

OBSEQUIES OF BREVET BRIGADIER-GENERAL J. LYMAN VAN BUREN

The funeral of Brevet General James Lyman Van Buren, who died in this city at the residence of his father at No. 46 Union Square, on Friday last, took place yesterday afternoon. Though a young man, General Van Buren was widely known and universally respected and esteemed, alike for his abilities as a soldier and a scholar. In the spring of 1861 he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the Fifty-third New York Volunteers (known as the d'Epeneuil Zouaves), with which regiment he remained for some months, doing duty at Annapolis, Maryland, until he was transferred to the Signal corps as chief officer. When the Burnside expedition was fitting out at Annapolis he was appointed as aid-de-camp on General Foster's staff. During the battle of Roanoke Island, in the discharge of his duty, he was constantly under fire, deporting himself with the utmost coolness and bravery. When the Ninth Corps moved to Newbern, North Carolina, he acted as aid on the staff of General Burnside, and was subsequently made Assistant Judge Advocate General for that department. Soon after the President appointed Governor Stanley as Provisional Governor of North Carolina he was promoted to the full rank of Major and appointed as Military Secretary to the Governor, which office he held until the Ninth Corps joined the Army of the Potomac. He remained with his corps until Burnside was removed from the command of the Army of the Potomac and ordered to the Department of Ohio, in the spring of 1863, to which place he accompanied General Burnside, and was actively engaged all through the campaign in East Tennessee. He participated in the siege of Knoxville in the fall of 1863, and was one of the party of officers who rode out to welcome General Sherman on his relief of that position.

In the winter of 1864-5 the Ninth Corps was reorganized and filled up with colored troops. Major Van Buren then rejoined his old corps, and with it participated in the victories and defeats throughout the final campaign of the rebellion. At the mine explosion and battle of July 31, at Fort Steadman and the final attack on Petersburg, he was particularly conspicuous for gallantry, and for his bearing on those occasions and long and faithful service to the country he received his brevet as lieutenant-colonel and brevet brigadier-general. Last August, while home waiting orders, he was attacked with chills and fever, besides suffering from a diseased liver, which it is thought were incidental to the jaundice, a disease that he contracted while in service at North Carolina. He has never been in perfect health since. Surrounded by fond parents and a host of friends he has thus peacefully breathed his last. James Lyman Van Buren was in the twenty-ninth year of his age, a native of Dunkirk, near Lake Erie, in this State, and a graduate of the Free Academy of this city. At that school he was considered one of the brightest scholars, and his associations with his classmates were of such an amicable nature that none of them will read of his death without a feeling of regret at his early demise.

He was commissioned as aid on the staff of General Parke, on the 1st of the present month. Yesterday afternoon the Twelfth Regiment, National Guard, in accordance with orders promulgated from division headquarters, acted as funeral escort to the deceased, and, accompanied by the United States band from Governor's Island, made a fine appearance. The remains were taken to the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church, corner of Twenty-second Street, where the solemn and impressive services for the dead were celebrated; after which a beautiful eulogy on the life and patriotic services of the deceased was delivered by the Rev. Howard Crosby, D.D., and the remains were then conveyed to their last resting place in Greenwood. (1866.)

Birth: Jun. 21, 1837
Death: Apr. 13, 1866

Green-Wood Cemetery
Brooklyn
Kings County
New York, USA
Plot: Section 180/181, Lot 16588