

## **Robert Carson, 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 Robert Carson, 17th Observation Battalion. Carson died from influenza at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky.

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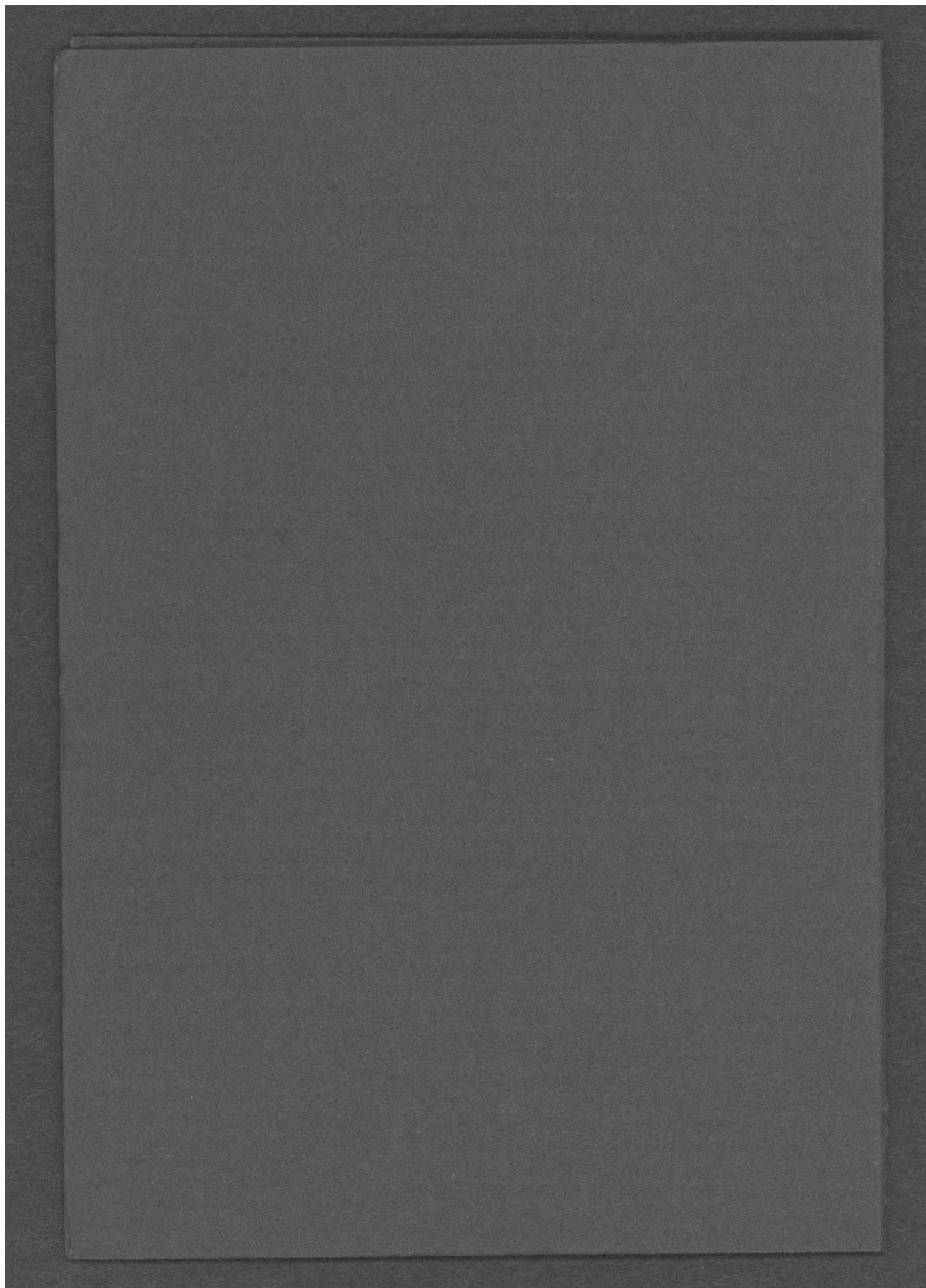


