

BARNUM, ROBERT RAYMOND

According to a telegram received here Monday evening, Bob Barnum, well-known in and about Wheatland, was recently killed while serving as a fireman on board the U.S. battleship North Dakota. Young Barnum was a seaman, but all of the crew had to serve their turn as fireman. The Wheatland lad was apparently unused to the ordeal and his death was ascribed as over exposure to the furnace heat. As yet, no further details have been forwarded, save that the body will arrive here at an early date. As the whereabouts of U.S. ships are kept in secrecy, it is not known whether the accident occurred on shore or at sea.

Bob Barnum was employed for a time in the Wheatland garage under J.B. Smith, and also on the R.F. Gunson farm. His mother and a brother, Jason Barnum, live five miles southwest of the Rock Lake school.