

BINFORD PAID FINE TRIBUTE TO DEAD HERO

**FIRST MILITARY FUNERAL IN
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SIVE—LARGE NUMBERS PAY
RESPECT TO DEAD WARRIOR**

Binford paid homage to its dead soldier boy Sunday, in the first military funeral held in our little city, when the remains of Hans Hogle, who was killed on the battlefields of France, was buried in the family lot in the United Lutheran cemetery.

At two o'clock, ex-service men assembled at the opera house, and from there the line of march proceeded to the school grounds, where the services were rendered. Chaplain O'Neil, of Cooperstown, read the Legion services and gave a few well chosen words of consolation and of prayer to the bereaved. Rev. E. S. Tollefson, of Aneta, dwelt on the hope and the comfort of the Christian. A male chorus rendered several beautiful songs.

After the services, the funeral procession was formed in military order, lead by a firing squad composed of Ole Hagle, E. H. Caldwell, Harry Ronningen, Otto Erdahl, George Wells, George Lafton, Lewis Larson, Victor Simensen, and commanded by Paul Sorvik.

Rev. Tollefson and Chaplain O'Neil followed next in line. The remains in a flag draped casket and Pallbearers Emil Olson, Hans Helland, John Bruvik, Henry Haglo, Torger Rogné, Harry Parks were next in order, followed by the mourners. Colorbearers, Sig Olson and Otto Staldvik and Colorguards Olof Knapp and Oscar Alm were next in line, with 21 uniformed men under the command of A. M. Hanson, following. A long procession of automobiles brought up in the rear.

Many of the posts in the neighboring towns were represented, McVille contributing the larger number.

At the cemetery, following prayers by Rev. Tollefson and Chaplain O'Neil, the firing squad fired three volleys over the grave and taps were sounded by Bugler Peterson, of Rogers, for him, who now rests in his native land and who gave his life for his country.

Through Ole Larson, of McVille, The Times was fortunate to learn something concerning our dead hero. Mr. Larson was attached to Co. K, in the same battalion with Hans Hogle. He recalls speaking with him on Sept. 25, the day before the 35th division entered the battle, and again on Sept. 27th, the two met on the battlefield. Mr. Larson states that his company went in with 136 men and lost all but 21. He was under the impression that Co. I, Hogle's outfit, suffered even worse losses. Hans was hit with shrapnel on Sept. 28, and according to Mr. Larson this must have occurred on the field between the towns of Charpentry and Exermont, in the Argonne. The town of Sheppy was taken by the Americans on Sept. 27, Charpentry on the 28th and Exermont on the 29th. The battles at these points were very severe, the enemy putting up a very stubborn resistance. However, the advance of the American infantry was very rapid, in fact, Mr. Larson states, it was too rapid to permit the artillery to follow at its regular distance in the rear, which probably accounts for the heavy casualties. He states that they went for several days without rations of any kind, except what they could take from the German dead on No Man's Land.

Hans Hogle was raised in this community and we all knew him as a quiet unassuming boy, but underneath that air of apparent placidity there was a depth of feeling and a determination of purpose. He heard the call of his country and his patriotism responded to that call. He offered everything he had and his country accepted the sacrifice. As long as the citizens of Binford remember the great World War, so long will they remember that Hans Hogle gave his life for the cause designed to make the world a place fit to live in for ourselves and for our children's children.