

MOWER, Joseph Anthony, soldier, b. in Woodstock, Vt., 22 Aug., 1827; d. in New Orleans, La., 6 Jan., 1870. He received a common-school education and became a carpenter. He enlisted as a private in a company of engineers during the Mexican war, was commissioned 2d lieutenant in the 1st U. S. infantry, 18 June, 1855, and became captain, 9 Sept., 1861. He was engaged at the siege and capture of New Madrid, Mo., and at Corinth, Miss., where he was severely wounded, and was for a time a prisoner in the hands of the Confederates. He had been elected colonel of the 11th Missouri volunteers in May, 1862, and for his gallant defence of Milliken's bend was promoted brigadier-general of volunteers in November of the same year. He led a brigade in the attack on Vicksburg in May, 1863, was at the head of a division under Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks in Louisiana in April, 1864, and the following August was made major-general of volunteers. He was with Gen. Sherman in the Georgia and Carolina campaigns, and rose to the command of the 20th army corps. He was brevetted major, lieutenant-colonel, colonel, brigadier-general, and major-general in the regular army for gallantry at the battles of Farmington, Iuka, and Jackson, Miss., Fort de Russy, La., and Salkehatchie, Ga., respectively. He was transferred to the 25th infantry in 1868, then to the 39th, and at his death commanded the Department of Louisiana, comprising that state and Arkansas.