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Bourbon News – December 20, 1918

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The official reports of the War Department contain the names of Harry W. Cunningham, Strother Prewitt and James Fuller, of this county, as having been killed in action in France. Young Cunnigham, who was reported as having been killed on October 8, was a brother of A. W. Cunningham, of near Paris. He went to Camp Taylor in April and was sent overseas in August. Prewitt, who was a brother of Mrs. Wm. Kindald, of North Middletown, went to Camp Taylor in September, and was sent overseas a short time after. Fuller was officially reported as killed in action on October 31. He was a son of Mrs. Martha Fuller, of near Paris, and a brother of Thomas, Alvin, Robert and Albert Fuller, of Bourbon county. He entered the service as a volunteer in 1917, and was stationed at Camp Sherman, near Chillicothe, O., from where he was sent overseas.



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Some time ago Mrs. Martha Fuller, of near Hutchison, received an official communication from the War Department, notifying her of the death in France of her son, Corp. James Fuller, with the statement that more details would follow, as soon as they had been collected by the Department. Young Fuller enlisted from this county, just one day after the declaration of war had been made. He was then residing near Centerville. He was sent to a mobilization camp, where he remained for a time, and was later sent overseas. Mrs. Fuller recently received the following letter from First Lieut. Laylin Rock, U. S. A., in command of Co. E, 148th Infantry, in which young Fuller was a Corporal. The letter was written under date of January 24, 1919, and follows:

"Mrs. Martha Fuller,
"Muir, Ky.

"My Dear Mrs. Fuller:

"It would perhaps be a great consolation to you to know some of the details of your son, Corporal James Fuller, Co. E, 148th Infantry, of whose death no doubt you have been notified by the War Department.

"Corp. Fuller fell on the field of battle October 31, by machine gun fire, dying instantly, near the town of Olsene, Belgium.

"James' name has been mentioned in Division General Orders by Division Commander for his bravery and courageous actions under fire, and his deeds of valor are on record as one who made the supreme sacrifice in the cause of justice.

"James is buried in the vicinity of Olsene, Belgium. I do not know the exact location of his grave, but on completion of photos taken by the Grave Registration Service, they will be forwarded to you.

"Your son was a brave and courageous soldier, beloved by his comrades and all who knew him. He was always cheerful under the most trying circumstances.

"I, with the entire company, join together in extending to you our deepest sympathy in your great bereavement.

"FIRST LIEUT. LAYLIN ROCK,
"Commanding Co. E."

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SOLDIER'S BODY ARRIVES

The body of James D. Fuller, who was killed in action in one of the battles in France during the world-war, arrived in Paris at 3:10 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Louisville, accompanied by a military guard. The body, which arrived at Louisville, Wednesday afternoon, with forty-six others, was enclosed in a hermetically-sealed casket, on which was a wreath placed there by the Jefferson Post, American Legion.

The casket, in charge of a detail from the Bourbon Post, American Legion, was taken to the George W. Davis undertaking establishment, where it will remain until Sunday afternoon. The funeral will be held at the Old Union church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with services conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Wood. The committal exercises at the grave will be in charge of Bourbon Post, American Legion.

A telegram was received here Tuesday from army headquarters at New York, stating that the body of Luther Clyde Shanks, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Shanks, formerly residing in Bourbon county, would arrive at Hohoken, New Jersey, on May 26, and would be sent to Louisville, from where it would be forwarded to Paris for interment. This funeral will also be in charge of Bourbon Post, American Legion.

All members of Bourbon Post, American Legion, and all other ex-service men, are requested to meet at the court house, in this city, at one o'clock, Sunday afternoon, to attend the funeral of our comrade, Private James Fuller. Machines will be provided for those who have no other transportation, but all who have machines are asked to bring them to the meeting.

WM. COLLINS,
Post Commander.

SOLDIERS' BODY LAID TO FINAL REST

Draped in a United States flag, and accompanied by a detail from Louisville, the body of Private James D. Fuller, reached Paris from Louisville, Thursday afternoon, and was taken to the undertaking establishment of George W. Davis. On the casket was a beautiful floral tribute from the Jeffersonville Post, American Legion, of Louisville.

Bourbon Post, American Legion, assembled, in uniform, at the court house, Sunday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock, and accompanied the funeral cortege, in automobiles to the Old Union church, where solemn and impressive services were held, conducted at 3:00 p. m. by Rev. T. H. Wood, pastor. Following the services the body was taken to the Old Union Cemetery, adjoining the church, where a firing squad gave the military salute with three rounds, and a bugler stationed at the head of the grave sounded "Taps" for the soldier whose life had paid a forfeit to the honor of his country.

Private Fuller was a son of Mrs. Martha Fuller, formerly of Paris, now a resident of Cynthiana. He enlisted in the early days, following the declaration of war. He was sent overseas as a member of Co. I, 148th U. S. Infantry. He was gassed in the battle of Argonne Forest just a few weeks before his death, and was taken to an army hospital for treatment. After remaining at the base hospital a short time, he escaped before he had entirely recovered, and learning the whereabouts of his company and regiment, joined them after experiencing many difficulties. Within a few days his regiment went into action in the battle near Heince, in Belgium, just eleven days before the armistice was signed. Young Fuller was dangerously wounded, and died on his way back to a hospital behind the lines.

His officers described him as a young man of dauntless courage and a good soldier. He had many friends throughout this and surrounding counties, his popularity being attested by the large attendance at the funeral, and the wealth of floral tributes placed upon his grave.

