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SC-11848b: Colonel Marcus M. Spiegel Collection, 1861-1865.

Benjamin Cohn to General Canby, 1864 May 26.

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Widderburg Ohio May 26th 1864

To Major General Canby

Honored Sir! The mournfull
news of the death of the Gallant Colonel Spiegel of
the 120th U.S. I having come to the knowledge of his
wife at her request I take the liberty to address
You asking whether it would be possible through
your kind interference to recover the body of our
lamented friend.

Could You Honored Sir see the sorrow & woe of that
stricken wife & family of four small lovely children
I know You would leave nothing untried to relieve
that mourning widow of the anxiety she feels about
the recovery of the body.

Should any question about the price of Expenses present
itself I refer You to Lieut Col Ploum who knows me
also to Dr Stanton who I think knows me by reputation
through the late Col, and I hold myself responsible
for any and all Expenses that may occur.

Pursuing in Your Kindness

I have the honor to be worthy,

to Your most obedient servant

P.S. The late Col Spiegel was a
Royal Arch Mason tho may have some
influence even with our enemies.

Benjamin Cohen

Widderburg Holmes County Ohio

Head Quarters 120th O.V.I.
Morgansville, Va. July 14th 1864

Respectfully forwarded to Head
Quarters, Va.

Col. Spiegel was buried on
Wilson's plantation, near
Wilson's Landing, Red River, Virginia
by John F. McKinley
Major Command in Regt.

Head Quarters U.S. Forces in the Field
New Orleans July 14th 1864

Respectfully forwarded
to Dept of the Army with
above information.

J. J. Reynolds
Major General Commanding

Sr

Wm. Allen
Major General

Head Quarters 120th O.V.I.
Morgansville, Va. July 16th 1864
le (Regt) 479 116
Benjamin C. ...

Regards that the body
of Col Spiegel 120th
O.V.I. might be received
at the ...

Head Quarters
Dept of the Army
New Orleans, July 2nd 1864

Respectfully referred to Comdg
Officer 120th O.V.I. (through
Comdg Genl U.S. Forces at
Morgansville) for report as
to where the body of the late
Col. Spiegel was interred.

By Command of
Major Genl. Banks
Wm. Allen
Major General

Head Quarters 3rd Division
of the West 7th Corps
New Orleans La
July 2nd 1864

Respectfully referred
to the Commanding
General Dept of the Gulf
who will please give
the information required.

By order of
Major General Comdg
B. F. Merry
Capt. ...

Head Quarters 3rd Division
Morgansville July 7th 1864

Respectfully transmitted
to Comdg Officer 120th
Ohio Vols Regt.
By Commanding Genl. ...
Capt 3rd Div. Genl.

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Millersburg, Ohio May 26, 1864

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