

FRUITS OF VICTORY

This was the British people's finest day - "V-E Day" - the end of the German war. Throughout the country, at homes and at work a nation exploded with spontaneous rejoicing for a great and wonderful deliverance.

Was scarred the face of Britain. But nothing ever sapped or changed the character of our people.

The great news ran through the land, Manchester, Glasgow, Cardiff, Birmingham, London - in every town and village, big and small. And the true quality of Britain was seen in the manner of our rejoicing. Out came the flags; nation-wide was the celebration. For children, (so many of whom have known nothing else but war,) this day must have seemed like an entry into never-never land. Even the soberest overflowed and not a few flowed over. Six long years; an all-embracing jubilation rings out in victory peal from St. Paul's.

(Victory peal from St. Paul's)

(Singing of "Land of Hope & Glory")

(3 o/c chimes from St. Paul's)

PRIME MINISTER SPEAKS -

"Hostilities will end officially at one minute after midnight to-night, Tuesday May 8. But in the interest of saving lives the "Cease fire" began yesterday to be sounded all along the front."

"The German War is therefore at an end. We may allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing. To-day is Victory in Europe day."



Outside Buckingham Palace the crowds cheered themselves hoarse. Seven times during "V-E Day" the Royal Family appeared on the balcony. Sardines had nothing on the crowds in Trafalgar Square and Piccadilly.

A man we seem to have seen before somewhere looks down from a balcony in Whitehall.

Other stars of the victory team get a share of the cheers.

Keeping watch is a man who led Englishmen to victory against an earlier tyrant. His column stands at the very centre of the great British Commonwealth of Nations. Crowds swirled below him in a riot of rejoicing by day and night.

We are living in the midst of many great events. Pathe Gazette has devoted the whole of this edition to a nation's joy. We know that, in the days when war seems remote and far away, these will be historic pictures. They will tell another generation how we celebrated Victory in Europe Day, and how we thanked the Service chiefs who worked so valiantly to make it possible.