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- Abbott, Carl.¹ Carl C. Abbott, private in Company C, 40th Regiment Infantry; enlisted on June 27, 1917, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; discharged on March 12, 1918 on account of a physical disability at the Base Hospital, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 1.¹⁰ Carl Clarence Abbott. "OHIO PVT CO C 40 INFANTRY WORLD WAR I" Born May 5, 1898; Died May 12, 1957. Buried in Hillside Memorial Park Cemetery, Akron, Ohio. www.findagrave.com.
- Abbott, Paul.¹ Born in Holton, Kansas, enlisted on September 22, 1917 at Minneapolis, Minnesota; served in France as a private in Company D, 61st Infantry, wounded in right leg. Box 1.¹⁰ "August 8, 1918. Dear Mother and kids: I received your letters of July 7 yesterday. It took them just a month to get here. ... We have just returned from the trenches to our rest camp, which is about three miles from the trenches. We were about 300 feet from the German trenches, but the only Germans I have seen yet, were some prisoners further inland. The trenches are about a foot above my head at most places, having lookout posts and dugouts at various points. I have been put in an automatic squad. This squad consists of two automatic rifle teams, and the corporal. Each team has one automatic rifleman and two carriers. I am first carrier." *The Holton Recorder*, September 19, 1918. "Another Holton boy, who is still in the hospital is Paul Abbott, son of Mrs. Euterpe Abbott. He is in the hospital at Camp Dodge, not far from where Arthur Bailey is at Fort Des Moines. Paul is also suffering from a leg wound and has undergone several operations. An attempt was made to take some muscles from his thigh to replace the injured tendons in his leg. While the operation was not entirely a success, other efforts will be made in an endeavor to restore the wounded leg to complete usefulness. At present it is necessary for Paul to wear a brace, but in time he will be able to dispense with this. He too was wounded during the Argonne fight and has paid this long toil of suffering." *The Holton Recorder*, August 7, 1919.
- Abel, Arch D. "KANSAS LT CO, US MARINE CORPS WORLD WAR I & II" Born May 21, 1903; Died January 22, 1950. Buried in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, California. www.findagrave.com.
- Abel, Leroy Preston; rank, corporal; inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on May 29, 1918; served with headquarters supply company, R. D. Bm Signal Corps; served in France; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 20, 1919.⁵ Box 1.¹⁰ in Camp Funston Headquarters Detachment; Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on April 9, 1919.⁵ Box 1.¹⁰ "The Holton boys in the 8th Battalion, Signal Corps, Louis Roebke, Roy Abel, Paul Hurrel, Herbert Robinson and A. Zieglsch, who were trained at Fort Leavenworth, are now on the water on their way overseas. Merle Frazey has also started overseas." *The Holton Recorder*, August 29, 1918. "Cards were received in Holton Wednesday announcing the safe arrival overseas of Louis Roebke, Jr., Herbert Robinson, A. Zeiglsch, Roy Abel and Paul Hurrel." *The Holton Recorder*, September 12, 1918. Probably Leroy Preston Abel. Born August 21, 1891; Died April 24, 1952. Buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park (Glendale), Glendale, California. www.findagrave.com.
- Abele, Leon. "Leon Abel is ill with Spanish influenza at Camp Funston." *The Holton Recorder*, October 10, 1918. "Leon Abele of Camp Funston spent the first of the week in Holton." *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918.
- Adams, Clarence F.; rank, private; enlisted on September 19, 1918; served in S. A. Y. C., Fort Hayes State Normal School; discharged December 29, 1919.⁵ Box 1.¹⁰
- Adams, J. R.¹ "1st Lieut. Dr. J. R. Adams was last week assigned to the 303d Cavalry U. S. A. as Regimental Surgeon, located at Leon Springs, Tex., which is about seven miles from San Antonio, Tex." *The Soldier Clipper*, February 13, 1918. "First Lieutenant Dr. Adams arrived in Soldier on Monday evening, and will be here until Friday when he will rejoin his regiment at Leon Springs, Texas, and then soon to France." *The Soldier Clipper*, July 3, 1918. "Lt. Dr. Adams is in town today, from the camp at San Antonio, Tex." *Soldier Clipper*, September 18, 1918. Joseph R. Adams, commissioned a 1st Lieutenant on August 15, 1917; resigned on October 14, 1920. ⁵ Box 1.¹⁰
- Aitkens, Orville J. Atkins, Orville J. Atkiens.¹ Enlisted on May 12, 1917, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; served as a sergeant in Headquarters Company, 16th Regiment Infantry, A. E. F.; discharged on April 9, 1920. Box 1.¹⁰ "KANSAS SGT 16 INF 1 DIV" Orville John Aitkens. Died March 12, 1941. Buried in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, Seneca, Missouri. www.findagrave.com.
- Alexander, Harold L.; rank, private; enlisted on April 18, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 to serve during WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Box 1.¹⁰ "Mr. Alexander had a letter from his sons, Roy and Harold, this week. They are near the fighting line in France. They say they have bread, butter and milk for suppers." *The Soldier Clipper*, June 26, 1918. "L. P. Alexander has a letter from Harold one day last week. He said they were doing some work in the front. In an exchange they met a company of Highlanders, those boys that wear short skirts and their socks only come half way to their knees. He say the Germans call them 'the laddies from hell' because they are the best bayonet men on earth. Harold says the American boys are anxious to get such a reputation from the Huns." *The Soldier Clipper*, July 17, 1918. "Harold Alexander has sent his father a 72 German shell, worked into a beautiful vase. It is the first German war souvenir on exhibition in Soldier." *The Soldier Clipper*, March 5, 1919.
- Alexander, James P. Service number 2176248, enlisted or inducted September 19, 1917 at Seneca, Kansas; served as a cook, Company E, 353rd Infantry, A. E. F., France; discharged February 18, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.¹¹ Probably James Preston Alexander. Born April, 1894; Died in 1963. Buried in Corning Cemetery, Corning,

Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Alexander, Roy C.; rank, private; enlisted on April 10, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 to serve during WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Box 1.¹⁰ “Mr. Alexander had a letter from his sons, Roy and Harold, this week. They are near the fighting line in France. They say they have bread, butter and milk for suppers.” *The Soldier Clipper*, June 26, 1918. “Roy Alexander writes home that he had been sixteen days in the trenches, on the last day he went ‘over the top.’ It was a wonderful experience, he returned without a scratch, and says the Huns got worsted badly.” *The Soldier Clipper*, August 21, 1918. “We had supper left for the trenches. It was quite a walk and we were all tired when we got there. We rested on the hill above the trenches waiting for time to go in. I and a friend of mine slipped down to a dug-out occupied by some signal corps boys. They treated us good. They gave us some meat, bread and some good hot coffee. We appreciated that because it was cold and we had no jackets on. We went down into the trenches to our positions. We had a couple of hours to wait. Our artillery opened fire with a barrage, and it was some barrage. Imagine scores of big guns firing all at once. So far, I hadn’t been the least bit afraid, and was just complementing myself when I looked down and saw my knees knocking together. That should draw a laugh, but it’s straight. I said to myself, ‘that won’t do,’ so I rolled a big Bull Durham cigarette, and then I felt O. K. Only for about five minutes was I the least bit scared, and that was when our barrage started. Our big guns fired for several minutes and then the Lieutenant said, ‘It’s time to go boys, and we went, there wasn’t a dissenting voice, all were ready. Our wires had been cut, so we had nothing to stop us. At our place one wire hadn’t been cut and we had to step on it, and jump over. I was just balanced on on it, when a big shell hit close by and knocked me about 10 feet. Having got through that, we were encountered with Boche machine gun fire. You know a fellow forgets everything when he goes over. Nothing worries him. Well, I watched those machine gun bullets pick the dust in front of my feet, fly over my head, burst against the wall, etc. But I wasn’t worried about it at all. We made a successful raid and our casualties were very light.” *The Soldier Clipper*, October 9, 1918. “Oct. 21, 1918. ... Carl Bartch and Roy Alexander have been made Corporals.” *The Soldier Clipper*, November 20, 1918. “Word from ‘somewhere in France’ -(how we dislike that uncertain and seemly ridiculous expression - that Roy Alexander was gassed on October 31st. His eyes and ears were affected.” *The Soldier Clipper*, December 4, 1918. “Mr. and Mrs. John Alban entertained the returned soldier boys and their friends on Thursday evening at their home. The Soldier boys present were: Roy Alexander.” *The Soldier Clipper*, February 26, 1919.

Alexander, Wilmer; rank, private; enlisted on June 12, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 to serve during WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Box 1.¹⁰ “Wilmer Alexander returned from Camp Doniphan on Tuesday night with a honorable discharge, on account of broken arches in his feet.” *The Soldier Clipper*, February 6, 1918. “Wilmer Alexander has enlisted in the Navy and will go to service soon.” *The Soldier Clipper*, July 17, 1918. “Wilmer Alexander came home from Great Lakes on Saturday night for a seven day furlough.” *The Soldier Clipper*, December 25, 1918. Wilmer Edward Alexander. “KANSAS P. I CL. 137 INF 35 DIV” Born January 11, 1897; Died January 14, 1924. Buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Berthoud, Colorado. www.findagrave.com.

Allendorf, Jacob G.; rank, private; enlisted on June 2, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 to serve during WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Box 1.¹⁰ Jacob George Allendorf. “Army veteran of World War I” Born March 9, 1896; Died October 13, 1979. Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Allison, Romer M. Residence Hoyt, served in Troop C, 301st Cavalry; Battery C 46 Field Artillery, U. S. Army. Died January 10, 1918.^{8,5} Box 1.¹⁰ “The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Homer Allison.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. Homer M. Allison. Born September 27, 1899; Died December 10, 1918. Buried in Ozawkie Cemetery, Ozawkie, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Alt, Carlos J.² Probably the Carlos John Alt who served as PTR 2nd class, in the U. S. Navy. Buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California.⁹

Anderson, Arthur W.; rank, seaman 2nd class in U. S. Navy; discharged at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on January 22, 1919.⁵ Box 1.¹⁰ “KANSAS SEA US NAVY WORLD WAR I” Born March 10, 1893; Died December 26, 1959. Buried in Netawaka Cemetery, Netawaka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Anderson, Frank J. Service number 1974546, inducted into service on October 26, 1917; served in the A. E. F.; discharged March 17, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. ⁵ Box 1.¹⁰ “KANSAS PFC CO E 325 FS BN 92 DIV WORLD WAR I” Born May 30, 1890; Died July 22, 1959. Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery., Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Anderson, J.¹ “Jay Anderson, Viggo Jensen and Floyd Fitzsimmons went to Camp Funston Friday to be U. S. soldiers. A number went to the depot to see them off, and wish them all the good luck that comes their way. ... *The Holton Recorder*, July 4, 1918. Service number 3312369, a private in the 4th Company, 1st Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; enlisted or inducted into service on June 28, 1918 at Holton, Kansas; discharged January 9, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 1.¹⁰

Anderson, James.²

Anderson, Ralph.¹ “Ralph Anderson, formerly of Soldier, and who has two or three service stars here to represent him, writes from Eastleigh, England, to his mother at Leavenworth regarding his service in the great war. In part he says: ... I have been an observer and have been on several bombing raids into Germany. Nearly all our bombing raids were carried on at night. But I have made several trips over the lines in a battle plane during the day. My pilot got pretty well shot up and I got a slight scratch on the shoulder that put me out of commission for a while, but it don't bother me much. We took two tumbles in the air but we are still alive.” *The Soldier Clipper*, January 22, 1919. Served in Company F, 353rd Infantry; died September 14, 1918. Box 1.¹⁰ Ralph P. Anderson. Died September 15, 1918. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. www.findagrave.com.

Anderson, Roy. “Mrs. Hal Ham was in Wetmore last week attending the funeral of her cousin Roy Anderson who died of influenza at Camp Meade. He left just six weeks ago for camp” *The Holton Recorder*, October 17, 1918.

Anweiler, Henry E. “PVR US ARMY [WORLD WAR I]” Born May 4, 1896; Died February 20, 1974. Buried in Hoyt Cemetery, Hoyt, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Armel, Lyle Oliver. “Ensign Lyle Armel arrived in Holton Thursday evening to spend a short leave with his parents Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Armel. He received word Friday to report for duty and left that night for Baltimore. He is stationed on the U. S. S. Rosalia. Ensign Armel was in Europe when the armistice was signed.” *The Holton Recorder*, January 2, 1919. ; discharged from the U. S. Naval Reserves on December 10, 1921.⁵ “Commander Armel is completing three years at sea. He was on duty for 23 months in the Pacific and participated in all the Aleutian campaigns, including, Attu, Kiska and Amchitka. In World War One he served as an ensign aboard the transport U. S. S. Santa Rosalia, which operated in the North Atlantic run to Europe. He had attended Baker University, 1914-16. ... He married Miss Geraldine Riley of Holton, on December 28, 1920, and they have three children, Patty Lou, 20; Lyle O. Armel II, 11, and John Riley Armel, nine, who live at the home, 1515 University drive. After World War I, Armel attended the [Kansas] University and received the bachelor of arts degree. At the time he reentered active service early in 1941, he was serving as secretary of the University Endowment Association.” *The Jackson County Signal*, July 20, 1944. “CAPT USNR WW II” Born June 13, 1895; Died December 5, 1948. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. www.findagrave.com.

Armstrong, Edgar.² Edgar Scott Armstrong, service number 144-76-88; served as a seaman 2/class; enrolled in the Navy on June 25, 1918 at Kansas City, Missouri; discharged on September 30, 1921. Box 1.¹⁰ Probably the Edgar S. Armstrong. “S2 US NAVY WORLD WAR I” Born March 18, 1897; Died June 1, 1974. Buried in Hillside Cemetery, Sedgwick, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Armstrong Max.¹ Max George Armstrong, enlisted in the Navy on July 9, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a hospital apprentice 2/class; discharged on February 6, 1918, at San Francisco, California. Box 1.¹⁰

Arnold, Percy Hammond. Percy Hammond Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Arnold of Latimer, Kan., was born at Holton, Jackson county, Kan., Nov. 10, 1898, and died in Commercy, France, Jan. 30, 1919, aged 20 years, 2 months and 20 days. ... He went to France last May and was on five fronts, the Argonne being the last, and was just ready to go to the front again, when the armistice was signed. He went through without a scratch, never was away from his company until he was taken ill with bronchial pneumonia the 18th of January” *The Holton Recorder*, March 20, 1919. Box 1.¹⁰ “CO I 139TH INF 35TH DIV” Born 1898; Died 1919. Buried in Sunset Hill Cemetery, Herington, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Artman, Harry James; rank, private, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm.⁴ Box 1.¹⁰ Born October 8, 1899; Died December 11, 1975. Buried in Valley Falls Cemetery, Valley Falls, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Artman, Walter H.¹ Service number 2848697, inducted on May 14, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a corporal in Headquarters Detachment, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged February 6, 1919. Box 1.¹⁰

Atkins, Orville.¹ Orville J. Aitkins, enlisted on May 12, 1917, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; served as a sergeant in Headquarters Company, 16th Regiment Infantry, A. E. F.; discharged on April 9, 1920. Box 1.¹⁰ “KANSAS SGT 16 INF 1 DIV” Orville John Aitkens. Died March 12, 1941. Buried in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, Seneca, Missouri. www.findagrave.com.

Baertch/Beartch, Carl. Barch, Carl.¹ Baertch, Carl E.; rank, private; enlisted on April 10, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 to serve during WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Box 2.¹⁰ “Sunday May 18, 1918. Dear ones at Home: ... Now listen again, I say don't worry for we are all O. K., and surely things will come out all right in the end, so let us trust in one more powerful than we, and wait. I am your Loving Son and Brother, Carl E. Baertch.” *The Soldier Clipper*, June 19, 1918. “In France. My Dearest Grandma: ... I'll tell you Grandma I feel like an old veteran already. Ernest Rudy, Paul Chrisman, Carl Bartsch are together and doing fine. Now don't worry a bit about me, for it's over and I'm none the worse for it.” *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918. “Somewhere in France, Oct. 18, '18. To Mr. and Mrs. L. Beartch. ... Your boy, Carl, is safe and sound at this writing. Both of us went thru the battle safely. Carl fought bravely, words can not express his bravery. ... Joseph C.

- Hart." *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918. "Oct. 21, 1918. ... Carl Beartch and Roy Alexander have been made Corporals." *The Soldier Clipper*, November 20, 1918. "Ross Thompson arrived home on Friday evening, having been mustered out of the service at Camp Funston. ... He was with Ray Russell when he fell, in fact, the same shell tore the seat out of Ross's pants. But a few minutes before Earl Johnson had reminded him that he, Ross, was falling a little behind. Ross and Carl Beartch were the only ones of a squad of seven that went through the third day of the Argonne drive." *The Soldier Clipper*, January 15, 1919. Carl E. Baertch. Born December 21, 1897; Died December 2, 1997. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Bailey, Arthur L.; rank, private 1st class; enlisted on July 18, 1914 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 to serve during WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France, wounded twice in leg on September 28, 1918 in the Battle of the Argonne.³ Box 2.¹⁰ "Mrs. Chas. Minor went to Des Moines last week to visit her brother, Arthur Bailey, who is in a hospital there since his return from overseas. Pvt. Bailey was struck by two pieces of high explosive shell during the Argonne fight. "H. H. Bailey returned the first of the week from Des Moines, where he visited his son Arthur, who is still in the hospital there. Arthur was wounded in two places on his leg, on September 28, during the Argonne fight, and has been in hospitals ever since. He has undergone seven operations and the physicians feel that he will have the use of his leg in time. He was unfortunate enough last week to fall and break the injured member, which of course retards his recovery. Eleven months of hospitals with operations and suffering, is the price exacted of Arthur Bailey in the world war." *The Holton Recorder*, August 7, 1919. "He enlisted in the army July 18, 1914, at Holton, Kansas, in Company B, 137th Infantry and was in service overseas during the World War, being wounded in service in the Argonne, Sept. 29, 1918. After spending several months in the base hospital in France he was transferred to Hoboken, N.J., later being sent to the hospital at Des Moines, Iowa, where he received his discharge March 27, 1920." Born March 7, 1896; Died January 23, 1935." Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Bailey, Floyd. "Floyd W. Bailey son of Wm. Bailey of Topeka, died at Camp Grant, Ill., Saturday. He was twenty one years of age. The cause of his death is not reported. The Bailey's lived near Holton before moving to Topeka" *The Holton Signal*, October 3, 1918. "Pvt Draftee in US Training, Medical Det. Infirmary Cots, Camp Grant, IL. Enlisted Aug 1918. ... Died in training 30 Sept 1918 of complications from the Spanish influenza and resulting pneumonia at Camp Grant, Rockford, IL." Born March 31, 1897; Died September 30, 1918. Buried in Topeka Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Bailey, Frank. Earl. Service number 980076, served as a sergeant 1st class in the medical department; inducted into service on May 27, 1918; discharged on February 15, 1920, at Whipple Barracks, Arizona. Box 2.¹⁰ "Another soldier lad lays down his life as a result of experiences in the world war. After a long illness Frank Earl Bailey died at Camp Kearney. ... On May 27, 1918, he enlisted in the A. E. F. and returned to Camp Dodge, Iowa, June 16, 1919, and was sent immediately by the government to Whipple Barracks, Prescott, Arizona. He remained in different hospitals until his death at Camp Kearney, September 30, 1921." *The Holton Recorder*, October 13, 1921. "Camp Kearney, U. S. P. hospital in San Diego, Calif. ... Frank was an overseas soldier and after his return he contracted tuberculosis that resulted in his death. *The Holton Recorder*, October 6, 1921 "SGT 88TH DIV. A. E. F." Buried in Larkinburg Cemetery, Larkinburg, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Bair, Allen M.; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Lawrence, Kansas; S. A. T. C., University; discharged at Lawrence, Kansas on December 21, 1919.⁵ Box 2.¹⁰ "John A. Buckles, Jr., and Allan Bair came home from Lawrence on Saturday evening, having been discharged from the S. A. T. C. They will remain home till next fall's schools begin." *The Soldier Clipper*, December 25, 1918.
- Bair, Ralph.² Bair, Ralph F.; rank, private 1st class; enlisted on May 17, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 to serve during WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France where he was gassed on November 1, 1918; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on April 19, 1919.³ Box 2.¹⁰ "Dear Friend: I received your letter some time ago but have been too busy to write. Life here is one day after another of drill, dust, wild rumors in equal parts. We drill about eight hours each day. Each Wednesday afternoon and Saturday after inspection and all day Sunday we have to our selves. On these days we usually have some form of athletics for diversion. The Y. M. C. A. furnishes a field for football, mats for wrestling and boxing and some baseball equipment. Our company team with "Zeke" Barnes and Wylie as batteries have beat the picked regimental team. They will play a picked Missouri team next. The Y. M. C. A. is an important part of our lives here. Nearly all of the men visit it to write home and read or play games. There is a good musical program every evening and usually a wrestling match or two for company or regimental honors. They are noticeably better than most professional matches. Tonight being Halloween, they are doing a little more for our amusement. B Company is mustering so I cannot attend. Many of the men attend the French classes, but I am too busy. On Sunday we have good speakers and Bible classes. They kept money orders, stamps, etc., and believe me they had a big day pay day. They handle mail there for the men quicker than through the camp post office. I usually try to take in all these privileges and conveniences because I know the people want to help and amuse the boys. The Y. M. C. A. is the only place this side of Lawton, where you can pass the time in the evenings.

- We have been here a month and haven't been to town since we came. Your friend, RALPH F. BAIR." *The Holton Recorder*, November 8, 1917. "Ralph Bair son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bair, arrived in Holton Tuesday from Camp Funston. He was a member of Co. B, but was transferred to Divisional Headquarters and came over a few days ahead of the 137th Inf.' *The Holton Recorder*, May 1, 1919.
- Bair, Homer.¹ "Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Bair have two letters from their son Homer during the past week, from which we make the following extracts: I am very comfortable and very well situated, a nice office to work and sleep in, so am just about finely fixed as would be possible anywhere." *The Soldier Clipper*, August 28, 1918. "Homer Bair arrived Saturday, having been discharged from the service that day. He has been twelve months overseas service. He expects to remain with his parents a few months." *The Soldier Signal*, April 23, 1919. Homer Ralph Bair. "KANSAS REGTL SGT MAJ 110 TN HQ & MP WORLD WAR I" Born June 22, 1893; Died March 5, 1954. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Bair, Mary L. "When she learned of the urgent need for trained nurses in the training camps, owing to the prevailing epidemic, Miss Bair volunteered her services which were promptly accepted. She reported for duty at the base hospital at Fort Riley, October 8th, and was on duty for three days when she was stricken with influenza ... During the hour for her funeral service, the stores of the city were closed to show the same respect for Miss Bair's sacrifice of her life in her country's service as for that of the men who have died in the army." *The Holton Recorder*, October 31, 1918. "Namesake of the Mary L. Bair American Legion Post No. 44 in Holton, KS" Born 1889; Died October 25, 1918. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Baker, Hugh J.¹ "Hugh Jackson Baker, service number 3299791; Inducted into service on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in the quartermaster corps, last assigned to Motor Truck Company 450; discharged on July 1, 1919, at Mitchell Field, Long Island, New York. Box 2.¹⁰ Hugh J. Baker who served as a corporal in the U. S. Army. Buried in the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas.⁹ "KANSAS CPL US ARMY, WORLD WAR I" Born June 15, 1888; Died May 24, 1973. Buried in Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Baldwin, Clifford B.; rank, private; enlisted on April 23, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 to serve during WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of 1917.³ Box 2.¹⁰ Enlisted at Hiawatha, Kansas; discharged January 20, 19__ at Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Oklahoma on account of fraudulent enlistment.¹¹ Clifford was only 16 years, 7 months old at the time of his enlistment, and the legal age for enlistment was 18 years of age. Clifford George Baldwin. Born September 21, 1900; Died April 23, 1977. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Banaka, Robert H.¹ Inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on June 28, 1918, served as a private first class in Company H, 20th Infantry. Box 2.¹⁰ Service number 3312366, discharged February 19, 1919 on account of dependency, at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.¹¹
- Banks, Elmer L.² Born in Whiting, enlisted on June 25, 1918 at Kansas City, Mo., in the U. S. Navy; served as a seaman 2nd class, discharged from the U. S. Naval Reserve on September 30, 1921. Box 2.¹⁰
- Banks, Geo. E.² Probably George E. Banks. Born August 2, 1869; Died April 9, 1947. Buried in Netawaka Cemetery, Netawaka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Barb, Clyde.¹ Francis Clyde Barb, enlisted on September 8, 1919 at Pensacola, Florida; discharged on December 8, 1922, at New York, New York. Box 2.¹⁰ Probably Francis Clyde Barb. Born in 1897; Died June 3, 1930. Buried in Penwell-Gabel Cemetery and Mausoleum Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Barker, George William. Service number 4921852; enlisted on September 5, 1918; served as a private first class in the 60th Company, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 2, 1918 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 2.¹⁰ "He served his country in the Armed Forces in World War I." Born July 12, 1896; Died in January, 1962. Obituary Book 4 Dec. 1950 -- July 1, 1966, Jackson County Historical Society, Holton Kansas. Buried in St. Paul Cemetery, Delphos, Kansas. findagrave.com.
- Barnard, Howard S.; rank, corporal, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm.⁴ Box 2.¹⁰
- Barnes, Jesse L.² Enlisted in Holton on May 29, 1918; served as a corporal in Company C, 20th Infantry; discharged on February 6, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 2.¹⁰ In a recent letter from our son Clifford Mickel he states that Camp Funston is practically deserted, and especially of the boys he knew. Guy Schantz and Jess Barnes (the Circleville pitcher) were the only boys left he knew. Guy is in the Medical Corps and Clifford is a corporal in the Permanent Personal, 164 Depot Brigade." *The Soldier Clipper*, July 3, 1918. "Jess Barnes and James McCauley of Camp Funston spent Sunday in Holton." *The Holton Recorder*, September 12, 1918. "KANSAS CPL US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Jesse Lawrence "Nubby" Barnes. Born August 26, 1892; Died September 9, 1961. Buried in Westminster Memorial Park Cemetery, Westminster, California. www.findagrave.com.
- Barnes, Virgil; rank, private; enlisted on June 2, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 to serve during WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered

- out of Federal service at Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Box 2.¹⁰ “After the first day we got to the edge of the Argonne forest and then it was h____. I don’t care how much you read, you haven’t the least idea of what it really is to face hundreds of machine guns and big guns. I was knocked down three times in about an hour with big shells, but they didn’t hurt me, until finally on the third day a big one lit so close to Zeke Barnes and I it knocked us both out and they sent us back to the hospital. We didn’t either one get a scratch, but it shook us up so much as we were both sick as dogs.” *The Holton Recorder*, December 26, 1918. “KANSAS BUGLER US ARMY WORLD WAR I” “Previous to his baseball career he served in the United States Army during World War I, seeing combat in France during the 1918 Meuse-Argonne Offensive, where he was gassed.” Virgil Jennings “Zeke” Barnes. Born March 5, 1897; Died July 24, 1958. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Barr, Jesse Vernon; enlisted in the army in April or May of 1918, died in camp May 13, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas from the influenza. *The Holton Recorder*, May 23, 1918. Box 3.⁷ “At the beginning of the war Jesse tried to enlist in the navy and artillery, but was rejected on account of his physical condition. Later he was accepted by the infantry and had been in camp only two weeks at the time of his death. His mother was permitted to be with him during his sickness.” Brother of Ray Barr. Born June 14, 1888; Died May 13, 1918. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Barr, Ray; rank, private; enlisted on June 4, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 to serve during WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was gassed during the Battle of the Argonne; mustered out of Federal service at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Box 2.¹⁰ “A. E. F. France 1918 Nov. 14, Dear Mother, three letters came today, was sure glad to hear from you, but sorry to hear that you wasn’t feeling very well, hope you are alright by this time, take good care of yourself. I am feeling fine in the best of health and am just feeling great. The war is about over, at least the fighting has stopped so don’t worry about me now; I think Germany is through with the war, but if they aren’t we are ready to show them that we can finish it. I suppose Holton people felt good over the good news when the Armistice was signed, this country is celebrating everywhere especially in the big cities. Well I for one am glad that the war has stopped for you can’t imagine what is up on the line, when shells and bullets are coming around you, and when men are getting killed all around you, I was one of the lucky ones and didn’t get hit, but I sure thought I was going to get mine, well I got gassed and that was bad enough. I had a letter from Aunt Alice today, will answer it in a few days. We are having lots to eat now, and besides we can buy candy, cookies, gum, jam and other things. I will write Ernie and Pa a letter in a few days. This will have to do for all of you. This is all tonight, write often Love to all, Your Son, Ray.” (Ray H. Barr, World War I soldier. kansasmemory.org. Kansas Historical Society.)
- Baskett, Roy.² Roy F. Baskett, enlisted on July 1, 1918, in the Navy at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a pharmacist mate 3/class; discharged on September 6, 1919, at St. Louis, Missouri. Box 3.¹⁰ “Harry and Charles Sigmund, Jim Doyle, Carl Swazey, and Roy Baskett have been ill with Spanish influenza at the Great Lakes Station. They are all on the road to recovery.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 3, 1918.
- Baugh, Hilton; rank, private; enlisted on April 10, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 to serve during WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of 1917.³ Box 3.¹⁰
- Baxter, Emmett E.; rank, corporal; enlisted on May 31, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 to serve during WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Box 3.¹⁰ “KANSAS CPL CO B 137 INF 35 DIV WORLD WAR I” Born August 30, 1895; Died October 6, 1968. Buried in Circleville Cemetery, Circleville, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Beaman, Edward W. “He was a naval veteran of World War I.” Born in 1899; Died August 10, 1977. Buried in Penwell-Gabel Cemetery and Mausoleum, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Beamer, Arch G.¹ Arch Grubb Beamer. “OKLAHOMA S2 US NAVY WORLD WAR I” Born January 16, 1893; Died October 20, 1958. Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Tulsa, Oklahoma. www.findagrave.com.
- Beams, Ray.
- Bean, William H.² Enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas, on August 29, 1918; served as a private in the 4th Company, 1st Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 14, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 3.¹⁰ Service number 3472396.¹¹
- Beauchamp, Wilber.¹ “He served through World War I attending officers training school in 1917, going overseas in 1918.” Born in 1891; Died February 26, 1962. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton Kansas. Obituary Book 4 Dec. 1950 -- July 1, 1966, Jackson County Historical Society, Holton Kansas.
- Beck, Will T. “Will T. Beck, the Junior editor of the Holton Recorder, has enlisted in the Red Cross work, and expects to sail for France in a few weeks. We are pleased to see Will go, providing he feels the work suffers the want of his labors, but there at hundreds of fellows of his age that could be spared much better.” *The Soldier Clipper*, October 24, 1918. William Thornton Beck. Born February 14, 1873; Died in November, 1967. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton,

Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

- Beems, Roger; rank, cook; a member of Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of 1917; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Fort Riley, Kansas on May 10, 1919.³ Box 3.¹⁰ "KANSAS MESS SGT 137 INF 35 DIV" Born in October of 1897; Died April 20, 1940. Buried in Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Belair, Mitchel.¹ Service number 3299859; enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1918; served as a private 1st class in a Demobilization Group; discharged on July 8, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 3.¹⁰ "KANSAS PFC QUARTERMASTER CORP WORLD WAR I" Born January 1, 1895; Died December 4, 1958. Buried in Ship Shee Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Belden, Daniel C.² Service number 3472397, enlisted or inducted on August 29, 1918; served as a private in the 4th Company, 1st Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged December 24, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 3.^{10,11} "He was a veteran of World War I." Daniel Chester "Chet" Belden. Born July 17, 1886; Died May 2, 1969. Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Benander, Arthur; rank, private; enlisted on June 2, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 to serve during WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Box 3.¹⁰ "KANSAS CPL CO B 137TH INF 35 DIV WORLD WAR I" Arthur W. Benander. Born February 1, 1900; Died February 17, 1967. Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Bender, Martin A.; rank, private, musician; enlisted at St. Louis, Missouri in the U. S. Marines on July 12, 1917 for four years service; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France and was awarded the Silver Star medal.⁴ Box 3.¹⁰ "F. C. Grimshaw handed us a paper, The Columbus (Ohio) Gazette, in which appear two letters, written by Noah Lewis, a former Holton boy, from which we clip the following paragraphs: 'The band boys in this regiment I am in now are nearly all from around Holton, Kansas, but I have not met one of them yet.' 'As I sat down who should I see playing in the band but M. A. Bender of Holton, Kansas, with his K. O T. M. band, but only one Holton man whom I knew, Dutch Lutz. I had quite a talk with him and found out more Holton news than I have heard since I left Holton ten years ago. He has been mentioned twice for bravery under fire. You see the band boys are stretcher bearers in an attack.'" *The Holton Recorder*, October 24, 1918. "We are printing some extracts from letters Mrs. M. A. Bender received Saturday from Mr. Bender: "November 15, we started out four weeks ago and marched 15 kilos in the rain and ever since we have been marching and camping on the battle fields and when the war ended, we were near the Belgian border, where we are now. It sure has been a long and hard drag, and of course our eats have been slim, so we are all thin again. It has been cold and wet, and the mud is fright. Just a few nights ago we slept in the open, and it was so cold that the next morning the muddy ground was frozen hard that it would bear us up, yet we did not suffer, and we are all well, only we have had a bad siege of dysentery, which helped bring us down. I am feeling fine today, and worked handling stores. Saunders left us May 30, so you see he has been gone a long time. "I hardly think I can get home before spring, though I wish I could start tomorrow. It is over now and I want to get home. I expect by the time you get this, I will be in Germany, and I do not apprehend it will be any pleasure to be there. I sure have seen some sights traveling over this battle scarred county. As we drove the Germans, we followed them up every day. We have not played for a month, and have been under shell fire, but nothing proved very dangerous. Bill Dye came to see us about a week ago, and sure treated us fine. November 16 - We start tomorrow on our march to Germany, marching two days and resting one, so it will take us sometime to go a couple of hundred miles. All the boys are well, but won't have much time to write after our movements commence. *The Holton Recorder*, December 19, 1918. Born January 10, 1871; Died January 3, 1946. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Berkley, Glenn. Glenn E. Berkley, service number 3654719; inducted into service on June 26, 1918; served as a private in the 136th Ambulance Company, 109th Sanitation Train, A. E. F.; discharged on January 31, 191, at Camp Grant, Illinois. Box 3.¹⁰ "Glen Berkley, of Troy visited at G. F. Riley's on Wednesday. He returned Thursday to Troy to report for army service. He is now at Fort Logan, Colo." *The Soldier Clipper*, June 5, 1918. "Glenn Berkley is visiting in Soldier this week. He missed the last call to the colors just one number, but will be in the June call." *The Soldier Clipper*, June 12, 1918. "Glenn Berkley visited here over Sunday. On Tuesday he joined the colors and is on his way to Camp Cody, New, Mex." *The Soldier Clipper*, June 26, 1918. "Glenn Berkley visited in Soldier Thursday, he having been recently mustered out of the army service. Glenn was in France but too late to see much action." *The Soldier Clipper*, February 12, 1919. Born August 8, 1891; Died July 11, 1960. Buried in Rose Hill Memorial Park Cemetery, Whittier, California. www.findagrave.com.
- Berridge, Scott; rank, captain; a member of Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Box 3.¹⁰ "Captain Scott Berridge writes from France: 'Things sure do happen over here and I have long gotten past the stage of being surprised at anything that happens. During the last offensive, I had just crawled into a German dugout, with the intention of getting little sleep, when who should walk in

but Bill Dye - the same old Bill. The day following we were relieved and were on the move - had just set the outfit for the night and started to my billet, when someone called me and it was no other than my old pal, 'Tom' Rennick." *The Holton Recorder*, November 28, 1918. "Mrs. S. Berridge has received a letter from her son, Capt. Scott Berridge, dated October 14. He was in a base hospital, having been gassed during the recent offensive. He also had the misfortune to lose his horse and all his equipment. Capt. Berridge was recovering when he wrote, and expected to be out of the hospital in a couple of weeks." *The Holton Recorder*, October 31, 1918. "KANSAS CAPTAIN CO B 137 INF 35 DIV PH" Born December 3, 1889; Died May 22, 1922. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Biggart, Harry R.² Enlisted or inducted at Holton, Kansas, August 24, 1918; an unassigned private in the medical department, discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on March 1, 1919. Box 4.¹⁰ May be Harry Ross Biggart. "KANSAS MEDICAL DEPARTMENT WORLD WAR I" Born December 8, 1896; Died May 2, 1967. Buried in Lake View Cemetery, Chetek, Wisconsin. www.findagrave.com.

Bingham, _____. "Lieutenant Bingham of Camp Taylor, Kentucky, is a guest at the Frank Bothe home this week. He is a nephew of Mr. Bothe's." *The Holton Recorder*, January 16, 1919.

Bingham, Harry. "Mrs. A. M. Eisiminger has received word that her nephew Harry Bingham of Sabetha was suffering from wounds in a hospital in France." *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918.

Bird, Victor T.; rank, sergeant; a member of Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Box 4.¹⁰ "Sergeant Victor Bird of the old B company 2nd Kansas was transferred to Headquarters Company as First Sergeant. Sergeant Bird is well fitted for his promotion and it is quite an honor conferred upon Victor because the major selected him from the 137th Inf., as a whole, to be first Sergeant of the "Colonel's own Company." This company is composed of selected men of the 137th regiment each company furnishing its quota." *The Holton Signal*, October 25, 1917. "Vic Bird, a former member of Co. B, is attending officer's school overseas." *The Holton Recorder*, November 28, 1918.

Birkett, John S.¹ "J. S. Birkett of the Great Lakes Training Station is at home this week on furlough." *The Holton Recorder*, October 17, 1918.

Blackford, Fred J.¹

Blackledge, Walter. "Rev. and Mrs. Jas. P. Blackledge received a message this afternoon conveying the sad intelligence that their son, Corporal Walter Blackledge, had been killed in action in France on September 28th ... Onaga Herald. Rev. Blackledge was formerly pastor of the Baptist church in Holton." *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918. Box 4.¹⁰ "WALTER M BLACKLEDGE SERGT 137 INF 35 DIV KANSAS SEPT 28, 1918" Buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial, Romagne, France. www.findagrave.com.

Blackwood, Fred J.; rank, private; enlisted on July 5, 1917; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to the 117th Ammunition Train, 42nd Division serving in France.³ Box 4.¹⁰ "Fred G. Blackwood is visiting his uncle, J. H. Payne, west of Holton. He was discharged from the army at Camp Funston last Saturday. He returned to this country February 27, having spent 17 months overseas as a member of the 117 Ammunition Train, 42nd Division. He participated in all the strenuous work of this now famous unit, and escaped injury with the exception of being slightly gassed. Mr. Blackwood was originally a member of Co. B and was in camp with them here, later being transferred to the ammunition train." *The Holton Recorder*, March 27, 1919.

Blandin, Joseph.² Enlisted at Holton, Kansas on September 5, 1918; a sergeant in Headquarters Det. 3, 5th Regiment, 164th Depot Battalion, discharged on December 5, 1918. Box 4.¹⁰ "Four more boys left here for training camps Friday. John Long, Joe Pierson, Mike Hogan, J. B. Coughlin. Next Friday four more will leave here: Samuel Early, Philbert Jones, Joe Blandin and Oscar Levier. Good luck, boys." *The Mayetta Herald*, September 4, 1918. Born August 6, 1895; Died in June of 1950. Buried in Mayetta Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Bliss, Dr. Chas. J.² Charles Jay Bliss, served as a major in the medical corps; discharged on July 17, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 4.¹⁰ "Somewhere in France, Oct. 6, 1918. Martin Goheen and Family: Dear Friends: - It has been sometime since I have heard from any Mayetta friends. Am in good health and trying to do my bit with Uncle Sam and to help the people in this fair country. And friends I want to say that it is well worth the price we may pay if we save what is left of France from the hunger and lust of the Hun. They are a humble and hard working people and every house here, nearly, has a blackboard to show someone has stayed there. ... I am in charge of 120 men and if it doesn't keep an officer busy I'm no judge. The Red Cross is surely doing good work, as I am where I can see the results now, See America is backing the Liberty loan as usual. When one sees the shiploads of men, etc., you wonder how it can be, everything moving and getting where it belongs. Have received one letter from Zellah since I have been here, and I have a baby at home that I have never seen, yet I am here and willing to stay till the last bugle sounds. The sound of taps is one of the sweetest to the tired soldier that you could find possible to hear. Well, write me a letter. Giving it a month I may get it by Xmas. Sincerely your, Chas. C. Bliss, Capt, 154 Amb. Co. 114 San. Sat., A. E. F., via N. Y." *The Mayetta Herald*, November 6, 1918. "CHARLES J BLISS KANSAS MAJOR MEDICAL CORPS WORLD WAR I" Born January 16, 1881; Died November 24, 1959. Buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Perry, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Blosser, R. D. Ralph David Blosser, enlisted in the Navy on June 1, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a fire man 2/class; discharged on August 2, 1920. Box 4.¹⁰ "U. S. S. Mars Norfolk, Va. May 16, My Dear Cousin: ... We are still in Norfolk, getting much needed repairs on the ship ... (to Mrs. Roy Gillespie)" *The Soldier Clipper*, June 5, 1918.

Blow, _____. "Circleville. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pool, Mr. and Mrs. Lum Pool, Mr. and Mrs. Bose Pool and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alumbaugh drove to Waverly, Kan., last Sunday to attend the funeral of their nephew, Mr. Blow, whose body had arrived from France, where he had been killed about two years ago. He was the husband of one of Will Pool's daughters." *The Holton Recorder*, November 25, 1920.

Boan, Harvey.¹ Born in Holton, enlisted December 14, 1917; private in the A. S. D. Detachment, Air Services, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; discharged at Little Rock, Arkansas, March 2, 1919. Box 4.¹⁰ Probably Harvey Boan. "MISSOURI PVT AIR SERVICE WORLD WAR I" Born May 3, 1896; Died August 5, 1972. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Lander, Wyoming. www.findagrave.com.

Bogle, John.¹ Enlisted at Holton, Kansas on May 9, 1918; a private in Casual Detachment, 1082 Company; discharged December 11, 1922. Box 4.¹⁰

Boies, Earle A.¹

Boies, Laurel C.² Laurel Clair Boies, service number 5285113; enlisted on October 1, 1918; served as a private in the S. A. T. C.; discharged on December 9, 1918. Box 4.¹⁰

Boies, Roscoe E. "Pvt. Roscoe E. Boies, Co. A, 3rd platoon, 27th Etn., Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He saw service in the first World War from April 24, 1917, to October 2, 1919, and served with the Coast Guard Artillery at the Panama Canal zone. He is the first World War veteran to go from this community." *The Holton Recorder*, August 6, 1942.

Bolin, Roy. Bolen, Roy.² Service number 3944133, inducted into service on August 6, 1918; served as a private in the 29th Company, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 9, 1918. Box 4.¹⁰

Bolen, Oscar Charleton. "Oscar Bolen was the first of the ex-servicemen of this community to die since the war. More than that he was one of the original members of Company B, who served both on the Mexican border and through the World War ... died at Horton April 19, 1920, aged 22 years and 24 days ... He was a member of the National Guard and served on the Mexican border with Company B of Horton. He was mustered into federal service, on August 5, 1917 in Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, was quartered at Ft. Sill, Okla., six months in training and in January 1918, he was sent over seas where he was transferred to the 19th Engineer Corps. There he served 18 months and was discharged at Ft. Dodge, Ia., on August 19, 1919. He has not been in good health since his return from the service, but his final sickness was confined to his bed only four days. Death was caused by inflammation of the brain." *The Holton Signal*, May 6, 1919. Box 4.¹⁰

Boles, Earl A. "Lieutenant Earl A. Boles, who has been with the 43rd Engineers in France has been transferred and is now with the 20th Engineers." *The Holton Recorder*, January 2, 1919.

Boltz, Amos William; rank, private; enlisted or drafted into service at Holton, Kansas on September 5, 1918; discharged from the 164th Depot Brigade at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on December 10, 1919.⁵ "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Amos Boltz." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.

Bonsall, Carroll. "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Carroll Bonsall." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.

Bonsall, Glenn. "Extracts from recent letters from Glenn Bonsall. Dear Mother; I will write you a few lines today. I just came from a German plane that was shot down this morning. There were two Germans in it - both dead. It fell about 600 yards from this Y. M. C. A. I could not see the battle they were so high. ... Do you remember how we used to watch the fire-works in Topeka on the Fourth of July? Well, that's the way it is at the front, only the big guns make ten times more noise. Your Loving Brother, Glenn. Co. C 21 Engineers A. E. F." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, August 29, 1918. "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Glenn Bonsall." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.

Booth, Bonnie H. "KANSAS CPL CO E 353 INFANTRY WORLD WAR I" Born May 20, 1893; Died September 19, 1966. Buried in America City Cemetery, America City, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Bordner, Selwyn.¹ Enlisted in the US Navy at Kansas City, Missouri, on September 22, 1916; discharged on October 21, 1919. Box 4.¹⁰

Bossler, John W.; rank, private; enlisted on June 8, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 to serve during WWI; became a member of Company B, 137 Infantry, 3rd Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France, wounded in both legs, arm and hip in the Battle of the Argonne.³ Box 4.¹⁰ John William Bossler, 1447616; served as a private first class in the Command Center, Company B. 137th Infantry; discharged February 20, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.¹¹ "Somewhere in France, Oct. 2. Dear Mother, Father and Sisters: Will here goes for a line or two. I guess you think I have forgotten you, but I have been in the big old battle and now I am in the hospital, pretty badly bunged up. I have two shrapnel wounds in my left leg, one wound in my right leg, one in my right arm and one in my hip. I am having a pretty hard time writing this letter on account of my arm but I guess you can make it out. I had my operation on October 1, and had one piece of shrapnel removed from my left leg and one from my right arm. I do not know a thing about Frank Utterback. When

- I got hurt Frank was still going, but Co. B is pretty badly shot up. Frank Karstetter was still all right when I was hurt, but poor (censored) had his leg almost blown off. I expect it will have to be taken off. Believe me this war game is a pretty rough one, but folks I am lucky, the four fellows who were right behind me were killed dead in their tracks, but I was able to make it back to the first aid station by crawling and hoping along. I tried to help (censored) but I could not, so the stretcher came and carried him in. Well, I can say that I killed a boche. He ran towards me and threw up his hands and yelled "Kamerad," but I just raised my rifle and gave him one of those "lead Kamerads" and he never yelled at me again. Well, my arm is getting tired so will close. Do not worry about me as I am getting the best of treatment, and the doctor says I am getting along just fine. Tell all hello. Goodnight. John Bossler." *The Holton Recorder*, October 24, 1918. "When John Bossler of Birmingham tried to enlist in Company B, he had a hard time convincing the examiners he was of the require height to make a soldier. In fact the boys accused him of bumping the top of his head against a wall in order to increase his height. He is home now, about recovered from the wounds received in the Argonne fight. He bears scars from eight pieces of explosive shell. He was confined to his bed forty-three days in a hospital at Vichy and then was sent to different convalescent camps. He came across on the battleship Vermont and landed at Newport News." *The Holton Recorder*, March 6, 1919. Probably John W. Blossler. Born December 28, 1897; Died October 20, 1979. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Bostwick, Alva R.² Box 4.¹⁰ Service number 3791417, inducted at Holton, Kansas, on July 23, 1918; served as a private first class in Company E, 69th Infantry; discharged on January 25, 1919.¹¹ Served as a Pfc., cook, Company C, 210th Field Signal Battalion.¹⁴ "Below we give the names of the boys of this community who are called to the colors. ... Alva Bostwick." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 22, 1918. "Of the bunch of boys that went from here to Funston some three weeks ago Ray Rudy has landed as clerk in the orderly dept., Chas. Brooks and Jack Chrisman in ammunition train, Frank Bostwick in signal corps and Ray Bostwick in infantry." *The Soldier Clipper*, August 14, 1918. "Olive Hill Items. Francis M. and Alva R. Bostwick came home from Camp Funston Saturday and returned Sunday afternoon." *The Soldier Clipper*, September 18, 1918. Olive Hill. Francis M. and Alva R. Bostwick received their discharges last week and returned to Holton Saturday. They have been in the service six months." *The Soldier Clipper*, January 29, 1919. Probably Alva Ray Bostwick. Born March 21, 1896; Died August 6, 1979. Buried in Jefferson Cemetery, Jefferson, Oregon. www.findagrave.com.
- Bostwick, Francis.² Francis Marion Bostwick. Enlisted at Holton, Kansas; served as a cook in Company C, 210 Field Signal Battalion. Box 4.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ "Of the bunch of boys that went from here to Funston some three weeks ago Ray Rudy has landed as clerk in the orderly dept., Chas. Brooks and Jack Chrisman in ammunition train, Frank Bostwick in signal corps and Ray Bostwick in infantry." *The Soldier Clipper*, August 14, 1918. "Olive Hill Items. Francis M. and Alva R. Bostwick came home from Camp Funston Saturday and returned Sunday afternoon." *The Soldier Clipper*, September 18, 1918. "Olive Hill Items. Francis M. Bostwick, of Camp Funston, spent Sunday with home folks." *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918. "Olive Hill. Francis M. and Alva R. Bostwick received their discharges last week and returned to Holton Saturday. They have been in the service six months." *The Soldier Clipper*, January 29, 1919. Born in 1894; Died June 2, 1954. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Bostwick, Fred.¹ Fred C. Bostwick, born in Jackson County; enlisted on April 13, 1918; served as a seaman in the U. S. Navy; discharged on July 23, 1921. Box 4.¹⁰ "Fred C. Bostwick of the Armed Guard came Thursday and is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bostwick." *The Soldier Clipper*, July 3, 1918. "Fred C. Bostwick is on the battleship U. S. S. Arkansas and is in Cuba now." *The Soldier Clipper*, March 19, 1919.
- Botkin, Daniel.¹ "PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born in 1892; Died December 1, 1977. Buried in Holy Angels Cemetery, Bashor, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Bottenberg, Frank W.¹ Enlisted or inducted on July 23, 1918; discharged on January 24, 1919. Box 4.¹⁰ Probably Frank W. Bottenberg. Born in 1893; Died in 1967. Buried in Netawaka Cemetery, Netawaka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Bottom, Chas. R.² Enlisted or inducted at Holton, Kansas, on May 29, 1918; served as a private, last assigned to Motor T. C. 829; discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa, on July 11, 1919. Box 4.¹⁰ "Below we give the names of the boys of this community who are called to the colors. ... Charles R. Bottom." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 22, 1918. "A veteran of WWI" Charles Roland Bottom. Born January 11, 1885; Died July 13, 1980. Buried in Bucks Grove Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Bottom, Harvey Lorenzo; rank, private; inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on May 29, 1918 and served in Company F, 10th Division Supply Train; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on February 16, 1919.⁵ "Below we give the names of the boys of this community who are called to the colors. ... Harvey Lee Bottom." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 22, 1918. "Mr. and Mrs. John Alban entertained the returned soldier boys and their friends on Thursday evening at their home. The soldier boys present were: Harvey Bottom." *The Soldier Clipper*, February 26, 1919. Probably Harvey Lorenzo Bottom. Born May 17, 1894; Died April 7, 1984. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Bottom, Leroy; rank, private; enlisted on May 31, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 to serve during WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of 1917; served in France; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on June 8, 1919.³ Box 4 & 52.¹⁰ Leroy L.

“Roy“ Bottom. “the Bucks Grove community where he spent all of his life with the exception of the years 1917-1919 when he served with the 85th Division during World War 1. One year of this time was spent in France and he participated in all of the Argonne Forest action with Company B.” Born December 14, 1898; Died August 28, 1976. Buried in Bucks Grove Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Bourdon, Anthony C.⁶ Service number 3462842, inducted on July 26, 1918, at Topeka, Kansas; served as a private in the medical department; discharged on February 7, 1919, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Box 4.¹⁰ “KANSAS PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I” Born June 16, 1889; Died December 2, 1973. Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Bouse, W. G.¹ Bouse, W. C.² William George Bouse, inducted into service at Holton, Kansas, on July 23, 1918; served as a private 1st class in Company E, 69th Infantry; discharged on January 25, 1919. Box 4.¹⁰ “WILLIAM GEORGE BOUSE KANSAS MAJOR MED CORPS (WWI)” Born December 7, 1876; Died June 20, 1941. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Bowles, Roscoe Earl. “KANSAS PFC 4 CO COAST GUARD ARTILLERY WORLD WAR I & II” Born January 18, 1898; Died November 14, 1965. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Bowman, Fred. Fred W. Bowman, service number 1465937; enlisted on August 4, 1917, at Topeka, Kansas; served as a musician 2/class in Headquarters Company, 130th Field Artillery, A. E. F.; discharged on May 10, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 5.¹⁰ “We are pleased to print, this week, the names of all the Delia boys now in the service. Those who left at different times before June 28th were: ... In July the following were called: ... Fred Bowman” *The Delia News*, September 27, 1918.

Bowman, Vernon.² Vern W. Bowman, service number 3791453, inducted into service on July 23, 1918 at Holton, Kansas ; served as a private in Headquarters Company, 19th Infantry; discharged on January 25, 1919. Box 5.¹⁰

Bowser, Clarence C.² May be Clarence P. Bowser.

Bowser, Clarence P.¹ Clarence Paskle Bowser, enlisted or inducted at Holton, Kansas, on May 29, 1918; served as a private in Company C, 34th Engineers; discharged at Camp Gordon, Georgia, on August 1, 1919. Box 5.¹⁰

Bowser, Wm. J.² William Jennings Bowser, born at Larkinburg, Kansas; rank, seaman first class; enlisted in the USN at Kansas City, Missouri, on July 24, 1918; discharged on September 30, 1921. Box 5.¹⁰ Probably William J. Bowser. Born August 26, 1896; Died December 2, 1990. Buried in Larkinburg Cemetery, Larkinburg Kansas. findagrave.com.

Boyd, Fray M.; rank, apprentice seaman; enlisted on October 1, 1918; discharged from the U. S. Naval Reserve on September 30, 1922.⁵ Box 5.¹⁰ Probably Fray M. Boyd. Born in 1897; Died in 1957. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Boyd, Milford.² Inducted into service at Holton, Kansas, on June 23, 1918; served as a private in Battery A, 30th Field Artillery; discharged on January 17, 1919. Box 5.¹⁰ “Soldier Creek. Private Milford Boyd has been honorably discharged from the army.” *The Delia News*, January 31, 1919.

Boydston, George; rank, private; inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on July 23, 1918; served in Company E, 69th Infantry; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on January 30, 1919.⁵ Box 5.¹⁰ Service number 3791461.¹¹ “KANSAS PVT CO E 69 INFANTRY WORLD WAR I” Born August 23, 1890; Died April 4, 1972. Buried in Steward Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Boydston, Ralph R.¹ Inducted into service at Holton, Kansas, on July 23, 1918; served as a private in 1st Company, 35th Battalion, Depot Brigade; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley on January 20, 1919. Box 5.¹⁰ Served as a private in the U. S. Army. Monument inscription, Steward Cemetery. Allen Gardiner, Monumental Inscriptions From Jackson County Cemeteries. Topeka Kansas 1981. Born in 1894; Died in 1967. Buried in Steward Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Boyles, Bud.¹

Boyles, Frank E.² Born in Denison, Kansas, served as seaman 2nd class; enlisted in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 3, 1918; discharged from the USNR on September 30, 1921. Box 5.¹⁰ “Four more of our boys - Chas. Cox, Frank Boyles, James and Harry Robinson - left Sunday evening for Puget Sound, Wash., to train for the navy. The boys, like those who preceded them to war from here, were given a rousing ovation by several hundred people.” *The Mayetta Herald*, June 12, 1918. Probably Frank E. Boyles. Born August 20, 1892; Died April 17, 1983. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Boyles, John J.¹ Service number 2382775, enlisted or inducted into service on September 17, 1917; served as a corporal in Casual Detachment, Demobilization Group, last assigned Headquarters Company, R. O. Battalion, A. L. C., A. E. F.; discharged September 13, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 5.¹⁰

Bradley, Jesse R.; rank, private; enlisted on May 5, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France, wounded in the thigh in the Battle of the Argonne.³ Box 5.¹⁰ “Co. B boy Writes to his Sister, Mrs. A. A. Jones. Dear Sister Myrtle: Well, I have some time tonight so I will drop you a line or two. We are getting along fine so far. Have a very pretty camp only it is awful dusty and poor water. We are right on the edge of the mountains. Some of the prettiest scenery I have ever seen. Just north of the camp is a mountain that is straight up and down of jagged red rocks, it is very pretty,

and to the northwest is another that looks about a mile away and it is eight. I started to walk over yesterday but came back before I got very far. You can look up here any time and see three or four airships sailing around and army balloons all over here. They just go up and stay right in one place. They are tied to a long cable and are pulled down with horses or a truck. I went to church last night and I am here again tonight. They give us stationary and have good music. We lost our dog last night but got him again this morning. He went to the hospital company; he got sick on the way down from riding and the boys said he knew where to go. They wanted to buy him. I came back and told the boys (just for a joke) that they offered me a hundred dollars for him. The boys said no sir, we won't sell him. Say, sister, that lunch was sure swell. We still have some cake left. I don't suppose we will get any more of your cooking for awhile. Tell mother that you got this. I will write one of you so you will get a letter every day or two. I am not barbering now, I haven't any tent yet, and I don't care much if I never work, it is so awful dusty. Lovingly, JESSE BRADLEY, Co. B, 2nd Kans. Infantry, Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Okla." *The Holton Recorder*, October 11, 1917. "Jesse Bradley, a member of Company B is home on a five day furlough from the hospital at Des Moines where he is being treated for a wound received in the battle of Argonne Forest. When the first letters reached Holton after the Argonne fight they gave the information that Jess Bradley had his leg blown off. He was hit by shell in two places on his thigh, making a terrible wound. After a course of hospital treatment from September to the present time, he has recovered sufficiently to get around with no aid but a cane although he has quite a limp. He returns to Des Moines at the expiration of his furlough for another operation on his leg, which has not yet healed over. He has no late news of the Holton boys as he has not seen any of them since the Argonne fight. He says the members of the original Co. B had been transferred in such numbers that only about twenty of the boys who left here were in the battle of Argonne Forest. He was wounded on the third day of fighting at 9:30 Saturday morning and crawled a mile to a sort of sunken road where he took refuge from the shell fire with about 150 other wounded men. The army doctors administered anti-tenuous to the wounded and then moved on up with the advancing army. At 6 o'clock Sunday evening an army ambulance reached the shelter where these wounded were removed them to the first aid station. The wounded men got their first hot food in five days at a Red Cross canteen near the first aid station. He cannot say enough in praise of the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the Knights of Columbus and there are no words to express his admiration for the army doctors and chaplains. When asked about the charges that the 35th had not proper support he replied that the air support was insufficient but he seemed to think it was the boys own fault they got beyond their artillery protection. They wanted to go on and it was hard to hold them back. When ordered to rest a few hours, the fellows kicked on the delay - "We've got the Germans going, why can't we go on?" they said. The spirit of the men was to push ahead whether the artillery kept up or not. He feels optimistic in regard to his own wound as he was on a stretcher when he landed at Newport News, December 17, and his recovery since then has been rapid, although he may go through life with a limp as souvenir of the history making days in the forest of the Argonne. *The Holton Recorder*, January 16, 1919. Born in 1892; Died in 1963. Buried in Hoyt Cemetery, Hoyt, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Bradley, Walter L.; rank, corporal; enlisted on May 7, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company; served in France, mustered out of Federal service at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on or about May 10, 1919.³ Box 5.¹⁰ "October 20, 1918. Dear Mother. Will answer your letter I received a few days ago. I said I will answer it, but I believe that I have already done so, anyway I am going to write you again. I just heard from Jesse for the first time and it sure was a relief. He is getting long fine you bet I am glad. I don't suppose I will see him anymore while we are over here, but I will know he is alright, and you don't worry about me, for I will make it alright. I have been pretty lucky so far and hope I will be from now on, but I can stand it much as him. Poor boy, he was just so full of grit. I was with him just before everything started off. Of course me being on a horse, our duties were not the same and we could not go together; but mother, I had a great experience, anyway. I gave brother your picture that you sent me, just before we parted, because he wanted it so badly, and now I am glad he has it for company. Now mother, you must not get worried, for we are getting along fine. We are in the line again, but there is not much doing here at the present. We have good dry dugouts and are living fine. Of course some of our comrades were unlucky - that is to be expected of all of us, but we are going to win and then we can return to a land of liberty and peace. ... *The Holton Recorder*, November 28, 1918. Born November 29, 1896; Died July 1, 1962. Buried in either in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas, or in the Fairview Cemetery, Goff, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Brakey, Sidney G; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on August 9, 1918; served in Company A, 28th Machine Gun; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on March 19, 1919.⁵ Box 5.¹⁰ May be Sidney G. Brakey. Born in 1895; Died in 1982. Buried in Pines Cemetery, Spokane, Washington. www.findagrave.com.

Bratton, Kenneth B. Service number 1465643, enlisted or inducted into service on June 2, 1917; served as a private in the Medical Detachment, 130th Field Artillery, A. E. F.; discharged May 10, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 5.¹⁰ "He was an Army veteran of World War I, having served with the 130th Field Artillery in the 35th Division Medical Corps." "KANSAS PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born June 26, 1896; Died January 31, 1972. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Braum, Dan M.; rank, corporal; enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on August 6, 1918; served in 164th

Depot Brigade; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on December 14, 1918.⁵ Box 5.¹⁰ Daniel Matthew Braum. Born February 1, 1896; Died October 26, 1981. Buried in Denison Cemetery, Denison, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Braum, Howard H.²

Bravence, John.¹ John A. Bravence, enlisted or inducted into service on September 18, 1917; served as a private in the A. E. F.; machine gun bullet left hip; discharged on April 19, 1919. Box 5.¹⁰ "A letter from John Bravence to his mother states that he has received his "baptism of fire" and is now a real soldier. He has been in two battles and has one Boche to his credit." *The Delia News*, August 30, 1918. "John Bravence was wounded in the face and is in the hospital but is doing nicely." *The Delia News*, November 15, 1918. "Base Hosp. 69 France December 31, 1918 Dear Brother Frank: Well, I had the splint taken off my leg the day before yesterday and was sure glad to get it off, for its been on three long months. The leg seems to be fine only it's pretty stiff from being stretched so long. I got out of bed a couple of times before I got back in it again" *The Delia News*, February 7, 1919. "John Bravence arrived in this country Feb. 16, from a hospital in France and is to be discharged in a few weeks. John has been laid up with a broken hip caused by machine gun bullets in a battle last October. He was a member of Co. G, 38th Infantry." *The Delia News*, March 14, 1919. "KANSAS PVT 38 INF 3 DIV" Born July 22, 1895; Died February 4, 1939. Buried in Czech-Moravian Cemetery, Rossville, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Brenner, Harry. Service number 2848972, enlisted or inducted on May 24, 1918; served as a cook in the Casual Detachment #1661, Demobilization Group, and served in the A. E. F.; discharged on November 15, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 5.¹⁰ "Below we give the names of the boys of this community who are called to the colors. ... Harry Brenner, 24, Westmoreland." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 22, 1918. "Harry Brenner parents received a telegram on Thursday stating that their son was leaving Camp Funston for Pensacola, Florida." *The Soldier Clipper*, June 26, 1918. "Harry Brenner writes home that accommodations and grub at Jacksonville is not to be compared to Camp Funston. He don't like the Florida sands." *The Soldier Clipper*, July 3, 1918. "Word was received last week of the safe arrival over seas of Jesse Fleming, Robt. Markham, Carl Johnson, Harry Brenner and Ira Dove." *The Soldier Clipper*, September 11, 1918. "KANSAS COOK US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Harry Cody Brenner. Born April 26, 1896; Died January 29, 1973. Buried in America City Cemetery, America City, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Broadus, James Wilber; rank, private 1st class; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on April 29, 1918; served in France in the 89th Division headquarters; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on June 1, 1919.⁵ Box 5.¹⁰ "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Wilbur Broadus." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. Born in 1892; Died in 1969. Buried in Muddy Creek Cemetery, Hoyt, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Bronston, Byron E.; rank, private; enlisted on April 25, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for service in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Box 5.¹⁰ May be Byron E. Bronston. Born in 1898; Died in 1980. Buried in Rosehill Cemetery and Mausoleum, Chicago, Illinois. www.findagrave.com.

Brooks, Charles Marion. "Below we give the names of the boys of this community who are called to the colors. ... Charles Marion Brooks." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 22, 1918. "Of the bunch of boys that went from here to Funston some three weeks ago Ray Rudy has landed as clerk in the orderly dept., Chas. Brooks and Jack Chrisman in ammunition train, Frank Bostwick in signal corps and Ray Bostwick in infantry." *The Soldier Clipper*, August 14, 1918. Brooks, Charles Marion; rank, wagoner; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on July 23, 1918, served in Company B, 10th A. M. Train; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on January 24, 1919.⁵ Box 5.¹⁰ "Chas. Brooks arrived home on Saturday night having been mustered out of the army service, at Funston, on the 24th, six months and a day from the time he went in." *The Soldier Clipper*, January 29, 1919. "Mr. and Mrs. John Alban entertained the returned soldier boys and their friends on Thursday evening at their home. The soldier boys present were: Charley Brooks." *The Soldier Clipper*, February 26, 1919. Born June 9, 1887; Died March 30, 1972. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Brosig, Walter S.¹ "KANSAS SGT 21 ENGRS" Born in 1895; Died May 6, 1941. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Brown, Albert G. Enlisted or inducted at Holton, Kansas, on May 29, 1917; served as a sergeant first class, last assigned to M. T. C. Company #450; discharged at Fort Dodge, Iowa, on August 1, 1919. Box 5.¹⁰ "KANSAS SFC US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born June 15, 1895; Died December 25, 1966. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Brown, Chas. L.² Service number 4256326, inducted July 29, 1918 at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Headquarters Detachment, 10th Field Artillery Brigade; discharged February 1, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.¹¹ "Charles Lincoln Brown, jr., was born in Holton, Kansas, April 8, 1896, and died in the Veteran's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., May 3, 1924, aged 28 years and 23 days. ... He served in the Headquarters Department of the 10th Field Artillery Brigade during the world war, being trained at Camp Funston, and was ready to sail with the 10th division when the Armistice was signed. In 1921 he entered the Kansas City Western Dental College and was a student there when taken sick." *The Holton Recorder*, May 8, 1924. Box 5.¹⁰ Born 1896; Died May 13, 1924. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Brown, Dewey.¹ Dewey W. Brown, enlisted on April 24, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a hospital attendant and pharmacist mate; discharged July 26, 1919. Box 5.¹⁰ “Dewey Brown is stationed at Ellis Island. He has just passed his examinations for pharmacist mate. The explosion of the big powder plant in New Jersey recently was plainly heard on Ellis Island and windows were broken and buildings shaken. Dewey writes that not long ago he saw the Greek who used to run a candy kitchen in the room now occupied by Bacon’s drug store. It will be recalled that this Greek had a fire in his shop that caused considerable damage to adjacent property. It may please some of the victims of that fire to learn that this Greek is interned on Ellis Island at present. Dewey did not learn the nature of his offence.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 17, 1918. “Mrs. Florence Brown received word this week from her son Dewey, that he had been transferred from Ellis Island to the U. S. S. Mexican. The Mexican is being used to bring soldiers home from overseas, and will soon make the trip to France.” *The Holton Recorder*, January 6, 1919. “Dewey Brown, who is on the U. S. S. Mexican, sailed January 28 for Brest, France.” *The Holton Recorder*, February 6, 1919. Born May 9, 1898; Died January 3, 1978. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Brown, Donald.² Donald S. Brown, born in Circleville; enlisted or inducted at Lawrence, Kansas, on October 1, 1918; served as a private in SATC University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas; discharged at Lawrence, Kansas on December 21, 1918.⁵ Box 5.¹⁰ May be Donald S. Brown. Born in 1899; Died in 1959. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Brown, George Harold; rank, aviation rigger 2nd class; enlisted on May 15, 1918 at Kansas City, Missouri for four years service in the U.S. Navy; discharged from the 9th Naval District on September 30, 1921.⁵ Box 5.¹⁰ May be George Harold Brown. Born March of 1897; Died October 6, 1946. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Brown, Junior. “Junior Brown has received his discharge from the army and has returned to Holton.” *The Holton Recorder*, February 6, 1919.