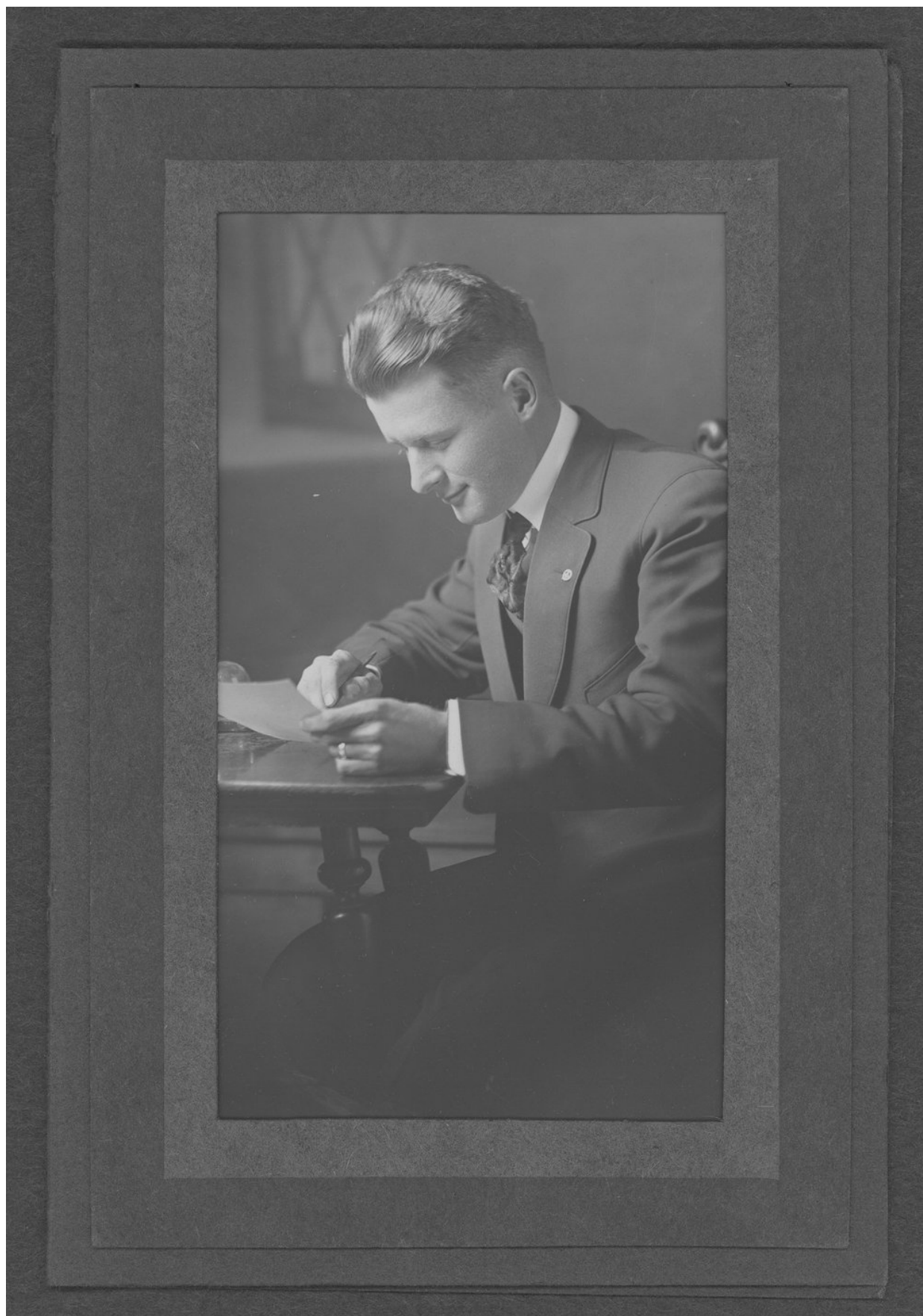
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Mrs. Essie E. Parson  
# 1110 Congress St.  
Emporia  
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