

GLAD AND SAD NEWS COMES ON SAME DAY.

AGED FRENCH HERO RECEIVES WORD OF DECORATION AND DEATH OF RELATIVE.

Yesterday was both glad and sad for George Le Mesnager, Southern California pioneer, who left his home here in 1914 at the age of 69 years, joined the French army as a private and returned a lieutenant, at the age of 73, having fought through the entire war. He received word from the commander of the One Hundred and Sixth Infantry, in which the veteran fought, telling him that he is to receive the cross of the Legion of Honor. Almost at the same time word came that his sister-in-law, Mrs. Francisca Dalgarrondo, 78 years old, had died the night before at her home.

Mrs. Dalgarrondo died as the result of injuries received about a week ago when she fell while walking down the aisle of a local picture theater. She came to Los Angeles forty-four years ago from San Francisco. She was a native of France and moved to Venezuela when a young girl. She was married there, and with her husband came to California in 1869, later moving to this city.

Funeral services will be held at Godeau & Martinoni's chapel at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery.

The French medal of honor which is to be presented to Lieut. Le Mesnager will be received in a few days by Louis Sentous, French Consul, who will personally pin it on the breast of the aged hero. He will be the first resident of Southern California to receive the prized "red ribbon," as the French call the Legion of Honor.

Lieut. Le Mesnager will be one of the principal figures at the forthcoming celebration by the local French colony of the Fall of the Bastille, on July 14. Arrangements are now being made for the celebration.

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