



**Keith Spaulding Pember (1921 – 1945)**

Keith S. Pember was born in Delta County, Colorado in 1921. (Ref: 1930 Census). His listed home state is California. He was a graduated from Sweetwater Union High School in 1939, and was employed for four years at the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation plant, before entering the service in 1944. The 1930 Census shows only one “Keith Pember” in the United States.

During World War Two, Keith Pember was a Fireman First Class (F1C), and he was in the United States Naval Reserve . His address was Box 296, Route 1, Chula Vista, CA. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Arlington Pember (Ref: *Union Tribune newspaper*).

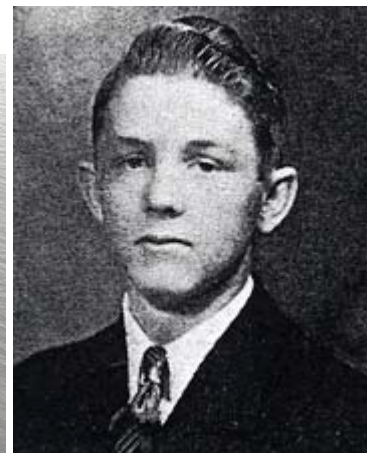
His Service number was 08811807. He was aboard the USS Callaghan (DD-792) when it was lost. During night operations and in gunfire support of the battle of Okinawa, the Callaghan was struck by a kamikaze aircraft and sunk. He was among 47 sailors lost aboard that ship in July 1945.

He is listed on the “Tablets of the Missing” at the Honolulu Memorial Cemetery at Honolulu, Hawaii. His date of death is listed as July 29, 1945. He is listed as Missing in Action (MIA) or Buried at Sea.

He was awarded the Purple Heart. A street in the Montecito Ridge subdivision of Otay Ranch honors his name.



USS Callaghan



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