

# Some Gave All



A World War I and II Service Record from the Kenmare area listed the names of 17 men killed in action.

They are Arthur S. Knutson, Delmar G. McBeth, Roy Torkelson, Earl K. Nore, Perdin O. Nore, Twan D. Wade, Norman K. Mahlum, Gilmer G. Lindquist, Blaine M. Heglund, Victor C. Petersen, Willard C. Christianson, Donald J. Bergeron, Lloyd P. Hansen, Bernhard C. Boepple, Arthur D. Brown, Kenneth G. Johnston, Lester A. Matern.

Photographs and short biographies were included for 12 of these men.



**Donald Jerome Bergeron**, Kenmare, ND, entered the service in July 1943 in the Air Corps. He trained in Missouri, Texas, and California before being sent overseas on September 25, 1944. He served in the South Pacific Theatre in six air missions. Donald was killed in action on October 26, 1944 on the island of Mindanao. His burial was at sea.



**Arthur David Brown**, of Kenmare, was born August 7, 1908. He entered the service June 19, 1942 at Seattle, WA in the 134th Infantry, 35th Division of the Army. He trained at Ft. Lewis, WA; Camp Carson, Hunter-Liggett Military Reservation, CA; Camp Roberts, CA; Camp Shreveport, LA. Arthur was sent overseas on June 7, 1944 and ranked as a private he earned the Purple Heart and the Good Conduct Medal. Serving 27 months, he was killed in action on September 21, 1944 near Nancy, France. He was interred at St. Avold Military Cemetery, 23 miles east of Metz, France. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Brown.



**Lloyd P. Hansen**, of Kenmare, entered the service on October 15, 1940 in the Army Air Force. He served with the 645th Bombardment Squadron, 410th Bombardment Group, Ligh. He was sent overseas July 28, 1942 and served in Alaska. He returned to the United States on July 28, 1944. Serving as staff sergeant for 41 months, Lloyd was killed in a plane crash on January 26, 1944 at Double Springs, AL. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. L.P. Hansen.



**Bernhard C. Boepple**, Kenmare ND, was born in Tripp, SD on November 25, 1913. He entered the service in August of 1939 in the Army Air Corps. He trained at Hamilton Field, CA before being sent overseas on October 28, 1941. He served in the Pacific Theatre with engagements in the Philippines as a staff sergeant. Bernhard served 35 months and was a prisoner of war from May 7, 1942 until time of death. He was a prisoner during the Death March in the Philippines and died July 4, 1942 in Manila from malaria pneumonia and dysentery. Place of burial is unknown. His father was George Boepple of Beulah, ND and his daughter was Beverly Jean Gravensen. Bernhard graduated from Stanton High School of Stanton, ND.



**Willard Carlton Christianson** entered the service April 8, 1941 and served in the Army. He trained at Camp Claiborne, LA; Fort Dix, NJ and was sent overseas May 1942. He served in the North Africa Theatre with the 135th Infantry, 34th Division. As a corporal he was awarded the Purple Heart and was killed in action in North Africa on April 28, 1943. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Olof Christianson.



**Blaine M. Heglund**, Route #2 of Kenmare, entered the service on June 7, 1943 and served as Field Artillery. He trained at Camp Roberts, CA from June 7, 1943 to July 1944. He was sent overseas July 16, 1944 and served in the European-African-Middle Eastern, Northern France and Central Europe campaigns. Ranked as a private, Blaine was killed in ac-

tion at Saurlauten, Germany on December 6, 1944. Reburial was at Elmdale Cemetery, Niobe, ND. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Heglund.



**Gilmer G. Lindquist**, Kenmare, entered the service January 1943 in the 2193rd Quartermaster Truck Company. He trained at Miami Beach, FL; Kelly Field, TX and was sent overseas October 1943 for England. As a private first class, he served in the European Theatre. Gilmer drowned in the Seine River at Port Marly, France on June 25, 1945. His body was returned to the United States and was buried at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, TX on November 16, 1948. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Axel Lindquist.



**Norman K. Mahlum** was born April 8, 1922 at Norma, ND. He entered the service on November 10, 1942 in the Army. He trained at Camp Adair, OR; Southern California and Arizona Maneuvers; Camp Carson, CO. Sent overseas August 15, 1944, Norman was part of engagements in France, Belgium and Holland. He was awarded Marksmanship

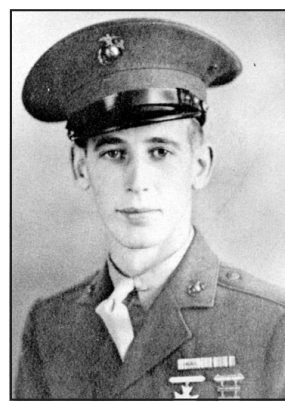
Medal, Rifle, Artillery, Machine Gun, Bayonet and Hand Grenade Medals. He was killed in action in Holland on November 3, 1944 and buried in Belgium. Norman was later interred in the U.S. National Cemetery, Fort Snelling, MN on December 11, 1948. Norman was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church of Norma, ND.



**Perdin Orville Nore** was born May 8, 1918 in Coulee, ND. He entered the service February 17, 1941 in the Army, Company B, 163rd Infantry. He was sent overseas March 1942 and served in the South Pacific Theatre with engagements at Guadalcanal and New Guinea. As a private first class, he died in New Guinea on January 9, 1943 from wounds received in action. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Nore of Stanley, ND. Perdin was reburied at the Rose Hill Cemetery, Soldiers Plot, of Minot, ND on October 4, 1948. He was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Coulee, ND.



**Earl Kenneth Nore** was born April 8, 1920 at Coulee, ND. He entered the service April 1941 in the Army. He was sent overseas in March of 1942 and served in the European Theatre. Earl was killed in a plane crash on October 21, 1944 in Sweden. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Nore of Stanley, ND and he was buried in the Soldier's Plot at the Rose Hill Cemetery of Minot on October 4, 1948. Earl was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Coulee, ND.



**Victor C. Petersen** entered the service on May 28, 1942 in Minneapolis, MN in the Marine Corps. He trained at San Diego, CA; Bremerton, WA and served aboard the USS Idaho and USS Tennessee. He served in the Aleutians and Pacific Theatre with engagements in Tarawa, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Kavieng, Saipan, Guam, Tinian, Angaur, Leyte, Surigao Straits where the USS Tennessee contributed materially to the destruction of a powerful portion of the Japanese Fleet including at least two battleships. Victor also participated in operations at Iwo Jima, Okinawa. During bombardment and assault of Ryukyu Islands, he was killed when the USS Tennessee was struck by a Japanese suicide plane on April 12, 1945. Victor was awarded the 12 Battle Stars, Purple Heart, Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbons, and Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon.



**Twan Dorwin Wade** was born November 17, 1921 in Menomonie, Wisconsin. He entered the Army on November 27, 1942 and was sent overseas June 16, 1944. Serving in the European Theatre, he saw engagements in France, Luxembourg, Germany and Belgium, including the Battle of the Bulge. As a private first class, Twan was awarded the Marksman's Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Purple Heart. He was killed in action in the Battle of the Bulge at Farlet, Belgium on January 4, 1945. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Percy R. Wade of Kenmare. Twan attended Elementary Lakeview School No. 1 and was a graduate of Kenmare High School in 1939. Twan farmed with his father until he entered the service.