Brown, Milton Albert. “OREGON PVT 387 BASE HQ & AB SQ AAF WORLD WAR II” Born August 6, 1900; Died June 30, 1960. Buried in Ontario Cemetery, Nemaha County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Brown, Paul R.; rank, private; enlisted on April 7, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France, killed in action in the Battle of the Argonne.³ Box 6.⁷ Box 6.¹⁰ “Wednesday afternoon the following telegram from Washington was received by Mrs. Brown in regard to Paul: Mrs. Florence Brown, Holton, Kan., Corporal Paul Russel Brown, infantry, previously reported missing in action since September 28, now reported died that date and cause of death to be determined. HARRIS Adj. Gen. For the past two months the fact of Paul’s death seemed certain among the members of his company in France. From the returning soldiers and letters of Co. B boys, the opinion seemed to be that Paul Brown laid down his life for his country in the forest of Argonne. ... *The Holton Recorder*, March 6, 1919. “SERGT 137 INF 35 DIV KANSAS SEPT 28, 1918” Buried in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Departement de la Meuse, Lorraine, France. www.findagrave.com. “PAUL R BROWN KILLED IN ACTION 1892 ARGONNE 1918” Memorial stone in the Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Brown, Paul Shannon; rank, private; inducted into service at Washington, D. C. on October 9, 1918; not assigned to a unit; discharged at Fort Monroe, Virginia December 18, 1918.⁵ Box 6.¹⁰ “Shannon Brown is enrolled in the S. A. T. C. at George Washington University, Washington, D. C.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 17, 1918. Shannon Brown has been transferred to the coast artillery at Fortress Monroe. He is attending the non-commissioned officers’ training school. Shannon was one of the eight chosen from the six hundred men attending George Washington University at Washington, D. C.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 24, 1918. Born July 1, 1899; Died February 13, 1970. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Brown, Scott A.; rank, private; inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on August 14, 1918; served in France in Cor. Det. 988 D. G.; discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa on July 11, 1919.⁵ Box 6.¹⁰ “A card from Scott Brown says “On my way to Philadelphia.” He is in the Navy.” *The Soldier Clipper*, June 26, 1918. Probably Scott A. Brown. “KANSAS PVT ICL U. S. ARMY” Born September 8, 1888; Died December 20, 1936. Buried in Ontario Cemetery, Nemaha County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Brubaker, George. Enlisted or inducted at Holton, Kansas, on May 29, 1918; served as a private in Casual Detachment #1098; last assigned to Butchery Company 338; discharged July 23, 1918, from Fort Dodge Demobilization Group. Box 6.¹⁰ “We are pleased to print, this week, the names of all the Delia boys now in the service. Those who left at different times before June 28th were: ... George Brubaker” *The Delia News*, September 27, 1918. “PVT 338 BUTCHERY CO OMC WORLD WAR I” Born in 1894; Died in 1956. Buried in Sunset Cemetery, Manhattan, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Brubaker, Stewart H.; rank, private; enlisted in July, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France, mustered out of Federal service at Fort Riley, Kansas on or about May 10, 1919.³ Box 6.¹⁰ “Stuart Brubaker, formerly of B. Co., is a “runner” at battalion headquarters.” *The Holton Recorder*, September 12, 1918. “A letter from Stuard Brubaker, dated October

17, states that Co. B has gone into the trenches for rest. He explains this by describing these “rest” trenches. They are stone affairs that are practically bomb proof, connected with them is a dugout fifty feet under ground that is shell and gas proof. *The Holton Recorder*, October 24, 1918. “October 7, 1918. Dear Mother and Father: I expect you are anxiously waiting to hear from me, as I have not written to you for about a month now. I have not been in any place where I could mail any letters. I suppose the people are all excited and worrying about the boys, since we were in the big drive over here. You may have know all about it, as the Kansas City papers must be full of it. I sure would like to see one of them. One of the Star reporters was with us, not with our outfit, but he was in the big drive that we were in. We put six days and nights in on one of the fiercest fought drives since the Americans came over here. It is sure a mystery to me how anybody ever comes out of any of these battles alive, but I guess there are lots of shells fired that never hit anyone. I never will forget the morning the drive started, as long as I live. Our heavy barrage started early in the morning, before daylight, and it was sure some uproar. They used every kind of gun a person could think of, from a revolver to heavy naval guns. I never saw such a sight in my life; the air was full of smoke and you could hardly see where you were going, until several hours after the sun came up. After the barrage had lifted and we had gotten onto the ground that had been shelled, it looked like an earthquake had hit the place; the holes the shells tore in the earth were all the way from a foot to eight or ten feet deep and twice that in width. The machine gun seems to be a favorite with the Dutch as every one of them, as near as I could figure out, has one. But their machine guns don’t stop or worry the Americans at all. Of course they get awful uncomfortable at times; but they would sick a few tanks in the brush after them, and either killed or run them out. Those tanks are sure a wonderful thing, but it doesn’t pay to hang around them, because just as soon as Fritz sees one he opens up on it with his artillery. I have read a lot about the Hun and how deceiving he was. I did not believe quite all of it then, but believe me I do now, after seeing a good bit of their dirty work, with my own eyes. They will fight up to the last minute and do everything possible to kill you, and when they are cornered, up goes their hands and out comes their favorite word “kamarad,” and are taken prisoner, and other times it is of no use, if the Yank is not feeling just right - it is either a bayonet or a slug of lead for them. The towns and neighborhood around them are sure an awful sight after the artillery get through with them. The people can be thankful the war is over here instead of in the states. The hospital Nate is with is just a short distance from our part of the drive. Some of the boys got to see him and they said he was well and happy. I have about fifteen letters left to write, but I don’t know when I will get it done. Writing paper is pretty scarce right here, but we will soon be where we can get plenty. I am out of the drive O. K. Will close, hoping this finds you well. I received a letter from you yesterday dated August 27. With love, STEWART BRUBAKER.” *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918. “PFC US ARMY WORLD WAR I” Born February 2, 1896; Died December 23, 1976. Buried in Burlingame City Cemetery, Burlingame, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

- Brumfield, Elmer D.; rank, private; enlisted on April 10, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; promoted to cook from private on August 17, 1917; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of 1917; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Fort Riley, Kansas on May 10, 1919.³ Box 6.¹⁰
- Bruner, James.¹ Enlisted or Inducted at Holton, Kansas, on July 25, 1915; served as a band corporal in Headquarters Company, 139th Infantry, in France; discharged May 9, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 6.¹⁰
- Bryan, Ralph. “Bennetville. The sad news reached here the last of the week of the death of Ralph Bryan, formerly of this place. He is the only brother of Mrs. G[arrett] L. Bennet and was killed in action somewhere in France.” *The Holton Signal*, August 1, 1918.
- Buckles, John A. John A. Buckles, Jr., service number 530863; enlisted on October 8, 1918, at Lawrence, Kansas; served as a private in S. A. T. C; discharged on December 21, 1918, at Lawrence, Kansas. Box 6.¹⁰ “J. A. Buckles has a letter from his son, John, who is at the University at Lawrence stating he had passed the mental and physical examinations and is to be mustered into the army service as a student. He is to take the usual army inoculations this week. His studies at the college will be chemistry, biology, psychology and war issues.” *The Soldier Clipper*, September 25, 1918. “John A. Buckles, Jr., and Allan Bair came home from Lawrence on Saturday evening, having been discharged from the S. A. T. C. They will remain home till next fall’s schools begin.” *The Soldier Clipper*, December 25, 1918. KANSAS CPL 359 TECH SCHOOL SQ AAF WORLD WAR 1 & II” Born July 27, 1900; Died April 5, 1954. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Buening, Ben. “Col. And Mrs. Ben Buening were Soldier visitors on Thursday. Ben, now stationed at Camp McPherson, Georgia has been in the army since the first world war and is due to retire in the near future.” *The Soldier Clipper*, October 17, 1951.
- Bullock, Jack Oliver; rank, corporal, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm.⁴ Box 6.¹⁰
- Bunch, Charles A.¹ Enlisted at Holton, Kansas, on May 29, 1918; served as a private in the 50th Company, 164th Depot Battalion; discharged on August 20, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 6.¹⁰
- Burgat, Frank.¹ Service number 3299943, enlisted or inducted into service on May 29, 1918; served as a private in the 2nd Company, 1st Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 24, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley,

Kansas. Box 6.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ “KANSAS PVT 37 BN U. S. GUARDS” Died December 17, 1938. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Burgat, Henry E. Service number 838422, enlisted or inducted August 1, 1917 at Fort MacArthur, California; served in the A. E. F., Muerthe-Mosille, Muese Campaign; discharged January 15, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.¹¹ Born February 3, 1890; Died December 23, 1964. Buried in Tonasket Cemetery, Tonasket, Washington. www.findagrave.com.

Burk, Willard. “Mr. Burk was called to Keifer, Okla., by the death of his brother Willard, who died at Camp Pike, Ark., of pneumonia” *The Holton Recorder*, October 10, 1918.

Burke, Robert L.² Inducted at Holton, Kansas, on September 5, 1918; served as a private in Company B, 30th Machine Gun Battalion; discharged January 25, 1919. Box 6.¹⁰ May be Robert Lyle Burke. Born Jul. 21, 1897; Died March 2, 1974. Buried in Netawaka Cemetery, Netawaka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Burkley, Glenn. “Glenn Burkley writes from Camp Cody, N. M., that the thermometer registered 125 in the shade on July, 4th, and they tell him that is not the hottest day. A good place to drill men for fighting.” *The Soldier Clipper*, July 17, 1918.

Burns, Jasper James.¹

Burns, Joseph J.²

Burns, Rueben A.² Inducted at Holton, Kansas, on September 5, 1918; served as a private in the Medical Department; discharged at Camp John Wise, Texas, on January 6, 1919. Box 6.¹⁰ “The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... R. A. Burns.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. May be Reuben A. Burns. Died October 19, 1967. Buried in Penwell-Gabel Cemetery and Mausoleum Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Burton, James G.¹ Service number 111553, enlisted or inducted into service on March 20, 1918, at Atchison, Kansas; served as a private in the 52nd Balloon Company, Air Service; discharged on January 24, 1919, at Arcadia, California. Box 6.¹⁰

Butler, Perry. Service number 936917, enlisted or inducted into service on March 6, 1918; served in the Field Hospital, 406th Sanitation Train, A. E. F.; discharged on June 27, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 6.¹⁰ “KANSAS PFC 19 FIELD HOSP WORLD WAR I” Born August 5, 1893; Died January 2, 1952. Buried in Dance Ground Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Butrum, Clarence A.; rank, sergeant; a member of Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France, mustard gassed on October 3, 1918, in the Battle of the Argonne; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on February 15, 1919.³ Box 6.¹⁰ “Clarence Butrum of Co. B, reached Holton Monday from Camp Funston. He went through the Argonne fight without scratch, but was gassed November 1, and has been in hospitals or convalescent camps since. He regrets he wasn’t able to remain at the front ten days longer and celebrate the armistice with the boys of the home company. Sergeant Butrum has an interesting souvenir in the form of a German watch taken from a German officer. The watch is of gun metal and has the unique feature of having a tiny alarm attachment in its works. Sergeant Butrum also has some books of interesting sketches he made while in France. The collection of drawings is cleverly done and will be a valuable war souvenir.” *The Holton Recorder*, March 6, 1919.

Butters, Frank.¹ Service number 1144800, enlisted into the Navy on May 10, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served a yeoman 2/class; discharged on June 27, 1919. Box 6.¹⁰

Cadue, Frank.¹ Served in Company E, Third Missouri Infantry. Died in France on November 5, 1917. *The Holton Recorder*, November 29, 1917. The body of Frank Cadue arrived from a cemetery in France yesterday and is at the undertaking rooms of Gabel & Porterfield. Burial will take place today at the Shipshewer cemetery on the reservation. The body was brought home at the request of Cadue’s sister, Mrs. Angeline Sullivan. The Indians were observing burial rites last night by a big feast. Cadue went from this county to the World War. It was reported he was executed in France for an unnamable offense against a little French girl.” *The Holton Recorder*, December 22, 1921. Born in 1891; Died in 1917. Buried in Ship Shee Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Cadue, John Hoke Smith.¹ “The following boys were called in the 2nd draft from Mayetta: Fred Robson, Robt. Wyatt, Hoke Smith Cadue, Jno. Mitchell, Jno. Wabnum, Roy (Nick) Spangler, Harry Wamego.” *The Holton Recorder*, April 18, 1918. “Flerigen, Germany, Feb. 1, 1919. Dear Friend Reist: I remember I promised to write you, before I left the states, while I was talking to you in your garage. We are getting along just fine and dandy. All the Mayetta boys are in good health, that are with us in Germany. I was talking to Johnnie Hale last night and he said John Wabnum certainly did get fat. While I was standing there he attracted my attention by his size. Why, you would hardly recognize those boys. Surely the climate must agree with them. We are having some of that German winter. It is cold just now. During the time I have been here I have seen the sun shine only two or three days. Will you kindly send us the Mayetta Herald, as we are getting rather lonely for some news. How is Fred Lunger getting along? Tell him I said this is the life, if you don’t weaken; also tell him to write to me. Johnnie Hale says he wants Patton to have a big hot pie ready for him when he gets home. Well I will close, hoping to hear from you in the near future. Our best regards to all. H. S. Cadue, Co. A

- 35335th Inf.; A. E. F. *The Mayetta Herald*, March 6, 1919. "Mayetta Department. Oak Smith Ketchcumie's remains were shipped here Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1920, from Shawnee, Okla. Mr. Ketchcumie has been afflicted a long time with tuberculosis. He was well known around here and was a soldier in the world war and was in Europe for more than a year and made a fine soldier. He wasn't afraid to fight for his country and while he was there he wrote a number of parties here, telling them what they were doing and all about other things that was going on." *The Holton Recorder*, December 9, 1920. "Potawatomie Mission. We were sorry to hear of the death of Hoke Smith Cadue, which occurred at Shawnee, Okla., about two days ago. Typhoid fever was the cause. Hoke served with the A. E. F. and, along with other Indian soldiers, acquitted himself creditably. His body was brought here and interred in the Hoyt Catholic cemetery." *The Holton Recorder*, December 9, 1920. Box 7.¹⁰ "He served in Company A, KS 353rd Infantry Regiment, American Expeditionary Forces." John Hoke Smith Cadue. Born in 1894; Died in 1920. Buried in Saint Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Hoyt, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Cann, Joseph E.² Service number 3472394, enlisted into service on August 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in a Medical Detachment, Infantry Central Officers Training Camp. Box 7.¹⁰ Served as a private in 4th Company, 1st Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged December 24, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.¹¹ "Joseph Edward Cann, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cann, Sr., was born at Audubon, Iowa, June 1, 1897, and died February 9, 1922, his age being 24 years, 8 months and 9 days. During the World War he was a private in the medical corps, stationed at Camp Grant, Ill. While in service he was severely afflicted with the flu. He never saw service in France. ... One brother, Louis Arthur, died in the service of his country. He was member of the navy and died of pneumonia in 1918. The cause of Joseph's death was inflammatory rheumatism. He contracted this on May 9, 1921, and has never been able to be about since. He spent the time of his illness at home in his invalid chair, except for one month, when he was at a St. Louis hospital." *The Holton Recorder*, February 16, 1922. "Mrs. [Claude] Hale also had two brothers in the first World War. Louis in the Navy and Joseph in the Army, both making the supreme sacrifice. - Maple Grove letter." *The Holton Recorder*, January 25, 1942. Born June 1, 1897; Died February 9, 1922. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Cann, Louis Arthur.¹ Enlisted in the U. S. Navy January 18, 1918, stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station on April 4, 1918. Died there of pneumonia on April, 4, 1918. *The Holton Recorder*, April 25, 1918. "Mrs. [Claude] Hale also had two brothers in the first World War. Louis in the Navy and Joseph in the Army, both making the supreme sacrifice. - Maple Grove letter." *The Holton Recorder*, January 25, 1942. "Apprentice seaman" Born June 17, 1895; Died April 21, 1918. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Carlson, Edward G.¹ Carlson, Edward G.; rank, private; ; a member of Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France, killed in action on September 28, 1918 in the Battle of the Argonne.³ Box 8.⁷ Box 7.¹⁰ "CORPL. Co. B 137 U. S. INF. DIED IN THE BATTLE OF ARGONNE FRANCE" Born December 6, 1896; Died September 28, 1918. Buried in Alta Vista Cemetery, Alta Vista, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Carson, Fred.¹ Fred Carson, service number 4258605, 1st Co. Com. Center, Camp Funston; enlisted or inducted into the Army at Lawrence, Kansas, on August 1, 1918; discharged on January 16, 1919. Box 7, folder 5.¹⁰
- Carter, John James; rank, private, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France and was shell-shocked; awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm.⁴ Box 7.¹⁰ "John J. Carter, a member of the Holton Marine Band is home on a 30 day furlough from Quantico, Va. Mr. Carter has had a wonderful experience, but would not go through it again. He was rendered unconscious by shell shock at Château Thierry on June 7, and was taken to the hospital where he remained until September. Like most to the boys he is extremely diffident about talking about his experiences, but cheerfully answers such questions as may be propounded to him. Mr. Carter was in France for fourteen months and from March 17 until the following May was stationed at Sommidene; a quiet sector near Verdun, and from there to Chateau Thierry on June first and remained there until he was knocked unconscious by shell shock on the seventh. He arrived in Hoboken N. J. on the sixth of this month on the U. S. steamship North Carolina with 580 marines and 550 soldiers who had suffered casualties. On the left sleeve of Mr. Carter's coat are two gold chevrons, one for each six months service. He is also the proud possessor of a Croix de Guerre with palm, the highest decoration given by the French government to American soldiers for bravery in action. *The Holton Signal*, January 30, 1919.
- Carter, Rudolph L.² Service number 491866, enlisted on May 14, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company F, 5th Development Battalion, U. S. Army; discharged on October 17, 1918, at Camp MacArthur, Texas. Box 7.¹⁰ "Carter, Jinks.¹ "Letters from Robert Shelby who is in U. S. Cavalry 313 Troop L stationed at Del Rio, Tex. tells many interesting things of his experiences since his induction into the army. ... Jackson county boys of whom he speaks are Devere Dove, Jinks Carter, Cecil Starr and Robt. Hamm. The latter being the Sergeant under whom Robt. Shelby works." *The Soldier Clipper*, June 19, 1918. Of the boys who went to camp from Soldier, DeVere Dove, Robt. Shelby, Cecil Starr and Rudolph Carter are now in West Point, Kentucky, in the heavy artillery. They were transferred from Texas." *The Soldier Clipper*, September 11, 1918. "R. L. Carter, better known as "Jinks" has returned to Soldier, wearing civilian clothes, with an honorable discharge from the army on account of a physical disability. His feet were

defective and we understand that one toe was removed from each foot and that bones were taken from his instep. If a civilian been picking out men at sight who would have made first-class soldiers, Jinks would have been one of the first selected from the Soldier boys." *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918. World War No. 1 Veterans Buried in Soldier Cemetery. Rudolph L. Carter." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 29, 1946. Born April 16, 1888; Died October 23, 1934. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Caywood, James D.¹ Box 7.¹⁰ Duncan J. Caywood, private, service number 473220; served in France in 462nd ____ Co., 307th Am. Train; enlisted or inducted into the Army at Wichita, Kansas, on March 29, 1918; discharged on May 26, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 7.¹⁰

Caywood, Walter E.; rank, private; enlisted on June 17, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Walter E. Caywood, sergeant, service number 1447566; Company C, 24th Bn., U. S. Guards; enlisted into the Army at Holton, Kansas, on June 17, 1917; discharged for disability on January 11, 1919 at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California. Condition when discharged listed as poor. Box 7.¹⁰

Chaney, Frank J.² Jean F. Chaney; rank, Pfc.; enlisted at Newkirk, Oklahoma on June 24, 1918; served in Co. D, 199th Ammunition Train, 34th ____; discharged July 11, 1919. Box 8, folder 2.¹⁰

Chaney, Oliver; rank, Pfc.; enlisted at Holton, Kansas, on July 23, 1918; served in 1st headquarters, 69th Infantry; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on February 8, 1919.⁵ Box 8.¹⁰ "Sergeant Fay Franz, Dan Sheehan, Lewis Hobart and Oliver Chaney were home from camp Funston over Sunday." *The Delia News*, August 3, 1918.

Chrisman, John, rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Casper, Wyoming on July 23, 1918; served in Company E, 10th Ammunition Train; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on January 29, 1919.⁵ Box 8, folder 2.¹⁰ "Of the bunch of boys that went from here to Funston some three weeks ago Ray Rudy has landed as clerk in the orderly dept., Chas. Brooks and Jack Chrisman in ammunition train, Frank Bostwick in signal corps and Ray Bostwick in infantry." *The Soldier Clipper*, August 14, 1918. "Olive Hill Items. John Chrisman of Camp Funston spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chrisman." *The Soldier Clipper*, October 16, 1918. "KANSAS PVT. US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born January 21, 1893; Died September 9, 1966. Buried in Olive Hill Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Chrisman, Paul H.; rank, private; enlisted on May 16, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Service number 1447624, Box 8.¹⁰ "To the Recorder Readers: Thinking perhaps you would like to know what and how a leave is spent, I will endeavor to give the readers of the Recorder a brief idea of it. We were in the front line trenches at 12:30 a. m. There was a certain designated place of concentration for all the companies of the regiment. Only a per cent of each company are given leave at one time. We gathered at ____ and hiked to a rail head, which was about ten kilometers from headquarters. Here we entrained and at 6 p. m. Sunday, found us dismounting at Grenoble, France, in the heart of the French Alps, having a population of 125,000. We were met at the station by an army corps band and a majority of the Grenoble citizens. We were the first contingent of Americans ever in these parts, consequently we were quite a curiosity and were tendered a warm and most hearty welcome. Before I go further, I might add that the chief occupation of the inhabitants is the manufacture of gloves. From the high, snow capped mountains rising abruptly from all sides of the city; an extensive view of wonderful beauty can be obtained of the Gracie-vauden valley, the Drac valley, the Grande-Rouseo, the Italian frontier and the grand hoary face of Mt. Blanc, 73 miles in distance. Also a splendid glimpse of Switzerland can be obtained. The lowest altitude is 665 feet. The "Grenoble leave area" is also a very old, historic place. Hannibal stopped here on his way to attack the Romans and established his headquarters. Upon his retreat the Romans seized and established themselves in the city, naming it Civitus-Gratianopolis, after the Roman emperor Gratian. Grenoble has twice been destroyed by floods, seized and retaken many times during the religious wars of France. Napoleon once stopped at the Hotel de Central, on his return from Elba to organize his forces. In spite of all its hardships, Grenoble has grown and flourished rapidly and is now one of the greatest centers for world-wide tourists, who desire to visit its grand and wonderful beauty many centuries old. Uriage, a small villa of country homes and hotels, where a part of the 137th are staying, lies in a small valley, 7 1-5 miles from Grenoble, shut in completely by towering mountains. It is only a 45 minute tram ride from Grenoble. Here are the remains of the old roman baths, and is a very picturesque place of fine scenery, of chateaus, castles, flowers, streams, rustic benches and bridges, orange trees, grape vineyards, promenades, hotels and baths. Also one of the greatest casinos in the world is located here. Uncle Sam has rented this area especially for his men on leave for recuperation and rest. He has rented the best hotels and eating houses available, and placed Y. M. C. A.'s and is giving his men a grand vacation, and will always be appreciated by them. It is certainly a rare and glorious treat to get away from the bark of cannon, zip and whiz of machine gun, mud and slush, straw bunks, cooties and rats, real beds, real eats and to do as one pleases. All the boys of Co. B are now wearing stripes of gold, which signify six months of real old hard war in a foreign country. Sincerely, Paul H. Chrisman." *The Holton Recorder*, December 12, 1918. "In France. My Dearest Grandma: ... I'll tell you Grandma I feel like an old veteran already. Ernest Rudy, Paul Chrisman, Carl Bartsch are together and doing fine. Now don't worry a bit about me, for it's over and I'm none the worse for it."

The Soldier Clipper, November 6, 1918. "Olive Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chrisman entertained at a family dinner Sunday in honor of Paul and Spencer, who have recently returned from overseas." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 21, 1919. May be Paul H. Chrisman. Born in 1897; Died in 1957. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Chrisman, Spencer; rank, private; enlisted on May 18, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th, 35th Division Infantry in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Spencer Chrisman, rank, Pfc.; wounded on September 29, 1918. Box 8.¹⁰ "Olive Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chrisman entertained at a family dinner Sunday in honor of Paul and Spencer, who have recently returned from overseas." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 21, 1919. May be Spencer Chrisman. Born April 18, 1900; Died March 31, 1984. Buried in Olive Hill Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Christensen, Ellis G. "COL US ARMY WORLD WAR I & II KOREA" Born June 27, 1896; Died April 17, 1980. Buried in Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Christensen, James P.; rank, private; enlisted on May 4, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ James P. Christensen, rank corporal, wounded on September 28, 1918, shrapnel in hip. Box 8.¹⁰ "KANSAS CPL CO B 137 INF DIV WORLD WAR I" Born June 20, 1896; Died June 22, 1960. Buried in Netawaka Cemetery, Netawaka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Christian, Robert R.; rank, private; enlisted on July 23, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Robert R. Christian, rank, corporal; service number 1447546; served in the 9th Corps Headquarter Troop, A. E. F. discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa on August 31, 1919. Box 8.¹⁰ "Robert Christian's relatives and friends recently received letters dated from December 16 to 21, written from Sampigny, France, stating that he was drilling everyday to parade before President Wilson on Christmas day, near Chaumont, France, headquarters of Gen. Pershing. ... Christian's name appeared in the casualty list from Kingman, Kan., where his mother now lives. Mr. Christian was gassed September 30 in Argonne forest and did not return to Co. B from the hospital until November 13. He came from Bancroft." *The Holton Recorder*, January 16, 1919. "He was an Army veteran of World War I" Born February 20, 1896; Died October 5, 1972. Buried in Wetmore Cemetery, Wetmore, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Clark, Howard L. "MISSOURI PFC 171 AERO SQ WORLD WAR I" Born March 27, 1894; Died November 13, 1962. Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Lawrence, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Claude, Erwin Charley; rank, seaman 2nd class; enlisted at Kansas City, Missouri for four years service on August 14, 1918; discharged from the U. S. Navy Reserves at Great Lakes, Illinois, 9th Naval District.⁵

Clements, Henry C.; rank, private; enlisted on May 31, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Henry C. Clements, rank, Pfc.; service number 1447569; served in Headquarters Troop, 5th Army Corps; discharged on May 1, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 8.¹⁰ Henry Clair Clements. "KANSAS PFC CO B 137 INF 35 DIV WORLD WAR I" Born July 22, 1888; Died June 28, 1964. "He was an Army veteran of World War I" Born February 20, 1896; Died October 5, 1972. Buried in Havensville Cemetery, Havensville, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Clingan, Darrell. "Mrs. A. E. Hosmer received word last week that her nephew, Darrell Clingan, of Willow Springs, Mo., had been killed June 13, in the battle of Chateau Thierry. The young man enlisted last fall with the marines." *The Holton Recorder*, August 22, 1918. "KILLED AT BELLEAU WOODS FRANCE" Darrel Dale Clingan. Born December 27, 1891; Died June 13, 1918. Buried in Willow Springs City Cemetery, Willow Springs, Missouri. www.findagrave.com.

Clowe, Frank William; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on September 5, 1918; served in Bakery Company, 420 G. M. C.; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on December 20, 1919.⁵ Frank William Cowe, rank, private. Box 8.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT 402 BAKERY CO OMC WORLD WAR I" Born January 7, 1897; Died June 20, 1964. "He was an Army veteran of World War I" Born February 20, 1896; Died October 5, 1972. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Coats, George M.¹ George McKinley Coats, rank, seaman 2nd class, painter; service number 121-77-40; enrolled in the Navy on September 5, 1918 at Kansas City, Missouri; discharged September 30, 1921 at New Orleans, Louisiana. Box 8.¹⁰ "PTR3 US NAVY WORLD WAR I" Born November 7, 1888; Died July 1, 1940. Buried in Memory Park Cemetery, Longview, Texas. www.findagrave.com.

Cobeldick, Frank. Serving in France at the time of the death of his brother, Jack Cobeldick, on July 18, 1918. May be Frank Jabez Cobeldick. Born February 26, 1894; Died January 6, 1941. Buried in Wichita Park Cemetery and Mausoleum, Wichita, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Cobeldick, Jack. "A telegram from Washington under the date August 14, was received by Mrs. Dudley Lunger, stating that her cousin, Jack Cobeldick, had been killed in action on July 18, somewhere in France. This is the first Mayetta

- boy to lose his life for his country. Jack Cobeldick was in his 2nd enlistment, having enlisted the first time at Brementon, Washington, as a marine, in September, 1911. Four years later he received a medal for high standard, with an honorable discharge. He enlisted again as a marine in January, 1916, and was sent to San Domingo, where he saw service before being sent to France early in the war. He was among the first troops to arrive in Paris. At the time of his death he had obtained the rank of first sergeant and also a medal for marksmanship. His brother Frank is also in France, and knows nothing of his death. *The Holton Recorder*, August 22, 1918. John Henry Cobeldick. "SERGT. 5 REGT. U.S.M.C. 2 DIV." Died: July 19, 1918. Buried in Oise-Aisne American Cemetery and Memorial, Fere-en-Tardenoi, Departement de l'Aisne, Picardie, France. www.findagrave.com.
- Cochren, John H.¹ John H. Cochren, rank, fireman first class; enrolled on April 24, 1918 at Kansas City, Missouri in the Navy; discharged on September 15, 1919 at St. Louis, Missouri. Box 8.¹⁰ Service number 1218226, served as a fireman 2nd class, SS Ohco, USS Columbia and USS Manchuria; discharged September 15, 1919 at St. Louis, Missouri.¹² "The following interesting letter was received by John Cochren from his son, George. July 19, 1944. Dear Dad: I don't suppose you will believe your eyes when you read my address. I am sure proud to be following in your footsteps. The only thing different is that I am not a fireman. Your old ship and my new one are exactly the same type and name. It just seems a dream. This is a light cruiser. I haven't been assigned to any duty as yet. ... George has just been assigned to a ship. His father, John Cochren served on the U. S. S. Columbia in World War I." *Jackson County Signal*, July 27, 1944. Probably John H. Cochran. Born November 19, 1893; Died July 4, 1978. Buried in Netawaka Cemetery, Netawaka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Cochren, William T.¹ William T. Cochran, rank, fireman first class; enrolled in the Navy on June 16, 1917 at Kansas City, Missouri; discharged on August 9, 1919. Box 8.^{10, 12} "The following interesting letter was received by John Cochren from his son, George. July 19, 1944. Dear Dad: I don't suppose you will believe your eyes when you read my address. I am sure proud to be following in your footsteps. The only thing different is that I am not a fireman. Your old ship and my new one are exactly the same type and name. It just seems a dream. This is a light cruiser. I haven't been assigned to any duty as yet. ... George has just been assigned to a ship. His father, John Cochren served on the U. S. S. Columbia in World War I." *Jackson County Signal*, July 27, 1944.
- Coen, John P.¹ John Price Coen, service number 2190799; enlisted or inducted on April 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in the 1st Company, Convalescent Center, Camp Funston, Kansas; suffered a gunshot wound to the back of his right hand, a member of the A. E. F.; discharged January 16, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 8.¹⁰ Also¹¹ "A letter received from Corp. John Coen, dated November 7, stated that he was in a base hospital with a bullet wound in his right hand, but hoped to be back with his company in a week. Corp. Coen is in Co. C, 354th Infantry, 89th Division." *The Holton Recorder*, December 5, 1918. "He was a veteran of World War I" Born March 22, 1895; Died December 11, 1965. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Coleman, Noel C., rank, private, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France.⁴ Box 9.¹⁰ "April 2, 1918. Dearest Mabel: I got four letters from you today, and was sure glad to get them. They were written February 26, March 4, 6 and 7. I expect I will get some you wrote in February in about a month. I am always glad to get them, no matter what the date. I also got a letter each from Gladys and Jim, but do not expect I will get to answer them for a while. I have time enough to write three or four everyday, but I think I will be doing well if I can get one censored in a week. I don't know when or where I will get this one censored. It is now about three o'clock, not in the afternoon, but night. I will be relieved in about an hour. I sure will be glad, for I am awfully sleepy tonight. There are three of us here and we have four hours watch every night. I had a good walk this afternoon - ten miles in old muddy trenches. I went to headquarters for medical supplies, or rather for letters, for I knew most there would be some there. I am getting to be quite a doctor, but I don't think I will practice much when I get home, do you? It is quieter tonight than it has been for a long time. I am glad of it, for it is raining. Always before, there has been more going on when it was raining than at any other time. I don't know how it happens to be so quiet tonight. There is a Y. M. dugout next door to ours. I sure was surprised when I came here to find a Y. M. He stays up every night until two or three o'clock, serving hot chocolate. He is a mighty fine man, and a minister. I expect you will be surprised when I tell you we had turkey for dinner yesterday. We were to have had it Easter, but it came too late. It tasted quite a bit different from hard tack and bacon. There has been so much moving at home that I won't know where anyone lives, when I get back. There is only one place I care to go, and I guess we will know where to find it. The rats in this place see to it we don't go to sleep on watch. Some of them are about as big as cats. They sure scare Harry. I think he is more afraid of them than he is of the Germans. I think I have written enough for this time. Will write again as soon as I can. Lots of love to you. Noel C. Coleman." *The Holton Recorder*, May 16, 1918. "USMC AEF" Born April 28, 1894; Died January 4, 1984. Buried in Denison Cemetery, Denison, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Compton, Harry H.; rank, private; enlisted on June 18, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³
- Conklin, Charles. Charles E. Conklin, service number 3073170; enlisted on June 1, 1918, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; served in the Ordnance Department, Armament School, St. Jean de Monts, France; left the U. S. on July 31, 1918, arrived back in the U. S. on February 2, 1919. Box 9.¹⁰ "June 1st he enlisted for Overseas Service and on August 12th

landed at Brest, France. He was immediately appointed instructor in the Ordinance Armament School in St. John Demote where he served during his term in France. January 18th he sailed for Newport News where he landed Feb. 2nd and was discharged from the service at Fort Riley Feb. 20th, 1919." *Whiting Journal*, December 28, 1923. "died at Rochester, Minn., December 21, 1923." *The Holton Recorder*, December 27, 1923. Born in 1896; Died in 1923. Buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Whiting, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Conklin, George D.; rank, private; enlisted on April 27, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ George D. Conklin, rank, private; served in Company B, 137th Infantry; discharged on March 25, 1918 on account of a disability. Box 9.¹⁰

Conner, John E.; rank, private 1st class; served Flying Cadet Air Service, U. S. Army; discharged at Barron Field, Everman, Texas on November 29, 1918.⁵ Box 9, folder 2.¹⁰

Cooley, Claude E. Service number 1447571, enlisted August 20, 1917, at Holton, Kansas; a cook in company B, 137th Infantry; served in France where he was wounded by shrapnel sometime between the dates of July 6 to July 18th; discharged on May 9, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 9.¹⁰

Cooney, Charles.² "Three more of our boys - Charles Cooney, Earl Grinnell and John Cooney, left here Thursday evening for army camps. They, too, were given a rousing sendoff by citizen and country people. *The Mayetta Herald*, June 5, 1918. Charles E. Cooney, rank, private; enlisted in the Marines at Paris Island, South Carolina on June 5, 1918; discharged on March 20, 1919, at the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Box 9, folder 3.¹⁰ Born in 1885; Died in 1946. Buried in Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Cooney, John Leo.¹ "Three more of our boys - Charles Cooney, Earl Grinnell and John Cooney, left here Thursday evening for army camps. They, too, were given a rousing sendoff by citizen and country people. *The Mayetta Herald*, June 5, 1918. John L. Cooney, rank, sergeant; service number 514852; served in Battery E, 72nd Field Artillery, enlisted or inducted on May 31, 1918 at Holton, Kansas; discharged on January 28, 1919, at Camp Knox, Kentucky. Box 9, folder 4.¹⁰ Born in 1892; Died in 1944. Buried in Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Cope, Fred F.¹ Fred Funston Cope, rank, seaman first class; service number 122-58-52; enrolled on April 27, 1918 at Kansas City, Missouri; discharged on September 30, 1921. Box 9.¹⁰ "Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 2, 1918. Dear Folks: We left the lakes Saturday night, August 31, and after a fine 34 hours ride, we are now located at Camp Sims, one of the best camps in the U. S., about one mile south of Philadelphia. ... Forget you have boy named Fred until I come back. I take U. S. transport to Queenstown, Ireland, via Los Angeles. Good-by Fred Cope." *The Holton Recorder*, September 19, 1918. "Card from Fred Cope. October 4, 1918. Dear Folks: I have arrived at last somewhere in France.. We may move again at any time." *The Holton Recorder*, October 24, 1918. "Somewhere in Europe. Oct. 31, 1918. Dear Folks: ... Did you notice the kaiser asked for peace the first day I hit France. But he is not so anxious since I left. I have had some wonderful experiences and trips over here. I have traveled nearly all over Europe, been in the capital city of two different countries and to within 18 miles of a third; have had long talks with nearly every kind of soldier there is, including Germans. I am in school ... U. S. Naval Forces, Europe, Base 6." *The Holton Recorder*, November 31, 1918.

Cornelius, Archie L.¹ Archie Levi Cornelius, rank, coxswain; enrolled in the Navy at Kansas City, Missouri on December 11, 1917; discharged March 24, 1919 at Norfolk, Virginia. Box 9.¹⁰ Probably Archie L. Cornelius. Born January 7, 1893; Died December 29, 1959. Buried in Westmoreland Cemetery, Westmoreland, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Cornelius, Marion R.² Marion Russell Cornelius, service number 5285105, Pvt., SATC, Washburn University, enrolled October 1, 1918 at Topeka, Kansas; discharged December 9, 1918 at Topeka, Kansas.¹⁴ May be Marion R. Cornelius. "PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born May 27, 1900; Died March 11, 1974. Buried in Desert Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Calimesa, California. www.findagrave.com.

Cotton, Norman Squire; rank, private; inducted into service at Hiawatha, Kansas on September 16, 1918; served in Company G, 69th Infantry; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on January 31, 1919.⁵ Norman S. Squire, service number 4922472. Box 9.¹⁰

Cottrell, R. H.² Russell Henry Cottrell, service number 1228077; enrolled in the Navy on June 10, 1918 at Kansas City, Missouri; discharge information too faint to read. Box 9.¹⁰ May be Russell H. Cottrell. Born August 21, 1895; Died August 15, 1965. Buried in Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Coughlin, John B. Service number 2193811, enlisted or inducted on October 5, 1918, at Lyndon, Kansas; served as a private in Company B, 314th Field Signal Battalion, A. E. F.; discharged on June 10, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 9.¹⁰ "Four more boys left here for training camps Friday. John Long, Joe Pierson, Mike Hogan, J. B. Coughlin. Next Friday four more will leave here: Samuel Early, Philbert Jones, Joe Blandin and Oscar Levier. Good luck, boys." *The Mayetta Herald*, September 4, 1918. "KANSAS WAGR 32 CAS AMBULANCE CO. WORLD WAR I" Born February 9, 1897; Died October 9, 1966. Buried in Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Cowan, Lloyd V.² Lloyd Vincent Cowan, rank, private; service number 530273; served in the Student Army Training Corps, at St. Marys College, Kansas; enlisted on October 14, 1918; discharged on December 20, 1918. Box 9.¹⁰ Probably Lloyd V. Cowan. Born in 1898; Died July 14, 1968. Buried at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Saint Marys, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Cox, Charley; seaman 2nd class; enlisted on June 3, 1918 at Kansas City, Missouri for four years service; discharged from the U. S. Navy Reserves at Great Lakes, Illinois on September 30, 1921. Box 9.¹⁰ "Four more of our boys - Chas. Cox, Frank Boyles, James and Harry Robinson - left Sunday evening for Puget Sound, Wash., to train for the navy. The boys, like those who preceded them to war from here, were given a rousing ovation by several hundred people." *The Mayetta Herald*, June 12, 1918. "He served in the Navy in World War I" *The Holton Recorder*, January 30, 1956. Charles Richard Cox. Born in 1891; Died in 1956. Buried in Mayetta Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. Mayetta Cemetery records

Crawford, George Eugene; rank, private, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm.⁴ George Eugene Crawford, rank, technical corporal; enlisted on July 12, 1917 at St. Louis, Missouri; discharged on October 11, 1920 at Chicago, Illinois. Box 10, folder 2.¹⁰ "France, November 28, 1918. Dear Friend Leslie.- Sometime in the past I received a big long letter from you and having never answered it I offer this scrap of paper with humble apologies. I am in the hospital just now for my first time, but I am a long way from dead. In fact I feel that I have been a great deal nearer a few times before than I am now. One time last spring before the open warfare started, we were on patrol inside the enemy's first line of wire fence, and we met some of them starting out to look things over. Of course we stopped for a few preliminaries. We all flattened on the ground, and they ran for it. We had just gotten out side their wire again and they started a fine celebration with their rockets, flares and machine guns. I don't know what the rest did but I got into an old shell hole that was about half full of water and listened to the noise awhile. When there came a period of darkness between flares, I ran because I couldn't fly. I think the first aid kit I had hung by a strap, stood out straight. We had five or six hundred yards to go back to our lines, and when we all got there we all had a big laugh about how it all happened. Fritz had wasted enough ammunition on a dozen Americans and three Frenchmen to kill a regiment and failed to hit anyone. I found that no matter how bad the situation, there is always something humorous happens right in the midst of it. There are times tho when a person is hardly able to laugh at anything. A fellow generally gets thru his experiences without any very strong emotions. It is before and that has the most visible effect. I have seen a great many that way. One time I had several hours of hard work in a wheat field, where it seemed hardly possible that one could live there, and I hardly seemed to mind it but even enjoy the thrill, but later when I got into a safe place I wept like a child and shook as if I had palsy. That I believe was my worst experience. One other bandsman has shared most of my wild times with me, that is Friend of Holton. Perhaps you know his people. I am sure Mrs. Harrison would know them. Friend is a Baker U. man, quite a friend of "Bob" Evans. *The Whiting Journal*, January 10, 1919. "KANSAS CAPTAIN FA-RES WORLD WAR I & WWII." Born December 11, 1893; Died April 14, 1960. Buried in Garden of Memories Cemetery, Lufkin, Texas. www.findagrave.com.

Crepes, Geo.¹

Crepes, Rea.¹ Rea Creps, rank, wagoner; service number 3791399; served in Company B, 10th Ammunition Train, 10th Division; enlisted or inducted on July 23, 1918 at Hiawatha, Kansas; discharged on January 30, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 10.¹⁰

Crepes, Rex.² Rex Creps, rank, private; service number 4258043; served in Company M, 70th Infantry; enlisted on July 23, 1918 at Horton, Kansas; discharged on January 30, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 10.¹⁰

Criffen, Byron. "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Byron Criffen." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.

Croddy, Hurbert Rollin. Service number 4543110, enlisted or inducted October 1, 1918 at Manhattan, Kansas; served as a private in SATC, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas; discharged December 10, 1918 at Manhattan, Kansas. ¹¹

Crume, Maxwell P.¹ Box 10.¹⁰ "Master Signal Electrician, that's some title isn't it - well the man who carries it around is some guy too. A few days ago he used to be Sgt. M. P. Crume, and we could meet him on the rue and hail him as 'Sarge' now we are puzzling our brain over this new title. We put this proposition up to Crume and he says the old 'Sarg' is good enough fro hum. It sounds like real honest-to-goodness American, but then Crume has been in this man's outfit for fifteen months, and you can't blame him for taking things too serious. ... Overthere, Sept. 4, 1918, in France." *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918. "Mr. Crume received word from his son, Max, that he is back in the states and will undergo an operation before coming home." *The Soldier Clipper*, February 19, 1919. "Maxwell Pinchard Crume was born August 11, 1889, at Soldier where he grew to manhood and departed this life July 24, 1919, at the age of 29 years, 11 months and 19 days. ... Before his enlistment he held a capable position with the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. at Denver. After a visit with home folks he answered the call of his country and enlisted at Leavenworth, June 18, 1917. From there he was sent to Fort Wood, New York, where he entrained for France on October 13, 1817. On October 14, 1918, he received his last commission of 2nd Lieutenant. He returned to the United States on February 14th of this year." *The Soldier Clipper*, August 6, 1919. Maxwell P. Crume, rank, 2nd lieutenant; "Mrs. James P. Crume, Soldier, Kan. The department regrets to announce the death of your son, James P. Crume 2nd Lieutenant Signal Corps on July twenty four at San Francisco, Calif., as a result of operation for tumor of the bladder." "2ND LIEUT. 39TH

SERVICE CO SIGNAL CORPS U. S. A.” Born in 1889; Died in 1919. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Cabbage, Daniel R.; rank, private; inducted into service at Fort Logan, Colorado on November 2, 1917; served in the 881st Aero Squadron Air Service; discharged at Indianapolis, Indiana on March 18, 1919.⁵ “IOWA CPL 811 AERO SQ WORLD WAR I” Born September 29, 1896; Died October 16, 1954. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Cullins, Albert. “Below we give the names of the boys of this community who are called to the colors. ... Albert Cullins.” *The Soldier Clipper*, May 22, 1918. Albert Cullins, inducted on May 29, 1918 at Holton, Kansas; discharged on June 5, 1918 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas, on account of a disability; “Valvular heart disease, mitral insufficiency, poor functional capacity, exciting prior to enlistment..” Box 10.¹⁰ Probably Albert Cullins. Born July 12, 1890; Died in 1960. Buried in Wetmore Cemetery, Wetmore, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Cullins, Archie.¹ “Below we give the names of the boys of this community who are called to the colors. ... Archie Cullins.” *The Soldier Clipper*, May 22, 1918. “I wish you would send me [Karl Johnson], Arch Cullins address. I never heard whether he came across [to France/Germany] or not, but think he did about the same time I did.” *The Soldier Signal*, April 23, 1919. Archie Cullins, rank, sergeant; service number 3299827; enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1918 at Holton, Kansas; served in the A. E. F.; discharged on July 12, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 10.¹⁰ Born July 25, 1895; Died October 6, 1974. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Cunningham, Paul.¹

Curran, Willie. Box 10, folder 2.¹⁰ “Mrs. N. E. Burgett received a telegram Thursday morning announcing the death of her brother, Willie Curran, at Camp Funston of Pneumonia which followed an attack of influenza. ... Having to registered with the twenty-one year old boys last June he sent in his registration papers from Kan. as he wanted to be counted as a Kansas boy. He had been in training only six weeks ... died at Camp Funston Oct. 15, 1918, age 21 years, 11 months and 20 days.” *The Delia News*, October 25, 1918. Curtess, Samuel W.; rank, private; enlisted on June 8, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Samuel Curtess, rank, private first class; served in Company F, 20th Infantry; enlisted on June 6, 1918 at Holton, Kansas; discharged on June 2, 1919. Box 10, folder 1.¹⁰ “W. W. I CO. G 20TH INF” Samuel William Curtess. Born June 21, 1901; Died August 1, 1973. Buried in Wetmore Cemetery, Wetmore, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Curwick, Alfred.¹ Alfred Abe Curwick, rank, private; service number 3299869; served in the A. E. F.; enlisted on May 29, 1918 in Holton, Kansas; discharged on June 12, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 10, folder 1.¹⁰

Dale, Allan. Allen P. Dale, service number 207449; enlisted on March 1, 1917, at Lawrence, Kansas; served as a private in the 117th Ammunition Train, A. E. F., sailed from the U. S. on October 31, 1917, returned on May 1, 1919; discharged on May 15, 1919. Box 10.¹⁰ “Two husky Indians entered J. H. Crawford’s office yesterday and demanded requisitions for transportation to Pittsburg. “Sorry, but we are not sending colored men today,” replied Crawford, without giving his visitors a close inspection. “We’re not colored men, we are Indians,” came back a quick rejoinder. Crawford raised his head and gazed into the faces of Jim Shald and Allan Dale, of Mayetta. They explained they had been in France with Col. Frank L. Travis and that if necessary would go get him to help them volunteer to dig coal. Crawford did not wait for further explanation. He made out the coveted blank. - Mondays Capital.” *The Mayetta Herald*, December 3, 1919.

Dale, Harold; single; rank, sergeant; enlisted on June 21, 1916 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in the trenches at Vosges, France until May 25th, when he left for the states to be an instructor at Fort Beauregard, Louisiana.³ Harold Dale, rank, sergeant; served in Company H, 84th Infantry; sailed from the U. S. on March 7, 1918, arrived in the U. S. on September 17, 1918; discharged on January 16, 1919. Box 10.¹⁰ “SGT CO H 84 INFANTRY WORLD WAR I” Born February 22, 1895; Died September 20, 1968. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Independence, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Darling, Ernest C.; rank, private; enlisted on June 4, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Ernest C. Darling, rank, cook; served in Company A, 110th Supply Train; discharged May 7, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Boxes 10 & 52.¹⁰ “The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Earnest Darling.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. “In a letter from Lucius Darling to his sister Louise he gives a thrilling account of his part in routing the Huns. ... November 10, 1918. ... Some of your letters were dated in August and September. They were delayed somewhere and came to me while we were up in the trenches. Some were received while the shells and machine guns were whizzing and bursting. I also got a letter from Ernest. I think we are very close to one another, and I may see him soon, as he said some of the boys in their Division are getting furloughs, which they have sure earned, for they have done some great work over here since they went into action.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, February 6, 1919. “KANSAS COOK CO A 110 SUPPLY TRAIN WORLD WAR I” Born October 23, 1892; Died February 15, 1965.

- Buried in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Hoyt, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Darling, John.² This may be John H. Darting. A John Darling, rank, private, service number 1457574; who served in the A. E. F.; enlisted on April 30, 1917 at Herrington, Kansas; discharged on August 15, 1919 at Camp Dodge Iowa, may have some connection, but probably not. Box 10.¹⁰
- Darling, Lucius J. Lucius J. Darling, rank, private; service number 1484849; served in the A. E. F.; enlisted May 25, 1918 at Okmulgee, Oklahoma; discharged on June 16, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 10.¹⁰ "Somewhere at sea, July 30, 1918. Dear Sister: Well, we are near the port. We have been requested to write home to let our parents know we arrived here safe, so if you receive this letter you will know we are somewhere were over here. Of course you know that censorship does not allow any location to be given as to our whereabouts. ... Address, Lucius J. Darling, Company F 142 Infantry, American Expeditionary Forces." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, August 22, 1918. The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Cusie Darling." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. "In a letter from Lucius Darling to his sister Louise he gives a thrilling account of his part in routing the Huns. ... November 10, 1918. ... Some of your letters were dated in August and September. They were delayed somewhere and came to me while we were up in the trenches. Some were received while the shells and machine guns were whizzing and bursting. I also got a letter from Ernest. I think we are very close to one another, and I may see him soon, as he said some of the boys in their Division are getting furloughs, which they have sure earned, for they have done some great work over here since they went into action." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, February 6, 1919.
- Darting, John H. Darling, John.² John H. Darting, rank, private; enlisted in the Marine Corps July 12, 1918 at Paris Island, South Carolina; served in the A. E. F.; discharged on August 13, 1919 at Hampton Roads, Virginia. Box 10.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT 13TH REGT USMC WORLD WAR I" Born January 19, 1894; Died May 2, 1948. Buried in Circleville Cemetery, Circleville, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Dague, Charles I.¹ Enlisted on November 17, 1917, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, served as a master sergeant in the 1st Battalion, 30th Regiment, Engineers; discharged on March 27, 1918, at Helfaut, France, by reason of being commissioned a 1st Lieutenant. 10.¹⁰
- Davidson, Chas. "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Chas. Davidson." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.
- Davidson, James B.¹ James Bee Davidson, service number 3791429; inducted on July 23, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Battery B, 29th Field Artillery; discharged on January 26, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 11, folder 2.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ "KANSAS PVT BTRY 29 FIELD ARTY WORLD WAR I" Born September 26, 1887; Died December 8, 1966. Buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Whiting, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Davidson, Joseph.¹ Service number 3312348, enlisted or inducted on June 28, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a cook in the 352nd Infantry, 88th Division; discharged June 17, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 11, folder 2.¹⁰ "He served as a soldier in France with Company "K," 352d Infantry in the 88th Division." Born September 19, 1892; Died September 11, 1928. Buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Whiting, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Davidson, Roy P.¹ Roy Porter Davidson, enlisted on December 10, 1917, at Salt Lake City, Utah; served as a fireman 1st class in the Navy; discharged on February 5, 1919, at the Great Lakes Training Station, Illinois. Box 11, folder 3.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ "New York City, October 4, 1918. Dear Mother: Arrived in New York the first. We went to Brest France instead of Liverpool. You see we never know where we are going when we leave here. We were gone 36 days, sure had a nice trip, not so much rough sea. We had 3,500 soldiers on our ship and there were six other transports with us. ... Love and best wishes to Home Folks, Roy Davidson." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 17, 1918. "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Ray Davidson." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. May be Roy P. Davidson. "WWI VETERAN" Born July 8, 1890; Died June 5, 1955. Buried in Wells Family Cemetery, Douglas, Arizona. www.findagrave.com.
- Davis, Ed.¹ "Four boys who were all born in the same block in Holton, met recently in a small town in France and held a reunion. The boys are Junior Roebke, Herbert Robinson, Paul Hurrel and Ed Davis." *The Holton Recorder*, October 24, 1918.
- Davis, Guy C. Service number 2176586, enlisted or inducted on October 3, 1917, at Seneca, Kansas; served as a private in Headquarters Company, 140th Infantry, 35th Division, A. E. F.; discharged on February 7, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 11, folder 5.¹⁰ "Bancroft. Guy Davis and Forrest Holt returned home last week, after receiving their honorable discharge at Camp Funston." *The Soldier Clipper*, February 19, 1919.
- Davis, Harold; rank, private; enlisted on May 15, 1917; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of 1917; served in France, mustered out of Federal service at Fort Riley, Kansas on or about May 10, 1919.³ Box 11, folder 3.¹⁰ "He was a retired farmer and dairyman who had farmed in the Mayetta and Valley Falls area. He moved to Tonganoxie in 1960. He was an Army veteran of World War I and was a member of the American Legion post of Tonganoxie." Born December 1, 1895; Died September 15, 1984. Buried in Tonganoxie Cemetery, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Davis, Irwin. "Word has been received of the death of Irwin Davis, who was killed in action August 5th. He enlisted about a year ago and has been across for some time." *The Delia News*, September 6, 1918.

Davis, Ralph Allison; enlisted or inducted into service at Lawrence, Kansas on October 1, 1918; served in Company N, 23rd Battalion, C. O. O. T. S.; discharged at Camp MacArthur, Texas on December 6, 1918.⁵ "He was an Army veteran of World War I" Born March 8, 1898; Died April 1, 1973. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Day, Elmer. Enlisted on July 23, 1917, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Headquarters Company, 137th Infantry; discharged on account of a disability on November 23, 1917, at Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Box 11.¹⁰ Rank, private; enlisted on July 23, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of 1917.³

Day, R. B.¹ Service number 3771857, enlisted on July 23, 1917, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company F, 69th Infantry; discharged on January 10, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 11.¹⁰

Day, Roy C. Service number 1446845, enlisted on July 31, 1917, at Holton, Kansas; served as a cook in company A, 137th Infantry, A. E. F.; discharged on May 9, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 11.¹⁰ Rank, private; enlisted on July 31, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of 1917.³ "COLORADO COOK 137 INF 35 DIV" Born March 4, 1896; Died January 3, 1933. Buried in Grandview Cemetery, Fort Collins, Colorado. www.findagrave.com.

Deardoff, Delbert C.¹ Service number 3300630, enlisted May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Battery A, 81st Field Artillery; discharged on February 19, 1919, at Camp Knox, Kentucky. Box 11.¹⁰ Served in France.¹¹ Probably Delbert Clair Deardorff. Born November 2, 1895; Died August 15, 1988. Buried in Circleville Cemetery, Circleville, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Deaver, Coral F. Enrolled into service on July 12, 1917, at St. Louis, Missouri; received a disability discharge on April 22, 1919, at Quantico, Virginia. Box 11.¹⁰ Rank, corporal, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France and was gassed on June 14, 1918; was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm.⁴ "Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Deaver, of Fairview, have received a number of letters from their son, Corporal Coral Deaver, of the 6th Marine Band. Corporal Deaver was gassed about June 20 and was sent to base hospital near Paris. For a time his parents were greatly concerned but his letters have brought some relief to them. Corporal Deaver tells of some of the splendid work done by the marines. He is the first Brown county soldier to be sent back to hospital from the front lines. The following interesting notes are taken from the five letters his parents recently received from him: At the Front, June 12, 1918. I have wanted to write you many times since coming to the front again to assure you that I am all right, but time has been rather precious and things have not been so quiet for letter writing lately. We have been in action up here for 12 days and I suppose you have seen by the newspapers what we have accomplished in stopping the German advance. I have been in all the action and to date have come thru O. K. The U. S. Marines are sure making name for themselves. I know you have been worried about me, but please, mother dear, try to be brave and I think I will see you again before long. You can rest with the thought that I was among the first to advance on the Huns as I went "over the top" with the 79th company which is Ernest Miller's company. Our first advance thru a heavy machine gun fire and shrapnel netted us about two kilometers the first day, a bit over a mile. My, but things were lively as our skirmish line moved across the wheat field. We have the Huns on the run now, I think, but they are hard fighters. We have taken in the last two days many prisoners and they are amazed to learn that we are at war with them. I saw Ernest Miller this morning. He is O. K., altho his company lost many men. I think we will get a rest before long as we have had three months of it now. Watch the papers for the marine dope. Our brigade has been cited three times for distinguished service and I guess we will get the cords for our shoulders. I don't think the Germans will see Paris soon, do you, Daddy? The band has been doing litter bearing and doing great work under great disadvantages as we have about ten men sick in the hospital, not dangerous, however. The past 12 days seem like a dream to me, but it has been very real believe me. All I have now is on my back as I left everything I had when we went over after the Boches. June 16, - Of course you have been following the papers and know of the recent doings of the U. S. Marines. I am very proud to tell you I was actively engaged in practically all of the action, all the hard, fierce fighting against the "flower" of the German army, and you no doubt know how the Marines put the run on them in their part of the fray. Two days ago I was slightly gassed but am feeling first rate now. Just next to me is Edward Teasley, of the 74th company. He is Will Teasley's brother and was in Fairview three years ago. He is also slightly gassed. Nothing serious. A fine chap and we have been having some good chats. Now you must not worry about me for I am O. K. and never received better treatment in my life. Our Red Cross organization is certainly a wonderful organization and is doing more for us fellows than can be told. June 21. - The Marines certainly blocked the way to Paris just in time as the Huns were about ten kilometers from the Paris-Metz road when we arrived and were still coming. Just now I am getting a good rest. 14 days and nights without much to eat and very little sleep sort of goes against the grain. I have some "sure nuf" Boche souvenirs for you, believe me. If the rest of the Americans work on the Hun like our 2nd Division did I am counting on being with you all at Christmas time. June 22. - Just a line to assure you that I am O. K. and feeling first rate and that you mustn't let mother worry about me. I didn't get much of the gas and it only put me out for the time being. I have been in hard

fighting the last 20 days and have lost some good friends, luckily none of the band. It was an awful fight the marines put up but it was wonderful. You can get the best dope on marines from Chicago Tribune. I am in the same place we were last fall. *The Sabetha Star*, May 23, 1918. "The first real army hero here to get back to Brown county spent from Monday to Wednesday visiting at the F. M. Pearl and R. S. Sinclair homes. The hero is Coral Deaver, Robinson born, and for years a resident of Fairview. Corporal Deaver arrived in Sabetha Sunday to visit his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Deaver, who had moved from Fairview while he was in France. Corporal Deaver arrived in this country, January 10 and was sent to Quantico, Va., for treatment in a hospital. He secured a 30 day furlough and came to visit his Brown county relatives and friends ... M. A. Bender, Holton attorney, organized the band. Mr. Bender was Brown county born and reared. He used to go to school at Fairview ... June 14, after being in the thick of the fighting for 14 days, Corporal Deaver was gassed. Ralph Sinclair escaped injury of any kind. So did Steward Neibling. Bryan Brown of Sabetha was gassed June 1. Harold Friend didn't get injured then although he had to go to the hospital in October. Corporal Deaver was so severely gassed that he was never able to return to duty. He remained in the hospital in France until late in December when he was invalided home. He will be kept in service until he recovers. The government will treat him and bring him back to health. The gas affects his lungs and he can not cough without effort. He has a long pull until he can get back his health. On the left sleeve of Corporal Deaver's coat are two gold chevrons for two six month periods in Europe. On the right sleeve is a gold chevron used by wounded soldiers. But the decorations that were really worthwhile were the Croix de Guerre with palm the highest decoration given by the government to American soldiers and the Fouragerre the French honor card ... He didn't like to talk much about the war horrors he saw in 14 days of the marines used to make history. He wanted to forget the affair ... He earned the admiration he is getting. - Kansas Democrat. *The Holton Signal*, March 6, 1919. "KANSAS CPL HQ CO 6 REGT USMCR WORLD WAR I PH" Born October 30, 1893; Died August 19, 1961. Buried in Sabetha Cemetery, Sabetha, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

DeBusk, John.² John Henry Debusk, service number 4920895; inducted on September 5, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the quartermaster corps; discharged on May 8, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 11.¹⁰ "Tuesday's casualty list reported John DeBusk, of Circleville, among the wounded. We do not know this person." *The Soldier Clipper*, October 2, 1918. "Last week's casualty lists contains the name of John DeBusk of Circleville in the lists of wounded." *The Holton Recorder*, October 10, 1918. "KANSAS PVT QUARTERMASTER CORPS WORLD WAR I" Born July 20, 1895; Died December 18, 1967. Buried in Gypsum Hill Cemetery, Salina, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Decker, Marvin Albert; rank, apprentice seaman; enrolled at Kansas City, Missouri for four years service on May 17, 1918; discharged from the U. S. Navy Reserves at Great Lakes, Illinois on September 30, 1921.⁵ Box 11.¹⁰ Birmingham, Kansas.¹¹

Deeter, John K.²

Deeter, John William. Service number 164736; enlisted or inducted on April 11, 1918, at Topeka, Kansas; served as a corporal in the 4th Company, 1st Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 28, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 11.^{10,11} "KANSAS CPL 164 DEPOT BRIGADE WORLD WAR I" Born May 15, 1900; Died June 2, 1949. Buried in Old Mission Cemetery, Wichita, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Deeter, Roy.¹

DeFries, William E.¹ William Edward DeFries, enlisted on December 12, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a carpenters mate 2/class; discharged on March 20, 1919, at New York, New York." Box 11.¹⁰ "Ed DeFries, of the Navy, was here last week on furlough. He looks well and likes the job." *The Soldier Clipper*, January 1, 1919.

Dennie, Herschel; rank, private 1st class; reenlisted on August 1, 1916 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³

Depue, Ralph.² Ralph C. Depue, service number 34723999; enlisted or inducted on August 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the 4th Company, 1st Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 24, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 11.¹⁰

Dickenson, Hugo. "Hugo Dickerson is home from the Great Lakes Training Station." *The Holton Recorder*, January 2, 1919.

