

OLSEN, Lewis F.

July 15, 1880

Centerville Township

May 27, 1905

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Viborg Enterprise - June 1, 1905

Accidentally Shot!



LEWIS F. OLSEN, DECEASED

Lewis F. Olsen, whose picture appears above
in Military Uniform, was Accidentally
Shot while on his way home
from Centerville,
May 27, 1905.

The above cut is the facsimile of the late Lewis F. Olsen, who met a sad and untimely death. The circumstances leading up to the sad affair are as follows:

Mr. Olsen was in Centerville late Saturday afternoon of the fatal day. On his way home and within sight of his farm, he tied his team to a tree on the roadside, the purpose of which was to shoot rabbits. The supposition is that he fired one shot for game and being ready to go home, he went to lay the rifle in the buggy. It was this act that proved fatal to him. He was found about forty minutes later by his brotherinlaw, Julius Nelson who was on his way to the home of Mr. Olsen.

Lewis F. Olsen was born July 15th 1880, in Centerville township within a mile and a half from where he died. He grew to manhood on the farm where he was born. He attended the district schools until the winter of 1899 when he went to Sioux Falls college. In 1902 he embarked in the livery business in this city where he lived until this spring when he moved onto his farm in Centerville township, which was but a temporary dwelling, being called to another world.

Lewis had a liking for military work so when Co. C. of the third regiment was organized at

Centerville he immediately joined, of which he was a member until the company was mustered out in the spring of 1905, when he received his honorable discharge.

June 10 1903 he was married to Cecelia M. Smith, and this union has been blessed with a son, who will like his father never know his papa by memory.

Lewis F. Olsen leaves to mourn his untimely death, a loving mother and step-father who had done everything possible for a bright and hopeful future, but which was shortly cut off. His dear wife and little son will miss a loving husband and father, who was with them but a short time, and two brothers and two sisters, who will greatly miss the departure of a dear brother. Among others Lewis leaves relatives and a host of friends, which was evident by the attendance at the funeral. The remains were laid to rest in the Baptist cemetery east of Viborg, where also lays his father who died November 1881. Rev. Tychsen of the Baptist church preached the funeral sermon. The Masonic lodge of which he was a member acted as pall bearers and escorted him to his resting place. The entire community sympathizes with the bereaved ones in their sad affliction.

M. V. O.