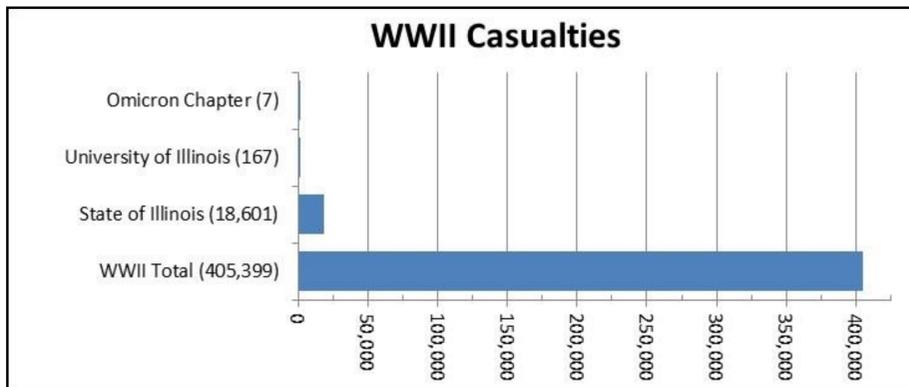


In Memoriam

Omicron Brothers Killed in Action during World War II

To put it in perspective

WWII was the second most costly war, in terms of lives lost, next to only the Civil War. WWII claimed 405,399 Americans dead and missing. The Civil War claimed over 620,000. The following images and information attempt to put these staggering losses into perspective. Imagine the total student population of **9.2 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campuses** (44,087) not coming home - this was the total loss between 1941 and 1945.



Left: The Freedom Wall at the National WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. There are 4,048 gold stars mounted on the wall. Each star represents 100 American service personnel dead or missing.

Above: A bar chart shows the number of WWII casualties from several demographic groups.

Right: The county tabulation sheet from the Illinois WWII Honor List of Dead and Missing, published by the War Department in June 1946. The following acronyms are used in the report:

KIA: Killed in Action. An individual who was killed in action, whether at the front or by enemy action in the rear areas, or if a prisoner of war, whether by air bombardment of his prison camp or being shot while escaping.

DOW: Died of Wounds. Persons who were wounded and later died.

DOI: Died of Injuries. Those who suffered fatal battle injuries (as opposed to wounds) in combat or in combat areas, and died in a line-of-duty status.

DNB: Died, Non-Battle. Other line-of-duty deaths, such as from sickness, homicide, suicide, or accidents outside combat areas (including training and maneuver deaths).

FOD: Finding of Death. Individuals who were determined to be dead under Public Law 490. Made in cases, after at least one year from time of disappearance, when there was either conclusive proof that the person is dead or equally overwhelming proof that the person could not have remained alive.

M: Missing Persons.

