

MOFFATT, LOUIS MCGREGOR
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CAPT. L. M. MOFFATT MUSTERED OUT OF LIFE

Captain Louis M. Moffatt was mustered out of life's service by the Great Commander of the universe early Tuesday morning. Death occurred at the army hospital at Ft. Russell, following an operation performed last Friday when attending physicians decided that the use of the knife was the only chance to prolong his life, but the effort was without avail. Mrs. Moffatt was advised of his critical condition and left Friday for Fort Russell and was with her husband when the final parting came. Mr. Moffatt had long been a sufferer from stomach trouble. During his months of service on the border, it became worse, and when he arrived at Fort Russell a short time ago on his way home, he was taken seriously ill and was unable to continue his homeward journey alive.

The whole community grieves for the loss of Captain Moffatt. His tireless energy and faithful performance of every duty that was given to his hands won for him an important place among the men of the town. He was a devoted worshipper at the hrine of Free Masonry and his zeal for that noble institution was rewarded by promotion from place to place until he occupied the highest seat of honor in the fraternity, and to his credit, may it be said that he ever walked and acted as an upright man and Mason.

He was always interested in military life, and was one of the most prominent figures in the National Guard of Wyoming. As captain of Co. I, which owed it's existence to his activities, he brought the company up to a high state of efficiency. When the call came for the Guard to go to the border, Capt. Moffatt was one of the first to try to bring the company up the required standard.

His rare faithfulness and efficiency in every trust inevitably made his services in demand in many public activities, and he never disappointed those who placed dependence upon him. At the time he was called to the border, he was serving as clerk and marshal for the town of Wheatland. No task was ever too great for Lou, if a friend or neighbor could be served.

"His work was unfinished, but his column broken." His character and fidelity remain as a monument to his memory more enduring than marble or granite. That his days should be cut off in the prime of life is one of the inscrutable decrees of an overruling Providence, before whom all must bow in humble submission.

The body was brought to Wheatland on the afternoon train, Tuesday, accompanied by Lieut. B.A. Turner, Major and Mrs. Arthur Parker from Fort Russell, Peter Cook and J.F. Rossman as representatives of the Consistory at Cheyenne. Funeral services will be at the Episcopal church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Masonic and Eastern Star orders will attend in a body as will also the National Guard. After the church services, the Masons will take charge of the ceremony.

Louis M. Moffatt was born at Carlisle, England in 1871. He came to America when 20 years of age and made his home in the west, becoming a loyal citizen of his adopted land. In 1901, he was married to Nettie Palmer, the wife who survives him together with five young children, the oldest of whom is 14, and the youngest is but 2 years of age. The deep sympathy of all is extended to the sorely bereaved family.