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IT'S ALL OVER OVER HERE

Victory in Europe is ours. After more than five and a half years of the bitterest and bloodiest fighting that this continent has ever known, the armed might of Germany, the Wehrmacht and the Nazi party has been defeated--finally and utterly.

Today will be treated officially as VE-Day, it was officially announced last night. There will be broadcasts from the chiefs of state of the Big Three this afternoon at 3 PM, according to Reuter's. King George VI is expected to broadcast to the British and Commonwealth peoples at 9 PM.

As the entire world waited anxiously all day yesterday for the VE-Day proclamation, there were reports, unconfirmed officially by SHAEF, that the Germans had signed an unconditional surrender agreement at 2:41 AM yesterday.

While SHAEF declined to confirm the report of unconditional surrender, the Associated Press carried a report from Rheims, France, where General Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters is located, giving details of the signing of the surrender documents.

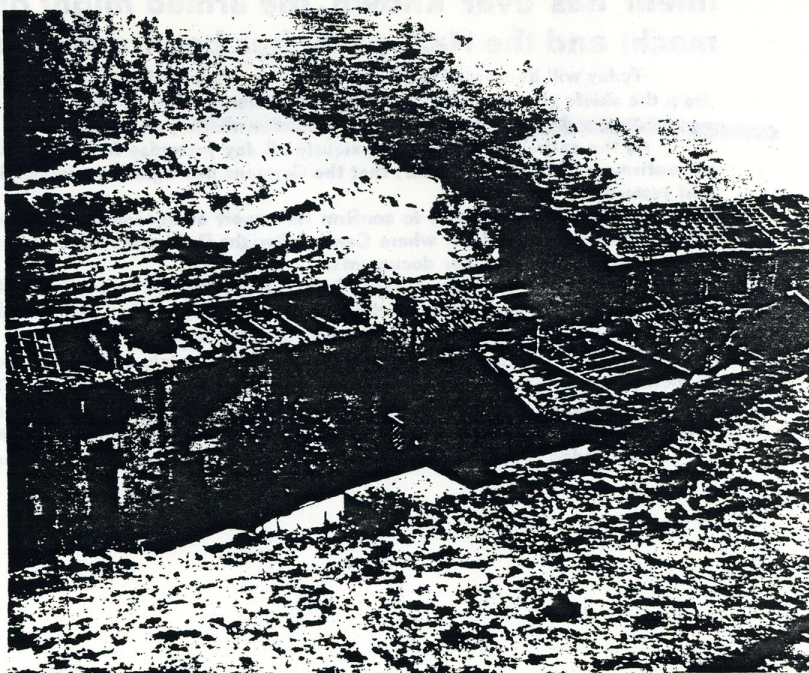
According to this report, Nazi Germany surrendered unconditionally to the United States, Britain and Russia. The signing took place in the red schoolhouse that has been SHAEF headquarters. General Eisenhower was not present at the signing but immediately afterward met the German delegates.

The report of the signing of the surrender documents at Rheims, however, spread throughout the United Nations, and everywhere there were spontaneous celebrations. In New York ticker tape and torn telephone books were flung from skyscraper windows; traffic stopped on Times Square. In Washington news reporters crowded the White House where President Truman was conferring with high military and diplomatic aides.

In London where there was an air of great expectancy, loudspeakers were set (Continued on page 2)



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