

LOCAL HISTORY

Stars and Stripes over Tokyo

Each week, the Onondaga Historical Association looks back at important events:



70 Years Ago: On Aug. 6, 1945, the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, from the B-29 bomber Enola Gay. Another bomb was released over Nagasaki three days later. On Aug. 15, the Japanese surrender was announced and V.J. Day celebrations began. The official surrender ceremony took place on the battleship USS Missouri on Sept. 2. Three days after the ceremony, Lt. Bud Stapleton, of Syracuse, climbed to the top of the Nippon News building in downtown Tokyo and raised the American flag, the first to fly over the city since Japan's surrender.

— Dan Connors for the OHA

Lt. Bud Stapleton raises the American flag over Tokyo. (OHA photo)



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