Bourbon News - February 24, 1920

BOURBON POST AMERICAN LEGION HOLDS MEMORIAL SERVICE.

With impressive ceremonies, in the presence of a crowd that filled the Grand Opera House to its capacity Sunday afternoon, the memorial services for the "boys" of Bourbon county, whose lives went out on the battle field and in army hospitals, was held, under the auspices of Bourbon Post, American Legion, at 3:30 o'clock.

Relatives of the dead men occupied places of vantage in a special section of the house, reserved for them. The service opened with the playing of the national airs by the orchestra, followed by singing of "America," by the entire audience, standing. Dr. J. A. Orr, Commandant of Bourbon Post, presented the diplomas from the French Government. Rev. C. R. Grear, pastor of the Methodist church, read selections from the Scriptures, after which prayer was offered by Rev. Arthur Fox, pastor of the Paris Baptist church. A quartet composed of Charles B. Mitchell, Clay Sutherland, A. L. Boatright and Harry Kerslake, rendered as a special feature, the hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," and "Lest We Forget," from Kipling's "Recessional." Rev. T. S. Smylie, pastor of the Paris Presbyterian church, delivered an address on "The Diplomas and What They Mean." The principal address of the afternoon was delivered by Rev. W. E. Ellis, pastor of the Paris Christian church, who spoke on the subject, "A Tribute to Our Dead Heroes." The audience sang, "The Star Spangled Banner." The benediction pronounced by Rev. Father Thos. Coleman, pastor of the Church of the Annunciation, closed the program.

In the bestowal of these French memorial certificates of honor and esteem, France pays homage to the American dead in the late war. The certificates are beautiful products of the engraver's art. Each bears a group figure placed on a cenotaph. The principal figure in the group symbolizes the soul and spirit of the American army. The sword is not in the scabbard, but ready at any moment to defend the weak and oppressed, who are symbolized by a group at the left, a mother holding a babe to her breast. At the right the figure of a man chained and shackled symbolizes the conquered spirit of evil. Also at the right stands "Glory" crowning the spirit of America, who rejoices with the war veterans. Universal fame is represented by a winged figure. The American eagle is poised on a staff of peace. The whole is framed in a border of oak leaves. The cenotaph bears the signature of Raymond Poincaré, President of France and a message, "To the memory of (name) of the United States of America, who died for liberty during the great war, the homage of France." Above the group figure is a quotation from Victor Hugo, "The peoples should come to pray at the graves of those who died for their country."

Owing to the fact that several of the names on the certificates had been misspelled, they were not presented Sunday, but laid aside to be corrected, and will be presented to the nearest kin as soon as this has been done. The names of Bourbon's twenty-two who made the supreme sacrifice, and whose kin received the French certificates Sunday afternoon are as follows: 1, Charles Adair; 2, Bishop Batterton; 3, John Blythe; 4, Charles G. Butler; 5, Jas. E. Cain; 6, Miller Casey; 7, Joseph H. Holt; 8, James Mahorney; 9, Kelley B. Osborne; 10, James Weaver Neal; 11, Strother Prewitt; 12, Robert Rice; 13, Luther Carl Shanks; 14, William Vice; 15, Harry Chinn; 16, Harry H. Cunningham; 17, Elgin Dalzell; 18, Clennie Dunningan; 19, James Fuller; 20, Reuben B. Hutchcraft, Jr.; 21, Raymond Leslie Link; 22, William Allen Huddleston.

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1 PLACE OF DEATH		State of New Jersey	
		DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
		BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS	
County of <u>UNION</u>		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
City of <u>HOBOKEN</u>		St. <u>1st</u> Ward <u>1st</u>	
2 FULL NAME Text <u>James D. Fuller #1079561 Co. B. 140th Inf.</u>		(If death occurred in a hospital or institution give its NAME instead of street and number.)	
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3 Sex <u>White</u>	4 Color of Race <u>White</u>	5 Single Married Widowed or Divorced (Write the word)	16 Date of Death <u>10</u> <u>31</u> 19 <u>18</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)
6 Date of Birth _____ (Month) (Day) (Year)		17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That death occurred, on date stated above, at <u>Hoboken</u> The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: <u>Killed in Action</u>	
7 Age <u>22</u> yrs. <u>0</u> mos.			
8 Occupation			
9 Birthplace (State or Country)			
PARENTS	10 Name of Father		
	11 Birthplace of Father (State or country)		
	12 Maiden name of Mother		
	13 Birthplace of Mother (State or country)		
14 The above is true to the best of the knowledge and belief of (Informant) _____ (Address) _____			
15 Place where remains are to be sent Date of Shipment _____ Shipping Undertaker <u>U. S. GOVERNMENT ARMY PERS HOBOKEN, N. J.</u> Address _____ (Firm Name)		18 Length of Residence (for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents) _____ At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? _____ Former or usual residence _____	
<p>PERMIT OF BOARD OF HEALTH OR REGISTRAR</p> <p>This Permit with above Certificate, must be presented to Initial Baggage Agent and delivered with body at destination _____ _____ 19 <u>11</u></p> <p>Permission is hereby granted to remove for burial at <u>Paris, Ky.</u> the body of <u>Pvt. James D. Fuller</u> If contagious or communicable, state name of person who is authorized to accompany the body. _____ _____ Health Officer or Registrar.</p>			

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