

GROVE NEWS

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Mr

WE ARE AT WAR!



Neville Chamberlain making the announcement live on the BBC last night.

Last night, it was announced that Britain is now at war with Germany. Speaking from the cabinet room at 10 Downing Street, Mr Neville Chamberlain declared that Germany had not responded to requests to leave Poland and thus we are now at war with Germany and her allies.

Tensions between Germany and Europe have been high for months now and this was the final straw. Mr Chamberlain had been striving to maintain the peace for months but has ultimately failed.

Adolf Hitler had led his German army into Poland on September 1st in an attempt to regain land that had been lost as a result of WW1.

Germany had previously entered the Rhineland in 1936, Czechoslovakia in 1938 and now Poland.

In March, Mr Chamberlain promised Poland that Britain and France would come to their aid if Germany invaded and he has remained true to his word.

Mr Chamberlain had requested that Germany withdraw their troops from Poland by 11am yesterday morning or face the prospect of war. Chamberlain added that "I have to tell you now that no such undertaking has been received and that consequently, this country is at war with Germany."

Hitler responded with "Britain need expect nothing other than annihilation as an enemy of Germany."

France, who are closely allied to Britain, followed suit by declaring war on Germany at 5 o'clock yesterday evening.

At this stage, it is unclear what is going to happen next. You may be required to enlist in the armed forces to remove Germany from Poland and other countries across Europe.

Blood will be shed and lives will be lost but in the words of King George VI "There may be dark days ahead but with God's help we shall prevail."