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Victory in Europe 1945 - Commemorations

After successful completion of the Victory in Europe exhibition, that took place at the John Mackintosh Hall (JMH) from 1st to 30th October 2020, the exhibition now moves to its permanent home online. The exhibition is now fully accessible via the Gibraltar National Archives (GNA) Website www.nationalarchives.gi

75th Anniversary Online Exhibition

A total of ten new videos are now accessible via the GNA Website as follows:

VE-Day Virtual Exhibition and Testimonials & War Poems (read by Anthony Adamberry)
<https://www.nationalarchives.gi/VictoryInEuropeExh.aspx>

The *Victory in Europe Exhibition* video [see point 1 below], consists of the complete exhibition set of images arranged in six photo-montage sections. These images were on public display at the John Mackintosh Hall during October 2020.

The Exhibition Sections

- Section 1 - *The Gathering Storm*
- Section 2 - *Home Front & Defences*
- Section 3 - *Underground City & Hospital*
- Section 4 - *The Gibraltar Defence Force*
- Section 5 - *Gibraltar Under Enemy Attack*
- Section 6 - *Victory in Europe*

A total of three hundred and thirty-three captioned, dated, and numbered images were exhibited and now all of these are available online.

Through our captioned photo montages of the war, we aspire to draw you close, into another world... Outside of ours... Help you to imagine things that most would prefer not to imagine, or even



consider imagining. To meditate on the unthinkable - so systematically and intentionally thought out.

The Day War Ended video [see point 2 below], includes War Poems read by Anthony Adamberry and testimonials by evacuees: Tito Benady, Louis Pereira, Cecil Gomez, Ana Lydia & Jack Armstrong.

1. *Victory in Europe - 75th Anniversary Exhibition* Duration: 36:16 <https://www.nationalarchives.gi/VictoryInEuropeExh.aspx>
2. *The Day War Ended - Testimonials & War Poems* Duration: 70:00 <https://www.nationalarchives.gi/VictoryInEuropeExh.aspx>

Lecture Series

The Victory in Europe, Lecture Series consists of eight new videos [3-10]. These are now available from the GNA Website. <https://www.nationalarchives.gi/VE-LectureSeries.aspx>

3. Pete Jackson - *A City Underground?* Duration: 47:37
4. Tito Vallejo - *Olterra, Trojan Horse* Duration: 34:57
5. Richard Garcia - *Keeping in Touch in Wartime* Duration: 54:10
6. Keith Sheriff - *Prisoners of War Held at Gibraltar* Duration: 41:33
7. Tito Benady - *Force H at Gibraltar* Duration: 45:04
8. Ian Reyes - *Defending an Invasion* Duration: 58:48
9. Ian Balestrino - *Air Raids On the Rock* Duration: 61:46
10. Geraldine Finlayson - *Operation Tracer - Stay Behind Cave* Duration: 49:32

All the lectures listed above, delivered at JMH during October 2020, were fully booked notwithstanding the current restrictions. The Victory in Europe Lecture Series proved so popular, that the GNA, has decided to run a new lecture series early next year.

The GNA, New Year Lecture Series will run at the Charles Hunt Room JMH from 18th January – 5th February 2021. The Lectures will be held on an annual basis starting next year.

Details will be announced soon.

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