

## Alkmaar's Burgemeester, F. H. van Kinschot



Burgemeester, or Mayor, Francois Henri van Kinschot, pictured (right) on the steps of Alkmaar's Town Hall on 29 June 1945, with HRH Prince Bernhard, husband of HRH Princess Juliana, future Queen of the Netherlands.

This photo was taken just a month before the Burgemeester's surprise first appearance in Bath on July 26<sup>th</sup> 1945, after an epic journey by military plane, train and taxi. He was determined to be in Bath during 'Alkmaar Week', to thank Bathonians in person for their relief efforts.