

King Bertie: A History

6/23/1894

Edward, Bertie's older brother, is born.



12/14/1895

Bertie is born. (This is also the thirty-fourth anniversary of his great-grandfather's death, Prince Albert. The prince died of typhoid.)



1913-1919

Bertie serves in the British navy as midshipman aboard HMS Collingwood.



6/4/1920

Bertie is given the title Duke of York, Earl of Inverness, and Baron Killarney by his father, King George V.



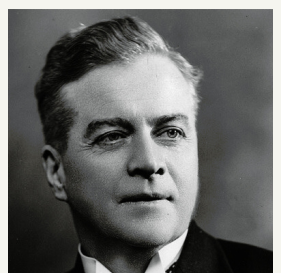
4/26/1923

Bertie marries Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon. He proposed to her twice, but she turned him down because she felt she couldn't handle the pressures of royal life. She accepted his third proposal in 1923.



Late 1925

Bertie meets his speech therapist, Australian Lionel Logue.



1926

Bertie plays doubles tennis at Wimbledon. Bertie's daughter, Princess Elizabeth, is born. She will later become Queen Elizabeth II.



1930

Bertie's second daughter, Princess Margaret, is born.



1930

Edward meets American divorcee Wallis Simpson, the woman he would eventually abdicate the throne to marry.



1/20/1936

King George V dies. Edward becomes King Edward VIII.



12/11/1936

Edward abdicates the throne. Bertie becomes King George VI.



5/12/1937

Bertie is crowned during his official coronation ceremony.



6/3/1937

Edward marries Wallis Simpson in France.



1939

Bertie visits the United States, becoming the first U.K. monarch to do so. He meets with U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt.



9/1/1939

World War II begins.



1940

Edward is sent to the Bahamas as governor--but also, to remove him from the U.K. He had communications with Hitler and there were concerns about espionage by German spies.



9/7/1940

Germans start blitz bombing London.



9/13/1940

Buckingham Palace is bombed.



9/2/1945

World War II ends.



January
1945

Bertie addresses the first United Nations assembly.



9/23/1951

Bertie undergoes surgery on his left lung to remove a malignant tumor.



2/6/1952

Bertie dies. His daughter, Princess Elizabeth, becomes Queen Elizabeth II.



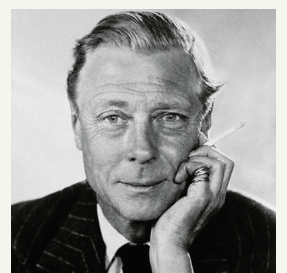
6/2/1953

Elizabeth is crowned during her official coronation ceremony.



5/28/1972

Edward dies.



4/24/1986

Wallis Simpson dies.



2/9/2002

Princess Margaret dies.



3/30/2002

Bertie's wife (referred to as Queen Mother Elizabeth) dies.



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