

## VE Day Newspapers

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[75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary VE Day logo]

[Black and white image of a newspaper front from 1945]

[Text: The Northern Echo. Front Page 7 May, 1945]

**Male Voiceover:** When would the war end? Hitler was dead. Berlin had fallen to the Red Army. And German forces everywhere were surrendering to the Allies.

[Close up of The Northern Echo front page from 1945 which then scrolls down to the bottom of the page]

But when would the war end? Then, on Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> 1945, came the news that everyone had been waiting for. This is the front page of that morning's *Northern Echo* warning readers to 'Stand By For The V-Day News'.

[75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary VE Day logo]

[Black and white image of a news paper front cover]

[Text: The Evening Chronicle. VE Special 7 May, 1945]

Events moved quickly and that evening, newspapers rushed out special 'Victory' editions. This is the front page of the *Evening Chronicle's* 'VE Special'.

[Close up of The Chronicle front page from 1945 which then scrolls down to the bottom of the page]

However, though the war in Europe was over, the Second World War was still raging in the Far East and it was not until 15 August 1945 that 'VJ Day' - Victory over Japan - was finally celebrated.

[VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo is displayed in the left-hand corner]

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