Dickman, Walter Godfred; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Westmoreland, Kansas; served in Battery F, 28th Field Artillery; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on January 31, 1919.⁵ Box 11.¹⁰ Probably Walter Godfrey Dickman. Born in 1892; Died in 1957. Buried in Huff Cemetery, Pottawatomie County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Dixon, Leon Y.; rank, private; inducted on September 5, 1918 at Holton, Kansas; served in the Motor Transport Company #347; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 21, 1919.⁵ Service number 4020047. Box 12.¹⁰ Leon Young Dixon. "KANSAS PVT 347 CO MTC WORLD WAR I" Born July 20, 1897; Died March 25, 1964. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Dodge, Henry E.¹ Henry Erwin Dodge, enlisted on March 28, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served in the 19th Company, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged because of defective vision on August 19, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 12.¹⁰ "OHIO CPL 19 CO 164 DEPOT BRIG WORLD WAR I" Born August 4, 1890; Died July 25, 1954. Buried in

- Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, California. www.findagrave.com.
- Donahue, Harry S.¹ Service number 855527, enlisted or inducted on December 14, 1917, at Topeka, Kansas; served in Headquarters Detachment & Company D, 318th Engineers, A. E. F.; discharged on June 21, 1919. Box 12.¹⁰ “Fred and Jim. Dear children: Will now try and embark upon a small message and say only a few things about everything. It is pretty noisy at present writing. I am very busy these days, in fact ever since I have been in the army. But more so now - I have did every kind of work from roasting a side of bacon to digging a post hole, and believe me, I did dig some post holes, and under very adverse conditions. That was after nightfall in no-mans land, putting up a barbed wire entanglement and entanglement is right. ... Pvt. Harry S. Donahue. Co. D, 318 Engineers, A. E. F. France.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, November 14, 1918. “The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Harry Donahue.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. Probably Harry S. Donahue. Born October 30, 1892; Died May, 1978. Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Donahue, James T.¹ “The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... James Donahue.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.
- Dougan, Charles D.¹
- Douglas, William Harrison. Served in Company A, 110th Signal Battalion, 35th Division. Box 13.⁷ Box 12.¹⁰ May be William Harrison Douglas. Born in 1897; Died September 22, 1978. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Douglass, Delbert D.; rank, wagoner; enlisted or inducted into service at Arkansas City, Kansas on April 13, 1917; served in France, served in Supply Company, 23rd Infantry; discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa on August 19, 1919.⁵ Service number 49121. Box 12.¹⁰ “Mr. Douglass was a veteran of World War I” Delbert Dale Douglass. Born March 16, 1898; Died August 5, 1971. Buried in Denison Cemetery, Denison, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Douglass, Ora; rank, private; enlisted on July 30, 1915 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; died from pneumonia at Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Oklahoma in January of 1918.³ Box 12.¹⁰ “Denison Department. The many friends and relatives of Or. Douglas were shocked to hear of his sudden death at Camp Doniphan last Tuesday. Pneumonia was the cause of his death, and his illness was brief. He was buried in Topeka Thursday. Private Bradley accompanied the body from Fort Doniphan.” *The Holton Recorder*, January 31, 1918. Died January 21, 1918. Buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Dove, DeVere.¹ Service number 491800, enlisted or inducted May 14, 1918 at Holton, Kansas; served as a mechanic, supply, 69th Field Artillery; discharged December 21, 1918 at Camp Knox, Kentucky.¹¹ “Letters from Robert Shelby who is in U. S. Cavalry 313 Troop L stationed at Del Rio, Tex. tells many interesting things of his experiences since his induction into the army. ... Jackson county boys of whom he speaks are Devere Dove, Jinks Carter, Cecil Starr and Robt Hamm. The latter being the Sergeant under whom Robt Shelby works.” *The Soldier Clipper*, June 19, 1918. “Of the boys who went to camp from Soldier, DeVere Dove, Robt. Shelby, Cecil Starr and Rudolph Carter are now in West Point, Kentucky, in the heavy artillery. They were transferred from Texas.” *The Soldier Clipper*, September 11, 1918. “He was a veteran of World War I.” Born December 29, 1895; Died November 7, 1985. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Dove, Ira. Ira Dove; rank, private; inducted at Holton, Kansas on May 29, 1918; served in France, served in Battery B, 339th Field Artillery; discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa on February 5, 1919.⁵ Service number 3299851. Box 12.¹⁰ “Below we give the names of the boys of this community who are called to the colors. ... Ira Dove.” *The Soldier Clipper*, May 22, 1918. “Word from eastern camps state that Ira Dove and Percy Swain are back from France and will soon be mustered out.” *The Soldier Clipper*, January 29, 1919. Born in 1875; Died September 27, 1956. Buried in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, California. www.findagrave.com.
- Downie, Joseph.¹ “Sergeant Joe Downie, of Denison, who has been in training at Camp Funston the past four months, has entered the officers’ training school at Camp Pike, Arkansas. He was married in June to Miss Aileen Lewis, of Mayetta.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 31, 1918.
- Doyle, James.¹ “Harry and Charles Sigmund, Jim Doyle, Carl Swazey, and Roy Baskett have been ill with Spanish influenza at the Great Lakes Station. They are all on the road to recovery.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 3, 1918. “J. J. Doyle, of the radio regiment United States navy, who has been stationed at the Great Lakes naval training school, is in Topeka visiting A. A. Robe, 1817 Fillmore street. Doyle has completed a course in radio work at the school at Great Lakes, Ill., and will go from here to direct to Harvard university for seven weeks’ training in the radio school there. Doyle recently recovered from the influenza, and he says the spread of the disease at Great Lakes has been checked to such an extent that the privilege of liberty was again given the sailors effective October 12. He says that the school has been under quarantine for period of four weeks; that as a temporary measure the barracks, drill hall, Y. M. C. A., etc., were converted into hospitals. - Topeka Capital.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 17, 1918.
- Drage, David.¹ David W. Drage, service number 937218; enlisted or inducted on March 4, 1918, at Kearny, Nebraska; served a private in the 2nd Company, Convalescent Center, (last assigned Base Hospital #11); discharged on March 27, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 12.¹⁰ “David Drage and Ralph Foster of this community were among

- the Funston troops who started yesterday on the journey 'Over There." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 22, 1918. "David Drage writes from Camp Crane in Penn. of the fine trip he enjoyed on the way east. The mountain scenery in Pennsylvania is very beautiful, also the views of Lake Erie. ... His address Private David Drage, Exva. Hospital No. 11 Barracks No. 39. Camp Crane, Pa." *The Soldier Clipper*, June 5, 1918. "Dave Drage arrived home on Friday night. He says that the only person he met that he knew from the time he left Camp Funston until he returned to Soldier was Jess Fleming whom he passed in a dining room in France last summer. It is a mighty big world when a fellow travels for months and does not see person he knows." *The Soldier Clipper*, April 2, 1919.
- Drage, Lester.¹ Lester C. Drage, service number 2180881; enlisted or inducted on October 3, 1917, at Kearny, Nebraska; served as a private in Headquarters Company, 355th Infantry, A. E. F.; discharged on June 2, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 12.¹⁰
- Draper, John F.¹ John Franklin Draper, service number 766218; enlisted or inducted on December 15, 1917, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; served a corporal in Flying School Detachment Squad in F. A. S. (A); discharged on January 10, 1919, at Gerstner Field, Louisiana. Box 12.¹⁰ Also.¹¹
- Draper, Harvey W.¹
- Dryer, John H.² Service number 4920861, enlisted or inducted on September 5, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the 1st Company, 3rd Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on March 28, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 12.¹⁰ "A letter from John Henry Dryer, who left with the selective draft boys to Camp Funston last Friday, states that the boys already like army life." *The Holton Recorder*, September 12, 1918. "KANSAS PVT 164 DEPOT BRIGADE WORLD WAR I" Born January 29, 1897; Died August, 24, 1969. Buried in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Oregon. www.findagrave.com.
- Duffield, Brice C.¹ Born April 27, 1896; Died January 28, 1958. Buried in Muddy Creek Cemetery, Hoyt, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Dunn, George. "Some people wonder what all they have to do to be patriotic. Here is what the J. W. Dunn family of Delia, are gladly doing. Jeff Dunn, a married son with a family, withdrew all claims and enlisted; Seth Dunn is in France; Geo. Dunn, a boy of 16 years, is in the navy; Jack Dunn, who was with Co. B, died while at Ft. Sill, and when John Dunn, the only boy left at home to help his father on a 225 acre farm, was asked by the clerk when filling out his questionnaire August 24th, if he would claim exemption, he studied a little while then reluctantly said, "I guess I will have to, but I only want class 2." Then replied: Gee! I wish I could get to go like the other boys did." *The Holton Recorder*, September 5, 1918. Born August 12, 1902; Died March 5, 1977. Buried in Redwood Memorial Cemetery, West Jordan, Utah. www.findagrave.com.
- Dunn, Jack; rank, private; enlisted on May 26, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; on December 5th, he was operated on for appendicitis, contracted pneumonia and died December 19, 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Box 12, folder 2.¹⁰ "Jack Dunn was born in Atchison County, Mo., Sept. 22, 1895. At about two years of age, his parents moved to Kansas and the greater part of his life was spent in and around Holton. After war was declared last spring, he enlisted on Co. B at Holton. On August 5th, all members of Co. B. were called to Holton, and they were encamped there for nearly two months. They were then taken to Fort Sill, Okla., for more strenuous training. On December 5th, he was operated on for appendicitis and seemed to be getting along alright, when he contracted pneumonia and died Dec. 19, 1917, aged 22 years, 2 months and 27 days. His parents went to Fort Sill, but failed to get there before he died. His body was brought home and laid to rest in the Adrian cemetery." *The Holton Recorder*, January 3, 1918. "Some people wonder what all they have to do to be patriotic. Here is what the J. W. Dunn family of Delia, are gladly doing. Jeff Dunn, a married son with a family, withdrew all claims and enlisted; Seth Dunn is in France; Geo. Dunn, a boy of 16 years, is in the navy; Jack Dunn, who was with Co. B, died while at Ft. Sill, and when John Dunn, the only boy left at home to help his father on a 225 acre farm, was asked by the clerk when filling out his questionnaire August 24th, if he would claim exemption, he studied a little while then reluctantly said, "I guess I will have to, but I only want class 2." Then replied: Gee! I wish I could get to go like the other boys did." *The Holton Recorder*, September 5, 1918. Born September 12, 1896; Died December 19, 1918. Buried in Adrian Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Dunn, Jeff. "Some people wonder what all they have to do to be patriotic. Here is what the J. W. Dunn family of Delia, are gladly doing. Jeff Dunn, a married son with a family, withdrew all claims and enlisted; Seth Dunn is in France; Geo. Dunn, a boy of 16 years, is in the navy; Jack Dunn, who was with Co. B, died while at Ft. Sill, and when John Dunn, the only boy left at home to help his father on a 225 acre farm, was asked by the clerk when filling out his questionnaire August 24th, if he would claim exemption, he studied a little while then reluctantly said, "I guess I will have to, but I only want class 2." Then replied: Gee! I wish I could get to go like the other boys did." *The Holton Recorder*, September 5, 1918. Born March 4, 1884; Died March 3, 1963. Buried in Saint Johns Cemetery, Amazonia, Missouri. www.findagrave.com.
- Dunn, Seth. Seth C. Dunn, service number 8084207; enlisted or inducted on July 1, 1918, at Topeka, Kansas; served a private in Battery B, 75th Artillery C. A. C. & Detachment 75 Artillery, C. A. C., unassigned, served in France from October 5, 1918, to March 13, 1919; discharged on March 27, 1919, "Some people wonder what all they have to do to

be patriotic. Here is what the J. W. Dunn family of Delia, are gladly doing. Jeff Dunn, a married son with a family, withdrew all claims and enlisted; Seth Dunn is in France; Geo. Dunn, a boy of 16 years, is in the navy; Jack Dunn, who was with Co. B, died while at Ft. Sill, and when John Dunn, the only boy left at home to help his father on a 225 acre farm, was asked by the clerk when filling out his questionnaire August 24th, if he would claim exemption, he studied a little while then reluctantly said, "I guess I will have to, but I only want class 2." Then replied: Gee! I wish I could get to go like the other boys did." *The Holton Recorder*, September 5, 1918. "PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born April 12, 1900; Died May 8, 1978. Buried in Edwardsville Cemetery, Edwardsville, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Durham, James O. "MISSOURI WT1 USNR WORLD WAR I & II" Born June 14, 1897; Died March 12, 1954. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Durham, Leslie. Leslie Earl Durham, service number 3092432; inducted on June 19, 1918, at St. Joe, Missouri; served as a private in the Medical Department; discharged on June 4, 1919, on account of a disability, from General Hospital #21, Denver, Colorado. Box 12.¹⁰ "Robert Durham is training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and writes his parents that he likes it fine. It seems a coincidence that his father, Sheriff Leslie Durham, also began training for service in World War I at Jefferson Barracks. - Hoyt letter." *The Holton Recorder*, September 2, 1943. Born in 1900; Died in 1960. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Durham, James A. Durham, Jas. A.¹ Served as a private in an artillery unit in France; on casualty list of July 17, 1917. "Private Dunham never lived at Whiting, but has an adopted sister [Hazel Hevener] living there, to whom his insurance was left. Private Dunham was raised at the Soldiers' Orphans' Home in Atchison and was called to the colors in the first draft. He was in the artillery. He also has a sister, who is a Red Cross nurse in France. Horton Headlight." *The Holton Recorder*, July 25, 1918. Box 12, folder 2.¹⁰ "PVT. 7TH. INF 3 DIV. KANSAS JUNE 21, 1918" Buried in Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, France. www.findagrave.com.

Durham, Roy. "Miss Hazel Hevener received the sad news Tuesday morning that her brother with the A. E. F. in France had died. This is the 2nd one of her brothers to give their life in France for their country." *The Whiting Journal*, November 1, 1919. Box 12, folder 1.¹⁰ Died October 1, 1918. Buried in Oise-Aisne American Cemetery and Memorial, Picardie, France. www.findagrave.com.

Dye, James W.¹ Dye, William.² James William Dye, a captain of ordnance; discharged on October 20, 1919, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Box 12.¹⁰ "This week Mayor Woodworth received a picture of his son Ray in his full soldier equipment with his nine pound steel helmet. Ray called particular attention to his "dancing pumps" where a good sized hole was visible in the toe. He was out of the trenches when the letter was written and had a reunion with Lieut. Wm. Dye of Holton." *The Holton Recorder*, September 12, 1918. Captain Scott Berridge writes from France: "Things sure do happen over here and I have long gotten past the stage of being surprised at anything that happens. During the last offensive, I had just crawled into a German dugout, with the intention of getting little sleep, when who should walk in but Bill Dye - the same old Bill. The day following we were relieved and were on the move - had just set the outfit for the night and started to my billet, when someone called me and it was no other than my old pal, 'Tom' Rennick." *The Holton Recorder*, November 28, 1918. "France Nov. 6, 1918. Dear Mother: I am sending this coupon today, the first opportunity I have had since receiving it. You can send what you wish. Send eats, that's all I want. I just ran across Lt. Dye today and we were glad to see him. We have a good long talk with each other. Bill is sure looking good. He is going to censor this letter and send it home for me. We are at the front and have been for so long that we have not had time for anything else. I saw Elmer and Clarence Rennick again the other day. They were both well and looking good. ... My Dear Mrs. Lutz: I am taking the liberty of writing a few lines on Clarence's' letter, to tell you he is as happy as anyone can be, under the circumstances, and Mrs. Lutz, he is a son to be proud of. His has been a great sacrifice, no greater or not than yours, but he has proven 'true blue' in the regiment as at home he is known to everyone, and makes life more bearable by his cheerfulness. I hope to see you after the war and tell you what a fine soldier your boy is. Respectfully yours, 'Bill Dye'" *The Holton Recorder*, December 5, 1918. "In a letter to Fred King, Lieutenant "Bill" Dye says: I'm coming back to Holton as soon as I can, and take up my permanent residence there, if the good people will permit me to. Holton is the best place to live in that I knew of, and I want to spend the rest of my days there" *The Holton Recorder*, January 30, 1919.

Dybre, Alfred.¹ Service number 185-6-45, enlisted on May 3, 1917, Kansas City, Missouri; served as a pharmacist mate 3/class; discharged on April 4, 1918, on account of a physical disability, at the U. S. Training Station, Norfolk, Virginia. Box 12.¹⁰

Dybre, Geo. A.¹ George Alexander Dybre, service number 3299856; inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company E, 20th Infantry; discharged on August 21, 1919, at Nilna?, West Virginia. Box 12.¹⁰ "Geo. Dybre of Camp Funston spent the last of the week in Holton." *The Holton Recorder*, October 3, 1918.

Eaden, Roscoe C. Service number 1447213, enlisted on June 6, 1915, at Holton, Kansas. Box 13.¹⁰ Rank, private; enlisted in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard on June 6, 1915; drafted into Federal service for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company; served in France, mustered out of federal service at Camp Funston, Fort Riley on May 10, 1919.^{3,5} "KANSAS PFC CO B 137 INF 35 DIV WORLD WAR I" Born September 18, 1887; Died December 23, 1969. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado Springs, Colorado. www.findagrave.com.

Eames, Carl F.¹ Carl Franklin Eames, service number 3791597; inducted on July 23, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in Company E, 69th Infantry; discharged on January 9, 1919 on account of dependant relatives, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 13.^{10,11} Born December 5, 1892; Died March 5, 1962. Buried in Topeka Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Earl, Isaac Henry. Service number 1447634, enlisted on May 4, 1917, at Topeka, Kansas; served a private in Company B, 137th Infantry, A. E. F.; discharged on May 9, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 13.¹⁰ Rank, private; enlisted on May 14, 1917, in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ May be Isaac H. Earl. Born March 29, 1895; Died January 28, 1974. Buried in Woodston Cemetery, Woodston, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Early, Donald G.¹ May be Donald G. Early. Born in December of 1888; Died in 1956; Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Early, Harlan O.² Service number 3299817, enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company B, 338th Machine Gun Battalion, 88th Division, A. E. F., from August 15, 1918, to January 25, 1919; discharged on April 12, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 13.¹⁰ “Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Early have received word from the boys, Harlan is on his way across to France, also Charley Holt, son of Mr. and Mrs. as Holt. Harlan is in the machine gun Signal corps, and Charley Holt is in the machine gun battalion. Lester Early has been moved from Camp Dodge to Camp Mills, Long Island. Lester is a wagoners mechanic and has advanced to sergeant’s pay ...” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, August 22, 1918. “The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Harlan Early.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. “Here is a letter from Harlan Early to his father. In France, November 24, 1918. Dear Father and Mother: ... We are not drilling much any more; our drills will not exceed five hours a day from now on. We are going to move to southern France, to a camp near a larger town, where we will stay until we are sent back across the pond. ... Pvt. Harlan O. Early Co. B. 338 M. G. B’n, American E. F.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, December 26, 1918. Born August 27, 1895; Died February 15, 1988. Buried in Hoyt Cemetery, Hoyt, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Early, Lester L.¹ “Lester Legrand Early, service number 3299872; enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a Wagoner in Battery B, 339th Field Artillery, A. E. F., from January 20, 1918, to January 20, 1919; discharged on February 5, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 13.¹⁰ “Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Early have received word from the boys, Harlan is on his way across to France, also Charley Holt, son of Mr. and Mrs. as Holt. Harlan is in the machine gun Signal corps, and Charley Holt is in the machine gun battalion. Lester Early has been moved from Camp Dodge to Camp Mills, Long Island. Lester is a wagoners mechanic and has advanced to sergeant’s pay ...” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, August 22, 1918. “The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Lester Early.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. Born in 1894; Died in 1922. Buried in Hoyt Cemetery, Hoyt, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Early, Samuel R.² Samuel Rice Early, service number 4920845; inducted on September 5, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in a medical department; discharged on August 20, 1919, from General Hospital #21. Box 13.¹⁰ “Four more boys left here for training camps Friday. John Long, Joe Pierson, Mike Hogan, J. B. Coughlin. Next Friday four more will leave here: Samuel Early, Philbert Jones, Joe Blandin and Oscar Levier. Good luck, boys.” *The Mayetta Herald*, September 4, 1918. Born in 1896; Died in September of 1946. Buried in Mayetta Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Eastborn, Henry.¹

Eastborn, Thos. H.¹ Inducted on April __, 191__, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in A. E. F; wounded right ____ thigh; discharged on April 26, 1919, at Camp Grant, Illinois. Box 13.¹⁰

Eby, Henry Ralph. Ely, Henry.¹ Service number 1446923, enlisted on June 2, 1917, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Headquarters Company, 137th Infantry, A. E. F.; discharged on May 10, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 13.¹⁰ Rank, private; enlisted on June 2, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of 1917; served in France, mustered out of Federal service at Fort Riley, Kansas on or about May 10, 1919.³

Eby, Ralph E.; rank, private; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on June 28, 1918; served in Company D, 26th Batt. U. S. G.; discharged at Camp Sherman, Ohio on January 8, 1919.⁵

Edds, William L.² Eads, William L.¹ William Lee Edds, service number 3791404; inducted on July 23, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as private in Medical Detachment 10th Tr. Headquarters & M. P.; discharged on January 17, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 13.¹⁰

Edlander, Chas.¹ Enlisted on June 25, 1917, at Paris Island, South Carolina; served as a private in the U. S. Marines, A. E. F; discharged on September 25, 1919, at the Marine Barracks, Washington, D. C. Box 13.¹⁰ “Mrs. Wm. Deeter has received word from her son Charles Edlander, who is a sharpshooter in the Marines, that he is out of the hospital and has rejoined his company. He was gassed at Belleau Wood, where the Marines did such heroic work.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 10, 1918. Born October 26, 1891; Died September 10, 1954. Buried in Mount Washington

Cemetery, Independence, Missouri. www.findagrave.com.

Ehrhart, Cornelius.² Cornelius Edward Ehrhart, service number 5302086; enlisted or inducted on October 14, 1918, at St. Marys, Kansas; served as a private in S. A. T. C., St. Marys; discharged on December 20, 1918, at St. Marys, Kansas. Box 13.¹⁰ Probably Cornelius E. "Connie" Ehrhart. Born in 1899; Died in 1974; Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Osage City, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Ehrsam, Carl F.; rank, seaman 5th class; enlisted at Kansas City, Missouri on May 9, 1917; discharged at St. Louis, Missouri on August 2, 1919.⁵ Box 13.¹⁰ "MISSOURI SEA US NAVY WORLD WAR I" Carl Frederick Ersham. Born June 22, 1895; Died November 9, 1950. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Eis, Frank Anten, Jr.; rank, wagoner; enlisted or inducted into service at Falls City, Nebraska on October 3, 1917; served in France, served in Ambulance Company 356-314 Sanitary Train; discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa on June 4, 1919.⁵ Frank Anton Eis. Born October 18, 1891; Died August 25, 1972. Buried in Humboldt Cemetery, Humboldt, Nebraska. www.findagrave.com.

Eitel, Daniel. Eittle, Daniel.¹ Daniel Eitel, service number 130819; enlisted or inducted on October 10, 1913, at Fort Logan, Colorado; served as a machinist in the Regular Army Reservist, A. E. F.; discharged on June 4, 1920, at Headquarters Central Department, Chicago, Illinois. Box 13.¹⁰

Eley, _____. "Mr. Eley, Mrs. Frank Morris' step son is here from Camp Doniphan for a short stay." *The Delia News*, August 16, 1918.

Elliott, Olen A.¹ Olen Abel Elliott, service number 2190879; enlisted or inducted on April 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as sergeant in Supply Company, 60th Infantry, A. E. F., wounded slightly at Argonne; discharged on August 14, 1919, at Camp Pike, Arkansas. Box 13.¹⁰ "Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elliott received word from Washington that their son, Olin was reported missing in action October 14. They feel confident there is a mistake as three letters written since that date have been received from him. One of the letters is published in The Recorder this week." "Somewhere in France Oct. 28, 1918. Dear Aunt: As I am laid up in the hospital and have nothing to do, I will try to answer your letter. I was hit on the right hand by a piece of shrapnel, on the morning of October 14th. My hand isn't hurt much, but I think it will leave my thumb crooked. I had been on the front two days, and had so many narrow escapes that I began to think they couldn't hit me, when a shell broke about fifty yards away, and a small piece struck my hand, cut my gun sling in two and tore my gas mask to pieces. I wasn't hurt to amount to anything, but I was out of luck for a gas mask, and the Germans were using plenty of gas on us." *The Holton Recorder*, December 5, 1918. "KANSAS SGT. 60 INF 5 DIV WORLD WAR I" Born April 18, 1896; Died April 4, 1946. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Epling, Archie Lamont; rank, sergeant; enlisted or inducted on January 19, 1919 at Holton, Kansas; served in Camp Utilities Construction Division Q. M. C.; discharged on May 14, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.⁵ Service number 2198695. Box 13.¹⁰ "KANSAS SGT CP UTIL DET CONST DIV QMC WORLD WAR I" Born November 7, 1888; Died April 1, 1950. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Epling, Charles Glenwood; rank, sergeant; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on January 19, 1918; served in Camp Utilities Com. Deis. Q. M.; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on March 24, 1919.⁵ Service number 2198679. Box 13.¹⁰ "KANSAS SGT QUARTERMASTER CORPS WORLD WAR I" Charles Epling, Sr. Born August 10, 1895; Died January 29, 1965. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Erdley, John.¹ John Franklin Erdley, service number 944256; enlisted on April 11, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a private in the S. A. T. C., at Kansas State Agricultural College; discharged on December 12, 1919, at Manhattan, Kansas. Box 13.¹⁰

Ernest, Edwin F.¹ Edwin Francis Ernest, service number 220611; enlisted or inducted on February 23, 1918, at Seneca, Kansas; served as a sergeant, Camp Utilities Construction Division, Q. M. C.; discharged on May 12, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 13.¹⁰ May be Edwin F. Ernest. Born in 1890; Died in 1970. Buried in Topeka Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Ernst, George. "Frank Ernst has received word from his brother Ed that his nephew George Ernst died last week in the training camps at Little Rock, Arkansas." *The Holton Signal*, October 24, 1918. May be George Ernst, Jr. "George Ernst, a soldier at Camp Taylor, [Kentucky] sent from Richland county, died there at 5:40 p. m. last Friday morning." "11th Btry A 7th Reg O,A.R.D." George Ernst, Jr. Born November 8, 1895; Died October 18, 1918. Buried in Amity Cemetery, Richland County, Illinois. www.findagrave.com.

Erwin, Charles C.² Charles Claude Erwin, service number 140-74-58; enrolled on August 14, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a seaman 2/class; discharged on September 30, 1921, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 13.¹⁰ "US NAVY WORLD WAR I" Charles Claude Erwin. Born May 16, 1895; Died January 16, 1977. Buried in Hoyt Cemetery, Hoyt, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Eubanks, Ralph.² Service number 4920878, enlisted or inducted on September 5, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in the 4th Company, 2nd Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 10, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 14.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ Born September 3, 1896; Died August 16, 1985. Buried in Denison Cemetery, Denison, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Evans, Paul Revere.¹ Service number 514841, enlisted or inducted on May 31, 1918, at North Platte, Nebraska; served as

a private in Battery F, 72nd Field Artillery, discharged on January 31, 1919, at Camp Knox, Kentucky. Box 14.¹⁰ “Below we give the names of the boys of this community who are called to the colors. ... Paul Revere Evans.” *The Soldier Clipper*, May 22, 1918.

Faidley, Claude F. “KANSAS CPL US ARMY WORLD WAR I & II” Born September 24, 1900; Died December 15, 1962. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Fairchild, Harold. “Mrs. Harold Fairchild received word that Harold had been in a hospital in France for eleven days, but expected to be discharged soon and would return to his company.” *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918.

Fairchild, Howard C.; single; rank, sergeant; enlisted on August 4, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Camp Funston, Fort Riley on May 9, 1919.³ Service number 1447510. Box 14.¹⁰ “Harold Fairchild is acting as supply sergeant for Co. B. He has been mess sergeant.” *The Holton Recorder*, September 12, 1918.

Faris, Lex.² Enrolled on May 9, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri, served in the Navy as a seaman 2/class; discharged on September 30, 1921, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 14.¹⁰ May be Lex Faris. “SEA 2 US NAVY WORLD WAR I” Born January 30, 1891; Died December 7, 1976. Buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Wellsville, Ohio. www.findagrave.com.

Farris, Earl.¹ Earl A. Farris, service number 1455974; enlisted on June 19, 1917, at Leavenworth, Kansas; served as a sergeant in company B, 139th Infantry; discharged on April 1, 1918, from the Detached Convalescent Center, Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 14.¹⁰ “Earl Farris, a former Holton boy, has arrived in New York. He was wounded in the battle of the Argonne Forest.” *The Holton Recorder*, January 2, 1919. “Earl Farris, a member of the 35th Division, has arrived in this country and is in a hospital at Ft. Riley, recovering from wounds received in the Argonne fight.” *The Holton Recorder*, January 16, 1919. “Earl Farris, of the 35th Division, who is in the hospital at Camp Funston will have to undergo a skin grafting operation on his wound before he can be discharged.” *The Holton Recorder*, February 6, 1919. May be Earl A. Farris. “Veteran WWI” Born June 25, 1891; Died May 19, 1965. Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Lawrence, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Faulkender, Chas. L.¹ Charles Leon Faulkender, enlisted on May 31, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a sergeant in the U. S. Marines; discharged on September 15, 1919, at Quantico, Virginia. Box 14.¹⁰

Fees, Russel B.; rank, private; enlisted on May 31, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 1447636, served as a corporal in the infantry in France, A. E. F.; discharged on November 3, 1919, at Camp Meigs, Washington, D. C. Box 14.¹⁰ Box 14.¹⁰

Felker, Ernest E.; rank, private; inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on July 23, 1918; served in Company E, 69th Infantry; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on January 28, 1919.⁵ Earl Ernest Felker, service number 3791489; served as a private in Company E, 69th Infantry; discharged on January 28, 1919. Box 14.¹⁰ “KANSAS PVT 69 INFANTRY WORLD WAR I” Born March 14, 1892; Died July 14, 1959. Buried in Brick Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Fenkse, Oscar. “R. B. Fenske received word this week of the death of his nephew Oscar Fenske who has been in training at Camp Hancock, Georgia. This young man was a victim of the Spanish influenza and pneumonia complications. He was 28 years old.” *The [Hoyt] Weekly Reporter*, October 17, 1918. Oscar Emil Fenske. Born November 24, 1890; Died October 6, 1918. “Died at Camp Hancock” “22ND CO. M. T. D. - M. G. T.” Buried in Saint Patricks Cemetery, Platte Center, Nebraska. www.findagrave.com.

Fennel, F. M.² Service number 6411377, enlisted on August 18, 1917, at Denver, Colorado; served as a corporal in Company B, 73rd Infantry, Colorado National Guard; discharged on April 10, 1919 to enlist in the Regular Army; served as a private in Company E, 29th Infantry; discharged on April 13, 1922, at Fort Benning, Georgia. Box 14.¹⁰ “Francis M. Fennell, who enlisted over a year ago in the National Guards, is now a corporal in the First Infantry, stationed at Golden, Colo. He is the son of John Fennell, living near Delia, and is twenty years old” *The Holton Recorder*, October 24, 1918.

Fitzsimmons, Floyd. Floyd Sylvester Fitzsimmons, service number 3312534; enlisted on at June 28, 1918, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; served as a private in Camp Utilities Detachment, Construction Division, Quarter Master Corps; discharged on November 29, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 15.¹⁰ “Jay Anderson, Viggo Jensen and Floyd Fitzsimmons went to Camp Funston Friday to be U. S. soldiers. A number went to the depot to see them off, and wish them all the good luck that comes their way. ...” *The Holton Recorder*, July 4, 1918. “KANSAS PVT CONSTRUCTION DIV QMC WORLD WAR I” Floyd S. Fitzsimmons. Born October 17, 1892; Died April 13, 1963. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Fleischer, Benj. F.¹ Service number 3312376, enlisted or inducted on June 28, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class. in Company M, 352nd Infantry, 88th Division, A. E. F.; discharged on June 17, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 15.¹⁰ “The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Bennie Fleischer.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.

- Fleming, Dennis.¹ “Dennis Fleming visited with home folks today. He is on a furlough from the Naval Training camp at Great Lakes, Ill. He is an engineer in the Filter and Pumping plant. He says one meal of weenies for the camp would take a wienie 12 miles long.” *The Soldier Clipper*, September 18, 1918.
- Fleming, Jesse Gerald; rank, private; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on May 29, 1918, served in Company F, 351st Infantry, 88th Division; served in France, discharged on June 8, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.⁵ Service number 3299814, served in the A. E. F from August 16, 1918, to May 31, 1919. Box 15.¹⁰ “Below we give the names of the boys of this community who are called to the colors. ... Jesse Gerald Fleming.” *The Soldier Clipper*, May 22, 1918. “Word was received last week of the safe arrival over seas of Jesse Fleming, Robt. Markham, Carl Johnson, Harry Brenner and Ira Dove.” *The Soldier Clipper*, September 11, 1918. “Orleans France, Aug. 11, 1918. I am now in the land of France. This is the town where Joan of Arc raised her army, when France was made free. ... L. C. Fleming, Co. F, 5th Depot Bat. Signal Corps A. E. F. France.” *The Soldier Clipper*, September 11, 1918. “Further word from Jess Fleming states he was not injured in battle, but suffered severely with the influenza - he was so bad that he could not walk or talk for five weeks.” *The Soldier Clipper*, December 4, 1918. “Dave Drage arrived home on Friday night. He says that the only person he met that he knew from the time he left Camp Funston until he returned to Soldier was Jess Fleming whom he passed in a dining room in France last summer. It is a mighty big world when a fellow travels for months and does not see person he knows.” *The Soldier Clipper*, April 2, 1919. May be Jesse G. Fleming. Born in 1886; Died in 1965. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Fleming, Lawrence C.; rank, private 1st class; enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on May 14, 1918; served in France, last assigned to 36th Service C. S. C.; discharged on September 11, 1919 at Camp Dodge, Iowa.⁵ Service number 491981. Box 15.¹⁰ “Lawrence Fleming is now at Fort Leavenworth taking special work in the Signal Corps science. He is in Co. F.” *The Soldier Clipper*, June 12, 1918. “Lawrence Fleming writes from Leavenworth that he has been issued his overseas clothing and will leave Leavenworth shortly for the fight against the Hun.” *The Soldier Clipper*, July 3, 1918. “A letter from Lawrence Fleming dated Sept. 2, stated that he was enjoying the scenery of France very much. ... He says the French people are trying to learn to talk American - they don’t call it English as we do.” *The Soldier Clipper*, October 9, 1918. “Camp De Meucon, France, November 24, 1918. ... A few days later when we got up the sea was sure rough. The waves were coming over the rail and if we went out on deck we would get a free bath. About noon there appeared on the scene some submarine chasers, and they would first stand on one end and then the other, and it looked as if the waves would cover them up entirely. But they would always on out on top. Two days later about three o’clock in the afternoon, I was out on deck and all at once I saw something about 20 yards to the starboard side and in a few 2nds business began to pick up and the ship on that side started firing from a 5-inch gun. The first shot didn’t hit anything, but the 2nd one made a direct hit and the shell exploded and in a few 2nds there was another explosion and the fire and water went higher than the deck of the ship and then the submarine came up, turned over and went down wrong side up. There were five submarines in that bunch and they got three of them that we knew of. ... Lawrence C. Fleming, Det. 36th Service Co., Signal Corps, A. P. O. 779, A. E. F.” *The Soldier Clipper*, December 25, 1918. May be Lawrence C. Fleming. Born in 1896; Died in 1934. Buried in Wichita Park Cemetery and Mausoleum, Wichita, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Fleming, Roscoe. “KANSAS PVT SUP CO 356 INF 89 DIV WORLD WAR I” Born October 27, 1888; Died August 25, 1955. Buried in Adrian Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Fleming, Vernon.¹ Vernon J. Fleming, service number 818766; enlisted or inducted on April 19, 1917, at Dodge City, Kansas; served as a corporal in Battery D, 49th Field Artillery, C. A. C., A. E. F.; discharged on March 26, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 15.¹⁰ “Corporal Vern Fleming received word to appear at Fort Monroe, Va., by April 6th to enter the officer’s training school.” *The Soldier Clipper*, March 27, 1918. “Corp. V. J. Fleming writes from California that he is now pulling the trigger on a gun that takes 375 pounds of powder and hurls a 1070 pound projectile 18 or 20 miles. He has been in the service a year and says he is further from France (the coveted place of all soldiers) than he was a year ago.” *The Soldier Clipper*, May 1, 1918. “Vern Fleming surprised his parents on Wednesday evening by coming home with Raymond Michaels, both boys having been mastered out of the army service at Funston. They were at Camp Merrit for nearly two weeks but did not know of the others presence. ... Vern wears a marksman badge, but after gaining it and a years service with heavy artillery was put at truck and mule driving.” *The Soldier Clipper*, April 2, 1919.
- Fletcher, Paul C.; rank, private; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on June 1, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; discharged on August 14, 1917, due to a deformed foot, at Newton, Kansas.^{3,5} Box 15.¹⁰
- Flynn, James V.; rank, sergeant; enlisted on September 17, 1914 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Service number 14475121. Box 15.¹⁰ “Sampigny, France, January 28, 1919. Dear Jack: Received your letter yesterday, so will try and drop you a few lines. Am getting along fine and dandy. That cold weather you are having over there doesn’t sound a bit good to me, for we haven’t had anything like that over here at all. Last week was the first cold snap we have had, and then it just froze a little on top.

Sunday we had our first snow, but it is almost gone now. I see by the paper Representative Campbell is raising a fuss about the 35th Division having so many losses and not having any artillery support. I think he is a little late in the game, and as for the artillery, we had it hub to hub the first day, but they couldn't keep up with us. But as far as I can see, it was nobody's fault, for the roads were nearly impassable. Well, we had them going, and what else could we do but keep them going, and at that I don't think we had so many actually killed, and as far as not being properly fed, well, we couldn't expect any banquet. I fact, we didn't have much time to eat at all. Am going to send you in this letter a few pictures of Paul Brown. You can give them to Junior. I have a bill book of his, also, that I was going to send to him, but the book has kerosene on it and it soaks through the envelope, so if you will give him the pictures, I will bring the book with me when I come. Well, Jack, I don't know any news, so will say good-bye. As ever, Jim Flynn." *The Holton Recorder*, February 27, 1919. "James V. Flynn of Kansas City was visiting friends and relatives in Holton over the week end. James was with Co. B in the First World War." *The Holton Recorder*, September 16, 1946.

Ford, Harvey F.¹

Fosberg, Clarence; rank, private; enlisted on June 2, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³

Foulk, Albert C.¹ Enlisted on August 15, 1917, at Champaign, Illinois; served as private in Company B, Kansas Engineers; discharged on August 24, 1917, to re-enlist as a first class cadet, A. S. S. E. R. C.; discharged on February 8, 1918, at Ellington Field, Texas; accepted 2nd lieutenant, Signal CCAS. Box 15.¹⁰

Francis, Edward A.; rank, fireman 1st class; released from active duty at the Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Washington on February 27, 1919.⁵ Box 15, folder 1.¹⁰ "KANSAS FIREMAN 2C USNR" Edward Andrew Francis. Buried in Steward Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Francis, Harry.¹ Harry L Francis, enrolled on May 16, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; pharmacist mate 2/class; discharged on October 20, 1919, at St. Louis, Missouri. Box 15.¹⁰ "Harry Francis, who is with the Hospital Corps in the navy stationed at Quantico, Va., is visiting his parents this week." *The Holton Recorder*, September 5, 1918.

Francis, Paul.¹ "Paul Francis, who has been stationed at Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas, has received his discharge and spent Thanksgiving with his parents in Holton." *The Holton Recorder*, December 5, 1918.

Franz, Fayette Henry; rank, sergeant major; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on May 29, 1918; served in France in Headquarters Company, 29th Field Artillery; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on February 4, 1919.⁵ Service number 3299771. Box 15, folder 2.¹⁰ "Sergeant Fay Franz, Dan Sheehan, Lewis Hobart and Oliver Chaney were home from camp Funston over Sunday. The sergeant has been transferred from the infantry to the artillery." *The Delia News*, August 3, 1918. "Bucks Grove. Pvt. Faye Franz, who is in training at Camp Funston, called at the home of his brother, Fred, Sunday afternoon." *The Soldier Clipper*, October 9, 1918.

Frazey, Merle E.; rank, private; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on May 16, 1918; served in France in company I, 21st Engineers; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.⁵ Service number 3435074. Box 15.¹⁰ Born July 17, 1895; Died April 26, 1986. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Frazier, Alvin M.; rank, private 1st class; inducted into service at Casper, Wyoming on August 26, 1918; discharged at Fort Sheridan, Illinois on December 16, 1919.⁵ Service number 3491430. Box 15.¹⁰

Fredericey, Jesse M.² Service number 2684526, enlisted or inducted on May 18, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a sergeant in the 58th Transportation Corps, A. E. F.; discharged on August 11, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 15.¹⁰

Frederich, E. E.² Frederick, Elmer M.; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin on July 29, 1918; discharged from the 161st Depot Brigade at Camp Grant, Illinois on December 7, 1918.⁵ "E. M. Frederich, of Camp Grant, Ill., was visiting Holton friends this week. He is on a ten day furlough. Before he went into the service, Mr. Frederich was the manager of the Metropolitan store in Holton. He is at present connected with the headquarters company and has passed his overseas examination." *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918.

Freel, George A. "World War No. 1 Veterans Buried in Soldier Cemetery. George A. Freel." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 29, 1946.

Freel, Harvey W. Service number 2175960, served as a private in Ambulance Company 27, 3rd Division, A. E. F.; died July 30, 1919, at Evacuation Hospital #49, Brohl, Germany. Box 15.¹⁰ "From the Holton Recorder: John H. Freel of the 85th division, has won a medal for bravery at the front. He went out for wounded under heavy fire and brought them back safely. Harvey W. Freel is a sharp-shooter and not long ago captured 50 Huns in a dugout. The Freel boys come from Hoyt and that community should be justly proud of these men. These boys are grandsons of our townsman, John W. Freel, who was a soldier in the war of the sixties, and helped keep the Union together." *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918.

Freel, John H. John Hurst Freel, service number 2848006; enlisted on April 30, 1918, at Marysville, Kansas; served as a private first class. in Company A, 340th Machine Gun Battalion, 89th Division, A. E. F.; discharged on June 8, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 15.¹⁰ "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... John Freel." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. "From the Holton Recorder: John H. Freel of the 85th division, has won a medal for bravery at the front. He went out for wounded under heavy fire and brought them back safely. Harvey W. Freel is a sharp-shooter and not long ago captured 50 Huns in a dugout. The Freel

- boys come from Hoyt and that community should be justly proud of these men. These boys are grandsons of our townsman, John W. Freel, who was a soldier in the war of the sixties, and helped keep the Union together." *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918.
- Freel, William. "William, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Freel was buried in Soldier cemetery last Wednesday. He was serving in the army of occupation, and died July, 1919, of meningitis." *The Holton Recorder*, August 19, 1920. Box 15, folder 2.¹⁰ "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Wm. Freel." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. Born November 11, 1870; Died March 18, 1917. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Freeto, Frank.² May be Frank A. Freeto, service number 2505945; enlisted on December 15, 1917, at Camp Meade, Maryland; served as a sergeant in Company M, 23rd Engineers, National Army; discharged on April 21, 1919 to receive a commission as 2nd Lieutenant, at St. Aegina, Loir et Cher, France; discharged on July 17, 1919, at Camp Grant, Illinois. Box 15, folder 2.¹⁰
- Fricker, John, rank, private 1st class; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on August 20, 1917; served in France in Headquarters Company, 137th Infantry; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on June 18, 1919.⁵ Service number 1446926. Box 15.¹⁰
- Fricker, William. Enlisted March 8, 1918 at Salt Lake City, Utah, served as a gunners mate 3/class in the U. S. Navy; discharged March 8, 1919 at Great Lakes, Illinois.¹¹
- Friend, Harold K.; rank, corporal, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm.⁴ Enrolled on July 12, 1917, at St. Louis, Missouri, discharged on July 11, 1921 at Washington, D. C. Box 15.¹⁰ "Quantico, Va., Sept. 22, 1917. Dear Home Folks: This has been a short week for the Holton boys at Quantico. The weekend liberty which we unusually receive on Saturday and Sunday was postponed until Monday and Tuesday thus giving us four days with scarcely anything to do. "Dad" Bender rounded up his crew of crab fishers and had everything ready for a real invasion of the "crab trenches," and then, as usual, we had one of those Virginia rains. "Dad" says he'll get 'em" yet though. Wednesday was a gala day at Quantico, the occasion being, the presence of Major General Barnett, commandant of the marine corps. Major General Barnett reviewed the entire garrison at 1:30 p.m. and the band, by its excellent performance, gained a very fine compliment from the major in command. We received out winter clothing and equipment a few days ago and judging from the weight I should say there is a very small possibility of our suffering from the cold this winter. The winter field uniforms are made of wool and are dark green in color while the dress uniform is blue. We have not yet received our "blues" thus far but hope soon so we may "dress up" once more. Ray Moore and Harold Gordon have received their saxophones after waiting nearly three months for them. They have been practicing like mad since they received their instruments in order to catch up with the boys who have had their instruments for sometime. "Dutch" Lutz has been having a great deal of trouble with his instrument here of late. Yesterday "Dutch" fell out for parade and couldn't get a sound from his instrument - upon investigation he found a large towel in the bell. No one seemed to know how the towel found its way into the horn? So the boys have accused "Dutch" of being afflicted with somnambulism and swear that he put the towel into his horn while he was asleep. The general opinion among the enlisted men is that we will leave sometime soon for the front. The boys are all anxious to move to "somewhere." There is always a "somewhere" in a soldier's life, he is never satisfied unless he is on the move. H. K. Friend for Bender. *The Holton Recorder*, September 27, 1917. "KANSAS Y1 USNR WORLD WAR I & II" Born December 13, 1896; Died March 3, 1967. Buried in Cummings District Cemetery, Cummings, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Friend, Russell. Russell DeVere Friend, enrolled on February 26, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; as an ensign in the Navy, discharged on February 25, 1922, Rusty Friend, (formerly of Soldier,) cheer leader at the University was examined for the aviations section of the Navy at Kansas City yesterday and was accepted for service. He will be sent to the Massachusetts Institute for Technology for three months training, as a naval cadet aviator. Later he will go to Pensacola, Florida, for six months training in flying. When this training is completed he will receive a commission as an ensign. - Lawrence Gazette." *The Soldier Clipper*, March 6, 1918. "Russell Friend, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Friend of Lawrence, is commanding a company in the aviation camp in Minnesota. He stands third out of one hundred men in rank." *The Soldier Clipper*, July 24, 1918. Box 15.¹⁰ "Russel Friend is having some exciting experiences in his aerial training. Some weeks ago the engine of his machine went wrong, when he was a mile in the air, and he landed in the ocean, but was rescued. Last week his machine fell and he suffered a broken arm." *The Soldier Clipper*, October 9, 1918. Probably Russell D. Friend. Born August 11, 1897; Died May 20, 1928. Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Lawrence, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Fritz, Clarence O.¹
- Fryberger, Percy.¹ "Mackinac Island, Mich. Aug. 13. ... I am on duty as wireless operator in the Naval Radio Station, like the work fine, and am having a good time. ... Am going overseas in October for duty as telegraph operator on land wires or in the trenches." *The Soldier Clipper*, August 21, 1918.
- Fultz, Harvey; rank, private; enlisted on April 7, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of

1917.³ Service number 1446928, discharged on March 23, 1918, on account of a disability. Box 16.¹⁰ Harvey S. Flutz¹¹ Gabbert, Kenneth Eugene. Service number 198808, enlisted or inducted on June 19, 1916, at Emmett, Idaho; served as a corporal in Company A, 2nd Signal Battalion, A. E. F; discharged on August 9, 1919, at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming. 16.¹⁰ “A recent copy of the Kansas City Journal had a picture of Gene Gabbert, with the statement that he was the first Kansan to be decorated with the French War Cross.” *The Soldier Clipper*, June 5, 1918. “A. F. Gabbert was in the Clipper office yesterday. He had a number of interesting souvenirs sent him by his son, Eugene K Gabbert, now in France. There was a scrap of cloth shot from the upholstering of the seat of a German airplane; a part of the speedometer and a name plate from the machinery of the same captured airplane. Most interesting and highly valued was the French Croix de Guerre, ‘Cross of War,’ given to him for brave conduct at the front. He was one of a number who stayed by their signal station work all night while under bombardment from the enemy, thus keeping communication open. There was a little silver star fastened to the red and green ribbon of the cross, which means that he has been officially cited the 2nd time for distinguished service.” *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918. “Letter from Kenneth E. Gabbert. University of Toulouse, France. March 10, 1919. Dear Folks. - Well here I am an European student. ... The life of a regular soldier during peace did not suit me at all so as soon as we were well settled east of the Rhine I got sore on account of the treatment I received with the artillery to which I was attached and came to the Signal Co. I was busted by the Captain but the Major said no. He tried to help me get a discharge so I could go back to school in the U. S. but the divisional commander turned it down saying he had no orders permitting it. I applied for the University at once and got it. Toulouse is in France near Spain. ... As it is I think I will come home soon after the 4-months course here. I have seen to it that I do not go back to the regulars. Too hard to get out of, of course no other Division has the record the First has but that is past. ... With love, Gene.” *The Soldier Clipper*, April 16, 1919. “SERVED CO A 2ND FLO BN SIG CPS 1ST DIV A. E. F. CROIX DE GUERRE” Kenneth Eugene “Gene” Gabbert. Born August 11, 1896; Died July 10, 1930. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Gantz, Ernest F.¹ Service number 896001, enlisted or inducted on June 27, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in the 3rd Company, 2nd Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on January 15, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. 16.^{10, 11} May be Ernest F. Gantz. Born December 5, 1895; Died April 12, 1935. Buried in Ness City Cemetery, Ness City, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Gardiner, Emmett.¹ John Emmett Gardner, served as a 2nd Lieutenant, 2nd Regiment; discharged January 6, 1919 at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky.¹¹ “2nd Lieutenant Emmett Gardiner, who is stationed at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky, has received his commission as first lieutenant.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 31, 1918.

Gaston, Bryon W.² Goston, Bry. W.¹ Service number 542255, enlisted or inducted on November 15, 1917, at Topeka, Kansas; served as a corporal in Company H, 7th Infantry, A. E. F.; discharged on August 28, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. 16.¹⁰

Gay, Clyde.¹ Service number 3299853, enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company E, 20th Infantry, Regular Army; discharged on account of a disability on October 3, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 16.¹⁰ Also¹¹ “Lloyd Smythe, James McCauley and Clyde Gay were home from Camp Funston over Sunday.” *The Holton Recorder*, August 29, 1918. “

Gearhardt, William Henry. Gearheart, Wm. H.¹ Service number 3791546, enlisted or inducted on July 23, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class in Battery D, 30th Field Artillery; discharged on January 26, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 16.¹⁰

George, James Carroll; rank, seaman 2nd class; enlisted at Kansas City, Missouri in the U. S. Navy on January 12, 1918; served on the U. S. S. South Dakota; discharged at Hoboken, New Jersey on January 22, 1919.⁵ Box 16.¹⁰

Gibeson, Glenn M.² Glenn McKitrick Gibeson, service number 5285122; enlisted on October 1, 1918, at Topeka, Kansas; served as private in S. A. T. C., at Washburn College, discharged December 9, 1918, at Topeka, Kansas. Box 16.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ May be Glenn M. Gibeson. Born in 1899; Died in 1937. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Gibson, George W. George Washington Gibson, reported killed in action on September 28, 1918. Box 16.¹⁰ “Sergeant George Gibson, of Arrington, a nephew of D. W. Gibson, was killed in action in the battle of the Argonne Forest. He was a member of Co. B and had been previously reported missing. When Jesse Bradley returned, he brought word that he had seen Sergeant Gibson killed.” *The Holton Recorder*, January 16, 1919. “KANSAS SERGT 137 INF 35 DIV” Died September 28, 1918. Buried in Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Gibson, Roy S.; 2nd lieutenant; served in in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; appointed 1st lieutenant on July 2, 1917; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ “First Lieut. Roy S. Gibson arrived Sunday morning from Winfield and went into camp with Company B. He was ordered attached to our company by Col. Hoisington. He is a splendid officer and a fine young man and no doubt will prove himself to be popular with the men here. Of course he had nothing to do with his assignment to this company. He simply obeyed orders of the Colonel. Holton businessmen last week made an effort to induce Colonel Hoisington to change his order and appoint a first lieutenant from the ranks of the company. ... But the colonel had other plans and refused to alter

them." *The Holton Recorder*, August 9, 1917.

Gilbert, Charles. Served in the 40th Machine Gun Battery, 89th Division. Monument inscription, Holton Cemetery.

Gilbert, Doyle K. "KANSAS LCDR (DC) USNR WORLD WAR I & II" Dr. Doyle K. Gilbert. Born January 30, 1899; Died January 31, 1961. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Gideon, Wm. F.¹ Service number 3312381, inducted on June 28, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private, (Medical) in the 313th Ammunition Train, A. E. F., sailed from the U. S. on August 17, 1918, arrived back in the U. S. on June 2, 1919; discharged June 6, 1919, at Mitchell Field, New Jersey. Box 16.¹⁰ "John McCoy, Leslie Murren [failed physical] and Frank Gideon will leave Friday for training at Camp Funston. They are to take their departure from Holton." *The Delia News*, March 29, 1918. "PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" William Franklin Gideon. Born January 14, 1888; Died April 3, 1966. Buried in St. Clere Cemetery, Emmett, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Gildehouse, Earl A.¹ "Lawn Ridge. Earl Gildehouse writes from France that each squadron and company are adopting a child, that it takes about 500 francs to keep one a year. That is about \$100.00." *The Whiting Journal*, December 6, 1918. "November 24, 1918. Isoudin, France. Dear Dad: ... I am in a aerodrome near Issoudin, France ... You wanted to know what trade I meant when I said my old trade. I meant I was working on aeroplanes motors. They are just a little different than auto motors so I don't have much trouble with them. ... Your Loving Son, Private Earl A. Gildehous. 149 Aero. Squadron. American E. F. France." *The Whiting Journal*, December 27, 1918.

Gilgannon, Patrick.² Patrick Joseph Gillgannon, enlisted or inducted on October 4, 1918, at St. Marys, Kansas; served as a private [the ink is too faded to read, but because St. Marys College was located there that he was a member of the A. S. T. C.; discharged on December 20, 1918, at St. Marys, Kansas. Box 17.¹⁰

Gilgannon, Timothy B.¹ Timothy Bernard Gillgannon, inducted on July 23, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in Battery D, 28th Field Artillery; discharged on February 5, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 17.¹⁰ "Corp. Tim Gillgannon who has been a gas instructor in the Tenth Division at Camp Funston has been transferred to the K. S. A. C. at Manhattan for a special course in auto mechanics." *The Delia News*, January 31, 1919.

Gilgannon, Vincent. Vincent Cornelius Gillgannon, service number 1608184; enlisted or inducted on July 15, 1918; served as a seaman in the Navy, discharged at San Francisco, California. Box 17.¹⁰ "Vincent Gilgannon who returned home recently is spending this week in Kansas City. At the time of his discharge he was stationed in the Naval Officers Training School at San Francisco, and would have been commissioned in a short time had the course been continued." *The Delia News*, January 31, 1919. Probably Vincent C. Gilgannon. Born February 7, 1890; Died September 30, 1975. Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Saint Marys, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Gilliland, Richard S.¹ "Below we give the names of the boys of this community who are called to the colors. ... Richard S. Gilliland." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 22, 1918. "KANSAS PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born December 2, 1894; Died April 17, 1972. Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Pomona, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Glendening, George; a member of Headquarters Company, 137th Infantry, 35th Division; served in France, mustered out of federal service at Fort Riley on May 10, 1919.³ George McG ____ Glendening, service number 4543109; enlisted or inducted on March 6, 1918, at Manhattan, Kansas; served as a private in the S. A. T. C., Kansas Agricultural College; discharged on December 10, 1918, at Manhattan, Kansas. Box 17.¹⁰

Glendening, Perry W.; rank, private; enlisted on May 14, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of 1917.³ Service number 1446929, enlisted on May 28, 1917, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the Supply Company, 137th Infantry, A. E. F.; discharged on May 9, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 17.¹⁰

Glenn, Carl G.² Carl Gilbert Glenn, service number 3451764; enlisted or inducted on July 15, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the Flying School Detachment, Kelly Field, Texas; discharged on June 28, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 17.¹⁰ Born January 13, 1894; Died February 11, 1983. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Glenn, Edgar Wilson; rank, corporal; enlisted or inducted on July 6, 1918 at Kansas City, Kansas; served in F. A. R. T. unassigned; discharged on December 2, 1919 at Camp Zackary Taylor, Kentucky.⁵ Service number 3316814. Box 17.¹⁰

Glover, Otis B.¹ Service number 3299842, enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class in F. R. Squadron #321, A. E. F., left the U. S. on September 8, 1918, returned on July 5, 1919; discharged on July 14, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 17.¹⁰ "Otis Glover has arrived safely overseas." *The Holton Recorder*, October 10, 1918. "He served in the Army from May 29, 1918 to July 14, 1919." Born August 3, 1894; Died August 11, 1972. Buried in Sunrise Cemetery, Manhattan, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Godsey, Milo Jesse.² Born in 1892; Died September 18, 1938. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Goheen, Duane.¹ Service number 633228, enlisted or inducted on May 3, 1917, at Topeka, Kansas; served as a corporal in Battery B, 60th C. A. C., A. E. F.; discharged on May 12, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 17.¹⁰ "A letter was received from Corp. Dewey D. Goheen, somewhere in France, stating that he was getting along fine and was perfectly satisfied. It also stated that there was a prize given to the one who offered the best name for their heavy guns, and that he was lucky enough to win the prize. The name he gave for his gun being "Fritz's Nightmare." Another name

that was given was "Death Nell," another, "Old Dutch Cleanser." He said the days were still hot, but the nights cool over there." *The Holton Recorder*, September 26, 1918. November 11, 1918. "Dear Folks: Well, I will write you a few lines to let you know I am still going. I just ate eleven flapjacks for breakfast, so you see I am not starving. We are stationed in a town now and are having it pretty easy. The peace idea looks pretty good now, tho I have not seen a paper for three days, we do not know how it is coming. There are lots of French refugees coming into this town now, who were held by the Germans, but freed by this last big drive. They looked like they had a hard time of it and were sure glad to get back in allied hands. The band from Holton is stationed in this town and I met several fellows that I knew, but Alba Saunders is not back with them yet, but they expect him back soon. I met one of the Coleman boys from Denison, also Harry Artman of Denison. I also saw Crawford and Bender from Holton and they seemed to be getting along alright. I do not think this can last more than three or four months more, even if this present peace talk does not go thru. Well, I will close, As ever your son, Dewey D. Goheen, Bat. C, 60th Art., C. A. C., A. E. F." *The Mayetta Herald*, December 18, 1918. Nov. 24, 1918. "Dear Dad: Well, I suppose you will be eating turkey tomorrow if there is such a thing in the States now and I suppose Mother is fixing up for Thanksgiving dinner. I would like to be there and eat Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner at home, but there is no chance of it this year, but I'll be there Johnny-on-the-spot next year. Now that the armistice is signed I guess the chances are rather good for us all getting back to the old U. S. A. but when G. Q. cans (nickname for the big shells) were dropping around us I was not so sure that any of the battery were going back. They shelled us with 16-inch shells in one of our positions and one barely missed one of our guns and failed explode, but the hole one made that did explode was 40 feet across and 23 feet deep. So you see they dig a regular dugout. Only nine of them came over that morning only three near us. They shelled us lots of times with smaller caliber guns, but this battery has been the luckiest of any battery I have heard of, only a very few casualties and I believe we have caused a few on the other side that outnumbered ours. I think the most disagreeable part of our work is over, for when we would have to go in position at night with it raining pitchforks, as it was most of the time before the firing stopped, and so dark that you couldn't see your hand before you, not being allowed to have a light of any kind, it was not fun; or like it was the night we came to the front our very first time. We rode all night in the rain on tops of trucks and when we crawled off the next morning we could hardly move, being so stiff and cold, but none got sick over it and most everybody wore the same clothes till they dried. But when a few fine days came all either forgot their experiences or laughs at them. We were out of luck on sleep when we first hit the front, but are getting plenty of it now. The only fellow I met that I know over here are the fellows in the Holton band and I was sure glad to see them. Have no idea when we will get home probably next spring, unless the armistice is a failure which is not probable. This will make two Christmas's away from home. I will sure be there for the next one. Would like to get some pictures of our guns and tractors but I guess there is no chance of it. Since firing has stopped the weather has been fine and has not rained once, which goes to show that explosions in the air caused so much rain over here. That would be a good plan to try when its dry in Kansas, only it would be too expensive. Well, I suppose you will get this about Xmas and this will be my Xmas present this year. As ever, your son, Corporal Dewey D. Goheen, Bat. C 60th At. C. A. C., A. E. F." *The Mayetta Herald*, December 25, 1918. "Duane Goheen returned home Tuesday, looking fine and dandy, having received a honorable discharge from the army. All are glad to see Duane back again. He was one of the first from here to enlist in the service. He saw much active service in France, and at the close of the war, was in command of artillery, after his commander had been put out of action." *The Mayetta Herald*, May 14, 1919. Born in 1898; Died in 1978. Buried in Rosehill Cemetery, Beechwood, Michigan. www.findagrave.com.

Goheen, Earl.¹ Earl A. Goheen, enlisted on December 28, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a seaman 2/class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on June 30, 1919, at St. Louis, Missouri. Box 17.¹⁰ "Great Lakes, Ill. April 10, 1918. Dear Sister: ... I like everything here ok. We received our uniforms and outfits the first of the week and they sure change the appearance of person. I hardly know the fellows in my barracks anymore. ... Earl Goheen. *The Whiting Journal*, April 19, 1918. "He was a Navy veteran of World War I." Earl Albert Goheen, Sr. Born on February 8, 1898; Died February 4 1983. Buried at Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Goodman, Paul.¹ "KANSAS CPL BTRY A 5 FIELD ARTY WORLD WAR I SS" Paul Erwin Goodman. Born March 30, 1895; Died November 12, 1959. Buried in Ontario Cemetery, Ontario, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Gooderel, Justin C.¹ Godrell, Justin C.²

Gordon, Harold Francis; rank, private, musician; enlisted in the U. S. Marines on July 12, 1917 at St. Louis, Missouri; served in the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France and was gassed on June 15, 1918; awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm; discharged on July 11, 1921 at Washington, D. C.⁴ Served in France from October 16, 1917, to May 7, 1919; discharged on July 11, 1921. Box 17.¹⁰ "Royat, France, Base Hospital 30. June 30, 1918. Dear Father: Well here it is Sunday morning. I have been here now for 14 days. It is the best days I have had since I came over. I thought at first I was going to Bordeaux to the hospital there. I would have liked to, for the reason I thought I might see some of the fellows from home, as they come in. Then I know that town, as we stayed there for two months. But this place is a lot better. It is near a good sized town (Clermont de Fenand.) (Note: this place is 200 miles south of Paris.) But I have no money, so I might as well be in a desert, only it doesn't cost anything to sit and watch the people go by. Then there is park that we can get in. I go up there and watch them play tennis. I would like to be able to play some myself. Old and young play over here. The stores have some good looking windows. One thing I

notice is that they don't put a lot of things in like we do; they don't have as big of windows as ours, but I believe they look better and show off more than ours. Don't see so many stores that just sell one thing; they seem to carry everything. I have not been to Clermont to look it over, but at Bandeaux there were some large stores. Believe me everything was in its place and not any dirt to be found. One store was finished on the inside so it looked like marble. It was five stories with an open center. The stairs were all decorated with flags. That is where I got the things that I sent home. I see in the paper where our division is going to be in Paris the Fourth. I have been though there twice on train and came within two miles of it when we went to the front in trucks. I meet some people here that were from Paris. They could talk English so I could talk to them. They had been over to the states once. There are quite a number of French people around here that can talk English. There are a lot of people come here on Sunday. They walk up to Peter's Dome, which is the big hill. I guess they can see for miles and miles from the top. Then there is a pretty park they can go to. It is not like ours, for there is nothing in it but trees and flowers and a tennis court. I think I will go up there this afternoon and look the bunch over. This place has lots of souvenir stores and if I ever get paid I am going to get a bunch of stuff and send it home. I see were you folks pay duty on things sent from over here. Did you pay anything on my blanket? I am going to try to send a walking stick home. One of the fellows made it and gave it to me. It has some of the towns marked on it. Last night the Y. M. C. A. had a program for us. Singing and tricks. The singing was good and the old fellow could sure do tricks. So long until the next time. Your son, Pvt. Harold F. Gordon." *The Holton Recorder*, August 8, 1918. Born in 1897; Died January 26, 1948. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas." www.findagrave.com. Born In 1897; Died January 26, 1948. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Gore, James Henry; rank, private; enlisted or inducted on September 5, 1918 at Holton, Kansas; served in Company K, 69th Infantry, 10th Division; discharged on January 19, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.⁵ Service number 4920894. Box 17.¹⁰ "PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born May 10, 1897; Died July 10, 1992. Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Atchison, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Gosselin, Albert. Gasselin, Albert.¹ Enlisted on December 13, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a fireman 2/class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on October 4, 1919, at St. Louis, Missouri. Box 17.¹⁰

Graham, Eugene.² Eugene Broderick Graham, service number 5328892; enlisted or inducted on October 1, 1918, at Lawrence, Kansas; a private in the F. A. R. T. [yes, this is the initials used], unassigned; discharged at Camp Zack Taylor, Kentucky. Box 17.¹⁰ "He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War I." Born May 1, 1899; Died March 17, 1992. Buried in the Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Graham, Leo A.¹ Service number 3791821, inducted on July 23, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in Company H, 70th Infantry; discharged on February 5, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 17.¹⁰ "We are pleased to print, this week, the names of all the Delia boys now in the service. Those who left at different times before June 28th were: ... In July the following were called: ... Lee Graham" *The Delia News*, September 27, 1918.

Gray, Warren F.² Service number 3435088, inducted on May 16, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company H, 21st Engineers; discharged on June 21, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 17.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born August 6, 1892; Died November 16, 1970. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Gray, William E.; rank, private; enlisted on May 2, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.^{1,3} Service number 1446848, enlisted on May 2, 1917, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in Company B, 137th Infantry; discharged on May 10, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 17.¹⁰ "William Edgar Gray was born October 22, 1895, at Dawson, Nebr. ... He passed away January 19, 1923, at Kirksville, Mo., where he had gone in the hope of finding help to regain his health. At the time of his death he was 27 years, 3 months and 28 days of age. ... When the call to the colors came in 1917, he volunteered his services and was one of the first to answer his county's call. He joined Company B 2nd Kansas Infantry, National Guards, and became corporal in the non-commissioned ranks. He was honorably discharged April 14, 1919, with this official remark" "service, honest and faithful." Some of the engagements in which he took part "over there": St Mihiel, Argonne, Westerling sector. He came thorough these without a wound only to perish after coming home, a victim of gas poison from meat used while in the service." *The Holton Recorder*, January 25, 1923. Box 17, folder 3.¹⁰ Born October 22, 1895; Died January 19, 1923. Buried in Muscotah Cemetery, Muscotah, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Green, Charles F.¹ Charles Francis Green, served as a 1st Lieutenant in the Air service (Aeronautics); discharged February 21, 1919, at Garden City, Long Island New York.¹¹ "K. C. Green has another cablegram from his son, Chas., which says 'all right at the front in France.'" *The Soldier Clipper*, June 19, 1918. "Charles Green of the aviation department is with the engineer division of that branch. He is looking up the locations of other Jackson county people in France, with a view of making a visit to them in his airplane." *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918. "Lieutenant Charles Green of aviation service has returned from overseas and is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Green in Holton. Lieutenant Green completed a year and four months service in France., lacking just two months of getting his third service chevron. He did not see service at the front much to his disappointment but was kept as an instructor and in the arduous job of testing machines." *The Holton Recorder*, March 6, 1919.

Green, Clarence A.; rank, private 1st class; enlisted at Nevada City, California on July 23, 1918; served in the Medical Department; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on August 22, 1919.⁵ Box 17, folder 1.¹⁰ Service number 3791466. Box 17.¹⁰

Green, John Hopkins. John Hopkins Green, enlisted on June 12, 1918, at Paris Island, South Carolina; served as a private in the Marine Corps, in Cuba from July 15, 1918, to September 17, 1918, in France from October 25, 1918, to July 29, 1919, A. E. F.; discharged on August 11, 1919, at Hampton Roads Virginia. Box 17, folder 1.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT US MARINE CORPS WORLD WAR I" Born October 10, 1898; Died September 19, 1961. Buried in Netawaka Cemetery, Netawaka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Green, William H. William Henry Green, service number 4506168; inducted on September 4, 1918, at Washington, Kansas; served as a private in the 30th Machine Gun Battalion, unassigned, attached to the 41st Infantry; discharged on February 11, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 17, folder 2.¹⁰ "US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born in 1897; Died in 1978. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Gregg, Earl. "Earl Gregg of Stockdale, Kan., died of wounds, received in action. His name was on Saturday's casualty list. Earl was a student of the Holton high school a few years ago and will be remembered by many people. His father worked for Frank Sacher during the family's residence here." *The Holton Signal*, November 14, 1918. "To Byron B. Gregg, Stockdale, Ks. Deeply regret to inform you that it's officially reported that Corporal Carl S. Gregg Infantry died October 2nd from wounds received in action." Box 17, folder 1.¹⁰ "Corp Co. I ___ Inf. 35 Div. MAR. 20, 1896 OCT. 2, 1918 Killed in Action, Argonne, France" Buried in Carnahan Creek Cemetery, Pottawatomie, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Griffiee, Arley; rank, private 1st class; enlisted at Lincoln, Nebraska on June 12, 1916; served in France, last assigned to Headquarters Field Hospital 166-117, San Francisco; discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa on May 12, 1919.⁵ Orley Griffiee, Box 18, folder 1.¹⁰

Grinnell, Carl. "Lloyd Waters and Carl Grinnell of Mayetta will leave for Camp Travis, Texas, October 21." *The Holton Recorder*, October 17, 1918. Born February 11, 1899; Died April 20, 1987. Buried in Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City, Nevada. www.findagrave.com.

Grinnell, Earl.² Enlisted on June 5, 1918 at Paris Island, South Carolina, served as a private in the Marine Corps; discharged on August 20, 1919, at the Marine Barracks, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Box 18, folder 1.¹⁰ "Three more of our boys - Charles Cooney, Earl Grinnell and John Cooney, left here Thursday evening for army camps. They, too, were given a rousing sendoff by citizen and country people. *The Mayetta Herald*, June 5, 1918. Born October 4, 1896 Death: Died December 30, 1971. Buried in Riverview Cemetery, Arkansas City, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Grubbs, Clarence O.; rank, 1st sergeant of Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France, killed in action on September 28, 1918 in the Battle of the Argonne.³ Frank Oliver Grubbs, Holton, Kans. Lieut. Clarence Oliver Grubbs infantry previously reported missing in action since October fifteenth now reported killed in action October fifteenth" Box 18.¹⁰ Clarence Oliver Grubbs, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Grubbs, of Holton, Kansas, was born March 16, 1893, near Horton, Kansas. He made the supreme sacrifice, October 15, 1918, at the age of 25 years and 7 months. ... His military life dates back to the organization of Company B, Holton National Guard. He was one of Company B on the Mexican border. His clerical ability was recognized and made use of all during his service. ... In August, 1917, he was again in camp with Company B, spending the winter in training at Camp Doniphan, going overseas in April, 1918. On August 1, 1918, he was sent to the officers' training school at Langres, France, and commissioned 2nd lieutenant in the 307th Infantry, 77th Division. At that time he wrote home saying that he was there for a purpose and must do his best, which proved to be his all. A night attack and capture of Grand Pre while placing a platoon on the border of the town, his earthy career was finished ... At the cemetery the remains were laid to rest, with military honors. *The Holton Recorder*, September 22, 1921. Box 18.¹⁰ Born March 6, 1893; Died October 15, 1918. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Grundeman, Wm. O.¹ Service number 2190847, inducted on April 25, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company B, 353rd Infantry, A. E. F.; discharged on April 18, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 18.¹⁰ "A letter from France Aug. 30, 1918. Dear Parents: ... There is a nice bath house here which was put up by the Red Cross, and it is very nice. When we came back from the front, we went down there and took a good bath and had our clothing cleaned. ... Pvt. Wm. O. Grundeman, co B, 353rd Inf., Am. E. F." *The Holton Recorder*, October 3, 1918. Probably William Otto Grundeman. Born August 31, 1894; Died February. 4, 1980. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Guffey, John W.² John Walter Guffey, service number 4920900; enlisted or inducted on September 5, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the 4th Company, 2nd Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 10, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 18.¹⁰ "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... John Guffey." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. May be John W. Guffey. "PFC US ARMY WWI" Born September 25, 1896; Died April 20, 1978. Buried in Pond Creek Cemetery, Pond Creek, Oklahoma. www.findagrave.com.

Gunn, Clarence.¹ Clarence J. Gunn, enlisted on January 13, 1915, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a chief yeoman in

the U. S. Navy; discharged on August 7, 1918, at Crisfield, Rhode Island. Box 18.¹⁰ “MISSOURI CY US NAVY WORLD WAR I & II” Born October 15, 1897; Died June 2, 1973. Buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park (Hollywood Hills), Los Angeles, California. www.findagrave.com.

Gunselman, A. V.² Abram V. Gunselman, service number 2699890; enlisted or inducted on July 24, 1918, at Hiawatha, Kansas; served as a corporal in the 304th Motor Unit, A. E. F.; discharged on April 10, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 18.¹⁰ “KANSAS CPL 1 CO 164 DEPOT BRIGADE WORLD WAR I” Born February 28, 1887; Died February 23, 1962. Buried in Floral Hills Cemetery and Funeral Home, Lynnwood, Washington. www.findagrave.com.

