

VJ Day Kiss. August 14, 1945

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"I saw a sailor running along the street grabbing any & every girl in sight. Whether she was a grandmother, stout, thin, old, didn't make any difference. I was running ahead with my Leica looking back over my shoulder... then suddenly, in a flash, I saw something white being grabbed. I turned around and clicked the moment the sailor kissed the nurse." - Alfred Eisenstaedt.



VJ Day - or Victory over Japan Day is the day that Japan surrendered, which virtually ended World War II... or at least America's involvement in WWII. Eisenstaedt was able to capture the joy & enthusiasm of the people in Times Square the afternoon in which the announcement of Japan's surrender took place.



It's interesting that a moment which appears to be so passionate & romantic is in actuality a little comedic...