



IT HAPPENED IN 1944

NOTABLE:

- Popular songs: “Long Ago and Far Away,” Helen Forrest and Dick Haymes; “It’s Love, Love, Love,” Guy Lombardo Orchestra; “The Trolley Song,” Pied Pipers.
- The G. I. Bill of Rights is signed by FDR.
- Bandleader Glenn Miller is presumed dead when his military flight disappears on a trip from England to Paris, France.
- Movies: “Thirty Seconds over Tokyo,” “Going My Way,” “Madam Curie,” “Double Indemnity,” “Since You Went Away.”
- Books: *Brave Men* by Ernie Pyle, *Yankee from Olympus* by Catherine Drinker Brown, *The Lost Weekend* by Charles Jackson.

COST OF LIVING:

- The cost of first class postage is 3¢.
- A gallon of paint sells for \$2.98.
- An all-wool men’s sweater costs \$9.45.
- A woman’s dinner dress is \$29.95.

SPORTS:

- The St. Louis Cardinals defeat the St. Louis Browns to win the World Series.
- The Green Bay Packers win the NFL title by defeating the New York Giants, 14-7.
- The Indianapolis 500 auto race did not run for the third straight year due to wartime restrictions.

HEADLINES:

- President Franklin D. Roosevelt is re-elected to become the only person to win a fourth term. Harry S. Truman is elected vice-president. Thomas E. Dewey was FDR’s Republican opponent.
- The Battle of the Bulge between the Germans and the Allies begins.
- The D-Day invasion at Normandy, France, is the greatest invasion force in history.
- U. S. forces begin air bombings on Tokyo.