

DIES SUDDENLY

THE LATE CAMP GREENE COMMANDER

COLONEL KENNON STRICKENED
WHILE IN NEW YORK.

Col. L. W. V. Kennon, commanding officer of Camp Greene, died suddenly at 1 o'clock Monday morning at the Cumberland hotel in New York city. He had gone to the metropolis on a ten-day leave for the purpose of securing an examination from a specialist. Death is thought to have resulted from hardening of the arteries and attending heart trouble.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at Arlington cemetery, Washington, D. C., in which national burying ground the remains were laid to rest. Captain William M. Rutter, camp adjutant, and Captain James H. Kidder of the ordnance corps, attended the services, representing the official family and the officers of Camp Greene.

Colonel Kennon was sixty years old, having celebrated his sixtieth birthday but a week before his death. He had been in the United States army for forty-two years. For some time he has suffered ill health, which conditions kept him from foreign service, an experience which his military knowledge would have naturally brought him.

It was the first week in June when Colonel Kennon came to take charge of Camp Greene. He had been stationed at Camp Grant, Ill., just previous to his assignment and carried the rank of brigadier-general in the national army. He was made a colonel upon his assignment to regular army service.

Good roads had always been a hobby of the colonel's and his first action at Camp Greene was for bettering the road conditions. Along that line he had wrought marked improvements and had allied himself with the good roads movement of Mecklenburg county. His interest in every activity of Camp Greene was keenly understood with all who worked with Colonel Kennon.

Well Trained Man.

Colonel Kennon was born at Providence, R. I., on September 2, 1858. He graduated from West Point in 1881 and from the Army War College in 1910.

In 1889 he was promoted to first lieutenant, and became a captain in 1897. He won his major's insignia in 1898, and given command of a volunteer battalion and in 1902 he became a major in the regular army. In 1909 he was advanced to lieutenant colonel, and became a colonel in 1912.

Colonel Kennon was commissioned a brigadier-general in the national army August 5, 1917, but several months later a medical examining board declared he was physically disqualified for overseas service and he was mustered out of the national army, and reassumed his rank of colonel in the regular army.

Colonel Kennon saw service with the United States armies in the Spanish-American war and was in command of the Cuban occupation armies. He served as military representative of this nation at the Rio de Janeiro cap-

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COLONEL L. W. V. KENNON.

DID NOT SERVE IN VAIN

FROM THE PRESS.

"Kennon, the Chevalier, he might have been called, for he was a man of wonderful personality, handsome of face and figure, a countenance that beamed amiability and a bearing that was at once military and noble. It was but a few months ago that Charlotte came into acquaintance with Colonel Kennon and in that short time the people of the town had formed for him a lasting attachment."—The Charlotte Observer.

"Charlotte and Camp Greene lost a fine friend in the passing of Colonel Kennon. Since coming here he made a profound impression upon the citizens who admired him not only as a good soldier with an enviable record

as a military campaigner, but as a man of splendid character."—The Charlotte News.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The following comment is the closing paragraph of the camp announcement of Colonel Kennon's death:

"Colonel Kennon's career in the army was a long and noteworthy one. Especially noteworthy were his road-building accomplishments in the Philippines. He was also an extensive writer on military subjects. He had shown a deep interest in the rebuilding of Camp Greene. He carried a dignified and attractive personality which will make him missed by all who were brought in contact with him in an official capacity."