Gunselman, Roy J.² Service number 505024, enlisted on April 17, 1918, at Denver, Colorado; served as a private in Battery B, 324th Field Artillery, 32nd Division; discharged on June 4, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 18.¹⁰

Gunselman, W. W.² Enlisted on April 13, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a Yeoman 1/class in the U. S. Navy; discharged at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Box 18.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ “He was a member of the American Legion and served in the Navy during World War I.” William Wallace Gunselman. Born in 1893; Died May 12, 1957. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Gurtler, Edd Roy. Gurtler, Ed.¹ Edd Roy Gurtler, service number 162-37-01; enrolled on May 8, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a seaman 2nd class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on November 10, 1920, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 18.¹⁰ Born November 14, 1889; Died in April of 1965. Buried in Onaga Cemetery, Onaga, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hackbush, Fred W.²

Haist, George.¹ George E. Haist, service number 1461642; enlisted or indicated on March 24, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a corporal in Company I, 3rd Regiment, Missouri National Guard, A. E. F., France; left the U. S. on April 24, 1918, returned to the U. S. on January 22, 1919, wounded in left thigh and left shoulder; discharged on February 13, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 18.¹⁰ “George and Sterling Haist are in a hospital in France recovering from wounds received in the battle of the Argonne Forest.” *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918. May be George E. Haist. “MISSOURI CPL 140 INF 35 DIV” Born July 17, 1898; Died May 22, 1946. Buried in Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Haist, Henry.¹ “Mrs. Barbara Haist has received word of the safe arrival overseas of her son Henry.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 17, 1918. Henry C. Haist. Born February 26, 1888; Died May 9, 1953. Buried in Mount Moriah Cemetery, Kansas City, Missouri. www.findagrave.com.

Haist, Sterling.¹ Sterling H. Haist, service number 1461658; enlisted on October 3, 1917, at Topeka, Kansas; served as a private first class in Company I, 140th Infantry, A. E. F., wounded on September 30, 1918; discharged on February 22, 1919. Box 18.¹⁰ “George and Sterling Haist are in a hospital in France recovering from wounds received in the battle of the Argonne Forest.” *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918. Probably Sterling Harold Haist. Born February 2, 1900; Died May 11, 1963. Buried in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, California. www.findagrave.com.

Hale, Jack Cody. Jack Cody Hale.⁶ “KANSAS PFC US ARMY WORLD WAR I” Born May 15, 1895; Died September 26, 1968; Buried in Shipshee Cemetery, Potawatomi Reservation, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hale, John. “Flerigen, Germany, Feb. 1, 1919. Dear Friend Reist: I remember I promised to write you, before I left the states, while I was talking to you in your garage. We are getting along just fine and dandy. All the Mayetta boys are in good health, that are with us in Germany. I was talking to Johnnie Hale last night and he said John Wabnum certainly did get fat. While I was standing there he attracted my attention by his size. Why, you would hardly recognize those boys. Surely the climate must agree with them.” *The Mayetta Herald*, March 6, 1919.

Hale, Joseph Wesley.⁶

Hall, Delman Reuben. Hall, Dolman R.² Service number 170-22-58, enrolled on July 25, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a fireman 3/class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on September 30, 1921, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 18.¹⁰ “The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Delman Hall.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. “KANSAS FIREMAN 3 CL. U. S. N. R. F.” Delman Reuben Hall. Born November 25, 1896; Died June 14, 1946. Buried in Hoyt Cemetery, Hoyt, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hall, George F.; rank, private; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on May 31, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France in the 117th Ammunition Train; discharged on May 15, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.³ Service number 207225. Box 18, folder 2.¹⁰ “The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... George Hall.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. “Below we give an excerpt of a letter from George Hall, who is somewhere in France. He is the son of Commissioner F. W. Hall. It was written January 31. ... Dear Uncle: I thought I would drop a few lines to let you know that old Fritzie hasn’t got me yet. ... The boys in Hoyt can’t imagine what they are missing by not enlisting and coming over here as soon as possible to help Uncle Sam for the big drive this spring. Tell them to hurry or they will lose out altogether because we will have Kaiser Bill’s scalp and back home before they get started.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, March 14, 1918.

Halloran, Herbert V.; rank, private; enlisted on April 29, 1918 at Holton, Kansas; served in Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division; served in France where he was wounded in the right shoulder and arm, and his left knee on September 12, 1918; discharged on December 24, 1919 at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.⁵ Service number 21900850. Box 18, folder 2.¹⁰ “Somewhere in France. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gish. Dear brother and sister: Just a few lines. This leaves me fine at present and I hope you are the same. How is everybody back there? Tell them to write because when the shells are bursting up over you and on all sides there is something on your mind except writing. ... Your Loving brother, Hurbert Halloran, Co. B, 353 Inf., A. E. F.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 3, 1918. “The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Hubert Halloran.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. “Mrs. Chas. Gish received a telegram from Fort Riley, telling her that Hurbert Halloran, her brother, had undergone another operation. This is the 2nd one since Hurbert has been at Fort Riley. The first one was in his shoulder, and two pieces of dead bone were taken out at that time.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, May 22, 1919. “KANSAS PFC CO B 353 INF 89 DIVISION WORLD WAR I PH” Born December 2, 1895; Died March 9, 1965. Buried in Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. findgrave.com

Hamlin, William M.; rank, corporal; enlisted or inducted at Omaha, Nebraska on July 19, 1917; served in France, last assigned to Company E, 405th Tel. Bn.; discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa on June 23, 1919.⁵ Service number 2212102. Box 18, folder 2.¹⁰ “he volunteered in the service of our country, in the 405 Telephone Battalion, July, 1917. He was in training at American Lake, Washington. He was unable to leave for overseas with his company, being detained at the hospital, but joined them later at Toule sector on St. Mihiel front. He was in the St. Mihiel drive and Meuse river. He was overseas twelve months, returning with his company.” Born January 12, 1888; Died June 19, 1922. Buried in Corning Cemetery, Corning, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Ham, Edmond. Edmond M. Ham, served in Company B, Tank Corps, 339th Battalion; died December 5, 1918. Box 18, folder 3.¹⁰ “Edmond Ham, a son of Judge M. G. Ham of Hiawatha, who is a cousin of Rev. R. P. Ham of this city, died in a hospital in Baltimore, December 5th. The deceased soldier was 34 years old and had enlisted in the tank service some months ago. He died of pneumonia.” *The Holton Recorder*, December 12, 1918.

Hamm, R. M.¹ Robert M. Hamm, service number 491851; enlisted or inducted on May 14, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a sergeant in Battery F, 69th Field Artillery; discharged on December 20, 1918, at Camp Knox, Stithton, Kentucky. Box 18, folder 3.¹⁰ “Letters from Robert Shelby who is in U. S. Cavalry 313 Troop L stationed at Del Rio, Tex. tells many interesting things of his experiences since his induction into the army. ... Jackson county boys of whom he speaks are Devere Dove, Jinks Carter, Cecil Starr and Robt Hamm. The latter being the Sergeant under whom Robt Shelby works.” *The Soldier Clipper*, June 19, 1918. ARIZONA SGT US ARMY WORLD WAR I” Born September 3, 1891; Died May 5, 1967. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. findgrave.com

Hang, Joe E.²

Hansbearry, Earnest. Earnest C. Hansbearry, Service number 791438; enlisted on October 2, 1916, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; served as a sergeant in Company G, 20th Infantry; discharged on May 3, 1920, at Camp Lee, Virginia. Box 19, folder 3.¹⁰ “The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Earnest Hansbearry.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.

Hanson, George; rank, cook; enlisted or inducted at Holton, Kansas on April 29, 1918; served in France in Company B, 351st Infantry; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on June 8, 1919.⁵ Service number 3299794. Box 19, folder 3.¹⁰

Hanson, Harvey; rank, private; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on May 29, 1918; served in France in the 314 Mobile Machine Shop; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on June 5, 1919.⁵ Service number 2190867. Box 19, folder 2.¹⁰

Hards, Ernest W.² Earnest Worden Hards, enlisted on July 17, 1918, at the Marine Barracks, Paris Island, South Carolina; discharged on February 12, 1919, at the Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia. Box 19, folder 4.¹⁰

Harper, Sharman U. “KANSAS PVT CO O 21 ENGINEERS, WORLD WAR I” Born April 17, 1888; Died July 14, 1964. Buried in Topeka Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. findgrave.com.

Harris, John T.; rank, private; enlisted on May 5, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 1447648. Box 19, folder 5.¹⁰

Harris, Lester Clinton. Service number 2112576, enlisted on June 5, 1917, at Westmoreland, Kansas; served as a private in the 1st Dev. Company, 1st Dev. Battalion, 165 Depot Brigade; discharged on October 30, 1918, at Camp Travis, Texas. Box 19, folder 8.¹⁰ “During the years 1917 and 1918 he served in Camp Funston, Fort Bliss, and Camp Travis from which he was discharged.” Born January 14, 1896; Died January 7, 1963. Obituary Book 4 Dec. 1950 -- July 1, 1966, Jackson County Historical Society, Holton Kansas. Buried in Havensville Cemetery, Havensville, Kansas. findgrave.com.

Harrison, Charles; rank, musician 1st class; enlisted or inducted into service at Fort Wayne, Michigan on June 15, 1917; served in France, in Headquarters Company, 125th Infantry, 22nd Division; discharged at Camp Custer, Michigan on May 21, 1919.⁵ May be Charles Harrison, Sr. Born November 26, 1892; Died May 15, 1975. Buried in Danceground Cemetery, Potawatomie Reservation, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Harrison, Ralph A.² May be Ralph Alexander Harrison. Born December 17, 1900; Died December 13, 1930. Buried in

Circleville Cemetery, Circleville, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hart, Donald T.³ Donald F. Hart, service number 3472405; enlisted on August 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served in the Medical Department, Camp MacArthur, Texas; discharged on September 5, 1923, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 19, folder 4.¹⁰

Hart, Joseph C.; rank, private; enlisted on June 2, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Fort Riley, Kansas on May 10, 1919.³ Box 19, folder 6.¹⁰ “Somewhere in France, Oct. 18, '18. To Mr. and Mrs. L. Beartch. ... Your boy, Carl, is safe and sound at this writing. Both of us went thru the battle safely. Carl fought bravely, words can not express his bravery. ... Joseph C. Hart.” *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918. “There was a large crowd at the station to greet and welcome our own heroes - Claude and I. C. Myers and Joe Hart. These boys seen real service and came back home uninjured and looking fine. They are all delighted to be back home.” *The Mayetta Herald*, May 14, 1919. “OREGON CPL CO B 137 INFANTRY WORLD WAR I” Born October 18, 1890; Died September 13, 1951. Buried in Olney Cemetery, Pendleton, Oregon. www.findagrave.com.

Hartman, Elmer J.; rank, private; enlisted on May 26, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France, wounded on September 28, 1918 in the Battle of the Argonne, injured by mustard gas at Verdun on November 1, 1918; mustered out of Federal service at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Elmer G. Hartman, service number 1447553. Box 19, folder 5.¹⁰ “November 12, 1918. Dear Folks: I got a couple of sheets of paper again today, so I'll drop you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. I suppose you got my letter saying I was back in the hospital again. I am still there, but feeling good, and will soon be ready to go back to the company. Well, I suppose you are celebrating back there about this time, aren't you? Believe me, you don't feel any more like celebrating than we do over here. I guess its all over, but the shouting, and before long the boys will be starting for home. You better start saving eats now, so you will have plenty when I get there, for that's all I'm going to do for a while, is to eat. Kaiser Willie sure flew the coop, didn't he? And Old Von right after him. I guess it's good-night with them after this. It looks like Earl got here just in time to go back, don't it? He is sure lucky that he didn't have to put in as much time in the front as I did. I can tell you some pretty wild tales about Verdun and the Argonne Forest, when I get back. I don't know whether you will believe them or not. They may sound fishy. The weather has been pretty damp here for the last week, but it's not so very cold yet. Expect it is about the same as back there. Yesterday an airplane flew back from the front and lit right by the hospital. Came to tell us Germany had signed the armistice. That was the best news I'd heard for along time. I'm getting tired of writing so guess I'll stop for today. Hope this finds you all well. Hello to all the folks. Goodbye, MECH. ELMER G. HARTMAN.” *The Holton Recorder*, December 19, 1918. “November 24, 1918. Dear Father: Well, this is the day that the A. E. F. are all supposed to write to their fathers, so I guess I'd better get busy and write you a few lines. I am still in the hospital. Am in Class B, and that means I've got to rest a while yet before I am ready for duty again. I was gassed at Verdun on November 1st. Got a pretty good mouthful of mustard gas. It's kind of a bad thing to get. I couldn't talk for about two weeks, but can talk pretty good now, only I'm still hoarse. Will be alright again in a few days. I'm living in great hopes of eating Christmas dinner at home. Of course its hard to tell when I'll get there, but about 800 class B men left here for the states this morning, so a fellow lives in hopes, anyway. Well, this letter will not be censored, so they tell us, so I'll tell you a few places we've been. We landed in Liverpool, England on May 7th, and rode across England in passenger cars to Southampton; from there we went across the channel to la Havre, France. We were in training with the English on the Somme front for about six weeks and then they loaded us onto box cars and shipped us down to Alsace. We went into the trenches for the first time on June 29th, and we were on German soil, too. Were about 20 miles from the border of Switzerland in the Vosges Mountains. I expect Knox and Dale told all about that; but they didn't stay long enough to get into the real fight with us. We were in the reserve division at St. Mihiel, but they didn't need us, so we got away pretty easy there. But from there we went to Verdun and stayed back of the lines for about four days, then one evening the major made a talk and told us the 137th had the position of honor. They were to be the first to go over the top in the big drive. We left there about 7:00 o'clock in the evening and hiked until about 1 a. m. then we all went into big dugouts and our barrage started. Believe me, it was some noisy from then until morning. In the morning at 5:30 we got the order over the top, and we sure went. We went all day September 26th, but could not go fast enough to get the Fritzs. They could outrun us. By the way, Co. B got a fine bunch of prisoners that day, about 250 of them, and I was right on the job helping chase them out of dugouts. After the first day we got into the edge of the Argonne Forrest and then it was _____. I don't care how much you read, you haven't got the least idea of what it really is to face hundreds of machine guns and big guns. I was knocked down three times in about an hour with big shells, but they didn't hurt me, until finally on the third day a big one lit so close to Zeke Barnes and I it knocked us both out and they sent me back to the hospital. We didn't either get a scratch, but it shook us up so much we were both sick as dogs. When I got out of the hospital and joined the company again, they were holding the line to the right of Verdun. The Fritzs throw gas on us for a whole night and the next day about 60 went to the hospital gassed. I'm glad of one thing, that I was with them when relieved and left only eight days before the armistice was signed. So all that are left there

are alright. You wouldn't know Company B, though. I have been through Paris twice, but never had the chance to see much of it. I did get to see the Eiffel tower and its quite a little post. If you can find a map of France, find Mitzesal or Munster on it and you will see the first two places we were in the trenches. The hospital is not in a big city; it is close to Navaro, though, and about 150 miles south of Paris. I don't know where the company is now. Expect I've got a big bunch of mail there, but don't know when I'll get it, for a fellow don't stay long in one place around here. Curt wanted a bottle water from the Rhine, but I guess I am not going to get. It. I could have gotten plenty from the Somme or the Meuse, though. I see by the papers where Germany has surrendered her fleet. I'm sure glad it's all over, for I never want to see what I saw in the Argonne again. Old Company B went over the top several times there, and when they started forward they never backed up, just kept right on going. That's the way all the boys in that drive did, and that's what got the Hun's goat." *The Holton Recorder*, December 26, 1918. "In April of 1917, almost three years after World War I broke out in Europe, the U. S. entered what was then known as "the Great War." A month later, Elmer Hartman of Holton and his older brother, Fred, enlisted in the Kansas National Guard to do their part for their country. However, only Elmer - known as Joe to his family and friends - would see military action in Europe, being injured twice in the battle in France to earn a Purple Heart Medal. He was first injured in the Battle of the Argonne Forest, then waylaid by mustered gas in Verdun only 10 days before the war was declared over. In a letter to his father, written Nov. 24, 1918, in a French hospital and published Dec. 26, 1918, edition of *The Holton Recorder*, Hartman said that in the second instance, he "got a pretty good mouthful of mustard gas. It's kind of a bad thing to get." That was one of two letters from that French hospital given to *The Recorder* to publish, and those letters told Hartman's story about his time in France, fighting against the "Huns" in the latter days of the war. In another letter, written Nov. 12 - one day after the war's end - and published in the Dec. 19, 1918 *Recorder*, Hartman also expressed hope to get home shortly after the Germans signed the armistice to end the war. "You better start saving eats now, so you will have plenty when I get there, for that's all I'm going to do for a while is eat," he told his family in the first letter. Elmer and Fred Hartman both enlisted on May 26, 1917, in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard, and were both drafted into federal service for the war on Aug. 5 of that same year. Fred was 32 at the time of the brothers enlistment; Elmer only 24. The brothers both became members of Company B, 137th Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division that October at Fort Sill, Okla. Within a month however, Fred reportedly transferred to the 10th Signal Battalion, 35th Division, before he was eventually discharged on Nov. 23 at Fort Sill's Camp Doniphan "because of a disability not incurred in the line of duty." Elmer, however, continued on the Europe to fight in the war. He and his unit landed on May 7, 1918, at Liverpool, England and the men rode across England in passenger cars to Southampton, where they crossed the English channel to get to La Harve, France he told his family in the second letter home. "We were in training with the English on the Somme front for about six weeks, and then they loaded us onto box cars and shipped us down to Alsace," Hartman wrote. "We went into the trenches for the first time on June 29, and we were about 20 miles from the border of Switzerland in the Vosges Mountains." Hartman's unit went from there to St. Mihiel and on to Verdun for about four days when the units' commanding officer told his men that "the 137th had the position of honor. They were the first to go over the top in the big drive." The "big barrage" started on Sept. 26, and Hartman's unit chased the Germans into the Argonne Forest. "After the first day, we got to the edge of the Argonne Forest, and then it was hell," Hartman wrote in the second letter home. I don't care how much you read, you haven't got the least idea of what it really is to face hundreds of machine guns and big guns." In the midst of the battle on Sept. 26, Hartman said that he was "knocked down three times in about an hour with big shells, but they didn't hurt me." Two days later, however, on Sept. 28, a "big one" landed close enough to him and a fellow soldier that "knocked us both out." "We didn't either get a scratch, but it shook us up so much we were both sick as dogs," Hartman said. "When I got out of the hospital and joined the company again, they were holding the line to the right of Verdun." It was at Verdun where Hartman would be wounded again due to war. On Nov. 1, 1918, the Germans "threw gas on us for a whole night," he wrote, and as a result, he and about 60 others "went to the hospital gassed. " Ten days later, German leaders signed the armistice that ended the war. Hartman, who was still in the hospital, noted that an airplane "flew back from the front and lit by the hospital" to spread the word that the war was over. "That was the best news I'd heard for a long time," he said. After coming back to the States and being mustered out of the Army at Fort Riley on May 9, 1919, Hartman returned to Holton, went to work for the city, married Nellie Stewart in 1938 and helped her raise a son and daughter. He continued to work for the city until about 1957, when he retired. Hartman died on Jan. 30, 1962, and is buried in the Holton cemetery. *The Holton Recorder*, July 11, 2016. "KANSAS MECH CO B 137 INFANTRY WORLD WAR I PH" Elmer Glen "Joe" Hartman. Born July 28, 1892; Died January 30, 1962. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hartman, Fred J. [T].; rank, private; enlisted on May 26, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; seems to have been transferred to the 10th Field Signal Battalion, 35th Division; discharged on November 23, 1917 at Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, because of a disability not incurred in the line of duty.³ Fred N. Hartman, enlisted on May 26, 1917, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company C, 110th Field Signal Battalion; discharged on November 23, 1917, on account of a disability. Box 19, Folder 7.¹⁰ "A month later, Elmer Hartman of Holton and his older brother, Fred, enlisted in the Kansas National Guard to do their part for their country. ... Elmer and Fred Hartman both enlisted on

May 26, 1917, in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard, and were both drafted into federal service for the war on Aug. 5 of that same year. Fred was 32 at the time of the brothers enlistment; Elmer only 24. The brothers both became members of Company B, 137th Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division that October at Fort Sill, Okla. Within a month however, Fred reportedly transferred to the 10th Signal Battalion, 35th Division, before he was eventually discharged on Nov. 23 at Fort Sill's Camp Doniphan "because of a disability not incurred in the line of duty." *The Holton Recorder*, July 11, 2016. Fred H. Hartman. "KANSAS PVT CO C 35 DIVISION WORLD WAR I" Born August 9, 1884; Died September 29, 1964. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com. (Although there is a discrepancy in middle initials, I believe that they are the same soldier.)

Haser, Clarence A. Service number 434516, enlisted or inducted October 1, 1918 at Manhattan, Kansas; served as a private in A. S. T. C., Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kansas; discharged December 11, 1918 at Manhattan, Kansas.¹¹

Hass, Kendall.¹ Kendall Milton Haas, service number 1700102; enrolled on March 4, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as an able bodied seaman in the U. S. Navy; discharged on September 30, 1921, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 18.¹⁰ Also¹¹ May be Kendall M. Hass. Died July 2, 1975. Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Lawrence, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hatch, Oliver Donald. Hatch, Donald.¹ Enlisted on June 5, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri, served as a gunners mate 1/class, Aviation in the U. S. Navy; discharged on April 7, 1919, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 19.¹⁰

Hausch, Harvey; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on April 29, 1918; served in France, served in the 314th Mobile Machine Shop; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on June 5, 1919.⁵

Hawk, Edward W.; rank private 1st class; enlisted or inducted at Garden City, Kansas on May 27, 1918; served in the 210th Machine Gun Battalion at Camp Funston; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on March 31, 1919.⁵ Service number 3299322. Box 19.¹⁰ "KANSAS PFC 3 CO 164 DEPOT BRIGADE WORLD WAR I" Edward Wayne Hawk. Born September 14, 1893; Died December 28, 1964. Buried in Belle Passi Cemetery, Woodburn, Oregon. www.findagrave.com.

Hawkins, Guy Donald. "KANSAS PVT 114th SPRUCE SQ WORLD WAR I" Born December 4, 1887; Died August 13, 1956. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hayden, John G.¹ Dr. John G. Hayden. Born August 29, 1878; Died April 17, 1942. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Kansas City, Missouri. www.findagrave.com.

Heathman, Donald.²

Heathman, John.² John Homer Heathman, enlisted on May 6, 1915, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a musician 1st class, on the U. S. S. Prometheus, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and Kansas; discharged on May 14, 1919, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Box 52.¹⁰ "U. S. S. Pennsylvania. March 25, 1918. Editor Recorder: ... Regarding the health of men here I wish to say there have been no more than six deaths on this ship since she was in commission, and that covers something like twenty months. J. H. Heathman. *The Holton Recorder*, April 4, 1918.

Heffner, Floyd C.¹ May be Floyd C. Heffner. Born April 18, 1895; Died June 16, 1988. Buried in Riverview Cemetery, Arkansas City, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Heidrich, Thomas Preston; rank, corporal, musician; enlisted on July 12, 1917 at St. Louis, Missouri, in the Marines for 4 years of service; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm; discharged on July 11, 1921 at St. Louis, Missouri.⁴ "Somewhere in France, November 30, 1917. Mr. Lloyde Smythe. Dear friend Lloyd, will drop you a few lines this evening as I am not so busy except I must write some more. I have been thinking of Holton and friends there all day as yesterday certainly reminded me of Holton, last year. We were busy all day yesterday playing. We started about eight and quite late last night as we played in the City last night at the Y. M. C. A. Also played for the dedication of the Y. M. C. A. here at 4:14, so we were quite busy and of course had to spend some time eating too, as we certainly has some dinner here, and enjoyed it too. I am sending you a couple of programs of the events of yesterday, except our concert of last night in town. We played some real music there, also heard some too. We played "The Chocolate Lady", "High Jinks," "Selection from Alugua" "The Firefly," and some others. We sure have some leader, some fine musician, plays violin, cornet, cello, trombone, baritone, and I guess almost everything and plays them well. He is also a Brother Mason. We are having some fine weather here. Roses are in bloom yet and quite warm and we enjoy it. Every one feeling fine and getting fat. Have increased several pounds myself. You wouldn't know me as my face is some fat and you ought to see Barnard, his chin hangs over his collar and he eats all the time. How is the band there, I hope fine. How is Mother and Dad, I hope your mother is completely well by now. give my best regards to them, also all the boys. Well must close for now and do my other writing, so regards to all and we hope to see you all some time soon. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Write to me often, I remain, Corp. T. P. Heidrich." *The Holton Signal*, December 27, 1917. "When one has the opportunity to elbow with another for a couple of years in a great war, such person has the opportunity to learn the true character and fiber of such a kind-hearted individual, and if he ever did another a wrong, I am sure it was unintentional. I can honestly say that Mr. Heidrich proved himself to be a brave soldier, loyal to his duty, earnest in his endeavors, never shirking or harboring a grouch. In our great struggle in Belleau Wood "Ting" (as we called him) and I were sent with the 2nd battalion and thus I had every opportunity to observe him under fire. They

Germans were attacked in the late afternoon of June 6, in Belleau Wood. While the attack did not last but a couple of hours, so many of our boys were wounded that it took all night to get them out of the woods, and under a terrific shellfire. About four o'clock in the morning, "Ting" said, "Dad, I believe we nearly have them all in; you go lie down until morning." Thinking of me and not of himself, "Ting" carried on. That morning the Marines took Buresche. We were stationed at Lucy. Between nine and ten, Heidrich came to me and stated that he learned some of the Marines were injured over in Buresche, and no one was there to care for them; and further said, "Dad, let us go over." We went, though it was not our battalion and we were not duty bound to go. The Germans still held the depot, and were back of the railroad embankment, and from the woods at Buresche, we had to expose ourselves for a space of about 200 yards - and the Germans not over 500 yards away. Of course we covered this distance hastily, and were not fired upon, we thought, to the red crosses on our arms. It was indeed a perilous and dangerous undertaking, but Heidrich's only thought seemed to be to care for the reported injured, uncared for. After working all night without any rest, then to assume such a task that he was not obliged to assume, convinced me that here was a man; the type of man that would unhesitatingly risk his life to help another in need. It can be truly said that Preston Heidrich at all times exemplified the spirit of true brotherhood of man; the type of man that the world today is much in need of. A good man has passed on, but his name will ever be revered by his comrades. M. A. Bender. *The Holton Recorder*, July 1, 1926. Born in 1893; Died in 1926. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Heiselman, Clarence.² "KANSAS CPL BTRY C 83RD FIELD ARTY WORLD WAR I" Born August 9, 1894; Died November 18, 1956. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Heiselman, William H.; rank, private; enlisted on June 3, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 10, 1919.³ Box 20.¹⁰ "November 24, 1918. Dear Folks: Will try to write you a few lines today. Am sure feeling fine and having a splendid time. This is father's day, and starting from the 12th day of August will give you some of the events. We went into the line the 2nd time in Alsace-Lorraine in the Vosges mountains. That is a very beautiful part of France. From there we came out and went up the line further, close to Metz. This is a more level and farming country. From there we went up on what is called the Argonne sector. There we kicked off a big drive, was in the line there six days and every day saw hard fighting. The first day we advanced about five miles and every day we kept going, it made no difference what was ahead, we went anyway. Of course you know that this is a Yank habit. I will tell you all about it when I get home - and that isn't so far off now. From there we came and filled out our company with men and came back down by Verdun. Was in the line there 22 days, and was relieved and was starting on down the line to make another drive, when the armistice was signed. Such a glad bunch of fellows, I never saw. I saw French soldiers run in the line when we were marching through a little village and grab some of the fellows and hug them, and almost stopped the whole line. Most of the boys are busy here sewing on service stripes and chevrons. I got mine sewed on last evening. Would like to have had them on when I had my picture taken, but I won't worry any over that. Well, we just have four more days left to stay here and then it will be back to the blankets. This very near spoils a soldier- nice big soft beds to sleep on, go and sit down to a nice table and have good looking French girls to wait on you. And one thing I can say, the people are very good cooks, too, or else I have forgotten how real cooking tastes. But anyway, I like the people fine and most of them try to help you all they can, and they are very polite, too. Good-bye, with lots of love to all and a Merry Christmas. From your son and brother, SGT. WILLIAM G. HEISELMAN." *The Holton Recorder*, January 16, 1919. "KANSAS SGT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born August 16, 1892; Died January 31, 1973. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Helm, Will.¹ William Jennings Helm, served as MM on the USS Granite State; released from active duty January 30, 1919.¹¹ "Bill Helm, who has been stationed at the Great Lakes, has been made chief machinist in the aviation school. He has been sent to the Ensigns school at Columbia university." *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918. "Bill Helm, who has been in the navy stationed at Pelham Bay, N. Y., has been released from the service and arrived in Holton last Saturday." *The Holton Recorder*, February 6, 1919. "WWI" William J. Helm. Born in 1896; Died in 1949. Buried in Larkinburg Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hengel, Fred Henry; rank, private 1st class; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on June 28, 1918; last served in Cas. Det. 1038 Dem. Group; served in France; discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa on July 16, 1919.⁵ Box 20, folder 2.¹⁰

Herde, Oscar.² "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Oscar Herde." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. Born 1896; Died 1982. Buried in Hoyt Cemetery, Hoyt, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hersh, Ben. "Ben Hersh, a nephew of Percy Hersh died Tuesday of influenza at Camp Funston, He was the son of George Hersh, who formerly lived in Holton." *The Holton Recorder*, October 17, 1918. Benjamin Franklin Hersh. Born July 18, 1896; Died October 15, 1918. Buried in Frankfort Cemetery, Frankfort, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hersh, Claud A.¹ May be Claude A Hersh. Feb. 4, 1889; Death: Mar. 28, 1959. Buried in Evergreen Home Cemetery, Beatrice, Nebraska. www.findagrave.com.

Hersh, Leo.¹ May be Leo Dewey Hersh. Born February 9, 1898; Died in 1965. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton,

Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hejtmanek, Lewis.¹ May be Lewis Hejtmanek. Born in 1893; Died in 1926. Buried in Czech-Moravian Cemetery, Rossville, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hickman, Clyde.¹ Clyde L Hickman, enrolled on June 4, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a storekeeper 3/class, in the U. S. Navy ; discharged on September 30, 1921, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 20.¹⁰ May be Clyde L. Hickman. Born in 1896; Died in 1968. Buried in Highland Park Cemetery, Kansas City, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hickman, Roy.²

Hill, Lee; rank, private; enlisted on May 28, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³

Hill, Paul N.; rank, private; enlisted on May 2, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 1447005; served as a private in headquarters Company, 137th infantry; discharged on May 10, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 20, folder 3.¹⁰ "S/ Sgt. Paul Hill passed through Holton Monday enroute from Denver, Colo., to his home in Horton. Sgt. Hill has been in Fitzsimmons hospital in Denver since his return to the United States and is on a ten-day furlough. He belonged to Company E and also served in the First World War with our local company." *The Holton Recorder*, April 26, 1945. "When Mr. [President Harry] Truman steps onto the docks, he will see the familiar Santa Fe shoulder patch of his old outfit, with which he served as a captain in the 128th Artillery Regiment in the last war, but there won't be a single familiar face. "The only old timer who served with the 25th Division when he was in it - Mess Sgt. Paul "Chung" Hill of Holton, Kas. - left for home recently for treatment of ulcers. Sergeant Hill had been a member of the division since 1917." *The Holton Recorder*, July 16, 1945. "He was an Army veteran of World War I, World War II, and the Korean War." Obituary Book 5 Jun. 1966 -- Feb. 1979, Jackson County Historical Society, Holton Kansas. Born May 7, 1899; Died March 3, 1971. Buried in Circleville Cemetery, Circleville, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hobart, Louis.¹ Service number 3791427, inducted on July 23, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served a a private in Battery E, 30th Field Artillery; discharged on January 29, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 21.¹⁰ "Sergeant Fay Franz, Dan Sheehan, Lewis Hobart and Oliver Chaney were home from camp Funston over Sunday." *The Delia News*, August 3, 1918. "KANSAS PVT 30 FIELD ARTILLERY WORLD WAR I" Louis J. Hobart. Born May 29, 1895; Died April 23, 1969. Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, St Marys, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hochuli, Ernest F.; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Lawrence, Kansas on October 3, 1918; served in S. A. E. C. U., University of Lawrence; discharged at Lawrence, Kansas on December 21, 1918.⁵ Service number 5308978. Box 21.¹⁰ Born in 1900; Died December 8, 1968. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hoenshell, R. Frank.² "Below we give the names of the boys of this community who are called to the colors. ... R. F. Hoenshell." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 22, 1918.

Hoenshell, W. W.² Walter William Hoenshell, service number 492110; enlisted or inducted on September 5, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in O. M. C. Remount Detachment, A. R. D. 323; discharged on May 8, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 21.¹⁰ "MISSOURI PVT 323 AUX RMP DEP QMC WORLD WAR I & II" Born May 19, 1897; Died March 1, 1957. Buried in Wills Cemetery, Peculiar, Missouri. www.findagrave.com.

Hofacre, John P; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Crosby, North Dakota on July 11, 1917; served in France, gassed January 20, 1918 in the Toul Sector, wounded July 18, 1918 at Soissons; discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa on March 11, 1919.⁵ "John Hofacre has returned to Holton having recently been discharged from the army at Camp Dodge. He was a member of the 41st Division with which unit he went to France, landing at La Harve, January 1, 1918. Two weeks after he landed he was sent to the trenches. He was with the 18th infantry, 1st division, which took over the Toul sector - the first sector taken over by the A.. E. F. Mr. Hofacre was overseas 14-1/2 months and participated in engagements on the Somme and Marne fronts and Campigny and Soissons. He was gassed at Toul in March 1918, and was in the hospital six weeks. He was wounded by high explosives July 18, and was left for dead on the battlefield by the stretcher bearers. Fortunately he received sufficiently to let them know he was very much alive, before they buried him. He was in the hospital three weeks and when discharged from there was classified for light duty. He was assigned to the classification camp at St. Aignan - nicknamed by the soldiers as St. Agony." *The Holton Recorder*, March 27, 1919.

Hogan, Michael J.¹ Service number 3472404, enlisted or inducted on August 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the 4th Company, 1st Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on January 13, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 21.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ "Four more boys left here for training camps Friday. John Long, Joe Pierson, Mike Hogan, J. B. Coughlin. Next Friday four more will leave here: Samuel Early, Philbert Jones, Joe Blandin and Oscar Levier. Good luck, boys." *The Mayetta Herald*, September 4, 1918. Probably Michael J. Hogan. Born July 15, 1887; Died in 1979. Buried in Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hogg, Ernest.¹ Ernest John Hogg served in the 212th Aero Squadron, Squadron H Flying Department. Box 21.⁷ Service number 3451889, enlisted or inducted on July 15, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Flying School attached to Kelly Field, Texas; discharged on June 28, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 21.¹⁰ Born May 7, 1896;

Died March 4, 1979. Buried in Sunset Cemetery , Manhattan, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hollis, Doyle; rank, private; enlisted on April 23, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of 1917.³ Served as private in Headquarters Company, 137th Infantry; discharged on account of an ear disability, on March 18, 1918, at Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Box 21, folder 2.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ “KANSAS PVT 137 INF. 35 DIV MAY 25, 1941” Buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Whiting, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Holt, Chas. L.¹ Service number 3299850, enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class in Company C, 338th Machine Gun Battalion; discharged on June 16, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 21.¹⁰ “Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Early have received word from the boys, Harlan is on his way across to France, also Charley Holt, son of Mr. and Mrs. _as Holt. Harlan is in the machine gun Signal corps, and Charley Holt is in the machine gun battalion.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, August 22, 1918. “The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Charles Holt.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.

Holt, Dewey.² “On Monday Silas Cocherell received a phone message that his grandson, Dewey Holt was critically ill in an army hospital near St. Louis, where Dewey enlisted in a branch of the aviation service.” *The Soldier Clipper*, February 6, 1918. “Mrs. Henry Gardner and her son Dewey Holt came up from Leavenworth on Tuesday evening. Dewey is on a 30 day furlough, as he is just recovering from a severe sickness. He has been stationed thus far at Jefferson barracks.” *The Soldier Clipper*, May 15, 1918.

Holt, Forrest. Service number 491329, enlisted or inducted on May 14, 1918, at Seneca, Kansas; served as a corporal in Battery E, 51st Field Artillery; discharged on February 18, 1919, at Camp Funston Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 21.¹⁰ “Bancroft. Guy Davis and Forrest Holt returned home last week, after receiving their honorable discharge at Camp Funston.” *The Soldier Clipper*, February 19, 1919.

Holt, Harlan.¹ “Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Early have received word from the boys, Harlan is on his way across to France, also Charley Holt, son of Mr. and Mrs. _as Holt. Harlan is in the machine gun Signal corps, and Charley Holt is in the machine gun battalion.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, August 22, 1918. “The following is list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Charles Holt.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.

Holt, McKinley; rank, private; enlisted on April 1, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; discharged at Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Oklahoma on May 7, 1918 because of a pre-existing medical condition.³ Box 21, folder 3.¹⁰ “McKinley Holt returned to Soldier Monday evening. Mack made a hard fight to be retained in the army service, but after nearly ten months tryout, he was found to be too nervous for the work and comes back with an honorable discharge.” *The Soldier Clipper*, May 29, 1918. “Mr. and Mrs. John Alban entertained the returned soldier boys and their friends on Thursday evening at their home. The soldier boys present were: McKinley Holt.” *The Soldier Clipper*, February 26, 1919.

Horn, J. C.² John Cyril Horn, service number 4744605; enlisted or inducted October 23, 1918 at Fort Worth, Texas; served as a private in F. A. R. T, unassigned; discharged January 14, 1919 at Camp Taylor Kentucky.¹¹ “Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Horn and daughter, Mary Elizabeth, arrived in Holton Saturday from Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Horn plans to enter the artillery officer’s training camp at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky. Mrs. Horn and daughter will remain in Holton with Mrs. Horn’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Walker.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 10, 1918. “J. C. Horn is expected home next week from the hospital at Camp Taylor, Kentucky.” *The Holton Recorder*, January 2, 1919.

Horne, Charles F.; rank, private; inducted into service at Westmoreland, Kansas on September 24, 1918; served in Company A, 415th Res. Lab. Bn. Q. M. C; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on March 13, 1919.⁵ Service number 4922908. Box 21, folder 1.¹⁰

Horton, Francis A.; rank, corporal; enlisted on May 28, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France, killed in action in the Battle of the Argonne.³ Died September 28, 1918. Box 22.⁷ Francis Alberta Horton, served as a corporal in Company B, 137th Infantry, died September 29, 1918. Box 21, folder 2.¹⁰ “Another Jackson county boy, a member of Company B, has given his life for his country. Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Horton received word from Washington that their son Francis, had been killed in action September 29. He was reported missing in action some weeks ago and it was fervently hoped that later word would be favorable news.” *The Holton Recorder*, January 6, 1919. “CORPL 137TH INF 35 DIV KANSAS” Died September 28, 1918. Buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Departement de la Meuse, Lorraine, France. www.findagrave.com.

Houck, Leroy; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on September 5, 1918; discharged from the 164th Depot Brigade at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on December 10, 1919.⁵ Service number 4920909. Box 21.¹⁰ “We are pleased to print, this week, the names of all the Delia boys now in the service. Those who left at different times before June 28th were: ... Those who went in August were: ... Leroy Houck.” *The Delia News*, September 27, 1918. “Lee Houck who is ill at Camp Funston got over the “Flu” and was back on guard duty and was on guard in the rain and got a set back because of pneumonia. *The Delia News*, October 18, 1918. Born in 1897; Died in 1955. “Note:

WWI Burial“ Buried in Delia Cemetery, Delia, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Howard, W. G.² Enlisted on August 29, 1918 at Holton, Kansas, served as a private in 4th Company, 1st Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 24, 1918 on account of a disability at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.¹¹ “Although I appreciate how keenly you feel the disappointment of your failure to secure duty overseas in the actual battle area, I know you rejoice together with all Americans in the prospect of a righteous and just peace opposed upon the enemy and the terrible conflict which has involved the entire civilized World. You have done your best. . . . Leonard Wood, Major General, US Army Commanding”¹¹ William G. Howard, service number 3472406; enlisted on August 21, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Medical Detachment I C. O. T. S., Camp Grant, Illinois, discharged on May 17, 1923. Box 21.¹⁰

Hoyt, Charles. “Charles Hoyt of Topeka, a nephew of Mrs. J. A. Charles, of Holton, is with the Topeka hospital corps attached to the 35th division. This is the same corps to which Nate McGrew belong. Mr. Hoyt in a recent letter to his folks sent the following recipe for the best appetite in the world. ‘March night after night through rain and through mud; up hill where you slip and where it is so dark you can barely discern the outline of the man in front of you; halt and throw yourself into a mud puddle for a bed; then up and on again. Come to a stop at dawn. Sleep that day and then out again at dusk.’” *The Holton Recorder*, October 24, 1918.

Hubble, Chas.²

Hudson, William W. “William W[ayne] Hudson, 54, of Soldier, veteran of World War I, died in a hospital Monday. He was born November 20, 1896 in Rossville, and served in the Army during World War I. He was a farmer. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Callie Hudson.” *The Soldier Clipper*, October 31, 1951. “KANSAS PVT CO F 120 ENGINEERS WORLD WAR I” Born November 20, 1896; Died October 28, 1951. Buried in Rossville Cemetery, Rossville, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Huegel, Fred Henry.¹

Hull, Geo. Willard.² Service number 3299783, enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class in the A. E. F, left the U. S. on September 8, 1918, returned on June 21, 1919; discharged from a demobilization group on July 1, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 22.¹⁰ “KANSAS PFC US ARMY WORLD WAR I” Born September 8, 1891; Died November 1, 1966. Buried in Ozawkie Cemetery, Ozawkie, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Humphries, Rufus. Inducted on July 28, 1919, at Estancia, New Mexico, served as a private in Company F, 60th Infantry; discharged on June 16, 1919, at Fort Baynard, New Mexico. Box 22.¹⁰ “NEW MEXICO PVT CO F 69 INFANTRY WORLD WAR I” Buried in Netawaka Cemetery, Netawaka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hune, Delmar C.² Delmer Clair Hune, service number 4920885; enlisted or inducted on September 5, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the 4th Company, 2nd Battalion, 164th Dept Brigade; discharged on December 10, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 22.^{10, 11} Served in the U. S. Army. Allen Gardiner, Monumental Inscriptions From Jackson County Cemeteries. Topeka Kansas 1981.

Hurrel, Paul Samuel; rank, private; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on May 29, 1918; served in Company C, 110th Field Signal Bat.; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.⁵ Service number 3299841. Box 22.¹⁰ “The Holton boys in the 8th Battalion, Signal Corps, Louis Roebke, Roy Abel, Paul Hurrel, Herbert Robinson and A. Zieglsch, who were trained at Fort Leavenworth, are now on the water on their way overseas. Merle Frazey has also started overseas.” *The Holton Recorder*, August 29, 1918. “Cards were received in Holton Wednesday announcing the safe arrival overseas of Louis Roebke, Jr., Herbert Robinson, A. Zeiglsch, Roy Abel and Paul Hurrel.” *The Holton Recorder*, September 12, 1918. “Four boys who were all born in the same block in Holton, met recently in a small town in France and held a reunion. The boys are Junior Roebke, Herbert Robinson, Paul Hurrel and Ed Davis.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 24, 1918. Born in 1894; Died November 1, 1973. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Hurst, John W.² Service number 34642009, enlisted or inducted on August 8, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company H, 8th Infantry, discharged on February 10, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 22.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ “Word has been received of the safe arrival overseas of John W. Hurst.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 10, 1918. Born June 3, 1893; Did January 19, 1959. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Huss, Ray Allen.² Service number 492095, enlisted on September 5, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in the 2nd Company, Conl. Center; discharged on April 1, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 22.¹⁰ “Avoca Items. Ray Huss, who is very sick at Camp Funston, is reported slightly improved.” *The Soldier Clipper*, October 9, 1918. Probably Ray Allen Huss. Born November 11, 1896; Died January 4, 1973. Buried in Licking Cemetery, Licking, Missouri. www.findagrave.com.

Immele, Ferdinand C.; rank, horse-shoer; enlisted or inducted into service at Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 15, 1917; last assignment, Company E, 405th Tel. Bn. S. C.; discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa on July 11, 1919.⁵

Ireland, Clarence.¹ Clarence L. Ireland, service number 714070; enlisted on January 28, 1918, at Langley Field, Virginia; served as a private in the Casual Detachment; discharged on December 19, 1918, at Garden City, Long Island, New York. Box 22.¹⁰ Also¹¹ “KANSAS PVT U. S. ARMY” Born in 1890; Died September 12, 1940. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Ireland, Percy S.; rank, private; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on July 13, 1917; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Service number 1447549, served as a wagoner in the Supply Company, 137th Infantry, A. E. F. Box 22.¹⁰ "KANSAS WAGR US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born August 2, 1893; Died December 11, 1973. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Isaacson, Clyde.²

Jacobs, Clarence Baskett; rank, private; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on September 8, 1917; served in France in Company A, 161st Infantry; discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa on June 15, 1919.⁵ Service number 2113366. Box 23, folder 2.¹⁰ Born March 28, 1894; Died August 24, 1988. Buried in Muscotah Cemetery, Muscotah, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

James, Karl L.² Karl Leinel James, service number 5285070; enlisted or inducted on September 5, 1918, at Topeka, Kansas; served as a private in S. A. T. C., Washburn College; discharged on December 9, 1918, at Topeka, Kansas. Box 23.¹⁰

James, Preston.¹ "Preston James is in France. His parents here received word from his last week stating that he had landed safely and was well. It takes a letter about two weeks to reach here from his post in France, so he must have landed in France about three weeks ago." *The Mayetta Herald*, October 14, 1917. "Preston James was recently wounded slightly in the right arm, while fighting Huns in France. Preston has been in the very thickest of the fight at a point where the enemy have been pressing the Allies hard." *The Mayetta Herald*, June 26, 1918. "William Preston James ... He joined the army just ten days after the declaration of hostilities of World War I and was wounded at Cantigny. For this he received the Purple Heart Medal. For service above and beyond the call of duty he was awarded the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster. While in service he suffered a severe case of inflammatory rheumatism which resulted in an injury to his heart that later resulted in his death. ... burial in the Mayetta cemetery." *The Holton Recorder*, January 1, 1953.

James, Samuel; rank, corporal; enlisted or inducted into service at Manhattan, Kansas on September 5, 1918; discharged from the 164th Depot Brigade at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on March 13, 1919.⁵ Service number 4506198. Box 23.¹⁰

Jarvis, Russell J.; rank, sergeant; enlisted on May 23, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; promoted to regimental sergeant major, in October of 1918.³ Service number 1447541, served in A. E. F.; discharged on May 29, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 23.¹⁰ May be Russell J. Jarvis. Born in 1895; Died in 1980. Buried in Lincoln Memorial Park, Lincoln, Nebraska. www.findagrave.com.

Jeffreys, David C.¹ David Chennault Jeffreys, enrolled on May 25, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as electrician 3/class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on June 24, 1919, at St. Louis, Missouri. Box 23.¹⁰ May be David C. Jeffreys. Born November, 8, 1895; Died November 21, 1973. Buried in Sabetha Cemetery, Sabetha, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Jenkins, W. T.² William Thomas Jenkins, service number 154-41-26; enrolled on July 26, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a fireman 3/class in the S. Navy; discharged on September 30, 1921. Box 23, folder 2.¹⁰ May be William T. Jenkins. Born in 1897; Died in 1942. Buried in Mount Olive Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Jennings, Ernest.¹ May be Ernest Jennings. Born in 1894; Died January 30, 1939. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Jennings, Geo. E.² Served as a 1st Lieutenant in the Medical Corps, discharged on February 8, 1919, at General Hospital No. 21, Denver, Colorado. Box 23, folder 2.¹⁰

Jennings, Ray P.² Ray Peter Jennings, enlisted on July 3, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a seaman 1/class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on September 30, 1921, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 23, folder 1.¹⁰ "Ray Jennings, son of D. F. Jennings of Denison is stationed at the Puget Sound navy yards near Seattle, Wash. He writes a most interesting account of his trip to the coast." *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918. Born May 12, 1897; Died October 3, 1989. Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Tulsa, Oklahoma. www.findagrave.com.

Jenson, Charles P.¹ Service number 2519431, enlisted or inducted on November 26, 1917, at Washington Barracks, Washington, D. C.; served as a sergeant in the Administrative Division, Office of Chief of Ordnance; discharged on February 7, 1919, at Camp Meigs, Washington, D. C. Box 23, folder 1.¹⁰ "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Chas. Jenson." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. "Serg. Charley Jensen of Hoyt, Ks., who has been in the ordnance service at Washington, D. C., was here the first of the week visiting his sister Mrs. Otho Woodruff. He is wearing two service stripes." *The Delia News*, January 17, 1919.

Jensen, Otis T.¹ Service number 3791439, enlisted on July 23, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class in Company F, 69th Infantry; discharged on January 29, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 23, folder 1.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ Otis Theodore Jensen. Born in 1896; Died in 1976. Buried in Topeka Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Jensen, Viggo E.; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on June 28, 1918; served in Company A, 352nd Infantry in France;

discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on June 16, 1919.⁵ Service number 3312402. Box 23, folder 1.¹⁰ “Jay Anderson, Viggo Jensen and Floyd Fitzsimmons went to Camp Funston Friday to be U. S. soldiers. A number went to the depot to see them off, and wish them all the good luck that comes their way. ... Viggo Jensen and Miss Mary Hale, both of Mayetta, were married Wednesday, June 26. Herby Johnson took them over to Atchison in his car and they were married there. Viggo is a soldier, and his wife will stay with her folks on the reservation, while he is gone.” *The Holton Recorder*, July 4, 1918. “Army veteran of World War I” Born February 28, 1892; Died September 14, 1973. Buried in Mayetta Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Jessepe, Charles.¹ Service number 492047, enlisted or inducted on May 12, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class in Battery D, 69th Field Artillery; discharged on December 20, 1918, at Camp Knox, Kentucky. Box 23.¹⁰ “KANSAS PFC BTRY D 60 FIELD ARTY WORLD WAR I” Born January 4, 1887; Died March 26, 1960. Buried in Ship Shee Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Jewell, Charles Milton. “KANSAS PVT 35 AMB CO 89 DIV WORLD WAR I” Born August 10, 1886; Died February 17, 1959. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Johnson, Carl D. “Word was received last week of the safe arrival over seas of Jesse Fleming, Robt. Markham, Carl Johnson, Harry Brenner and Ira Dove.” *The Soldier Clipper*, September 11, 1918. “World War No. 1 Veterans Buried in Soldier Cemetery. Carl D. Johnson.” *The Soldier Clipper*, May 29, 1946.

Johnson, Christian. Service number 728413, enlisted or inducted on November 24, 1913, at Fort McDowell, California; served as a corporal in Headquarters Company, Convalescent Center, Tr. Corps?. Fort Lee, Virginia; discharged on March 28, 1919, at Camp Lee, Virginia. Box 23, folder 4.¹⁰ “Mr. Johnson was a veteran of World War I” Christian Carl Johnson. Born November 30, 1887; Died December 21, 1971. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Johnson, Earl D.; rank, private; enlisted on April 10, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France, killed in action in the Battle of the Argonne.³ “Speaking of the way the boys receive their mail in France, Earl Johnson writes that he received 15 letters from one person at one time. What will be the condition of the mails when we get a real army say four million men over there?” *The Soldier Clipper*, October 9, 1918. “Mrs. Sara Johnson has the sad news from the war department that her son, Earl, of Co. B, 137th Reg., has been ‘missing in action since September 29.’ This is sad news and it took much cheer from the joys of Thanksgiving in many homes around Soldier. However, the probability of such a report came to Soldier six weeks or more ago.” *The Soldier Clipper*, December 4, 1918. “Ross Thompson arrived home on Friday evening, having been mustered out of the service at Camp Funston. ... He was with Ray Russell when he fell, in fact, the same shell tore the seat out of Ross’s pants. But a few minutes before Earl Johnson had reminded him that he, Ross, was falling a little behind. Ross and Carl Beatch were the only ones of a squad of seven that went through the third day of the Argonne drive.” *The Soldier Clipper*, January 15, 1919. “Memorial services will be held at the Christian church next Sunday morning for Henry Wells and Earl Johnson, who died in France, as defenders of the United States flag” *The Soldier Clipper*, March 5, 1919. “Earl David Johnson was born at Soldier, Kansas, April 10, 1897, where he spent his life until enlisting in his country’s service. Before completing high school he answered his country’s call and served in France, where he made the supreme sacrifice, September 28, 1918. ... Last week the body was returned from its resting place in France and was buried Sunday afternoon” *The Holton Recorder*, September 22, 1921. Box 23, folder 8.¹⁰ Born April 10, 1897; Died September 28, 1918. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Johnson, John. “James Johnson’s son John is serving the colors at Mare Island, Calif.” *The Soldier Clipper*, June 12, 1918.

Johnson, Karl Jay; rank, private; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on May 29, 1918; served in France in Company F, 352nd Infantry, 88th Division; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on June 17, 1919.⁵ Service number 3299857. Box 23, folder 1.¹⁰ “Liffol le Grand, France. March 19, 1919. Mrs. Sarah Johnson, Dearest Mother: Well I just got back from another trip to Germany, and it was sure a fine one too; the best I have ever had yet. We crossed the Rhine at Coblenz. ... Well, we see a lot of troops on their way home. The 35th are all gone from this valley; they have moved to the coast. The 28th is following them this week and next. Of course it will take some time to for them to get to a camp close to a port, and then there is so much to be done after they do arrive there. It will be well into April before they reach the States. I have not the least idea when the 88th will move but I think it will be summer before we reach the States. ... I wish you would send me Arch Cullins address. I never heard whether he came across or not, but think he did about the same time I did.” *The Soldier Signal*, April 23, 1919. “Karl served 18 months during the World War, going to France in 1918, as a member of Co. F. 152nd Infantry 88th. Division.” Born August 6, 1890; Died November 24, 1932. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Johnson, Roy; rank, private; enlisted or inducted at Berryville, Arkansas on January 26, 1918; served in 44 Co. 11 Res. Bu.; discharged at Camp Pike, Arkansas on January 25, 1919.⁵ May be Roy R. Johnson. Born in 1896; Died in 1977. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Johnson, Walter Francis. Service number 4922782, enlisted or inducted September 19, 1918 at Cragg, Colorado, served

as a private in Quartermaster Corps, Bakery Company # 389; discharged December 21, 1918 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.¹¹ “Francis Johnson of Craig, Colo., recently mustered out of the service at Camp Funston visited here with relatives.” *The Soldier Clipper*, January 1, 1919.

Jolly, Samuel Alfred. Service number 5285028, served as a private in S. A. T. C., Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas; discharged December 9, 1918 at Topeka, Kansas.¹¹

Jones, Elmer; rank, staff sergeant; enlisted or inducted at Bourges (cher) France on August 15, 1919; prior service in the National Guard, September 16, 1917 to August 14, 1919; served in France and was gassed; discharged at Fort Myer, Virginia on August 14, 1920.⁵ May be

Jones, Palmer. “Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones of Netawaka, Kan., received a telegram November 5, stating that their son, Palmer Jones, company I, 4th Infantry, 89th Division, had died of wounds received in battle. The meager statement from the war department gives no details, but from letters received, it is known that he was in the battle of Argonne Forest. This was the third time he had been to the front. He was 23 years of age and besides his father and mother, he leaves three brothers and three sisters. He went to Camp Funston October 4, 1917, and was sent to France some time the following April.” *The Holton Recorder*, November 14, 1918. Box 24, folder 4.¹⁰

Jones, Philbert Diddfor; rank, private; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on September 5, 1918; discharged from the 164th Depot Bridge at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on March 19, 1919.⁵ Service number 4920572. Box 24, folder 2.¹⁰ “Four more boys left here for training camps Friday. John Long, Joe Pierson, Mike Hogan, J. B. Coughlin. Next Friday four more will leave here: Samuel Early, Philbert Jones, Joe Blandin and Oscar Levier. Good luck, boys.” *The Mayetta Herald*, September 4, 1918. Born March 20, 1897; Died July 10, 1973. Buried in Brick Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Jones, Ted.²

Kabance, John V.⁶ John Vincent Kabance, service number 1447567; enrolled on June 24, 1918, at Detroit, Michigan; served as a seaman 2/class; discharged on September 30, 1921, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 24.¹⁰ “SEA2 US NAVY WORLD WAR I” John Vincent Kabance. Born December 5, 1896; Died May 6, 1987. Buried in Shispshee Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Kapelle, Edward Franklin. Service number 3447576, enlisted or inducted on July 22, 1918, at Ottawa, Kansas; served as a cook at Hospital 233, Camp Sheridan, Ala; discharged on February 10, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 24.¹⁰ “KANSAS COOK US ARMY WORLD WAR I” Born December 10, 1889; Died January 22, 1972 Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Karnes, Orville.² Orville O. Karnes, service number 3472411; enlisted or inducted on August 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the 4th Company, 1st Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 24, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 24.^{10, 11} “Orville Karns has received his discharge from the army, and has returned to his home in Holton” *The Holton Recorder*, January 16, 1919.

Karstetter, Frank C.; rank, private; enlisted on June 23, 1916 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Service number 1447535. Box 24.¹⁰ “October 7, 1918. My Dear Friend: Received your most welcome letters and was glad indeed to get them. I have been so busy for the last thirty days that I just couldn’t find time to write. I have seen the real thing since I wrote you last, and it is everything that is said about it, and more. We did our bit and have returned and am wondering when the people of the good old U. S. A. will find out about their boys. Believe me, there isn’t an American that don’t want to fight. My, if you could have seen our major - he was simply grand in action and really I would like to see some of these big talkers see him. He is for his men first, last and all the time, and maybe you think we “ain’t” strong for him. Jerry is good at long range, but we get his goat when we fix bayonets and start his way. I expect you thought I had forgotten you and hope you will accept my apologies about being too busy. I will always write whenever possible. Yes, I would like to see you, for I could tell you a war tale that would keep you awake alright. Have you read Guy Empey’s book, “Over the Top”? Well, that is just what we are going through. I know, when I read it back in the states that I didn’t think some of the things were possible, but I do now, and will never have a word against the way I am treated when I get back. Yesterday was Sunday, and of course we all went to church; for if there is anything that will make a believer out of a man, it is those big shells that come over the hills saying; “Where is he! Where is he”? The machine gun fire isn’t so bad, though. You have heard the ‘Kaiser’s Hymn if hate”? Well, they sound like they were singing “Him! Him! Him!” all right. Sure had some feed this morning - biscuits and jam; the first treat I’ve had since I came out, and my, but they tasted good. Tell Bill Whitty I am learning the barber trade now, and am expecting a job when I get back. I cut about 15 heads of hair every day - going some, isn’t it - and I don’t think it will be long until I can do pretty good at it. I expect to go to Kansas City and learn the trade when I get back. Percy Ireland was here just a moment ago, talking over old times. Say, by the way, I would like to know if they got my cousin in the draft yet. He used to be in B Co., but got a discharge, while we were in the home camp. He told me he was going to join the navy, but I guess he didn’t. So Pete has a good job. If I had it to do over, I would be in the navy, myself. If there is ever another war there is where I’ll be, or the coast artillery. I have about run out of something to say, this time, and I suppose that you are getting tired of

trying to read this writing, so will close for the present, but will write again soon., No, I haven't a sweater and haven't been receiving the paper, so don't send it anymore. About the sweater, I don't suppose I would get it either, so you needn't mind. Good-bye for this time, with love from your friend, FRANK KARSTETTER." *The Holton Recorder*, December 5, 1918. Born March 26, 1895; Died February 17, 1956. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Karstetter, Reed. "Mrs. Myrtle Migchelbrink has received word from the Government that her brother Reed Karstetter Died board a transport from an attack of pneumonia on October 9th and was buried at Hoboken, N. J. Reed was a Holton boy who enlisted last June and was on his way to France when stopped by death." *The Holton Signal*, November 21, 1918. May be Roland R. Karstetter. Died October 9, 1918. Buried in Cypress Hills National Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York. www.findagrave.com.

Kathrens, Charles Fred.; rank, private; enlisted on May 30, 1914 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Discharged on account of a disability on February 1, 1918, at Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Box 24.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT 1 CL 137 INF 35 DIV" Born July 11, 1882; Died March 4, 1920. Buried in Pinal Cemetery, Central Heights, Arizona. www.findagrave.com.

Keim, Harvey D.; rank, corporal; enlisted at Topeka, Kansas on April 12, 1917; served in France, served in Headquarters Company, 130th Field Artillery; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 10, 1919.⁵ Service number 1465852. Box 24.¹⁰ "CPL US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born May 14, 1898; Died June 4, 1994. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Keithline, Andrew.² Service number 3472410, enlisted on August 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the 4th Company, 1st Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on January 13, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 24.¹⁰ Probably Andrew Keithline. Born March 7, 1897; Died July 3, 1982. Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Atchison, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Keller, Joe.¹ Joseph H. Keller, enlisted on June 27, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as an electrician 3/class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on August 25, 1919, at St. Louis, Missouri. Box 24, folder 2.¹⁰

Kenady, James Manley. Kennedy, Jas. M.² "The death of James Manley Kenady, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kenady occurred at Great Lakes Navel Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., September 25, 1918. He enlisted in the Navy July 12, 1918 and was stationed at Camp Luce for training at the time of his death, which was caused by Spanish influenza." *The Whiting Journal*, October 4, 1900. Died September 19, 1918. Box 25, folder 2.¹⁰ Served in Co 21 Reg. 16 U. S. Navy. Born December 21, 1896; Died September 25, 1918. Buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Whiting, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Kent, Frank. "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Frank Kent." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. May be Frank J. Kent. Born September 17, 1892; Died January 1, 1948. Buried in Park Cemetery, Sunnysdale, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Kerns, Lloyd. Lloyd Fernando Kerns, service number 3296831; enlisted or inducted on May 25, 1918, at Seneca, Kansas; served as private first class in Field Remount Squad 328, A. E. F.; left the U. S. on August 8, 1918, returned on June 26, 1919; discharged on July 10, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 25, folder 2.¹⁰ "Below we give the names of the boys of this community who are called to the colors. ... Lloyd Kerns, 25, Seneca." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 22, 1918. "Arthur Kroth and Lloyd Kerns are among the boys recently arriving safely overseas." *The Soldier Clipper*, October 9, 1918. Probably Lloyd Kerns. Born in 1895; Died in 1984. Buried in America City Cemetery, America City, Nemaha County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Kerwick, Alfred.¹

Kesling, Opha L. Rank, private; enlisted on June 5, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 1447580, enlisted or inducted on June 6, 1917, at Holton, Kansas; served in Company B, 137th Infantry, A. E. F.; discharged on May 3, 1919, at Camp Thomas, Ohio. Box 25.¹⁰ May be Opha L. Kesling. Born in 1892; Died in 1958. Buried in New Johnstown Cemetery, West Virginia. www.findagrave.com.

Kesling, Samuel M.² Joined Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard on September, 1917, while in camp at Holton, Kansas; he had served in the U. S. Regulars in the Philippines; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³

Ketchcumie, Oak Smith. See Hoke Smith Cadue.

Ketterman, Rufus B.¹

Ketterman, W. B.²

Kidney, Emmett; rank, private; enlisted on April 9, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Service number 1447657. Box 25.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born August 23, 1897; Died March 3, 1968. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton,

Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Kidney, Scott; rank, corporal; enlisted on April 7, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard;; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on April 9, 1919.³ Service number 1447581, discharged on April 10, 1919. Box 25.¹⁰ Born February 7, 1896; Died April 20, 1986. "He served in the Army during World War I." Buried in Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Kidney, William H.; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on August 29, 1918; served in the Medical Department, U. S. Army; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on December 28, 1919.⁵ Box 25.¹⁰

King, Carl Meek.¹ Service number 3791451, inducted on July 23, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Headquarters Company, 28th Field Artillery; discharged on January 21, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 25, folder 1.¹⁰ "Carl M. King, of Hdq. Co. 28, F. A. at Camp Funston writes entertainingly of the big parade of the 10th Div. recently in which he took part. They got up at 3:45 that morning and by 4:30 men and horses were on the march to the parade grounds eight miles away. At ten o'clock the troops started to pass in review before Gen. Leonard Wood. It took two hours for the 30,000 men to pass the reviewing stand." *The Soldier Clipper*, September 4, 1918.

King, Jack. "Mrs. John King of St. Joe, formerly of Soldier, has received a letter from her son, Jack, who is in the 47th Inf. in France. He had been to the front and lived to tell about it." *The Soldier Clipper*, September 11, 1918. "Frank Beesley is in receipt of a letter from Jack King which was written on the 24th of August. He says he has not met a soldier from this community since he enlisted in the army one year ago. He says the time seems much shorter this year. He has been in one battle. He has participated in one engagement, and was at the time he wrote back for rest. While he was writing the cook was playing his violin and it made him think of the many dances he had attended in this community. He says that France has this country beaten when it comes to small grain, wheat everywhere, but no corn." *The Soldier Clipper*, September 25, 1918.

King, John T.; rank, private; enlisted at Denver, Colorado on August 21, 1917; served in France, served in Company D, 47th Infantry; discharged August 4, 1919.² Box 25, folder 4.¹⁰

King, Ralph; rank, private; enlisted on July 8, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 144776, gun shot wound September 28, 1918. Box 25, folder 3.¹⁰

King, Sylvester.¹ Service number 3791395, inducted on July 23, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company F, 69th Infantry; discharged on February 4, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 25, folder 1.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT 69 INF 10 DIV" Died November 26, 1940. Buried in Horton Cemetery, Horton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Kinnison, Clyde R.¹ Clyde Raymond Kinnison, served as either a 1st or 2nd Lieutenant in the Veterinary Corps; discharged on January 20, 1919, at Camp Joseph E. Johnston, Florida. Box 25, folder 4.¹⁰

Klusmire, Eldo F.² May be Eldo Franklin Klusmire. Born June 14, 1896; Died October 26, 1982. Buried in Red Butte Cemetery, Aspen, Colorado. www.findagrave.com.

Klusmire, Robert E.¹ Robert Ernest Klusmire, service number 102-22-54; enrolled on May 31, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a ships cook 3/class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on September 30, 1921, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 25.¹⁰ May be Robert E. Klusmire. Born July 14, 1894; Died July 1, 1966. Buried in Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, California. www.findagrave.com.

Klusmire, William Herman. "went to Texas and entered the employ of the Southern Pacific Railway Co., and remained in the company's service until September, 1917, when he responded to the call of his country, enlisting as mechanic in Battery D, 340th Field Artillery. He was trained at Camp Funston, January 2, 1918. He was made locomotive engineer and was transferred to the Provisional Battalion, Co. H, 12th Railway Engineers. In February, 1918, he was sent with his company to France. He won special distinction for bravery. On returning in 1918, he received his honorable discharge" *The Holton Recorder*, December 20, 1923. "Was a soldier in WWI, Battery D, 340th Field Artillery, transferred to Provisional Battalion Co. H, 12th Railway Engineers, served in Europe." Born June 4, 1893; Died December 6, 1923. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Knapp, Charles A. Served in Company C, 16th Infantry, U. S. Army; died July 22, 1918. Box 25.⁷ Box 25.¹⁰ "MISSOURI PVT 16 INF 1 DIV" Died July 22, 1918, at Departement de l'Aisne. Picardie, France. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. www.findagrave.com.

Knopf, Roby J.; rank, corporal; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on April 10, 1917; served in France in Headquarters Company, 139th Infantry; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.⁵ Service number 1455430. Box 25.¹⁰ "Roby Knopf writes that the band of which he is a member is giving shows in Y. M. C. A. huts in France." *The Holton Recorder*, January 6, 1919. World War I flag holder. Born July 22, 1895; Died May 12, 1973. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Knox, Garrett W.; rank, sergeant; enlisted on June 10, 1915 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; sent to France in April to attend an army

specialty school, rejoined Company B in the trenches at Vosge, France on May 29th, 1918; returned to the U. S. in September to serve as an instructor at Fort Riley.³ Service number 3310978, served as 1st sergeant, Company A, 41st Infantry, A. E. F.; discharged on June 13, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 25.¹⁰ “Sergeant Knox gives the following report of the movements of Co. B in France: “I rejoined Co. B on the Somme front on May 29. At that time Co. B was in a rear area of the Amiens front with the British. In a few days we were moved to Alsace. On June 30, we went into the front line trenches in the Vosges mountains, where we were for twenty-one days, and where we had several exciting experiences. The first night we went in under a heavy shell fire from the enemy. The French took up the barrage, silenced the enemy and made it possible for us to move on up to the front. We spent July 4th in the front line trenches. “On July 6 was our first real experience. An adjoining regiment was making a raid. The enemy started shelling our division heavily. About 9 a. m. the company headquarters was blown out of existence and the officer’s cook slightly wounded. Several of the boys were covered up in the trench wreck, but none were seriously hurt. At midnight that night our guns had succeeded in silencing the enemy. “On July 16 an enemy machine gun opened harassing fire on my platoon front. We immediately took up action and succeeded in blowing him up. At about 8:30 the same evening 33 high explosives were thrown into our trenches. 23 of these exploded. “The remaining time in that sector was seemly quiet. We were relieved and returned to a quiet French village in the rear areas for rest. During this time I received my orders to come to the United States. Since that time Co. B has been moved from that front to a much livelier one some miles west.” When Sergeant Knox left the boys in July, they were all well, he says. All of them wanted to be remembered to home folks. The boys have been fortunate so far in that only five of their number have been wounded and no one seriously.” *The Holton Recorder*, September 19, 1918.

