

#### Marshall David Ross, World War I soldier

Around 1919, the Kansas State Historical Society and the American Legion solicited biographical information from returning veterans (primarily members of the 35th and 89th infantry divisions) and the families of those who died in service, notably from the Gold Star Mothers. Each veteran or family member was asked to provide letters, photographs, a biography, and military records. This file contains information on Marshall David Ross, who was killed in action while serving overseas in France.

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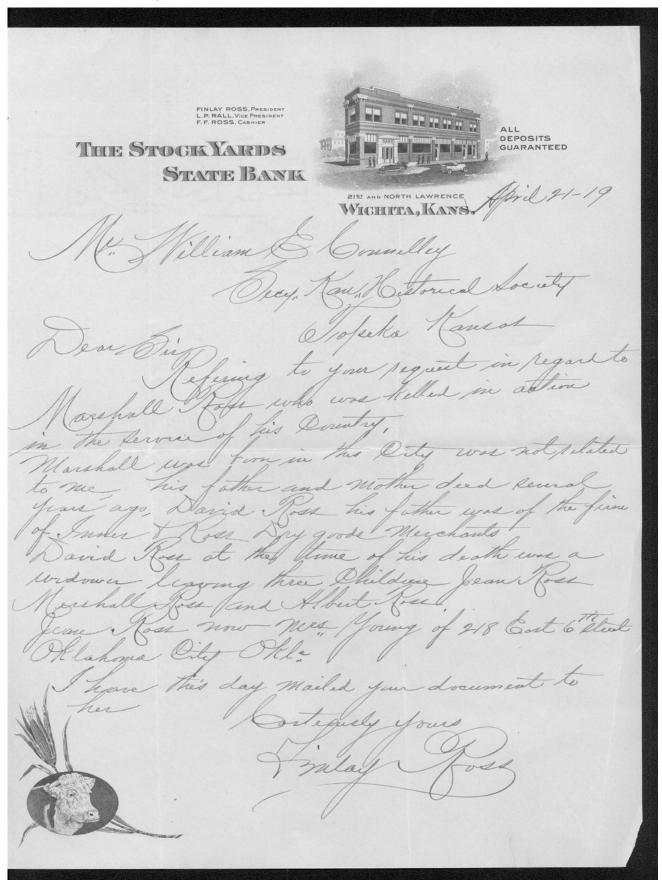
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Somewhere in France, November 10th, 1918

Mr. Albert O. Ross, Wichita, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Ross;

On October 12th, 1918, our regiment together with other American troops took part in an engagement. Your brother, Marshall D. Ross, Corporal Co. M., was killed on the battle-field. From personal accounts of his comrades, I may vouch that he died a hero. The engagement terminated in a hand to hand fight in which all of our men took part, your brother among them.

The Officers and men of the regiment mourn his loss and extend their condolence to you. He has not died in vain. In future engagements in which this regiment may take part, your brother's gallant and heroic deeds shall be our inspiration to carry us on to victory.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Abel Davis, Colonel.

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ON ACTIVE SERVICE WITH

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

Date Dec. 22, 1918.

A.P.O.

Mrs. C. G. Young, 218 E. 6th St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Mrs. Young;

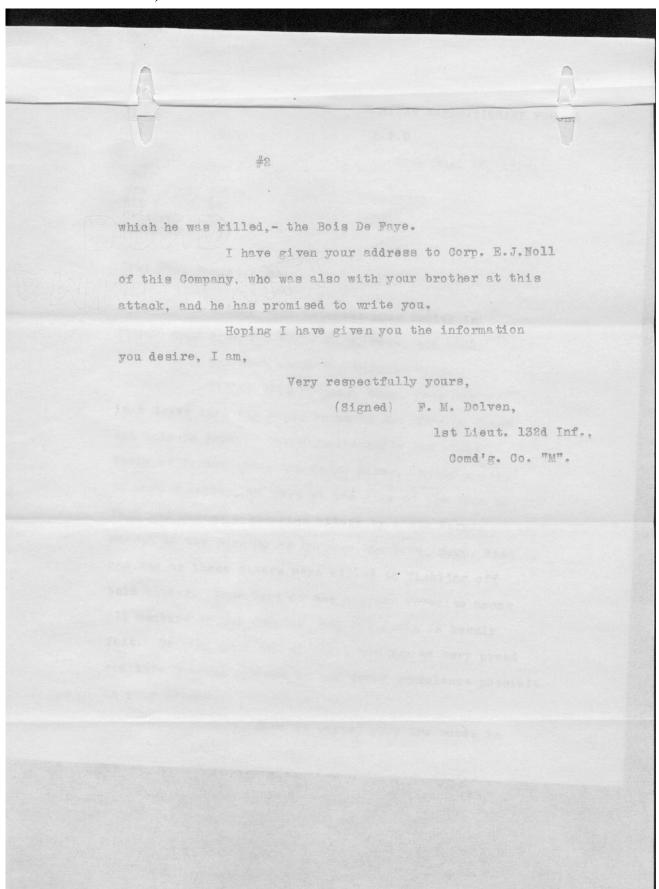
Have just received your letter in regard your brother, Corp. M. D. Ross, and will try to tell you that which you wish to know.

With this Company, Corp. Ross was in a drive thru the woods known as the Bois De Foret and Bois De Faye. Was a particularly bad place
North of Verdun along the Meuse River. After a week of hard fighting, we were at the edge of the Bois De Faye and during a surprise attack by a big German patrol on the morning of October the 12th, Corp. Ross and two or three others were killed in fighting off this attack. Your brother was a great favorite among all members of the Company, and his death is keenly felt. He died in a way of which you may be very proud and this Company extends to you every condolence possible in your sorrow.

Corp. Ross is buried near the woods in



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A.E.F. Dec. 22, 1918

Mrs. C. Young,

I was just informed by the Sergeant that you inquired about the death of your brother, Corp. Marshall Ross of Co. M, 132 Inf.

I was near him in the line when a German Patrol made an attack on us on the morning of Oct. 12th. He was wounded by a bullet and died about fifteen minutes later while on a stretcher on the way to the First Aid Station.

I suppose he was buried in an American Cemetery, as I understand they have Cemeteries for all Americans killed in action.

This is about as clear an information as I can give, and we all well remember him as one of our brave and true comrades.

Your friend,

Corp. E. J. Noll, Co. M, 132 Inf.



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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
May 29th, 1919.

Kansas Historical Society,

Topeka, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

IN RE: MARSHALL DAVID ROSS, Corp.,
Killed in action Oct. 12, 1918.
With Company M, 132 Inf., 33rd Div.,
American Expeditionary Forces.

Thru Mr. Finlay Ross, Wichita, Kansas, who acted as guardian for my brothers and myself after our Father's death, I was handed your letter and honorary document regarding my brother, the above. I am enclosing three letters regarding his death and will be glad to have you enroll his name among those of the Kansas Heroes.

My brother was born and raised in Wichita, Kansas, but at time of enlistment in the Army, was working in Chicago, Ills., hence was with troops from that place.

I remain,

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Jane Ross Young)
218 E. 6th St.,

Oklahoma City, Okla.



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Mrs. Jane Ross Young,
Oklehoma. Dear Maden
I thank you for your favor of the 29° of May sending me a sketch and letters of your son Marchall David Ross who lost his life in the service of his country. If you have a photograph of this soldier that you can spare, please send it to us.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary