

**Walter E. Wise**, (24 Jan 1879 – 7 Sep 1898), Newport News, September 14, 1898

It is our duty to chronicle the death of **Walter E. Wise**, late private in Co. I, 4th Regiment, Shortly after his embarking on the transport of Porto Rico he was taken ill and on the arrival of the regiment at its destination he was ordered to return on the hospital ship, "Relief" and placed in St. Peter's Hospital, Brooklyn, NY. A much enthusiastic young man and one more ready to enlist could not have been found. With all the pleadings of his friends his mind could not be changed—his only aim was to fight for his country. A coincidence connected herewith is that his death occurred upon the return home of his comrades. Of all the sickness in this company, this was the first fatal case. The remains reached here Friday morning on Pacific and were interred the same afternoon. The company attended the funeral in a body and had charge. This was the finest military funeral ever held in our town. W.C. No. 218, P.O.S.of A. and Marysville Coronet Band, both of which the deceased was a member, paid their last respects to their fellow member by being present at the funeral. All of the organizations will surely feel this loss. A kind hearted and genial one has responded to the last reveille and has given the last "here" at the roll call of this earthly army. The pall bearers were taken from Co. I, were with one exception, our home boys. Owing to the fact that the Company had not been supplied with blanks no military salute was given.