

Rudolph J Segelcke, 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 Rudolph J. Segelcke, 140th Infantry, 35th Division.

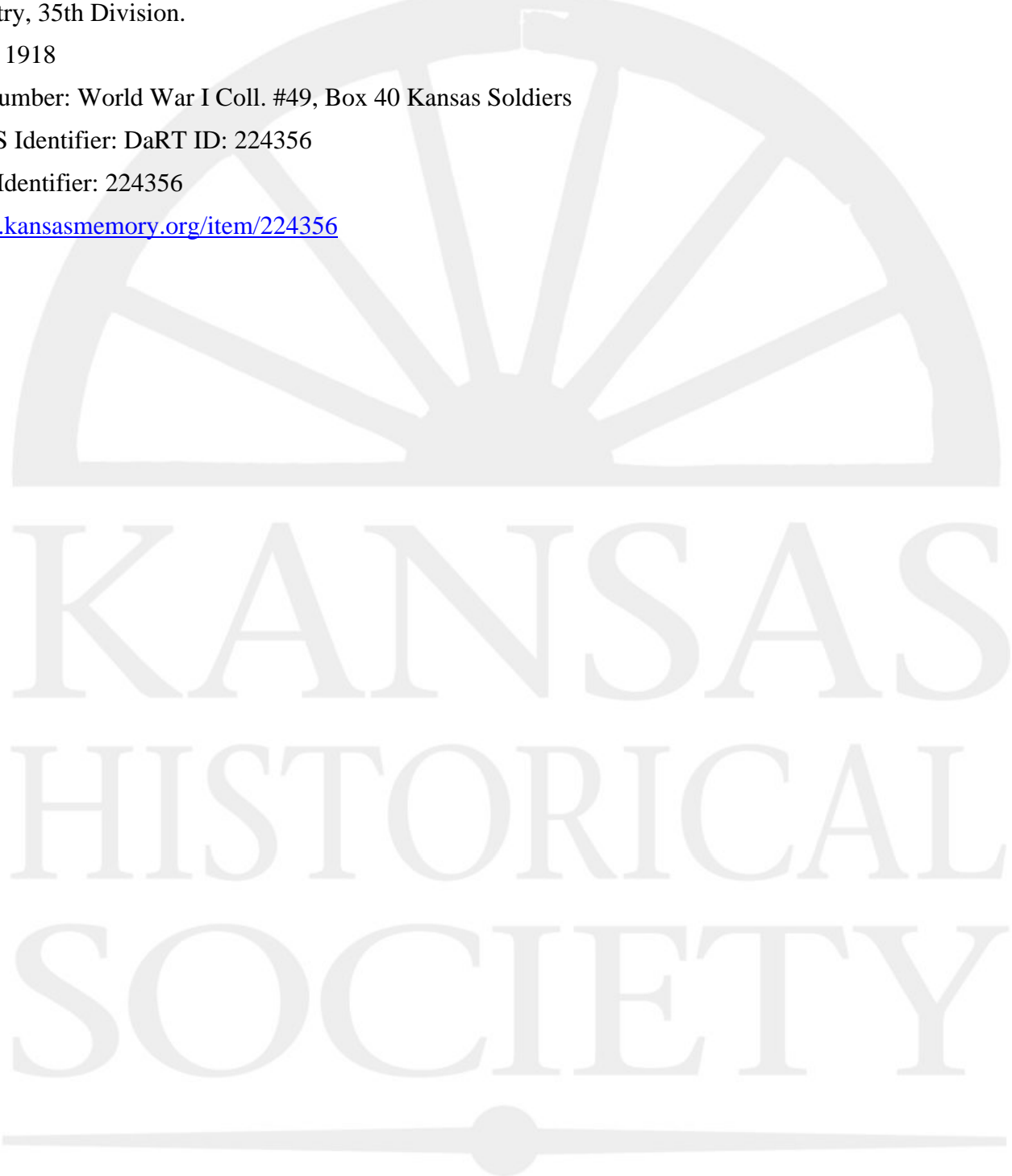
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Mr. William C. Connelly—

Dear Sir:

I herewith send you extracts
from my son's letter, & also
his photo, as you requested in
the Public mind of the Star.

Rudolph J. Segelcke son of
Mr. & Mrs. A. R. H. Segelcke of 2623
Charlotte St. K. C. Mo. was born in
K. C. Mo. Feb. 5, 1897. Graduated from
K. C. College of Pharmacy at the
age of 20, he enlisted a few
weeks later in the San. Det.
140th Inf. 35th Div. the old 3rd Reg
in K. C., Left with his regiment
for over sea services Apr. 24, 1918
landed in England. After

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that to France & landed at La Havre, to Garmache stayed there as reserves for the Arny front. then he left for Thann Alsace stayed in trenches for about a week, stayed about two months in Alsace all this was like a vacation, except for a few shelling he got. From there went near Nancy & left there for St. Michel drive, he was in reserve there & left then for the Argonne front & marched right into a drive as the 1st wave. - they took the 1st hill Sept. 26, 1918 which the French thought would be impossible to take. they advanced with the Inf. so you see we saw the start & finish, they used Prussians Gardo against us the best they had, but nothing could stop us. Captured a bunch of towns & it sure was interesting. Finally we got relieved & started hiking again, then we went to the Verdun Sector, & there are the most wonderful trenches in France. Trenches & Tunnels all over, & the lines were about 3 miles apart.

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Just missed out on a drive
there & came up to Fresno
to be on another drive. The
next morning the Armistice
was signed so you see
we have been verry busy
& no time for furloughs.

We are verry glad and
proud to give you this,
& hope it will be some
assistance to apply to the
History of the 35th Div.

Very Truly Yours

Mrs. A R H Segelcke

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