

DEATH OF GEORGE BABCOCK

George Babcock, one of the soldier boys from Grand Rapids, died at the Great Lakes Naval Training station on Saturday afternoon after a short illness from influenza followed by pneumonia. His people here had been notified of his serious condition and his wife and mother went down there and while they could not be with him during his last moments they were as close as it was possible for them to be.

Deceased was born and raised in this city and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Babcock, who live on the west side in the southern part of the city. He had lived in this city practically all his life, and had a happy disposition that made him friends wherever he went, and the announcement of his death caused great sorrow among his friends in this city, of which he had a great many.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon from the home, when the band and military company turned out and marched to the grave where a military funeral was held. a large number of friends following the remains to their last resting place.

It is indeed a sad duty to have to chronicle the death of a young man who, leaving his home and wife, goes to the front to fight for his country, only to be called to the great beyond before he can have his chance to do something for the land that he was so willing to defend. His relatives have the sympathy of the community in their afflictions.

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