

[Plumb, Isaac Jr.]

THE LATE CAPT. PLUMB

Died in Campbell Hospital [in Washington D.C.], July 4th, Cap. Isaac Plumb, of the 61st Regiment, N.Y.S.V.

Many are the noble and the brave who have fallen in this hour of our nation's sorrow. But few have perished...more worthy of the nation's gratitude than the gallant officer and brave soldier who breathed his last as noted above.

Capt. Plumb enlisted in his country's service in September, 1861, and had participated in nearly all the terrible battles in which the Army of the Potomac have been engaged.

While [he was] on a furlough home last winter, I could but wish, with an anxious heart, that so noble a youth, so brave a soldier should be preserved until the end. He had then participated in thirteen dreadful battles, besides numerous skirmishes—had been promoted from a post near the ranks to a captaincy, and was not only a gallant officer, but a noble youth of...those qualities of mind and heart which gave him many friends and caused him to be greatly beloved.

But he has fallen. He fell, mortally wounded by sharp shooters, at Gaines Mills, just as the army was changing its base for Petersburg. After suffering for some days in the hospitals he was relieved from earthly conflict and his noble spirit soared to the better land.

His funeral was attended by the writer in the Congregationalist church in this village, it being larger than ours, and being kindly offered for the occasion. A large crowd attending, only a portion of which could get inside the church. All the clergymen of the village, in the spirit of Christian courtesy and kindness, were present and assisted the writer in the services. Military honors were paid...and the tribute of affection and esteem were given him and an afflicted family, by this whole community.

The brave soldier whose departure I here chronicle was the son of Isaac Plumb, Esq., of this village, one of our most worthy and honored citizens, and a member of our society. Mourning parents feel the loss! a brother and sister mourn his exit!... O, this is the hour of trial for us as a nation and a people! May the Father prepare us for the duties, the perils, the sorrows of this terrible period of suffering and of death! May God help us to be faithful in the cause of our common country and in the darkest hour hope for and believe in the coming day.

B. S. H. [Rev. Benjamin S. Hobbs]

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