

Michael J. Callahan

Michael was born in Mendota Heights on December 15th, 1895 to William and Henry Callahan. Prior to World War One Michael did what most young men did at the time and worked on his parent's farm as a laborer.

On June 5th, 1917 Michael registered for the United States Draft. It wasn't long until he found himself traveling overseas. Before being sent to France Michael was assigned to the Company C of the 129th Infantry Regiment. It is unknown where and when he first saw combat but his unit served with distinction during World War One. The 129th was attached to 33rd Infantry Division. The 33rd became known as the "Prairie Division" and the "Golden Cross Division" after their shoulder insignia. The 33rd participated in the Battle of Hamel, The Meuse-Argonne Offensive, The Somme Offensive, and St. Mihiel. Through the course of World War One the 33rd Division lost 6846 men. Michael survived the war and returned home aboard the SS Leviathan on May 15th 1919.

After the war Michael returned to Mendota Heights and the family farm. In 1920 they all lived on Kean Highway in Mendota Height. In 1923 Michael died at the age of 29 in Mendota Heights.