

TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty
Austad, Gunder Grunde
1891 MN – 5 February 1918 on Tuscania



Gunder Grunde Austad – Find A Grave 56503095

AUSTAD GUNDER GRUNDE		C 7 888
Pvt Co D 6 Bn 20 Engrs		K
Oklee Minn		A
En	Died 2/6/18	T 472 143
Born 12/17/92		R
		I 8 029
Enl	Dte	Cl

U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
Form 7202

INDEX CARD

GPO 3-13050

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS1M-W9H1-C?cc=2968245&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQP8D-DH32>

Grundy T. Austad

in the Web: Minnesota, U.S., Birth Index, 1900-1934

Name	Grundy T. Austad
Birth Date	26 Feb 1916
Birth Place	Red Lake, Minnesota, USA
Father's Surname	Austad
Mother's Maiden Name	Nesland
Certificate Number	1916-26754
URL	http://people.mnhs.org/bci/Results.cfm?CERTID=1916-26754

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1267510:9196>

Gunder G Austad

Military • United States, World War I American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917-1919

Page 10.
Minnesota

WHERE: INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR
ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Ansems, Thomas	2,787,983	Pvt	Co E 128 Inf	Oct 21/18
Appelen, Ernest	3,334,213	Pvt	Co B 309 Inf	Oct 19/18
Arnet, Philip G.	2,100,004	Pvt	Co E 47 Inf	Aug 3/18
Arnold, William E.	3,773,036	Pvt	Co K 9 Inf	U
Artwine, Joe	3,129,824	Pvt	Co K 308 Inf	Oct 9/18
Asmus, Hugo	2,093,348	Pvt	Co E 47 Inf	Aug 3/18
Auer, Beno J.	3,128,944	Pvt	Co E 128 Inf	Nov 4/18
Austad, Gunder G.		Pvt	Co D 6 Bn 20 Engr	Feb 5/18

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3MW-K9JW-L?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQPHW-LKSB&action=view>

Gunder G Austad

in the U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S., Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil, 1942-1949

Name	Gunder G Austad
Rank	Private
Residence Place	Minnesota
Military Unit	20th Engineer Regiment
Military Branch	U.S. Army
War	World War I
Death Date	5 Feb 1918
Cemetery Plot Number	A
Cemetery Row	2
Cemetery Section	Grave: 7
Cemetery	Brookwood American Cemetery
Burial Place	Brookwood, England

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/30098013:9170?ssrc=pt&tid=8801286&pid=222154628865>

Life:

Minnesotans Listed Saved and Missing in Tuscania Sinking

REPORTED MISSING.

Minnesota men outside Twin Cities reported missing after the Tuscania disaster were:

First Lieut. William Binnie, Fridley.
Erwin R. Burley, Bemidji.
Fred K. Allen, Ada.
Robert J. Moody, Cambridge.
Andrew G. Anderson, Nelson.
William S. Constans, Blue Earth.
Dale M. Fish, Wheaton.
Frank Drahota, Jackson.
Gunder G. Austad, Oklee.
John A. Eichhammer, East Grand Forks.
William L. Trageser, Cottonwood.
John C. Johnson, Big Falls.
Gustav Beyer, Utica.
Joseph A. Allen, Shapokee.

"Minneapolis Star Tribune" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 6

Minneapolis Among Dead.

Contained in the list of victims of the torpedoing who were buried in a Scottish seaport, are the names of a number of men from Minnesota and the Northwest, among them the following:

James J. Buckley, Minneapolis.
 Walter Crellin, Virginia, Minn.
 John A. Eichhammer, East Grand Forks, Minn.
 John C. Johnson, Big Falls, Minn.
 W. F. Tragesser, Cottonwood, Minn.
 Edwin C. Burkey, Bemidji, Minn.
 Fred K. Allen, Ada, Minn.
 Gunder A. Austad, Oklee, Minn.
 Frank Drahota, Jackson, Minn.
 Charles E. Swanson, Fairchild, Wis.
 Fred A. Rudolph, Milwaukee.
 Orvel N. Casper, Milwaukee.

List continues – "Minneapolis Star Tribune" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1

U.S. Dead From Tuscania Buried on Scottish Coast

Those in the next grave are numbered from 19 to 34 as follows:

Unidentified private.

