Excerpt from the wartime diary of Flight Lieutenant Edward Greer Fleming, 550 Squadron North Killingholme Lincolnshire England.

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The early trip was postponed a bit but we finally got away on a trip to Brussels. Today at 0800 hrs. I set foot for the first time on the Continent! We collected a load of 24 P.O.W's and brought them safely home to an aerodrome down south. Were those chaps pleased to see the White Cliffs of Dover! Incidentally, I saw them myself for the first time too and they are white.

When we got home about 1130am big news had broken. The war with Germany was ending. Churchill to speak tomorrow at 3pm announcing V-Day. Hard to realize it somehow. Just won't sort of sink in.