



**Kenneth A. Lund**      **27-42**

**First Lieutenant, U.S. Army**

**Service # O1168788**

**Division Artillery  
5th Armored Division**

**Entered the Service from: Minnesota**

**Died: 17-Mar-1945**

**Buried at: Plot L Row 18 Grave 10**

**Netherlands American Cemetery**

**Margraten, Netherlands**

**Awards: Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 2  
Oak Leaf Clusters**



**First Lieutenant Kenneth A. Lund, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lund of this village, was killed in action in Germany on March 17. His death adds the fifteenth gold star to Princeton's service flag. The message announcing Kenneth's death arrived by telephone from St. Cloud Tuesday evening about 9 o'clock.**

**Kenneth in the summer of 1940 enlisted in the National Guard and left Princeton with the Headquarters battalion when it went to Camp Claibourne on March 3, 1941. He was one of the three clerks of the company and served in that capacity with John Harrison and Al Roberts. During the first few months he was in the service Kenneth acted as the Union's correspondent from Camp Claibourne. Later he attended a field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where on August 27, 1942, he received his commission as second lieutenant. The following year he received his flight training at Denton, Texas and Fort Sill. He had been with the Fifth Armored division since May 21, 1943. He was home for his last furlough at Thanksgiving time in 1943.**

**In February the following year Kenneth went overseas. He was first stationed in England; later he was in France, Luxembourg, and Belgium. It was in his last letter, which was received by the family on Tuesday noon, that Kenneth was able to tell them with which Army he was serving. He was in the Thirteenth corps of the Ninth Army. He was a first lieutenant and an observation pilot for the heavy artillery. It was his duty to help direct the artillery fire.**

**In a letter written on March 10 Kenneth stated that he had seen quite heavy action and the gray hairs were coming in at a surprising rate. He, however, seemed in the best of spirits. Kenneth apparently felt that he would certainly return home. He was regularly sending money home with which to buy bonds with the intention of completing his course at the University as soon as he was discharged from the Army. The other letter received during the past week was to his younger brother, Michael, Jr., who only 17 years old has passed his examination for the Navy, which he is joining on April 26.**

**Last fall Lieutenant Lund was awarded the air medal by Major General Lunsford E. Oliver, the division commander. As pilot of a "Grasshopper" plane, Kenneth had flown 51 combat flights between August 3 and September 24 over France, Belgium, and Luxembourg, performing air reconnaissance, locating targets for the artillery and adjusting its fire on enemy positions. His small plane was unarmed. In making the award the general stated that Lieutenant Lund's coolness and devotion to duty contributed greatly to the prompt bearing of effective artillery fire. Since then Kenneth has been awarded two oak leaf clusters, one for completing another 35 combat missions and the other for his performance at Argentan, France.**

**Kenneth was born on July 28, 1920. He attended the Princeton public schools and graduated from the high school in 1938. The year following his graduation he was employed at the St. Francis hotel. During that time he saved enough money to pay his expenses one year at the University of Minnesota, which he entered in the fall of 1939 and which he attended during the school year of 1939-40. It was during the summer of 1940 that his college work was interrupted by his enlistment in the National Guard.**

**Surviving Kenneth are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lund, two sisters, Mildred (Mrs. George Lee) of Baldwin and Grayce (Mrs. William Tiedeman) of Hinckley, and the younger brother, Michael.**

**Kenneth was a quiet, industrious boy who had a reputation of being exceedingly dependable in all matters. When quite a young boy he was employed in the Union office. He later worked for the local telephone office. As a small boy he showed an unusual sense of thrift and never squandered money that he earned; he always saved it for some worthwhile purpose. He was planning definitely on completing his course at the University. Kenneth was well liked by everyone who knew him and had scores of warm friends in the community to whom his death brings a sense of personal loss.**

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