Wesley W. Hyatt.

Gunder A. Austad.

W. V. Smithpeter.

William H. Haisner.

Fred N. Unger.

Frank Drakota.

John O. Robinson.

Edgar Cullen.

J. P. Wasson.

E. F. Church.

Maj. Henry A. Skinner.

N. B. Short.

Three unidentified privates.

"Minneapolis Star Tribune" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 5 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/181383198/>

7 Additional Dead Tuscania Soldiers Listed as Identified

Names Include Privates Austad
of Oklee, Minn., and Harvey
of Eau Claire, Wis.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 24.—The War department last night gave out an additional list of the names of 16 identified dead American soldiers who lost their lives in the torpedoing of the liner *Tuscania* by a German submarine February 6. Nine of them previously had been reported in Associated Press dispatches from the Scottish port.

The seven not previously identified were:

Privates Gunder G. Austad, Oklee, Minn.

Sterling Collonn, St. James, Ark.
Arthur N. Harvey, Eau Claire, Wis.
Joseph R. Redfield, Glendale, Ore.
Edward L. Routt, Pecan Gap, Texas.
Thomas S. Wasson, Kosciusko, Miss.
Claude W. Walker, Los Angeles.

Walker had not previously been listed as unaccounted for and no announcement was made as to the unit to which he was attached.

The others named were:

Walter L. Brown, Pora, Va.
Frank Bruno, New York city.
Norman G. Crocker, Center, Texas.
Clyde C. Jenkins, Coalinga, Va.
Luther A. Ozament, Broken Bow, Okla.

James A. Price, Boise City, Okla.
Mauiel Rames, Paia, Maui, Tetora, Hawaiian Islands.

Luther B. Reeder, Broadus, Texas.
Philipp E. Weigand, Baltimore, Md.

"Minneapolis Star Tribune" Sunday 24 Feb 1918 p 2

Red Lake Falls War Hero Buried.

Red Lake Falls, Minn., Sept. 24.—The funeral of Private William Berry, killed in action in France October 11, 1918, was held from St. Joseph's Catholic church Friday and was probably the largest ever held in Red Lake Falls. The members of Gunder Austad post of the American Legion had charge of the military funeral. Private Berry was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Berry of this city.

"Minneapolis Star Tribune" Sunday 25 Sep 1921 p 10

Father:

In the Name of God, Amen:

I, Grunde G. Austad of Equality, in the County of Red Lake and State of Minnesota being of Sound Mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament:

First I order and direct that my Executors hereinafter named pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my decease as conveniently may be -

Second After the payment of such funeral expenses and debts I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Asbjør G. Austad all the Property Real and Personal, and effects of every name and nature, which I now have, may be possessed of, or may be entitled to - her heirs and assigns forever.

Third I do by this my will dispose of the Custody and Education of my children, who shall be minors at and after my decease, during their minority to my dear Wife Asbjør G. Austad, and do hereby appoint her their Guardian

Fourth. I do hereby appoint and make my wife, Asbjør G. Anstad sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, and it is my wish, and I do hereby request, that she may not be compelled to give any Bond or security as such Executrix, or as Guardian, and that she may settle the Estate in her own way, and sell any or all of the real or Personal Estate, at Public or private sale, as she may think best, and pay the debts without being compelled

to account to the Probate or any other Court, and I do hereby revoke all and every former Will by me made.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 10th day of July in the year of our Lord one Thousand Nine Hundred and one.

(Seal)

This instrument was on the day of the date thereof signed published and declared, by the said testator Grunde G. Anstad to be his last Will and Testament in our presence who at his request have subscribed our names, as witnesses in his presence, and in the presence of each other.

Hedge Stromme, Residing at, Chester Park Co.
 Ole G. Anstad Residing at, Equality Red Lake Co.,
 Paul Sorenson Chester Park Co.

