

[Kniffen, Addison E.]

SOLDIER ADDISON KNIFFEN

Last Bugle Call Sounded Over His Grave at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Very impressive funeral services over the remains of Private Addison E. Kniffen, late of Company B, Forty-second Regiment, U. S. A., were held at the First Universalist Church on Clinton avenue south at 2:30 o'clock yesterday. Nearly 300 persons attended the services. The remains reached this city from San Francisco Friday.

The sermon by the Rev. Isaac P. Coddington, pastor of the church, paid a high tribute to the dead soldier, whose service in the army has been highly commended by his captain in a letter to the boy's mother. Those who knew him in this city also speak in warm terms of his many good qualities. He was an only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Kniffen, of No. 56 Alexander street.

Private Kniffen enlisted in this city one year ago in September and went with his regiment to Manila. While doing his duty he was taken sick with dysentery and removed to a Manila hospital, where he died last August.

At the church the casket containing the soldier's body was draped with a large American flag and many large and beautiful floral designs were placed about it. The bearers were members of the First and the Eighth separate companies, who were veterans of the Spanish-American war, as were also those of the firing squad who attended the services at the grave and fired the final volley. Taps were sounded and the last honors paid to the remains of the young man who died so far away from home and friends. His commander records him a "good soldier who obeyed orders."

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