Roster of Company K Soldiers From the Dickinson, ND Area

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On the left is Jack Leithold who attended Dickinson State Teachers College before being sent to Camp Claiborne. It was said that he was very nice and very shy. He was one of the only young men who worked in the school's cafeteria and was always gently teased by the female students. He was Killed In Action on Guadalcanal at the young age of 23.
Pvt. Herman C. Diede

At his home in North Dakota shortly before leaving for Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

One wonders if his steady gaze can see the fate that lays before him.

Hopefully not. He was Killed In Action on Guadalcanal
Pvt. John Riedl

This picture is typical of those taken of many young men from North Dakota who took their picture next to the family home before going off to fight in WWII.

We will be forever grateful for their service.