

CPL. ZACHARY TAYLOR FUTEN KILLED IN ACTION, WORLD WAR I

Lake Fork Young Man Honored By Local Legion Post

Corporal Zachary Taylor Futen, a young man from the Lake Fork area, who paid the supreme price for victory in World War I, was honored by the members of the newly-formed American Legion Post No. 447, by co-naming the post in his name. Captain Herbert D. Ryman, of Mount Pulaski, was the other war casualty for whom the post was named.

The body of Zachary Taylor Futen arrived at Hoboken, N.J., Saturday, Sept. 19, 1921, almost three years after he heroically gave up his life on the battlefield.

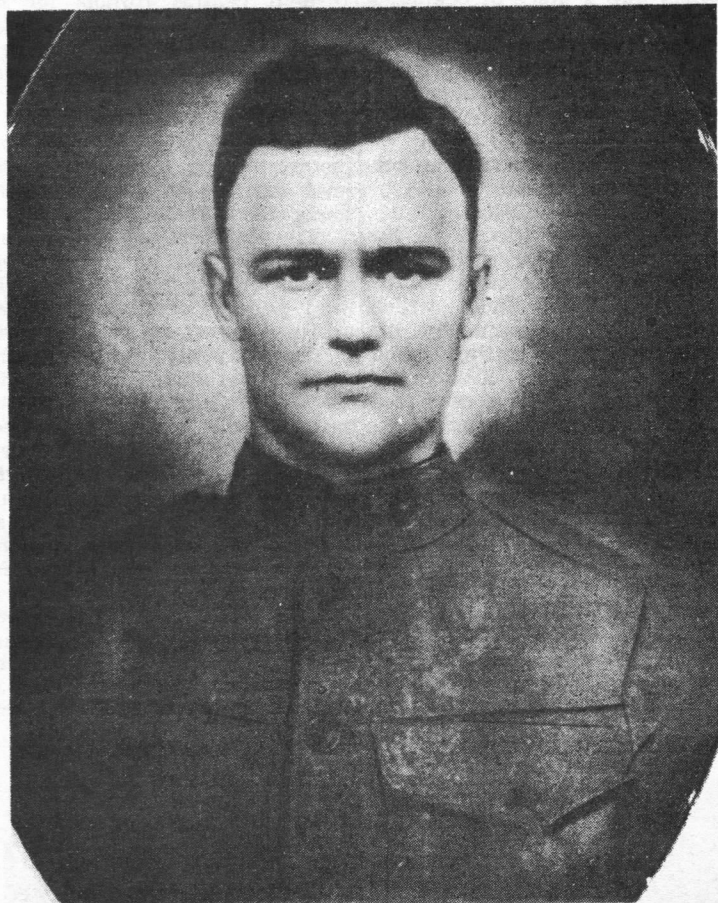
Military funeral services were held at the family residence at 2:30 p.m. the following day, in

tary design, the silent tokens of the love and respect in which the departed soldier boy was held. The flower girls were, Misses Elsie Zelle, Naomi Ellenberg, Mildred Ridgeway, Opal Moore, Opal Sargent and Aldene Bryson.

ZACHARY TAYLOR FUTEN (November, 1918)

Zachary Taylor Futen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Futen of Lake Fork, was born at Lake Fork, Ill., March 11, 1891, and spent all his life in and near Lake Fork, with the exception of the time he was in the United States Army during World War I.

Early in life, Feb. 5, 1905, he gave his life to Christ, becoming a member of the Lake Fork Christian Church.



CORPORAL ZACHARY TAYLOR FUTEN

charge of the Ryman-Futen Post No. 447, American Legion of Mt. Pulaski Township.

The funeral service was conducted by the former pastor of the Lake Fork Christian Church, Rev. N. A. Borop, of Farmer City. Many members of the American Legion, both soldiers and sailors, attended in uniform to pay their tribute to a soldier companion who paid the supreme sacrifice in the World War.

The funeral was attended by an unusually large number of relatives and friends. Appropriate songs were rendered by a quartet composed of Arthur Copeland, Paul Gruber, Howard and Owen Goodpaster.

Buried At Steenberg

The remains were taken to the Steenberg Cemetery, 3 miles east of Lake Fork, and laid to rest. Pallbearers were, Elgar Masterson, Logan Handlin, Harve Ridgeway, Ernest Oglesby, George Bowers and Will Koehler. The American Legion was accompanied by the Mount Pulaski band, which rendered several appropriate selections and as the column of soldiers and sailors marched by the grave, the band played "The Star Spangled Banner". Three volleys were fired over the grave as a salute to the dead, by a firing squad composed of Emmett Baker, Edward and Oliver Gulson, Edward Curtis, Henry Meister, Clarence Hahn, Albert Horn, and Elmer Waddell, followed by taps blown by Howard Oglesby, bugler. The entire services were very impressive and were a high tribute to this brave young man.