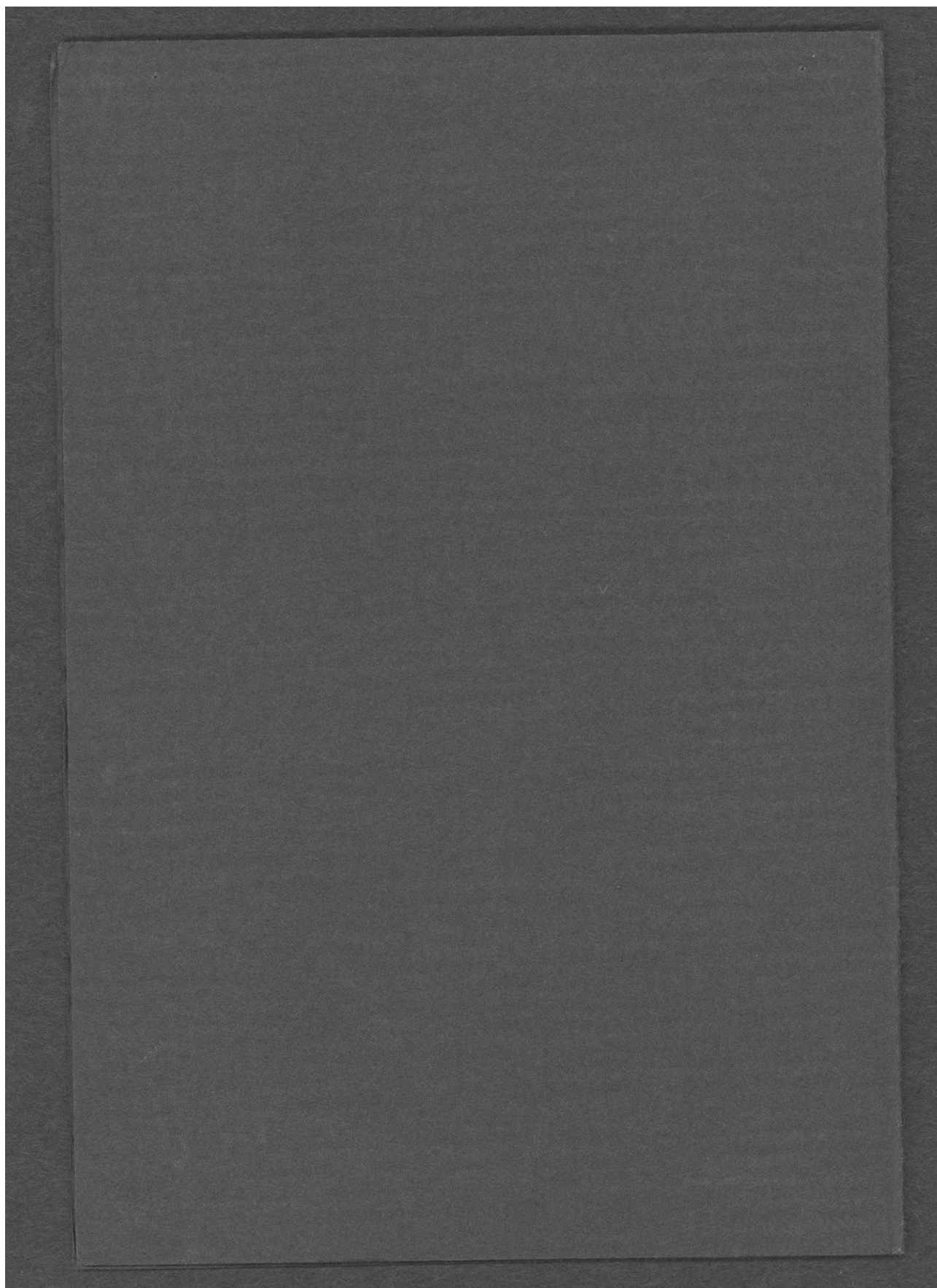
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Emporia Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 1919.

