



VE Day!!

Great joy at victory in Europe



The Exe Island party

There were scenes of great joy in the city today as peace in Europe was announced. The Nazi government of Karl Donitz surrendered unconditionally yesterday at Reims in France. The scenes were repeated across Britain as people celebrated in the streets. At Buckingham Palace the King and Queen appeared on the balcony with Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Parties in the street
The residents of Exe Island and Hooker Road greeted the peace with street parties. The delighted residents pooled their rations to make cakes and other

treats for the celebrations.

The city of Exeter can now look forward to a happy future. The big task of rebuilding lies ahead, with a new city needing to rise from the ruins. Plans to replace the ruined shops and pubs of the city's centre need to be made so that the people of the city can start to look forward with hope and optimism. In addition to these plans the city needs new homes and communities for the brave citizens who lived through the Blitz.

The End Days of the War

The end had been in sight for a long time after a series of defeats for the Nazi Army. The Russian advance into Berlin and the surrender of the Italians heralded the end of the fighting. Lubeck was the scene of this surrender.

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