NELSON, Hans Christian

Born: March 7, 1896
near Viborg
Died: October 6, ~~1919~~ 1918
France

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SAD NEWS FOR VIBORG

First Viborg Boy to Lay Down his Life on French Soil

The sad news reached Viborg Monday evening that Chris Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Nelson, had died from pneumonia in France on October 6th. Chris left with the July draft and was sent across soon afterwards. His parents had a letter from him a few days ago in which he stated that he had just been promoted to corporal. Chris was born and raised here and it is a great shock, not only to the family but to the entire community. He was a member of the Odd Fellow and D. B. S. lodges and stood well in the community.

CORPORAL HANS CHRISTIAN NELSEN

Hans Christian Nelsen was born March 7th, 1896 and died in France of pneumonia on Oct. 6th.

Chris begain service in the U. S. Army on June 28th, when he left Parker for Camp Funston and from there was later transferred to different camps until he went with the American Expeditionary Forces over seas early this fall.

Born near Viborg, growing up to fine manhood here. He was a straight, quiet, honest Christian young man and soldier boy. When he bade his parents farewell at Parker, he told them he would meet them soon on the other side if they did not meet any more on earth. He went with full determination to do his duty for his Country and its cause. He has now gone before us to His Reward, where we have the assurance we shall meet never to part.

Rev. H. Folkestad preached a beautiful and touching memorial sermon at the M. E. Church on Thanksgiving Day.

He left his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Nelsen, two sisters Marie and Alice and three brothers, James, who is a member of the S. A. T. C at Brookings and Fred and Joseph, and a number of other relatives to mourn his loss. He has two uncles in France, who are at the front, one of whom, Silas Nelson has just been wounded.

His was a gallant death, none more gallant, for he laid down his life for others, even as did He, who came to redeem us all.