

HAGEN, Lars

Born: May 18, 1891

Norway

Died: October 11, 1918

Camp Dodge, Iowa

Viborg Enterprise - October 17, 1918

Lars Hagen Answers Call.

Tramp, Tramp, sounds the marching of guarding feet. What does it all mean?

Yes, the city of Viborg is in Mourning! The first soldier has been brought home, too early, we think—cold and still.

The Home Guards therefore honored him who laid down his life for his country—guarding the body from the time it came off the train till the break of day. The flags were flying in the breezes from half mast, and the city bows in sympathy for their respected citizens in mourning.

Lars Hagen was born the 18th day of May 1891 in Tronhjem, Norway. He came to the United States with his parents in 1901 and lived the first year after their arrival in Yankton Co. Then they moved to Williams Co., North Dakota. Here he was confirmed by Rev. Jorgensen. In 1907 they came back again and settled near Centerpoint in Yankton county.

Lars Hagen was drafted into the service of Uncle Sam in July of this year and was sent to Camp Dodge, Iowa, where he was taken ill with Spanish Influenza and pneumonia wherefrom he died on Friday evening Oct. 11, 1918. Lars was of a quiet nature and of noble character, loving and kind to his dear ones, who felt the loss deeply.

He died in Uncle Sam's Service, ready with the millions of others to lay down his life, for the great Christian principles for which we are fighting. He leaves to mourn him, three sisters Anna, Mary and Olga, one brother, Albert and his father, Ole Hagen. The funeral was held at the Lutheran church, south of Centerpoint, where he was laid to rest by the side of his mother and sister. Rev. H. Folkestad of Viborg, officiated. The services were held out side, in compliance with the State Board of Health of South Dakota. The casket was covered with flowers and the American flag. The body was escorted here by Cpl. Walter Davis, one of Lars's comrades. A large host of friends accompanied the body to its last resting place. The Home Guards and three soldier friends escorted the Home-Coming Soldier.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our kind neighbors and friends for their assistance and sympathy given in our great bereavement, the loss of our dear son and brother, Lars. We also wish to thank the three soldiers and the Home Guards for the assistance rendered. And for the beautiful floral offering and the kind expressions.

Ole Hagen
Anna Hagen
Mary Hagen
Olga Hagen
Albert Hagen