

Samuel J. Boyd

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Instantly Killed

Corporal Boyd of Marine Corps Mangled By Train

Was One of Admiral Dewey's Orderlies in the Battle of Manila Bay

Corp. Samuel L. Boyd of the United States marine corps was struck by the Atlantic City special train due here last night at 7 o'clock and almost instantly killed. The accident occurred near Magruder station, on Pennsylvania railroad, not far from the Ordway rifle range, where the marines had been engaged in target practice. Boyd and several of his companions started from the rifle range to go to the station, and just before reaching the tracks the Atlantic City special came in sight. Thinking the train would stop to take them aboard, Boyd ran across the tracks to reach the platform before the train made the stop. The fast-moving express struck him and threw him more than one hundred feet from the tracks. His companions ran to his assistance. They were greatly shocked at the horrible sight presented. One leg of their companion had been almost severed and his body was badly mangled. His remains were brought here on the train that had inflicted the fatal injuries.

The body was removed to the morgue, Coroner Nevitt decided not to hold an inquest, as the accident occurred in Prince George's county, Md. The Maryland authorities were notified, but it is hardly probable that they will take any action, the body having been taken out of their jurisdiction.

Corporal Boyd was a general favorite with the men at the barracks. He was a native of California, and had served nearly one term of enlistment. His term would have expired this fall, and he had intended then to return to the home of his parents in San Francisco.

Boyd was stationed on the flagship Olympia, and was one of Admiral Dewey's orderlies during the battle of Manila bay. Today the authorities at the marine barracks took charge of the remains and notified Boyd's relatives of the fatal accident. It is likely that the interment will be at Arlington.