Cleveland Smith Larsen, a son of Niels S. Larsen and Ellen Gibson Smith Larsen, was born on November 7, 1892 in Salt Lake City. He graduated from L.D.S. High School in 1915 and attended the University of Utah for one year, 1916-17. He worked as a school teacher and was employed by S. F. Rigby in Castle Rock when he was inducted into the army.

He entered the army February 18, 1918 and was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. In the spring of 1918, flu broke out at the fort and he died of bronco pneumonia on April 1, 1918. He was buried in the Salt Lake City cemetery.

At the time of his death, he was survived by his parents; four brothers; Lauritz LeRoy, John Smith, Grant Smith, and Wilford Smith; and three sisters; Margaret Ethel, Mable Vivian, and Clarissa. He was preceded in death by a brother, George.