

Frank E. Tompkins, 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 Frank E. Tompkins, Company I, 34th Infantry, 7th Division. Frank died from influenza on November 16, 1918.

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Beloit Kansas

May, 5, 1919

Kansas State Historical Society
Dear Sir, Some time ago I
Received word from you, that
you wanted A Picture of My Son
Frank, who Died in France,
But I have been unable to get
One until now, and will send
it to you, if I am not too late
in sending it,

Frank E Tompkins

Co. I, 34, Inf, 7, Div
was Born and, Dec, 8, 1891
And was Born and Raised at
Twelve Mile, Smith County
Kansas

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His Army Serial no is

2, 175, 884

He went to Camp Funston
on Apr, 26, 1918

He went to Camp Mills, N.Y.
May, 25, 1918

He started for France the
first part of June ¹⁹¹⁸ and the
vessel that he was on, was
sunk by a German submarine
And he got hurt, and was
sent, back to the Base
Hospital at Mineola N.Y.

I asked him in one of my letters
if he had seen any of those
Big Shells and he wrote me

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That he had seen and heard
about, ten thousand of them
He was right at the front nearly
All the time he was in France
And he wrote me just before
he took sick, that he had
just come out of a twenty
Days stay in the trenches
And consequently was in the
last Big Battles, and that
he was well, and feeling fine
And in three or four days after
I got his letter, I got a telegram
from the Government stating
That he was dead, he left New York
for France on, Aug, 17, 1918, and
Arrived in France on Aug, 27, 1918

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Frank E Tompkins
Died, with Influenza, and
Pneumonia, on Nov, 16, 1918
was in, Co, I, 34, Inf, 7, Div

And I Am his Father
Thomas, F. Tompkins
Beloit

Kansas
Box, 443

Please Return this Picture

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Mr. Thomas J. Tompkins,
Beloit, Kansas.

May 6, 1919

Dear sir-

Thank you very much for your letter of May 5", relative to your son Frank E. Tompkins, Co. I, 34th Inf., 7th Division. This material will be preserved on file here and when the state begins the publication of information concerning its soldiers in the European war, it will be used. As soon as a copy is made of the photograph which you enclosed, it will be returned to you. I enclose you herewith card which will explain to you more fully plans relating to photographs.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary