

## THE WEEK IN HISTORY

### D-Day, the beginning of the end

*The Onondaga Historical Association looks back at the week in local history:*

**70 years ago:** On June 6, 1944, (D-Day), Allied forces under the command of General Dwight D. Eisenhower crossed the English Channel from Great Britain and landed in German-occupied France.

This marked the beginning of the end of World War II in Europe because

once the Allies established a foothold on the continent it was only a matter of time before Germany lost the war. It would still be almost a year of brutal fighting before Germany surrendered, but it all began with the successful storming of the beaches in Normandy.

Hundreds of men from CNY participated in the assault, including Sergeant Albert Cassidy from Syracuse, who was killed in



**Sgt. Albert Cassidy of Syracuse was killed in the D-Day assault.**

the assault on Omaha Beach.  
— Daniel Connors of the OHA