



MEDAL OF HONOR

FRY, ISAAC N.
ORDERLY SERGEANT, U. S. MARINE CORPS
C. O. NAVY DEPARTMENT, No. 59
JUNE 22, 1865

CITATION:

ON BOARD THE U. S. S. TICONDEROGA DURING ATTACKS ON FORT FISHER, 13 TO 15 JANUARY 1865. AS ORDERLY SERGEANT OF MARINE GUARD, AND CAPTAIN OF A GUN, ORDERLY SERGEANT FRY PERFORMED HIS DUTIES WITH SKILL AND COURAGE AS THE TICONDEROGA MAINTAINED A WELL-PLACED FIRE UPON THE BATTERIES TO THE LEFT OF THE PALISADES DURING THE INITIAL PHASES OF THE 3-DAY BATTLE, AND THEREAFTER, AS SHE CONSIDERABLY LESSENERED THE FIRING POWER OF GUNS ON THE MOUNT WHICH HAD BEEN TURNED UPON OUR ASSAULTING COLUMNS. DURING THIS ACTION THE FLAG WAS PLANTED ON ONE OF THE STRONGEST FORTIFICATIONS POSSESSED BY THE REBELS.

MILITARY SERVICE: ISAAC N. FRY

Isaac N. Fry was born at Ephrata, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania on February 21, 1839. He volunteered for service in the U.S. Marine Corps at Philadelphia on September 10, 1862 and was assigned to the Union sloop-of-war J.S.S. Ticonderoga. His enlistment is credited to the state of Pennsylvania. He was discharged from service on September 20, 1866 at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Isaac N. Fry was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his bravery in the assault of Fort Fisher, North Carolina, from January 13 to 15, 1865.

CITIZEN: ISAAC N. FRY

Following his military service, Isaac N. Fry moved to Minnesota and resided there until 1881. In April of that year Isaac, his wife, daughter and two sons moved to the village of Palisades (near Garretson) located in Edison Township, Minnehaha County, South Dakota. He then settled in section 27 of Edison Township and farmed for seventeen years prior his death. His brother S. Lem Fry also purchased land and farmed in the vicinity.

Isaac was an outstanding citizen and served as the township justice of peace, supervisor and clerk for many years. He also served as chairman of the school board in District 101 and took great interest in the education welfare of the district. Isaac N. Fry died on November 3, 1900 from natural causes. Funeral services at his home the following day, attended by family, friends and neighbors, witnessed the high esteem in which the good citizen and war hero was held. His funeral procession three-quarters of a mile long followed the remains to their final resting place at Summit Hill Cemetery near Garretson.



South Dakota gravestones



Isaac N. FRY
Summit Hill - Edison Twp. Cemetery
Minnehaha County, South Dakota