

Fredrick B. Behrherst, 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 Fredrick B. Behrherst, Headquarters Convalescent Camp, Mesves Hospital Center, France. Fredrick died from pneumonia there on October 24, 1918.

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Somewhere in France

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Dear Folks:

I have at last time to write home. How is all? I am fine as can be. In good health and get plenty to eat. the main thing you all know with me. I would have wrote sooner. But have been moving from one place to the other and most places I did stop I could not get hold of writing paper or a place to mail my letters. till now I can write more.

France is some different country from our own dear old U.S. of America I can tell you all. They have not caught up with us in new methode at all as yet. I wrote a letter to Christine today. How is Christine getting along and Henry + Kate? I hope you are all well over there.

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Are some of the boys drafted yet?
I sure hope Walter will get to stay
at home. I have not heard from
Fred yet do not know where he is
at I am not far from him I
know. On the way over the sea.
I had been on the boat eight days
and one day I was on deck I met
Paul Hager and surprised as
we were, we sure had some
good talk and we were together
all the time we possibly could.
We were in England four days
and then came across over to
France have been riding on the
trains a whole lot while I have
been here. Have been riding in
box cars and third class cars
which are not the best. I have
(over)

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seen as high as sixteen airplanes
at a single time above, when I
get back will not go to town
to see airships ha ha.

How is farming did you folks
sow any wheat? I suppose it
is cold out there sometimes now.
It is fine weather out here to-day
but rain's here most of the time.
Well I must close for this time
write to me soon for I have not
heard from there for a month.
Will write again soon.

your Brother, Fred B.

My Address:

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Henry, Herman, Fredrick Behrherst was born on the 24th of April 1891 in Crawford Co. Kans. (Sherman Tshp.) His parents are Louis Behrherst and wife, Anna nee Mahnken. He received his education in Crawford Co. schools, including a term at the Normal School in Pittsburg, and lived on the farm all his life until he was inducted into the services of his country in July 1918. After a brief training at Camp Funston he was sent across to France where he served his country in Headquarters Convalescent Camp, Mesves Hospital Center (A. E. F. France) and died of Pneumonia on 24th of October 1918. On July 7, 1918 he ^{was} married to Christine nee Selle who is left to mourn his death together with ^{his} parents, mentioned above, and three sisters, Laura, Clara, and Dora and two brothers Henry + Walter.

Mr. Behrherst was born + raised a Lutheran and was at the time of his death a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Emmanels church near Hefler, Kans.