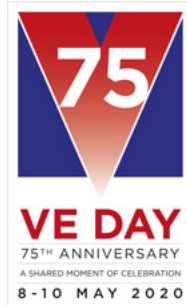


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## THE WORLD ACCLAIMS VICTORY



The huge crowd in Nottingham's Old Market-square listening to the Prime Minister's speech yesterday afternoon.

### PAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING, KING TELLS EMPIRE

**"WE TURN, FORTIFIED BY SUCCESS,  
TO DEAL WITH LAST FOE"**

THE KING, in his V-Day broadcast, thanked the peoples of the Empire who, armed or unarmed, men or women, have fought and striven and endured to the utmost "to overthrow the Nazi tyranny. After a pause for thanksgiving," he said, we must turn, fortified by success, to deal with our last remaining foe, Japan. We must face the future, with

### Warm & Thundery Again To-day

The weather forecast is back again. Here is the Air Ministry forecast for to-day: A large depression between Ireland and the Azores is almost stationary, and small disturbances are moving northward over the British Isles. Weather will continue warm and thundery, with bright intervals in most districts. Midlands: Wind slight or moderate, occasional thunderstorms or thundery rain, bright intervals, warm or very warm. Further outlook: Little change.

### CITY CROWD'S LAUGHTER AND TEARS

IN Old Market-square, Nottingham, at 9 o'clock last night, tears followed laughter when nearly 10,000 people stood in silence listening to the King. Both men and women were seen to wipe their eyes, surreptitiously as the solemnity of the occasion became apparent. Just before the speech the crowd, laughing and dancing to the strains of popular music played by the N.F.S. Band, were suddenly silenced as the strains of the National Anthem came through the loudspeakers. The shouting crowd stopped still and straightened up to attention, their faces all lit up.

### THIRD REICH HAS ENDED.

**GERMANY IS UNDER  
ALLIED CONTROL.**

At midnight last night, with the formal "Cease Fire" on all fronts, the German Third Reich ended its legal existence and its Government ceased to function. Germany, says Reuter, is now a subjugated and occupied country without further independent existence, and her Government, her military leaders, and her armed forces are hereby in the



30 Sep 1938  
Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain returns to Britain after signing the Munich Agreement with Germany, promising "peace for our time".

Image courtesy of the Imperial War Museum

1 Jun 1939 Women's  
Land Army Reformed

1 Sep 1939 Germany  
invades Poland



1 Sep 1939 Operation  
Pied Piper. First wave of  
British children  
evacuated to  
Nottinghamshire.

2 Sep 1939 National  
Service (Armed Forces)  
Act 1939 – enforces  
conscription on certain  
categories of UK  
resident males



3 Sep 1939 Britain, the British Empire and France declare war on Germany, followed by Australia, New Zealand and India

4 Sep 1939 Dominion of Newfoundland declares war on Germany

1<sup>st</sup> British offensive by the RAF

5 Sep 1939 USA declares neutrality

6 Sep 1939 South Africa declares war on Germany

17 Sep 1939 Japan attacks China



1939 Rufford Abbey is requisitioned by the War Office. It houses first the 6<sup>th</sup> Cavalry of the Leicestershire Yeomanry, then the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Coldstream Guards. It was later used to house Italian prisoners of war.

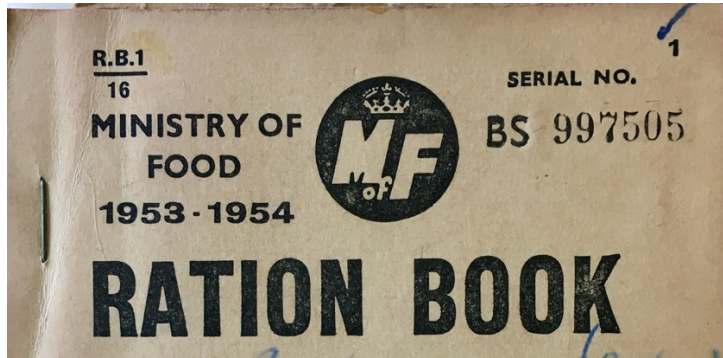
National Registration Act 1939 introduces identity cards in Britain and allows the government to control labour.

