

Old Veteran Answers The Last Command

Mr. Charles C. Stone, 93 year old civil war veteran passed away at his home in Newburg, early Sunday morning and was laid to rest at Hickory Grove Cemetery with military honors on Tuesday, June 8. The funeral was held at 2 P. M. from the Church of God, Newburg and was in charge of the American Legion members of Newburg and Gilman. Rev. S. O. Smith of the Congregational Church at Newburg, A. E. F. soldier of the World War acted as chaplain and delivered the funeral sermon using, as his text Ecclesiastes 8: 8, "There is no discharge in that war," treating it in a practical manner and relating it to the conquest for personal christian character and for world peace built upon international and interracial understanding and good will.

The military escort led the funeral procession from the home to the church and took charge there. At the grave the deceased was given military honors by a firing squad and the body was committed to the ground with the Americal Legion burial ritual. Commander Rose of the Gilman post was in charge and executed his task in an orderly and efficient manner. The funeral service in its entirety was highly commended by those in attendance.

Mr. Stone was 93 years of age, being born at Lowell, Mass., on February 27, 1833. He served in the army five years during the civil war period, taking part in some of the fiercest battles of the struggle. His first military service was in the third Wisconsin infantry, Co. F. in which company he served for eighteen months when he was transfered to Co. F. fourth U. S.

Artillery. At the end of three years service he was honorably discharged, but almost immediately re-enlisted in the 47th Reg. Wisconsin Volunteers, Co. G. where he served through the remainder of the war, acting as Company Orderly Sargeant during most of this period.

Mr. Stone came to Newburg in October, 1924 where on November 5, of the same year he was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary Gray of Newburg whom he had known for many years, since early manhood. The deceased was a man of most genial disposition and neighborliness and he had made a host of admiring friends in the community who share with his bereaved relatives the sorrow which his death has incurred.