Knox, P.¹

Kovar, George.¹ Service number 1992510, enlisted on June 11, 1917, at Topeka, Kansas; served as a sergeant in Company I, 46th Infantry, Camp Sheridan, Alabama; discharged on March 6, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 26.¹⁰ George Kovar who has enlisted in the army has been spending the last ten days in Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and is to be sent to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. He writes he is very much pleased with an army life. *The Delia News*, June 22, 1917. Served in Company I. 46th Infantry. *The Delia News*, June 29, 1917. “Corporal George Kovar writes that he is still in Camp Sheridan hard at work drilling rookies.” *The Delia News*, September 27, 1918. May Be George Kovar. Born June 19, 1897; Died December 14, 1989. Buried in Pleasant View Cemetery, Shawnee, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Kreibel, August J.² August Julius Kreibel, service number 4256359; inducted on July 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company E, 10th Infantry; discharged on February 4, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 26.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ “KANSAS PVT 164 DEPOT BRIGADE WORLD WAR I” Born November 10, 1893; Died July 9, 1953. Buried in Netawaka Cemetery, Netawaka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Kroth, Arthur.¹ “Arthur Kroth arrived Saturday from Beardsley Kansas to spend a few days at home before being called into service at Ft. Logan Colorado.” *The Soldier Clipper*, May 22, 1918. “Arthur Kroth and Lloyd Kerns are among the boys recently arriving safely overseas.” *The Soldier Clipper*, October 9, 1918. Born February 17, 1893; Died December 31, 1953. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Hot Springs, South Dakota. www.findagrave.com.

Kroth, Ralph T.; rank, private; enlisted on May 26, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 14475821, served as a corporal in the infantry, A. E. F.; discharged on November 3, 1919, at Camp Meigs, Washington, D. C. Box 26.¹⁰

Kunkler, George Lozelle; rank, private; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on September 5, 1918; served in Company C, 29th M. B. Bn.; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on January 23, 1919.⁵ Service number 4920884, inducted on September 5, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company C, Machine Gun Battalion; discharged on January 23, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 26.¹⁰ “Lazelle Kunkler, who left with the boys last Friday from Camp Funston, holds an honor record for attendance in the Holton schools. He went nine years without being absent or tardy. Lazelle writes from Funston that he likes his new life. His school record indicates he will make a good soldier.” *The Holton Recorder*, September 12, 1918. “KANSAS PVT 29 MG 10 DIV WORLD WAR I” Born July 25, 1897; Died February 28, 1949. Buried in Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Lambert, Jack.¹

Lambert, Emery W.; rank, Sergeant; enlisted on June 22, 1916 1915 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service for duty during WWI on August 5, 1917; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Box 26.¹⁰ “Capt. Durant and Lieut. C. C. Lulle came Friday to give the small pox vaccination and the typhoid inoculation. The boys were all frightened, but after it was over, they were pretty much disgusted to think how scared they were. Sergeant Lambert was one of the first out of the doctor’s hands and while the fellows were sitting around outside awaiting their turn, they saw Lambert stagger a bit and drop into a fellow sergeant’s arms when he was quickly carried into a tent where the boys were awaiting their doom. Eyes hardened and lips straightened and each one grew more quiet. But the sergeant was far from sick and the joke was too good to keep and the “horse laugh” that followed was for once, a welcome sound, involuntary sighs of relief were heard and the fellow ceased to talk in whispers.” *The Holton Signal*, August 16, 1917. “Rouen, France,

- Dec. 5, 1918. Dear Herb and Wife: ... Have been out of the hospital for some time, never felt better in my life. Yes, I was at the same place Wilkerson was for about a month. He is in the S. O. S., or service of supplies. He is the only boy from home I have seen since I have been in France. Never heard a word from any of the 137th. Write and tell me about the boys, for I am anxious to hear of them. ... At last all is peaceable again and the war is over. Wish I could come home now, since the war is finished. Here's hoping I get back some time in the spring. ... Jack Lambert. New address, and it's some address: Co. A 1st Army H. S. Regt. American Statistical Section Attached to 3rd Echelon, B. E. F., Rouen, France." *The Holton Recorder*, January 2, 1919.
- Lamme, Harold N.² Service number 4543562, enlisted or inducted on October 1, 1918, at Manhattan, Kansas; served as a private in S. A. T. C., Kansas State Agricultural College; Discharged on December 11, 1918, at Manhattan, Kansas. Box 26.¹⁰ Harold H. Lamme.¹¹ "PVT STU ARMY TNG CORPS WORLD WAR I" Born Jun. 20, 1900; Died December 2, 1962. Buried in Roselawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Salina, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Landon, Charles E.; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on May 29, 1918; served in France in Headquarters 351st Infantry, 88th Division; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on June 8, 1919.⁵ Service number 3299839. Box 26, folder 2.¹⁰ "19th Co. 164 D. B., Camp Funston. June 13, 1918. Dear Friend: - I will write a few lines to let you know how I am getting along out here at Funston. I have become somewhat accustomed to army life and like it first rate. There is nothing bad about it. All one has to do what he is told and he will get along alright. All the boys seem to enjoy themselves. I don't see Fred very often now because he has been transferred. The army "Y" furnishes stationery, pens, ink, blotters and desks for the soldiers to use in writing home, magazines and newspapers, library books, Testaments and other religious matter, classes in English and French, lectures, musical entertainments, athletics, phonograph, religious meetings, money orders, postage stamps, motion pictures, etc. I don't know what the boys would do without the Y. M. C. A. It makes camp much pleasanter for them. The evenings do not drag along. We can go to one of the huts and enjoy an evening's entertainment free and go away feeling much better than if we had only lain around the barracks. It is surprising to see how many boys are writing each time a person visits one of the buildings. It has been difficult for me to find a place to write each time I have come here. I will have to close for this time because I am trying to write and listen at the same time. Respectfully yours, Chas. E. Landon." *The Mayetta Herald*, May 31, 1918. "Hondelaincourt, France, Feb. 23, '19. Dear Papa: - I received your letter of Feb. 2, and one from Ira the day before. This leaves me feeling fine and with nothing much to do. I am helping put in wire in the billets for electric lighting. We are having fine weather here now. It is pretty warm and things are beginning to get green. The water in all the streams here is green in color. One never sees a muddy stream, no difference how heavy the rains have been. Some of them are pretty, too. Three fellows and I took a walk along the Rhine-Marne canal today. A branch of it goes through this town. We walked to a place two or three miles from here where it tunneled under a hill for two and a half miles. We started to walk through, but it got so dark that we could hardly see our path, which is almost two feet wide, so we came back. I think we will go back next Sunday and take a flashlight and go through it. Most of the fellows are busy these days polishing up big shells and having them engraved. I have a 75 and am going to try to get it home. We had a brigade horse show yesterday and I was on guard to help keep the crowd back from the ropes. They would get back when I walked along then close up to the ropes behind me, until I came back again, but I managed to keep them on the outside of the ropes. Several fellows in our company have made application to go to universities over here. I was going to put in one but was about an hour too late. The course lasts until June 30 and costs \$50. Our Y. M. here has books that we can check out, also have magazines. We heard today that our division was not booked to return before July 1st. Everyone here has the spring fever and we all feel lazy. One can generally find someone in bed in the billet. I didn't get up until 10 o'clock this morning but today is Sunday. I was glad to hear that you got a new automobile. You can go places in a hurry now. Has Earnest tried to drive yet? The French run their cars awful fast and don't get out of the way for hardly anything. We certainly have a big bunch of trucks with our division. Guess I will close for this time, your son, Pvt. Charles E. Landon, Hdq. Co. 251 Inf., A. E. F., A. P. O. 795. *The Mayetta Herald*, March 26, 1919.
- Lane, Clarence. Clarence Roe Lane, service number 2112208; enlisted or inducted on October 25, 1917, at Alma, Kansas; served as a wagoner in Supply Company, 334th Field Artillery, A. E. F.; discharged on March 12, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 26, folder 2.¹⁰ "Mr. Lane was a Veteran of World War I ..." Obituary Book 5 Jun. 1966 -- Feb. 1979, Jackson County Historical Society, Holton Kansas. Born April 26, 1894; Died December 2, 1970. Buried in Eskridge Cemetery, Eskridge, Kansas. [findagrave](http://findagrave.com).
- Lane, John E.; rank, sergeant 1st class; enlisted or inducted into service at Delia, Kansas on June 17, 1917; served in France in Company A, 110th Engineers; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 3, 1919.⁵ John A. Lane, service number 1467601; served a sergeant 1st class in Company E, 110th Engineers. A. E. F. Box 26, folder 1.¹⁰ "We are pleased to print another letter from John Lane this week, and we feel sure that part of it, at least, will give great comfort to some of the girls who have developed a terrible fear that their particular soldier would not escape the "French Girl" menace. Somewhere in France, July 18, 1918 - Dear Home folks - Received some letters from you this morning and was very glad to get them. ... I must close now for this time, but first I must tell you the French girls are dandy girls and swell and pretty, but they never can come close to our American girls." *The Delia News*, August 16, 1918. "A letter from John Lane to the folks that evidently was written in the hospital, simply states: "We just out of an awful battle and I am thankful I am alive and can write at all." *The Delia News*, November 15, 1918. "Somewhere in France.

Dec. 4, 1918. Mr. J. Z. Lane, Delia, Kansas, Dear Brother: - Just a few lines this evening to let you know I am still living. I have not ever told you very much of what I have been doing or where I have been because I could not before. So here is my chance. Well we left camp Doniphan, Okla., April 23rd and seventeen days from then we were on the Western battle front with the British, near Amiens. Our work there consisted of digging trenches and dugouts. Then we were transferred back to the U. S. Sector, close to the Swiss border. And on the 4th of July we marched up the Vorges Mountains into line, our work there was about the same only more of it, with barb wire entanglements, road building and the like. On the 1st of September we left that sector for the St. Mihiel salient, we were in reserve there during that battle, but were anxious to get in the thickest of it - after finishing the Boche there. We went then to one of the strongest fortified positions they (the Germans), had. This was South west of Verdun near the Argonne forest. And on the 26th of September we the 35 Division started the beginning of the end for the Old Hindenburg Line. This is where we saw some real war, for six days the engineers fought without ceasing and the last two days of this battle we the Engineers held the line by ourselves those that were left you know and stayed with it till we were relieved and sent back for a few days rest. I was sent to a N. C. O. gas school for a weeks training, and on returning I stopped off at gay Paris for a few hours. But not feeling the best in the world I wanted to get back to the company hoping to find them in a nice rest camp, and sure enough I did they were holding the line to the right of Verdun where a great many of our boys rest in peace. Well we left that place November 5th were marching to another sector when we got the news that the Armistice was signed. Since then we have been repairing roads and last week have been drilling and resting. Now to try to tell you everything that I or my company did would take up too much time, paper, etc. So I will wait until I get back home. Those boys that I brought home with me from camp had a little harder luck than I had. Holiday and Drake were wounded and are in the hospital, Thompson was wounded but is back, - Huminger was gassed and is in the hospital. Received a number of letters from Delia friends and relatives and from K. C. and Margaret while she was in New York. Well will say good bye, write often, Serg. John A. Lane, Co. A., 110th Engineers, A. E. F." *The Delia News*, January 7, 1919.

Lane, Samuel F.; rank, private; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Topeka, Kansas on August 31, 1918; discharged from the 164th Depot Brigade at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on January 13, 1919.⁵ Service number 3472423. Box 26, folder 2.¹⁰

Lannen, James.¹ James G. Lannon, service number 1467601; enlisted on April 23, 1917; served as a seaman in the U. S. navy; discharged on February 17, 1919, at the Receiving Ship, New York, New York. Box 26, folder 1.¹⁰ "James Lannon arrived home on Monday evening. He is on a thirty day furlough, having been on the borders of France for several months." *The Soldier Clipper*, December 25, 1918. "James Lannon surprised his friends here on Thursday night arriving home with an honorable discharge from the U. S. Navy. He had entered the service for a four year term, but tired of the service and asked for a release, which was granted." *The Soldier Clipper*, February 26, 1919. "Mr. and Mrs. John Alban entertained the returned soldier boys and their friends on Thursday evening at their home. The soldier boys present were: Jim Lannon." *The Soldier Clipper*, February 26, 1919.

Larkin, Elwood.¹

Larton, David, rank, private; enlisted at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri on May 18, 1917; served in Company C, 34th Regular U. S. Army; discharged at Camp Fort Bliss, Texas on May 24, 1918 on account of being an imbecile not being capable of learning the duties of a soldier.⁵ Service number 1160052. Box 27, folder 2.¹⁰

Lassen, Ernest.¹ Service number 447661, enlisted or inducted on July 15, 1917, at Horton, Kansas; served as a private in Company H or N, Casual Convalescent Detachment; discharged in January 6, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 27.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born August 28, 1887; Died February 6, 1973. Buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Whiting, Kansas. findagrave.

Lawrence, Bean.¹ "SK3 US NAVY" Born February 11, 1891; Died June 6, 1974. Buried in Muscotah Cemetery, Muscotah, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Lawrence, Henry D.¹ Henry David Lawrence, service number 180-67-14; enrolled on February 1, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a ships cook 3/class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on September 30, 1921, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 27.¹⁰

Lawrence, Wm. M.¹ William Milton Lawrence, service number 1807073; enlisted on December 11, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a fireman 2/class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on June 16, 1919, at St. Louis, Missouri. Box 27, folder 1.¹⁰

Lee, Charles Patterson; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Kansas City, Kansas on July 31, 1918; served in France in Company M, 816th Infantry; discharged Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on July 26, 1919.⁵ Service number 4258462, 816th Pioneer Infantry; discharged at Camp Zackary Taylor, Kentucky. Box 27, folder 2.¹⁰ "KANSAS CPL US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born March 5, 1889; Died December 3, 1964. Buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Lee, Ned Coleman; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Kansas City, Kansas on July 31, 1918; served in France; discharged from Demobilization Group at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on July 8, 1919.⁵ Born October 12, 1890; Died September 21, 1968. Buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Leeth, Samuel H.² Service number 1042203, enlisted or inducted on July 24, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company B, 9th Supply Train; discharged on February 17, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 27,

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Lehman, Max E.²

Leibling, S. C., rank, corporal, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France.⁴

Lennen, Conner J.²

Lennen, Scott.¹ "On Saturday Prof. Lennen received a letter from his son Lieut. Scott Lennen who is near the battle front in France. He had quite a thrill a few days before he wrote. The thrill consisted of an inspection of his squad by General Pershing. *The Soldier Clipper*, June 12, 1918. "Prof. Lennen has intelligence that his son Lieut. Scott Lennen is with the support of the Marines that are holding Chateau-Thierry, France." *The Soldier Clipper*, June 19, 1918. "Prof. Lennen has a letter from his son Scott (or rather from a nurse written at Scott's wish) stating that he was wounded by a machine gun, and besides the wounds he was injured in the back. He was still in the field hospital, but would be taken to a base hospital as soon as he was able to move. He was improving. Under a heading "More American Heroes" the New York Globe had the following: '2nd Lieut. Scott L. Lennen of Soldier, Kansas, after being wounded, called to his assistant platoon leader and said: 'Sargent take care of the platoon, and push forward.'" *The Soldier Clipper*, July 17, 1918. "Lieutenant Scott Lennen, died of wounds received in battle at Chateau Thierry, France on June 6, 1918." *The Soldier Clipper*, July 17, 1918. "A picture of the late Lieut. Scott Lennen of Soldier appeared in last week's issue of Leslie's Weekly." *The Holton Recorder*, September 5, 1918. "Among the bodies of twenty-seven Kansas soldiers which arrived from France, July 2, was that of Lieut. Scott L. Lennon of the 223rd Infantry. Lieut. Lennon was the son of Prof. F. W. Lennon of Soldier. He lost his life on the battle line in France." *The Holton Recorder*, July 7, 1921. "Scott Lennen was a Lyons boy although he enlisted in the service from Meade county when the call for volunteers came. He was born April 3, 1891, and graduated from the local high school in 1911. He took his degree from Drake university with the class of '17. Sent overseas early his company was one of the crack units chosen for the initial American offensive which spelled the doom of German hopes. Lieut. Lennen was mortally wounded in the charge through Belleau Wood on June 6, 1917. He died in a base hospital on July 3 and was Buried in national cemetery at JUILLY." *The Soldier Clipper*, July 13, 1921. Box 27.¹⁰ "Co D, 23 Reg. 2 Div. Died in France Chateau Thierry" Scott Lincoln Lennen. Born April 2, 1891; Died July 2, 1918. Buried in Lyons Municipal Cemetery, Lyons, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Lentz, J. Clyde, rank, private, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France.⁴ Enrolled on July 12, 1917, at St. Louis, Missouri, discharged on July 11, 1921. Box 27.¹⁰ "Nov. 16, 1917. Dear Uncle, Aunt and Cousins; Well, at last we have landed "somewhere in France," with all feeling fine and well satisfied with our place. Have good chow and good shelter. This is a fine country. We give two and three concerts daily, also a couple of weekly concerts. We get up at 6 a.m., and are kept busy most of the time. We had a fine sea voyage and one that I think will be long remembered. I received a fine box of eats from mother yesterday. Sure came through in fine shape - cake just as moist as could be. We have had some great experiences already and I will never regret this trip. We all like our new director - he is a fine fellow and a great director. Its hard to write a letter, for we can't relate any military moves or even describe our camp or country, etc., which of course is for our own benefit. All the chaps are feeling fine and myself am getting fat. Expect Mable, Dorothy and Clarence are going to school and working hard. Well just image, when you open your geography to the map of Europe, you can see us marching up and down these fine roads playing "La Marseillaise," and "Star Spangled Banner." Well, hoping this finds all as well as I am, as ever, Cpl. J. Clyde Lentz." *The Holton Recorder*, December 27, 1917. Born November 17, 1897; Died October 24, 1965. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Lentz, Lloyd A. Service number 342396; enlisted or inducted August 29, 1918 at Holton, Kansas; served as a private SATC, Kansas State Agricultural College, discharged December 11, 1918 at Manhattan, Kansas.¹¹ Born in 1899; Died in 1980. Buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Whiting, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Leonhardt, John.¹ Service number 3299867, enlisted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class in the Military Police Q. C.; Camp J. E. Johnston, Florida; discharged on February 20, 1919. Box 27.¹⁰

Levier, Oscar.² Oscar Joseph Levier, service number 4920897; enlisted or inducted on September 5, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private on the 4th Company, 2nd Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 10, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 27.¹⁰ "Four more boys left here for training camps Friday. John Long, Joe Pierson, Mike Hogan, J. B. Coughlin. Next Friday four more will leave here: Samuel Early, Philbert Jones, Joe Blandin and Oscar Levier. Good luck, boys." *The Mayetta Herald*, September 4, 1918. Born January 9, 1897; Died May 2, 1928. Buried in Shisheo Cemetery, Potawatomi Reservation, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Lewis, Cecil Paul. Enlisted in the Third Illinois National Guard, and then transferred to a Machine Gun company. In January, 1917, the machine gun company was ordered to Fort Sheridan, Ill., where he was in the base hospital until his company was mustered out. Died April 26, 1918, and was buried in Boone County, Iowa. *The Holton Recorder*, May 16, 1918. "ILLINOIS PVT 3 ILL INF N. G." Born in 1892; Died April 26, 1918. Buried in Squire Boone Cemetery, Luther, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Lewis, Charles R.; rank, private; enlisted on May 17, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company; served in

France where he was wounded; discharged on May 10, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.³ Service number 1447583. Box 27, folder 1.¹⁰ “Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Okla., Oct. 26, 1917. Dear Mother: I expect you had begun to think I had forgotten to write to you, but have not. We have been real busy. We have two French officers here teaching us the French way of war tactics. We went to Lawton Wednesday and certainly had a fine time. Jack Lambert and I went together. A hardware man’s wife took us to dinner, and talk about a good dinner! We had everything to eat. They sure entertained us royally, and we certainly appreciate it too. We thank them very much for their hospitality. They told us whenever we were in town, to come for dinner. They asked us to come Sunday. The aeroplanes made a good flight. Five of them flew and one went dead and had to be hauled back on a truck. They have good football games here, and all kinds of sport. There was a big crowd of us in town. They took us to town on the train, as it runs every half hour. Some of our boys were transferred. But they have a good place. I have made up my mind to stay with this company, as I knew what it is, and it is a pretty good place. I saw Nettie Anders-Coakley in Lawton and was glad to see her. I saw Carl Osborne yesterday. He is a dentist. He asked about all you folks. I received the cake - sure was fine; also my gloves. Many thanks for them. We have the floor in our tents and they are hauling lumber for the walls of our tents, which will make them like a house. We have our stove up. Sure is fine. We put in a chunk and keep the fire all night. I received a letter from Mr. C. C. Conner. He wants me to write him once a month. He said he could tell more about the way we live by hearing it from a real soldier. Well, they say it takes from 3 to 4 years to become a real soldier. I will venture to say I will never be one of them. I also received a nice letter from Mr. and Mrs. Willard Turner. I was on detail this morning, giving out new pants to the boys. I gave out about 300 pair while another boy wrote their names. We had inspection, too, this morning, but I didn’t have to be inspected. I am getting along just fine. I do hope you are getting along alright. We have been working pretty hard of late, as we are doing the work about twice as quick as we are supposed to. All the boys here are now trying on their new clothes. We have got all that is coming to us, but our pay. Well, I will close for this time, as I have no more news for you. Your son, Chas. Lewis.” *The Holton Recorder*, November 8, 1917. Born July 19, 1897; Died September. 17, 1965. Buried in Circleville Cemetery, Circleville, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Lewis, Noah. “F. C. Grimshaw handed us a paper, The Columbus (Ohio) Gazette, in which appear two letters, written by Noah Lewis, a former Holton boy, from which we clip the following paragraphs: ‘The band boys in this regiment I am in now are nearly all from around Holton, Kansas, but I have not met one of them yet.’ ‘As I sat down who should I see playing in the band but M. A. Bender of Holton, Kansas, with his K. O T. M. band, but only one Holton man whom I knew, Dutch Lutz. I had quite a talk with him and found out more Holton news than I have heard since I left Holton ten years ago. He has been mentioned twice for bravery under fire. You see the band boys are stretcher bearers in an attack.’” *The Holton Recorder*, October 24, 1918.

Lewis, Victor, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, brother of Cecil Paul, served in France in Company B, no information on what regiment or division. *The Holton Recorder*, May 16, 1918. Probably Victor Lewis. Died July 24, 1969; Buried in North Lawn Cemetery, Fort Dodge, Iowa. www.findagrave.com.

Lewis, Worth A.; rank, private; enlisted on June 13, 1917; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 1447665, served in A. E. F.; gunshot wounds to right and left legs; discharged on April 12, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 27, folder 2.¹⁰ Born November 29, 1898; Died March 7, 1954. Buried in North Lawn Cemetery, Fort Dodge, Iowa. www.findagrave.com.

Levas, Christ T. “PVT BTRY A 28 FA 10 DIV WORLD WAR I” Born January 27, 1893; Died May 29, 1954. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Lindsey, Andrew.¹ Andrew T. Lindsey, enlisted on April 13, 1917, at Horton, Kansas; served as a private in Company B, 137th infantry, A. E. F.; wounded on September 28, 1918; discharged on May 9, 1919. Box 28, folder 2.¹⁰ “Andrew Lindsey, Co. B., was gassed in September and is still in a base hospital in France. He expects to be in the hospital all winter.” *The Holton Recorder*, December 5, 1918.

Lines, McLin; rank, private; enlisted on April 28, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Received a disability discharge on February 15, 1918, at Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Box 28, folder 3.¹⁰ “Dear Mother and Father: I received your letter yesterday and as I have nothing to do this afternoon, I will try and write you a few lines to let you know how I am. I am feeling fine and like the army better all the time. Of course a person gets tired once and a while, but I didn’t expect a picnic when I joined. We have board floors and sides in most of the tents now. Our tent was finished Tuesday. Bill is on the other side of the street and they are just getting their’s up today. There are half of the tents on one side of the street and the rest on the other side. Each fellow has a cot. There are only eight of us supposed to be in one tent, but some of the tents have nine. We have nine in our tent. Ray Barr, a brother of Ernie Barr, the fellow who used to work down on the ranch, is in this tent. We have ticks filled with straw, to sleep on, so you see we haven’t such a bad place to sleep. I have been in places where they did not have as good beds as we have here. Another fellow and myself have our cots side by side, so we make our beds together, and it sure makes it fine. We have had some pretty cold nights since we have been here, but I haven’t slept cold a night yet. It has been nice and warm here the last couple of weeks.

- The leaves are still on the trees down here. It is just like a summer day here today. A person could get up a sweat if he was working today. Well, I will close for this time. Your son, McLIN LINES." *The Holton Recorder*, November 23, 1917. "KANSAS PVT CO B 137 INFANTRY 35 DIV WORLD WAR I" Born March 25, 1898; Died June 19, 1965. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Lines, William; rank, corporal; enlisted on May 12, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France, wounded in the leg on September 28, 1918 in the Battle of the Argonne; discharged on March 9, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.³ Service number 1447663. Box 28, folder 3.¹⁰"October 3, 1918. Somewhere in France. Dear Mother and folks at home: Well, I have at last got to see what I have been waiting for so long, and that was to see the Germans on the run, and I also have the pleasant feeling of knowing that I had a small part in it, even though it was small. Those fellows fight good as long as they have good cover and their machine guns are working good, but the minute you get close to them they come out with that old "kamerad" stuff; but that doesn't always help them. The fight lasted three days and two nights and then one of those things hit me a little too hard on the leg. It is a very slight wound and I will be back with the company before you get this, so you can continue sending my mail to the same place. One thing about the hospital, you get to see some real American girls. They are the first I have seen for over four months. The French girls are all right, but they were never taught how to talk. Well, will close for this time. Will write more later, as that is may have all I will have to do. With love, CORP. WM. LINES." *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918. "KANSAS CPL CO B 137 INFANTRY 35 DIV WORLD WAR I" Born October 17, 1895; Died August 31, 1973. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Linscott, Frank. " *The Holton Recorder*, September 5, 1918.
- Linscott, John Shephard; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on July 29, 1918; served in the Medical Department, Ambulance Company 54; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on January 27, 1919.⁵ Service number 4256327. Box 28, folder 3.¹⁰ Born September 11, 1895; Died March 11, 1991. Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Farmington, Maine. findagrave.com.
- Logan, Robert.² Robert V. Logan, service number 3471317; inducted on August 28, 1918, at Alma, Kansas; served as a private in Ambulance Company No. 21; discharged on June 25, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 28, folder 1.¹⁰
- Long, Edward K. "Edward K. Long was born at Seneca, Kan., on the 11th day of August, 1888, and died in a hospital at St. Joseph, Mo., aged 32 years and 7 months. ... He came to Holton, Kan., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Long, in the year of 1904, where he has since made his home. He entered the U. S. military service in August, 1916, and remained in that service until March, 1917. He again entered the U. S. military service in September, 1918, and was in training for overseas duty at Camp Cody, New Mexico. Just prior to the time his company left the United States for overseas a final examination given by the army surgeon, disclosed that Edward was suffering from leakage of the heart, at which time he was given an honorable discharge on account of physical disability, which physical disability caused his death" *The Holton Recorder*, March 17, 1921.
- Long, John I.² John T. Long, service number 3472408; inducted on August 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class in Casual Detachment No. 1643, Demobilization Group; discharged on November 6, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 28, folder 1.¹⁰"Four more boys left here for training camps Friday. John Long, Joe Pierson, Mike Hogan, J. B. Coughlin. Next Friday four more will leave here: Samuel Early, Philbert Jones, Joe Blandin and Oscar Levier. Good luck, boys." *The Mayetta Herald*, September 4, 1918. "John Thomas Long was born at Mayetta, Kans., September 6, 1896, and died at the home of his brother, Chester, Thursday night, March 10, 1928, making his age 31 years, 6 months and 4 days. He was the son of Arthur and Maggie Long. He joined the M. E. church at the age of eight years. He enlisted in the World War August 19, 1918, and made a good soldier and wasn't afraid to do his duty. He was given an honorable discharge from active service November 6, 1918. While in the service at Ft. Sheridan, Ill., he contracted this dreadful disease, tuberculosis, from which he never recovered." *The Holton Recorder*, March 15, 1928. unknown Died March 10, 1928; Buried in Mayetta Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Long, Philip; rank, sergeant; enlisted on August 1, 1914 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 1447517, served as a sergeant in the A. E. F.; discharged on March 14, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 28, folder 3.¹⁰"E. Long Hears from His Son. In France, July 22, 1918. Dear Folks: We are now back out of the trenches and are located in a pretty little village, and I wish I could explain just what it looks like, but I never could. I have actually got a real house to stay in and a real bed to sleep in here, for the first time since I left the states. We are still drilling hard every day while we are out, so you see it is all hard work, but the news we are getting the last few days sure sounds good and I hope the good work continues and I may be able to eat dinner with you Christmas. I wrote Frank a letter the other day but I don't suppose he will ever answer it. Say, you folks are sure good guessers. I came in from an all night's stay out in no man's land, and found my birthday cards lying on my table on the morning of my birthday and also three letters from my girl; so I got just the kind of present I wanted. With love to all, Sgt. Phillip Long." *The Holton Recorder*, August 29, 1918.

“In France, Oct. 20, 1918. Dear Folks at Home: Well, it has been a long time since I last wrote to you, but it has not been my fault, for I haven’t been in one place long enough to even write a card, for there are times when you can’t get your letters censored. I thought the last time I wrote to you that we were going back for a rest, but I was badly mistaken, for we were only out a few days until we were called back to the trenches, and I was only there a few days until I was called away to school, where I am now, clear across France, from where my company is. We were on the cars three days and three nights and came though many good towns and it sure seemed good to get back where the country and towns are not destroyed by shells. I was recommended for the candidate school for officers, and we are to start our training in the morning and it will last six to eight weeks. If I make good, I will get to be a lieutenant and if I don’t, I will retain my rank as sergeant, but will probably never get back with my company, and I don’t care much, for they have so many new men that it don’t seem like old Co. B.” *The Holton Recorder*, November 31, 1918. Born July 15, 1893; Died September 7, 1985. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Louthian, James R. “Below we give the names of the boys of this community who are called to the colors. ... James R. Louthian.” *The Soldier Clipper*, May 22, 1918. “Ray Louthian is meeting with difficulty in getting into the army service. He had applied for admission into the Marines and been rejected, and is now turned back from Funston Camp of selected men. Asthma is his trouble.” *The Soldier Clipper*, June 5, 1918. “Ray Louthian returned to-day from Camp Funston, where he was refused Army Service on account of physical disability. Ray very much regrets his discharge.” *The Soldier Clipper*, June 12, 1918.

Lowe, Benjamin F. “MISSOURI WAGR 140 INF 39 DIV WORLD WAR I” Born October 21, 1886; Died August 22, 1944. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Lugwig, Geo. Albert.¹ “Geo. Ludwig, a member of Co. G, 133 Infantry, has arrived safely overseas.” *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918. May be George A. Ludwig, Sr. Born 1894; Died in 1976. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Lunger, Fred Vernon.¹ Service number 3299773, enlisted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the 57th Company, 164th Dept Brigade; discharged on December 2, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 28.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ May be Fred V. Lunger. Born 1895; Died in 1969. Buried in Summerfield Cemetery, Summerfield, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Lutz, Clarence; rank, sergeant, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France.⁴ Discharged on July 11, 1921, at Chicago, Illinois. Box 28.¹⁰ “Dear friend Jesse: This is the end of another perfect day, and I am feeling fine and dandy and sincerely hope this finds you and your family the same, I received another package of home papers today. You don’t know how I appreciate that, too. Whenever I get mail from home I always look for the Topeka and Holton papers. I never appreciated the paper so much before in my life. We are at the front now and I have been in the trenches my allotted time and am going back in again soon for another space of time. I am living in a dugout now and it is a dandy. Sometimes we are in the mud and water up to our knees, but that is fine at times. Mud looks just like gold to me now. And the shells burst and play a hot time over us and around us all the time. The airplanes have to duck in the air and into the clouds just like a duck in the water, and then sometimes they don’t duck quick enough. I see by the paper you were down with the German measles, but that was a good come-back you had on the Germans. I received word today from my brother through Lt. Rennick that they were at the front and that they were well and feeling fine and dandy. Hancher Vetter will soon be back with us again from the hospital ... Your friend, Dutch. [Lutz]” *The Holton Recorder*, May 30, 1918. “F. C. Grimshaw handed us a paper, The Columbus (Ohio) Gazette, in which appear two letters, written by Noah Lewis, a former Holton boy, from which we clip the following paragraphs: ‘The band boys in this regiment I am in now are nearly all from around Holton, Kansas, but I have not met one of them yet.’ ‘As I sat down who should I see playing in the band but M. A. Bender of Holton, Kansas, with his K. O T. M. band, but only one Holton man whom I knew, Dutch Lutz. I had quite a talk with him and found out more Holton news than I have heard since I left Holton ten years ago. He has been mentioned twice for bravery under fire. You see the band boys are stretcher bearers in an attack.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 24, 1918. “Mrs. Henry Luz received a letter from her son Clarence last week in which he says the band boys have been in the front line trenches again, but all came out without a scratch.” *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918. “Harry Lutz, of Co. B, Clarence Lutz of the Marine Band, and Elmer Lutz of the 117th Ammunition Train, recently had a family reunion in France.” *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918. “France Nov. 6, 1918. Dear Mother: I am sending this coupon today, the first opportunity I have had since receiving it. You can send what you wish. Send eats, that’s all I want. I just ran across Lt. Dye today and we were glad to see him. We have a good long talk with each other. Bill is sure looking good. He is going to censor this letter and send it home for me. We are at the front and have been for so long that we have not had time for anything else. I saw Elmer and Clarence Rennick again the other day. They were both well and looking good. ... My Dear Mrs. Lutz: I am taking the liberty of writing a few lines on Clarence’s’ letter, to tell you he is as happy as anyone can be, under the circumstances, and Mrs. Lutz, he is a son to be proud of. His ahs been a great sacrifice, no greater or not than yours, but he has proven ’true blue’ in the regiment as at home he is known to everyone, and makes life more bearable by his cheerfulness. I hope to see you after the war and tell you what a fine soldier your boy is. Respectfully yours, ‘Bill Dye’” *The Holton Recorder*, December 5, 1918. Clarence Henry “Dutch” Lutz. Born in 1897; Died April 8, 1970. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Lutz, Elmer; rank, sergeant; enlisted at Rosedale, Kansas on June 12, 1917; served in France in Company F, 117th Ammunition Train, A. E. F.; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 15, 1919.⁵ Service number 207354. Box 28.¹⁰“Harry Lutz, of Co. B, Clarence Lutz of the Marine Band, and Elmer Lutz of the 117th Ammunition Train, recently had a family reunion in France.” *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918.

Lutz, Harry E; rank, corporal; enlisted on May 31, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France, killed in action in the Battle of the Argonne.²“Harry Lutz, of Co. B, Clarence Lutz of the Marine Band, and Elmer Lutz of the 117th Ammunition Train, recently had a family reunion in France.” *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918. “Harry Edwin Lutz was born at Holton, Kan., Jan. 9, 1890, and died in a field hospital near Appremont, France, on Oct. 11, 1918, at the age of 28 years, 9 months and 2 days. ... He was called into federal service Aug. 5, 1917. In a short time he left home with Co. B boys for Camp Doniphan at Fort Sill, Okla. He sailed for France April 25, 1918. His active service was in the Vosges Mountains of Alsace, St. Mithiel offensive, and the Argonne. It was in this latter offensive that he was mortally wounded by German shell fire in Montrebeau wood near the village of Baulny, Sept. 28, 1918. The highest military honors were paid Harry Lutz when his body arrived from the cemetery in France, Saturday night and was Buried in Holton cemetery” *The Holton Recorder*, September 15, 1921. Box 28.¹⁰ “CORP. CO. B 137 INF’T A. E. F.” www.findagrave.com.

Lutz, William.²

Magnauk, Grant.⁶

Mahlow, Henry.¹

Maier, Edwin.² Service number 3791432, Inducted on July 23, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class in Company F, 69th Infantry; discharged on January 30, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 29.¹⁰ “KANSAS PFC CO F 69 INF WORLD WAR I” Born July 5, 1895; Died November 1, 1961. Buried in Denison Cemetery, Denison, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Mann, Howard; rank, corporal; enlisted on April 1, 1915 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Service number 1447523. Box 29.¹⁰ “KANSAS CPL CO B. 137 INF 35 DIV WORLD WAR I PH” Born June 19, 1897; Died April 20, 1957. Buried in Rochester Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Manuel, Ross. Thomas Ross Manuel, service number 4499621; enlisted or inducted on August 29, 1918, at Falls City, Nebraska; served as a private in the 4th Company, 2nd Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 10, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 29.¹⁰ “Ross Manuel came home from Nebraska on Sunday. He expects to be called to the colors about Aug. 29th.” *The Soldier Clipper*, August 21, 1918. “PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I” Born January 27, 1895; Died July 21, 1983. Buried in America City Cemetery, America City, Nemaha County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Markham, Robert Smith. Service number 3299829, inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class in Company K, 352nd Infantry; discharged on July 7, 191, at Mitchell Field, Long Island, New York. Box 29, folder 3.¹⁰ Served in France, left the U. S. August 16, 1918, returned June 27, 1919.¹³ “Below we give the names of the boys of this community who are called to the colors. ... Robt. Markham.” *The Soldier Clipper*, May 22, 1918. “Word was received last week of the safe arrival over seas of Jesse Fleming, Robt. Markham, Carl Johnson, Harry Brenner and Ira Dove.” *The Soldier Clipper*, September 11, 1918. “served fourteen months in the U. S. Army, 352nd Inf., was discharged July, 1919.” Robert S. Markham, “History of Soldier Kansas,” page 46, 1885. Box 29, folder 3.¹⁰ Born in 1892; Died in 1986. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Marion, Levi; rank, private; enlisted on April 23, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 1447673, served as a private first class in Company B, 13th Infantry, A. E. F., shot through palm right hand on September 28, 1918; discharged on May 9, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 29, folder 4.¹⁰ “Mrs. Liddie Burrell, Sabetha, Kan. Dear Mother: Will write to let you know that I am well and feeling fine. Did you get the picture I sent you? Would like to see the poster I sent you in a frame, when I get back home. (will be back in 1921.) We are fixing up our allotments, so when we go to France, we have to make a \$15 allotment to someone or the government will keep it until the war is over. I don’t know what to do about it. May make an allotment to you and have you put it in the bank until I get home. How is Jesse getting along? Hope he is well. Tell him to take a fool’s advice and not join the army, for it is a dog’s life if you do not like it. So many boys are not satisfied that it makes it bad for the rest of the boys who like it. The drafted men are a fine lot of men and are all in a hurry to get to France. We all are to go to the hospital tomorrow to be examined for lung trouble or other illness. So you can see we are kept busy all the time. We are learning to get death holds on other boys, so if we lose our rifle or bayonet we can defend ourselves. We can catch a German and break his neck if he gets too smart with us, or we can push his eyes out with our thumbs or break his neck with our hands. It is a great help

- to us. All the boys enjoy it. We wrestle all day long. Uncle Sam pays for our clothes now. Sometimes the officers urge us on so it is in dead earnest. We have bayonet practice every morning. Tell Mr. Burrell that it is about time for taps, so I will not write him now. He will ask what taps are. Tell him that it is when about 3,000 soldiers go to bed - when the bugle blows and the lights all go out. It is blowing now. It calls all the boys to bed. Well, write soon and a good long letter, and send me another box if you can. Would like to have one. Yours truly, Levi Marion." *The Holton Recorder*, November 15, 1917.
- Maris, Beryl. Service number 141-58-57, enlisted on July 13, 1918, at Astoria, Oregon; served as a seaman 2/class in the U. S. Navy, discharged on September 30, 1921, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 29, folder 3.¹⁰ "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Beryl Maris." *The Hoyt Recorder*, October 24, 1918. "SEA2 USNRF" Born January 13, 1897; Died August 6, 1955. Buried in Willamette Cemetery, Portland, Oregon. www.findagrave.com.
- Marquart, Bernese.¹ Bernese Samuel Marquart, enlisted on September 14, 1917, at New Orleans, Louisiana; served as a pharmacist mate 2/class in the U. S. Navy; discharged from the Naval Hospital, New York, New York. Box 29, folder 3.¹⁰ "Bernese Marquart, who is stationed on the hospital ship "Mercy," visited his Holton relatives over Sunday. He has been in the Navy some months." *The Holton Recorder*, August 29, 1918. Born June 1, 1895; Died: June 23, 1978. Buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Lake Arthur, Louisiana. www.findagrave.com.
- Marshall, Arthur. "Arthur Marshall is here from the Great Lakes Training Station on a "farm furlough." *The Holton Recorder*, October 24, 1918.
- Martin, Norman. Emanuel Norman Martin, served as a major in the Medical Corps, U. S. Army; discharged on August 16, 191, at Fort Bayard, New Mexico. Box 29, folder 1.¹⁰ "Norman Martin has answered the call to the colors and is now in a training camp somewhere in Nevada." *The Delia News*, September 20, 1918. "KANSAS MAJOR MED CORPS" Born November 7, 1874; Died December 16, 1937. Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clay Center, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Martin, Willis.² Willis M. Martin, inducted on August 30, 1918, at Topeka, Kansas; served as a private first class in a medical department; discharged on January 8, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 29, folder 2.¹⁰ "Willis Martin, who was called to camp at Fort Riley last August, is discharged. He came to Holton last Friday to see his mother, and returned this evening to Topeka to resume his position in the Palace Clothing Store." *The Holton Recorder*, January 16, 1919. "KANSAS PFC MEDICAL DEPT WORLD WAR I" Willis M. Martin. Born January 9, 1897; Died December 31, 1968. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Matsapto, George.¹
- Mauck, Raymond A.¹ "We are pleased to print, this week, the names of all the Delia boys now in the service. Those who left at different times before June 28th were: ... Ray Mauck" *The Delia News*, September 27, 1918. May be Raymond A. Mauck. "CPL US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born August 8, 1894; Died December 10, 1976. Buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Kansas City, Missouri. www.findagrave.com.
- May, Robert.¹ May, Robert. "He served in WWI overseas in the 505 Engineer Batt." Born February 8, 1892; Died March 29, 1951. Obituary Book 4 Dec. 1950 -- July 1, 1966, Jackson County Historical Society, Holton Kansas. Robert P. May. Born in 1892; Died in 1951. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- McAlexander, Clarence H.; rank, private first class; enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on August 8, 1918; served in France, last assigned to Post Surgeon; discharged from Demobilization Group 1034 at Camp Dodge, Iowa on July 16, 1919.⁵ Service number 3464207. Box 30.¹⁰ "KANSAS PFC US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born August 29, 1891; Died February 12, 1970. Buried in South Denison Cemetery, Denison, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- McAllister, Jim. "a half brother, [of Paul R. McAllister] Jim McAllister, "somewhere in France" *The Holton Recorder*, March 6, 1919.
- McAllister, Paul R. Service number 648611, enlisted on April 13, 1916, served as a private in Company C, 22nd Infantry; drowned on December 6, 1918. Box 30.¹⁰ "Sergeant Paul R. McAllister of Company C, 22nd Infantry, of Washington, D. C., was accidentally drowned on or about December 7, 1919. Paul was born in Tonganoxie, Kan., April 24, 1899, and at the time of his death was 19 years, 8 months and 11 days of age." "... He leaves to mourn his loss a mother, a half brother, Jim McAllister, "somewhere in France." *The Holton Recorder*, March 6, 1919. Box 30.¹⁰
- McAnerney, John J.¹ "John McAnerney writes that he is still favorably impressed with army life and is in the best of health and spirits. The Delia boys have been badly scattered here and there until he does not know the whereabouts of many of them. It keeps him pretty busy keeping track of himself. At present time he is in Company C, 10th ammunition train." *The Delia News*, August 16, 1918. "The boys that were here from Camp Funston Sunday were; John McAnerney, Oliver Chaney, Ernest Stargill, and Dan Sheehan." *The Delia News*, September 20, 1918. May be John Joseph McAnerney. Died December 10, 1939. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Emmett, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- McBroom, John D.² Service number 464208, enlisted or inducted on August 8, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class in Camp Hospital No. 27; discharged on August 13, 1919. Box 30.¹⁰ "KANSAS PFC MED DEPT WORLD WAR I" John Daniel McBroom. Born March 5, 1896; Died September 24, 1947. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- McCall, Theodore J. Theodore Jasper McCall, service number 491607; enlisted or inducted on May 14, 1918, at Topeka,

- Kansas; served as a private in Troop A, 307th Calvary, from May 23 to August 17, 1918, then in Battery A, 51st Field Artillery; discharged on February 10, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 30, folder 2.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT 51st FIELD ARTY 17th DIV WORLD WAR I" Born October 5, 1898; Died September 10, 1951. Buried in Hoyt Cemetery, Hoyt, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- McCaslin, Henry. Henry C. McCaslin, enlisted on July 25, 1917, at Fort Logan, Colorado; served as a sergeant in Candidate Detachment Field Artillery Replacement Division, A. E. F.; discharged on July 11, 1918, at Saunier, France, to accept a commission as 2nd Lieutenant. Box 30, folder 3.¹⁰ "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Henry McCaslin." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. "Mr. Jas. McCaslin received a letter from his son, Lieut. Henry McCaslin, who is now in Germany with the Allied Army of Occupation. The twins have had a lot of experiences in their service for Uncle Sam in the aviation corps but have been very reticent. ... Have now been in Germany two weeks, but at present we are in Chammont, France, waiting for the weather to clear up so we came fly back to Germany. Just two weeks ago, as Jim and our commanding officer were leaving the ground to take out a plane they crashed, breaking a right leg for both of them. They are now in the hospital here at Chammont and getting along exceptionally well." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, May 22, 1919.
- McCaslin, James. James L. McCaslin, enlisted on July 25, 1917, at Fort Logan, Colorado; served as a sergeant in Candidate Detachment Field Artillery Replacement Division, A. E. F.; discharged on July 11, 1918, at Saunier, France, to accept a commission as 2nd Lieutenant. Box 30, folder 6.¹⁰ "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... James McCaslin." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. "Mr. Jas. McCaslin received a letter from his son, Lieut. Henry McCaslin, who is now in Germany with the Allied Army of Occupation. The twins have had a lot of experiences in their service for Uncle Sam in the aviation corps but have been very reticent. ... Have now been in Germany two weeks, but at present we are in Chammont, France, waiting for the weather to clear up so we came fly back to Germany. Just two weeks ago, as Jim and our commanding officer were leaving the ground to take out a plane they crashed, breaking a right leg for both of them. They are now in the hospital here at Chammont and getting along exceptionally well." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, May 22, 1919.
- McCauley, James A.¹ James Arthur McCauley, service number 3299807; enlisted or inducted on May 29, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class in Quarter Master Detachment No. 1, B & S Det. D. G., A. E. F.; discharged on July 16, 1919 at Camp Lee, Virginia. Box 30, folder 5.¹⁰ "Lloyd Smythe, James McCauley and Clyde Gay were home from Camp Funston over Sunday." *The Holton Recorder*, August 29, 1918. "Jess Barnes and James McCauley of Camp Funston spent Sunday in Holton." *The Holton Recorder*, September 12, 1918. "James McCauley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCauley has arrived safely overseas." *The Holton Signal*, October 24, 1918. "Word has been received from James McCauley, who was on board the Kashmir, the steamer which collided with the Ortanto early in October. The latter boat was sunk and about 372 Americans lost their lives. The Kashmir reached port without any loss." *The Holton Recorder*, October 31, 1918. "KANSAS PFC 2 BIL & SUP DET QMC WORLD WAR I" Born February 17, 1894; Died November 12, 1967. Buried in Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- McCauley, Robt. "Robt. McCauley, arrived Saturday to visit the Wm. Miller family and friends in the city. Robert was recently mustered out at Camp Funston, where he was transferred from an overseas hospital.. He was shot in the right leg and slightly gassed but was entirely recovered before receiving his discharge." *The Delia News*, March 14, 1919.
- McClacherty, John W.; rank, private; enlisted on July 18, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; discharged on August 14, 1917 due to disability existing prior to August 5, 1917.³ "He was a veteran of World War I, serving with the U.S. Army." Born September 10, 1899; Died January 27, 1976. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- McComas; Clyde O. Served in Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division; mustered out of federal service at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Clyde C. McComas. Box 28.⁷ Box 30.¹⁰ "Clyde C. McComas served as a Private, U. S. Army in WWI" Born August 27, 1901; Died in 1980. Buried in Mount Hope Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- McComas, John F.¹ May be the John F. McComas who served in the army. Box 30, folder 2.¹⁰ or the John Franklin McComas, who served in the navy. Box 30, folder 7.¹⁰
- McComas, Mark; joined Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard in September, 1917 while it was in camp at Holton; had served in the 8th U. S. Infantry from 1911 to 1914; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; mustered out of Federal service at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Mark M. McComas. Box 28.⁷ Box 30, folder 5.¹⁰ "Marc. McComas, a member of Co. B, writes to Holton relatives that he recently had a seven day furlough, which he spent in Berlin." *The Holton Recorder*, January 6, 1919.
- McConnell, Chalmers. "Chalmers McConnell, an army field clerk, eastern division, who sailed recently from New York, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McConnell of the T. C. McConnell Printery, Front street, that he has arrived safely in France. - Portsmouth (Ohio) Daily Times." *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918. "OHIO ARMY FIELD CLERK" Born July 31, 1889; Died May 10, 1922. Buried in McPherson Cemetery, Clyde, Ohio. www.findagrave.com.
- McCorkle, Frank.¹ "Frank McCorkle has received his commission as 2nd lieutenant in the infantry. He has been at the officers' training camp near San Francisco." *The Holton Recorder*, August 29, 1918. "2nd lieutenant Frank McCorkle

of Camp Fremont, California, has been promoted to First Lieutenant.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 17, 1918. “Frank was discharged from army service in January after seeing service in six different army camps, four on the Pacific and two on the Atlantic. He first entered service at Camp Lewis, where, a week after his entrance, he was made drill sergeant. Later he was sent to Camp Kearney and from there was sent to the officer’s training camp, where he was an assistant instructor. Last August he got his commission as 2nd lieutenant and was assigned the 62nd Inf., of the 8th Division. In thirty days he was promoted to 1st lieutenant and made battalion adjutant and attached to regimental headquarters. He was on a transport ready to sail when the armistice was signed.” *The Holton Recorder*, May 1, 1919.

McCormick, Oren B. “TEXAS PVT CO E 315 ENGINEERS WORLD WAR I” Born February 27, 1890; Died July 4, 1967. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

McCoy, John J.² Service number 3312355, enlisted or inducted on June 28, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private 1st class in Company D, 2nd Engineers, A. E. F.; discharged on August 15, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 53.¹⁰ “John McCoy, Leslie Murren [failed physical] and Frank Gideon will leave Friday for training at Camp Funston. They are to take their departure from Holton.” *The Delia News*, March 29, 1918. “Somewhere in France, Oct. 18, 1918. Dear Sister: I received your letter and was sure glad to hear you folks were all well at home. ... We will all be home before long, I think, so anyway, so tell all hello for me back there and when I get back, I can tell you all about it myself. ... I am your loving Brother, John Joseph McCoy, 3312355 Answer soon. Eng. Corp. 603 W. F., P. S. - Oh Sis, have turkey for Christmas. I will be there for dinner, I think. Remember what I tell you. Tell them all to write, even if I don’t write much” *The Delia News*, November 15, 1918. “Engers, Germany Jan. 5th, 1919. Dear Mother and all: I just received your letter and sure were glad to hear from you again, and hear all was well there. I am in Germany and have been since December 1st. ... Well you said some of the boys from home said they could hear the big guns roar. Well I should say I did all right and little ones too and air raids and some more. I have had dirt thrown on me when trying to sleep by the big shells, so I heard some of them all right. ... Pvt. John Joseph McCoy, 3312355 Co. D 2nd Engrs. A. P. O. 710 A. E. Forces.” *The Delia News*, February 7, 1919. “KANSAS PFC 2 ENGINEERS 2 DIV WORLD WAR I” Born November 15, 1894; Died May 30, 1952. Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Saint Marys, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

McCreary, Clarence.²

McCreery, G. R.¹ May be Dr. Guy R. McCreery. Born November 15, 1877; Died April 17, 1933. Buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Whiting, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

McDonald, Carl. Service number 2206787, inducted on February 26, 1918, at Greensburg, Kansas; served as a sergeant in Camp Headquarters Detachment, Camp Funston; discharged on April 1, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 30, folder 1.¹⁰ “Carl McDonald and Guy Rudy visited here last week. ... Carl is serving at Funston.” *The Soldier Clipper*, January 29, 1919.

McGehe, Floyd A.; rank, bugler; enlisted on April 9, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company; served in France, mustered out of Federal service at Fort Riley, Kansas on or about May 10, 1919.³ John Athol McGehe, service number 1446953. Box 30, folder 1.¹⁰ Born April 6, 1897; Died April 8, 1986. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

McGregor, Leon.¹

McGrew, Edward Nash; rank, private, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm.⁴ Box 30, folder 1.¹⁰ Probably Edward N. McGrew. “US. MARINE CORPS WORLD WAR I” Born February 2, 1898; Died December 14, 1983. Buried in Pinecrest Memorial Park and Garden Mausoleum, Alexander, Arkansas. www.findagrave.com.

McGrew, John M.; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Lawrence, Kansas on October 1, 1918; served in SATC University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas; discharged at Lawrence, Kansas on December 21, 1918.⁵ Service number 5309334. Box 30, folder 1.¹⁰

McGrew, Nathan W; enlisted at Kansas City, Kansas on April 30, 1917; served in France in Field Hospital, 110th Sanitary Train; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.⁵ Service number 1472158. Box 30, folder 1.¹⁰ “KANSAS PFC 139 FIELD HOSP WORLD WAR I” Nathan White McGrew. Born May 23, 1896; Died December 2, 1969. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

McGuire, Rev. Willis Chester. “KANSAS PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I” Born August 29, 1891; Died January 21, 1973. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

McHenry, Milton; rank, private; enlisted on May 1, 1917; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 1447586, served as a private first class in Company B, 137th Infantry, A. E. F., shrapnel wound in right shoulder, September 28, 1918; discharged on May 9, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 30.¹⁰

McKeage, Willis. “The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Willis McKeage.” *The Hoyt Recorder*, October 24, 1918.

McKee, William L. Enlisted on April 9, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri, served as a musician 2/Class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on September 19, 1919, at St. Louis, Missouri. Box 31, folder 2.¹⁰ “KANSAS MUS2 US NAVY WORLD WAR I” Born April 20, 1898; Died April 15, 1971. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

McKeever, Harold Theodore; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Manhattan, Kansas on October 1, 1919; served in the S. A. & C. Section, Kansas State Agricultural College; discharged at Manhattan, Kansas on December 11, 1918.⁵ Discharge too faded to read. Box 31, folder 2.¹⁰

McKeever, Ivan William; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on August 15, 1918; served in France; discharged from the Demobilization Group at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on July 8, 1919.⁵ Service number 3477452. Box 31, folder 2.¹⁰ Born in 1897; Died in 1970. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

McKinley, Jesse H.² Jesse Homer McKinley, enlisted on December 10, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a ships cook, fourth class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on April 14, 1919, at San Francisco, California. Box 31, folder 1.¹⁰ “SC4 US NAVY WORLD WAR I” Born in 1892. Date of burial, December 16, 1975, in Lakeside Cemetery, Canon City, Colorado. www.findagrave.com.

McKinney, Henry.² Henry M. McKinney, service number 3312354; enlisted on June 28, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in the 4th Company, Convalescent Center, Com. M, 352nd Infantry; discharged on October 3, 1922. Box 31, folder 1.¹⁰ Probably Henry M. McKinney. Born in 1895; Died in 1966. Buried in Shipshee Cemetery, Potawatomi Reservation, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

McKinsey, Bert; rank, private; enlisted on April 10, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 1447536, served as a corporal in Company B & Headquarters Companies, 137th Infantry, A. E. F.; discharged on February 12, 1923. Box 31, folder 1.¹⁰ Probably Albert Atlee “Dick” McKinsey. Born April 6, 1890; Died April 5, 1984. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

McKinsey, Otto Ross; enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on June 18, 1918; served in France in Company F, 352nd Infantry, 88th division; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on June 17, 1919.⁵ Service number 3312403. Box 31, folder 2.¹⁰ “Otto McKinsey went to Kansas City on Monday for a few days visit. He is called to the colors for next weeks mobilization. He served four years in the Navy and will probably be assigned to that branch again.” *The Soldier Clipper*, June 19, 1918. “KANSAS CPL 352 INFANTRY WORLD WAR I” Born June 5, 1886; Died April 20, 1971. Buried in Bucks Grove Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

McKinsey, Ray; rank, private; enlisted on July 28, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France, wounded in the leg in the Battle of the Argonne; mustered out of Federal service at Fort Riley on May 9, 1919.³ Service number 1447587, wounded right leg, September 28, 1918. Box 31, folder 1.¹⁰ “Somewhere in France, Oct. 2. Dear Folks: I will write a few lines this afternoon. I am at the Red Cross building. I feel fine. Am in the hospital now. Got a machine gun bullet through the fleshy part of my leg. It don’t hurt a bit. I’ll be back to the regiment in ten days at the most. Lloyd and Otis were wounded also. Otis got shot in the hand the day before I got hit. He is here somewhere I suppose. I haven’t seen him, though. Lloyd and I are together. He got shot through the foot the same time I was hit. Bert and Glenn were O. K. when we left them. I got wounded about six o’clock in the morning and our division was relieved about nine o’clock the same morning. So I believe they got back without being touched. We lay in the mud and rain all night before we went over the top the next morning. We drove them back and ten of us fellows from the Scout Platoon took a machine gun nest and none of us were hurt. Then they flanked us and it was then that Lloyd and I were hit. We both feel fine and have a nice place to sleep. We are at the base hospital and we are treated fine. Have lots of eats three times a day. Have a good spring bed and all the covers we need. I think I will beat Lloyd back to the company as his wound is in the foot and mine through the fleshy part of my leg, half way between my knee and thigh. I’ll be back to the rest of the boys inside of ten days. With Lloyd, I believe it will be about three weeks. We went over the top four mornings straight. The fourth morning is when Lloyd and I got hit. Otis got hit the third morning out. We sure drove them though; had lots of sport if it was rather hard work. We had several stiff fights and captured lots of prisoners. Keep on sending my mail to 1st Battalion Headquarters 137th. I will get it when I get back. Tell them all I am O. K. and will write when I get back to the boys. I guess several of the boys were wounded. Kiss the kiddies for me. Your son and brother, Pvt. Ray McKinsey.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 24, 1918. Born May 30, 1899; Died June 28, 1994. “CO. B 137th Inf. WW I CAPT. USAF (Ret.) WW II” Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

McLane, Clarence.² Enlisted or inducted on September 5, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the 4th Company, 2nd Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 14, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 31.^{10, 11}

McLeod, Donald.¹ Donald Eugene McLeod, accepted a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant on August 17, 1918, entered the service from Holton, Kansas; served in the field artillery; discharged on December 30, 1918, at Camp Meade, Maryland.

- Box 29.¹⁰ "Lieutenant Donald McLeod received his discharge from the service at Camp Jackson, S. C., last week and arrived in Holton Saturday. He has not yet determined what business he will engage in." *The Holton Recorder*, January 6, 1919.
- McLeod, Scott R.¹ "Scott McLeod has secured his discharge from the army. He arrived in Holton Tuesday from Camp Funston for a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Scott, before he returns to work in Hiawatha. He is pharmacist in the Finley Pharmacy at Hiawatha." *The Holton Recorder*, January 16, 1919. "Scott R. McLeod, 27, one of Falls City's most prominent business men and world war veteran, died at 5:30 a. m. ... He entered the service on May 19, 1917, and was discharged January 18, 1918. ... The greater part of his service was spent in the medical corps at Camp Funston." *The Holton Recorder*, May 18, 1922.
- McMillen, Chas. O.¹ May be Charles Oran McMillen. "PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born in 1892; Died in 1987. Buried in Lost Springs Cemetery, Lost Springs, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- McMullin, Frank.²
- McMurray, Vernon. Two more of our high school boys have gone to the defense of their country. This time its Clark Robson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Robson, and Vernon McMurray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McMurray. The boys asked to be excused from the school room Monday forenoon just awhile before eleven o'clock passenger train was due for Topeka. Leaving everybody, including their parents, in total ignorance of their plans, they boarded the train to Topeka where, according to the Topeka papers, they enlisted and were assigned to the medical corps and left the same day for Jefferson barracks. Their leaving is worrying their parents and Mrs. Robson is a very sick woman. *The Mayetta Herald*, October 11, 1917.
- McMurtry, Eugene; rank, private; enlisted on June 29, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 1447588, enlisted on June 29, 1917, at Topeka, Kansas; served as a private first class in the 105th Company, Transportation Corps; discharged on July 14, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 31.¹⁰ May be Eugene Martin McMurtry. "KANSAS PFC US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born May 30, 1892; Died March 19, 1962. Buried in Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, California. www.findagrave.com.
- McNamara, W. Lester. Service number 492559, enlisted or inducted on May 15, 1918, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; served as a sergeant in Headquarters Detachment, 2nd Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 27, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 31.¹⁰ "W. Lester McNamara, came from Manhattan Friday for a visit with home folks. He has enlisted in the Navy and is now on his way to the Radio Training School at Great Lakes." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 15, 1918.
- McNeive, Frank A.; rank, wagoner; inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on September 5, 1918; served in France; discharged from the 164th Depot Brigade at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 15, 1919.⁵ Service number 3474447, served as a wagoner in Evacuation Ambulance Company 36, A. E. F. Box 31.¹⁰ "We are pleased to print, this week, the names of all the Delia boys now in the service. Those who left at different times before June 28th were: ... Those who went in August were: ... Francis McNeive." *The Delia News*, September 27, 1918. Probably Francis A. McNeive. Born November 14, 1895; Died November 24, 1974. Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Saint Marys, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- McNeive, Thomas F.² Thomas Francis McNeive, service number 49204594; enlisted or inducted on September 5, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the 4th Company, 2nd Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 10, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 31.¹⁰ "We are pleased to print, this week, the names of all the Delia boys now in the service. Those who left at different times before June 28th were: ... Those who went in August were: ... Tom McNeive." *The Delia News*, September 27, 1918. "Thomas McNeive at Camp Funston News. A reference to our mailing list showed we were sending it to him in the 164th Depot Brigade instead of the 146 Depot Brigade." *The Delia News*, October 18, 1918. Born January 31, 1897; Died September 9, 1980. Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Saint Marys, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- McPherson, Charles; rank, private; enlisted on April 30, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Charles W. McPherson, discharged on account of a disability on May 29, 1923. Box 31.¹⁰ Discharged at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.¹¹ Born January 21, 1892; Died April 2, 1929. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- McPherson, Clyde O.; rank, private; enlisted on June 4, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Box 31.¹⁰ Born January 21, 1892; Died April 2, 1929. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Meck, Graydon.² John Graydon Meck, service number 1423072; enrolled on May 14, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri, in the U. S. Navy; discharged on September 30, 1921, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 31.¹⁰ "Graydon Mecks writes that he has been stationed at Long Island, but would be moved to the navy yard. He has had a fine chance for sight-seeing in New York." *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918. Born in 1898; Died in 1982. Buried in Penwell-Gabel Cemetery

- and Mausoleum, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Medlock, LeRoy Francis. "Feeling the need of his services, in response to his country's call, he volunteered and entered school at Lawrence, Aug. 15, 1918, and entered training in the radio aviation school. Having completed this course he left Lawrence October 14, with his company for further training at Silver Lake, New Jersey, expecting to leave in two weeks for duty overseas ... He became critically ill and was taken off the train at Sedalia, Mo. Word was sent at once to his father, who went to his bedside and was with him the last three days of his sickness. He passed away after five days of suffering in the M. K. & T. hospital, Oct. 20, 1918, at the age of 22 years, one month and two days." *The Holton Recorder*, October 31, 1918. Double pneumonia. Box 31.¹⁰ Born September 18, 1896; Died October 20, 1918. Buried in Denison Cemetery, Denison, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Metzker, Philip Jr.¹ Service number 2190870, enlisted or inducted on April 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class in Battery B, 28th Field Artillery; discharged on January 28, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 31.¹⁰ Also¹¹ "Philip Metzker, Jr., and Vernon True of Camp Funston, spent Sunday at home." *The Holton Recorder*, October 31, 1918. "KANSAS PFC BTRY B FIELD ARTY WORLD WAR I" Born September 10, 1894; Died July 19, 1966. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Meyer, Jacob Albert.¹ Jacob Albert Myer was born Jan. 1, 1896, at Soldier, Kans., and died of pneumonia, at Camp Dodge, Ia., Oct. 12, 1918, aged 22 years, 9 months and 1 day. He was drafted to the service of his country June 28, 1918, and sent to Camp Funston. On July 16, he was transferred to Co. B, Dev. Battalion, No. 1 at Camp Dodge. He was later transferred to Co. F. Dev. Battalion No. 3" *The Soldier Clipper*, October 23, 1918. Died October 10, 1918.⁸ "World War No. 1 Veterans Buried in Soldier Cemetery. Jacob A. Myer." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 29, 1946. Born January 11, 1896; Died October 12, 1918. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Meyer, Thomas Warren. Service number 3312421, enlisted or inducted June 28, 1919 at Holton, Kansas; served as a private Company C, 3rd Battalion, Chemical Warfare Service, discharged January 13, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.¹¹
- Michaels, Raymond E.; rank, private; enlisted on May 2, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 1447679, served in the A. E. F.; listed as a private in Liverpool Casual Company at Camp Merritt, New Jersey; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 33, folder 2.¹⁰ "The first and only letter, so far that has been received since Co. B crossed the ocean came Tuesday evening to Mrs. Michaels from her son Raymond. The letter was written on ship board and was mailed May 10th, at Southampton, England. Raymond spoke of being seasick and how kindly Ernest Rudy cared for him" *The Soldier Clipper*, May 29, 1918. "Recent letters from Raymond Michaels tells of his life in a hospital in England where he is convalescing from an attack of diphtheria. He says he is surrounded with men from Canada, New Zealand, Scotland and England, and all are good friends. The life in France has not taken away his cheerfulness, although it war is not pleasant. When at the front he was near Amiens on the Somme river. He was in the hospital at Havre, France, for some time before being taken to England." *The Soldier Clipper*, September 18, 1918. "Word from Raymond Michaels states that he is at last out of detention and is acting in the guard department of an American rest camp in England. He likes his job." *The Soldier Clipper*, October 9, 1918. "Mr. and Mrs. Michaels have word from their son, Raymond, that he was ready to sail, and they expect he is landing in the States about now." *The Soldier Clipper*, March 5, 1919. "Vern Fleming surprised his parents on Wednesday evening by coming home with Raymond Michaels, both boys having been mastered out of the army service at Funston. They were at Camp Merrit for nearly two weeks but did not know of the others presence. Raymond had much hospital service on account of diphtheria, and one time took a dip in the English channel on account of the reckless shooting by a German submarine. He was seven months without a word from home." *The Soldier Clipper*, April 2, 1919. "He was a veteran of World War I. The day following the declaration of war with Germany in 1917, Raymond with a group of associates went to Holton and enlisted in the National Guard, Co. B, 137th Regiment, 35th Division. After being mobilized and receiving training at Fort Sill, Okla., the Division was sent overseas, into active duty." *The Soldier Clipper*, September 4, 1946. Born in 1899; Died September 4, 1946. Buried in Mount Vernon Cemetery, Atchison, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Mickel, Clifford G.¹ Service number 3300130, inducted on May 29, 1918, at Lyndon, Kansas; served as a corporal in Company L, 20th Infantry; discharged on February 5, 1919, at Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois. Box 31.¹⁰ "Our son Clifford was called to the colors today. He goes from Osage county having registered there. He will go to Camp Funston, his county's men going on the 30th, one day later than the Jackson county men." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 29, 1918. "In a recent letter from our son Clifford Mickel he states that Camp Funston is practically deserted, and especially of the boys he knew. Guy Schantz and Jess Barnes (the Circleville pitcher) were the only boys left he knew. Guy is in the Medical Corps and Clifford is a corporal in the Permanent Personal, 164 Depot Brigade." *The Soldier Clipper*, July 3, 1918. "Clifford G. Mickel was mustered out of the 20th infantry at Rock Island, Illinois, on Wednesday of last week, and arrived home in Soldier on Thursday night, accompanied by his wife, who met him at Topeka. Mrs. B. L. Mickel came on Friday night. They all went to Topeka Monday morning. Cliff is one of the boys who are anxious to get out of the O. D. suits and don the duds that civilians wear. *The Soldier Clipper*, February 12, 1919. Probably Clifford Graham Mickel. Born in 1893; Died in 1979. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka,

Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Miles, Winslow. Winslow F. Miles, enlisted or inducted on April 3, 1917; served as a private in Battery A, 130th Artillery, A. E. F.; discharged on May 10, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 32, folder 3.¹⁰ "Winslow Miles, of Topeka, recently of the 35th division, visited in Soldier on Monday with his uncle, A.O. Miles." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 28, 1919. "PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born April 27, 1899; Died July 16, 1988. Buried in Topeka Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Miller, Charles David. Private Charles David Miller was born Oct. 2, 1889 in Russia and came to America with his parents October 15, 1890, went to Camp Funston April 26, 1918 stayed there three weeks and was transferred to New York from there he started across the 35th of June and landed in England the 1st of July. Wrote home on the 4th of Oct. saying he was in the hospital and Oct. 18 wrote a letter saying he was alright and sent his Xmas label on Nov. 24, relatives received a telegram saying he was killed in action the 22nd of Oct. at the age of 29 years and 1 day. ... Taken from the Ellsworth Reporter" *The Delia News*, December 20, 1918. KIA October 22, 1918. Box 32, folder 5.¹⁰ "Co D 35 DIV" Born in 1889; Died in 1918. Buried in Old Ellsworth Cemetery, Ellsworth, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Miller, Edd. "Ed Miller, veteran of Word War I, is a patient at Wadsworth where he will submit to an operation." *The Jackson County Signal*, June 21, 1945. "He was a veteran of World War I." Obituary Book 4 Dec. 1950 -- July 1, 1966, Jackson County Historical Society, Holton Kansas. "KANSAS COOK CO F 137 INFANTRY WORLD WAR I" Born April 4, 1895; Died August 7, 1962. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Miller, George N.; rank, private; enlisted on April 11, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 207569, served as a private in Kansas Ammunition Train, A. E. F.; discharged on April 3, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 32, folder 4.¹⁰

Miller, J. L. "J. L. Miller, son of Millie Miller has been in France since December. He is on the battleship Prometheus guarding the French coast. The Navy boys are seeing sights." *The Soldier Clipper*, June 12, 1918.

