

## Clarence Bowers Is Buried In 10-14- 1932 Montezuma

(From the Montezuma Republican)

The community was saddened when the news came of the death of Clarence Bowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bowers of this city, who was killed in Miami, Fla., when struck by an automobile on Tuesday night of last week. Mr. Bowers was taken at once to a hospital where an emergency operation was performed in the hopes of saving his life. It proved of no avail and he passed away Thursday morning.

Clarence was crossing the street after work in heavy traffic when he was struck. He had just been talking with friends, who witnessed the terrible accident. He remained conscious till the last and remarked, "Don't prosecute the man."

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. J. Stanley Decker, pastor of the Methodist church. The American Legion post honored the departed soldier with a full military funeral service at the grave.

"Limpy" was a well beloved Montezuma boy. He was genial, happy and made friends easily. He served two years in France during the World war and rose from the rank of a private to that of a lieutenant. At the time of his death he was a member of the American Legion post in Florida, and also of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

It is recalled that on the day he left to make his home in St. Paul, the fire whistle blew. He, being a member of the company, almost left the train to help put out the fire. The morning of his funeral, the fire whistle also blew.

The following obituary was read at the services:

Clarence W. Bowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bowers, was born in Montezuma, Iowa, June 16, 1889, and departed this life Oct. 6, 1932, aged 43 years, 3 months and 20 days.

He spent his early life in Montezuma, moving to St. Paul in 1911, where he lived until the past three years, which he spent in Miami, Fla. He was married in St. Paul June 15, 1921, to Marian M. Narum.

He enlisted in the quartermaster corps at Fort Snelling in September 1917, and served as sergeant first class until the end of the war, receiving a commission after the Armistice was signed. Twenty-two months of his army service were spent in France, where he was stationed at Brest.

Mr. Bowers was a member of DeGarmo post, Cocoanut Grove, Fla., and was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He attended the public schools here, and was active in many enterprises. He followed in the footsteps of his father and was a member of the fire department.