

Famous First Fourteen

Andrew Jackson Ely

A.J. Ely was assigned to Co. M, 360th Inf., soon afterwards made corporal, went across with his organization, serving at St. Mihiel and in the Argonne and later in the Army of the Occupation in Germany; now at home in Yoakum.

Maxie T. Garner

Maxie T. Garner was the only one of the Famous First Fourteen who made the supreme sacrifice, answering the call of death on Dec. 11, 1917 as a result of complications of measles and pneumonia. He was first assigned to Co M, 360th Inf. later being made a corporal, and was later transferred with John Rathke to the Medical Detachment where he served until he fell victim to the dreaded diseases that cut short his promising career. At the time of his death he was aged 22 years, 8 months and 28 days. While it seems so very hard that a young man with such high moral and religious convictions as Maxie Garner possessed, should be taken away in the first bloom of young man hood, yet we must find some consolation in the fact that the world is better for his having lived in it. He always wore the white flower of a stainless life, a life worthy of emulation by countless comrades who mourn his loss.

Hubert Berry McKay

Hubert B. McKay was assigned to Co. M, 360th Inf. soon become a corporal, later a Sergeant, saw action at Viller en Hay, St. Mihiel, Peuvenelle and Meuse Argonne, discharged at Camp Travis May 21, 1919.

Leonard Hubert Morrow

L.H. Morrow was assigned to Co. M, 360th Inf. and was made corporal, later went across with this outfit; saw action at St. Mihiel and in the Argonne Forest. Now at home at Hackberry.

William John Pavlu

Willie Pavlu was assigned to Divisional Hdqrs. Troop of the 90th Division as a mechanic; served with this organization while in action in France and later while with the Army of the Occupation in Germany.

A.J. Poth

A.J. Poth was assigned to Co. M, 360th Inf., and was later discharged on account of physical disabilities. He was married to Miss Mattie Hamilton of Hallettsville and they now reside near Yoakum.

Shirley Clifford Purdum

Shirley C. Purdum was assigned to Co. M, 360th Inf., was soon made a sergeant and later went to an officers training, commissioned as a sergeant. Is now at home in Yoakum.

John Hamilton Rathke

John H. Rathke was the first Lavaca county boy whose name and number dropped in the big lottery wheel in the War Administration Building at Washington D.C. on the night of August 27, 1917. He was assigned to Co. M 360th Inf. At Camp Travis, was transferred to the Medical Detachment on Oct. 1, where he served until May 5, 1918, at which time he entered an officer training school, later going to the Central Officers' Training school at Camp Pike, Ark. He finished and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant on Aug. 26, 1918. He was then attached as an instructor in an N.C.O. School until Dec. 26, 1918 when he was honorably discharged from the service. He is at present working as a clerk in the post office at Huntsville, Texas.

Henry G. Rogge

Henry Rogge was assigned to Co. M, 360th Inf., made corporal soon afterwards, went overseas with the 90th Div., was hurt while in action at St. Mihiel, discharged, now at home in Shiner; working for the Home Brewery.

August William Schmidt

A. W. Schmidt first was assigned to Co. M., 360th Inf. was later transferred to 360th Med. Deth. and later to the Supply Co., of the 360th Inf. where he followed his trade as a saddler up to the time of his discharge. Was with his outfit at St. Mihiel and in the Argonne; now at home in Yoakum.

Conner Squyres

Conner Squyres served with the 115th Ammunition Train of the 90th Division in France and in Germany while in the Army of Occupation. He was discharged in May 1919. He is now at home with his wife in Yoakum, having married while in training at Camp Travis.

Joseph Charlie Strauss

Joseph C. Strauss was sent to Camp Travis to Co. E, Dev. Bn. Camp Gordon, Ga, served on the M.P. force; discharged on Dec. 21, 1918; now at home working in garage.

Fred Tesch

Fred Tesch was assigned to the Battery B, 345th F.A. 90th Division, going overseas with this outfit and serving with it until the time of his discharge. Now at home near Sublime.

Henry Rudolph Zappe

H.R. Zappe was assigned to Co. M, 360th Inf. but was later transferred to Camp Gorman, GA and assigned to Co. A, 3rd M.G. Bn. He sailed for France with this organization in April 1918; served with them at St. Mihiel and the Argonne. Discharged in May 1919, and is home with his parents north of town.