Besides the members of the American Legion, five veterans of the Civil War and three veterans of the Spanish-American War attended.

There were many beautiful floral offerings, several of mil-

In World War I, the young man was called to his country's service, leaving Lincoln with a Logan county contingent on May 24, 1918, for Camp Gordon, Ga. and in a short time was transferred to Camp Merritt, N.J. He left there July 22 for overseas duty in France, just two months and seven days from the time he was called. In the meantime, he had been advanced to Corporal in Company K, 11th Infantry, 5th Division. In France, he soon saw active service, finally serving in the Argonne Offensive, being killed in action in that great battle on Nov. 10, 1918, just the day before the Armistice was signed and the World War came to a close. He was aged 27 years, 7 months and 29 days.

He leaves to mourn his death, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Futen, five sisters, Mrs. Nora Billings of Hartsburg, Mrs. Carrie Robinson, Misses Margaret, Lena and Ada Futen of Lake Fork; three brothers, William of Elkhart; Fred and Russell, of Lake Fork.

Besides the immediate family, he is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Kellem of Springfield, and grandmother, Mrs. Fred Futen of Lake Fork.

The young man was widely known and had many friends who sincerely regret his life's departure.

CUSTODIANS FOR LEGION HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Yagow were the custodians of the building for a number of years, not only taking care of the building and grounds, but Mrs. Yagow served various clubs and handled wedding receptions and parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Herloph Sather are now custodians of the building and grounds.

Legion Auxiliary Granted Charter February 14, 1923

Miss Marie Hahn, First President Of Organization

The American Legion Auxiliary's (Ryman-Futen Unit 447) first meet, was held May 9, 1922, in the American Legion Club Rooms, upstairs in the Lang building on South Washington St. A temporary charter was issued June 16, 1922. The permanent charter was issued Feb. 14, 1923.

There were 15 names on the application for Charter, namely: Miss Marie Hahn, first president; Mrs. Leona Moore, Mrs. T. W. Moore, Mrs. H. C. Gruber, Mrs. Wm. E. Holmes, Mrs. Ida Scroggin, Mrs. Louise Drobisch, Mrs. Florence Meister, Mrs. Mino Gruber, Miss Lola Hahn, Mrs. Margaret Hahn, Mrs. Martha Lucas, Mrs. Araminda Ryan, Mrs. Letha Drobisch, Miss Emma Hagenbuch.

The following names were added to the 15 when the Charter was closed March 1, 1923, and all appear on the Charter Membership Roll now at the present Legion Home:

Mrs. Cora Ryman, Mrs. Blanche Harrison, Mrs. Etta Baker, Mrs. Josie Sanborn, Mrs. Jessie Turley, Mrs. Ruth Long, Miss Dessie Crow, Mrs. Alvada Crowe, Miss Forrest Crowe, Miss Rose Gulso, Mrs. Ida Gordon, Mrs. Bernice Moore, Mrs. Lela Downing, Miss Nora Hagenbuch, Mrs. Ruby Hagenbuch, Mrs. Lucia Wagner, Mrs. Laura Futen, Mrs. Delilah Duboce, Miss Flo Handlin, Mrs. Georgia Horn, Mrs. Hazel Meister, Mrs. Minnie Scroggin, Miss Marguerite Anderson, Mrs. Lida Rupp, Mrs. Lena Silky, Miss Lydia Hatfield, Mrs. Lela Wilham, Mrs. Pauline Bertoni, Mrs. Helen Buckles, Mrs. Jennie Buckles, Mrs. Nell Merriman, Mrs. Viola Cox, Mrs. Clara Kautz, Mrs. Grace Barnes, Mrs. Emma Schrader, Mrs. Angeline Wacaser, Miss Dorothy Holmes, Mrs. Augusta Duboce.

The organization moved with the Legion from place to place until in 1946 they moved to the present Legion Home. Their work consists of Rehabilitation of Disabled Veterans and Service to their families, and Child Welfare; also, assisting the Legion in every way possible.

Present officers for 1961 are: President: Ethel Downing Vice-Pres: Ethel Hutchison Secretary: Dorothy Hanslow Treasurer: Linda Rentmeister Sergeant-At-Arms: Oma Baker. Historian: Marilyn Durchholz.

MEETING PLACE FOR CLUBS

Two luncheon organizations use the Legion Home for their regular meetings. The Rotary Club meets there every Thursday noon and the Lions Club every other Thursday evening.

BEAUTIFUL SETTING FOR FINE LEGION HOME



DR. C. M. MERRIMAN FIRST LEGION COMMANDER; RAY TRIBBETT ADJT.

Charter Granted Ryman-Futen Post January 2, 1920.

At the end of World War I on Nov. 11, 1918, an organization to be known as the American Legion was formed in Paris, France.

This occurred during the month of December, 1919, and its membership was to include personnel of the United States armed forces who received an honorable discharge.

