

Among the reports got up to inflame the Irish population and encourage enlistment, was one that Col. Corcoran, of the 69th, had been found lying wounded in a house, to which the rebels a once set fire, and burned up the gallant colonel. Another was that the body of the acting Lieut.-Col. Haggerty, who was killed on the first charge, was found on the field horribly mutilated. The throat was cut, the eyes gorged out, the nose and ears taken clean off, &c. The object of the inventors of this cabard is apparent from the following, which was printed on an immense placard and posted round the streets of New York:

ERIN GO BRAUGH. — Irishmen — Haggerty must be avenged. Our gallant countrymen of the immortal 69th have covered themselves with imperishable glory. They proved themselves not only heroes, but Christian men — as generous to wounded foes and prisoners as they were invincible in battle. But how were they treated by the barbarous enemy? Let the fate of the gallant Captain Haggerty, who, lying wounded on the field, rendered immortal by the heroic deeds of the 69th, had his throat cut from ear to ear by a dastard rebel hand, attest. Irishmen! the heroic Corcoran is in the power of these cut-throats! Shall he meet with such a fate as that dealt out by the rebels on his brave comrade in arms? Forbid it, genius of Erin! The grass would wither on the tortured bosom of our green mother Isle, should we permit it. Sons of Erin! countrymen of Corcoran to arms! Let there be ten thousand Irishmen on the south bank of the Potomac in twenty days, their battle cry being "Corcoran, rescued if living, avenged if dead."

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