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9070/images/004413389_00088?pld=1980102

Mother:

Minnesota Death Index, 1908-2002

[View record](#)

Name	Asbjør G Austed
Record Type	Death
Death Date	2 Mar 1930
Death Place	Red Lake, Minnesota, USA
Death Registration Date	1930
Certificate Number	012460
Record Number	558377

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/8801286/person/222154628861/facts>

U.S., World War I Mothers' Pilgrimage, 1929 for Gunder G Austad							
Pilgrimages of Gold Star Mothers and Widows, 1930-1933							
Austad, Mrs. Asbjør	Oklee	Mother	RED LAKE COUNTY	Pvt.	Co. B, 20th Engrs.	St. Croixwood	No
Lund, Mrs. Lena	Oklee	Mother	Austad, Gunder G.	Pvt.1/c	Co. C, 4th Inf.	Meuse-Argonne	Yes
Ydstie, Mrs. Andrew	RED #1, Red Lake Falls	Mother	Lund, Frank	Pvt.	Hq. Co., 54th Pion. Inf.	Meuse-Argonne	No
			Ydstie, Rjalmar Lennard				

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/4224/images/40494_3421606190_0676-00283?pld=30914

Siblings:

Name	Olaf
Birth Date	1 Aug 1875
Father's Name	Gunde Olsen
Father's Sex	Male
Mother's Name	Asbjørg Gundersd
Mother's Sex	Female
Mother's Residence Place	Austad
Event Type	Baptism
Event Date	22 Aug 1875
Event Place	Bygland, Aust-Agder, Norge
Event Place (Original)	Bygland, Bygland, Aust-Agder, Norge
Source Call Number	SAK/1111-0006/F/Fb/Fba/L0001
Source Description	Church book from Bygland parish Austad local parish 1848-1886 (0938P)
Entry Number	13
Line Number	1010
Page Number	35
Source Publication Year Range	1848-1886
Affiliate Film Number	dp-09423-1848-1886

Birth of **brother Olaf** on 1 Aug 1875 in Norway -
<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/K83Y-LMQ>

Name	Olav
Birth Date	22 Sep 1876
Father's Name	Gunde Olsen
Father's Sex	Male
Mother's Name	Asbjør Gundersdatter
Mother's Sex	Female
Mother's Residence Place	Oustad
Event Type	Baptism
Event Date	22 Oct 1876
Event Place	Hylestad, Nedenes, Norge
Event Place (Original)	Valle, Hylestad, Aust-Agder, Norge
Source Call Number	SAK/1111-0044/F/Fa/Fac/L0008
Source Description	Church book from Valle parish 1868-1882 (0940P)
Entry Number	H 50
Line Number	1100
Page Number	52
Source Publication Year Range	1868-1882
Affiliate Film Number	dp-06176-1868-1882

Brother of **brother Ole G.** (here listed as Olav) on 22 Sep 1876 in Norway -
<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/K83Y-LMQ>

* * *

10 Lose Gas Stamps in State Line Area

Fargo, July, 3 (AP)—William T. Depuy, chief counsel for the Fargo-Moorhead district of the OPA, said today 10 more North Dakota and Minnesota motorists, convicted of speeding in this area, have lost all or part of their gasoline rations as a result of actions taken at hearings held here.

Revocation orders were against Harold Lienhart, Gus Kondos, Martin Cordie, all of Fargo, and Otto Gullingsrud of Grand Forks, all of whom have had their A rations revoked until July 21; Russell Gullings, Moorhead, Minn., and Harold Bolstad, Perley, Minn., whose rations were revoked until July 22; Ole G. Austad, Oklee, Minn., whose supplemental rations was revoked until Sept. 1; Arnold Krabbenhoft, Sabin,

Minn., whose supplemental ration was revoked until July 30.

Edward L. Stinson, Grand Forks, had his 100 gallons of special ration revoked and Clifford Kalstad, Comstock, Minn., whose right to obtain any B or C ration was suspended until Aug. 1.

"Austin (MN) Daily Herald" Saturday 3 Jul 1943 p 3

Name	Gunnar Gronsén
Birth Date	02 Jul
Father's Name	Grunde Olsen
Father's Sex	Male
Mother's Name	Asbjør Gunnarsdatter
Mother's Sex	Female
Mother's Residence Place	Upstad
Event Type	Baptism
Event Date	12 Aug 1883
Event Place	Hylestad, Nedenes, Norge
Event Place (Original)	Valle, Hylestad, Aust-Agder, Norge
Source Call Number	SAK/1111-0044/F/Fb/Fbb/L0002
Source Description	Church book from Valle parish Hylestad local parish 1875-1921 (0940P)
Entry Number	17
Line Number	1080
Page Number	22
Source Publication Year Range	1875-1921
Affiliate Film Number	dp-05104-1875-1921

Birth of brother Gunnar Grundsen on 2 Jul 1883 -
<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/K83Y-LMQ>

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Gunder Grunde Austad

Name variations: 1918 newspapers list him as Gunder A. Austad

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: not assigned when died

Entered service from: Oklee, Red Lake MN

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Gunder G. Austad

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. A.G. Austad, Oklee MN

Burial on Islay, Scotland: 1st buried at Kinnabus, Islay, Scotland - grave 21, as Gunder G. Austad

Body was not returned to the U.S. but buried in England

World War I draft registration (1917): as Gunder Austad - b. 26 Dec 1891 Polk Co. MN; res: Antelope, Sheridan MT. Single. Farmer, not employed. Tall in height, medium build.

Registered late, on 9 Aug 1917, instead of the required 5 Jun 1917 national registration date. "Note: Just returned from Canada – where party was since last March – "

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlistment not given, only birth date of 17 Dec 1892 and death date of 6 Feb 1918

Address: Oklee MN

Rank/unit: private, Co. D, 6 Bn, 20 Engrs

Birth & death:

Born: 17 Apr 1891 Bygland, Polk MN (VAMI: 17 Dec 1892)

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 56503095 - presence on Tuscania noted in text & flower

Burial location: Woking Borough, Surrey, England

Cemetery: Brookwood American Military

Tombstone: veteran cross - Pvt 20 Engrs Minnesota

Father: Gunde Olsen Austad, 8 Sep 1853 Austad, Bygland kommune, Aust-Agder fylke, Norway – 10 Jul 1901 Polk Co. MN. Son of Olav Grundeson Austad & Ger. Tellefdtr. Hovet. Buried in West Valle Cemetery, Polk Co. MN.

Find A Grave: 58013433

Mother: Asbjør G. Upstad Austad, 25 May 1852 - 2 Mar 1930 Red Lake Co. MN. Her name is found on Familysearch.org as Asbjør Gunnarsson Uppstad, born 25 May 1852, daughter of Gunder Vetlesen and Anlaug Targursdr. She was baptized 27 May 1852 in Hylestad, Nedenes, Norway.

Buried in West Valle Cemetery, Polk Co. MN

Find A Grave: 58013420

Parents' marriage: 2 Jul 1874 Hylestad, Aust-Agder, Norway

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Children:

Siblings: [had 6 other siblings who died]

- Olaf [surname?], 1 Aug 1875 Norway. Born to Gunde Olsen & Asbjørn Gundersdatter. Baptized 22 Aug 1875 in Bygland kommune, Aust-Agder fylke, Norway. Presumably one of the children who died young.
- Ole G. Austad, 22 Sep 1876 Norway – 25 May 1961 Polk Co. MN. His Norwegian birth record lists him as Olav [surname?], born & baptized 22 Sep 1876 in Hylestad, Nedenes, Norway, son of Grunde Olsen & Asbjør Gundersdatter. Buried in West Valle Cemetery, Polk Co. MN. F: 58013410
- Gunnar "Gronsen," born 2 Jul 1883 Norway, the son of Grunde Olsen & Asbjør Gunnarsdatter, baptized 12 Aug 1883 Hylestad, Nedenes, Norway. Presumably one of the children who died young.
- Anna Austad McManus, 25 Oct 1885 Norway – 31 Jan 1976 Pennington Co. MN. Originally appears to be named Anlaug (which is her maternal grandmother's

name). – In 1908 in Polk Co. MN, married Carl E. McManus, born ca. 1887 IA. Gave birth to Grace McManus 9 Jan 1909 in Lakota, Nelson ND [although not listed in the 1900 census with her parents]. Grace died 29 Mar 2007 Erskine, Polk MN, with surname McManus & is buried with her mother (F: 32914966).- In the 1910 census for Lakota, Nelson ND, Anna McManus (24 MN, parents b. Norway, in her 1st marriage, married 2 years) lives with her husband Carl E. McManus (23 IA, in his 1st marriage, a farmer, general farming). Their daughter Grace is not listed. The couple resides in the household of Carl's father: Thomas Hugh McManus (46 IA, parents b. Ireland, a farmer] & Thomas's wife Jennie E. (49 IL, gave birth to 2 children, 1 is living, parents b. ME). In the same household is Carl's grandfather, Hugh McManus (83 Ireland, widowed) & 2 hired men. - By 1920, Anna, reported as a widow & Grace are living with her mother & brother in Red Lake Co. MN. – According to some Ancestry.com family trees, Carl McManus died 23 Sep 1916 in Mahoning Co. OH, but this record is for a Charles E. McManus. - Anna McManus is buried in Zion Cemetery, Oklee, Red Lake MN. F:76879562

