

Alfred Wolfenden

(- 10 Sep 1856)

The Evening Star, September 13, 1855 (Wolfinger)

A Marine, who came home in the United States sloop-of-war Vincennes, from the Behring's Straits, died at the Navy Yard post on Thursday night of disease of the heart and was buried yesterday at the Congressional Cemetery. He was German by birth, is said to have been in the corps over twenty years, and leaves several hundred dollars in cash, without any heirs that are known. We chanced to be present at the funeral, and were much impressed by the military ceremony and dignity with which the remains of this humble soldier were honored. The coffin was draped in the stars and stripes, the drums muffled, and his comrades in full uniform, under the command of Sergeant McDonald, the handsomest soldier we ever laid eyes on. He deserves a commission. The religious services were well performed by Rev. Mr. Morsell.