UTAH VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I

24,000 enlisted  864 wounded  665 died in service

UTAH’S CONTRIBUTION

World War I helped Utah become part of mainstream America. Between victory gardens, purchases of liberty bonds and construction of military infrastructure, Utahns at home contributed to the “Great War - the war to end all wars.”

From Utah, 24,000 men enlisted. About 80 registered nurses from Utah joined the Army or Navy Nurse Corps. An estimate of five percent of the state’s population (~450,000 in 1917) served in the war.

TRENCH WAR

Utah servicemen suffered more deaths from disease than those killed in action. Cold, wet and cramped conditions in the trenches, combined with little medical knowledge, spread diseases such as influenza, typhoid, trench foot, trench fever and malaria.

World War I Timeline

1914  WWI begins in Europe

June 1917  Fort Douglas builds German POW barracks

1917  U.S. enters WWI on April 6

1918  The Spanish Flu pandemic spreads killing more people than WWI combat

1919  WWI Veteran Day parades held

1932  WWI Pagoda built in Memorial Grove Park in Salt Lake City

2017  100th Anniversary