

August J. Burgdorf

(- 28 Jan 1899)

Burgdorf. On Saturday, January 28, 1899, at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., Augustus J. Burgdorf, only son of Augustus and Maggie Burgdorf, aged 18 years.

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Cadet Burgdorf Buried

Ranked High as Student at Virginia Military Institute

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock this afternoon over the remains of Augustus J. Burgdorf at the residence of his parents, 2000 7th street. The deceased was a cadet at the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., and died there Saturday last. A platoon of cadets from the institute acted as funeral escort.

A general order issued from the headquarters of this institute by the superintendent set forth that it became his sad duty to "announce to professors, officers and cadets the death of Cadet Augustus J. Burgdorf, third class, in the cadet hospital. The most distressing casualty, due to heart failure, was most sudden and unexpected. He was sent to the hospital three weeks ago and seemed to be convalescing from a sharp attack. His mother was with him since last Saturday, and all arrangements had been made for him to go home on sick leave when the shocking end came. Cadet Burgdorf entered the institute in September, 1897, and by application and diligence achieved very high standing in a large class, and was distinguished in mathematics. The reports of class grades up to the time of his last illness indicated that he continued to hold his class rank. In his convalescence he repeatedly regretted the time he was losing from his duties and studies. His afflicted family and friends have the heartfelt sympathy of all. Definite arrangements for the funeral will be announced in further orders. The acting commandant will hold in readiness a platoon of cadets, supplied with three rounds of blank cartridges, to act as a funeral escort. The flags will be kept at half-staff until after the interment, and the usual badge of mourning will be worn for thirty days.