

Taps Sound For Jacob Bogard, G. A. R. Veteran

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Jacob Bogard was born in Rose county, Ohio, December 11, 1847. In 1853, he migrated with his parents to Illinois. On February 11, 1864, young Jacob was playing in the school yard at Wyoming, Ill., when a recruiting officer went past. He and two others left school and enlisted in the army as members of Logan's 15th Corps. He was discharged in August, 1864. After the war he returned to his Illinois home and from there migrated to Iowa in 1886.

He was married to Mrs. Mable Swangel at Montezuma, Iowa, June 17, 1896. Mrs. Bogard died May 18, 1920. On July 26, 1930, he married Mrs. Clara Dickson.

Those surviving Mr. Bogard are Mr. Bogard's two daughters, Mrs. Fred Kirby of Montezuma and Mrs. A. B. Long of Des Moines; one son, Claude, of Montezuma; two stepdaughters, Mrs. William Barrie of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Mrs. William Sutphin of Montezuma; and a sister, Mrs. Nancy Sturn, of Bradford, Ill.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist Episcopal church at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. J. H. Krenmyre, with the Rev. Ely Gregson preaching the sermon.

The members of the Donald E. Blakley post of the American Legion were in charge of the services at the grave and furnished the pallbearers, who were Howard Bernard, J. V. Stilson, Sam Smith, Forrest Horsford, Leo Duncan and L. C. Miltenberger.

The firing squad was in charge of Commander A. G. Fett and fired the salutes over the final resting place. C. K. Gunnar presented the flag to Mrs. Bogard, which was the first time in this county it had been given to the widow of a Civil War veteran.

After his enlistment Mr. Bogard was sent to Springfield, from where he with four companies of men rode in cattle cars to New York City. So crowded were they that many rode on top of the cars, but this was in the dead of winter and the weather was quite bad so that Mr. Bogard managed to secure a place within the car.

From New York City the men went to the North Carolina coast where they landed and this group of men spent the remainder of the war in maneuvers in North Carolina and Georgia.

Mr. Bogard was with Logan's 15th army corps, composed mostly of unseasoned men, so they never engaged in any major battles but served at guard and scout work, which led them into frequent skirmishes with the "Johnny Rebs."

In a recent interview with Mr. Bogard he told many interesting tales of army life. He said that the food was not too plentiful and consisted almost entirely of hard tack and sowbelly. Many times they went hungry for indefinite lengths of time and he remarked how once when the supply train failed to arrive he stole an ear of corn from a mule that had started to eat it. "You ate anything you could get your hands on," he explained.

While Mr. Bogard's company was stationed along a railroad track one time a rebel prison train came along, not knowing the Fed-

eral troops were there, and was captured. Two of his brothers-in-law were prisoners on the train but Mr. Bogard did not recognize one of them because of his starved condition. This one, Sam Redding by name, was a minister before going into the army, and was always rebuking Mr. Bogard about his swearing. Mr. Bogard asked him his opinion of the rebels, and the above mentioned parrot was put to shame.