

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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Mr. William E. Connelley

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Dear Sir,

Referring to your request in regard to
Marshall Ross who was killed in action
in the service of his Country,

Marshall was born in this City was not related
to me. His father and mother died several
years ago. David Ross his father was of the firm
of Insler & Ross Dry goods Merchants.
David Ross at the time of his death was a
widower leaving three children Jean Ross
Marshall Ross and Albert Ross.

Jean Ross now Mrs. Young of 218 East 6th Street
Oklahoma City Okla.

I have this day mailed your document to
her

Cordially yours

Finlay Ross



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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 battlefield. 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
A.P.O. _____

Date Dec. 22, 1918.

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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which he was killed,- the Bois De Faye.

I have given your address to Corp. E.J.Noll
of this Company, who was also with your brother at this
attack, and he has promised to write you.

Hoping I have given you the information
you desire, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed) F. M. Dolven,

1st Lieut. 132d Inf.,

Comd'g. Co. "M".

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(COPY)

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
(Mrs. C. E. Young)

218 E. 6th St.,

Oklahoma City, Okla.

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June 2, 1919

Mrs. Jane Ross Young,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam-

I thank you for your favor of the 29th of May sending me a sketch and letters of your son Marshall 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