



Patriotism was strong in Oxford. Nine men were in World War I and when it ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, peace was welcomed by the whole world. It cost 116,516 American lives, \$112,000,000,000 & lasted nineteen months. This was also the era of the killer flu epidemic.

Peace was short lived! On December 7, 1941 Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and declared war on the United States. World War II brought trauma as 36 men left to defend their country. This crisis created a life of stress with labor short farms, rationing of gas, tires, sugar, meat and catsup. Appliances and cars were on waiting lists, usually a year to get one. Long lines for a few bananas and nylon stockings. Ration books were issued by Althea Cox, Burton and Donna Thorne. Other memories - Town dances for Servicemen as they left. A gold star in the window of homes that had sent a son. Frequent troop trains with army trucks & tanks on its flatbeds. Practicing black-outs for (air raids) - several years. Each evening listening to the radio for news of the battles. VE (Victory/Europe) was a great day. Later VJ (Victory/Japan) day after two atom bombs were dropped! Aug 14, 1945 a plane flew over Oxford dropping leaflets telling of the end of the war. A huge street dance was held on the streets of Preston that night. Finally, it was over! Welcome home dances and parties in a happy Oxford.

Killed in action were **Everett Farnsworth, son of L.W. and Myrtle Farnsworth**

**Keith Farnsworth, son of L.W. and Myrtle Farnsworth**

**Lynn Hatch, son of Walter and Harriet Hatch**

**Donald Fisher, son of George and Susan Fisher**

This war cost 405,399 American lives, \$664,000 000 000 and lasted 46 long, long months.

1950 brought still another challenge when North Korea invaded South Korea - The United States stepped forth to work for world peace. Again Oxford sent fifteen men to do battle. This was cost 54,246 American lives, \$164,000 000 000 and lasted 37 months.

Vietnam - 1964, This small town sent 4 men. The cost was 58,095 American lives, \$352,000,000,000 and lasted 195 mo. - the longest war in our memory! 2003 - Iraq, America still fighting for World Freedom.