

Amid the news from Europe of World War I, an obituary appeared in the August 1, 1918 issue of the Black Hills Press for Private John Mahoney of Company C, 7th Cavalry. I have copied it here verbatim.

ANOTHER BLACK HILLS PIONEER PASSES AWAY

Funeral services were held Monday morning at the St. Martin's chapel for John Mahoney, who died at his home in this city Saturday, following a stroke of paralysis. The services were conducted by Rev. Father Coelumban, of the Catholic church. Mr. Mahoney was a member of the famous Seventh Cavalry, and the pallbearers were his old comrades in that regiment, Chas. Clark, Dan Newell, John Sutter, John Ahrenson, John Folkhart, and Chas. Biers.

The casket was decorated with the Stars and Stripes, the flag for which the deceased had fought in the pioneer days of the plains. There was also a military escort from the Home Guard company.

Deceased was born in Cork, Ireland, and was 67 years of age at the time of his death. He leaves to mourn his loss his widow. Mrs. John Fay, sister of Mrs. Mahoney, and daughter, were here from Billings, Mont., to attend the funeral.

Deceased was an upright and honorable citizen and commanded the respect of all who knew him. He had been ill for some time, but always had a cheery word for his friends.

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