7th Marylanders

Interred at Alexandria National Cemetery

On May 24, 1861, Union troops occupied Alexandria, Virginia. The day before Virginia voters ratified the decision of a state convention to join the Confederacy. During the course of the Civil War Alexandria became a center for treating wounded and sick soldiers, with over 30 military hospitals established consisting of 6,500 beds.

A number of 7th Marylanders were treated at Alexandria hospitals and four are buried in Alexandria National Cemetery. They are:
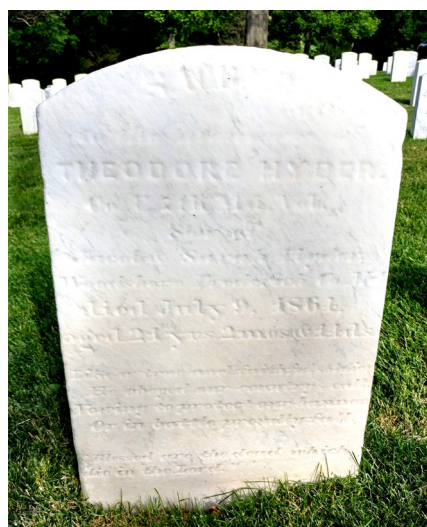
Private Theodore Hyder (Company F) died in Alexandria July 9, 1864, from complications of a gunshot wound received June 18, 1864, outside Petersburg.

Corporal Benjamin Lightner (Company E) died near Culpeper of sickness January 29, 1864, and was subsequently moved to Alexandria for burial.
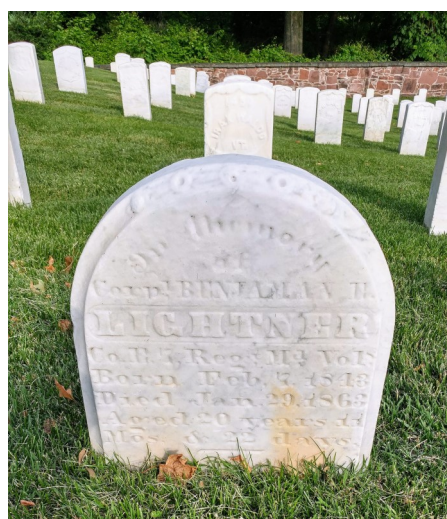
Sergeant Joshua Lightner (Company E) died in Alexandria of sickness August 26, 1863. Members of his company published a resolution of grief and condolence that was published in the Frederick Examiner.

Private George Parks (Company I) died in Alexandria of sickness December 9, 1863.

At least four **Lightners** served in the 7th Maryland, though it's not clear if any were brothers or cousins.

Headstone of Pvt. Theodore Hyder.

Headstone of Cpl. Benjamin Lightner.

Headstone of Sgt. Joshua Lightner.

Headstone of Pvt. George Parks.

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