

Howard Milton Vermillion

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Jewel for Sergt. Vermillion

The encampment room of Odd Fellows' Hall, 7th street northwest, was well filled last evening, the occasion being a welcome from Columbian Lodge, No. 10, I.O.O.F., to Sergeant Howard M. Vermillion of Company A, 1st District of Columbia Volunteers, one of its members, who lately returned from Cuba with his regiment. A program was prepared by the committee, consisting of instrumental music by Messrs. Hoskins and Black and Miss Keith; recitation by Miss Agnes Sauter; solo, Miss Josephine Faulkner; whistling, M.M. Clark; vocal solo, Miss Murray; phonograph exhibition, by Mr. T.W. Fowler, and moving pictures, under the charge of Mr. Charles Shackelford. The concluding piece thrown upon the screen was that of Sergt. Vermillion's picture, which was greeted with tremendous applause.

Mr. Edwin Fowler, chairman of the committee, requested Mr. Vermillion to step forward, when, in the name of the lodge, he presented him with a fine jewel, on which was inscribed: "H.M. Vermillion. Presented by Columbia Lodge, No. 10, I.O.O.F., upon his return from the Spanish American war."

Mr. Vermillion thanked the members of the lodge for their kindness. Refreshments were then served to the members and friends present.

(His brother, Norval died in France in World War I, see *Eve. Star, October 6, 1918, p. 9*)

The Evening Star, May 22, 1921, p. 13

Sergt. Vermillion Weds

Detective Sergt. Howard Vermillion, detailed at Union station, is in Atlantic City today on his wedding trip with his bride, who was, until last Wednesday, Miss Charlotte Webb, an employe of the Navy department.

Mrs. Vermillion was engaged in welfare work at the Union station when Detective Vermillion met her. Their marriage was announced only to intimate friends.

Vermillion. Suddenly, Monday, January 11, 1926, at 6:45 a.m., after a short illness, at Walter Reed Hospital, Detective Sergeant Howard Milton Vermillion, Headquarters Police Department. Funeral at his late residence, 240 8th st. n.e. at 1 p.m., Wednesday, January 13. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

Vermillion. Richard J. Harden, Camp No. 2, United Spanish War Veterans announces the death of Comrade Howard M. Vermillion, January 11, 1923. The comrades will assemble at 12:45 o'clock Wednesday, January 13, 1926 for funeral services at the residence, 240 8th st. n.e. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

John A.G. Shuster, Commander; H.L. Leslie, Adjutant

The Evening Star, January 11, 1926, p. 4

H.M. Vermillion, Detective, Dead

Had Been Sergeant at Police Headquarters for More Than 18 Years

Howard M. Vermillion, detective sergeant at police headquarters for more than 18 years and a native of this city, died early today at Walter Reed Hospital, after a brief illness from high blood pressure.

Vermillion had worked Saturday. He was taken to Walter Reed Hospital when he suddenly became ill and there failed rapidly.

He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War, and was appointed to the police force in July, 1900. His first assignment was to the sixth precinct, where he remained until April 8, 1907, when he was transferred to the first precinct. In September 1907, he was assigned to the Detective Bureau, where he remained.

His record contains many commendations, among them an especially emphatic congratulation for the capture of thieves who had been robbing the Army Medical Museum of rare and valuable exhibit specimens in 1908.

Detective Vermillion was in his 50th year. He is survived by a widow, Lillian C. Vermillion, and two sons.

Detective Vermillion was a member of the local company of volunteers, under Capt. Harry Walsh, which was present during the siege and capture of Santiago during the Spanish War. He also was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

The two sons who survive are from a former marriage. Detective Vermillion married for the second time about five years ago.

J. William Lee Sons, undertakers, will be in charge of the funeral, which will probably be held Wednesday. Relatives who are out of the city, it is believed, will be unable to reach here before that day.

Services will be from the family residence, 240 Eighth street northeast, and it is planned to have them under the auspices of the Spanish War Veterans. The interment will be, according to the tentative arrangements, in Congressional Cemetery.

The Evening Star, January 12, 1926, p. 7

Officials Will Attend Vermillion Funeral

Police Leaders to Pay Honor to Detective Sergeant--Burial in Congressional Cemetery

Officials of the Police Department and from the courts will be honorary pallbearers for Detective Sergt Howard M. Vermillion who died yesterday at Walter Reed Hospital.

Maj. Edwin B. Hesse, chief of police; Inspector Henry G. Pratt, chief of detectives; Ralph Given, assistant United States attorney at Police Court; Michael Mangum, attorney; Joseph C Crouse and Max Kay will be the honorary pallbearers, while fellow detectives will be the active pallbearers, including Detective Sergts. H.E Brody, Ira E. Keck, B.W. Thompson, W.O. Embry, Patrick O'Brien and Clarence Talley.

The funeral services will be at the residence 240 Eighth street northeast tomorrow afternoon, under the auspices of Harden Post, Spanish War Veterans. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

A special guard of 20 uniformed policemen will attend the funeral and burial services.

The Washington Post, January 12, 1926, p. 11

Vermillion Funeral Held On Wednesday

Detective Sergeant Had Been on Police Force 25 Years

Funeral services for Detective Sergeant Howard M. Vermillion, who died yesterday morning at Walter Reed hospital of heart disease, will be held Wednesday afternoon from his home, 240 Eighth

street northeast. Burial will be in Congressional cemetery. The services will be in charge of the Harden post, Spanish-American War Veterans.

Surviving him are his wife, Lillian C. Vermillion, and two sons of a former marriage. He had been a member of the police department for 25 years, and a sergeant for 18 years.

Honorary pallbearers will be Maj. Edwin B. Hesse, Inspector G. Pratt, Ralph Givens, Joseph C. Crouse, Michael Mangum, and Max Kay. Active pallbearers will be Detective Sergeants H.E. Brody, I.E. Keck, B.W. Thompson, W.O. Emery, Patrick O'Brien and Clarence Talley.