

# Remembering Some Who Gave All, World War II



**Monument in Veteran's Park in Cedar City with names of local servicemen who lost their lives during World War II.**

Veteran's Park in Cedar City has a monument with 38 names of men who gave all during World War II. Utah newspapers, especially the Iron County Record and the Parowan Times, give some details of these men and their service.

- Claude Adams, 20, Paragonah, was killed in action at Pelielu Island in the Pacific. He was reported missing in action in November 1944.
- Bryce A. Albertson, 22, Cedar City, was killed in action 4 January 1945 in France. Sergeant Albertson began military service 8 December 1942.
- Carl B. Bayles, 22, Parowan, died of meningitis in February 1944 at Camp Barkeley, Texas. He had been inducted into the army 3 January 1944.
- Keith Bettridge, 26, Parowan, died at a Veterans Hospital following an operation in February 1947. Sergeant Bettridge served with a tank cannon crew in the South Pacific for nearly two years, including combat action in the Marshall Islands and Saipan. He suffered a severe back injury while lifting during his service.
- Norris L. Bradfield, 30, Cedar City, was killed in a tank battle in Normandy, France on 13 July 1944. He enlisted in March 1940 and was assigned to the Tank Corps.

- Robert N. Bulloch, 25, Cedar City, died in a collision of two B-17 aircraft during a training mission over Oklahoma on 12 February 1944.
- Ernest A Caldwell. No information was found about him in Utah newspapers.
- Fenton M. Dalley, 25, Cedar City, was the pilot of a B-25 Mitchell bomber lost over Italy on 14 April 1944. He left Cedar City in March 1941 with the National Guard and served as a radio technician prior to becoming a pilot.
- Otto Keith Dalley, 20, Summit, was killed in action in Germany on 3 February 1945. He began his military service after graduating from high school.
- Harold Davis, 23, Cedar City, was killed in action 21 February 1945 in France. He was a member of the Cedar City National Guard unit that was mobilized in March 1941. He transferred to an infantry unit of the US Seventh Army in January 1945.
- Leo Esplin, 20, Cedar City, was killed in action on Luzon, Philippines, 9 April 1945. He began military service in August 1944.
- Chadwick Fife, a 1943 graduate of Cedar City High School, was killed in action in Germany on 28 October 1944. He began military service July 1943 and served in the infantry of the American First Army.
- Austin L. Halterman, 26, Parowan, died in the sinking of the Japanese prison ship Arisan Maru in the South China Sea on 24 October 1944. Private Halterman joined the Army Air Corps in January 1941 and arrived in the Philippines in October 1941. He was taken prisoner after the fall of the Philippines to the Japanese.
- Verl H. Hilton, 22, Hinkley, Utah, died in a navy plane crash near Jacksonville, Florida in February 1943. Ensign Hilton attended the Branch Agricultural College in Cedar City.
- Neuman Houchen, 20, Cedar City, was lost with the crew of the submarine USS Scamp on patrol in Tokyo Bay in December 1944. He began service with the Navy in March 1943.

- Leonard E. Hulet, 25, Parowan, a glider pilot, was killed in action 24 March 1945 during Operation Varsity (crossing the Rhine River in Germany).
- Frank Hunter, 28, Cedar City, a B-17 pilot shot down over Italy on 22 July 1943. Initially listed as missing in action, it was later determined that he died in the incident. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in January 1942.
- Earl D. Hyatt, 18, Parowan, was killed in action on 5 March 1945 at Iwo Jima. He was a member of the Third Marine Division that went ashore on Iwo on 28 February 1945.
- Lamar Lambeth, 22, Cedar City, killed in action at Saipan in the Mariana Islands on 22 June 1944. He was a member of the Cedar City National Guard unit which deployed in March 1941, and later transferred to a communications division.
- Golden Lang, 25, Cedar City, died in an air collision of two bombers over Tennessee on 26 April 1945. A member of the Cedar City National Guard unit that was deployed in March 1941, he transferred to the Army Air Corps. He completed 30 combat missions in Europe flying a Liberator Bomber prior to returning to the U.S.
- Merrill Laub, 22, Enterprise, died 16 October 1944 from wounds suffered in the Philippines. He and his brother loved horses and served together in a cavalry unit.
- Eugene Lowder, 34, Parowan, a member of an engineering unit, died in an accident involving a light crane on 25 November 1943 in Tunisia.
- Douglas McMullin, 23, Cedar City, was lost with the cruiser USS Houston on 28 February 1942. He began his service with the Navy in July 1940.
- Jack W. Moore, 28, Parowan, was killed in action in Germany on 27 March 1945. He began service in the army in 1936.
- Milo C. Mortensen, 30, Parowan. Reported to be the first man from Iron County to enter the army under the selective service act in November 1940, he was part of an Army Ranger unit that freed over 500 Prisoners of War at Cabanatuan in the Philippines. He died from wounds on 31 March 1945 in Luzon, Philippines.
- Dean Harris Nelson, a 1942 graduate of Cedar City High School, served with his twin brother in an engineering unit. He was killed in action 3 November 1944 in the Philippines.
- J. Quinton Page, Parowan, was killed in a torpedo attack on the USS LST 342 on 18 July 1943 in the Solomon Sea. He enlisted in the Navy in August 1942.
- Brian E. Pendleton, 19, Parowan, killed in action 17 June 1945 at Okinawa. Member of the Sixth Marine Division which had been part of the initial invasion of Okinawa on 1 April 1945.
- M. Arthur Peterson, 28, Parowan, was killed in action 25 May 1945 at Okinawa. He entered military service 21 October 1941.
- Elmo W. Platt, 19, Kanarraville, was killed in action on 3 March 1945 at Iwo Jima. He joined the Marines on his 18th birthday in December 1943.
- Clair Richards, 20, Parowan, died of accidental carbon monoxide poisoning in Parowan in December 1942. He had enlisted in the navy and was awaiting a call for active duty.
- Lyle Walter Robb, 22, Paragonah, was killed in action 14 March 1945 on Luzon, Philippines. He was flying a P-38 on a special mission when he lost his life.
- John Seaman, 21, Cedar City, was killed in action 31 December 1944. He was part of a heavy gun unit of the infantry fighting in Belgium.
- Kent L. Skougard, 19, Parowan, took his own life by hanging while in the Cedar City jail. He was on furlough from the military and had been arrested while intoxicated.
- Lester E. Smith, 23, Cedar City, was killed in action 26 October 1944 in Belgium. He entered military service in December 1942.
- James Thompson, 23, Cedar City, died in a plane crash at Ellington Field, Texas on 16 January 1944. He entered military service in November of 1941.

• Dewey A. Topham, 26, Paragonah, died 24 June 1945 in a hospital in France from complications following pneumonia. He had been held in a German POW camp from December 1944 until the camp was liberated on 13 April 1945. He was part of a reconnaissance division of the mechanized cavalry of the First Army.

• Mark J. Wilcock, 20, Parowan, was killed in action 9 October 1944 in Italy. He entered the army 9 February 1943 and served in the infantry.

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