

MOFFATT, LOUIS MCGREGOR
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Wheatland mourns the loss of one of her sterling citizens, mourns the loss of one who has helped to make the town, good citizen, loyal friend, kindly gentleman. Captain Louis M. Moffatt has passed on, into the Great Beyond; obeying like the good soldier he was the call of the Great Commander. Death came as a relief from pain and suffering at one o'clock Tuesday morning at Fort Russell, following the operation which was performed by attending physicians as a last desperate attempt to stop the onward march of the Grim Destroyer.

For several years Captain Moffatt had been a sufferer from stomach trouble, and the malady was aggravated by his long and arduous service on the border. He doubtless fully realized what it would mean to leave the comforts of his home for the hardships of military service, but it was characteristic of the man that he never hesitated, never flinched from the duty which he felt to be his and to which he gave such unswerving loyalty. While on the border his condition became steadily worse and upon his arrival in Cheyenne, it was necessary to remove him to the post hospital. Sad indeed it seems that death should overtake him, when, after so nobly performing the duty to his country of which he was so deeply sensible, he should be taken away while hurrying to rejoin the loved ones in the home he had provided for them, conscious of work well done, and hopeful of well merited rest and reward.

Captain Moffatt had been an officer in the Wyoming National Guard since 1909, having held the rank of captain since January 1911, and the high standing of Company I in military circles was largely due to his untiring energy and interest. At the time of his death he was the senior captain in the state guard, and Adjutant General Andersen pays him high tribute as one of the organization's most efficient and hardest working officers.

The remains were brought to Wheatland Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by Lieut. B. A. Turner, Major and Mrs. Arthur Parker, J.F. Rossman and Peter Cook, the latter two being representatives of the Consistory at Cheyenne. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from All Saints Church, the Masonic and Eastern Star orders and the National Guard attending in a body. All stores and business houses were closed during the funeral.

Captain Moffatt was born 46 years ago at Carlisle, England, coming to this country twenty years later and almost immediately to Wyoming. He is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Nettie Palmer, and by five children ranging in age from two to fourteen years.

In common with the entire community The World offers heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones left to mourn the untimely loss of husband and father.