Miller, Lloyd.¹

Miller, Robert F.² "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Robt. Miller." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.

Miller, William Arthur; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Hiawatha, Kansas on April 29, 1918; served in France in Company K, 353rd Infantry; discharged Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on June 2, 1919.⁵

Minor, Gilbert G.; rank, private; enlisted on April 7, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France, wounded in the left foot and gassed in the Battle of the Argonne; discharged on April 29, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.³ Service number 1447683. Box 32.¹⁰ "Gilbert Minor reached Holton, Tuesday evening from Camp Funston. He was a member of Co. B and was wounded during the Argonne fight. He was not returned to his company after he left the hospital but was placed with the casuals and reached this country about a month ago. Gilbert expects to go to Funston to see the boys of Company B when they arrive there. He says he hasn't seen them since last September and is pretty anxious for a reunion with his former comrades." *The Holton Recorder*, May 1, 1919. Gilbert Gideon Minor. Born October 27, 1898; Died in June of 1972. Buried in Saint Ambrose Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa. www.findagrave.com.

Minor, Jennings T.² Minor, Thomas J.; served in the U. S. Navy beginning on June 3, 1918; served on the U. S. S. Carola; discharged at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 25, 1919.⁵ Service number 143-17-11, served as a coxswain. Box 32, folder 5.¹⁰ "Francis Plummer and Jennings Minor of the Great Lakes Training Station, is home on furlough." *The Holton Recorder*, October 3, 1918.

Mitchell, Clarence E.; rank, private; enlisted on May 26, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of 1917.³ Service number 1447006, served as a private first class in the 14th Receiving Company, Fort Logan, Colorado; discharged on June 28, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 32.¹⁰ May be Clarence E. Mitchell. "PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born November 24, 1891; Died June 14, 1979. Buried in Lyndon Cemetery, Lyndon, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Mitchell, Clifford R.; rank, private; enlisted on April 17, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of 1917; served in France, wounded in the left foot in the Battle of the Argonne; mustered out of Federal service at Fort Riley, Kansas on or about May 10, 1919.³ Service number 1446906. Box 32.¹⁰ "Dear Folks: I received your box of apples. Was sure glad to get them. The weather is nice down here. We are comfortable all day in shirt sleeves, but it get cold at night. I saw in the paper that it snowed up there Sunday night. We are building houses to live in, instead of tents, so I guess we will stay all winter. They came around yesterday and found out our trades, or what we had worked at and could do. I put myself in as telephone repairer, as there are so many automobile men I would not

have as good a chance for higher pay, see? I brought a sweater last night for \$5.00 2nd hand. It cost at first \$12.50 - only about three days old. It sure is a dandy. We have three blankets and an overcoat, so we sleep warm. One man each night keeps the fire going. They give us towels, tooth brushes, soap, combs and brushes - something they never did in the army before. I have to close now, as most of us are going to church. Your son, Clifford R. Mitchell." *The Holton Recorder*, November 15, 1917. "Somewhere in France. Dear Parents: Well how is everybody at home by this time? I am well and getting along fine. I have not heard from you in along time. Why don't you write more letters? We only get mail every three or four weeks - and say, fill that Christmas box with nothing but home made chocolate candy with plenty of cream chocolate - it is the best thing we have to eat over here. News is not scarce, but if I did write the things I want to, the letter would be censored, so I will have to tell you when I come home. You can see by my return address that I am in the hospital. Well, I am here and have been for some time. I would not tell you this, only I know you would find it out by the return address, without which the letter would not be sent. I am not badly wounded, only a little machine gun bullet in the left foot. Guess Fritz thought it was a tank. He would have got it if it had been. It spoiled a good new hobnail shoe, but don't worry, I will as good as ever in a few days. Don't forget the chocolates. Good-bye, your affectionate son, Clifford R. Mitchell." *The Holton Recorder*, November 28, 1918. May be Clifford R. Mitchell. "TEC5 US ARMY WORLD WAR I & II" Born February 9, 1898; Died November 6, 1975. Buried in Tahoma Cemetery, Yakima, Washington. www.findagrave.com.

Mitchell, Ernest A.² Ernest Allen Mitchell, service number 4921029; enlisted or inducted on September 5, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the 60th Balloon Company; discharged on April 14, 1919, at Fort Crook, Nebraska. Box 32.¹⁰ "We are pleased to print, this week, the names of all the Delia boys now in the service. Those who left at different times before June 28th were: ... Those who went in August were: ... Ernest Mitchell." *The Delia News*, September 27, 1918. "PVT 60 BALLOON CO AIR SVC WORLD WAR I" Born October 11, 1896; Died May 5, 1964. Buried in Rossville Cemetery, Rossville, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Mitchell, Isaac Thomas.¹ Service number 3791488, inducted on July 23, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Battery B, 30th Field Artillery; discharged on January 28, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 32.¹⁰ "We are pleased to print, this week, the names of all the Delia boys now in the service. Those who left at different times before June 28th were: ... In July the following were called: ... Isaac Mitchell" *The Delia News*, September 27, 1918.

Mitchell, Jno. "The following boys were called in the 2nd draft from Mayetta: Fred Robson, Robt. Wyatt, Hoke Smith Cadue, Jno. Mitchell, Jno. Wabnum, Roy (Nick) Spangler, Harry Wamego." *The Holton Recorder*, April 18, 1918.

Mitchell, Lee. "Lee Mitchell left on Tuesday for Leavenworth to enter Wadsworth Hospital for treatment. Wadsworth is a veterans hospital. Mr. Mitchell was a soldier in the first World War." *The Soldier Clipper*, July 11, 1945.

Mitchell, Riley. "Riley Mitchell arrived home Saturday evening from Hampton Roads, Va., where he received his discharge from the navy." *The Delia News*, March 14, 1919.

Mitchell, Thomas A.; rank, private; enlisted on February 12, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of 1917; served in France; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on January 21, 1919.³ Service number 1474451. Box 32.¹⁰

Moles, George A.¹ George Albert Moles, service number 3312342; enlisted or inducted on June 28, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class in the 3rd Company, 2nd Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 26, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 32.¹⁰

Montgomery, G. C.²

Monhallon, James.¹ James C. Monhallon, service number 1447685; enlisted on June 3, 1917, at Horton, Kansas; served as a corporal in Company B, 137th Infantry, A. E. F.; discharged on May 9, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 32.¹⁰

Morgan, George P.¹ "George Morgan, on W. V. Woolpert's route was called to the navy last week." *The Delia News*, March 29, 1918.

Moore, Anthony.²

Moore, Arch.¹ Service number 143-58-10, enrolled on July 6, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a fireman third class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on September 30, 1921, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 32, folder 1.¹⁰ "CARP US NAVY WORLD WAR I" Archie E. Moore. Born April 4, 1897; Died November 10, 1947. Buried in Shipshee Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Moore, Clyde C.¹ Enlisted on September 5, 1918, at Winfield, Kansas, served as a private in the 3rd Dev. Company (white) 5th Provincial Regiment, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on November 26, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 32, folder 1.¹⁰ May be Clyde C. Moore. Born April 1, 1895; Died May 3, 1974. Buried in Reading Cemetery, Reading, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Moore, Frank.⁶ Frank G. Moore, Service number 44785; enlisted on May 12, 1917, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; served as private first class in Headquarters Company, 16th Infantry, 1st Division, A. E. F.; discharged on September 29, 1919, at Camp Pike, Arkansas. "KANSAS PFC HQ CO 16 INF I DIV WORLD WAR I" Born December 18, 1898; Died November 6, 1962. Buried in Shipshee Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Moore, James A.² Served as a captain in the 110th Regiment, Engineers, discharged on May 19, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 32, folder 1.¹⁰ Captain Arch Moore has been slightly gassed” *The Holton Recorder*, November 21, 1918. “November 24, 1918. Dear Dad: ... These men too, with all their “crabbing” about little things - how proud we all feel to have had leadership of such a bunch, after they have shown the stuff they were made of. They may fuss when the coffee is cold or the bugle is a little late sounding recall from a drill - but when the real emergency comes, the grumbles are occasions for jokes. A ten mile hike in the mud; nothing to eat, no sleep, under shell fire, and they will “kid” each other about the “feather beds” they have, with no blankets, in the mud by a roadside. ... J. Arch Moore.” *The Holton Recorder*, December 26, 1918. “MISSOURI CAPTAIN 110 ENGRS 35 DIV WORLD WAR I” Born January 24, 1889; Died February 7, 1949. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Moore, Raymond Allen; rank, corporal, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm.⁴ Enrolled on July 12, 1917, at St. Louis, Missouri; served as a private in the Marine Corps; discharged on July 11, 1921, at Washington, D. C. Box 32, folder 1.¹⁰ “France, June 23, 1918. Dear Friend: It has been quite awhile since I received your letter, but we have been so busy that have been unable to answer it any sooner. We have moved about three times since I received your letter and we have been in some scraping too, since then. No doubt you have read of the part the Marines played in stopping the last German drive on Paris and then we drove them back a little ways too ... The band acted in the honorable capacity of stretcher bearers and believe me we got right in the places where it was the hottest. I don’t see how any of us lived to tell about it, but somehow we managed to get through in pretty good shape. Some of the boys got a little gas, but I don’t know of any of them who are in serious condition. They will all be back with us in a month. We have received some very good news lately too. It is to the effect that we are permanently relieved as stretcher bearers which means that we will not have to go to the front again only in an extreme emergency. Those of us who are not in the hospital are stationed in a village recently evacuated and we are paired off sleeping in regular beds in real bedrooms between white sheets. I heard somebody coming up the stairs this morning just as I woke up and I thought it must be my father coming upstairs to get me out. The next minute I heard a shell explode not so very far away and I came too in a hurry. But it is certainly a treat to sleep in a real bed again ... This is certainly a fine day, bright and sunny as you could hope for, but nowhere to go and nothing to do but practice and answer a few letters that you have owed for a month or two ... This country has a good deal colder climate than we are used to at home. It never gets so terrible warm in the daytime and at night it is so cold you have to have about two blankets over you to be comfortable at all. Well I think I have written about all I can think of at present so I will close. Yours very sincerely, Raymond A. Moore.” *The Holton Signal*, July 18, 1918. Born November 8, 1897; Died November 4, 1975. Buried in Green Valley Cemetery, Furley, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Moore, Reuben H. Service number 5309413, enlisted on October 1, 1918, at Lawrence, Kansas; served as a private in the S. A. T. C., Kansas University; discharged on December 21, 1918, at Lawrence, Kansas. Box 32, folder 2.¹⁰, ¹¹ “... served in the student army training corps - he had 82 days service when the first World War ended.” Born February 5, 1900; Died April 28, 1962. Obituary Book 4 Dec. 1950 -- July 1, 1966, Jackson County Historical Society, Holton Kansas. Born in 1900; Died in 1962. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Morris, James.¹ Service number 1047760, enlisted on May 20, 1917, at Topeka, Kansas; served as a private first class in Battery A, 82nd Field Artillery; discharged on September 25, 1919, at Camp Pike, Arkansas. Box 32, folder 1.¹⁰ “KANSAS PFC BTRY A 82 FIELD ARTY WORLD WAR I” James Vance Morris. Born April 17, 1894; Died May 7, 1953. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Morrissey, Charles M. Service number 562932, enlisted or inducted on December 8, 1917, at Omaha, Nebraska; served as a private in Battery A, 13th Field Artillery, A. E. F.; discharged on June 1, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 32, folder 1.¹⁰ “KANSAS PVT BTRY A 13 FIELD ARTY WORLD WAR I” November 11, 1889; Died December 3, 1959. Buried in Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Morrissey, James L.; single; rank, private 1st class; enlisted on July 30, 1915 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WI; served in the 117th Ammunition Train, 42nd Division in France.³ Service number 207270, served as a private first class in Company E; discharged on May 15, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 32, folder 4.¹⁰ “He was a charter member of Company B and served with the company on the Mexican Border. At the beginning of World War I he transferred to the 117th Ammunition Train in the Rainbow Division which under the command of Gen. McArthur and was with this division in every engagement during the war. Although he suffered a severe handicap as a result of the war, he never lost courage but tried to carry on.” *The Holton Recorder*, December 6, 1951. “KANSAS PFC 117 AMMO TN 42 RAINBOW DIV WORLD WAR I” Born January 19, 1888; Died November 23, 1951. Buried in Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Mulanax, Leroy; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on September 5, 1918; discharged from the 164th Depot Brigade at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas in December of 1919.⁵ Box 32, folder 1.¹⁰ “KANSAS PVT 2 BN 164 DEPOT BRIGADE WORLD WAR I” Born May 10, 1896; Died August 15, 1951. Buried in Shipshee Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Murry, Harry M.¹ Harry Michael Murry, service number 3299875; inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in Company K, 35th Infantry, 88th Division, A. E. F.; discharged on June 17, 1919, at Camp Funston,

- Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 33.¹⁰“Word from Harry Murry says that he has arrived safely overseas and tho he told his location the Censor saw fit to mark it out.” *The Delia News*, September 27, 1918. Born in 1885; Died in 1974. Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Saint Marys, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Musselman, Francis C.; rank, private; enlisted on August 3, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Enlisted on April 3, 1919, at Holton, Kansas, discharged on June 2, 1923. Box 33.¹⁰“Francis Musselman, another Co. B boy, but later of the 35th Military Police, came over on the boat, with young Bair and also arrived in Holton Tuesday.” *The Holton Recorder*, May 1, 1919. Probably Francis C. Musselman. Born in 1898; Died in 1956. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Hiawatha, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Myer, Jakie. “Jakie Myer was the only soldier called from Soldier township during the last call. He went to Funston on Friday.” *The Soldier Clipper*, July 3, 1918. “Jacob Albert Myer was born Jan. 1, 1896, at Soldier, Kans., and died of pneumonia, at Camp Dodge, Ia., Oct. 12, 1918, aged 22 years, 9 months and 1 day. He was drafted to the service of his country June 28, 1918, and sent to Camp Funston. On July 16, he was transferred to Co. B, Dev. Battalion, No. 1 at Camp Dodge. He was later transferred to Co. F. Dev. Battalion No. 3.” Born January 11, 1896; Died October 12, 1918. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Myers, Carl M. “Lieut. Carl H. Myers, army aviator, shot and killed himself in the Officers club at Luke field, near here, according to a report made by brother officers. No motive for the suicide is known. Lieutenant Myers was born in Missouri in 1881, and was graduated from the University of Kansas in 1903. He enlisted in the army in 1917 and was commissioned in 1918. Myers was married while serving at Mather field, Sacramento, just prior to coming to Hawaii a year ago. He was stationed at Marfa, Texas, in the war. . . . It was said that he had an exceptional good war record. . . .” Dr. E. T. Myers, Lieut. Myers’ father, practiced medicine at Baker for several years, later removing to Netawaka, where he died 2 years ago. Several years ago Lieut. Myers suffered a nervous breakdown, followed by mental illness. He spent many months on the open plains in western Nebraska, where he regained his health.” *The Holton Recorder*, February 8, 1923. “LT AIR SVC” Died January 31, 1923. Buried Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. www.findagrave.com.
- Myers, Claude. Meyers [Myers], Claude; rank, private; enlisted on July 4, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered out of federal service at Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Claude L. Meyer, service number 2391036; inducted on September 18, 1917, at Atchison, Kansas; served as a private first class in the 219th Military Police Company; discharged on May 13, 1918, at Mitchell Field, Long Island, New York. Box 33.¹⁰“Two Mayetta boy’s names appeared in last week’s casualty list as slightly wounded. They were Claude Myers and Lyman Tapsee.” *The Mayetta Herald*, December 25, 1918. “There was a large crowd at the station to greet and welcome our own heroes - Claude and I. C. Myers and Joe Hart. These boys seen real service and came back home uninjured and looking fine. They are all delighted to be back home.” *The Mayetta Herald*, May 14, 1919. Probably Claude L. Myers. “PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I” Born January 29, 1896; Died January, 1981. Buried in Stull Cemetery, Stull, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Myers, Irenous C. Meyers [Myers], Irenous; rank, private; enlisted on June 26, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Box 33.¹⁰“There was a large crowd at the station to greet and welcome our own heroes - Claude and I. C. Myers and Joe Hart. These boys seen real service and came back home uninjured and looking fine. They are all delighted to be back home.” *The Mayetta Herald*, May 14, 1919.
- Myers, Jacob Albert. “Jacob Albert Myers, son of Albert Myers who lives two miles east of Soldier died Saturday of influenza at Camp Dodge. The body will arrive in Holton today and the funeral will be held at the residence of Albert Myers at 1 o’clock Friday afternoon.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 17, 1918.
- Myers, Ralph E.¹ “KANSAS CPL US MARINE CORPS WORLD WAR I” Ralph Edward Myers. Born September 5, 1893; Died February 25, 1974. Buried in America City Cemetery, America City, Nemaha County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Myers, Thomas W. “Mrs. Rose Myers of Sunny Slope neighborhood received a telegram Monday saying her son Thomas W. Myers, was seriously ill at Edgewood Arsenal, Edgewood, Maryland. She later received word his condition was fair.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 10, 1918. May be Thomas W. Myers. Born in 1894; Died in 1963. Buried in Olive Hill Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Nadeau, James Lee.¹ Service number 3791669, inducted on July 23, 1919, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class in Company F, 69th Infantry; discharged on January 30, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 33.¹⁰ “KANSAS PVT 1 CL 69 INF. 10 DIV.” Born September 1, 1895; Died January 21, 1943. Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Naill, Ralph F. A fireman 2nd class in the U. S. Naval Reserve, from Harington, Kansas; assigned to temporary duty on September 16, 1919, at the KCU Recruiting Station, to be relieved from active duty. Box 33.¹⁰ Probably Lieut. Ralph Fancher Naill. Born May 6, 1896; Died July 26, 1924. Buried in Abilene Cemetery, Abilene, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Needham, Earl C.¹ Earl Charles Needham, service number 123-76-78; enlisted on December 11, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a ships cook, 2nd class, in the U. S. Navy; discharged on October 30, 1919, at Hampton Roads, Virginia. Box 33.¹⁰

Negonke, Alex Joe.¹

Neibling, Steward; rank, sergeant, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France.⁴ Enrolled on July 12, 1917, at St. Louis, Missouri, served as a sergeant in the U. S. Marine Corps; discharged on July 11, 1921, at Washington, D. C. Box 33.¹⁰ "Seward Neibling, a member of the Holton Marine band, writes his father in Hiawatha as follows: Wednesday, June 26, 1918. Dear Dad, I was so glad to get your letter and such a good long one. I would like to write on both sides of the paper, but it is against the rules of the censor. We are furnished with plenty of paper from the Y. M. C. A., so we are not out anything along that line. I am depositing \$30 with the government every month, and get four per cent on it, to be paid me when I am discharged after the war. I have now in the neighborhood of \$200, more than I was ever able to save in civilian life in the same length of time. If nothing happens by the time I get out of the service I will have a few hundred saved up, anyway, besides the interest on the same. You want to know all about my experiences, so I will tell you what I can. On the day you were writing to me at Wichita we were rushed up at the front we are now holding. We knew there was something in store for us, the way they rushed us up. When we arrived the Germans were making a drive on the French. People for quite a ways back from the front were leaving their homes, which was a sad sight, and would put fight in any man. The Marines went in with the best of morale and not only checked the drive but drove the Germans back about two miles or more and since that time have given them several more pushes and taken lots of prisoners. We were right behind them as stretcher bearers. Believe me it was a great sight to see those Marines taking those Germans over the hills. You can talk all you want about the Germans being fighters but in our experience with them when it came man-to-man with rifles and bayonets, they would drop their guns and cry out "kamarad." If they can hide behind a machine gun or their artillery they do a lot of fighting, but put them in the open man-to-man, they either run or give up. So many of the prisoners are just kids. Every time they would bring back a bunch we would grab on to what we could and make them carry stretchers at the point of a gun. Of course I don't think a man needed a gun, but it is always best to play surety first at all times. Besides capturing prisoners we also took several guns. After we came off the front we heard the Marines covered themselves with honor and glory. They say all you can hear talked of in Paris is the United States Marines. I am telling you I am proud to belong to that organization too. We were on the front for 15 days and we saw and experienced war in its true sense. I had the opportunity of seeing one of our battalions go over the top. Our artillery had been throwing a heavy barrage over us for some time. The sun was just coming up as the major gave the order for fixed bayonets. It certainly was beautiful sight as they went towards the German lines with their bayonets glistening against the morning sun. It gave a fellow that thrill of war and made me wish I had a gun and could go right along with them. The men were all in the best of spirits and seemed anxious to be up and at them. To and from the aid stations we were under shell fire most of the time and came out without losing a bandsman. We are all certainly thankful and consider ourselves mighty fortunate. Since we came off the front there has been an order issued that all bands hereafter will stay in the rear when their regiment goes on the line. We are to play concerts behind the lines where the men are after being relieved on the front. The stretcher bearing hereafter is to be done by men who enlist in the service for that purpose. The band is now located in a partially deserted town behind the lines, but we can still hear the sound of the big guns. The marines are back on the line again but expect to be relieved before long. Early this morning they sent back through this town a whole lot of prisoners, so I take from that the marines are still showing the Germans where to get off. You will no doubt read in the papers about the battle. I know you will be worrying until you find out I went through it all without a scratch, for which am truly thankful. I can't help but believe I was watched over and protected. How poor mamma would worry if she knew what I had been through. I think of her often and can just picture in my mind her resting place in Mount Hope cemetery. Everything is certainly looking favorable for the Allies now. The noble Italians have stopped the Austrian drive and have got them on the run. Right and justice will win out in the end, for there is no other way out of it. Goodbye, with best of luck, your boy, Seward. *The Holton Recorder*, July 18, 1918. "KANSAS SGT USMCR WORLD WAR I" Stewart Charles Neibling. Born November 5, 1889; Died May 20, 1962. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Hiawatha, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Nelson, George N.¹

Nelson, Jesse; rank, private; enlisted on June 2, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company; served in France; discharged on or about May 10, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.³ Service number 1446866. Box 33.¹⁰

Nelson, Oliver J.; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on September 5, 1918; served in the

681st Aero Squadron, Kelly Field, Texas; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on February 12, 1919.⁵ Oliver J. Nelson, service number 4920902. Box 33.¹⁰ Probably Oliver J. Nelson. Born in 1897; Died in 1967. Buried in Netawaka Cemetery, Netawaka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Nelson, Walter N.¹ Service number 3299733, inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a sergeant in Company H, 3rd Battalion, Chemical Warfare Service; discharged on December 9, 1918, at the Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. Box 33.¹⁰ May be Walter N. Nelson. "WASHINGTON SGT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born April 17, 1894; Died October 4, 1972. Buried in Sumner Cemetery, Sumner, Washington. www.findagrave.com.

Newman, Carl.² Service number 3472402, enlisted or inducted on August 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the 3rd Company, 3rd Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on January 15, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 33.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ "Carl Newman, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Newman, of Holton, is attending officer's training school at Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas." *The Holton Recorder*, October 3, 1918. Born August 12, 1892; Died December 17, 1961. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Neyman, Guy E. "Mayetta Department. We noticed in the Capital Sunday that Guy E. Neyman was killed in action. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Neyman and once lived at this place" *The Holton Recorder*, December 19, 1918. "COPPL. 364 INF 91 DIV IDAHO OCT. 3, 1918" Buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial, Romagne, France. www.findagrave.com.

Nicholas, Glen G.; rank, private; enlisted on July 4, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France, killed in action on September 29, 1918 in the Battle of the Argonne.³ Box 33.¹⁰ "Edward Nicholas of Bucks Grove, Kan., had received a government official telegram announcing that their son, Glenn G. Nicholas, who heretofore was found to be "missing in action," is now reported to have "died from wounds," on Sept. 29, 1918. After so many different reports, both individual and government, we are made to believe that the latest report is true. Glenn G. Nicholas was born at Bucks Grove on Sept. 18, 1895. He died in the Argonne Forest in France on Sept. 29, 1918, aged 23 years and 11 days. ... We home folks received a letter dated Sept. 22, 1918, telling of his devotion to the religious elements of army life. How that morning he had stood up in the rain to listen to their chaplain; also told of his love for his comrades and his own brothers, Lloyd and Otis. It was on this date that he wrote and sent his little poem. "Three Brothers Somewhere in France." *The Holton Recorder*, August 7, 1919. "Born in the small farming community of Bucks Grove, Kansas, he enlisted for WWI at the urging of his two brothers (Lloyd and Otis) that had enlisted a few weeks earlier. As part of the 35th Division (the same as Harry Truman), he took part in the Meuse-Argonne offensive that finally broke the stalemate on the Western Front. On the third day of the offensive (Sept 29, 1918), the German counter-attacked. Glen was last seen waving to retreating members of his division, when an artillery shell exploded in the foxhole he occupied. His body was never found." "Three brothers from the Buck's Grove community enlisted in the U. S. Army shortly after the United States declared war against the German Empire. Two of them came home with wounds from the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in northern France. The third was never found after a German artillery shell exploded in his foxhole. Glen G. Nicholas, the third of three brothers to enlist for duty in World War I, was at first declared missing in action after the shelling that ended his life, but later, it was declared that he "died of wounds" on Sept. 29, 1918, little more than a month before the end of the war. Glen's two brothers - Otis and Lloyd, who were also born and raised in the Buck's Grove community - were also part of the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. The decisive battle that began in late September of 1918 and ended with the signing of the armistice less than two months later. The United States entered what was known as "The Great War" on April 6, 1917. Four days later, on April 10, Otis enlisted in the Kansas National Guard; a week later, Lloyd followed suit. Glen, on the other hand, did not enlist until July 4, his enlistment in the National Guard reportedly coming at the urging of Otis and Lloyd. The three of them were drafted into federal service on Aug. 5, 1917, and all three became members of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment of the 69th Brigade of the 35th Division that October at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The 35th Division - a larger unit that would also count future President Harry Truman among its ranks - arrived at La Havre, France, on May 11, 1918, and first served, a brigade at a time, in the Vosges mountain region of eastern France. It was in this region that Otis would be wounded in the left shoulder while fighting in the trenches, but reportedly, his recovery was quick. Under the command of Brigadier General Nathaniel McClure, the 35th Division moved east through France, moving into reserve for the Saint-Mihiel attack in mid-September. On Sept. 25, the Nicholas brothers and the rest of the 137th Infantry faced Vauquois Hill, a natural fortress the German army had held for more than four years. The 137th launched a six-hour barrage on the hill and took it the next day as the Meuse-Argonne Offensive began, as did a six-day trail by fire for the regiment that resulted in nearly half of the regiment becoming casualties. Otis was the first of the brothers to be wounded by enemy fire in the offensive, getting hit in his right hand by a machine gun bullet on Sept. 27. Lloyd would be wounded the next day, taking a bullet in his right foot. Glen, however, continued to fight on with the regiment until Sept. 29, when it was reported that during a German counterattack, he was last seen waving to retreating members of his division from a foxhole. A German shell hit the foxhole, and exploded, killing Glen. Initially, it was reported that Glen was reported missing in action, and back home, the boys' parents, Edward and Violetta McKinsey Nicholas, waited for word of his possible return. It never came, as a government telegram was delivered to the Nicholas home to inform them of Glen's death at the age of 23. Just a week

- before his death, Glen had written a letter home in which he detailed “his devotion to the religious elements of army life,” according to a *Holton Recorder* article that appeared in the Sept. 7, 1919 edition. It told of one morning when he “stood up in the rain to listen to their chaplain” and “told of his love for his comrades and own brothers, Lloyd and Otis.” The two surviving brothers were among the first American soldiers to return stateside, it was reported. Otis received his military discharge on Dec. 23, 1918, at Fort Riley’s Camp Funston, while Lloyd was discharged on Feb. 7, 1919, also at Camp Funston. As for Glen, he is memorialized in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France, and he has a memorial stone in Buck’s Grove cemetery. An American Legion post in Havensville was also named for Glen, it has been reported. *The Holton Recorder*, October 3, 2016. Born September 18, 1895; Died September 29, 1918. Memorialized in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial, Romagne, France. www.findagrave.com. “DIED AT BUZANCY FRANCE OCT. 3, 1918 CO. B. 137 INFT U. S. A.” Memorial stone in the Bucks Grove Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Nicholas, Lloyd; rank, private; enlisted on April 17, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 1447689, gunshot wound, bullet in right foot; discharged on February 7, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 34, folder 2.¹⁰ “Floyd Nicholas, of Co. B, has written to friends at Soldier that he is back in the states - Virginia. He was wounded and is one of the early returns to this country.” *The Soldier Clipper*, December 4, 1918. “Lloyd was wounded in the foot on September 28 and Otis was in the hand on September 27, in the same fight [Argonne Forest.]” *The Holton Recorder*, August 7, 1918. “Mr. and Mrs. John Alban entertained the returned soldier boys and their friends on Thursday evening at their home. The soldier boys present were: Lloyd Nicholas.” *The Soldier Clipper*, February 26, 1919. May be Lloyd Lowry Nicholas. “PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I” Born October 26, 1897; Died June 22, 1981. Buried in White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Wichita, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Nicholas, Otis C.; rank, private; enlisted on April 10, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; wounded in the left shoulder while in the trenches at Vosges, France; wounded in the hand in the Battle of the Argonne.³ Service number 1447592, gun shot wound to right hand, discharged on December 23, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 34.¹⁰ “Otis Nicholas, of Havensville, a member of Co. B, reached Holton Tuesday. He was wounded in the battle of Argonne Forest, the latter part of September and has been in a hospital ever since. He landed in Newport News November 22, and was sent to a hospital in Baltimore, from there he was sent to the hospital at Fort Riley, from which place he was discharged from the army Monday. Young Nicholas has been wounded twice, once in the left shoulder, while Co. B was in the Vosges Mountains, and then in the Argonne fight when he was hit by a machine gun bullet in his right hand. The wound is healed over now and he has good use of his hand, although there is considerable of a knot where the wound was. He has not seen the members of Co. B since September, when he was wounded. Otis Nicholas was one of three brothers in Co. B. One of the other boys is wounded and one missing.” *The Holton Recorder*, December 26, 1918.
- Nicholas, Will.¹
- Nichols, G. Gilbert.¹
- Nichols, Robert W. “Buckeye Ridge Items. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols received a letter from their son Robert that he is getting along fine in France and is close enough to Paris they can go there on pass.” *The Soldier Clipper*, August 28, 1918.
- Nichols, Robert W.; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Manhattan, Kansas on May 3, 1917; served in France and was discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on January 15, 1919.⁵ Box 33.¹⁰
- Nissen, Arthur.² Arthur H. Nissen, service number 1242307; enlisted on January 8, 1918, served as a machinist mate 2nd class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on July 3, 1919, at St. Louis, Missouri. Box 34.¹⁰ “Minneapolis, Minn. Sunday, August 11, 1918. Dear Mother! ... You don’t need to worry about me as long as I am in Minneapolis. When I am at sea is the time I expect you will worry about me even then you don’t need to worry because if I am going to be sunk that is all there is to it. Whenever it be God’s will that I sink I am ready to go. ... Your son, Arthur H. Nissen. *The Whiting Journal*, August 16, 1918. “Brooklin, N. Y. Feb. 17, 1919. Dear Mother: Well I am assigned to a ship. It is the U. S. S. Sampson, a destroyer, a thousand ton boat. ... The reason I got on a destroyer is because I am a 4 year man.” *The Whiting Journal*, February 28, 1919.
- Nodacker, J. W.²
- Northrup, Ernest L. “IOWA PFC CO 26 BN US GUARDS WORLD WAR I” Born August 2, 1888; Died September 1, 1962. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Nott, Roy Leonard; rank, corporal; enlisted or inducted into service at Wichita, Kansas on July 26, 1918; served in Company F, 69th Infantry from July 27th to November 15th, 1918; in Company M, 69th Infantry from November 16, 1918 until he was discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on February 5, 1919.⁵ “KANSAS CPL CO M 69 INF 10 DIV WORLD WAR I” Born August 23, 1895; Died April 16, 1959. Buried in IOOF Cemetery, Norman, Oklahoma. www.findagrave.com.
- Nuzman, Warren C.¹ “Mr. and Mrs. John Nuzman has a very interesting letter dated May 9 from their son W. C. Nuzman, who is serving the colors at Kamehameha, H. T. He is with the 7th Co. C. D. of Oahu, having recently been transferred

- to that work. He says he does not have to look around for jobs, as the command gives him plenty to do. He recently received a letter from Elbert Smith who is in the Rainbow Division in France. Elbert asked him if there was anyplace in the world where either of them could go that would make them further apart. To W. C.'s surprise the letter had been censored in France by Lynn Thompson, a former Soldier boy in France, written to W. C. Nuzman a former Soldier boy in the Hawaiian Islands, and the letter being censored by Lynn Thompson a former Soldier boy, and Lynn went to the trouble to say 'Hello' to the addressee. W. C. had been very busy that day for two soldiers who were out rowing, had been drowned, and they were looking for their bodies." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 29, 1918. Born June 3, 1894; Died November 16, 1953. Buried in Filer Cemetery, Filer, Idaho. www.findagrave.com.
- O'Brien, Cecil Ray; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Topeka, Kansas on September 5, 1918; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on December 4, 1919.⁵ Service number 4920949, Box 34.¹⁰ "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Ray O'Brien." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.
- O'Brien, Franklin.¹ May be Francis F. O'Brien, service number 207276; enlisted on February 15, 1916, at Eureka, Kansas; served as a private in Company E, 117th Ammunition Train, A. E. F.; discharged on May 15, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 34.¹⁰
- O'Brien, Paul.² "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Paul O'Brine." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. "October 28, 1918. Dear Mother and home folks. I just arrived in Portsmouth Navy yard yesterday, so I got fourteen hours shore leave and am in Norfolk, at the Y. M. C. A., having a fine time. I have been on the U. S. S. Alabama since Sept. 13th on land only a few times, then just for a few hours. ... Paul O'Brien. Sept. 30, 1918, Germany, Europe." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, November 14, 1918.
- O'Hara, Walter. "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Walter O'Hara." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.
- Osborn, Karl.¹ "Lieut. Karl Osborn of the Eighth Calvary, visited his sister, Mrs. Dorothy Kirby, this week." *The Holton Recorder*, September 5, 1918. "The death of Dr. Karl Edison Osborn, which occurred in St. Joseph, June 11 ... He attended Western Dental College in Kansas City and was a graduate of the class of 1916. He practiced for a year at Salina, Kansas, and was among the first to offer his services in the World War. He entered service in August, 1917, and served until May, 1920, as a first lieutenant in the Dental Corps. During that time he was stationed at several camps including Camp Doniphan and in Texas on the Mexican border. Early in 1919 he was sent to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, where he was stationed over a year." *The Holton Recorder*, June 22, 1922. Born October 1, 1891; Died June 11, 1922. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Osborn, Roderick. "Roderick Osborn, son of Don Osborn, formerly of Holton, who is attending the Naval Academy at Annapolis, visited Mrs. Dorothy Kirby a few days this week." *The Holton Recorder*, September 5, 1918.
- Osterhold, Frank; rank, private; enlisted on June 4, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Service number 1447692, served as a private first class in Company B, 137th Infantry, A. E. F. Box 35.¹⁰ "From Frank Osterhold. B Co. 137 Kans. Inf., Camp Doniphan. Fort Sill, Okla., October 4, 1917. Editor Signal: I don't know what you or your readers would like to know first, so I'll just begin at the beginning and tell all I know. After leaving Holton the boys were sort of subdued and nothing much happened. We went through Mayetta like a streak, stopped at Hoyt and ten minutes in Topeka. The guards had orders to allow no one off the train, and after we left Topeka, everything seemed sort of a jumble. At Herrington two other companies G and M joined us. Corporal Lutz started to go out on the platform and as he approached the door, a swirl of wind caught his hat and took it sailing for a joy ride into space. Lutz went back and Sgt. Knox thought it very funny, but when he started out on the platform a few moments later, swish, flip and away went a five dollar Stetson. Corporal Mann lost his Stetson in the same manner and sunburned his nose Sunday morning putting up tents. Tuffy don't like traveling a bit. He grew very sea sick and was pretty wobbly when we reached camp. The ladies who fixed up the boxes had an exaggerated conception of the capacity of a soldier, and although there wasn't enough boxes to go around, there was enough in the single boxes to feed two. We had enough all together to feed the soldiers at noon Sunday. The fellows sure appreciate the efforts of the ladies of Holton to make the trip enjoyable. Everyone is satisfied here with the camp and are waiting for our equipment, which we hope to get real soon and then we will feel like real soldiers. Our dining hall was awaiting us when we got here. It was plenty large enough for the clerk's office, quartermaster's headquarters, and for feeding us too. The cooks have donned white overalls and are feeding us plenty of well cooked food. "Fat" Beems, "Bluely" Brumfield and "Coke" Darling seem to know their business and they handle their work very efficiently. Camp Doniphan is about six miles from Lawton and is only a part of Fort Sill. I can stand on a hill and look west and see tents and tents interminably stretching away into the sunset. To then south is more tents and unpainted buildings, to east more tents; as far as the eyes can see, there are tents and shacks. To the north are two great hills that blot out everything beyond. The aeroplanes are flying around camp and off to the southeast there is an observation balloon anchored. The planes tug against the wind and swoop and rise like great birds. We can hear their engines roar at times, but they stay up pretty high and don't come near the ground, only to

light upon it. Sergeant Slaughter is just as happy as ever, although the boys have been so busy there is no time to sing except at night. The wind blows like sixty most of the day and only rests at night. Ralph Kroth came out of his tent and was greeted by a swirl of Oklahoma soil that had been traveling. He spit out the sand and said, "Join the army and see the world, stand by your tent door and watch it go by." That expresses it very well, the dust is a little bad, but we are in the army now. Our program calls for six and a half hours drill a day, which isn't any more than we had at home. The Army Y. M. C. A. has rest halls here scattered all over camp, seven of them and one large tent. Any money spent on the cause of the Y. M. C. A. gets to, and benefit's the soldiers as quickly as the company mess fund. I am sitting on the floor of the Y. M. C. A. building, writing with several hundred other fellows. The building is about 200 feet long and forty feet wide, with tables along the walls on two sides. The fellows in the army can't half tell how much they appreciate the army Y. M. C. A. and its advantages. There are so many trivial, commonplace things, not noticed in civilian life, that are missing in a soldier's life. Their absence is not consciously felt, yet there is a lack of something, an indefinable, unexplainable something, that everyone misses and blindly seeks the only methods of relief he knows. Be lenient in your judgment of a soldier. Almost all of the 138 Missouri are here and most of the 137th Kansas. Well, it's almost time for taps. So I must make a run for camp. We have no lights as yet. All for this time. Frank. *The Holton Recorder*, October 11, 1917.

Otis, Elmer E.; rank, electrician 3rd class in U. S. Navy; enrolled at Kansas City, Missouri on May 8, 1917 for four years service; discharged at St. Louis, Missouri on August 18, 1919.⁵ Elmer L. Otis. Box 35.¹⁰

Otis, Frank.² May be Francis Bernard Otis, enlisted on December 1, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a quartermaster 2nd class in the U. S. Navy; discharged March 19, 1918, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 35.¹⁰

Otis Joseph Harvey. Enlisted on June 21, 1918, at New Orleans, Louisiana; Died August 25, 1919, at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Washington, D. C. Box 35.¹⁰ "After moving to Holton he entered school and graduated from the high school with the class of 1917. The following year he attended a university at New Orleans, at which place he enlisted in the Marines in June, 1918. He served in Haiti until he was invalided to the navy hospital at Washington, D. C. He underwent an operation after which he spent the month of May in Holton, with his mother, seemingly in good health and spirits. He returned to the navy hospital June 6. He soon declined in health and passed away Aug. 25, 1919. Examination showed his death was caused by cancer. ... He was buried with military honors at Arlington" *The Holton Recorder*, August 28, 1919. "PVT USMC" Buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. www.findagrave.com.

Oursler, Neil.¹ Neil A. Oursler, enlisted on December 1, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a musician 2nd class in the U. S. Navy, discharged on August 29, 1919, at St. Louis, Missouri. Box 35.¹⁰

Overgard, Ray; rank, private; enlisted on July 12, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; discharged on August 14, 1917 due to disability existing prior to August 5, 1917.³ May be Ray Neal Overgard, service number 2204232; Box 35.¹⁰

Pah-mah-mie, Peter.¹ Probably Pete Pahmahmie, Jr. Born March 19, 1895; Died July 26, 1972. Buried in Shipshee Cemetery, Potawatomi Reservation, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Palmer, Edward H. Service number 2177147, enlisted on October 2, 1917, at Troy, Kansas; served as a private in Company K, 353rd Infantry; discharged on March 25, 1919, at Washington, D. C. Box 35.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT CO K 353 INFANTRY WORLD WAR I" Born April 25, 1891; Died June 25, 1966. Buried in Netawaka Cemetery, Netawaka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Park, Charles E.; rank, private; enlisted on June 1, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 1447591, served in A. E. F. Box 35, folder 2.¹⁰

Parker, Browne. "France, Oct. 160, 1918. Dear Mother and All: I wonder how you all are getting along? I am feeling very well. Have moved several times since I last wrote you. At this writing I am at the front, up where there is plenty doing. Have been under fire for a week. They have been shelling us freely for the last 48 hours, but not doing much damage. We get quite a bit of gas, but mostly high explosives. But believe me, those Dutch are getting paid well for every shell they send over to us. Today (at this minute) everything is quiet, but it might not be so very long. I am in a dugout, trying to write by candle light, so if you can't read it, you will know why. It rained last night and is still at it this morning. Has been very nice weather here for some time and I hope it continues nice for a couple of months, for that will help us as much as anything. ... It has been two months tomorrow since we left the states and I sure would like to be back there again for a few days. But maybe before many months we will all be there again. ... Browne Parker." *The Holton Recorder*, November 31, 1918.

Parrett, Leroy.¹ Leeroy Parrett, service number 3299810; enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1915, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in Company K, Cas. Battalion, Camp Merritt, New Jersey, A. E. F.; discharged on July 15, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 35, folder 1.¹⁰ Probably Lee Roy Parrett. Born May 24, 1887; Died January 7, 1958. Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Atchison, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Patch, Roy C.; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Topeka, Kansas on April 11, 1918; served in France in Battery B, 70th Artillery; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on March 14, 1919.⁵ Service number 464719. Box 35.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT. 164 DEPOT BRIG. MARCH 9, 19140" Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas.

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- Patrik, Frank; rank, private; enlisted on May 15, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; discharged on August 14, 1917 due to a disability existing prior to August 5, 1917.³
- Patterson, Harold; rank, private; enlisted on April 24, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of 1917.³ Service number 1446950, discharged on February 5, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 35.¹⁰ "Letter from Harold Patterson. On active service with the A. E. F. October 26, 1918. ... We have been in the trenches three times and in one big drive. There was plenty of excitement there alright. You would jump in one shell hole and you would lay there a minute to hide from machine gun bullets, then you would think they had quit that and get up and go on and the German artillery would open up on you. It sure was fun altho dangerous, but you didn't have time to think about that or anything else only go on and get them. ... Harold E. Patterson. Hdq. Co. 137, Inf. A. E. F. *The Whiting Journal*, December 6, 1918. "Altho it has been 21 years since I lived in Whiting, I still feel it is home. ... I was in the last war with several of the boys there, and here, 24 years later, I am back in the army again. Don't think I will ever grow older or grow up. ... Harold E. Patterson, 377 Barracks, 403 Aero Squadron, Sheppard Field, Texas." *The Whiting Journal-Visitor*, April 10, 1942.
- Patton, Boyd F.¹ Service number 32998, enlisted or inducted on May 9, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in Base A 2, Detachment number 301, Quartermaster Corps; discharged on July 28, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 35.¹⁰ "Boyd served in the Army in France during World War I." Born August 26, 1892; Died September 1, 1978. Buried in Denison Cemetery, Denison, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Patton, Joseph Charles. Service number 335-83-62; enrolled on October 1, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri, served as an apprentice seaman in the U. S. Navy; discharged on September 30, 1922, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 35.¹⁰ "KANSAS AS USNRF WORLD WAR I" Born October 16, 1898; Died September 22, 1950. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Paulson, Hans H.; rank, corporal; enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on May 28, 1918; served in France in Company F, 352nd Infantry, 88th Division; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 20, 1919. Service number 3299845. Box 35.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT 1 CO 164 DEPOT BRIG WORLD WAR I" Hans Henry Paulsen. Born March 2, 1896; Died January 9, 1964. Buried in Horton Cemetery, Horton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Pawesse, Sam.¹ Service number 3299835, enlisted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company A, 26th Battery; discharged on January 8, 1919, at Washington, D. C. Box 35.¹⁰
- Peace, Chas. P.²
- Pearson, N. H.² Newton H. Pearson, enlisted on July 19, 1918, at Mare Island, California; served as a corporal in the U. S. Marines; discharged on July 10, 1920, at Mare Island, California. Box 35.¹⁰ Born in 1891; Died in 1941. Buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Whiting, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Peasley, Joseph W.² Service number 3657059, enlisted or inducted on June 26, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company E, 109th Engineers, A. E. F.; discharged on July 3, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 35.¹⁰ "US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born November 11, 1888; Died December 18, 1968. Buried in Bucks Grove Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Pepple, Walter.¹ Service number 3791534, inducted on July 23, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in Company F, 69th Infantry; discharged on January 28, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 35.¹⁰ May be the Walter Pepple, Born August 22, 1895; Died May 16, 1980. Buried in Netawaka Cemetery, Netawaka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Perry, Alva Milton. Service number 4920955, enlisted or inducted September 5, 1918 at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in 4th Company, 2nd Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged December 10, 1918 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.¹¹ Born June 13, 1941. Buried in Saint Clere Cemetery, Emmett, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Perry, Elmer Preston. Service number 4920957, enlisted or inducted September 5, 1918 at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in 4th Company, 2nd Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged December 10, 1918 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.¹¹ Probably Elmer P. Perry. Died April 19, 1937. Buried in Saint Clere Cemetery, Emmett, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Perry, Leo J.¹ Served in the 19th Company, 164th Depot Brigade; Company D, 339th Machine Gun Battalion. Died October 29, 1918.⁸ Company E, 352nd Infantry, died October 29, 1918. Box 36.¹⁰ Perry, Leo Joseph. Served as a private, U.S. Army, 352nd Infantry Regiment, 88th Division, entered the Service from: Kansas. Died: October 29, 1918. Buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Departement de la Meuse, Lorraine, France. www.findagrave.com.
- Peterson, Delmar R. "Sergeant Delmar R. Peterson, son of W. O. Peterson, of the Garretson Mercantile Co., arrived in Soldier last week for a visit with his father and sister. He has but recently been mustered out after eighteen months service all in camps in the United States." *The Soldier Clipper*, January 29, 1919. "Mr. and Mrs. John Alban entertained the returned soldier boys and their friends on Thursday evening at their home. The soldier boys present were: D. R.

Peterson." *The Soldier Clipper*, February 26, 1919.

Plankinton, Henry H. Service number 2201880, enlisted or inducted on March 29, 1918, at Topeka, Kansas; served as a private in the 1st Company, 1st Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 9, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 36.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT 1 CO 164 DEPOT BRIGADE WORLD WAR I" Henry Harrison Plankinton. Born February 11, 1889; Died February 15, 1954. Buried in Netawaka Cemetery, Netawaka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Pletcher, Frank F.¹ Service number 2790849, enlisted or inducted on April 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a cook in Detachment 1901, Demobilization Group; discharged on August 24, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 36.¹⁰ Born June 2, 1887; Died October 12, 1947. "KANSAS COOK 314 ENGRS 89 DIV WORLD WAR I" Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Clyde, Kansas.

Phillips, Clair; rank, corporal; enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on July 23, 1918; served in Company F, 69th Infantry Regiment; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on February 4, 1919.⁵ Service number 3791412. Box 36.¹⁰ "KANSAS CPL CO F 69 INFANTRY WORLD WAR I" Born November 6, 1891; Died May 15, 1943. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Pierson, Joe. Service number 3472400, enlisted or inducted on August 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the 4th Company, 1st Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 24, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 36.¹⁰ "Four more boys left here for training camps Friday. John Long, Joe Pierson, Mike Hogan, J. B. Coughlin. Next Friday four more will leave here: Samuel Early, Philbert Jones, Joe Blandin and Oscar Levier. Good luck, boys." *The Mayetta Herald*, September 4, 1918. "KANSAS PVT WORLD WAR I" Born March 18, 1895; Died June 2, 1947. Buried in Shipshee Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Pitcher, Loren S.² Loren Shaw Pitcher, service number 47444594; enlisted or inducted on October 30, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in F. A. R. T., unassigned; discharged on January 30, 1918, at Camp Zackary Taylor, Kentucky. Box 36.¹⁰ "Loren Pitcher, who was so seriously ill with the influenza at Camp Taylor, Kentucky, is steadily improving." *The Holton Recorder*, January 2, 1919. "Loren Pitcher who has been ill with pneumonia, following influenza, at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky, arrived in Holton last week. He has about regained his former health and is looking fine." *The Holton Recorder*, February 6, 1919.

Place, Leo D.²

Plaisted, James Joseph; rank, private; enlisted at Holton, Kansas and served in France; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on June 19, 1919.⁵ Service number 3483737, enlisted or inducted on August 14, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in USA A Ser? Section 457, A. E. F. Box 36.¹⁰ "He grew to manhood on the farm where he was born and enlisted in the Army during World War I on August 14, 1918. He returned from overseas in June 1919 and began farming and remained a farmer until his death." *The Holton Recorder*, December 6, 1951. "KANSAS PVT DMBL GP WORLD WAR I" Born August 12, 1896; Died November 18, 1951. Buried in Meriden Cemetery, Meriden, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Plaisted, Wm. A.² Born June 9, 1894; Died May 20, 1960. Buried in Meriden Cemetery, Meriden, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Platter, Harrison C. "MISSOURI PVT DEMOBILIZATION GROUP WORLD WAR I" Born September 2, 1894; Died November 27, 1957. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Plummer, Francis B.¹ Francis Burton Plummer, service number 1531256; enrolled on June 3, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a seaman first class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on September 30, 1921, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 36.¹⁰ "Word has been received of the safe arrival overseas of Francis Plummer. Francis was formerly of the Great Lakes Training Station." *The Holton Recorder*, November 21, 1918.

Plummer, Virgil.¹ Virgil Tyson Plummer, enlisted on September 4, 1917; served as a corporal in Company E, 356th Infantry, became a sergeant on April 20, 1918; commissioned a 2nd lieutenant on June 1, 1918, first lieutenant on August 31, 1918; served in the 68th Infantry; discharged on February 26, 1919, at Camp Sheridan, Alabama. Box 36.¹⁰ "Vergil P. Plummer has recently been promoted to first lieutenant. Lieut. Plummer graduated from the Third Officers Training School at Funston last April and was sent to Camp Lee, Virginia, where he received a commission as 2nd lieutenant. He has been stationed for some time at Camp Sheridan, Alabama, where he received his promotion as first lieutenant. Lieut. Plummer is a son of Mrs. J. L. Plummer of Holton." *The Holton Recorder*, October 17, 1918. Lieutenant Virgil Plummer, of Camp Sheridan, Ala., visited his mother, Mrs. J. L. Plummer, the first of the week." *The Holton Recorder*, January 16, 1919.

Pointer, Virgil D.; rank, private; enlisted on August 3, 1914 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 207286, served as a private in Company E, 117th Ammunition Train, A. E. F.; discharged on May 15, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 36.¹⁰

Pollock, James H.; rank private 1st class; enlisted or inducted into service at Topeka, Kansas; served in France in Battery E, 53rd Artillery; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on April 5, 1919.⁵ Service number 152862, enlisted or inducted on April 16, 1918, at Topeka, Kansas; served as a private first class in Battery E, 53rd Artillery, C. A. C.

Box 36.¹⁰ “James Pollock is a first class gunner on the battle line in France. It takes twenty-three men to handle the little field piece he works on and a gang to lay rails for its conveyance. It takes three sacks of powder to load the gun, and it shoots 18 miles.” *The Soldier Clipper*, June 12, 1918. “France A. E. F., Sept. 29. 1918. Dear Folks: ... We are sure doing our part to help win this war and you can see by the paper what we Americans have been doing to the Germans since Sept. 12, and we’re not through with them yet. I don’t see how a human being could live through what we U. S. soldiers are handing them. Everywhere the Yankee boys hit them they drive them back. They can talk about the hardships in the Civil War but I don’t think they have a thing on us. In the first drive we worked sixty hours through all kinds of rain with only two or three hours sleep. In this present big offensive we put in 72 hours without rest and sometimes we only got one or two meals a day and they were pretty slim. But I have stuck to it all the way through which is more than some have done. Many got sick and went to the hospital. One night our gun crews were so near all in we could see all kinds of strange shapes around us. It’s the nearest I ever was to sheer exhaustion, but we pulled through the night and got a few hours sleep. ... Pvt. James H. Pollock, Bat. E, 53 Art. (C. A. C.)” *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918. “Jas. Pollock arrived home on Sunday having been discharged from the army service. James was in the heavy artillery and saw much fighting overseas.” *The Soldier Clipper*, April 9, 1919. Probably James Harold Pollock. “KANSAS PFC 164 DEPOT BRIGADE WORLD WAR I” Born February 2, 1897; Died September 3, 1950. Buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Harrison, Arkansas. www.findagrave.com.

Pollock, Marion L.; rank, private; enlisted on July 25, 1917; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered out of federal service at Fort Riley on May 9, 1919.³

Polson, Hugh. “Hugh Polson writes that he is not getting his Clipper regularly. He says he is getting along fine in the Radio branch, but is to get into the sub listeners branch (of which less than 20 percent pass) if he can make the examination. If successful he will get three weeks training at New York and then off to listen for the undersea devils. His present address is Co. D 2, 7th reg. barr 728, Camp Perry, Great Lakes, Ill.” *The Soldier Clipper*, May 22, 1918.

Poole, Lester.¹ Lester Ray Pool, enrolled on December 29, 1917, at Washington, D. C.; served as a yeoman 2nd class in the U. S. Navy; received a disability discharge on January 18, 1919, at Norfolk, Virginia. Box 36.¹⁰ “Mrs. Cora Pool received a message from her son Lester, that he has sailed for Genoa on November 20th. Lester has been a stenographer for a navy surgeon at Norfolk, Va., for the past year, but recently he has been assigned to a transport.” *The Holton Recorder*, November 28, 1918.

Poston, Waldo.²

Potter, Waldean.¹ Enlisted on December 1, 1917, at Kansas City Missouri, served as a fireman first class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on September 27, 19__, at St Louis Missouri. Box 36.¹⁰ “KANSAS F1 US NAVY WORLD WAR I” Born December 17, 1892; Died April 25, 1962. Buried in Beattie Union Cemetery, Marshall County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Priest, Walton E.; rank, private; enlisted on May 4, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 1447594, enlisted on May 4, 1917, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in Company B, 137th Infantry, A. E. F.; discharged on May 10, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 37.¹⁰ Probably Walton Edward Priest. Born October 29, 1896; Died April 2, 1982. Buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Whiting, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Proctor, Guy. “Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gibson and children spent the latter part of the week among relatives at Havensville, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Gibson’s brother, Guy Proctor, who died of pneumonia at Camp Funston last Thursday morning.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 10, 1918. “Head-Quarters Co. 70, Inf. U. S. A.” Born April 29, 1892; Died October 3, 1918. Buried in Havensville Cemetery, Havensville, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Pruett, Elmer; rank, private; enlisted at Fort Logan, Colorado on December 7, 1917; served in France, discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on December 24, 1918.⁵ Service number 1068000, served in the A. E. F. from May 19, 1918, to December 11, 1918. Box 37.¹⁰ Probably Elmer Pruet. Born in 1891; Died in 1954. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. Findagrave.com.

Pyne, Geo. “Geo. Pyne, youngest brother of Mrs. Arthur Ellis, died at Camp Funston on Friday of Spanish influenza.” *The Soldier Clipper*, October 16, 1918. “KANSAS PVT. 164 DEPOT BRIGADE” George A. Pyne. Died October 10, 1918. Buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Quinley, Otis R.¹ Service number 190-05-88, enlisted on December 4, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a fireman third class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on February 25, 1920, at Boston, Massachusetts. Box 37.¹⁰

Ragland, A. O.¹

Ramey, Earl F.¹

Ramey, George Roy. “George Ramey has received word that his son George Roy Ramey, died of pneumonia contracted while in the service of his country.” *The Holton Signal*, November 28, 1918. “Corporal George Roy Ramey, with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, died Oct. 17, 1918, at Base Hospital 47 in France. ... At the age of seven years he moved with his family to Creighton, Mo. There Roy spent his school days. At the age of twenty-one he entered railway construction work, accepting contracts from various railroads in the different states. While in this work, our

country became involved in the great war, and Roy gave up his civil work and departed for Thermopolis, Wyo., for Fort Geo. Wright, Wash., and enlisted in the service the latter part of 1917 ... Corporal Ramey's body was brought home from France and was the first to arrive in Holton." *The Holton Recorder*, January 13, 1921. "142 ADM. LABOR CO." Born in 1884; Died in 1918. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Randall, James.² "James C. Randall, of Circleville, died of disease in France, according to the casualty lists in Wednesday's paper." *The Holton Recorder*, October 24, 1918.

Ray, Harvey V.¹

Ray, Leo L.¹

Ream, Roy. "A nephew of Sam Ream, who is a member of the 101st U. S. Engineers in France, writes to his uncle, from which we extract the following. Evidently he is a chip off the old Ream block: 'My experiences thus far have been well worth the time and trouble and hardships that they cost me. The game is interesting and will be a wonderful lesson to all that play it fair and come through safely. The dangers make it all the more fascinating. Each step in the game brings the participants nearer to the goal and extreme danger points. Of course there are a lot of us who will may never see the goal, but this will be our good fortune - maybe misfortune. Mr. Ream was seriously wounded in the second battle of the Marne by shrapnel, and was cited by General Pershing for heroism. He writes to his father as follows: France, July 24, 1918. Dear Dad: Received a wound in my left thigh by shrapnel. Went under ether and was operated on. Am in a base hospital now and getting along fine. Take some time to get back on my feet again, but we're receiving fine attention, and getting swell eats.'" *The Holton Recorder*, September 19, 1918.

Reboul, Clyde Henry.¹ Service number 3656203, inducted into service on June 26, 1918, at Camp Cody, New Mexico; served as a private in M. D. Train, Headquarters Company, 109th Sanitary Train, A. E. F.; discharged on January 31, 1919, at Camp Grant, Illinois. Box 37.¹⁰ "Clyde Reboul has arrived from overseas, and is visiting at the home of his father, August Reboul" *The Holton Recorder*, February 6, 1919. KANSAS PVT TN HQ 190 SANITARY TN WORLD WAR I" Born March 31, 1892; Died December 29, 1958. Buried in Gypsum Hill Cemetery, Salina, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Rector, Otto Murratt "KANSAS M SGT 4121 BASE UNIT AAF WORLD WAR I & II" Born April 15, 1884; Died February 20, 1959. Buried in Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, Colorado. www.findagrave.com.

Redmon, Thos.²

Reed, Eugene H. "Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Reed received a letter from their nephew, private Eugene H. Reed, stating that he had arrived overseas. He is in the signal corps." *The Holton Recorder*, October 10, 1918.

Reed, John S.¹ May be John S. Reid.

Reed, Percy. "Bancroft Items. Percy Reed is visiting relatives here. He has been discharged from the navy and will return to his home in Blessing, Texas." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 7, 1919.

Reeves, Ernest.¹

Reid, Harold.² Harold L. Reid, service number 3477515; inducted on August 15, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the Motor Transport Corps; discharged on June 26, 1919, at Whipple Barracks, Arizona. Box 38.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT 316 REP UNIT MTC WORLD WAR I" Born September 1, 1896; Died June 13, 1965. Buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Reid, John.¹ John S. Reid, service number 3299805; enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in the 328th Quartermaster Corps, A. E. F.; discharged on July 16, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 38.¹⁰ "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... John Reid." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.

Reid, Paul M.² Service number 5309554, served as a private in the S. A. T. C., Kansas University, Lawrence, Kansas; discharged on December 21, 1919 at Lawrence, Kansas. Box 38.¹⁰

Reid, Ralph.¹ Ralph Randolph Reid, enlisted on December 12, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a hospital apprentice first class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on January 9, 1919, at San Francisco, California. Box 37.¹⁰

Reid, Robert Jr.¹

Rennick, Clarence S., member of Company B, 2nd Regiment, Kansas National Guard; held the rank of 1st sergeant on May 23, 1917 when he was promoted to 2nd lieutenant; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of the 117th Ammunition Train, 42nd Division; promoted to 1st lieutenant while serving in France.³ Captain Scott Berridge writes from France: 'Things sure do happen over here and I have long gotten past the stage of being surprised at anything that happens. During the last offensive, I had just crawled into a German dugout, with the intention of getting little sleep, when who should walk in but Bill Dye - the same old Bill. The day following we were relieved and were on the move - had just set the outfit for the night and started to my billet, when someone called me and it was no other than my old pal, 'Tom' Rennick." *The Holton Recorder*, November 28, 1918. "Mrs. T. H. Rennick received a cablegram Sunday from her son, Lieutenant C. A. Rennick. The message was sent from Paris and stated Lt. Rennick was on his way home" *The Holton Recorder*, February 6, 1919.

Resac, Fred. Fred Resac is now in Camp Meade Maryland, and expects to sail for "Over There" soon." *The Delia News*, September 27, 1918.

Reynolds, Ed.¹ Service number 491784, enlisted on May 1, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a sergeant on Battery C,

117th Field Artillery; discharged on February 3, 1919, at Washington, D. C. Box 38.¹⁰

Rhodes, William A.; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Bristow, Oklahoma on August 28, 1918; discharged from the 162nd Depot Brigade at Camp Pike, Arkansas on February 18, 1919.⁵

Rhyard, Andy.¹

Richard, Frank G.² “The Service Flag service held here Saturday night was well attended. Frank G. Richard of Holton gave the address. There were 28 stars, one for each boy of Mayetta and vicinity who have gone to war. *The Holton Signal*, March 21, 1918. Rev. Frank Garfield Richard. Born August 21, 1880; Died October 1, 1973. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Richards, Roy. “KANSAS CARPENTER’S MATE 1 C U. S. N. R. F.” Died July 4, 1932. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas.

Richardson, Evan H.¹ Evan Hart Richardson, service number 2616259; enlisted or inducted on December 23, 1917, at Wichita, Kansas; served as a private in S. A. T. C., Section A, Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kansas; discharged on December 16, 1918, at Manhattan, Kansas. Box 38, folder 1.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ “OKLAHOMA PVT STU ARMY TNG CORPS WORLD WAR I” Born August 3, 1887; Died October 24, 1969. Buried in Rose Hill Burial Park, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. www.findagrave.com.

Richardson, Karl.¹ “PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I” Karl (Carl) E. Richardson. Born March 7, 1893; Died August 29, 1975. Buried in Havensville Cemetery, Havensville, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Richelsen, Roy W. “MAINE PVT 161 DEPOT BRIGADE” Born February 14, 1897; Died May 5, 1950. Buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Whiting, Kansas.

Rickel, Dennis S.; rank, wagoner; inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on May 29, 1918; served in France; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on June 17, 1919.⁵ Box 38.¹⁰ “The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Dennis Rickel.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. “He served in the U.S. army during World War I as a wagoner with the 352nd Infantry, 88th Division. He was in Germany in 1917 and 1918.” Dennis Spencer “Mick” Rickel. Born September 24, 1900; Died November 24, 1950. Buried in Hoyt Cemetery, Hoyt, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Riley, Frank R.² Service number 183-57-15, enrolled on July 10, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a seaman first class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on September 30, 1921, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 38.¹⁰ May be Frank Raymond Riley. Born November 8, 1896; Died July 6, 1967. Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Goff, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Riley, George Fain; enlisted in the U. S. Navy at Kansas City, Missouri on June 10, 1918; discharged at Great Lakes, Illinois on September 30, 1921.⁵ Served as an Aviation M. M. 2nd class. Box 38.¹⁰ Born September 3, 1890; Died December 27, 1960. Buried in Gavilan Hills Memorial Park Cemetery, Gilroy, California.

Robb, James K.; rank, sergeant; enlisted into service at Holton, Kansas on July 15, 1918; served in France, Unit 312 M. T. C.; discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa on July 29, 1919.⁵ Service number 26999250, Box 38, folder 4.¹⁰ May be the James K. Robb, born in 1893, who died in 1981. Buried in Denison Cemetery, Denison, Kansas.

Robbin, Monte Leroy.¹ “In June 1917 he returned to his home in Soldier to register and await his call to help in this great world war. ... On May 30th, he was called to Camp Funston. From there he was transferred to Camp Dodge, Iowa, where he was placed in Co. D. 339th Machine Gun Bn. of the 88th division, which sailed for France in August ... On November 6th a cablegram came telling of his death resulting from pneumonia ... In the last letter his dear wife received, just ten days before his death, he stated he was in the best of health, although he spoke of so many of his comrades being sick and he was helping carry them to the sub hospital.” *The Soldier Clipper*, November 20, 1918. “Last Sunday morning a memorial service was held at the Methodist church, for Monte L. Robbins, who died in Hericourt, France last October. ... First Lieutenant Ralph S. Nelson, Co. D, 339th M. G. Bn., A. E. F., has written several long letters to the family ... Dec. 7, 1919” “I shall endeavor to give the information on hand, although it is very little. After we were located at Granges le Bourg, not far from the Alsace front, everything was lovely for about a week, and then in the latter part of September, in four-days time, 82 of the company were sick with the influenza and thirteen died. Monte was among the last to take sick, about October 2nd. He was transferred to the hospital at Hericourt, where the flu developed into pneumonia, which was the cause of his death. Monte was in the headquarters platoon, which belongs to me, consequently I knew him a bit better than the rest. He was such a likable fellow, he came to my notice soon after joining the company.” *The Soldier Clipper*, May 21, 1919. “Died October 10, 1918. Box 38.⁷ Died October 9, 1918. Box 38, folder 1.¹⁰ “339 M. G. BN. 88 DIV. A. E. F.” Born in 1895; died in 1918.” Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Lawrence, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Roberts, Ernest.² Ernest F. Roberts, service number 3473616; enlisted or inducted September 5, 1918 at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in 1st Company, 3rd Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged January 24, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.¹¹ “Ernest Roberts has received his discharge from the hospital corps of the army and has returned to Holton.” *The Holton Recorder*, January 30, 1919.

