

How Major **Charles Elisha Pruyn** Met his Death.—In the engagements of the 15th, before Petersburg, he was struck in the breast by the fragment of a shell, and died after a few hour's suffering. His body was embalmed and sent to Norfolk, VA. and will be brought to Albany for burial within a week.

About three weeks before, while in action, he received a wound in the foot sufficient to excuse him from service. At the time of his death the 118th Regiment was under his temporary command. While he was standing in an exposed position, surveying the works and preparing to assault, he was struck and horribly mutilated by a shell. His natural gallantry and pride urged him at any risk to remain at the head of his men in their hour of trial, and it was there that he died. Before the enemy, with armor on, battling for honor and duty, God and his native land, he went to the better world.

The funeral of the late Major Chas. E. Pruyn, 118th Regiment, was held from the residence of his mother in North Pearl Street, Troy. Company A Zouave Cadets, of which he was a former member, turned out in strong numbers to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of their departed comrade. The body was escorted to the Rural Cemetery, where the firing took place.

Maj. Pruyn entered the service at an early period of the war, and remained with the 96th Regiment through great hardships until the 17th of June, 1862. At the battle of Fair Oaks, though seriously ill at the time, he arose from his bed, and participated in the fight, and he received honorable mention in the official report for his coolness and bravery. Col. Fairman, in granting his discharge soon afterwards, took occasion to attest to his courage and devotion, adding: "I shall ever remember you with peculiar interest as a soldier who stood by my side, while one out of four was killed or wounded, and one out of three of our regiment was lost in battle."

At a later date the then Lieut. Pruyn became Adjutant of the 118th, and shortly



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afterwards became Major, which position he held with honor until he died.