October 1939

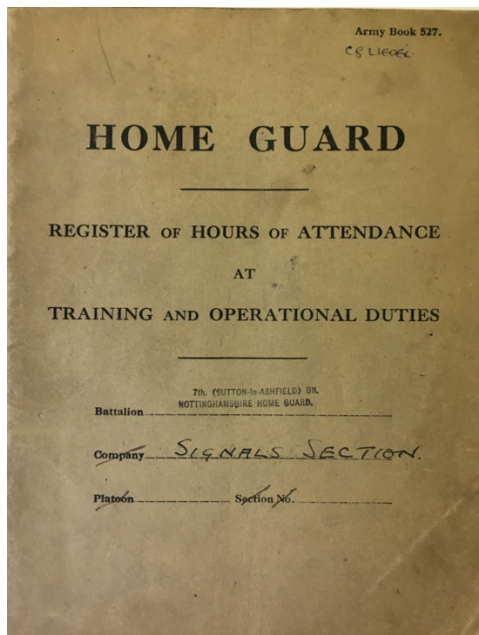
Nottingham Goose Fair cancelled due to wartime blackout regulations. It will not reopen fully until 1945.

Dec 1939 Canadian and French troops arrive in Europe

Jan 1940 Food rationing  
begins in Britain



10 May 1939 Germany invades Belgium, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands Chamberlain resigns and Winston Churchill becomes PM and forms a wartime coalition government.



14 May 1940 Local Defence Volunteers founded (it is renamed the **Home Guard** in July)

This register of attendance is for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sutton-in-Ashfield Battalion, Nottinghamshire Home Guard

26 May – 4 Jun 1940 338,000 British Expeditionary Force troops evacuated from **Dunkirk** in Operation Dyanmo

4 Jun 1940 Prime Minister Winston Churchill delivers his famous “**we shall never surrender**” speech in Parliament.



June 1940 to 1945  
Reminiscences of Lydia  
Knight who was  
evacuated to Thurgarton  
from Southend-on-Sea.  
Initially lived at Hill top  
Farm. Photo was taken  
opposite the school

25 Jun 1940 France surrenders to Germany

30 Jun 1940 Germany invades the Channel Islands



10 Jul – 31 Oct 1940 the  
Battle of Britain is fought  
in the skies above Britain

504 (County of  
Nottingham) Squadron  
pilots scramble during  
the Battle of Britain

21 August 1940  
Churchill thanks the RAF  
for their service in his  
speech in which he says:

*“Never in the field of  
human conflict was so  
much owed by so many  
to so few”.*





Battle of Britain over the  
skies. In this photo  
Flying Ace Flight  
Lieutenant MEA Royce  
is with the Squadron  
Wartime mascot Susie  
the Bulldog

Aug 1940 – May 1941 – The Blitz bombing campaign  
sees air raids across the UK

Nottingham is bombed on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1941







22 Jun 1941 Hitler embarks upon Operation Barbarossa, the campaign in Russia.

28 Oct 1941 Italy invades Greece

6-9 Dec 1941 British and Indian troops of the Western Desert Force launch Operation Compass against the Italian forces in Egypt

7 Dec 1941 Japan attacks the US Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbour



21 Jan 1942 British and Australian troops capture Tobruk, Libya from the Italians. This is followed by a lengthy siege.

Photo is of Eric Chadwick and comrades from the 227<sup>th</sup> City of Nottingham HRAA Battery Royal Artillery



January 1942 Warship Week. West Bridgford adopts the HMS Fury.

Image courtesy of the Imperial War Museum



15 Feb 1942 the fall of  
Singapore.

Colonel Lily of the 1/5<sup>th</sup>  
Battalion the Sherwood  
Foresters was taken  
prisoner of war.



