CLARENCE TOWNE DIES

Brother of Mrs. E. H. Spaulding

Makes the Great Sacrifice.

BRILLIANT OFFICER

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Sorrow Comes to One Well-known

Grinnell Home in Loss of

a Brother.

Mrs. E. H. Spaulding is mourning

on account of the death of her bro-

ther, Lieut. Towne, of Des Moines.

Concerning this sad event the Des

Moines Register says:

"Lieut. Nathan Clarence Towne is
dead. The words, which will bring

sadness to the hearts of many friends,
came over the wire Sunday morning to

the young lieutenant's father, Nathan

C. Towne, of 554 Eighteenth street.

One week ago he was serving his
country at Camp Jackson, Columbi-

a, S. C., when he was taken with the
dread disease, Spanish influenza. In

a letter from him, received Saturday,
he wrote that he was ill and that it

teased of pneumonia set in he would have a wire

sent. The message came Thursday
morning and his mother, accompanied

by his sister, Miss Ethel Towne, Y. W.

C. A. secretary at Camp Dodge, hostess

house, left for Columbia. They arri-

ved at midnight Saturday night, and at

1:15 o'clock Lieutenant Towne an-

swered the last call.

"Born in Des Moines twenty-four

years ago and educated in the Olive

McHenry school, later graduating from

West High, his acquaintance was

large. Later he attended the Univer-
sity of Michigan at Ann Arbor and re-

ceived his degree after his ealishment

in May, 1917.

"He entered service with Battery F

and remained with the battery in Dem-
ing for over a year. Six weeks ago

he was commissioned lieutenant at

Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky.,

and assigned to Camp Jackson, where

he was regimental aide officer.

"Two days leave of absence we

spent in Des Moines with the parents

prior to his leaving for Louisville and

a family reunion was held at the per-

ental home. He is survived by his par-

ents, a sister, Mrs. Ernest Spaulding

of Grinnell, a brother, George L.

Towne, and Miss Ethel Towne.

Mrs. Spaulding goes to Des Moines

tonight to await the sad returning. Mr.

Spaulding will also go to be present at

the funeral.