



One thing which might be of interest is the original teletext message in which the Durham Light Infantry stationed at Brancepeth Castle (1939 - 1962) learnt of the ceasefire the day before the news was released to the general public.

Below is a copy of the original message. Unfortunately, it is not easy to read, I think if they had known what was coming they would have put a new ribbon in their Teletext machine.

FR. CI: HQ A TPS AREA FIRST CDN ARMY 070800B

TO: LIST 13 D
LIST 13 B

GS 87 (.) RESTRICTED (.) FOLLOWING TEXT MSG OF 070410B
FROM SHAEF FWD SIGNED EISENHOWER (.) QUOTE - (.) A REP
OF THE GERMAN HIGH COMD SIGNED THE UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER
OF ALL GERMAN LAND SEA AND AIR FORCES IN EUROPE TO THE
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE AND SIMULTANEOUSLY TO THE SOVIET
HIGH COMD AT 070141 HRS CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME UNDER WHICH
ALL FORCES WILL CEASE ACTIVE OPS AT 090001B MAY (.) EFFECTIVE
IMMEDIATELY ALL OFFENSIVE OPS BY ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
WILL CEASE AND TPS WILL REMAIN IN PRESENT POSNS (.) MOVES
INVOLVED IN OCCUPATIONAL DUTIES WILL CONTINUE (.) DUE TO
DIFFICULTIES OF COMNS THERE MAY BE SOME DELAY IN SIMILAR
ORDERS REACHING ENEMY TPS. SO FULL DEF PRECAUTIONS WILL BE
TAKEN (.) NO REPEAT NO RELEASE WILL BE MADE TO THE PRESS
PENDING AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HEADS OF THE THREE
GOVERNMENTS UNQUOTE (.) ALL INFM

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This message may be sent
by any means

{ EXCEPT } WIRELESS

Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE

[Handwritten signature]
MAJOR

Received by us

7th May 1945.

Orderly Room for J. [unclear]

*Capitulation announced on wireless
about 8 pm. but not officially confirmed
until evening.*