

## **William F. Scott, 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 William F. Scott, Battery F, 130th Field Artillery, 35th Division.

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Wichita, Kans.

Dear Friend:

The State Historical Society wants a record of every man in service. The Auxiliary to Battery F is asking you to fill out this blank and return at once to the Secretary, Mrs. L. L. Davis, 200 S. Vine, Wichita, Kansas. The complete record of the Battery will then be sent to the State Society. Please enclose a photograph.

Full name of soldier Sergeant William F. Scott  
 When and where born Wichita, Kansas - May 20-1895.  
 Name and residence of parents Mrs. & Mrs. C. W. Scott  
1146 N. Waco Ave. Wichita, Kansas.  
 Where educated Wichita Public Schools.  
 Extent of education \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trade or profession Employed by the Cudahy Packing Co.  
 Date of enlistment June 18-1917.  
 Promotions dates Made a Corporal - Aug 2-1917 - Sergeant  
 Transfers dates February 1-1918 Top Serg. Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> 1919.  
 Where and to whom married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Names of children \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church \_\_\_\_\_ Lodges \_\_\_\_\_

Extracts from Over Seas letters-

Extracts from Dad's Christmas Letter - Written Nov. 24, 1918.

The first night of the big drive in the Argonne, we fired from 2:30 A.M. until 6:30 A.M. just as fast as we could, and drove the Hun back so that we had to move up to Varennes the next day - That started on the morning of Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> and we were relieved Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> up at Varennes. Now I will tell you what a gun section consists of.

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35 men, 18 horses and the gun. (weighing 4 tons,) and a caisson. (weighing about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  tons when loaded.)

We did all of our traveling at night.

The roads in this country have certainly been a great help to the Allies in this war. We have traveled all over France and I have never seen a bad road. They are made of white rock.

These guns we used are the French 155<sup>mm</sup> Howitzer (6 inch) and shot a projectile weighing 95 lbs for a distance of 7 miles.

It was a big job to keep this gun camouflaged. The leaves were falling and it was hard to keep the gun hid from the aeroplanes.

The night after the fighting had stopped, you would have thought a carnival had struck town. If you could have seen the front that night - I think that every soldier that could get hold of any signal rockets, got them out and touched them off.