A public meeting of all honorably discharged U. S. veterans was called that same month at Peter Gingry's Confectionery located on the north side of the square in Mt. Pulaski, Ill., now the site of Dr. Hamm's dental office building.

Few were present due to the fact that many had not yet returned from active duty. Nevertheless an organization was formed to be known as Ryman-Futen Post No. 447 - Mt. Pulaski, Ill.

The Post was named in honor of Herbert D. Ryman, then a practicing doctor in Mt. Pulaski, Ill., and Zachary Futen of Lake Fork, Ill., both of whom sacrificed their lives that others might live.

An application made to the United States government for a Charter was granted and signed by the following members:

Ray Tribbett, deceased, Welby Moore, Oscar E. Curtis, deceased, Walter E. Hagenbuch, Wallace Kautz, James E. Neiley, Walter M. Drobisch, deceased, Elmer Meister, Sr., Emmett Baker, Earl E. Holmes, Oscar G. Hahn, deceased, Clarence J. Hahn, deceased, Elmer Waddell, Hershel E. Shrader, Charles L. Spenler, deceased, Donald L. Moore, Wm. F. Ray, deceased, Cecil M. Merriman, Ross G. Cooper, Harry Leapley, deceased, Rodman Duboce, deceased, Merle V. Watson, Louie Gobleman, Harold G. Tomlinson, deceased.

Signed Jan. 12, 1920.

Knowing the need for a headquarters it was decided to rent the upstairs rooms in the Lang building now the Langenhahn's apartment. This was done under the commandship of N. L. Hubbard and Ray Tribbett as his adjutant.

The rooms were supplied with equipment purchased from donations of the general public.

During the year 1922 the Mt. Pulaski City Council had the idea of remodeling the upstairs of the Court House (now the Lincoln Shrine) to be used as a Legion Home.

Under the leadership of Brooks R. Atchison, Mayor; Chris Weller, Alderman; Wm. B. Jenner, Alderman; Geo. L. Meister, Post No. 447 Commander and Ray Tribbett, Adjutant, a very satisfactory lease was prepared and signed by both parties.

The lease called for a 99-year occupancy, free heat, water, and

lights, all re-modeling expense to be paid for by the American Legion at the rate of six dollars (\$6.00) per month until the re-modeling cost was paid. Then free of all expense to the American Legion with the police department and the postoffice to occupy the ground floor.

The organization moved into the court house and all went well until someone conceived the idea of an Abraham Lincoln Shrine and what become of the 99-year lease no one seems to know.

With the loss of the home, membership dwindled, and headquarters were maintained at the following locations - the Beidler Building, Dr. Wait Building, Beidler Theatre Building, and the Seyfer Building. At the end of World War II interest in the American Legion began to revive, both with the veterans and the general public.

During the fall of 1945, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jarvis approached the American Legion Post No. 447, as to the possibilities of a Home sponsored by them, that might be of service to the community.

Details were worked out and a site was purchased from the F. W. Obermiller Estate, now the Home of the American Legion Post No. 447, Mt. Pulaski, Ill., and without a doubt is most outstanding within the community.

Thus the American Legion and the Mt. Pulaski community say, "Thanks" to Mr. E. P. Jarvis (deceased) and Mrs. Blanche G. Jarvis, a Sil-Tennial resident.

American Legion
Ryman-Futen Post #447
Mt. Pulaski, Ill.

Commanders

1920—C. M. Merriman
1921—N. L. Hubbard
1922—George L. Meister
1923—Floyd E. Downing
1924—George L. Meister
1925—Ben W. Ely
1926—Ben W. Ely
1927—Frank Talmage
1928—Errol Ryan
1929—Errol Ryan
1930—Errol Ryan
1931—Errol Ryan
1932—Errol Ryan
1933—T. A. Gupton
1934—T. A. Gupton
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1938—T. A. Gupton
1939—Carl Dunkle
1940—Walter Sams
1941—George L. Meister
1942—George L. Meister
1943—George L. Meister
1944—George L. Meister
1945—George L. Meister
1946—Frank W. Buehler
1947—Chas. H. Anderson
1948—Julian Sams
1949—Herschel Hayden
1950—Herschel Hayden
1951—Harry Milner
1952—Leslie Braun
1953—Everett Maxheimer
1954—Everett Maxheimer
1955—John Kerschner
1956—Leigh Broughton
1957—Loren Meister
1958—Aaron Riggs
1959—Edward Froschauer, Jr.
1960—George Zebrun
1961—Albert Horn

Legion Finances Upkeep of Home

The local American Legion Post in appreciation of the fine gift of the Jarvis' to their organization and the community, have made strenuous efforts to keep the building in a good state of repair and maintain it full time.

The organization for a number of years staged the celebrations Mount Pulaski has had each fall, and the profits from this went toward the building upkeep. Stag suppers and various other money-raising affairs have enabled the Legion to keep the Home open at all times and make it a very attractive place for gatherings of all kinds.

The huge flagpole which stands in front of the home was the gift of Herb Fink.