This is it — Victory in Europe Day!

Freedom-loving peoples all over the world are celebrating this great victory, the unconditional surrender of Germany, the official announcement of which was made simultaneously this morning by President Harry S. Truman in Washington, Prime Minister Winston Churchill in London, and Premier Josef Stalin in Moscow.
VET NEWSHAWK KENNEDY
SCOOPED WORLD ON NAZIS' 
UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER

Edward Kennedy, chief of the
Associated Press staff on the Western
Front and a veteran reporter who had
covered the war from its beginning
more than five years and eight months
ago, flashed the first news from the
Allied side of the German capitula-
tion, "Germany unconditionally surren-
dered to the Western Allies and Russin at
2:41 p.m. French time today," said
Kennedy's dispatch from Rheims, giving
a detailed account of the surrender
which took place there. Nearly an hour
before at 8:38 a.m., a broadcast on the
wavelength of Frenseburg Radio, used for
several days for German announcements,
declared Grand Admiral Doenitz had ordered
the unconditional surrender of all fight-
ing German forces.

For hours officials in Washington,
London and Moscow were silent concern-
ing the news Kennedy had sent. Then the
British Ministry of Information released
the announcement that Churchill would
make a formal proclamation of victory
in Europe.

The British Press Association said
the surprising delay in announcing V-E
Day, in spite of this complete capitula-
tion by the Germans, was due to the im-
portance attached to synchronizing the

Telephome calls went all through the
day between Moscow, Washington and London,
the Press Association reported. At 11:15
a.m., Eastern War Time, this announcement
was made on a special voicecast channel
from Paris to American news agencies and
radio networks in New York: "Supreme
Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces had made nowhere
any official statement for publication
up to that hour concerning the com-
plete surrender of all German armed for-
ces in Europe and that no story to
that effect is authorized. However, Su-
preme Headquarters did not deny the
truth of Kennedy's story.

Adolf Hitler Mystery......

Russian investigations combed Ber-
lin again yesterday for evidence of
Adolf Hitler and, although a group of
German generals insisted anew that he
was dead by his own hand, there was
nothing to indicate the Soviets were
any closer to a final solution of his
reported death.

Washington: President Truman was
confering with aides in the Executive
offices Monday as news flashed to the
world from Rheims of the unconditional
surrender of Germany.

Newsmen surged into the White House.
Mr. Truman arrived at his office at 7:27,
A.M., eastern War Time, accompanied by
his military and naval aides, and went
directly to his office.

White House aides said they had
nothing official to announce at once
on cessation of hostilities in Europe.
Broadcasting equipment was readied for
use in the White House diplomatic
room, usual site of Presidential radio
addresses.

Shortly before noon, boxes of
sandwiches were carried into the office
of Jonathan Daniels, Presidential Press
Secretary, indicating no one planned
to go out for lunch. Later on, Jonathan
Daniels released a President's statement,
"Until a simultaneous statement can be
made there is nothing I can or will
say to you." The President's statement
was addressed to the press and radio.

This was the text of the President's
statement: "I have agreed with the
London and Moscow Governments that I
will make no announcement with reference
to surrender of the enemy forces in
Europe or elsewhere until a simultaneous
statement can be made by the three
governments. Until then there is nothing
I can or will say to you."

But the hour for the announcement
came, and President Truman, in a radio
address to Americans all over the world,
this morning dramatically announced,"General Eisenhower has informed me
that Germany has unconditionally
surrendered."

"If I could give you a watchword
at this hour it would be, 'work, work,
work,'" the President told the American
people, "I call on every American to
stick to his post until the job is
finished. Victory won in the West now
must be won in the East."

Simultaneously with President
Truman's announcement from the White
House in Washington, Prime Minister
Churchill and Premier Stalin addressed
their peoples from London and Moscow,
respectively.

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EDITORIAL

SO FAR SO GOOD

So far we have been successful on all three fronts - the Fighting Front, the Production Front, and the Economic Front. Yet these battles are not won. In the Pacific, where we can now concentrate, the seas, air lanes, and highways to Tokyo are rough and obstacle dotted.

