

## **D-DAY TIMELINE: THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF WW2**

### **VIDEO TRANSCRIPT – Piccadilly Circus**

*[Voice of BBC correspondent Robin Duff]*

Now the ships are sealed and we wait. The troops swarmed up the rope ladders last night; strong, healthy, formidable men, many of them going into battle for the first time.

At every minute of the day and the night, the ship and the men aboard her are alert. Plans of immense complexity are being studied and every man, soldier or sailor is learning to the last detail the part that he himself has to play.

As you walk along the decks, men are reading or sleeping or talking in small clusters. Across the water we can hear the jazz from a minsweeper's gramophone.

There's a tenseness in the air as every man aboard waits for the moment to which everything has been bent in these last few years.

Sometimes they talk of home. An hour ago the mail came in and for a few minutes another world, 3,000 and more miles away. And then they were here again. Here wondering, and waiting and ready; ready for the night not far ahead now when we sail from Britain under a full moon with course set for France.

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