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Wars

Civil

Many members of the Michigan regiments serving in the Civil War came from this area. The first casualty was Julius T. Barrett, for whom the G.A.R. post here was named.

Dasef's History of Montcalm County, Chap. XXV, credited Montcalm Co. with furnishing 137 soldiers to the 21st Michigan Volunteer Infantry. It tells that they were given a beautiful silk flag by the ladies of Ionia when they left in September 1862. Many saw service in other regiments. In addition to the battle field casualties many young men died from diseases fostered by the unsanitary conditions in the camps and prisons. Among these were two of Robert Abbott's sons and their cousin, a Hunt boy.

The GAR was active in Carson City for many years. An auxillary, The Woman's Relief Corps, was formed here in 1886. Records show 1919 as the last year this group was active.

To spur enlistments \$100 was raised for each volunteer and the amount was later increased to \$400.

1864 draft call came for 17 men from Bloomer and in 1865, eleven more. M.J. Miner was authorized to recruit the necessary men.

WWI

Many Carson City men were in uniform soon after the US entered WWI going to Europe with early troop crossings. The first casualty was Douglas McCloskey, 8/1/18. The American Legion post was named for him when founded in Sept. 1919.

Many Liberty Bonds were sold thru the efforts of patriotic citizens.

Red Cross Ladies sewed and knitted for the boys. In Dec., 1918, meetings were banned because of the influenza.

Some of these who served were; Wm. Ernest and Arthur Hill, Stanley and Walter Horn, Floyd Warner, Victor Geller, Jesse Harlow, Wm. Washer, Geo. B. Walt, Leonard Jarstfer, John Loucks, Kenneth Smith, Floyd Goodell, Chas. Churchill, Chris Nickert, Lewis Russell, Floyd Burt, Clarence Mayhew, Pete Peiffer, Cassius Myers and Orin Peckham.

WWII

Again, when the USA got into WWII, Carson's young men flocked to the colors. The first casualty was a young man by the name of Rolland Hill.

Others who lost their lives were: D.E. Armbrustmacher, Wm. D. Oyler, Rob't. Chaney, Fredrich R. Petersen, Jack W. Cooper, Dale E. Shillinger, Clifford Corey, Howard Berry, and Gaylord Ordway.

KOREAN CONFLICT

A number of Carson City young men were in service during this "Police Action". The first casualty was:

Pfc. Harold Shaul, Jr. who enlisted Dec. 5, 1949, served in Korea from July 1950 with the 5th Reg. Combat Team until Oct. 3, 1951 when he was killed at Taegu, Korea.

Another casualty was Pvt. Lewis Foster; who served in Korea from Jan. 1961 to May 1961.

VIETNAM

Among those serving in Vietnam are Pfc. James Carter and Eugene Goodell

Many others too.