*Singapore, 1942*

April 1942 Foundation of  
the Women's Timber  
Corps

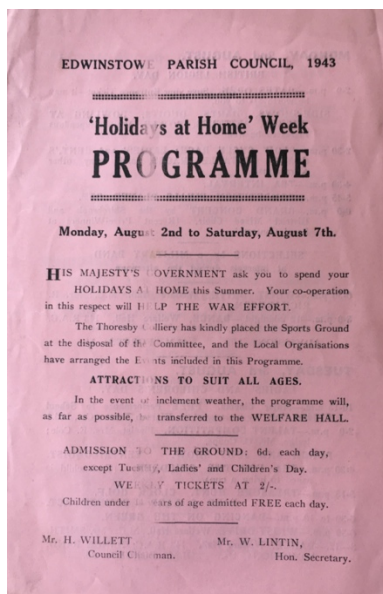
16-17 May 1943  
Operation Chastise in  
which the Dam Busters  
used their famous  
"bouncing-bomb".

Jul 1943 Goose Fair  
runs a limited daytime  
fair



Queen's Royal Lancers  
in North Africa from Nov  
1942 until Spring 1943

Invitation to the Opening  
Ceremony of Southwell's  
Wings for Victory week  
18 Jun 1943



Edwinstowe Parish  
Council 1943 runs  
'Holidays at Home' week

8 Mar – 3 Jul 1944 Battle of Imphal, India



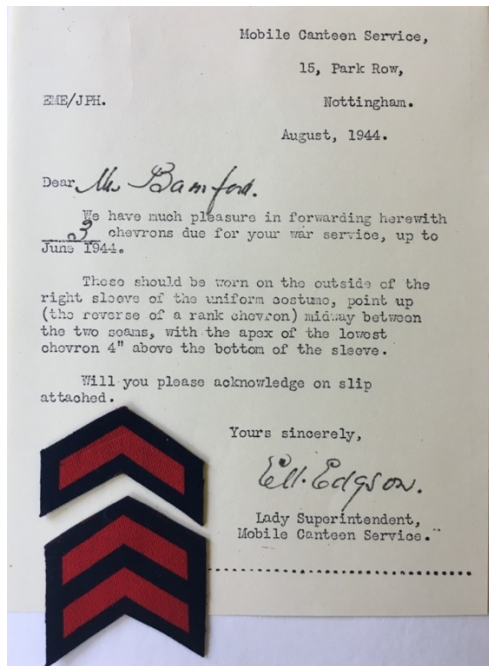
May 1944 the 16th and  
5th Lancers in a  
Sherman tank at Monte  
Cassino, Italy.



6 Jun 1944 Operation  
Overlord aka D-Day

25<sup>th</sup> Jun 1944  
Edwinstowe Parish  
Council organises  
“Salute the Soldier  
Week”





Letter enclosing  
chevrons for the war  
service of Mrs Bamford  
in the Mobil Canteen  
Service, Nottingham

August 1944

Aug 1944 Goose fair runs a second daytime fair

17-26 Sep 1944 Battle of Arnhem in the Netherlands was  
part of Operation Market Garden



The Newark Home  
Guard stands down. 17  
Platoon, D Company,  
11<sup>th</sup> Newark Battalion  
Notts Home Guard, 20  
October 1944

16 Dec 1944 – 25 Jan 1945 Battle of the Bulge was the  
largest battle fought by American troops in WWII.

13-14 Feb 1945 Dresden raids by RAF and the US AF

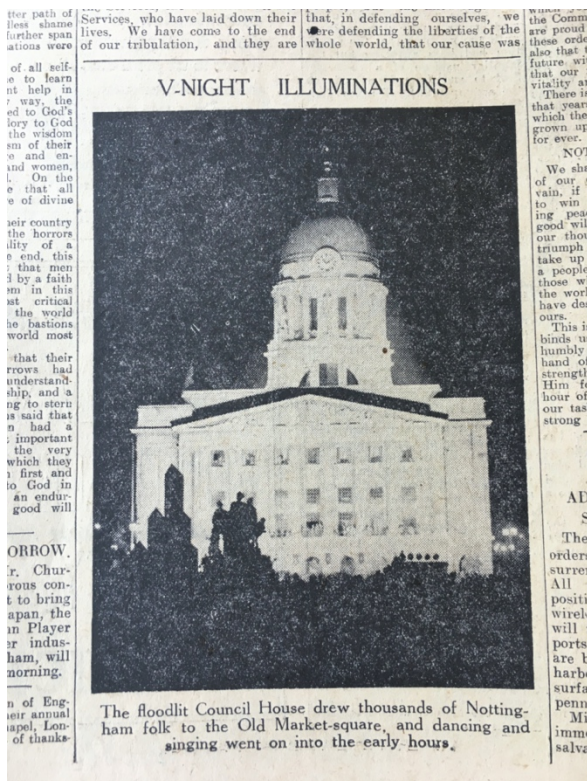
15 Apr 1945 Liberation of Belsen Concentration Camp

