

# CLARENCE TOWNE DIES

Brother of Mrs. E. H. Spaulding  
Makes the Great Sacrifice.

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Sorrow Comes to One Well-known  
Grinnell Home in Loss of  
a Brother.

Mrs. E. H. Spaulding is in mourning on account of the death of her brother, 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 854 Eighteenth street.

One week ago he was serving his country at Camp Jackson, Columbia, 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 if 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 arrived at midnight Saturday night, and at 1:15 o'clock Lieutenant Towne answered 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 University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and received his degree after his enlistment in May, 1917.

"He entered service with Battery F and remained with the battery in Deming 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 gas officer.

"Two days leave of absence was spent in Des Moines with his parents prior to his leaving for Louisville and a family reunion was held at the parental home. He is survived by his parents, 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.

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