JENSEN, Lars Chris

November 18, 1908
near Viborg
Died: probably late June of 1943
in a Japanese prison camp

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LT. L. C. JENSEN DIED IN JAP PRISON CAMP

A former resident of the Viborg community and a graduate of the Viborg High School, Lt. L. C. Jensen, died in a Japanese prison camp, according to notice received recently by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Michaelsen of Sioux Falls.

Memorial Services were held last Sunday at the Spring Valley Lutheran Church. The following article appeared in the Argus Leader:-

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Michaelson, 1326 East Fifth St., have learned that their son, 1st Lt. Lars Chris Jensen, 34, a Japanese prisoner of war in the Philippine Islands, was a victim of dysentery.

Born November 18, 1908, at Viborg, S. D., Lt. Jensen was confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He attended S. D. State College at Brookings and also Iowa State college at Ames, receiving his commission as a reserve officer in 1935. He was married June 6, 1936 to Myrtle Olsen of Minneapolis.

Lt. Jensen was the second supervisor in charge at the CCC camp at Mitchell, Neb., previous to being called into active servic in November of 1940 at Fort Snelling, near Minneapolis. He sailed from San Francisco, Calif., January 21, 1941, arriving in the Philippines in the latter part of February. He was stationed at Fort McKinley, P. I., and later atBaguio, Camp John Hay, P. I.

A report received from the war department in May, 1942, stated that Lt. Jensen was missing from the forces at the final surrender of Corregidor, and the family learned in December that he was a prisoner of war. A telegram received July 5 notified the family of his death.

Mrs. Jensen and her daughter, Marjorie Louise, are visiting at the home of Lt. Jensen's parents here. Lt Jensen is survived by his widow and child, his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Michaelsen, Sioux Falls; a sister, Mrs. Lawrence Peterson, Viborg; two brothers, Alvin Jensen, Sioux Falls, and Daniel C. Jensen, Hartford, S. D.; and a half sister, Marie Michaelsen, Sioux Falls.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to all who took part in the Memorial Services held last Sunday for Lt. L. Chris Jensen, and for the flowers and expressions of spmpathy.

Mrs. L. Chris Jensen
Marjorie Louise
Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Michaelsen and family