

LOCAL HISTORY

It started as a day to mark the armistice

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97 years ago:

On Nov. 11, 1918, an armistice agreed upon between the Allies and Germany ended the fighting on the Western Front during World War I. It went into effect at 11 a.m. (the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month).



Soldiers from Syracuse returning home after World War I in April of 1919. (OHA photo)

However, this agreement did not officially end World War I. That occurred with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles the next year. The first celebration of Armistice Day was at Buckingham Palace on Nov. 11, 1919. Decades later, the name was changed from Armistice Day to Veterans Day to honor veterans of all wars.

— Dan Connors for the OHA



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