On the Production Front, the Navy will need more supplies, more equipment, more ships, more repairs than ever before. There must be no letdown! On the Economic Front, we must continue our relentless fight against high prices and cheap money - the fight against inflation.

That means WAR BONDS!

As each day goes by, we are one day closer to the war's end and Victory. As each day goes by, we have one day less to prepare ourselves for the problems and the opportunities of Peace.

For many Navy uniformed personnel, final victory will mean being mustered out of service, buying an outfit of civies, going back home to the old job - or finding a new one.

Cancel that Bond pledge? On the contrary! Stay with it - increase it if you can! For the nearer we draw to Victory - the nearer we draw to readjustment and opportunity.

"They want to know if THEY can celebrate X-Day by shaving their mustaches and buying some Navy War Bonds!"

KING GEORGE VI CONGRATULATES EISENHOWER...

King George VI of Britain sent a message to General Eisenhower, congratulating him and his armies on "the complete and crushing victory" in Europe. This is part of the message: "Eleven months ago you led the Allied Expeditionary Forces across the English Channel, carrying with you the hopes and prayers of millions of men and women of many nations. To you it was entrusted the task of annihilating the German armies in Western Europe and of thus liberating the peoples whom they had enslaved. "All the world now knows that after fierce and continuous warfare this force has accomplished its mission with a finality achieved by no other such expedition in history. "Tell the members of this force how deeply grateful we are to them."
GERMAN SURRENDER AT LITTLE RED FRENCH SCHOOLHOUSE BROUGHT LONG-AWAITED END OF HOSTILITIES AFTER FIVE BITTER WAR YEARS

Rhiemes, France. Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Western Allies and Russia at 2:41 French time on Monday. This was at 7:41 PM, Eastern War Time on Sunday. The surrender took place at a little red schoolhouse, which is the headquarters of General Dwight Eisenhower.

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NO HARBOR NEWS TOMORROW....

The HARBOR NEWS will not be published tomorrow.

Typewriters and mimeograph machines are too overheated, our paper supply is low, and our coffee ration is exhausted. We're sort of forgotten what our "sacks" look like.

There's only one thing we can think of at the moment... sleep... sleep... sleep...

The surrender, which brought the war in Europe to a formal end after five years, eight months and six days of bloodshed and destruction, was signed for Germany by Colonel General Gustav Jodl, Jodl is the new Chief of Staff of the German Army. It was signed for the Supreme Allied Command by Lieut. General Walter Bedell Smith, Chief of Staff for General Eisenhower. It was also signed by General Ivan Susloparoff for Russia and by General Francois Savez for France.

General Eisenhower was not present at the signing, but immediately afterward Jodl and his fellow delegate, General Admiral Hans George Friedeburg, were received by the Supreme Commander. They were asked sternly if they understood the surrender terms imposed upon Germany and if they would be carried out by Germany. They answered yes.

Germany, which began the war with a ruthless attack upon Poland followed by successive aggressions and brutality in internment camps, surrendered with an appeal to the victors for mercy toward the German people and armed forces. After signing the full surrender, Jodl said he wanted to speak and was given leave to do so.

"With this signature," he said in short spoken German, "The German people and armed forces are, for better or worse, delivered into the victors' hands. In this war, which has lasted more than five years, both have achieved and suffered more than perhaps any other people in the world."

LONDON: German Foreign Minister Count Ludwig Schwerin Von Krosick announced Germany's unconditional surrender to his countrymen and summoned them to a new life guided by respect for internal and international law so that "We may hope the atmosphere of hatred which today surrounds Germany all over the world will give place to a spirit of reconciliation among nations without which the world cannot recover."

The Foreign Minister's announcement broadcast over the Flensburg Radio, followed by a three minute silence, said that "the High Command of the armed forces today at the order of Grand Admiral Doenitz declared the unconditional surrender of all fighting German troops." A few hours earlier the Flensburg Radio had broadcast an Order of the Day from Admiral Doenitz, Adolf Hitler's successor, notifying all U-boats to "cease activity." Von Krosick, in announcing the surrender of Germany, declared that "after a heroic fight of almost six years of incomparable hardness, Germany has succumbed to the overwhelming power of her enemies."