COUNTY	KIA	DOW	DOI	DNB	FOD	M	TOTAL	COUNTY	KIA	DOW	DOI	DNB	FOD	M	TOTAL
ADAMS	70	1		31	11		127	MC HENRY	56	8		16	8	1	89
ALEXANDER	107			11	1		129	MC LEAN	107			11	18		136
BOND	48			4			52	MACON	83	1	2	88	1	97	
BOONE	108			4			112	MACQUIN	63			54		117	
BROWN	1			1			2	MADISON	205	4	2	70	16	297	
BUREAU	5			2			7	MARION	70	7	1	17	7	102	
CALHOUN	1			1			2	MARSHALL	103			11		114	
CARROLL	1			1			2	MASON	1			1		2	
CASS	1			1			2	MASSAC	1		1	1		3	
CHAMPAIGN	600			51	14	1	676	MENARD	1			1		2	
CHRISTIAN	1			1			2	MERCER	21			13		34	
CLARK	1			1			2	MONROE	1			1		2	
CLAY	1			1			2	MONTGOMERY	1		1	1	10	13	
CLINTON	1			1			2	MORGAN	1			1		2	
COLES	1			1			2	MOULTRIE	1			1		2	
COOK	56	77	27	263	592	41	972	OCLE	1			24		25	
CRAWFORD	1			1			2	PEORIA	1			1	1	3	
CUMBERLAND	1			1			2	PERRY	1			1		2	
DE KALB	1			1			2	PIATT	1			1		2	
DE WITT	1			1			2	PIKE	1			1		2	
DOUGLAS	2			1			3	POPE	1			1		2	
DU PAGE	1			1			2	PULASKI	1			1		2	
EDGAR	1			1			2	PUTNAM	1			1		2	
EDWARDS	1			1			2	RANDOLPH	1			1		2	
EFFINGHAM	1			1			2	RICHLAND	1			1		2	
FAYETTE	1			1			2	ROCK ISLAND	1			1		2	
FORD	1			1			2	ST. CLAIR	1			1		2	
FRANKLIN	1			1			2	SALINE	1			1		2	
FRANKLIN	1			1			2	SANGAMON	1			1		2	
FULTON	1			1			2	SCHUYLER	1			1		2	
GALLATIN	1			1			2	SCOTT	1			1		2	
GREENE	1			1			2	SHELBY	1			1		2	
GRUNDY	1			1			2	STARK	1			1		2	
HAMILTON	1			1			2	STEPHENSON	1			1		2	
HANCOCK	1			1			2	TAZEWELL	1			1		2	
HARDIN	1			1			2	UNION	1			1		2	
HENDERSON	1			1			2	VERMILION	1			1		2	
HENRY	1			1			2	WABASH	1			1		2	
HENRY	1			1			2	WARREN	1			1		2	
IRROQUOIS	1			1			2	WASHINGTON	1			1		2	
JACKSON	1			1			2	WAYNE	1			1		2	
JASPER	1			1			2	WHITE	1			1		2	
JEFFERSON	1			1			2	WHITESIDE	1			1		2	
JERSEY	1			1			2	WILL	1			1		2	
JO DAVIESS	1			1			2	WILLIAMSON	1			1		2	
JOHNSON	1			1			2	WINNEBAGO	1			1		2	
KANE	1			1			2	WYFORD	1			1		2	
KANKAKEE	1			1			2	STATE AT LARGE	1			1		2	
KENDALL	1			1			2	TOTALS	10921	1568	57	4830	1151	74	18601
KNOX	1			1			2								
LA SALLE	1			1			2								
LAWRENCE	1			1			2								
LEE	1			1			2								
LIVINGSTON	1			1			2								
LOGAN	1			1			2								
MC DONOUGH	1			1			2								

On Campus

As discussed in other displays, campus life was altered dramatically during WWII. Of the documents discovered, there was relatively little insight into feelings from the student body as lives were likely lost from their campus family, hometowns, and biological families. Some of the best evidence found was in the dedication of the 1944 Illio, which featured the below image and text.



167 HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES --- 14,810 HAVE GONE TO WAR

Palermo...Kiska...Guam...Midway...Teheran...Never have the fighting Illini in those places and at home meant more to their country and their Alma Mater than now - 1944. Mud...mosquitoes...Japs....tropical fever...Hitler...It's a far cry from the loving outstretched arms of Alma Mater. She's a million miles away from the Fighting Illini who lies down at night to sleep and wake and wonder. She's a million miles away, but closer and dearer to his heart. He'll come back tonight to tramp the Boardwalk, to dream of an Illini coed, to walk again the muted halls of Labor and Learning. Perhaps he'll toss restlessly and wonder how the "old place" has changed, what they're thinking and if they know as surely as he does that Victory is certain and worth dying for.

On the University of Illinois service flag, an Illini heart beats behind each shining star, with courageous spirit and a hope for the Victorious future. To the Victory of our Allied Nations...to the beating heart behind each star...to each still heart behind the golden symbol of supreme sacrifice, we humbly dedicate this book.