

[Race, C. Earl]

C. Earl Race Dies at 58; Ill But Short Time

**First Commander of Headquarters Company-
Served With Guard Many Years—Prominent in Business Life**

C. Earl Race, 58, for many years a member of the National Guard and identified with many concerns as an accountant, died last night at his home, 49 East Genesee Street. He had been in poor health for some time but his death was unexpected.

Mr. Race was born in Auburn and resided in the city and vicinity practically all his life. He was of a retiring disposition and had many winning characteristics which endeared him to a wide circle of friends.

For a time he was head timekeeper in the D. M. Osborne & Co. plant and for several years after the merger of that concern with the International Harvester Company was connected with the office staff. For several years he was office manager for the H. R. Walt Company and in recent years had been head of a successful collection agency.

Mr. Race was always interested in military affairs and was considered in the National Guard, a good soldier.

He enlisted in the Wheeler Rifles, as the Second Separate Company was known in the National Guard service, June 23, 1896, and served with the company in the 1898 Spanish-American campaign at Camps Black, Alger and Meade, attaining the rank of corporal. He was discharged February 17, 1899, and reenlisted with Company M September 28 of the same year. He was discharged March 15, 1902.

Mr. Race reenlisted in May, 1916, and was discharged a month later. He did not see service in the Mexican Border assignment. From July 26, 1917, to August 18, 1919, he served with the Home Guard Company in Auburn as sergeant, while the Auburn soldiers were away in World War service.

In the military reorganization after the World War Mr. Race became commander of the Headquarters Company in Auburn of the 108th Regiment, in fact the first commander, with rank of first lieutenant. He served from October 27, 1921, until June 16, 1926, when he was retired and became a member of the Reserve Officers Corps.

Mr. Race was a member of the First Universalist Church, was identified with Major Louis B. Lawton Post, United Spanish War Veterans, and was a member of Sea and Field Lodge F. & A. M.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mabel Knox Race; two sons, Earl A. Race, present secretary of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, and Thomas K. Race of Hyde Park, N. Y.; two grandchildren, Betsy H. Race of Auburn and Thomas K. Race, Jr., of Hyde Park.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the home. Rev. Plato T. Jones, pastor of the First Universalist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Fort Hill Cemetery, with military honors.

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