BRAGVATNE, Ole A. Johnson

Born: November 9, 1892
Salem Township
Died: October 5, 1918
Argonne Forest in France

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Two Viborg Casualties

ANOTHER VIBORG BOY MAKES THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

Word was received in Viborg Tuesday that Jacob Christensen, a brother of Mrs. Martin Christopherson and Edward Christensen, had been killed in action on the battle-front in France on October 16th. His many friends in Viborg and vicinity will regret to hear this news as he was a popular young man, well liked by everybody and will be missed by his associates. We will endeavor to publish an obituary as soon as we can secure the full particulars.

OLE A. J. BRAGVATNE DIES FOR HIS COUNTRY

Just as we were ready to go to press we picked up the Sioux Falls Press and in the casualty list we noticed the name of Private Ole A. J. Bragvatne, Viborg, died in action. This will indeed be sad news for his parents and friends. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Markus Johnson, of Salem township. They had not had any information until called by the Enterprise and it was a severe shock to them. Ole went with the May draft and there was a large number of boys from Viborg and vicinity who accompanied him. The casualty list from now on will bring sad news to many a home in South Dakota, as it is well known that our boys were in the most severe battles of the war during the last days of the war. The sympathy of all goes out to the Markus Johnson family in their great sorrow.

DOUBLE MILITARY FUNERAL SUNDAY

The Remains of Jacob Christensen and Ole A. J. Bragvatne Will be Laid to Rest

On Sunday, Sept. 18th, there will be a double military funeral in Viborg when the remains of Jacob Christensen and Ole A. J. Bragvatne will be laid to rest. The remains arrived in Viborg last Sunday morning. Chaplain Squire, of Brookings has wired the local post of the American Legion that he will be here to conduct the services. The services will be held in the D. B. S. Hall and will commence at 12:30 prompt and will be in charge of the local post of the Legion. After the services in the hall the procession will start and go west to the Lutheran cemetery three miles west of Viborg, where the remains of Jacob Christensen will be laid to rest. Short services will be held at the grave and the usual salute will be given by the firing squad. From there the procession will go on to the Markus Johnson home in Salem township, where services for Ole A. J. Bragvatne will be held and the remains will then be taken to the cemetery one mile south, where the post will conduct the ritual work. It is very fitting that his should be a double funeral as these two service men fought in the same company and died within five days of each other, and were brought back on the same boat and train. Legion members from surrounding posts and all ex-service men are urged to come in full uniform and pay the last respect to their former comrades. A large number are expected from Hurley, as Jacob Christensen was well known in Hurley. Come in your autos prepared to accompany the remains to their last resting place.