Roberts, Jack A.; rank, sergeant; enlisted at St. Joseph, Missouri on April 15, 1918; served in France in Company L, 139th Infantry, slightly wounded on September 28, 1918, in the Battle of the Argonne; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 8, 1919.⁵

Robinson, Donald W.¹ Donald Warnock Robinson, service number 3312363; enlisted or inducted on June 26, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company O, 2nd Battalion, Edgewood Arsenal, Edgewood, Maryland; discharged on March 11, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 38, folder 1.¹⁰

Robinson, Harry R.; rank, seaman 2nd class; released from active duty in the U. S. Navy at Puget Sound, Washington on February 13, 1919.⁵ Harry Reist Robinson, service number 183-84-66. Box 38, folder 2.¹⁰ "Four more of our boys - Chas. Cox, Frank Boyles, James and Harry Robinson - left Sunday evening for Puget Sound, Wash., to train for the navy. The boys, like those who preceded them to war from here, were given a rousing ovation by several hundred people." *The Mayetta Herald*, June 12, 1918. "SEA2 US NAVY" Born September 14, 1895; Died March 15, 1979. Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Robinson, James A.; rank, SC 4c U. S. Navy; serving on Rec. Ship, at Puget Sound, Washington; released from active service at Bremerton, Washington on February 3, 1919.⁵ Box 38, folder 1.¹⁰ "Four more of our boys - Chas. Cox, Frank Boyles, James and Harry Robinson - left Sunday evening for Puget Sound, Wash., to train for the navy. The boys, like those who preceded them to war from here, were given a rousing ovation by several hundred people." *The Mayetta Herald*, June 12, 1918. "Cards were received in Holton Wednesday announcing the safe arrival overseas of Louis Roebke, Jr., Herbert Robinson, A. Zeiglasch, Roy Abel and Paul Hurrel." *The Holton Recorder*, September 12, 1918. "He was a Navy veteran of World War I" James Abraham Robinson. Born July 21, 1898; Died July 8, 1972. Buried in Mayetta Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Robinson, Wm. H.¹ "The Holton boys in the 8th Battalion, Signal Corps, Louis Roebke, Roy Abel, Paul Hurrel, Herbert Robinson and A. Zieglsch, who were trained at Fort Leavenworth, are now on the water on their way overseas. Merle Frazey has also started overseas." *The Holton Recorder*, August 29, 1918. "Four boys who were all born in the same block in Holton, met recently in a small town in France and held a reunion. The boys are Junior Roebke, Herbert Robinson, Paul Hurrel and Ed Davis." *The Holton Recorder*, October 24, 1918. World War I flag holder. William Herbert Robinson. Born in March of 1894; Died August 26, 1980. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Robson, Andrew Clarke. Service number 934775, enlisted October 10, 1917 at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; served as a pfc., 57th Hospital Train; served in France; discharged July 29, 1919.¹² Two more of our high school boys have gone to the defense of their country. This time its Clark Robson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Robson, and Vernon McMurray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McMurray. The boys asked to be excused from the school room Monday forenoon just awhile before eleven o'clock passenger train was due for Topeka. Leaving everybody, including their parents, in total ignorance of their plans, they boarded the train to Topeka where, according to the Topeka papers, they enlisted and were assigned to the medical corps and left the same day for Jefferson barracks. Their leaving is worrying their parents and Mrs. Robson is a very sick woman. *The Mayetta Herald*, October 11, 1917. "Sauenay, 11-24-1918. Loved Ones at Home: We have received word that we can write "Dad's Xmas Letter" and it won't be censored, in which we can tell of our life in France, but as I've been here so long there isn't much to say. I haven't been with 57 since Nov. 1, but am living in hopes of rejoining them soon. We worked on the front during the Chateau-Thierry drive, but have not been near the Front since. We garaged in Paris while working on the Front and had some time. I've been all over Paris. You see there were some days that we didn't go up to the Front. I may have not been in the said danger zone, but I've been near enough to hear the shells moan. You know that at close range they seem to whistle, but at a distance they kinda moan. We were the first train into Chateau-Thierry except a work train, and believe me there sure was some music down southwest of here. I tried transferring into the artillery three times since I reached France, four times since I left Riley. I have been to Vichy, where Preston James is, lots of times, but the hospital is so far from the track that I was never able to see him. The day peace was declared, 21 guns were fired in the harbor of Brest. The boys (our company) told me about it. The say 57 is down on the track today, but I haven't had time to see yet. If it is I think there'll be one less private at base hospital No. 8. Well, its 2:30 p. m. and almost time to "chaw." Are Will and Frank home yet? I suppose the guys that didn't have the nerve to enlist are more tickled that she's over than we are. I landed in France May 23 at Brest. I got on the ship May 9, sailed the evening of the 10th and if the Statue of Liberty sees me after I get back she'll have to make an about face. Was Fred wounded or knocked off? Here's hoping not. Oh! Say, I've been in a dozen air raids. Saw one daylight raid in Paris. Will close for this time. Your loving son, Andrew C. Robson. Bourges, France, Nov. 26, 1918. "Nov. 7, 1918. Beloved Parents and All: Am O. K. How is everybody? Received letter No. 11 last night, written Oct. 11. Hope you have begun to hear from Fred and I by this time. Has Will gone to Camp Meade yet? And where is Frank? It looks like "Fritz" may "kick in" by Christmas, doesn't it? It is too late to get a coupon home now, besides there is nothing but pictures I care for anymore. You know you can't send eats, and we may be on the road home before the stuff reaches us. I hope this doesn't hurt your feelings because you can't send me anything, because I really I can't think of anything I want you to send, and I just got back with the company today and have been no place where I could get a coupon. No, I never met Fred's division any more, but have seen several fellows out of it. You ask me about the weather here. Well, it doesn't rain "almost" every day here, but it rains every day. There was a picture of Sue and Mamma in this letter. I sent you a picture in my next to last letter (No. 12.) I've only received one letter in the last two weeks and that was the one from home last night. Will close this for a time. Love to all. Pvt. Andrew C. Robson, Hospital Train 57, A. E. F." *The Mayetta Herald*, December 4, 1918. "According to his obituary, all but

about two years of Andrew Clarke Robson's life was spent in Mayetta. The rest was spent in the U. S. Army during World War I, including a time in France, where he was wounded during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive at the end of the war. Born Sept. 16, 1899, in Mayetta to Dr. Robert and Charlotte Slack Robson, Andrew C. Robson - who went by his middle name - and one of his schoolmates at Mayetta decided in the fall of 1917 to join the Army and fight in what was then called the Great War. Apparently, the two young men either forgot or just neglected to tell everyone of their plans. 'Leaving everybody, including their parents, in total ignorance of their plans, they boarded the train to Topeka where, according to Topeka papers, they enlisted and assigned to the medical corps and left the same day for Jefferson barracks. Their leaving is worrying their parents and Mrs. Robson is a very sick woman,' a Mayetta newspaper reported in early October 1917. In a letter home, Robson said he 'got on the ship' to Europe from an unnamed port on May 9, 1918, sailed the next evening and landed on May 23 at Brest in northwestern France. Eventually, he was put into service as a private first class aboard the 57th Hospital Train in France with the American Expeditionary Force. The AEF, under the command of General John J. 'Blackjack' Pershing, was called to fight in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, a major part of the final Allied offensive of the war. The battle was reported to have begun on Sept. 26, 1918. Sometime between that date and the end of the offensive, Robson was wounded in battle. On Nov. 7, Robson wrote letter home to let everyone know he was feeling better after being wounded, as well as his outlook for the Great War. The letter was published in a Mayetta newspaper in early December. 'It looks like 'Fritz' may 'kick in by Christmas,' he wrote, using a then popular nickname for the Germans. Four days after that letter was written, the Germans surrender and the Great War was over. But Robson remained in the city of Bourges in central France, although, according to a letter dated Nov. 24, 1918, he had not been a part of the Hospital Train crew since the beginning of the month. "I've been all over Paris," he wrote. "You see there were some days that we didn't go up to the front. I have not been in the said danger zone, but I've been near enough to hear the shells moan. You know at that close range they seem to whistle, but at a distance they kinda moan." He also joked about the reception he would receive after coming back to the United States. 'If the Statue of Liberty sees me after I get back she'll have to make an about face,' he wrote. Robson was discharged from the Army on July 29, 1919, and returned to the Mayetta area. He and his wife, Flossie, were married on Sept. 3, 1922, and they lived in the Mayetta area until Robson's death on Jan. 1, 1958." *The Holton Recorder*, May 22, 2017. "He spent his entire life in or near Mayetta with the exception of three years spent in service. He was wounded in the Argonne Battle." "KANSAS PFC 57 HOSPITAL TRAIN WORLD WAR I" Born September 16, 1899; Died January 1, 1958. Buried in Mayetta Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Robson, Chas. F.¹ Service number 2190866, enlisted or inducted on April 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company K, 353rd Infantry, A. E. F.; discharged on February 20, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 38, folder 4.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ "The following boys were called in the 2nd draft from Mayetta: Fred Robson, Robt. Wyatt, Hoke Smith Cadue, Jno. Mitchell, Wabnum, Roy (Nick) Spangler, Harry Wamego." *The Holton Recorder*, April 18, 1918. "Nov. 2, 1918. Loved ones at Home: Will write you a few lines. I am feeling very good. I weigh 175 pounds now. How is everybody at home now? I hope fine at any rate. Well, I have not heard from home since the 6th of August. I will get a bunch of mail soon. Well, hereafter, address my mail as below. I have been transferred from the Infantry. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain, as ever, Your son, Pvt. Charles F. Robson, Co. D. H. Q. Br., A. E. F., A. P. O. 902. Dr. Robson had a letter from the boys in France, dated, Nov. 9th, two days before the signing of the armistice. Fred said he bumped into Jay Boyles the day before and that he was a fat as a coon. The boys also said that it was just as well not to send any packages, as they had a hunch that the would be over soon and they would be on their way home by Xmas." *The Mayetta Herald*, December 4, 1918 "Dear Folks: Having some spare moments I will endeavor to write you a few lines to let you know that I am still among the living. Well I do not know of much news to tell you, only that I am longing for the time to come when I can be with you all again. Did Frank ever get to come home? Say, mother, if you have not started any Christmas presents to me please do not, as I would rather you would keep it and spend it on yourself, as I do not want any more to carry around and I can take better care of them at home. Well as it is almost time to go to work I had better ring off at this time. Call sister Susan and tell her I am well and give them my best regards for Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Got a long letter from "Finger Bowls" the other day and she gave me her orders what she wanted me to bring back, that is, if I get to go to Paris. Wishing all a thankful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I remain as ever, your son, Pvt. Charles F. Robson." *The Mayetta Herald*, December 25, 1918. "Dr. and Mrs. Robson received notice from the war department, Monday, advising them that their son, Fred, had been gassed and sent to the hospital. This might be unpleasant news, were it not a pretty well established fact that said casual returned from the war zone something like six months ago, and has been carrying mail ever since." *The Mayetta Herald*, June 11, 1919. Charles Frederick Robson. Born August 3, 1890; Died April 27, 1959. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Robson, John W.² May be John W. Robson, service number 5281847; enlisted or inducted on October 7, 1918, at Lyons, Kansas; served as a private in S. A. T. C. Copper College, Sterling, Kansas; discharged on December 20, 1918, at Sterling, Kansas. Box 38, folder 2.¹⁰ John Wallace Robson. Born August 5, 1899; Died June 18, 1978. Buried in Denison Cemetery, Denison, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Robson, Robert F.¹ "Surely Dr. and Mrs. Robson have done their bit in this world-war. Besides giving generously of things material they have given of what is vitally nearer their hearts - three of their boys. Monday morning Fred, the

- last to go, boarded the train for the training camp. Clarke is ready and waiting to go over. Frank has seen years of service - all volunteers. That's not all. Had Uncle Sam not turned him down "daddy" too, would have been in the fray at this very hour. He not only proffered his service, but begged them to accept him. But his age forbid. In the name of all that is fair and just Dr. Robson is entitled to all that remains of "Keezer" Bill after the Sammies get thru with him. The memento would be infinitesimal, of course, but would suffice. *The Mayetta Herald*, May 1, 1918. "Are Will and Frank home yet? I suppose the guys that didn't have the nerve to enlist are more tickled that she's over than we are. ... And where is Frank? ... Love to all. Pvt. Andrew C. Robson, Hospital Train 57, A. E. F." *The Mayetta Herald*, December 4, 1918. "Did Frank ever get to come home? ... Pvt. Charles F. Robson." *The Mayetta Herald*, December 25, 1918. Robert Frank Robson: Born January 16, 1883; Died November 4, 1972. Buried in Galveston Memorial Park Cemetery, Galveston, Texas. www.findagrave.com.
- Robson, William Adam. Service number 3453920, enlisted or inducted on June 15, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class in the 3rd Company, 1st Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on January 17, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 38, folder 1.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ "KANSAS PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" William Adam Robson. Born December 7, 1887; Died November 4, 1972. Buried in Mayetta Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Roby, Paul T.; rank, private; enlisted on June 17, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 1447700, enlisted or inducted on June 17, 1917, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class, A. E. F., mustered gassed affecting the lungs and eyes; discharged January 23, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 38, folder 1.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ "Paul Roby is in a hospital in France, suffering from the effects of mustard gas." *The Holton Recorder*, December 5, 1918. "KANSAS PVT. 137 INF. 35 DIV. WORLD WAR I" Paul Theron Roby. Born June 2, 1894; Died April 4, 1935. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Roebke, Louis Jr.; rank, sergeant; enlisted or inducted at Holton, Kansas on May 29, 1918; served in France in the 8th Depot Battalion, Signal Corps; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 15, 1919.⁵ Service number 3299828. Box 39.¹⁰ "The Holton boys in the 8th Battalion, Signal Corps, Louis Roebke, Roy Abel, Paul Hurrel, Herbert Robinson and A. Zieglsch, who were trained at Fort Leavenworth, are now on the water on their way overseas. Merle Frazey has also started overseas." *The Holton Recorder*, August 29, 1918. "Cards were received in Holton Wednesday announcing the safe arrival overseas of Louis Roebke, Jr., Herbert Robinson, A. Zeiglsch, Roy Abel and Paul Hurrel." *The Holton Recorder*, September 12, 1918. "Four boys who were all born in the same block in Holton, met recently in a small town in France and held a reunion. The boys are Junior Roebke, Herbert Robinson, Paul Hurrel and Ed Davis." *The Holton Recorder*, October 24, 1918. Born December 8, 1891; Died September 8, 1981. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Rose, Harold.¹ May be Harold E. Rose, service number 2176166; inducted on September 19, 1917, at Paola, Kansas; served as a sergeant in Company D, 353rd Infantry, A. E. F.; discharged on June 1, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 39, folder 1.¹⁰
- Rowley, Byron.¹ May be Carl B. Rowley, service number 3077608; enlisted on June 4, 1918, at Topeka, Kansas; served as a private first class in 48th Battery, 6th Anti-Aircraft Services; discharged on February 8, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 39.¹⁰ "Byron Rowley has enlisted in the Coast Artillery and is now at Jefferson Barracks. He had previously tried to get into the navy and was rejected on account of ear defects." *The Soldier Clipper*, June 5, 1918. "We are in receipt of a letter written on July 16th by Bryan Rowley, in which he states that he had just received his first Clipper since arriving at Fort Totten, and it was like meeting an old friend. ... A report came that New York City was being raided by air ships. The call to arms was given, and the way we went after our guns was not slow. Soon we were ready to go to the city to shoot Germans, but it did us no good to go, for it was a fake report, to try us out, and see how soon we could get ready in case we were needed. I have been assigned to 11th Co., C. A. C." *The Soldier Clipper*, July 24, 1918. "Card stating that Bryan Rowley had arrived safely overseas was received here on Friday night." *The Soldier Clipper*, October 16, 1918. "France, October 16, 1918. ... I didn't get seasick at all coming over but I sure had some cold. ... Pvt. Carl B. Rowley, Battery B, 6th Anti-Aircraft Battalion, A. E. F." *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918. "Bryan Rowley completed his round trip from Soldier to England, and down through France and back to Soldier arriving on Friday night, having been mustered out of the army service at Camp Funston. He was a volunteer in the anti-aircraft service." *The Soldier Clipper*, February 19, 1919. "Mr. and Mrs. John Alban entertained the returned soldier boys and their friends on Thursday evening at their home. The soldier boys present were: Bryan Rowley." *The Soldier Clipper*, February 26, 1919.
- Rudy, Ernest A.; rank, private; enlisted on April 10, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Service number 1447703. Box 39.¹⁰ "The first and only letter, so far that has been received since Co. B crossed the ocean came Tuesday evening to Mrs. Michaels from her son Raymond. The letter was written on ship board and was mailed May 10th, at Southampton, England.

Raymond spoke of being seasick and how kindly Ernest Rudy cared for him” *The Soldier Clipper*, May 29, 1918. “In France. My Dearest Grandma: ... I’ll tell you Grandma I feel like an old veteran already. Ernest Rudy, Paul Chrisman, Carl Bartsch are together and doing fine. Now don’t worry a bit about me, for it’s over and I’m none the worse for it.” *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918. “Oct. 21, 1918. Dear Mother; ... At times during the big drive it seemed like any moment could be my last, but by the will of God I came through safely, for which I am truly thankful. The bullets fell around us thick as hailstones, and big shells dropping everywhere. I was knocked to my knees by the concussion of a bog shell bursting too close, but I was on my feet immediately and moved forward. ... I have received another promotion, I am Sergeant. That means more responsibility for me, But I shall do my best to do the duties required of me to perform. Carl Beartch and Roy Alexander have been made Corporals. Ross Thompson is working in the kitchen as a student cook.” *The Soldier Clipper*, November 20, 1918. “A letter from Ernest Rudy instructs his father to have the Ford in running order, for he is coming home soon and the gasoline will surely explode when he arrives. Sergeant Ernest is one of the few boys who went through the Argonne Forest scrap without a scratch, or a dose of gas.” *The Soldier Clipper*, December 18, 1918. “On Wednesday night, September 25th, we prepared to move up to the line. Just before leaving I got a letter from mother, which made me feel a lot better. I knew I was getting into a fight from which I might never return. I was not scared and was not a bit nervous. About mid-night we reached a large dugout behind the lines, from which we were to start in the morning. We were in reserve. The third battalion was to go over the top and start the boches. This was the I, K, L, and H companies. The 2nd battalion was to support them, E, F, G and companies and the first battalion A, B, C, and D companies, were reserves. The reserve bunch nearly always get the most of the Hun’s big shells. I’ll say we got our share - they were bursting everywhere. Our artillery sent over a barrage from 2 o’clock until 6 o’clock. Six was zero hour, at that time the third battalion went over the top. We were following up to help them if needed. All the day we moved forward. A large hill was taken by us that the Hun had lost 30,000 men trying to take. That night and the next day we were held up at a town that was honeycombed with Hun machine guns. That night, September 27th, we moved forward. The tanks had gone in and cleared them out, we drove them back quite a ways and dug in for the night. We were then in the front lines. Next morning the Huns started a counter attack. They were out of luck tho, for we sure poured the lead into them. That was the first time I ever shot at a Hun, but I can say I enjoyed that. The bullets were flying over my head and I lay there pecking away at them. The Huns retreated, or what few of them were left did, and we followed them up. The 35th division had advanced faster than those at their right or left, so by this time we had pushed up into a pocket. Ahead of us were the woods (the Argonne Forests where most of Co. B’s casualties occurred - Editor.) The Huns had us flanked, and when we were crossing to the woods they were shooting at us from three sides. Believe me that was some warm place. I saw men blown in every direction. I was knocked down once by the concussion of a big shell, but I was up and went right on. A fellow didn’t dare to tarry long in one place, if he did they would certainly get him. We finally reached the woods, dead and wounded were lying everywhere. That night we dug in and held the lines until Sunday night, September 29th, when we retired out of the woods about a mile and dug in to hold the lines until we were relieved. We had advanced quite a way beyond our objective. Tuesday night, October 1st, we were relieved. Sure was a happy bunch to get out of there. The boys were a sight to behold - dirty, unshaven, some without leggins, clothing torn, hollow eyed, then and hungry. I didn’t have anything to eat those six days except a can of corned beef and a few hardtack. That was six days of hell. It seemed like a month. We were not back long until we were sent back into the trenches, and there for 30 days, tho there was not much doing.” *The Soldier Clipper*, December 25, 1918. “CO. B 137TH INF 35TH DIV” Ernest Allen Rudy, Sr. Born December 22, 1896; Died March 28, 1932. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Rudy, Guy. Guy P. Rudy, service number 318956; enlisted on January 18, 1918, at Fort Logan, Utah; served as a corporal in the Medical Department; discharged on December 17, 1918, because of a disability. Box 39.¹⁰ “Carl McDonald and Guy Rudy visited here last week. Guy was mustered out of army service last fall, having served for about three years in the Philippine Islands. He says that it is a great country, but hard on his health. Carl is serving at Funston.” *The Soldier Clipper*, January 29, 1919.

Rudy, Ray E.² Enlisted on July 23, 1918, at Holton, Kansas, served as a private in the 5th Prov. Regiment, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on November 26, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 39.¹⁰ “Of the bunch of boys that went from here to Funston some three weeks ago Ray Rudy has landed as clerk in the orderly dept., Chas. Brooks and Jack Chrisman in ammunition train, Frank Bostwick in signal corps and Ray Bostwick in infantry.” *The Soldier Clipper*, August 14, 1918. “Claude and Beulah Rudy, Verda Brown and Ralph Ellis were at Camp Funston on Saturday and Sunday to see Ray Rudy.” *The Soldier Clipper*, August 21, 1918. “Dr. Guy Schantz and Ray Rudy are both in the hospital at Camp Funston with light cases of the influenza.” *The Soldier Clipper*, October 9, 1918. “Ray Rudy came home on Friday evening and visited until Tuesday. He likes it at Funston, and expects to start for overseas in about ten days.” *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918.

Rudy, Roy.¹ May be Ray Rudy.

Ruge, Rudolph H.¹ Service number 3300417, enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class in Company B, 338th Machine Gun Battalion, 88th Division, A. E. F.; discharged on June 16, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 39.¹⁰ “The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Rudolph Ruge.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. “PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I” Born June

12, 1893; Died January 10, 1980. Buried in Underwood Cemetery, Williamstown, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Russell, Ralph V.; rank, private; enlisted on June 4, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; died in Horton, Kansas, Oct. 17, 1917. While the company was encamped at Holton, Kansas, he was taken sick and was unable to accompany the company to Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ “Ralph Virgil Russell was born at Elmo, Mo., July 21, 1895, and died at Horton, Kan., Oct. 17, 1917, age 22 years, 2 months and 27 days. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Russell of Soldier, Kan. When the call to arms was made this summer, he and his twin brother, Ray, enlisted in Company B, 2nd Kansas Inf., and were encamped at Holton, where Ralph was taken sick and was unable to accompany the Company B boys to Ft. Sill. He came home for a few days, but did not improve. He was then taken to the hospital at Horton, where he was operated upon for appendicitis. He rallied from the shock and hope was entertained for his recovery, but complications set in and he passed away on October 17. - Soldier Clipper.” *The Holton Recorder*, November 1, 1917. “CO. B 137th U. S. INF.” Born July 21, 1895; Died October 17, 1917. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Russell, Ray C.; rank, private; enlisted on June 4, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France, wounded in the Battle of the Argonne.³ Service number 1447549, gun shot wound to right hip; discharged on March 10, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Boxes 39 & 53.¹⁰ “L. L. Russel started on Friday for Fort Sill to see his son Ray. When he got to Holton, they told him all the boys were to have furloughs before being sent to France, so he came home and will await the home coming.” *The Soldier Clipper*, January 9, 1918. “A June 1st. Letter from Ray Russell, in France left him well and happy. Was seeing many interesting sights. They were near the coast. Most of the Co. were at the bathing beach that afternoon. Two of their favorite officers who had preceded them across, had been returned to their Co., and a number of members left at Ft. Sill, had caught up with them.” *The Soldier Clipper*, July 3, 1918. “October 3, 1918. Dear Folks: Don’t get excited because the heading of this letter ‘Base Hospital.’ I was wounded a few days ago, a shrapnel thru the thigh, pretty painful, but I can hobble around on crutches.” *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918. “He was wounded on the 28th by shrapnel in his right thigh, and lay in a German dugout from early morning to six in the evening before being taken to the emergency hospital. From there he has been transferred to base hospital No. 6, at Bordeaux, which is situated in southern France.” *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918. “Ray Russell writes he is still in the hospital and that Paul Thorpe comes every day and takes him out for a ride in the wheeled chair.” *The Soldier Clipper*, November 27, 1918. “Ross Thompson arrived home on Friday evening, having been mustered out of the service at Camp Funston. ... He was with Ray Russell when he fell, in fact, the same shell tore the seat out of Ross’s pants. But a few minutes before Earl Johnson had reminded him that he, Ross, was falling a little behind. Ross and Carl Bearch were the only ones of a squad of seven that went through the third day of the Argonne drive.” *The Soldier Clipper*, January 15, 1919. “Mr. Russell received a telegram on Sunday stating that his son, Ray, had landed in the United States.” *The Soldier Clipper*, February 19, 1919. “Corporal Ray Russell arrived home on Monday night, having been mustered out of the army service at Fort Riley on Monday. We have all been very anxious about Ray as he was the one man of Co. B that was wounded at Argonne. He looks well.” *The Soldier Clipper*, March 12, 1919. “He was an Army veteran of World War I” Born July 21, 1895; Died October 31, 1971. Buried in the Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Rust, Paul Dallas; rank, private, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm.⁴ Enrolled into service on July 12, 1917, at St. Louis, Missouri; served as private in the U. S. Marine Corps; discharged on July 11, 1921, at Washington, D. C. Box 39.¹⁰ “Reisburg. Luxenburg, November 25, 1918. Dear Mamma and All - Well I have another chance to write a few lines. We have been on the hike for seven days. We had one days rest in seven. We crossed Belgium and across Luxenberg. We can go up the hill here and look into Germany as it is only a couple of kilometers. We expect to go into Germany in a few days. We have hiked about 120 or 125 kilos in the past week. The last time I wrote you was from Belle Fontaine, Belgium which was our first step in Belgium. We rested one day there and then started for Arlon Belgium. This was a fine little city and the people were wild with joy. They gave us everything. We stopped in the streets and they invited us into their homes and gave us coffee, wine and things to eat. The Germans had left just a few hours before we landed. We gave a concert there and the people were more than pleased. They said now they were liberated after four years of untold suffering. They are a fine lot of people and more Americanized than any we have run across since leaving the States. It certainly did us good to see how these people rejoiced at our coming. Every village we passed through was decorated. The streets lined with pine trees all fixed up. Eats is the one thing that appeals to a soldier, especially when hiking 20 or 25 kilos a day on two meals. Lots of apple butter and say we sure cleaned up on some of it. We left there the next morning on the 21st and crossed into Luxenburg about 10 a. m. these people were glad to see us, but not like the Belgium’s. They claim to be neutral. We managed to get a chow fixed up in most of the towns we stop in. This morning we had a swell feed, potatoes, meat, stewed apples, soup coffee and bread. Cost us four marks apiece. Its hard telling how long we will be in Germany, but some say we will be home by Feb. 1st. Sure hope we get there. Am going to take a swim in the river Rhine in a few days. I haven’t got a chance hardly to write since October 1st. We were in the drive on the Champagne sector. It is called the bloody Champagne front and it proved to be just

that. We were stringing wire on that front and some of the boys carried ammunition. We came out the 12th. I wrote you from Buoy and on the 19th we went back to Champagne. We left there the 28th and came back to the Argonne sector and kicked the Boche another wallop in the jaw, after another famous division failed to produce the goods. I guess they went back to paint more rainbows on their trucks. It sure pays to advertise. It seems that two or three divisions over here have done the brunt of the fighting, but the officials higher up know they can depend on them. There is such a thing as working a good horse to death. We have fifty-six pieces in the band now. Got a bunch of new men from the states. We have been having beautiful weather, but it started to rain today and suppose we will have some disagreeable weather now. Hope we get started before the worst weather sets in. Have never ran into any of the boys from home. I must close now and perhaps the next time I write will be from Germany. You can pass this letter around as I cannot write to all of them. With love to all, Paul D. Rust.” *The Goff Advance*, December 19, 1918. “Paul Dallas Rust, eldest son of Henry Chapman and Maggie (Vandervort) Rust, was born February 14, 1896, in Goff, Kansas, and died July 13 1941, in Chicago, Illinois, at the age of 45 years, four months and 29 days as the result of illness brought on by being gassed while a member of the A. E. F. in France during the World War.” *The Goff Advance*, July 17, 1941. Born February 14, 1895; Died July 13, 1941. Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Goff, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Sacher, Carl H.¹ Enlisted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas, served as a corporal in the Infantry Replacement Training Troops, unassigned; discharged on December 6, 1918, at Camp Pike, Arkansas. Box 39.¹⁰ Carl Harry Sacher.¹¹ “Harry Sacher is recovering from influenza at Camp Funston.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 17, 1918. “Harry Sacher, who is stationed at Camp Funston, has been recommended for officer’s Training School.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 24, 1918. “Harry Sacher is attending the officer’s training school at Camp Pike, Arkansas.” *The Holton Recorder*, November 28, 1918. Born March 14, 1896; Died January 8, 1990. Buried in Rose Hill Burial Park, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. www.findagrave.com.

Sanderson, Floyd E.¹

Sanderson, George W.; rank, private; enlisted on June 23, 1916 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of 1917; served in France; discharged on April 15, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.³ Service number 1446966. Box 39, folder 1.¹⁰ “KANSAS PFC US ARMY WORLD WAR I” George William Sanderson. Born August 4, 1895; died March 27, 1959. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Sargent, Frank; rank, 2nd lieutenant; served in the 341st Field Artillery, 13th Tr. Motor Battalion, 1st Batt. 166th Depot Brigade in France where he was wounded; discharged at Camp Lewis, American Lake, Washington on May 4, 1919.⁵ “Lieut. Frank Sargent visited his mother, Mrs. S. Perkins, over Sunday. He has been at the School of Fire at Fort Sill, and has now been assigned to Camp Lewis, Washington.” *The Holton Recorder*, August 29, 1918. “2ND LT US ARMY” born July 24, 189; Died June 14, 1974. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Saunders, Alba.¹ Saunders, Charles A.; rank, private, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France.⁴ Enrolled on July 12, 1917, at St. Louis, Missouri; served as a private in the U. S. Marine Corps, A. E. F.; discharged on February 12, 1921, at Chicago, Illinois. Box 40.¹⁰ “Somewhere in France. Nov. 20, 1917. Dear Brother Louis. I received your nice letter a little over a week ago and was sure glad to hear from you. I suppose you are having a big time with school, skating and Christmas not far away. I don’t know whether I can send anything over or not. The boys have been getting parcel post packages here, but I don’t think we can send them to the states. So you may have to wait until I get back for presents. I have some nice ones picked out here if they will let us bring them back. We took a ride the other day. We certainly saw some beautiful country. The farms are small, one farm containing only three or four acres at the most. They are all walled in with stone walls and everything is done that is possible to keep them looking neat and clean. The weather is a little chilly here. We had heavy frosts the last three nights - but it is warm to what we have in Kansas at this time of year. The frost don’t seem to hurt the flowers here. There are flowers of all kinds in bloom; the grass is green and the gardens growing, and altogether it is a very nice country to live in. We have plenty of clothes to keep us warm and we get good feed and are treated fine. The boys are all well with the exception of the usual colds which a fellow is liable to get any place. We are in barracks as at Quantico, and we have beds or cots to sleep on. We don’t work hard, but are kept at it pretty steady. Our new leader sure is a dandy. The boys all like him fine. He starts in with us about 7:30 in the morning and we work and study music until noon. Then in the afternoon we have our hospital work and concert. The evening we have to ourselves except on Wednesday evenings; then we give a concert at the Y. M. C. A. I understand that we are to have a big Thanksgiving dinner here and that it will be a day of recreation. We are going to have a big athletic meet. There will be races of all kinds, boxing, wrestling, and football games and a general good time. So while you are eating your Thanksgiving dinner, just remember it is about my bedtime, after a big day of fun and sport. We are generally getting ready for bed at 7:30 in the evening here. Our liberty is very limited here, and I guess it is just as well for most of the fellows, although the band boys are all decent, level headed fellows. There hasn’t been one of them on report since we have been in the service, and we are trying to keep that record. Well, I must quit, or the censor might tear all this up; so answer soon and tell me the news. Give my best regards to Mr. Sarbach, Carrie and Mrs. Fist, and all my friends in Holton. With love to all, Charles Alba Saunders ...” *The Holton Recorder*, December 20, 1917. “Mr. Saunders was a former member of the US Marine Corps.”

- Born July 20, 1894; Died April 18, 1973. Buried in Penwell-Gabel Cemetery and Mausoleum, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Saunders, Archie.¹ Enrolled on December 11, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri, served as a fireman third class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on September 26, 1919, at St. Louis, Missouri. Box 40.¹⁰ Probably Archie P. Saunders. Born January 26, 1894; Died January 17, 1974. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Schalkler, Edwin A. Service number 5302679, enlisted or inducted on October 18, 1918, at Wheaton, Illinois; served as a private in S. A. T. C., Northwestern College; discharged on December 20, 1918, at Naperville, Illinois.¹² "KANSAS PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born August 21, 1899; Died October 9, 1941. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Schantz, Guy.¹ Guy Thomas Schantz, service number 3297672; enlisted or inducted on May 26, 1918, at Wichita, Kansas; served as a private first class in the Medical Department; discharged on December 21, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 40.¹⁰ "Dr. Guy Schantz came up from Wichita on Saturday night to visit with home folks, as he had a hunch his services were soon to be needed in France. On Tuesday he received his little 'Greetings' from the war department which states his services are wanted after May 25th. The Doctor could get into special service as a dentist, but says he wishes to see service in the real army." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 15, 1918. "Guy Schantz says that when a fellow stands guard he is 'Monarch of all he surveys.' There are things he would rather do, however." *The Soldier Clipper*, June 19, 1918. In a recent letter from our son Clifford Mickel he states that Camp Funston is practically deserted, and especially of the boys he knew. Guy Schantz and Jess Barnes (the Circleville pitcher) were the only boys left he knew. Guy is in the Medical Corps and Clifford is a corporal in the Permanent Personal, 164 Depot Brigade." *The Soldier Clipper*, July 3, 1918. "Dr. Guy Schantz and Ray Rudy are both in the hospital at Camp Funston with light cases of the influenza." *The Soldier Clipper*, October 9, 1918. "Dr. G. T. Schantz was home on Sunday. He expects to be detained at Camp Funston or where ever the 10th Division is, for a couple of months, then he is coming to eat his mother's cooking till grass." *The Soldier Clipper*, December 11, 1918. "Dr. Guy Schantz was mustered out of the service at Camp Funston on Monday." *The Soldier Clipper*, December 25, 1918. Born in 1887; Died in 1965. Buried in Lakeview Cemetery & Mausoleum, Wichita, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Schaubel, Herman A. Enlisted or inducted on October 5, 1917, at Clay Center, Kansas; served as a private in Company L, 160th Infantry; discharged on January 19, 1918 because of a disability, at Washington, D. C. Box 40.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT 160 INF 40 DIV WORLD WAR I" Born February 8, 1894; Died January 18, 1937. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Schaubel, Hugo.¹ Schaubel, Hugo P.; rank, baker 2nd class in U. S. Navy; discharged at St. Louis, Missouri on September 26, 1919.⁵ "I have the sad duty of informing you of the death of your son Julius Alton Schaubel, which occurred at this hospital yesterday morning, from pneumonia following an attack of measles. His brother, Hugo, obtained a leave from the training station yesterday and I understand left for home at noon yesterday." Box 40.¹⁰ "Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 15, 1918. Dear Sister. I will drop you a few lines to let you know that I arrived safety from Italy. We were gone 2-1/2 months. We were in Sivorna, Spiza, Geneva and Pisa, Italy. I went over on the steamship Desoto. We carried oil over there. Hugo Schaubel." *The Holton Recorder*, August 22, 1918. "Hugo Schaubel, who is in the navy, is here from Brooklyn, N. Y., visiting his father, G. A. Schaubel." *The Holton Recorder*, November 28, 1918. "He was a Navy veteran of World War I" Born November 27, 1898; Died October 11, 1971. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Schaubel, Julius.² Died at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Chicago, Ill., enlisted in the U. S. Naval service, April 30, 1917. *The Holton Signal*, June 28, 1917. Died June 18, 1917, Box 40.⁷ "I have the sad duty of informing you of the death of your son Julius Alton Schaubel, which occurred at this hospital yesterday morning, from pneumonia following an attack of measles. His brother, Hugo, obtained a leave from the training station yesterday and I understand left for home at noon yesterday." Box 40.¹⁰ Julius Alton Schaubel. "apprentice seaman" Born January 29, 1896; Died June 18, 1917. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Schaubel, Robert Arthur. "PFC A. E. F. BASE HOSPITAL 214 WORLD WAR I" Born in 1891; Died July 4, 1947. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Schirmer, C. E.² Service number 3463773, enlisted on August 6, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private with Base Hospital 86, Medical Department; discharged on February 26, 1919. Box 40.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ "Clarence Schirmer, who has been in service in France in the medical department, has landed in this country and is stationed at Camp Merritt, N. J. He has been in a camp in southern France taking treatment for tuberculosis symptoms. He said there were thousands in the same condition in which he was. The cold, wet weather of France was the cause of this form of suffering in the A. E. F. The medical team to which young Schirmer was attached was in the woods near Dun. He wrote his father that he hardly knew what dry clothes or bed in France meant and that for three weeks before he was taken to the hospital he had wet feet all the time." *The Holton Recorder*, February 6, 1919. "W W I Veteran" Clarence Charles Schirmer. Born in 1895; Died March 10, 1976. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Schlodder, George.² "Private Geo. Frank Schlodder was born April 25, 1897, at Netawaka, Jackson county, Kan., and died of pneumonia at the base hospital, Camp Grant, Ill., Oct. 12, 1918, at 1:15 p.m., aged 21 years, 5 months and 17 days. ... He was inducted into the service of the U. S. A. from Jackson county, Holton, Kansas, August 30, 1918, as a

member of the Base Hospital Medical Corps. First sent to Camp Funston and afterwards transferred to Camp Grant, having been there forty-two days at the time of his death." *The Holton Recorder*, October 31, 1918. Box 40.¹⁰ Born March 25, 1897; Died October 12, 1918. Buried in Rochester Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Schoenberger, Russell; rank, private; enlisted on July 4, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; discharged on August 14, 1917 due to disability existing prior to August 5, 1917.³ May be Russell F. Schoenberger. Born in 1901; Died in 1933. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Ellis, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Schone, William.¹ May be Edward William Schone, enlisted or inducted on May 16, 1917, at Kansas City, Kansas; served as a sergeant in S. A. T. C., Kansas State Agricultural College; discharged on December 17, 1918, at Manhattan, Kansas. Box 40.¹⁰ Edward W. Schone. Born in 1895; Died in 1962. Buried in Highland Cemetery, Kansas City, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Schoonover, Ernest E.; rank, private 1st class; inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on May 29, 1918; served overseas in Company D, 309th Ammunition Train; discharged on February 13, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.⁵ Service number 3299789. Box 40.¹⁰ Probably Ernest E. Schoonover. Born May 12, 1890; Died September 23, 1963. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Schrader, Clarence.² May be William Clarence Schrader, service number 4259949; enlisted or inducted on August 2, 1918, at Ottawa, Kansas; served as a corporal, A. E. F.; discharged on July 7, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 40.¹⁰ May be William C. Schrader. Born December 3, 1882; Died September 27, 1931. Buried in Hiawatha Cemetery, Hiawatha, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Schraer, George. Service number 4259949, enlisted or inducted on July 20, 1918, at Hiawatha, Kansas; served as a private in the Medical Department; discharged on August 8, 1919. Box 40.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT MEDICAL DEPT WORLD WAR I" "He was a World War I veteran, serving in the Army." Born March 18, 1893; Died October 10, 1972. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Schuster, Carl P.; rank, private; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on August 29, 1918; discharged from the 164th Depot Brigade at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on December 24, 1919.⁵ "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Carl Schuster." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. May be Carl P. Schuster. Born in 1896; Died in 1927. Buried Bloomfield Cemetery, Meriden, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Sconce, George. "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... George Sconce." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.

Sconce, William.² "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Wm. Sconce." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.

Scott, Don. "In Tuesday's Kansas City Star was a picture of Lieut. Don Scott, of the overseas telegraph department. Don is a son of the late Dr. John T. Scott of Holton." *The Holton Recorder*, September 5, 1918.

Scott, Lloyd.¹ May be Lloyd Vincent Scott, enlisted on January 27, 1914, at Kansas City, Missouri; serving as a C. C. M. at the Naval Air Station on June 7, 1921. Box 40.¹⁰

Scott, Winfred G.; rank, sergeant; enlisted at Claremore, Oklahoma on October 4, 1917; served in Field Hospital # 5, Field Hospital #360, 90th Division; discharged at Camp Travis, Texas on May 31, 1919.⁵

Sellers, Irvin.¹ May be Irvin Sellers, service number 207307; enlisted on July 15, 1917, at Manhattan, Kansas; served as a private first class in Headquarters Battalion, 117th Ammunition Train, A. E. F.; discharged on April 28, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 40.¹⁰ "PFC US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born July 21, 1895; Died February 25, 1987. Buried in Downs Cemetery, Downs, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Shaffer, Earl M.; rank, private; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on August 15, 1918; served in Company 5, Supply Company, Metuchea, New Jersey; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on March 27, 1919.⁵ Service number 3477540. Box 41, folder 3.¹⁰ May be Earl M Shaffer. "COLORADO PVT 164 DEPOT BRIG WORLD WAR I" Born November 6, 1889; Died January 3, 1949. Buried Riverside Cemetery, Fort Morgan, Colorado. www.findagrave.com.

Shald, Jim. "Two husky Indians entered J. H. Crawford's office yesterday and demanded requisitions for transportation to Pittsburg. "Sorry, but we are not sending colored men today," replied Crawford, without giving his visitors a close inspection. "We're not colored men, we are Indians," came back a quick rejoinder. Crawford raised his head and gazed into the faces of Jim Shald and Allan Dale, of Mayetta. They explained they had been in France with Col. Frank L. Travis and that if necessary would go get him to help them volunteer to dig coal. Crawford did not wait for further explanation. He made out the coveted blank. - Mondays Capital." *The Mayetta Herald*, December 3, 1919.

Shambaugh, Cloy D.; rank, corporal; enlisted or inducted into service at Wichita, Kansas on June 16, 1917; served in France, Battery F, 130th Field Artillery; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 11, 1919.⁵ Service number 1467022. Box 41, folder 1.¹⁰ Born August, 1888; Died April, 1979. Buried in Circleville Cemetery, Circleville, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Sharp, Chris W.¹

Sharp, Harry Boyd; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on June 28, 1918; discharged from the 164th Depot Brigade at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on December 9, 1918.⁵ Service number 3312420. Box 41, folder 3.¹⁰ Born September 17, 1888; Died September, 1962. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas.

www.findagrave.com.

Shaw, Fred M.¹

Shaw, J. C.¹ "Post Hospital, Fr. Sheridan, Ill. May 21, 1918. ... It is a great sacrifice to give up a surgical and general practice, together with the comforts of home, to go into the service as I have done, but I would do the same thing again, had I to do it all over." *The Holton Recorder*, May 31, 1918. "Capt. J. C. Shaw returned Christmas eve from New York City, where he has been in the army service in the general hospital at that place. He has been honorably discharged from the army and is back in Holton to stay." *The Holton Recorder*, January 2, 1919.

Shay, Chris Warner; rank, electrical 2nd class radio, U. S. Navy; enlisted for four years on May 25, 1917 at Kansas City; stationed at U. S. S. receiving ship, New York, discharged on March 17, 1919.⁵ Box 41, folder 1.¹⁰ Probably Chris W. Shay. "E3 US NAVY WORLD WAR I" Born June 11, 1895; Died October 10, 1991. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Bisbee, Arizona. www.findagrave.com.

Shay, Clint.²

Sheehan, Daniel R.¹ Service number 3791471, inducted on July 23, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class in Company F, 69th Infantry; discharged on January 28, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 41, folder 2.¹⁰ "Sergeant Fay Franz, Dan Sheehan, Lewis Hobart and Oliver Chaney were home from camp Funston over Sunday." *The Delia News*, August 3, 1918. Born in 1897; Died 1982. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Emmett, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Shelby, Robert H.¹ Enlisted on May 4, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in Battery F, 170th Field Artillery; discharged on January 14, 1919, at Camp Knox, Kentucky. Box 41, folder 2.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ "Letters from Robert Shelby who is in U. S. Cavalry 313 Troop L stationed at Del Rio, Tex. tells many interesting things of his experiences since his induction into the army. ... Jackson county boys of whom he speaks are Devere Dove, Jinks Carter, Cecil Starr and Robt Hamm. The latter being the Sergeant under whom Robt Shelby works." *The Soldier Clipper*, June 19, 1918. Of the boys who went to camp from Soldier, De Vere Dove, Robt. Shelby, Cecil Starr and Rudolph Carter are now in West Point, Kentucky, in the heavy artillery. They were transferred from Texas." *The Soldier Clipper*, September 11, 1918. "Seargent Robt. Shelby, of Camp West Point, Ky., is reported sick with the Spanish influenza. Word came today that he is in a serious condition. Mr. Shelby started at once for West Point." *The Soldier Clipper*, October 9, 1918. "Robert Shelby returned to Soldier on Monday evening having been mustered out of the army service. Soldier people are glad to see the boys returning safely." *The Soldier Clipper*, January 22, 1919. "Mr. and Mrs. John Alban entertained the returned soldier boys and their friends on Thursday evening at their home. The soldier boys present were: Robert Shelby." *The Soldier Clipper*, February 26, 1919. "KANSAS CORP. 70 FIELD ARTY WORLD WAR I" Born in 1892; Died January 20, 1940. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Shinn, William A. Inducted on May 14, 1918, at Seneca, Kansas, served as private in Battery E, 51st Field Artillery; discharged on September 5, 1918, because of hear trouble, at Camp Bowie, Texas. Box 41, folder 1.¹⁰ "Mrs. F. W. Brown visited at home in Bancroft several days last week, the special occasion being the call of her brother, Wm. Shinn, to the colors." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 29, 1918. "KANSAS PVT BTRY E 51 FIELD ARTY WORLD WAR I" Born April 11, 1889; Died August 27, 1958. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Shoff, Dewey.² Dewey George Shoff, service number 5285050; enlisted on October 15, 1918, at Topeka, Kansas; served as private in S. A. T. C., Washburn College; discharged on December 9, 1918, at Topeka, Kansas. Box 41.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ "Dewey Shoff of the S. A. T. C. at Washburn, was home to spend Thanksgiving." *The Holton Recorder*, December 5, 1918. May be Dewey G. Shoff. Born in 1898; Died in 1983. Buried in Topeka Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Shopteese, Francis P.; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Omaha, Nebraska on April 18, 1918; served in France, last assigned to the 5th casual company; discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa on March 22, 1919.⁵ Service number 505064. Box 41.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born August 26, 1898; Died October 28, 1966. Buried in Shipshee Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Shrontz, Frank.² Enlisted on July 5, 1918 and assigned to the infantry at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis. Died of a malarial condition on August 17, 1918. *The Holton Recorder*, August 22, 1918. Box 41.⁷ Born in 1890; Died August 21, 1918. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Shrontz, Reed.² Reed T. Schrontz, service number 686684; enlisted or inducted on July 6, 1918, at St. Joseph, Missouri; served as a sergeant in E Company, 62, A. E. F.; discharged on October 12, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 41.¹⁰ "When word of Frank Shrontz death at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., was received in Holton, his brother Reed Shrontz was on his way to France, having left the United States." *The Holton Signal*, August 15, 1918. Born in 1893; Died December 3, 1952. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Siever, Charles M. Discharged on February 1, 1918, at Washington, D. C. Box 41.¹⁰ "KANSAS CAPTAIN MEDICAL CORPS WORLD WAR I" Born September 1, 1874; Died January 15, 1954. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Sigmund, Charles.¹ Charles Maurice Sigmund, service number 192-3-94; enrolled on May 10, 1918, Kansas City, Missouri; served as a hospital apprentice in the U. S. Navy; discharged on September 30, 1920, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 41.¹⁰ ¹² "Harry and Charles Sigmund, Jim Doyle, Carl Swazey, and Roy Baskett have been ill with Spanish

- influenza at the Great Lakes Station. They are all on the road to recovery.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 3, 1918. Charles M. Sigmund. Born in 1895; Died in 1961. Buried in Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Sigmund, Harry.¹ Harry Walter Sigmund, service number 192-23-96; enrolled on May 10, 1918, Kansas City, Missouri; served as a hospital apprentice in the U. S. Navy; discharged on September 21, 1920, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 41.¹⁰ “Harry and Charles Sigmund, Jim Doyle, Carl Swazey, and Roy Baskett have been ill with Spanish influenza at the Great Lakes Station. They are all on the road to recovery.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 3, 1918. World War I flag holder. Born in 1893; Died in 1955. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Simmons, Leroy D.; rank, private; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on June 2, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; discharged at Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Oklahoma on February 18, 1918, on account of flat feet.³ Box 41, folder 1.¹⁰
- Simon, Willie. Service number 3464926, Inducted on August 26, 1918, at Hiawatha, Kansas; served as a private in Base Hospital Number 104; discharged on July 22, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 41.¹⁰ “KANSAS PVT MTR TRANS CORPS WORLD WAR I” Born August 16, 1896; Died September 23, 1970. Buried in Shipshee Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Simpson, Erwin C.; rank, private; enlisted on May 19, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; died at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, April 6, 1918 from pneumonia.³ Carl Erwin Simpson. Box 41.⁷ “Carl Ervin Simpson was born March 9, 1898, near Effingham, Atchison county, Kansas ... He enlisted in the National Guards at Holton May 19, 1917. August 5 he was called into camp, and remained in the encampment in Holton until September 27, when he was transferred to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and remained with his regiment until his death. He was injured shortly after arriving at Camp Doniphan, and had to undergo an operation, and was granted a leave of absence until he could recuperate. In February he was taken down with pneumonia from which he never recovered, but fell in death last Saturday, April 6, at 8 a. m., being 20 years and 25 days of age. ... He was offered an honorable discharge because of his illness and poor health, but refused it. He did not want to be a quitter. As the rumors were that his company was soon to go, it seemed to worry him most because he could not go with them. His father was with him for some time, and only came way a few days before he died, thinking that all would be well in a few days, but the change came suddenly, and death overtook him as above stated.” *The Holton Recorder*, April 18, 1918. “World War No. 1 Veterans Buried in Soldier Cemetery. Carl Ervin Simpson.” *The Soldier Clipper*, May 29, 1946. Born January 11, 1896; Died October 12, 1918. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Sinclair, Ralph O.; rank, sergeant, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm.⁴ Enrolled on July 12, 1917, at St. Louis, Missouri; served as a sergeant in the U. S. Marine Corps, A. E. F.; discharged on July 11, 1921, at Washington, D. C. Box 42.¹⁰ “France, June 22, 1918. Dear Folks. It has been over a month since I last wrote you but it couldn’t be helped, circumstances alter cases you know. Since that time I have seen a little more of France, also of the cause I am here for. Had a big hike from the place we were of about 35 miles and not one of the band boys had to fall out. Had to make it with a heavy marching order, too. I should judge that ours was not heavier than 50 pounds, but at that it feels like a ton on your back. Then we got on a train, and for the first time got to see from the very edge of it the one large city that you have asked me about, also the one I am anxious to see every bit of. Then after a few days, when the Germans began the drive and were walking right through to Paris, as you have read of it, it was evident that it would take some regular soldiers to stop them and of course that meant the marines and believe me we sure did the job. The French were retreating so fast that the roads were so packed it was hard to get thru. Also told us that the boche would be in Meaux in the next couple of days. But the moment those “girenes” got on the front the show was over and we started a counter attack which drove them right back. During the time I was there I think I could pass an examination on surgery or as an assistant anyway. I also saw enuf which I can remember to tell all the grandchildren and make their hair stand. You know that when you have so much business that you can’t stop to eat or sleep for two days there’s something doing. I also might tell you that the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. were the life-savers here. The men sure have to have their tobacco; they also threw cans of solidified alcohol along the road where the men would find it and as all have bacon and ground coffee and water in the canteens, they would perhaps in six hours have enuf time to light a can and have fried bacon and coffee. For fact, to be plain, black coffee and cigarettes were my diet. Lots of days I had coffee and a piece of bread for a meal and a cigarette for dessert. Best nerve stimulant in the world. The band boys were lucky. Had hundreds of narrow escapes but not one got a scratch. (Let me knock on wood.) We have now been relieved as stretcher bearers and will stay in the rear and do band duty. Haven’t received all the particulars as yet but will know in a day or two. Band leader had to go to the hospital before we came up here so am doing my best at wielding the baton. Several of the boys got that trench fever, I guess it was, and left us before we got to the real fun so I have only 15 men. Got a new man today, who used to live in Hiawatha, from the replacement camp, Abbot is his name. His father was a traveling man and lived in one of Mr. Yost’s houses. He plays cornet. Don’t know how he is, haven’t tried him out yet. Just got

the word we are to play a concert this afternoon so must stop and get a program lined out. Was glad to hear that you all were getting along O. K. Am feeling fine. Lost about 20 pounds in the last three weeks but guess I'll get it back the way I am eating. Write often. Oodles of love to all. Lovingly - Ralph. [Sinclair]" *The Brown County World*, July 19, 1918.

Slaughter, James R.; rank, sergeant; enlisted on March 24, 1915 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³

Smith, Elbert. Elbert L. Smith, service number 206777; enlisted or inducted on June 2, 1917, at Rosedale, Kansas; served as a corporal in Headquarters Detachment, Horsed Battalion, 1117th Ammunition Train, A. E. F.; discharged on May 15, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 42, folder 8.¹⁰ "He [W. C. Nuzman] recently received a letter from Elbert Smith who is in the Rainbow Division in France. Elbert asked him if there was anyplace in the world where either of them could go that would make them further apart. To W. C.'s surprise the letter had been censored in France by Lynn Thompson, a former Soldier boy in France, written to W. C. Nuzman a former Soldier boy in the Hawaiian Islands, and the letter being censored by Lynn Thompson a former Soldier boy, and Lynn went to the trouble to say 'Hello' to the addressee. *The Soldier Clipper*, May 29, 1918. "France, September 6th, 1918. Dear Folks: ... While a person may not be under or exceptionally close to shells, it is more or less tension, to be where they whistle overhead most of the time, or at intervals. ... On day when there were three or four of us crossing an open place, a couple of Bosche planes took it in their heads to show us a good time. We went about three hundred yards in nothing flat, taking about three steps to each time their machine guns popped. ... Another day they started shelling the woods where we were. The first one came about half a block away from where I was sleeping and we had been on the march all night. I woke up, looked around and decided it was a stray shot. Then a 2nd one came fairly close, the third one came, as the shock of the explosion knocked me off my feet and threw dirt around. Believe me I lit running. ... Corp. E. L. Smith. 117 Ammunition Train, Hdq. Horsed Battalion. A. E. F." *The Soldier Clipper*, October 23, 1918. "While in Kansas City last week J. H. Lynn met Rev. B. R. Smith and Rev. Thorpe. Mr. Smith reports his son, Elbert, now in Germany with the Rainbow division. He came through without a scratch, though he was in much of the heavy fighting. Paul Thorpe was wounded slightly at the Argonne but has not returned to the states as yet." *The Soldier Clipper*, February 26, 1919.

Smith, James B.; rank, corporal; enlisted at Topeka, Kansas on June 23, 1916; served in France in Battery A, 130th Field Artillery; discharged May 10, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.⁵ Service number 1465981. Box 42, folder 7.¹⁰

Smith, Frank J. "Corporal Frank J. Smith, Battery D, 4th Field Artillery, was the oldest son of Sherman and Phrona Smith, was born in Soldier, Kansas, on May 30th, 1894, and died at Camp Stanley, of pneumonia, following the flu, on January 29th, 1919, age at the time of death, 25 years, 7 months and 29 days. When our country went to war with Germany, Frank was among the first seven thousand to enlist going in April. He had previously been a member of Co. B. at Holton for four years." *The Soldier Clipper*, February 12, 1919. "U. S. FIELD ARTILLERY" Born May 30, 1894; Died January 29, 1919. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Smith, Jennings B. "CORP US ARMY" Jennings Bryan Smith. Born May 31, 1900; Died October 15, 1974. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Smith, John Daniel. ILLINOIS PVT 13 CO 161 DEPOT BRIG WORLD WAR I" Born December 18, 1885; Died June 13, 1969. Buried in Larkinburg Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Smith, Lewis J.; rank, private; enlisted on June 2, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of 1917; may be the Jesse Smith who was wounded in the Battle of the Argonne.³ Box 42, folder 8.¹⁰

Smith, Peter.¹ May be "28th 1918. Washington, D. C. William Smith Prairie View, Kans. Deeply regret to inform you that Private Peter Edwin Smith infantry is officially reported as killed in action on October eleventh." Box 42, folder 5.¹⁰ "Private, U.S. Marine Corps, 5th USMC Regiment, 2nd Division, Entered the Service from: Kansas" "PVT 7 INF 3 DIV KANSAS" "Died October 11, 1918. Buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Departement de la Meuse, Lorraine, France. www.findagrave.com.

Smithers, Archie E.; rank, sergeant; served in the Quartermaster Corps, Regular Army from November 23, 1914 to May 12, 1920; discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri on July 18, 1921.⁵ Service number 2568965. Box 42, folder 1.¹⁰ "KANSAS SGT CO H 8 INFANTRY WORLD WAR I & II" Born September 29, 1892; Died October 5, 1953. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Smithers, Claude E., rank, private; enlisted at Horton, Kansas on February 15, 1916; served in France in Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley on May 9, 1919.⁵ Service number 1447603. Box 42 folder 7.¹⁰ "KANSAS PFC CO B 137 INFANTRY WORLD WAR I" Born October 1, 1878; Died January 11, 1967. Buried in Larkinburg Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Smythe, Lloyd B.¹ Lloyd Burwell Smythe, service number 3299826; enlisted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the Medical Department; discharged on January 2, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 42.¹⁰ Medical Department, 70th Infantry.¹¹ "Lloyd Smythe, James McCauley and Clyde Gay were home from Camp Funston

over Sunday.” *The Holton Recorder*, August 29, 1918. “Lloyd Smythe is chief ward master in one of the wards at Camp Funston. There are 130 cases Lloyd B. Smythe has received his discharge from Camp Funston and returned to Holton last evening. He expects to open his drug store soon.” *The Holton Recorder*, January 2, 1919. Probably Lloyd B. Smythe. Born December 26, 1892; Died July 7, 1973. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Sneller, Clyde. “Claude Sneller, until recently station at Camp Grant, Ill., was mustered out at Camp Funston, Saturday and returned home.” *The Delia News*, March 14, 1919.

Snodgrass, Harry J. Service number 2207399, enlisted or inducted on February 8, 1918, at Olathe, Kansas; served as a private first class in the 356th Infantry, A. E. F., wounded on September 12, 1918; discharged on April 10, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 42.¹⁰ Served in Company I, 356th Infantry, St. Mihiel, Lucey, wounded September 13, 1918, Purple Heart.¹² “KANSAS PFC 356 INF 89 DIV WORLD WAR I” Born May 17, 1895; Died February 7, 1947. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Snyder, Carl P.²

Sollars, Irwin.²

Solt, Clinton A.¹ Clinton Albright Solt, service number 3299871; enlisted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Quartermaster Corps, Student Company number 8; discharged on November 6, 1918, at Camp Joseph E. Johnston, Florida. Box 43.¹⁰ Discharged to accept a commission as 2nd Lt. in the Quartermaster Corps, discharged at Camp Joseph E. Johnston, Florida.¹⁴ Discharged as a 2nd Lieutenant on December 4, 1918.¹¹ Born August 20, 1892; Died April 20, 1956. Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Tulsa, Oklahoma. www.findagrave.com.

Solt, Homer C.²

Somers, William.²

Sondker, Edward H. Box 42.⁷ “Mr. Henry F. Sondker. Holton, Kans. Deeply regret to inform you that it is officially reported that Private Edward H. Sondker died of Bronchial Pneumonia January eleventh.” Box 43.¹⁰ “Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sondker received word from the war department that their son, Private Edward H. Sondker, died of bronchial pneumonia, January 11. Private Sondker was in the 355th Infantry of the 89th Division. The last word his family had from him was written December 18. At that time he was well and was stationed 50 miles west of Coblenz in Germany. He wrote he was anxious to get home. It seems particularly hard that after passing through the Argonne fight and the dangers of battle he should die when the return home was almost in sight.” *The Holton Recorder*, January 30, 1919. “CO E 355 INF 89TH DIV” Born August 8, 1886; Died January 11, 1919. Buried in Zion Cemetery, Randolph, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Sorg, Wesley.¹ Probably Gottleib W. Sorg, enlisted on May 9, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as an able bodied seaman in the U. S. Navy; discharged on October 20, 1919. Box 43.¹⁰ Wesley Sorg. Born in 1896; Died in 1947; Buried in the Denison Cemetery, Denison, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Spangler, Roy.¹ Service number 3312362; Enlisted or inducted on June 28, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in 3rd Company, 2nd Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 26, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 43.¹⁰ “The following boys were called in the 2nd draft from Mayetta: Fred Robson, Robt. Wyatt, Hoke Smith Cadue, Jno. Mitchell, Jno. Wabnum, Roy (Nick) Spangler, Harry Wamego.” *The Holton Recorder*, April 18, 1918.

Spear, Joseph. “Denison Department. Joseph Spear of Muscotah, who was killed in action in France November 2, was a nephew of W. A. Gilliland.” *The Holton Recorder*, January 16, 1919.

Spencer, George F.¹

Spencer, Thomas W.¹

Spencer, Wm. J.¹ William John Spencer, service number 3791531; inducted on July 23, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in 2nd Company, 3rd Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade, Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 53.¹⁰ Oct. 8, 1891; Death: Nov., 1983. Buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Whiting, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Spiker, Colonel Elmer. “Colonel Elmer Spiker, rank, seaman 2nd class, U. S. Navy; enrolled for four years service on December 7, 1917 at Kansas City; stationed at the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois, discharged on February 20, 1919.⁵ Box 43.¹⁰ “U. S. Naval Base 17, Europe. Dear Parents: You letter of May 28, was received Monday and certainly was welcome, for we fellows are just getting our first mail since we left Great Lakes, April 30. Along with our duties directed towards beating the Dutch, we enjoy numerous pleasures. Added to those mentioned above are two concerts daily by the big band at our naval base. Baseball, soccer and all kinds of athletics are also enjoyed on our big athletic field.” *The Whiting Journal*, July 26, 1918. “U. S. Naval Base 17, Europe, October 27, 1918. I cannot tell much about my work as the boys in the army can of theirs, for the navy operates with the utmost secrecy. About all I can say is that we are ridding the seas of submarines and help keep the road open to France. C. E. Spiker.” *The Holton Recorder*, November 21, 1918. Born November 11, 1894; Died March 30, 1948. Woodland Memorial Park Cemetery, Los Angeles, California. www.findagrave.com.

Sprague, Jacob; rank, private; enlisted at Holton, Kansas on May 14, 1918; served in Battery F, 69th Field Artillery; discharged at Camp Zackary Taylor, Kentucky on December 15, 1918.⁵ Service number 449210. Box 43.¹⁰

Springate, Albert. “Albert Springate, of Preston, Ill., is here visiting his father. Young Springate has seen 17 months of

overseas service, and besides his gold stripes has an enemy bayonet mark." *The Soldier Clipper*, March 5, 1919.

Springer, Lloyd.²

Stacky, John Wm.¹

Stadel, Geo. May be George H. Stadel, service number 1472239; enlisted on September 23, 1917, at Parsons, Kansas; served as a wagoner in Field Hospital 140, 110th Sanitation Train, A. E. F.; discharged on May 9, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 43, folder 2.¹⁰ "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Geo. Stadel." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.

Stafford, David L.; rank, private; enlisted on May 3, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; may have become a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Box 43, folder 1, Box 54, folder 1.¹⁰ "In the Front Line, July 10, 1918. Dear Grandmother: I thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know I am well and feeling fine, and most of the other boys are, too. And we are having a good time, considering the place we are in. We have been in the line a week and the boys are all feeling good and want a good chance at the Germans. The lines are not so bad as they are pictured back home, and I don't think it will be long till we will have the dutch whipped out. They don't seem to want to fight the Americans very bad, because we can wipe the earth with them at their own game, and they have began to realize it. I am a gunner, in a machine gun squad now, and the fellows in it are not afraid of the devil, so let them come; we don't care. I believe we have one of the best divisions that has come across, and I know that the regiment I am in is the best one in the division. So you see we must have a good regiment. Well, don't have much to write. Guess I will have to stop, for this time, as the big guns are firing on the Germans now. From your grandson, David L. Stafford." *The Holton Recorder*, August 22, 1918. May be David Luther Stafford. "PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born February 6, 1889; Died January 17, 1956. Buried in Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, Colorado. www.findagrave.com.

Stafford, George L.¹ Service number 32998161; enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in Company G, 351st Infantry, 88th Division; discharged on June 8, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 43, folder 2.¹⁰ "They had a party at the home of Lon Stafford Saturday night, and had plenty of good music. This party was given in honor of George and Ray Stafford, before they leave for Camp Funston, on Wednesday. A number of friends from Topeka, Holton and Horton were there all had a splendid time. At a late hour they left for their homes, bidding the boys goodbye and wishing them a safe return. One of the boys told me today they expect to get the Kaiser before returning. *The Holton Recorder*, May 28, 1918. "Vern Lunger: - Will drop a few lines today. How are you? I am fine and dandy. Having a fine time to boot. Have made 12 trips to Germany and sure like it fine up there. Have crossed the old Rhine several times. Sure is some place. Coblenz, Germany is where our trains most all go. I am conveying trains, is how I get there so often. I just got back yesterday and will go again in about two days. Am now at a station near Newschatau, France. Well, how is everything around Mayetta? Suppose Freddy is home now, or did he get to come across the pond? He sure is a lucky boy if he didn't, for this is sure some country. Rains or snows about all the time. It don't get very cold and snow don't stay very long. You ought to see the stores here, sure are some huts. All they have is English walnuts, a few oranges and plenty of souvenirs to get the Yanks money. Yet they have some fine silk work, such as aprons and handkerchiefs. But the farming beats them all. They put two or three horses and an oxen or two on a plow, one man to use the whip and lead them on, then one man to hold the plow. The don't work their horses and oxen like we work our horses. They hitch one ahead of the other in a single line, the same way on a wagon. You would sure laugh your head off if you could see them at work. Will close, hoping this will find you all well. Can tell you more about France when I get back. As ever, Cpl. Geo. L Stafford, Co. G, 351 Inf., A. P. O. 796 A. E. F." *The Mayetta Herald*, April 23, 1919.

Stafford, Ray.¹ Ray I. Stafford, service number 3299824; enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Det. Demobilization Group; discharged on August 20, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 43, folder 2.¹⁰ They had a party at the home of Lon Stafford Saturday night, and had plenty of good music. This party was given in honor of George and Ray Stafford, before they leave for Camp Funston, on Wednesday. A number of friends from Topeka, Holton and Horton were there all had a splendid time. At a late hour they left for their homes, bidding the boys goodbye and wishing them a safe return. One of the boys told me today they expect to get the Kaiser before returning. *The Holton Recorder*, May 28, 1918. "KANSAS PVT CAS DET 1290 DEMOB GP WORLD WAR I" Born November 21, 1894; Died May 29, 1968. Buried in White City Cemetery, White City, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Stahl, Albert.²

Stallard, David.¹ David W. Stallard, service number 491694; inducted into service on May 14, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; col. sergeant, Headquarters Company, 51st Field Artillery; discharged on February 8, 1919, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Box 43, folder 3.¹⁰ Probably David William Stallard. Born June 21, 1892; Died March 29, 1979. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Augusta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Stanley, Elmer; rank, private; enlisted on April 9, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France, killed in action on September 26, 1918 in the Battle of the Argonne.³ "In re Sergeant Stanley, 1447713, Elmer, Co. B, 137th Inf., Hq. Co B 137th Inf.

