

## VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY - SOUVENIR COPY

### **Today May the 8th is Victory in Europe Day.**

The official announcement will be broadcast by Mr. Churchill at 1300 hours Greenwich meantime and at 1900 hours Greenwich meantime the king will broadcast to his people. The king has sent his congratulations to General Eisenhower on the success of his armies.

The first news of Germany's capitulation came from an agency correspondent yesterday afternoon. It is said the surrender was made at 0241 hours Greenwich meantime yesterday in the schoolhouse at Rheims General Eisenhower's headquarters. The surrender was signed for Germany by Colonel General Gustav Jodl the new chief of state of the German army. Lieutenant General Bedel smith signed for General

Eisenhower. Major General Suslapatov signed for Russia and General Francois Setez for France. The Germans were repeatedly asked if they understood the significance of the terms. They replied "yes" and said they would be carried out by Germany. According to the Czechoslovak patriot radio the Germans fighting in Prague have now agreed to the unconditional surrender terms. The patriot radio said American tanks spearheads were within seven miles of Prague. Russian forces driving westward have captured four more towns within 120 miles from Prague.

Off Norway 48 allied warships have been sighted at the entrance of Oslo fiord. Other British warships are stated to have entered Trondheim fiord. The German commander in Norway has told his troops that they must carry out the terms of unconditional surrender. The German cruisers Prince Eugen and Nuremburg with 160,000 tons of merchant shipping have surrendered to the British forces.

### **LONDON.**

Reports reaching Ponam by B.B.C indicate that widespread rejoicing goes on in London and all over Britain. Immediately after Mr Churchill's broadcast church bells throughout Britain will be rung. Before he broadcasts Mr. Churchill will attend a meeting of parliament and will invite members to go across the road with him to attend divine service at St Margaret's. A thanksgiving service whose main feature will be the beautiful Te deum laudamus, will be held at St. Paul 's cathedral. All London is gay with flags and bunting of the allied nations. There will be dancing in all public parks, Whitehall will be floodlit and there will be a searchlight display. the morning papers came out with huge headlines and the keynote was struck by the Daily Herald which had as it's headline "good morning this is V.E. Day official" Bonfires will be lit all over the country and already many fireworks have been seen going up.

### **PONAM V.E. DAY.**

Tomorrow Ponam will celebrate its own V.E. Day. Officers and men are working to prepare tomorrows programme.

### **LEST WE FORGET.**

Let us on this day of jubilation not forget our fallen comrades.

### **OTHER NEWS.**

Mr. Eden broadcasting in the United States said all the men and materials employed against Japan in Burma will now be freed to carry on the good work elsewhere.

### **LOCAL.**

Members of the ship's company wishing to hear Mr. Churchill's actual speech can do so by attending the cinema at 2300 tonight. From our underground correspondent comes the report that the rum-rats will receive a pleasant surprise tomorrow.

BY THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION.