



**Francis
Klataske**

Navy

Francis Klataske

Oct 13, 1914 - Mar 20, 1943

BIRTHPLACE: Greenleaf, Kansas

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Gunners Mate 3rd class

DIVISION: Navy, Armed Guard

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

HONORED BY: Neices and Nephews

KILLED IN ACTION

BIOGRAPHY

Francis P.Klataske (Gunners Mate 3rd class) was serving as a member of the armed guard on the Merchant Vessel SS Nortun (serial #3425338) in the South Atlantic. Our uncle lost his life when the Nortun was hit by two torpedoes from a German submarine on March 20, 1943. The vessel sank quickly. We should never forget the terrific sacrifice these kids made for us and our country. Francis will forever be our hero.