Mr. William Sounelly,  
Topeka Kans.

Dear Sir:-

Some time ago a  
friend of mine, Mrs. Essie E.  
Parson gave me the pictures  
of her two sons, who lost  
their lives - from "Flu" - in  
the camps of Quantico Va.



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and Zachary Taylor, Louisville  
Ky. - I was to send them to  
you. I mislaid them and  
forgot it. I hope it is  
not too late to be of use  
to you -

I will send them under  
separate cover. The mother  
said that they were in the  
war for such a short time  
that she doubted if any  
letters of theirs would be  
of sufficient interest to  
send to you.

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do you know, that in Lyon Co Red  
Cross office, we have a card file  
index of every soldier and sailor  
who went to war from this County.  
If not of every one - at least it is  
as full <sup>as it can be</sup> as we were able to make  
it. We found it difficult to collect  
the information.

When you have made the "cuts"  
from these pictures, will you please  
return them to me, c/o Red Cross  
office. We wish them to use for



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our Lyon Co Honor Roll.

Yours very truly

Mrs. J. F. Penney  
Emporia

% Red Cross Office. Kansas.

Home address until Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.  
810 Mechanics St

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### LYON COUNTY'S HONOR ROLL AND MONUMENTAL HISTORY

EMPORIA, KANS. June 21, 1919.

Dear friend:--

A permanent record of Lyon County's part in the Great War is being compiled into a book known as the Honor Roll. The Honor Roll will contain an individual picture of every man from this county who was or is in the service, with an individual write-up of about fifty words. The book will contain about 350 pages. It will be bound in leather with a beautiful design in gold.

It will cost absolutely nothing for soldiers or sailors to have their pictures in the book.

Please fill out the following blanks so that we may have the necessary information for the write-up in the Honor Roll: Write plainly:

Name *Robert Carson* Address *405 S. Brighton Ave. Kansas City, Mo.*  
(or 1116 Congress St. Emporia)  
Military Rank *Sgt.* Birthplace *Cottonwood Falls, Kans.*  
Date of Birth *Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1894* Married or Single *Single*  
Father's and Mother's name *George B. & Essie Evans Carson*  
Date entered service *June* Army or Navy *Army*  
Department of service *Infantry*  
Military Address *17<sup>th</sup> Observation Battery, F.A.C.C., I.S.*  
General Military History *Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville Ky.*  
*went first to Ft McJannet - Texas -*

.....If more space is needed, write on back.

Bring or send this letter together with the picture of the soldier or sailor to the Honor Roll, Citizens National Bank Bldg., Emporia, Kan. You will be mailed a receipt for the picture, which will be returned to you in good condition. Be sure and put this letter in the same package with the picture so the information may not be mixed with some one else's. If you know of any one who did not receive one of these letters let us know so this record may be completed as soon as possible. Please do not delay.

Yours very truly,

THE HONOR ROLL. A. L. Hartman.

*Please return this*



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I believe he had just been granted a  
commission, but am not sure -



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September 25, 1919

Mrs. J. L. Kenney,  
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam-

I thank you for your favor of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst., enclosing me the photographs of Rennick and Robert Carson, sons of Mrs. Essie E. Parson, 1110 Congress street, Emporia. I also wish to thank you for the program of the memorial services and Honor Roll of the men from Lyon county who lost their lives in the world war. I am writing Mrs. Parson today for a biographical sketch of each of her boys.

I am indeed glad to know that you have a list of the Lyon county soldiers. We have been gathering material for a roll of Kansas soldiers but of course it is far from complete in any county up to this time. What would it cost to have a roll made up from your card index?

Very truly yours,

Secretary



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Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam-

Mrs. J. F. Kenney of your city has forwarded to this office the photographs of your sons Rennick Carson and Robert Carson. I should like to have a biographical sketch of these fine young Kansas soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice. I enclose you a card on which is an outline which you may follow. Write as much as you please on any subject mentioned in the outline, but be sure to give us their company, regiment, and division, and also the dates of their death.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary