

**John Sowden, H-R
World War Vet,
Funeral Monday
6-19-1934**

John Lester Sowden, one of Grinnell's World War veterans passed away Saturday night at 11:10 o'clock in a local hospital. He had been in poor health for a long time but had been seriously sick for the past six weeks. He was aged 46 years, 3 months and 1 day. One brother, Samuel G. Sowden, lives in Grinnell.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the tent home of the Church of the Open Bible, conducted by Miss Edna Mosier and Miss Lela Haycock. Burial was in Hazelwood. The pall bearers, all members of Focht-Tennant Post of the American Legion, of which Mr. Sowden was a member, were Eldon Olds, George Mooers, Roy McNeal, A. T. Schrader, James Sarver and Ben Tarleton.

Mr. Sowden enlisted in the World War in Grinnell and was sent to Camp Dodge in September of 1917. In November of that year he was transferred to Camp Cody, New Mexico, as a member of the 135th Infantry. While there he was taken sick and sent to the hospital. He was afterward sent back to Camp Dodge and was discharged there in October of 1918. Since then he has been unable to work on account of his health.