summoned ace government sugar experts into secret session today as it strove to ward off a threatening mid-summer shortage.

OFFICERS NAMED FOR COUNTY

NORFOLK, VA., May 7.—(AP)—A Marine corps pilot killed Sunday when his navy land plane crashed 13 miles southwest of Atlantic Beach, N. C., has been identified as 2nd Lt. Thomas Gordon Fletcher, USMCR, Fifth Naval headquarters reported today.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

N. C. EGGS, POULTRY

BUTTER AND EGGS

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CHILD KILLED BY DAD'S CAR

Douglas Dockery Is Run Down As Father Backs Car From House

Douglas Dockery, age three years, was buried Sunday in Gastonia, having died here in the local hospital from injuries received when his father, Wayne Dockery, backed his car from his home on the Cleveland Springs road, opposite Gilliat's Florist, around 4:00 o'clock Friday afternoon.

ARMY

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Old Fort Boy Gets Bronze Star

THE RECORD SHOP

NEWEST SELECTIONS JUST RECEIVED.