

May 7, 1945

Weather
 Tuesday: Thundershowers, cooler.
 Low tonight, 48: High tomorrow, 56
 Wednesday: Fair & cool

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60 YEARS LATER A TRIBUTE IN SONG

A Musical Tribute to the men & women who served in WW II for the 60th anniversary of VE day

Smith, Eisenhower's Staff Chief and Jodl. Germany sign surrender at G.H.O. in Reims Schoolhouse

Reims, France, May 7 - Germany surrendered unconditionally to the western Allies and Russia at 2:41 am French time today. (This was 8:41 pm Toronto time Sunday).

The surrender took place at a school house which is the headquarters of Gen. Eisenhower.

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 Gen. Gustav Jodl.

Jodl is the new chief of staff of the German army.

It was signed for the Allied supreme command by Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, chief of staff for Gen. Eisenhower.

It was also signed by General Ivan Susloparof for Russia and by Gen. Francois Severez for France.

Gen. Eisenhower was not present at the signing, but immediately afterward Jodl and his fellow delegate, Gen. Adm. Hans Georg Friedeburg, were received by the supreme commander.

They were asked 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 quietly in 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."

Since this is (The Year of the Veteran) there will be a tribute in song on NOV. 12TH, 7:30 pm in the CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH on Trafalgar Road.

This is a tribute in song to the men and women who served in WWII for the 60th anniversary of V.E. day. The same program was performed April of this year and it was such a success that the community asked us to do it again.

The performance will be a fundraiser for the Canadian Red Cross Hurricane Relief Fund.

SPECIAL WELCOME

100 Complimentary Tickets for war veterans and spouses are available at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120 in Georgetown.

40,000,000 Casualties as Europe War Ended

London, May 7 - The greatest war in history ended today with the unconditional surrender of Germany. The announcement made in Reims had been preceded by an announcement from Flensburg that Grand Admiral Doenitz had ordered the unconditional surrender of all fighting German troops.

The end of European warfare, greatest bloodiest and costliest war in human history - it has claimed at least 40,000,000 casualties on both sides in killed wounded and captured - came after five years, eight months and six days of strife that overspread the globe.

Arrogant German armies invaded Poland Sept. 1, 1939, beginning the agony that convulsed the world for 2,076 days.

At 9:36 am E.D.T. came an Associated Press flash from Reims, France, telling of the signing at Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters of the unconditional surrender at 2:41 am French time (8:41 am, E.D.T.). Germany has given up to the western Allies and to Russia.

The announcement was made by Count Lutz Schwerin von Krosigk, who succeeded Joachim von Ribbentrop as German foreign minister last week.



CHURCHILL TO MAKE IT OFFICIAL TUESDAY

London, May 7 - The authoritative British Press Association said at 0:35 pm tonight (12:35 pm E.W.T.) that no official announcement of the war is expected to be made until tomorrow afternoon.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill may make the first announcement in the House of Commons tomorrow, Press association said. The predominant impression in London was Churchill will make a surrender announcement to the House at 3 pm London time (9 am E.W.T.) tomorrow.

6,000 VETS MONTHLY WILL RETURN TO CITY

Toronto, May 7 - Troops will be returning to Toronto at the rate of 6,000 a month commencing shortly. Ald. George A. Wilson, chairman of the parks committee, told board of control today. "We must be prepared to take care of them" he declared "I am not satisfied that we are fulfilling our responsibility".

GENERAL REJOICING at the Allied victory in Europe was marred only by the thought that Franklin Delano Roosevelt and millions of others did not live to see the end they did so much to achieve. Roosevelt's torch was taken up by President Harry S. Truman. Russia had 4,500,000 killed or missing in the fight for world freedom. The British Commonwealth lost 307,000 among were 32,000 sons of Canada. The number of U.S. dead was 166,000. In addition 155,000 British civilians lost their lives as a result of German bombs, rebombs and rockets and an estimated 15,000,000 Russian civilians died in the desecration of their country by the Nazis.

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