

# D-Day and a Silver-Star medal

*EDITOR'S NOTE: In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, The Lawrence Township Memorial Committee, in cooperation with The Ledger, will feature a column each week during the anniversary year profiling a Lawrence resident.*

D-Day—the long-awaited day when the combined military might of the United States and its allies would launch the largest invasion force the world had ever known against Hitler's Fortress Europe.

At the conclusion of a three-day conference on Dec. 1, 1943 in Teheran, Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin agreed that the invasion would take place in Normandy early in June, 1944. The exact date depended on weather, tides, intelligence reports and awesome logistical planning.

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General Dwight D. Eisenhower, fresh from victories in Africa and Italy, was delegated as Supreme Commander of the expeditionary force that would become known as Operation Overlord for the airborne and amphibious invasion.

June 6, 1995 will mark the 51st anniversary of that historic 'Longest Day,' and one of the first combat infantrymen to wade ashore with the 4th Infantry Division at Utah Beach was Arthur Robinson of Lawrence.

Arthur F. 'Robbie' Robinson was born in Kingston, N.Y., on Feb. 7, 1918. He attended Kingston schools and enlisted in the U.S. Army



Staff photo by Mark Czajkowski

Arthur Robinson remembers vividly "The Longest Day" and those that followed as he used his skills as a demolition expert.

