

Linton Otis Ruble, 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 Linton Otis Ruble, who died from pneumonia on October 7, 1918, while serving overseas.

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LINTON OTIS RUELE WAS BORN IN LOSTANT ILL SEPT 9 1894. HE TRIED TO ENLIST IN NAVY IN MAY 1916 BUT WAS EJECTED AND DECIDED TO WAIT FOR SELECTIVE DRAFT, BUT LATER THERE WAS A CALL FOR REGISTERED MEN FOR THE TANK SERVICE SO HE ENLISTED IN MAY 1918. WAS SENT TO JEFFERSON BARRACKS ST LOUIS AND FROM THERE TO CAMPP COLTGETTYSBURGPENN WHERE HE WAS PLACED IN 317 CO S & R TANK CORPS. HE WAS IN THE CAMP POST OFFICE ALL THE TIME HE WAS IN CAMP. EARLY IN SEPT 1918 HIS COMPANY WAS MOVED TO CAMP SUMMERALL LOEYHANNA PENN. PREPARITORY TO GOING OVERSEAS. ON SEPT 25 1918 THEY EMBARKE D AT HOBOKEN ON S S SAXON FOR OVERSEAS. HE PERFORMED HIS DUTIES ON THE BOAT UP TO THE 4TH DAY OUT AT SEA. HE WAS TAKEN SICK WITH THE FLUE AND DIED FROM PNEUMONIA ON OCT 7 1918 AT 3 AM. HIS BOAT DOCKED AT LOVERPOOL AT NOON THE SAME DAY. HIS REMAINS WERE LEFT AT A BASE HOSPITAL IN LIVERPOOL WITH 13 SICK BUDDIES OF HIS CO AND WAS LATER BURIED WITH MILITARY HONORS IN EVERTON CEMETERY LIVERPOOL. IN JUNE 1920 HIS REMAINS WERE REMOVED FROM EVERTON CEMETERY AND RETURNED TO WICHITA KANS AND LAID TO REST IN HIGHLAND CEMETERY ON SEPT 2 1920. HE WAS THE FIRST SEDGWICK CO BOY RETURNED FROM OVERSEAS TO BE BURIED IN WICHITA WITH MILITARY HONOR.

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Linton Otis Ruble, was born in Rostant, Illinois, Sept 9th 1894. Tried to enlist in Navy in May 1916, but was rejected, and decided to wait for selective draft, but later there was a call for registered men for The Tank Service, so he enlisted in May 1918. Was sent to Jefferson Barricks, St Louis, and from there to Camp Colt, Gettysburg, Penn. where he was placed in 317 Co. S. & W. Tank Corps. He was in the Camp Post Office all the time he was in Camp. Early in Sep. 1918 his Co. was moved to Camp Sumnerall, Liberty, Penn. preparatory to going over sea. On Sept 25th 1918 they embarked at Hoboken on S. S. Saxton for over sea. He performed his duties on the boat up to the 4 day out at sea. he was taken sick with the "Flu", and died from Pneumonia on Oct 7th 1918 at 3.⁰⁰ 9. M. and his boat docked at Liverpool at noon the same day. His remains were left at a Base Hospital in Liverpool with 13 of sick Buddies of his Co., and was later buried with full military honors in Everton Cemetery, Liverpool. In June 1920 his remains were removed from Everton Cemetery and returned to Wichita, Kans. and laid to rest in Highland

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Cemetery on Sept 2nd 1920. He was the first
Sedgwick Co. boy returned from Over Sea to be
buried in Wichita with full military honor.

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Dear Mrs. Cochran.

I am very sorry to have kept
you waiting so long for a Biography of
my son as the letter was mislaid and
just recently found.

Respt Yours.

Mrs Edna Ruble.

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