

Thomas, Ivan L.

Catasauqua Soldier Dies At Ft. DuPont

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A quarter century of service in the Army of the United States came to an end yesterday for Staff Sergeant Ivan L. Thomas, of Catasauqua, who died in Fort DuPont, Delaware, of a heart attack. Word of Sergeant Thomas' death was received in a telegram by his mother, Mrs. Henry Thomas, 105 Fuller Street, Catasauqua, on Tuesday.

Sergeant Thomas was a veteran of World War I, and had served overseas with Company I, 314th Infantry, A. E. F. He participated in a number of the principal engagements and was a member of the Army of Occupation in Germany for three years. Since his return to the U. S. he has been stationed in this country, Fort DuPont being his last post.

The veteran soldier was a member of the Catasauqua Post, American Legion, and was present two weeks ago at a reunion of members of the 314th Regiment in the Legion home at Catasauqua.

He was the son of Edna Shafer Thomas and the late Henry Thomas and was born in East Bangor April 18, 1890. He was a confirmed member of St. John's Reformed Church at Mickleys. Surviving, besides his mother, are three brothers, Asher, of Egypt, also a veteran of World War I; Clarke, Allentown, and Charles, of Hamilton Square, Monroe County.

Also surviving are three sisters, Pearl, wife of Ernest Young, and Percie, wife of Warren Stumpp, both of West Catasauqua, and Mabel Thomas, Allentown.

Services Friday at 1:30 p. m., from the Oliver Burkholder home, Catasauqua, the Rev. James F. Lambert, D. D., officiating and burial in the Fairview Cemetery. Military honors will be paid.

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