- Tollef Austad, 13 Dec 1887 Fisher, Polk MN – 6 Apr 1961 Polk Co. MN. MN death certificate lists mother's maiden name as Upstad. Husband of Gunhild (Julia) Nesland (1894-1926, F: 76879429) whom he married 20 Aug 1912 in Polk Co. MN. Buried in Zion Cemetery, Oklee, Red Lake MN. F: 76879431.

Notes:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Namesake of the Gunder Austad American Legion post in Red Lake Falls MN.

Obituary:

Social Security Number:

Censuses:

1895 MN state census – Bygland, Polk MN

Grundy O. Austad, 42 Norway, lived 8 years in MN, 8 years in this census enumeration district, farmer

Asbjor, 43 Norway

Ole, 18 Norway

Anlang, 10 Norway [female]

Tollef, 8 MN

Gunder, 3 MN

1900 Equality township, Red Lake MN

Grundy O. Austad, 46 Norway, Sep 1854, parents b. Norway, emigrated 1888, in US for 12 years, married 27 years, naturalized citizen, farmer
 Asbjor, 47 Norway, May 1853, emigrated 1888, in US for 12 years, gave birth to 10 children, 4 are living
 Ola, 23 Norway, Oct 1876, emigrated 1888, in US for 12 years, farm laborer, naturalized citizen [son]
 Anlaug, 13 Norway, Oct 1886, emigrated 188, occupation: servant [daughter]
 Tellev, 11 MN, Dec 1888
 Gunnor, 7 MN, Dec 1892

1905 MN state census – Equality township, Red Lake MN [his father Grunde died 1901]
 Asbjor G. Austad, 53 Norway, parents b. Norway, farmer
 Annie, 19 Norway, farm laborer
 Talleiv, 17 MN, farm laborer
 Gunder (or Gundar), 13 MN, farm laborer
 [for the 3 children: both parents b. Norway]

1910 Equality township, Red Lake MN
 Asber Austad, 58 Norway, parents b. Norway, widow, emigrated 1886, gave birth to 10 children, 4 are living, farmer, general farm [head of household]
 Ole G., 33 Norway, single, emigrated 1886, naturalized citizen, farmer
 Tellef G., 22 MN, single, farm laborer, working out
 Gunder G., 18 MN, single, farm laborer, home farm
 [for the children, both parents b. Norway]

1920 Equality township, Red Lake MN
 Ole G. Austad, 42 Norway, parents b. Norway, single, emigrated 1887, under naturalization: P.A. 1918, farmer [head of household]
 Asbjor Austad, 57 Norway, parents b. Norway, widowed, emigrated 1887, naturalized 1898 [mother]
 Annie McManus, 34 Norway, parents b. Norway, housekeeper, emigrated 1887, naturalized 1898 [sister]
 Grace M. McManus, 10 ND, father b. Norway, mother b. IA [niece]
 & laborer Sjorgen Gimstad, 62 Norway, single

1930 Equality township, Red Lake MN
 Ole G. Austad, 52 Norway, parents b. Norway, single, emigrated 1888, alien, farmer, general farm [head of household]
 Annie Austad, 44 Norway, parents b. Norway, marital status written over & blurry, emigrated 1888, naturalized [sister – her surname should have read McManus]
 Tally G. Austad, 42 MN, parents b. Norway, widowed, age 24 at 1st marriage, laborer, home farm [brother]
 Grace McManus, 21 ND, father b. ND, mother b. Norway, single, teacher, rural school [niece – i.e. Annie Austad McManus's daughter]

& "relatives:

Grace Austad, 17 MN, father b. MN, mother b. ND

Grunde Austad, 14 MN, father b. MN, mother b. ND

Alfred Austad, 9 MN, father b. MN, mother b. ND