8 May 1945 Victory in Europe Day





May 1945 VE Day Street  
Party Long Hill Rise,  
Hucknall (DD1868-1)



VE Day night  
illuminations at  
Nottingham Council  
House



12<sup>th</sup> Battalion Sherwood  
Foresters, on parade in  
India on VE Day 1945



VE Street party at Linton Close, Farndon, near Newark, May 1945

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VE Day party at Linton  
Close, Farndon, near  
Newark, May 1945



VE Day street party in Farndon near Newark

VE Day street party in  
Farndon, near Newark,  
May 1945



# **V.E-DAY Celebrations at Carlton**

**Parties, Parades, Teas, Bonfires And  
Services Of Thanksgiving**

**T**A parties, parades, dancing in the streets, huge bonfires, crowded churches, and packed houses at local places of entertainment, are just a few of the diversions to which the residents of Carlton, Gedling, Netherfield and Colwick have treated themselves to celebrate the great victory in Europe.  
Every street was a blaze of colour, with flags of every Allied nation being flown from hundreds of windows. Streamers and bunting are suspended across many of the roads, while Christmas tree fairy lights have been utilised in ingenious fashion.

VE Day Celebrations at  
Carlton



VE party, Dunstan Street, Netherfield

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VE Day party at Dunstan  
Street, Netherfield



VE Day street party at  
Farndon near Newark,  
May 1945



VE Day fancy dress  
parade, Deabill Street,  
Netherfield



6 Aug 1945 US drop atomic bomb "Little Boy" on  
Hiroshima

9 Aug 1945 US drop second atomic bomb on Nagasaki

15 Aug 1945 Japan surrenders



1945 VJ Day (victory  
over Japan) Street Party,  
Long Hill Rise, Hucknall  
(DD1868-2)



1945 Hucknall  
celebrates the end of the  
war

**Housewives of  
Britain**

In *Victory*, praise has been lavished on our fighting men and serving women everywhere.

But what about you—housewives of Britain?

For five years you have worked miracles with rations that often looked scanty, seen to the children, tended the ailing, written cheerily to the boys—aye, and made home feel like home.

Yes, your patient courage and steadfast confidence have been an inspiration.

Housewives of Britain—we salute you.

**Brooke Bond  
Dividend Tea**

1'7d - ½-lb.

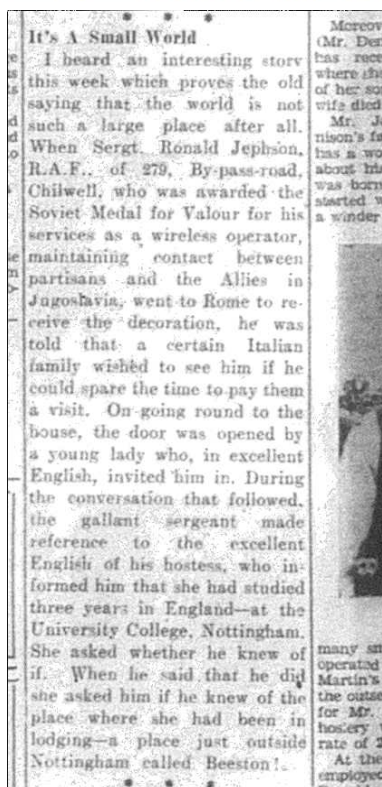
1945 Housewives of  
Britain



The Newark Home  
Guard stands down. It is  
eventually disbanded on  
31<sup>st</sup> December 1945.



Roger Jephson of the  
RAF of By-Pass Road,  
Chilwell, awarded Soviet  
Medal for Valour



1946 Life gets back to  
normal