Bouloive, Sartha, France, March 24, 1919. Mr. H. S. Hancuff, Chariton, Iowa. Dear Sir, In re to your letter of inquiry relative to the present stasis of your grandson, Elmer Stanley, I am able to furnish you with the following data: Sergeant Elmer Stanley was last seen alive by Sgt. Joe Guier on Sept. 28, 1918, near Montrebeau Woods. He had been seriously wounded in the legs and hips. Guier asked him what he could do for him, Elmer asked him for a drink. He was not able to help himself. Guier held the canteen to his lips as he drank. Elmer told Guier that he would be alright until the litter bearers came up. As Guier was wounded he left for the rear. Many shells were lighting on the field. On March 2nd, a party of officers and non-commissioned officers of this company visited the scene of the battle near Baulney and Apermount and located the graves of our fallen comrades. We found the grave of Elmer Stanley 1447713, at a point about a quarter of a mile north and east of the village of Apermount, at the western edge of the Montrebeau Woods. This grave is one of a group of twenty-six. A picture was taken of the lot by Corpl. Dwight C. Bushy, and we hope to develop this picture soon after our return to our home station. I have in my possession a map of Buzzancy, on which I have the spot marked. Your grandson, Elmer Stanley, was an excellent soldier, his work with B Company was credible to himself and family. His life and death has done a part in the greatest of all wars. He was killed in perhaps the fiercest battle of the world war, the Argonne Verdun offensive. His platoon was advancing into Montrebeau Woods when Elmer was hit by fragments of a bursting shell. In this action, which lasted about four hours, eighty-four men of the company were killed or wounded. We are on our way home. We hope to reach our home station in May. No doubt before this letter reaches you, you will be in receipt of a definite report, which was forwarded to Sgt. Stanley's mother. If you wish to communicate further with me, you may find me at Norcatur, Kansas, care A. L. Hare. I am yours truly, Calvin J. Hodgen, 1st Sgt, Co. B, 137th Inf. This is not an official letter, but it seems as if it were true. Mrs. Chas. Stanley. 618 Garden St., St. Joseph." *The Holton Recorder*, April 17, 1919. "The body of Elmer Stanley was brought to Holton and buried with military honors Sunday afternoon ... on the 16th of March he was reported killed in action. ... He lost his life in the Argonne-Meuse offensive." *The Holton Recorder*, August 4, 1921. Box 43.⁷ Box 43, folder 2.¹⁰ "Thousands who served in the U. S. Army during World War I saw battle in France during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, a major part of the final Allied offensive of the war. Several from Jackson County fought in that battle, and many were killed. Sergeant Elmer Stanley of Holton made the ultimate sacrifice on the third day of that battle, earning a posthumous Purple Heart Medal. Born March 14, 1897, to Charles and Lucinda Hancuff Stanley, Elmer Stanley enlisted on April 9, 1917, in the Kansas National Guard's Company B, 2nd Infantry, and was drafted into federal service On Aug. 5, 1917, for duty in WWI, it was reported. He became a member of Company B, 137th Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Okla. The company left for France and found themselves in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, which reportedly began on Sept. 26, 1918, as the war was winding down. The battle was a major part of the final Allied offensive of World War I that stretched along the entire western front and continued until Nov. 11, 1918, the day the war ended. At the time, the offensive was the largest in U. S. military history, involving 1.2 million American soldiers, and was one of a series of Allied attacks known as the Hundred Days Offensive, which brought the war to an end. The battle cost 28,000 German lives and 26,277 American lives, making it the largest and bloodiest operation of the war for the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), which was commanded by General John J. "Blackjack" Pershing. The AEF's losses were exacerbated by the inexperience of many of the troops and tactics used during the early phases of the operation, it was reported. On the third day of the battle, Stanley's platoon was advancing into Montrebeau Woods when he was hit by shell fragments of a bursting shell, according to his platoon leader, First Sgt. Calvin J. Hodgen of Norcatur. Stanley, Hodges said in a letter to Stanley's family that was reprinted in *The Holton Recorder* on April 17, 1919, was seriously wounded in the legs and hips. "Sergeant Elmer Stanley was last seen alive by Sgt. Joe Guier on Sept. 28, 1918, near Montrebeau Woods," Hodgen wrote. "Guier asked him what he could do for him, Elmer asked him for a drink. He was not able to help himself. Guier held the canteen to his lips as he drank. Elmer told Guier that he would be alright until the litter bearers came up" Guier, who was also wounded, left for the rear, while "many shells were lighting on the field," Hodgen said, noting that Stanley was among 84 men in the platoon who were either killed or wounded in the day's battle, which lasted about five hours. In early March of 1919, Hodgen was part of a party of officers and non-commissioned officers of the company who returned to the scene of the battle and located the graves of their fallen comrades, including Stanley. "Elmer Stanley was an excellent soldier (and) his work with B Company was credible to himself and family. His life and death haws done part in the greatest of all wars." Hodgen wrote. Stanley's body was not returned to the United States for another two years, an *The Recorder* reported in the summer of 1921 that his parents, at that time living in St. Joseph, Mo., were notified that their sons body had landed at Hoboken, N. J. He was given a full burial in Holton Cemetery with military honors on July 31 of that year, it was reported." *The Holton Recorder*, February 1, 2017. Born in 1897; Died in 1918. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Stanley, Paul.¹ Paul William Stanley, enlisted on April 4, 1917; served as a carpenters mate 2nd class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on May 31, 1919. Box 43, folder 3.^{10c}

Starkey, John W.; rank, private; enlisted on July 7, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division.³ Service number 1446973; enlisted on July 7, 1917, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Headquarters Company, 137th Infantry; discharged on May 10, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 43,

folder 3.¹⁰“The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Wm. Starkey.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. “To the Editor and Friends. ... I am not with the Co. B from Holton anymore I am in the Headquarters Department Company 137, Infy. I am in the signal platoon taking up the telegraph, telephone, heliograph and typography.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, March 14, 1918. “KANSAS PVT 137 INFANTRY WORLD WAR I” Born March 20, 1894; Died February 1, 1968. Buried in Hoyt Cemetery, Hoyt, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Starr, Cecil.¹ Cecil W. Starr, service number 491918; enlisted or inducted on May 13, 1918, at Gove, Kansas; served as the regimental supply sergeant, 70th Field Artillery; discharged on December 26, 1918, at Camp Knox, Stithon, Kentucky. Box 43, folder 2.¹⁰“Letters from Robert Shelby who is in U. S. Cavalry 313 Troop L stationed at Del Rio, Tex. tells many interesting things of his experiences since his induction into the army. ... Jackson county boys of whom he speaks are Devere Dove, Jinks Carter, Cecil Starr and Robt Hamm. The latter being the Sergeant under whom Robt Shelby works.” *The Soldier Clipper*, June 19, 1918. Of the boys who went to camp from Soldier, DeVere Dove, Robt. Shelby, Cecil Starr and Rudolph Carter are now in West Point, Kentucky, in the heavy artillery. They were transferred from Texas.” *The Soldier Clipper*, September 11, 1918. “KANSAS REGTL SUP SGT 70 FIELD ARTY WORLD WAR I” Born May 20, 1895; Died January 25, 1959. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Hiawatha, Kansas. findagrave.com.

Steele, Wilford C.; rank, private; enlisted on April 7, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 1447714, served as a private 1st class in Company B, 137th Infantry; discharged on May 9, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 43, folder 3.¹⁰

Stelzer, _____. “Clarence Stelzer has a letter from his brother which was dated May 4th. He says he has been at the front in France for over two weeks. He is with the ammunition train. He likes it fine. Is in the best of health. They have a dickens of a time nights falling into shell holes, etc. Mud a plenty, but good rubber boots makes that O. K. He can hear the cannon roar every minute.” *The Soldier Clipper*, June 5, 1918. “Clarence Stelzer’s brother writes from France: ‘Don’t worry about me. I am perfectly safe, and will probably be home before many months.’” *The Soldier Clipper*, June 12, 1918. “Clarence Stelzer left Soldier for Kansas City on Tuesday. There is a call for motorists, he says he may be riding in a tank before many months. When Clarence gets after them he will want to go ahead like he has in the Cole-8.” *The Soldier Clipper*, October 16, 1918. “Clarence Stelzer came over from Missouri on Thursday. He is waiting for the call of the tank service which he hopes will come before the regular call.” *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918.

Steneaka, Leonard. “Leonard was an electrician in the navy and gaining rapid promotion. He got a five days leave of absence, passed the physical examination and started home. On the way he was taken ill, and before he reached Oklahoma City the train crew became aware that his condition was dangerous.” *The Delia News*, December 5, 1919.

Stephens, Charles B. Served as a captain in the Medical Corps in France with the 4th Infantry from May 13, 1918 to August 13, 1919; discharged August 30, 1919 at Camp Dodge, Iowa.¹² May be Dr. Charles B. Stephens. Born in 1888; Died in 1949. Buried in Highland Cemetery, Iola, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Stephenson, George L.; rank, private; enlisted on June 17, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ “George Stephenson, a former Holton boy, is in camp at Camp Lewis, Wash.” *The Holton Recorder*, August 29, 1918. Probably George L. Stephenson. Born in 1895; Died in 1942. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Stephenson, Tom.¹ “Beaune, France, March 12, 1919. Dear Brother: Just a word to you this evening to let you know that my address has changed and that I am now connected with the A. E. F. University Headquarters, by orders from higher authority. ... Your brother, Lt. Thos. J. Stephenson, Hdq. A. E. F. University” *The Holton Recorder*, May 1, 1919.

Steward, Herbert. Herbert S. Steward, served as a private 1st class in Company I, 353rd Infantry. Box 43, folder 3.¹⁰ “Herbert Steward who was seriously wounded on the battle front, has died” *The [Hoyt] Weekly Reporter*, December 26, 1918. “CO. I 353RD INF. ALL KANS. REG. 89TH DIV.” Born February 9, 1892; Died October 30, 1918. Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Council Grove, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Steward, Ray. “The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Ray Steward.” *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.

Stewart, Henry Daniel; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service on July 26, 1918 at Ozark, Missouri; served in Company I, 69th Infantry; discharged on January 26, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.⁵ “PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I” Born January 3, 1894; Died March 8, 1976. Buried in Wamego City Cemetery, Wamego, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Stohr, John.¹ John M. Stohr, service number 2176339; Inducted on September 19, 1917, at Seneca, Kansas; served as a private in Headquarters Company, 64th Infantry, wounded by shell fire in left ankle, A. E. F.; discharged August 31, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 44, folder 2.¹⁰“Somewhere in France. May 12 ‘18. My dear Mother: This is Mother’s Day and all the boys are sending a souvenir like I am sending you. Don’t you think it is nice? ... I can’t help but think we will be home by Christmas. As ever your loving son Johnny. Co. L, 7th U. S. Inf.. A. E. F. To Mrs. Stohr.” *The Soldier Clipper*, June 12, 1918. “Mrs. Stohr has word from her son Johnny that he has been in the hospital for some

- days, suffering from an injury on the ankle caused by a shell. He thought he would soon be able to be in action again. He says that when he was at the front they had to move everyday to keep up with the Germans. He expects to be home in time to help husk corn." *The Soldier Clipper*, August 28, 1918. "Aix Les Bains, France, Jan. 8, 1919. Walter Stohr. Dear Brother: ... Just got here yesterday and will stay seven days. This is the first free time since I got in the Army, so I am going to have a time. And how I can sleep in a good bed. I stay at a hotel named L. Eurode and it sure is a dandy. This sure is a pretty scene here, I didn't know there was anything like this in France." *The Soldier Clipper*, January 29, 1919. Probably John Stohr. Born January 17, 1896; Died September 24, 1960. Buried in Highland Cemetery, Iola, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Stonebreaker, James D.; rank, private; enlisted on July 26, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France; discharged on April 15, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.³ Service number 1447719, enlisted or inducted on July 26, 1917, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private first class in General Services Infantry; discharged on April 15, 191, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 44, folder 1.¹⁰ "Fort Logan, Colo., May 6, 1918. ... Sandy maybe you think it didn't hurt when I had to leave the boys in Co. B. I never had anything hurt me as bad as that. They put me up for a S. C. D. and I told them I did not want one. They asked me if I wanted in the U. S. service and I jumped at the chance now I am in the Recruiting station at Fort Logan so maybe I can do some good here if I can't go 'Over there.'" *The Soldier Clipper*, May 15, 1918. "Jas. Stonbraker Jr. was in Soldier on Thursday night and Friday. He has been granted a ten day furlough from Fort Logan, Colo., to visit his mother who has been quite poorly. Jim likes the army life O. K., and he is anxious to get the Kaiser. He recently underwent an examination for over seas duty and thinks he passed." *The Soldier Clipper*, August 14, 1918.
- Stonebreaker, Louis J.; rank, private; enlisted on June 4, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; died in Holton, Kansas, Sept. 2, 1917 while he was in camp waiting for the company to go to Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Buried in Holton Cemetery.³ James Lewis Stonebreaker. Box 43.⁷ "In the quiet and calm of the day of rest, as the comrades on the campus were standing Retreat, the soldier lay dying. His death followed a short illness and came as a shock to Company B, as well as to his relatives and friends. The news soon spread far and near that one of the soldiers had passed away. When Reville was sounded at the next sunrise, Louis Stonebreaker was not present to answer. He died in the service of his country, a loyal soldier, strong, clean and young. Mr. J. L. Stonebreaker was born near Holton, Kansas, on May 1, 1893, and died in Holton, Sept. 2, 1917, at the age of 24 years, 4 months and 1 day. When 12 years of age he moved with his parents to Circleville, Kansas, where he graduated from the High school and entered into the occupation of farming. On June 4th he enlisted in company B, and came to Holton on August 5th, when the company was mobilized. Of his immediate family he leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stonebreaker, of Circleville, and two brothers, Perry of Bucyrus, Kan., and Harry of Circleville. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Holton, on Monday, September 3, a combination of the military and church order of service. The body was escorted to the church from the home of Luther Bacon, 301 Wisconsin Ave., by Company B, at 4:30 p. m. While Mrs. L. E. Armel played Chopin's Funeral March, James Stonebreaker, Paul Roebe, Gilbert Minor, Chas. Worth, Virgil Barnes and Emmett Baxter, carried their comrade between lines of uncovered soldiers into the church, followed by the relatives and friends, the G. A. R. and last by Company B. The music was furnished by the Company quartet, composed of Byron Bronston, Arthur Bailey, Marion Pollock and Roger Beams. ... the last song was then sung by the quartet "Rock of Ages," after which the vast audience of people passed the remains while Harry Compton and Elmer Brumfield, the ushers, stood guard at the coffin. The body was then taken to the Holton cemetery where in the presence of his Company at "Parade Rest," the body was lowered into the grave just as the sun was sinking in the west. After a fervent prayer by Rev. Bronston, the salute by the gun squad, and taps by Bugler Orville Young, the services were ended." *The Holton Recorder*, September 6, 1917. John Lewis Stonebreaker. Monument inscription, Holton Cemetery.
- Strahan, Frank F.² Probably Frank F. Strahan. Born June 10, 1896; Died November 15, 1987. Buried in Hiawatha Cemetery, Hiawatha, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Stringer, Lloyd. "Last week Lloyd Stringer arrived in Holton last week from England, to visit his mother, Mrs. George Messenger. He has received an honorable discharge from the aviation and will go to St. Joseph, where he will be employed by the express company." *The Holton Recorder*, January 6, 1919.
- Strohn, Frank. "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Frank Strohn." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.
- Stroud, Ansel.¹ Service number 2201915, enlisted or inducted on March 28, 1918, served as a cook in the 1st Casual Company, Camp Funston; discharged on February 4, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 44, folder 1.¹⁰ "KANSAS PFC 164TH DEPOT BRIGADE WORLD WAR 1" Born June 5, 1896; Died December 19, 1966. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Stunz, Arch. "Arch Stunz, formerly a Holton boy, and who enlisted in Oklahoma for overseas service, died aboard a transport on the way over, some three or four weeks ago, and was buried at sea. He died of influenza." *The Holton Recorder*, November 14, 1918. Archie L. Stunz. "Private, U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps Entered the Service from:

- Kansas Died: October 13, 1918 Missing in Action or Buried at Sea Tablets of the Missing at Suresnes American Cemetery and Memorial, Suresnes, Departement des Hauts-de-Seine, Île-de-France, France. www.findagrave.com.
- Sturgill, Ernest H.¹ Service number 3791441, inducted on July 23, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company F, 69th Infantry; discharged on January 29, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 44, folder 2.¹⁰ “We are pleased to print, this week, the names of all the Delia boys now in the service. Those who left at different times before June 28th were: ... In July the following were called: ... Ernest Sturgill” *The Delia News*, September 27, 1918. “The boys that were here from Camp Funston Sunday were; John McAnerrey, Oliver Chaney, Ernest Stargill, and Dan Sheehan.” *The Delia News*, September 20, 1918. “Ernest Sturgill of Camp Funston is here over Sunday leaving Monday for Kansas City to see his sister Bell Arnold.” *The Delia News*, February 17, 1919.
- Sudlow, Frank E.² Frank Elijah Sudlow, service number 194-67-45; enrolled on June 18, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as an Aviation M. M. 2nd class; discharged on September 30, 1921, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 44.¹⁰ “Frank Sudlow has returned home from the Great Lakes, where he has been in the naval aviation for the last six months.” *The Holton Recorder*, January 6, 1919.
- Sudlow, Fred W.¹ Service number 2201938, enlisted or inducted on March 28, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a wagoner, A. E. F.; discharged on May 17, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 44.¹⁰ Probably Fred W. Sudlow “US ARMY WORLD WAR I” Born February 4, 1894; Died April 17, 1979. Buried in Baxter Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Mountain Home, Arkansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Sullivan, Earl D.; rank, private; enlisted on June 2, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France, died from wounds on September 27, 1918, that were incurred in the Battle of the Argonne.³ “Died from wounds 28 Sept 1918 sustained sometime during the first three days of the Argonne Offensive. Earl Sullivan had earned a Divisional Commander commendation, earlier in the war, when he took part in a successful raid on enemy lines on July 20, 1918 at Landersbach while the 35th Division was stationed in the Vosges Mountains, Alsace theater for its training: "The Division Commander takes great pleasure in citing the following-named officers and enlisted men for gallant action against the enemy in a raid on Landersbach, July 20, 1918: ..." On page 47 of the book "Heroes of the Argonne" by Charles E. Hoyt (1919) eleven men from the 137th Infantry were cited from this raid, including Earl Sullivan, and the author reports that the raid had netted five German captives and nineteen dead. Originally buried in French soil, remains returned to the US and re-interred in the Mt Hope Cemetery, Topeka, KS” Born November 10, 1891; Died September 28, 1918. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Sullivan, Eugene V.; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Topeka, Kansas on December 12, 1917 served in M. B. Company 353rd Infantry in France; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on June 2, 1919.⁵ Service number 2175557. Box 44.¹⁰ “KANSAS PVT MG CO 353 INF 39 DIV WORLD WAR I” Born November 29, 1896; Died June 12, 1961. Buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California,. www.findagrave.com.
- Sullivan, Harry C. “MISSOURI CORP 52 REG CAC WORLD WAR I” Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Sumner, William.¹ “Private Wm. F. Summers was born March 6, 1900, at Kelly, Kansas, and died in France, October 22, 1918, age 18 years, 7 months and 16 days. ... When war was declared Willie was one of the first to enlist to defend his country. He was a sharpshooter in Co. G, 64th Infantry, and saw some service on the border. In August he was sent to France where he made the supreme sacrifice in the battle of the Argonne-Meuse. Though he rests in a foreign grave we know that his spirit has gone to its maker” *The Holton Recorder*, December 5, 1918. “The body of William F. Summers was returned from the cemetery in France and buried at Goff, Kan., July 3. ... He enlisted in the army May 12, 1917, at Holton and served on the border until August 16, 1918, when he sailed for France. He made the supreme sacrifice at St. Mihiel October 22, 1918. ... In a letter to J. W. Summers, Sergeant Rourk, who was in command when Private Summers met his death, told of his last few minutes. It was in the St. Mihiel drive and the Germans had been forced back on the 21st of October. Night overtook the American forces and they dug in for the night. At 2:00 a. m., volunteers were called to stand guard while the other slept. Private Summers volunteered and immediately mounted guard duty. Fifteen minutes later a German shell struck him and resulted in immediate death.” *The Holton Recorder*, July 14, 1921. Box 44.⁷ Box 44.¹⁰ “KIA 22 Oct 1918 in the Puvencelle Sector and Woevre Plain Operation, France following the St. Mihiel Offensive. A strong raiding party from the 64th Infantry, supported by artillery, was sent to the north of La Souleuvre Ferme on the 22nd. Originally buried in French soil, remains returned to the U. S. and re-interred in the Fairview Cemetery, Nemaha County, Kansas.” “KANSAS PVT 1CL. 64 INF. 7 DIV.” www.findagrave.com.
- Suter, Harold B. Sutter, Harold B.; rank, private; enlisted on April 10, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Served in Headquarters Company, 137th Infantry, discharged on November 23, 1917 on account of a disability. Box 44.¹⁰ “World War No. 1 Veterans Buried in Soldier Cemetery. Harold B. Suter.” *The Soldier Clipper*, May 29, 1946. Born March 2, 1893; Died November 24, 1944. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Sutton, Rev. J. H.¹ Sullon, J. H.²

Swain, Corliss. Service number 1948768, enrolled on July 10, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a seaman second class; discharged on September 30, 1921, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 44.¹⁰ “Preston Swain, daughter Sadie and son Corliss, Prof. and Ruth Lennen were in Topeka on Tuesday, and while there Corliss enlisted in the Navy and is now on his way to training camp. This gives Mr. and Mrs. Swain three boys in the service, and Edgar declares he will go after fall work is done.” *The Soldier Clipper*, July 17, 1918. “Preston Swain has returned from the Great Lakes training camp, where he was called by the serious illness of his son, Corliss. He left his son improving and expects him to make a rapid recovery.” *The Soldier Clipper*, October 9, 1918. “Mr. and Mrs. John Alban entertained the returned soldier boys and their friends on Thursday evening at their home. The soldier boys present were: Corliss Swain.” *The Soldier Clipper*, February 26, 1919. Born February 14, 1900; Died November 21, 1969. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Swain, Horace; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Topeka, Kansas on May 20, 1917; served in France in the 52nd Telegraph Battalion; discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa on August 11, 1919.⁵ Service number 200578. Box 44.¹⁰ “CFR CAS DET 1239 DEMOB GP WORLD WAR I” Born August 25, 1896; Died January 30, 1957. Buried in Penwell-Gabel Cemetery and Mausoleum Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Swain, Percy W.¹ Service number 164205, enlisted on May 1, 1917, at Manhattan, Kansas; served as a private first class, 3rd Battalion, 8th AA. Section, A. E. F.; discharged on January 20, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 44.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ “Somewhere in France, 1-7-18 Dear Folks. As last I have time to write and let you know that I arrived safely at my destination. We had an interesting trip and I enjoyed it very much. Most of the time on the trip I was kitchen police, and had plenty of choice eats. ... Private Percy W. Swain, 3rd Battery, 1st Battalion A. A. C. Am. Ex. Force, via, New York.” *The Soldier Clipper*, February 6, 1918. “Percy Swain sends word to his folks that the territory where he is now serving in France is all torn up by shells. Close to the lines evidently.” *The Soldier Clipper*, June 12, 1918. “A letter from Percy Swain, written in France, June 11th, states that he is just back from the front and with the reserves busily engaged in making machine gun pits and digging in. They were expecting another big Hun drive.” *The Soldier Clipper*, July 17, 1918. “Preston Swain today received a letter dated Aug. 2 from his son Percy, in France. He is well. Has been at the front but is not at present and is anxious to get into it again.” *The Soldier Clipper*, August 21, 1918. Word from eastern camps state that Ira Dove and Percy Swain are back from France and will soon be mustered out.” *The Soldier Clipper*, January 29, 1919. “KANSAS PFC COAST ARTILLERY CORPS WORLD WAR I” Born July 31, 1898; Died October 26, 1957. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Swain, Preston. Released from active duty February 1, 1919 at, Great Lakes, Illinois.¹¹

Swanson, Arthur E. Service number 3083712, enlisted or inducted on June 27, 1918, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; served as a private in company B, 132nd Engineers; discharged on July 13, 1919 at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 44.¹⁰ “MISSOURI PVT CO B 132 ENGINEERS WORLD WAR I” Arthur Ernest Swanson. Born May 5, 1897; Died September 8, 1971. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Swartz, Fred F. “Harry Swartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred F. Swartz of 914 West 9th street, Topeka, re-entered the army Wednesday, January 21st, at Dallas, Texas. Harry was born in Mayetta and with his parents moved to Topeka in 1915.” *The Jackson County Signal*, January 22, 1942.

Swazey, Carl. “Harry and Charles Sigmund, Jim Doyle, Carl Swazey, and Roy Baskett have been ill with Spanish influenza at the Great Lakes Station. They are all on the road to recovery.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 3, 1918.

Swift, George Arthur. Service number 365641, enlisted or inducted on June 26, 1918, at Camp Cody, New Mexico; served as a corporal in Company C, 59th Infantry, A. E. F.; discharged on August 8, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 44.¹⁰ ILLINOIS CPL Co C 59 INFANTRY WORLD WAR I” Born May 20, 1892; Died November 25, 1967. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Tapsee, Lyman. “Two Mayetta boy’s names appeared in last week’s casualty list as slightly wounded. They were Claude Myers and Lyman Tapsee.” *The Mayetta Herald*, December 25, 1918. “KANSAS PVT 137 INF 35 DIV” Died February 2, 1919. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. www.findagrave.com.

Tate, Walter B.¹ Service number 3299852, enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private the 4th Company, 1st Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 24, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 45.¹⁰

Taylor, John Allen; rank, private; inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on July 23, 1918; served in Battery A, 29th Field Artillery; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on January 23, 1919.⁵ Box 45, folder 2.¹⁰

Taylor, Vern W. “NEBRASKA PVT 5 NEBR INF. N. G. WORLD WAR I” Born April 23, 1886; Died July 19, 1936. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Tebo, Ralph Emmett.¹

Terrell, Frank H.¹ Discharged on June 21, 1919, at Camp Pike Arkansas. Box 45.¹⁰ “Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Terrell have learned from the New York Herald that their son, Frank had been advanced to the rank of captain. He is now overseas.” *The Holton Recorder*, September 5, 1918. “Headquarters Eleventh Brigade, France, 7th October, 1918. ... You have been specially mentioned by your Battalion Commander, Major L. H. Watson, also by your Regimental Commander, Colonel Isaac Newell, for your determination, good judgment, and personal bravery in securing the body of 1st Lieut. J. H. Carter, 51st Infantry, which was in a wire entanglement near the enemy’s trenches. You knowingly braved

discovery by the enemy and his hostile fire for a long period, and in addition overcame other difficulties in cutting through a wire heavily charged with electricity, as well as a considerable quantity of wire entanglement, on the night of Oct. 4-5. ... In this letter Frank Terrell is addressed as 1st Lieutenant Terrell. At that time he had not received official notification of his promotion to captaincy. The Lieutenant whose body Capt. Terrell rescued, was a Kansas man, Lieut. Hawkins Carter of Winfield. His picture and account of his death were published in Sunday's Capital." *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918.

Terry, Arthur C.²

Theisen, Joseph John; rank, private 1st class; enlisted or inducted into service at Great Bend, Kansas on July 22, 1918; served in Company A, Proc. Field Hospital; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on February 3, 1919.⁵ Box 45.¹⁰ Born in 1890; Died in 1945. Buried in Pleasant View Cemetery, Claflin, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Thomas, Albert. "Albert S. Mullendore received word that his nephew, Albert Thomas, of Dearborn, Mo., had been killed in action." *The Holton Recorder*, November 14, 1918. "ALBERT ELWOOD THOMAS OCT. 25, 1888 OCT. 18 1918 MEDICAL DEPARTMENT 143, INF ORLEANS FRANCE" Buried in Camden Point Cemetery, Camden Point, Missouri. www.findagrave.com.

Thomas, Joseph.¹

Thompson, Clyde.²

Thompson, DeLloyd.¹

Thompson, Finley A.; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on August 15, 1918; discharged from the 164th Depot Brigade at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on March 19, 1919.⁵ Service number 3477503, served in Ordnance Corps, Raritan Arsenal Mat., New Jersey. Box 45, folder 4.¹⁰

Thompson, Leon E.; rank, private; enlisted on May 1, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of 1917, served in France.³ Service number 1446980, discharged on February 10, 1919, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Box 45, folder 1.¹⁰

Thompson, Loren E.; rank, private; enlisted on April 18, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; transferred to headquarters company in October of 1917, served in France.³ Box 45, folder 2.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT CO C 137 INFANTRY WORLD WAR I" Born October 15, 1897; Died August 7, 1963. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Thompson, Lynn E. Discharged on August 16, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 45, folder 2.¹⁰ "He [W. C. Nuzman] recently received a letter from Elbert Smith who is in the Rainbow Division in France. Elbert asked him if there was anyplace in the world where either of them could go that would make them further apart. To W. C.'s surprise the letter had been censored in France by Lynn Thompson, a former Soldier boy in France, written to W. C. Nuzman a former Soldier boy in the Hawaiian Islands, and the letter being censored by Lynn Thompson a former Soldier boy, and Lynn went to the trouble to say 'Hello' to the addressee. *The Soldier Clipper*, May 29, 1918. "Thompson, Lynn M.; rank, captain; served in France during WW1 in the 117th Ammunition Train, 42nd Division; 6th Ammunition Train, 6th Division; 5th Ammunition Train, 5th Division; discharged on August 16, 1919 at Camp Dodge, Iowa.^{3,5}

Thompson, Martin.¹ Service number 331270, served as a private 1st class, Company H, 20th Infantry; discharged January 31, 1918 at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.¹¹ May be Martin Thompson. Born January 1, 1894; Died July 6, 1983. Buried in Deay Cemetery, Eudora, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Thompson, Ross F.; rank, private; enlisted on April 10, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Box 45, folder 5.¹⁰ Gunshot wound to right leg, gassed.¹¹ "Ross Thompson was taken with the mumps in England and on last accounts the rest of Co. B boys had been sent on, leaving Ross in the hospital. It has been rumored that the 137 Reg. was to be sent to Italy. If that be true, the boys will see some real scenery." *The Soldier Clipper*, June 12, 1918. "July 23, 1918. My Dear Aunt: Well, I am certainly feeling fine, and enjoying good weather. The rest of the fellows are also O. K. and doing fine. I saw Paul just a few days ago, and he looked fine. He was with the pioneer bunch detailed with our company while in the trenches. Well, aunt, our first hitch in the trenches wasn't half bad. The big shells sung around and over us, quite freely at times, but that was just sport. Several times, the Boche sent some that lit uncomfortably close, but no harm was done, and we came out the first time O. K. We are out on a short rest now and stationed for a while in a large French village. It certainly is a pretty place, as we are located in a very deep, fertile valley between two high green hills - might say mountains. They can call this a rest if they wish, but we drill as hard here as we ever did at Camp Doniphan and the worst of it is that make us do our hiking on the big hills. I'll say that this is certainly a county for scenery. But I believe that I've had my fill of scenery and would be satisfied with dear old Kansas. Ha! Ha! Listen aunt, Gen. Pershing says: "Hell, heaven or Hoboken, N. Y., by Christmas." What do you know about that? Well, the Yanks are sure making some showing over here at present and will do so from now on. They don't give an inch, and believe me, you can't hold them. So I don't imagine it will be very long. Leon and Loren are both with our battalion. I see Leon quite often. I must

tell you a good one I pulled off while I was in the trenches. I needed a bath and a change of clothes bad and there was no place to bathe. Well, I took a gallon bucket one evening and filled it with water and after dark I went down the trench and took a bath all over in this one gallon of water, also changed clothes. Some doin's eh? Where there a will there's a way. All kinds of such stunts pulled off in the trenches. I must close, with love. Give all my regards. Your loving nephew, Ross F. Thompson." *The Holton Recorder*, August 29, 1918. "In France. My Dearest Grandma: ... I'll tell you Grandma I feel like an old veteran already. Ernest Rudy, Paul Chrisman, Carl Bartsch are together and doing fine. Now don't worry a bit about me, for it's over and I'm none the worse for it." *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918. "Oct. 21, 1918. ... Ross Thompson is working in the kitchen as a student cook." *The Soldier Clipper*, November 20, 1918. "A letter from Ross Thompson to his uncle, Wm. Fisher, stated that, he was gassed, but not seriously, and was in a lovely hospital, and we judge by the postmark that he is at Bordeaux in southwest France, same place where Ray Russell and Paul Thorpe were. The boys seem mighty afraid to tell things they might just as well mention." *The Soldier Clipper*, December 18, 1918. "Ross Thompson arrived home on Friday evening, having been mustered out of the service at Camp Funston. ... He was with Ray Russell when he fell, in fact, the same shell tore the seat out of Ross's pants. But a few minutes before Earl Johnson had reminded him that he, Ross, was falling a little behind. Ross and Carl Beartch were the only ones of a squad of seven that went through the third day of the Argonne drive." *The Soldier Clipper*, January 15, 1919. "Mr. and Mrs. John Alban entertained the returned soldier boys and their friends on Thursday evening at their home. The Soldier boys present were: Ross Thompson." *The Soldier Clipper*, February 26, 1919. "World War No. 1 Veterans Buried in Soldier Cemetery. Ross Francis Thompson." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 29, 1946. Born April 7, 1899; Died April 2, 1944. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Thorpe, Paul. "A letter has been received in Soldier stating that Paul Thorpe is in a French hospital, wounded, but able to write." *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918. "Ray Russell writes he is still in the hospital and that Paul Thorpe comes every day and takes him out for a ride in the wheeled chair." *The Soldier Clipper*, November 27, 1918. "While in Kansas City last week J. H. Lynn met Rev. B. R. Smith and Rev. Thorpe. ... Paul Thorpe was wounded slightly at the Argonne but has not returned to the states as yet." *The Soldier Clipper*, February 26, 1919.

Tieck, Henry. "PFC US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born October 22, 1890; Died March 21, 1979. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Tift, Rawlin L.; rank, private; enlisted on July 24, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 1447724, served as a private, gassed [in France], A. E. F.; discharged on October 29, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.⁴ Box 45.¹⁰

Todd, Frank G.¹ "England, Sunday 6-23-'18. This is called a rest camp, very beautiful and interesting place Historic, because I think all England is historic. Have seen some castles along the railroad, went though one old fine building, the old Knights must have had a good time in the old days. ... Lt. F. G. Todd. 354th Inf. A. E. F." *The Whiting Journal*, December 6, 1918. "In 1917, he entered Officer's Training Camp at Fort Riley and was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant. He was an officer on the 89th Division and went overseas in 1918, and engaged in several battles of World War I in France." Frank Guess Todd. Born August 17, 1892; Died July 23, 1974. Buried in Miller Cemetery, Everest, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Todd, J. W.¹

Tomlinson, Oliver J.; rank, private, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France.⁴ Box 46, folder 2.¹⁰ "In a recent number of Life is a picture entitled "When Lieut. Tomlinson and Private Tomlinson (brothers in real life) meet in a secluded spot." *The Holton Recorder*, September 5, 1918. "Dear Brother: - Your letter received a day or two ago and was glad to hear from you. Sure appreciated the pictures and that all were good. I shall try to tell you just a few things that we have been doing also a few little incidents that have occurred since we came into this game. You know the papers can paint a beautiful picture of us over here but it is not so nearly so bright as painted. I know you would like to know what some of our duties are. From what one author called "Hellwood" or "Bois de Bellau" we went into the battle as stretcher bearers. I was stationed out in a field in plain view of the "Boche" and several times each day that we were here, we had to expose ourselves to carry wounded back to the dressing stations. I can't remember a time that we made a trip that the Hun didn't cut loose with shrapnel and machine gun bullets until we were out of sight. I could feel myself stepping over the machine gun bullets. One day while we were out in this place a Boche plane made a rapid decent towards our lines. I was in the front line and could not tell from the angle that the plane came down whether it was an allied or Boche until he opened up his machine gun bullets on us, then sure they made him get up and travel, we heard several of our bullets go thru the wings of his machine but he got away. This from a place not two hundred yards from the battle in the woods. On the 6th of June the Marines made their attack of Belleau Wood under fierce artillery fire, gas, shrapnel and high explosive shells came over like fury, it seemed like not a man would come out alive. The machine guns were combing the woods and I saw trees from four to six inches through fall from this fire cut as even as you could saw them. On the 13th a large bunch of soldiers were in the woods that they had just taken, and at 12:30 or just after the midnight hour, the Boche cut loose with their artillery on us. Some of the boys got out without any injury but they carried me away in one of those little wagons that have a cross on them. All of us band boys that acted as stretcher bearers in this were recommended for "War Cross"

and we got a special letter from Major Gen. Commandant Barnett in Washington, D. C. I noticed in the K. C. Star about 16 of our boys but this was a mistake as there were 23 of us went through it. Have been on the front twice since this battle of Belleau. Had a letter from the folks in Kansas City telling of a demonstration of 8 British planes in Swope Park. I have seen as high as 175 planes going over to pay Fritz a visit. They are the kind that kick the end gates out and drop little messages down to our enemy troops. See several hundred planes each day and pay no more attention to them than you would a crow in Old "Kansas State." Saw some of our bombing planes with a wing span of 120 feet. When you see several squadrons of these kick open the end gates and drive up hill, you know they are doing some good work for each one of these planes carry over a ton of bombs. In a recent battle I had the pleasure of watching our troops maneuver on the battle field. It was a great sight and one which I expect would have made the civilians in the States turn their eyes in the opposite direction, but we have learned to take what comes. I don't expect you would enjoy a very hearty meal if you knew that the grub you were eating had been taken from a dead comrade or some Frenchman that had been shot down, could you? Sometimes we have to do this. I went two days and two nights without a drop of water or food, all that I held up on was a cigarette occasionally and they were a mighty scarce article ... France is a good place but there are lots of insects around this part of the country, called by the American soldier, "Cooties" and I can understand now why Napoleon always had his hand in his shirt. It almost takes up all my spare time taking care of "them." Almost any day you can see a string of soldiers "reading" their undershirts ... Well I must close and go lay down on my bed of straw and try to grab some sleep. Write when you can for a letter helps lighten our worries considerably. Sincerely your brother, Pvt. O. J. Tomlinson." *The Corning Gazette*, January 16, 1919.

Topash, Frank.¹ Service number 3299808, enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private 1st class in 2 R. S. 324, A. E. F.; discharged on July 11, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 46.¹⁰ May be Frank M. Topash. "PFC US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born September 11, 1896; Died March 16, 1982. Buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Dowagiac, Michigan. www.findagrave.com.

Tork, Alfred E.¹ Service number 2190869, enlisted or inducted on April 26, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served in Company D, 353rd Infantry, 89th division; discharged on February 17, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 46.¹⁰

Townsley, Floyd.² Floyd Clifford Townsley, enlisted on July 30, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a yeoman 3rd class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on June 30, 1919, at Mare Island, California. Box 46.¹⁰ "MISSOURI Y3 US NAVY" Born January 8, 1897; Died September 7, 1970. Buried in Austin Memorial Park Cemetery, Austin, Texas. www.findagrave.com.

Townsley, Harry.¹ Harry B. Townsley, service number 2198256; enlisted on July 10, 1917, at Liberal, Kansas; served as a corporal in the Signal Corps; A. E. F.; discharged on July 1, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 46.¹⁰ "Harry Townsley has arrived safely overseas." *The Holton Recorder*, October 17, 1918.

Travis, Reuben E.; rank, corporal; served in the 88th Division, Camp Dodge, Iowa; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on March 13, 1919.⁵ Service number 3299764. Box 46.¹⁰ "Reuben Earl Travis. He was a veteran of World War I." Born March 14, 1890; Died December 21, 1971. Buried in Eskridge Cemetery, Eskridge, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Trezise, Charley. "Mrs. Jane Trezise. Emmett, Kansas. Charlie Trezise died at noon to-day wire deposition of the body." Box 46.¹⁰ "departed this life Oct. 18, 1918, at Mecilla Park, New Mexico, aged 25 years, 4 months and 22 days. He grew to manhood in the vicinity of Emmett. He answered his country's call for men by volunteering in June, 1917, but was rejected, then in June, 1918, he was inducted into the service and was at the time of his death an instructor in truck driving at Mecilla Park." *The Holton Recorder*, October 31, 1918. Born May 26, 1893; Died: October 18, 1918. Buried in Adrian Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

True, Thomas Vernon, rank, sergeant 1st class; enlisted or inducted at Holton, Kansas on January 26, 1918; served in Camp Utilities Detachment, Q. M. C.; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 14, 1919.⁵ Service number 2198769. Box 46.¹⁰ "Philip Metzker, Jr., and Vernon True of Camp Funston, spent Sunday at home." *The Holton Recorder*, October 31, 1918. "Sergeant T. Vernon True, who is chief engineer at Camp Funston, has been promoted to first class sergeant." *The Holton Recorder*, December 5, 1918.

Tuder, Herbert D.² Herbert Ovando Tudor, service number 3477569; enlisted or inducted on August 17, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in S. A. T. C., Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas; discharged December 18, 1919, at Baldwin City, Kansas. Box 46.¹⁰ "Herbert Tudor has been made top sergeant and is assigned as an instructor at Baker University. He has been at Lawrence." *The Holton Recorder*, October 10, 1918. "MISSOURI PUT STUD ARMY TNG CORPS WORLD WAR I" Herbert Ovander Tudor. Born April 25, 1891; Died October 10, 1956. Buried in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Lemay, Missouri. www.findagrave.com.

Tudor, Walter E.; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Holton, Kansas on June 4, 1918; stationed Flying School Det., Kelly Field; discharged at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on February 20, 1919.⁵ Service number 3477569. Box 46.¹⁰ Born in 1894; Died in 1977, 1966. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Turner, Robert.¹ Robert Wallace Turner, service number 104-82-86; enrolled on May 9, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as machinist mate 2nd class; discharged on September 30, 1921 at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 46.¹⁰ "KANSAS MM2 USNRF WORLD WAR I" Born September 19, 1893; Died April 25 13, 1966. Buried in Denison Cemetery,

- Denison, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Underwood, Roy L.; rank, corporal, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France.⁴ Box 46.¹⁰ Enrolled on July 12, 1917, at St. Louis, Missouri, served as 1st sergeant in the Marine Corps; discharged on July 11, 1921, Washington, D. C. Box 46.¹⁰ "Underwood says, "What is troubling me most is that when I go home if I stop and see my girl first my folks will raise cain, and I if I go home first my girl will raise cain, but I will work it out somehow." *The Holton Recorder*, September 6, 1917.
- Uhl, Frank E.¹ Service number 491929, enlisted or inducted on Army 14, 1918, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; served as a private 1st class in Battery E, 69th Field Artillery; discharged on December 20, 1918, at Camp Knox, Kentucky. Box 46.¹⁰
- Utterback, Frank R.; rank, private; enlisted on June 6, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Service number 1447725, enlisted on June 6, 1917, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private 1st class in Company B, 137th Infantry; discharged on May 9, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 46.¹⁰ Probably Frank Robert Utterback. Born June 1, 1897; January 24, 1984. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Vance, Charley J. Service number 613678, enlisted on December 15, 1917, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; served as a private in 3rd Company, 2nd Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade. Box 46.¹⁰ "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Charles Vance." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. "A letter From Chas. Vance. Fort Monroe, Va., June 16, 1918. Dear Editor: ... I saw in it were the boys have gone to camp. They may think it tough for a time but after they are there for a time they will like it. They will not be in camp long till all will want to go across. All the boys here do. This is a great life. I like it fine. A little military training is good for anyone. ... 12th Co. C. B. C. A. C. Fort Monroe, Va." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, June 27, 1918. "KANSAS PVT 13 CO COAST ARTY WORLD WAR I" Born May 30, 1894; Died August 6, 1966. Buried in Hoyt Cemetery, Hoyt, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Vanderwall, Forest T.¹ Enlisted on January 4, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a fireman 2nd class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on February 4, 1919, at San Diego, California. Box 46.¹⁰ "Forrest Vanderwall has been mustered out of the Navy and is now at San Francisco." *The Soldier Clipper*, February 5, 1919. "Forest Vanderwall, a veteran of the First World War and a farmer living nine miles south of Soldier, died in the Veteran's Hospital at Wadsworth, Kansas, on Friday, March 5th. He leaves a wife and five children, one son being in the U. S. Navy in foreign waters." *The Soldier Clipper*, March 10, 1943. "Kansas Fireman 2nd Class U.S. Navy." Born January 22, 1893; Died March 4, 1943. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Van Horn, Edward H. "Mrs. J. A. Woodburn went to Topeka Tuesday to see her son Edward H. Van Horn, who was being transferred from the S. A. T. C. at Salt Lake City to Camp Monroe, Virginia. Mr. Van Horn is in the Radio Corps." *The Holton Recorder*, October 17, 1918.
- Vannote, Carl. "Carl Vannote writes to relatives here from England describing the beautiful country there and laughing at their railroads and freight trains. He finds every thing so different. He's with Co. A 320th M. G. Brr. A. E. F." *The Soldier Clipper*, June 19, 1918.
- Vaughn, Daniel.¹ Daniel P. Vaughn, service number 470897; enlisted or inducted on March 18, 1918, at Topeka, Kansas; served as a private in Battery E, 69th, A. E. F.; discharged on March 12, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 47.¹⁰ "We are pleased to print, this week, the names of all the Delia boys now in the service. Those who left at different times before June 28th were: ... Dan Vaughn" *The Delia News*, September 27, 1918.
- Vaughn, Timothy B.¹ Service number 612755, enlisted on March 20, 1918; served as a private in 6th Company, Chesapeake Bay Coast Artillery Corps; discharged on July 15, 1918 on account of a disability, at Washington, D. C. Box 47.¹⁰ "T. V. Vaughn left Thursday for Vermont, Va. to join the Coast Guard." *The Delia News*, March 29, 1918. "We are pleased to print, this week, the names of all the Delia boys now in the service. Those who left at different times before June 28th were: ... Tevie Vaughn" *The Delia News*, September 27, 1918. May be Timothy B. Vaughn. Born in 1895; Died in 1960. Buried in West Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Venneberg, W. F.² May be Walter Fred Venneberg. Born February 4, 1896; Died August 17, 1977. Buried in Benton County Memorial Park, Rogers, Arkansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Vetter, C. W.¹ "ARKANSAS PVT 60 CO 162 DEPOT BRIG WORLD WAR I" Clarence W. Vetter. Born April 16, 1891; Died March 14, 1971. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Vetter, Hancher Landon; rank, corporal, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm.⁴ Enrolled on July 12, 1917, at St. Louis, Missouri, served as a private in the Marine Corps; discharged on September 9, 1919, at Charleston, South Carolina. Box 47.¹⁰ "Hancher Vetter, a member of the band of the Sixth Marine Corps, writes: I guess the Marine Corps wants to make something out of us, besides musicians, for they had us out this time with the Signal Corps learning to string telephone wire. I slept in a German dugout a couple of nights and now I have the boche cooties, and they're about the biggest proposition I was ever up against. I launched a big attack today and captured about a regiment of them." *The*

- Holton Recorder*, November 28, 1918. Died September 25, 1965. Buried in Penwell-Gabel Cemetery and Mausoleum, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Vinning, Guy. "Lieu. Guy Vinning, of Horton, senior lieutenant of Company B, 137th infantry, has sent his wife a cablegram telling her that he was only slightly wounded. It was reported that he had been severely wounded." *The Holton Recorder*, October 24, 1918.
- Voekel, Arthur.¹ Service number 134-28-13; enrolled on June 3, 10918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as an apprentice seaman in the Navy; discharged on September 30, 1921, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 47.¹⁰ "Arthur Voekel, a sailor at the Great Lakes training station, is spending a furlough in Holton with his parents." *The Holton Recorder*, August 29, 1918. "Arthur Voekel who is at Great Lakes Naval Training School is enjoying a furlough with home folks in Holton. He came down to Delia Saturday and remained over Sunday visiting old friends." *The Delia News*, August 30, 1918. Born November 29, 1899; Died December 21, 1978. Buried in Sparkman Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Dallas, Texas. www.findagrave.com.
- Wabaunsee, John.¹ "John Wabaunsee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pax Wabaunsee who live on the reservation, has secured his discharge and reached home last Saturday. He enlisted last February and was in the mechanical section of the air service. He saw service in France and England, being in Manchester, England, when the armistice was signed. He landed in Boston December 11. He is a fine looking soldier and says he wouldn't take a thousand dollars for his experience, but wouldn't give two cents for any more of it. This seems to be the universal sentiment among the soldiers." *The Holton Recorder*, January 6, 1919. Born in 1895; Died in 1932. Buried in Greyhorse Indian Village Cemetery, Gray Horse, Oklahoma. www.findagrave.com.
- Wabaunsee, Louis.¹ Service number 81900, enlisted or inducted on April 19, 1917, at Browning, Montana; served as a private 1st class in Company 278, 39th? Military Police Battalion, A. E. F.; discharged on October 6, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 47.¹⁰ "MONTANA PFC 278 MIL POLICE CO WORLD WAR I" Louis A. Wabaunsee. Born August 14, 1898; Died March 16, 1964. Buried in Shipshee Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Wabaunsee, Willie.¹ William W. Wabaunsee, service number 505079; enlisted or inducted on April 18, 1918, at Omaha, Nebraska; served as a private in Battery B, 49th A. C. A. C., A. E. F.; discharged on April 16, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 47.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT BTRY B 49 ARTY CAC WORLD WAR I" Born September 25, 1900; Died: August 12, 1929. Buried in Greyhorse Indian Village Cemetery, Gray Horse, Oklahoma. www.findagrave.com.
- Wobnosah, James P.⁶
- Wabnum, John.¹ "The following boys were called in the 2nd draft from Mayetta: Fred Robson, Robt. Wyatt, Hoke Smith Cadue, Jno. Mitchell, Jno. Wabnum, Roy (Nick) Spangler, Harry Wamego." *The Holton Recorder*, April 18, 1918. "Flerigen, Germany, Feb. 1, 1919. Dear Friend Reist: I remember I promised to write you, before I left the states, while I was talking to you in your garage. We are getting along just fine and dandy. All the Mayetta boys are in good health, that are with us in Germany. I was talking to Johnnie Hale last night and he said John Wabnum certainly did get fat. While I was standing there he attracted my attention by his size. Why, you would hardly recognize those boys. Surely the climate must agree with them." *The Mayetta Herald*, March 6, 1919. "PFC US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born February 16, 1891; Died April 3, 1980. Buried in Shipshee Cemetery, Potawatomi Reservation, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Wabnum, Pete.¹
- Wade, Joseph C.¹ Service number 3299784, enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company D, 338th Machine Gun Battalion, A. E. F.; discharged on June 17, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 47.¹⁰ "He was a veteran of World War I, and a member of Whiting Lodge No. 25, AF & AM." Joseph Clifford Wade. Born in 1894; Died August 17, 1957. Buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Whiting, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Walker, Frank. Frank Jerome Walker, served as a captain in the Medical Corps, Base Hospitals 6 and 208; discharged on June 27, 1919, at Camp Dix, New Jersey. Box 47, folder 1.¹⁰ "Dr. Frank Walker, of Wichita, a former Soldier boy, is now on his way to France as a captain in the army." *The Soldier Clipper*, October 9, 1918. Probably Dr. Franklin J. Walker. Born in 1874; Died December 3, 1948. Buried in Old Mission Mausoleum, Wichita, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Walker, Sidney C.¹ Sidney Carr Walker, service number 162-60-14; enrolled on May 23, 1918, at Chicago, Illinois; served as a seaman 2nd class; discharged on September 30, 1921, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 47, folder 3.¹⁰ "Sidney Walker will leave Saturday for the Great Lakes Training Station." *The Holton Recorder*, November 28, 1918.
- Walrath, Ernest L.¹ Service number 1183331, enlisted on December 15, 1918, at Fort Logan, Colorado; served as a corporal in the 28th Balloon Company, Air Service; discharged don November 5, 1923, at Washington, D. C. Box 47, folder 1.¹⁰ "KANSAS CPL US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born September 10, July 29, 1968. Buried in Dry Creek Cemetery, Boise, Idaho, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Wamego, Harry.¹ Service number 2190874, enlisted on April 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company D, 353rd Infantry, A. E. F., wounded on September 12, 1918; discharged on April 3, 1922, at Washington, D. C. Box 47.¹⁰ "The following boys were called in the 2nd draft from Mayetta: Fred Robson, Robt. Wyatt, Hoke Smith Cadue, Jno. Mitchell, Jno. Wabnum, Roy (Nick) Spangler, Harry Wamego." *The Holton Recorder*, April 18, 1918.

- “Potawatomi Mission. Some ten days ago the father of Harry Wamego received telegram stating that Harry had been severely wounded in action. Three days afterwards he was reported to have died of disease, which should have been died of wounds” ... They have another son, Thomas, in the service” *The Holton Recorder*, October 31, 1918. “Harry Wamego returned from overseas service Saturday morning. It was a surprise to some, for he was reported killed months ago. He was, however severely wounded in both legs by shell fire in one of the war’s hottest engagements. He was in the hospital for several months, but shows no signs of his injuries. Harry operated a machine gun.” *The Mayetta Herald*, May 14, 1919. “KANSAS PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I” Born March 13, 1887; Died December 29, 1968. Buried in Pawhuska City Cemetery, Pawhuska, Oklahoma. www.findagrave.com.
- Wamego, Thomas. Thomas J. Wamego, enlisted on May 2, 1917, at Port Royal, South Carolina; served as a private in the U. S. Marines; discharged on March 28, 29, on account of a disability, at the Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia. Box 47.¹⁰ “They have another son, Thomas, in the service” *The Holton Recorder*, October 31, 1918. “PVT US MARINE CORPS WORLD WAR I” Thomas Joseph Wamego. Born June 25, 1893; Died June 8, 1976. Buried in Highland Cemetery, Pawnee, Oklahoma. www.findagrave.com.
- Wampler Wm. George William Wampler, service number 792127; enlisted on July 7, 1917, at Fort Logan, Colorado; served as a mechanic in Company M, 43rd Infantry; discharged on June 4, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 47.¹⁰ “Mrs. Edith Wampler received a letter from her husband, Pvt. Wm. Wampler, who has just arrived in France. He says he likes it fine and that he is well.” *The Delia News*, September 27, 1918. “MISSOURI MECH CO M 43 INF 15 DIVISION WORLD WAR I” Born December 28, 1896; Died August. 3, 1955. Buried in Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Ward, Roy F.; rank, private; enlisted on April 7, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Service number 1447537. Box 47, folder 1.¹⁰
- Wark, Homer B.¹ Homer Ethan Wark, reported for duty on August 5, 1917, a 1st lieutenant in Headquarters Company, Kansas Infantry, National Guard, served as a chaplain with the 137th Infantry and Base Hospital 52 at Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma; A. E. F.; discharged on February 22, 1919, at Camp Dix, New Jersey. Box 47, folder 2.¹⁰ Rev. Homer Ethan Wark. Born in 1875; Died in 1957. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Wark, Howard E.¹ Service number 2190844, enlisted or inducted on April 29, 1919, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company D, 11th Infantry, A. E. F., wounded on October 5, 1918; discharged on July 28, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 47, folder 2.¹⁰ “Kansas, Private, Company D, 11th Inf, WWI” Born August 29, 1893; Died September 20, 1966. Buried in Burlingame City Cemetery, Burlingame, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Warner, J. A.²
- Waters, Lloyd. Lloyd E. Waters, service number 3990247; inducted on October 22, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the 27th Company, 165th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 17, 1918, at Camp Travis, Texas. Box 48, folder 1.¹⁰ “Lloyd Waters and Carl Grinnell of Mayetta will leave for Camp Travis, Texas, October 21.” *The Holton Recorder*, October 17, 1918. “PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I” Born April 11, 1899; Died December 23, 1986. Buried in Rose Hills Memorial Park Cemetery, Whittier, California. www.findagrave.com.
- Watkins, Earl. Earl W. Watkins, service number 3296805; enlisted or inducted on May 25, 1918, at Seneca, Kansas; served as a private in the A. E. F., left the U. S. on September 8, 1918, returned on June 21, 1919; discharged on July 2, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 48, folder 2.¹⁰ “Bancroft Items. Mrs. Mont. Watkins received a letter from her son, Earl, Wednesday, stating that he expects to go across soon.” *The Soldier Clipper*, September 11, 1918. Probably Earl William Watkins. Born August 13, 1893; Died January 12, 1948. Buried in Ontario Cemetery, Nemaha County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Webb, William.¹ Service number 3299788, enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company B, 352nd Infantry, 88th Division, A. E. F.; discharged on June 16, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 48.¹⁰
- Weikle, Robert Clyde; rank, seaman; enrolled at Kansas City, Missouri for four years service on August 16, 1917; served on ships or stations, Great Lakes, Charleston, Norfolk, Georgia; discharged from U. S. S. Recruiting Station at St. Louis, Missouri on June 25, 1919.⁵ Service number 1633659. Box 48.¹⁰ “WEST VIRGINIA SEA US NAVY WORLD WAR I” Born June 19, 1897; Died October 21, 1958. Buried in Wheatland Cemetery, Horton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Welch, E. E.¹
- Wells, Henry. “On Friday Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Wells received the sad intelligence from the War Department, that their son, Henry Wells, had been killed in action in France” *The Soldier Clipper*, January 8, 1919. “Memorial services will be held at the Christian church next Sunday morning for Henry Wells and Earl Johnson, who died in France, as defenders of the United States flag” *The Soldier Clipper*, March 5, 1919.
- Wentz, Arthur D. Weatz, Arthur D.² Service number 163-61-92, enrolled on May 29, 1918, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a seaman 2nd class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on September 30, 1921, at Great Lakes, Illinois. Box 48.¹⁰ “NEW YORK S2 US NAVY WORLD WAR I” Arthur David Wentz. Born April 3, 1894; Died July 5, 1970. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Wesley, Hurbert Reed. Service number 3509851, enlisted or inducted on October 1, 1918, at Lawrence, Kansas; served as a private in S. A. T. C., Kansas University; discharged on December 21, 1918, at Lawrence, Kansas. "He taught the Pleasant Ridge school the following year and had entered into his 2nd year of teaching, when he heard his country's call. The fall of 1918 saw him in the Student Army Training Camp at Lawrence from which he was discharged December 23, 1918." *The Holton Recorder*, June 3, 1920. Box 48.¹⁰

Wheeler, Charles W.¹ "Chas. Wheeler, of Whiting, nephew of Mrs. B. Brooks, is reported dead in France." *The Soldier Clipper*, March 5, 1919. "Charles William Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wheeler of Whiting, Kan., was born at Horton, Brown county, Kan., October 13, 1890, and died at St. Nazaire, France, Feb. 21, 1919, aged 28 years, 4 months and 8 days. ... He was waiting his return for home when stricken with bronchial pneumonia, and taken to Hospital 101, where he answered the final roll call." *The Holton Recorder*, April 3, 1919. "He was called to the colors May 28, 1918. He left Camp Funston June 25, 1918, for Camp Joseph E. Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla. Here he was transferred to the 325 Supply Co., with this organization he went overseas, leaving on Aug. 14, 1918, from Newport News, Va., arriving at Brest, France, August 24, 1918, from which place he, with his company, was transferred to St. Nazaire, where he remained until he was stricken with bronchopneumonia and taken to Hospital 101, when he answered the final roll call on the morning of Feb. 21, 1919. The remains arrived Sunday morning, October 3, and were laid to rest with military honors on the evening of October 6, 1920, in the Wheatland cemetery." *The Holton Recorder*, October 21, 1920. Charles William Wheeler. Box 48.⁷ Box 53.¹⁰ "PRIVATE ... DIED AT ST. NAZARIE, FRANCE 325 SUPPLY CO. Q. M. C. 88. DIVISION U. S. A. HOME AT LAST" Born October 13, 1890; Died February 21, 1919. Buried in Wheatland Cemetery, Horton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Wheeler, Clyde.¹

Wheeler, Guy.¹ Service number 163-77-99, enlisted on April 15, 1917, at Kansas City, Missouri; served as a seaman in the U. S. Navy, discharged on September 24, 1919, at Denver, Colorado. Box 48.¹⁰ "SEA US NAVY WORLD WAR I" Born in 1896; Died in 1977. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Whelan, Thos. E.¹ Thomas Edward Whelan, service number 3791428; inducted on July 23, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in Company F, 69th Infantry; discharged on January 28, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 48.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ "KANSAS CPL US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born January 2, 1891; Died June 7, 1969. Buried in Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Whelan, Richard Joseph. Service number 3990235, inducted October 22, 1918 at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Machine Gun Company 86th Infantry; discharged December 24, 1918 at Camp Travis, Texas.¹¹ "KANSAS PVT MG CO 86 INFANTRY WORLD WAR I" Born March 29, 1899; Died March 23, 1957. Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Whitcomb, Richard. "When Mrs. Richard Whitcomb, who was formerly Miss Marguerite Seltzer of Holton, returned to the United States from Honolulu, she experienced some of the thrills of ocean travel these war times. Lieut. Whitcomb is attached to a regular army regiment which has been stationed on the islands. The wives and families of soldiers came over on the transport with the regiment. They were conveyed by Japanese ships. No lights were allowed on the transport for three nights as there was a report of a Mexican raider in the Pacific waters." *The Holton Recorder*, August 29, 1918.

Whitcraft, John F.² John Forrest Whitcraft, service number 3791530; enlisted on July 23, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Company F, 69th Infantry; discharged on January 22, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 48, folder 1.¹⁰ Probably John F. Whitcraft. "MISSOURI PVT CO F 69 INF 10 DIV US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born September 6, 1890; Died July 1, 1959. Buried in Saint Joseph Memorial Park Cemetery, Saint Joseph, Missouri. www.findagrave.com.

Whitcraft, Lawrence.²

Whitcraft, Lester.¹ May be Lester C. Whitcraft, service number 511682; enlisted or inducted on May 28, 1918, at Hastings, Nebraska; served as a private in the 12th Company, S. F., Fort Parker, California; discharged on March 28, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 49, folder 4.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I" Born February 1, 1897; Died January. 13, 1973. Buried in Tulare Cemetery, Tulare, California. www.findagrave.com.

Whitcraft, Roy.¹ Roy William Whitcraft, enlisted on May 16, 1917 at Kansas City, Missouri; served as an apprentice seaman in the U. S. Navy; discharged on July 9, 1919, at St. Louis, Missouri. Box 48 folder 2.¹⁰ "Mrs. W. E. Whitcraft's son, Roy, joined the Navy October 9, and was sent to San Diego, Calif. Roy joined the Navy in the first World War before his 21st birthday, was trained at the Great Lakes, Illinois, and served overseas. His present address: Roy W. Whitcraft, M. M. E/C, U. S. Destroyer Base, San Diego, Calif." *The Holton Recorder*, December 21, 1942.

White, Fred; rank, seaman 1st class; served in the U. S. Navy from August 1, 1918 to August 1, 1919 on board the U. S. S. Oregon; discharged on August 8, 1919 at St. Louis, Missouri.⁵ Fred D. White. Box 49, folder 4.¹⁰

White, Otto Harrison. Enlisted August 10, 1918 at Omaha, Nebraska, served as an apprentice seaman in the U. S. Navy; discharged December 27, 1918 at San Francisco, California.¹¹ "AS US NAVY WORLD WAR I" Born February 25, 1894; Died January 21, 1977. Buried in Coffey Cemetery, Coffey, Missouri. www.findagrave.com.

Wilde, Everett G. Service number 22729, enlisted or inducted on August 9, 1917, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; served as a corporal in the 93rd Aero. Squadron, A. S. A., A. E. F.; discharged on July 11, 1919, at Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 53, folder 7.¹⁰ "A letter from Everett Wilde now in England says that the aviation work is the only place in the world

- for him." *The Delia News*, August 30, 1918. "ILLINOIS CPL AIR SERVICE WORLD WAR I" Everett Glen Wilde. Born June 18, 1894; Died December 24, 1947. Buried in Merced Cemetery District Cemetery, Merced, California. www.findagrave.com.
- Wilkerson, John.¹ John W. Wilkerson, service number 919198; enlisted or inducted on February 18, 1918, at Omaha, Nebraska; served as a private in the Signal Corps, Casual Company number 7, A. E. F., left the U. S. on June 10, 1918, returned on July 28, 1919; discharged on July 28, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Box 49, folder 6.¹⁰ "PVT 7 CASUAL CO SIGC WORLD WAR I" John W. Wilkerson. Born November 24, 1894; Died December 12, 1962. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Wilkey, Harry B.¹ May be Harry B. Wilkey, enrolled April? 2, 1917?, served as an engineman 2nd class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on August 30, 1919, at St. Louis, Missouri. Box 49, folder 7.¹⁰ Born in November of 1896; Died in 1926. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Williams, George E. Service number 2180785, inducted on April 26, 1918, at Seneca, Kansas; served as a private in the Quartermaster Corps; discharged on March 12, 1919, at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Box 49, folder 7.^{10, 12} "KANSAS PVT QUARTERMASTER CORPS WORLD War I" Born June 21, 1891; Died November 9, 1953. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Williams, John R. "ILLINOIS PFC CO 20 ENGINEERS WORLD WAR I" "He was an Army veteran of World War I, and served in the Coast Guard during World War II." Born October 19, 1890; Died April 20, 1972. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Williams, Josiah Davies; rank, private, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm.⁴ Enrolled on July 12, 1917, at St. Louis, Missouri, served as a corporal in the U. S. Marine Corps; discharged on July 11, 1921, at Washington, D. C. Box 49, folder 6.¹⁰ "Josiah Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Williams, of Clay Center, and a member of Holton's Marine band, from the war curtain of "Somewhere in France," writes to his home folks ... We've been having cool weather - just frosty and fine - like Kansas in late October. We have not had much cold weather yet. Yesterday was the first time there was a frost on the buildings and the little artificial pond in the yard. This morning when we got out the stars were out and it was gray in the east. We had our sitting up exercises and tore back to bed or to the fire, then went up before chow to wash and the spigots were all frozen but one. We wash outside in running cold water, you know. Well, I washed and nearly froze, but it sure felt good. (Here the censor's knife takes a paragraph.) I "put in" for some more along with hob-nailed shoes. It hasn't been wet here no rains to speak of, and the fogs are not bad. The ground outside is nearly all damp, though. We air our blankets every day, but when we sleep under a poncho it sweats and the blankets get wet. We make our blankets down like this: one blanket folded down the middle and we crawl in between the folds. 2nd blanket is folded the same way over the top. No. 3 blanket open and tucked in all the way around, the poncho laid over all and tucked in the same way. If it is very cold, throw on the overcoat and sleep wearing trousers, shirt, helmet and heaviest socks. I have not been so cold yet. But have slept in my underwear. ... I understand on Sunday we are going down by truck to a French hospital to play for the convalescent soldiers. I am anxious to do it, but the sight of these wounded, crippled men, big splendid fellows with a hand gone or limping along with a cane, is pitiful to see. ... Love to you all, Josiah." *The Holton Recorder*, January 24, 1918. "KANSAS CPL 6 REGT 2 DIV WORLD WAR I" Born July 29, 1895; Died June 21, 1949. Buried in Mizpah Cemetery, Clay County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Williams, Leonard Q.² "Last week we stated that Orvil Williams was home on a furlough. Orvil is in France, Leonard was the Navy boy home. *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918. "Leonard Williams came home on Saturday night from the Great Lakes training station, he being released from the service subject to call if needed. He was glad to get back, and says Soldier looks better to him than Chicago." *The Soldier Clipper*, April 9, 1919. "MISSOURI S2 USNRF WORLD WAR I" Born July 30, 1889; Died February 19, 1966. Buried in Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Williams, Lewis M.¹
- Williams, Orion; rank, private 1st class; enlisted in Holton on August 29, 1918; served in the Medical Corps; discharged at Fort Snelling, Michigan on July 31, 1919.⁵ "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Orian Williams." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. Born November 18, 1896; Died May 13, 1973. Buried in Hoyt Cemetery, Hoyt, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Williams, Orville B.¹ Orville Bradley Williams, service number 3299866; enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a corporal in Demobilization Group; discharged on July 15, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 49, folder 7.¹⁰ "Below we give the names of the boys of this community who are called to the colors. ... Orville B. Williams." *The Soldier Clipper*, May 22, 1918. "Orvil Williams was the first boy from Jackson county to be sent from Camp Funston. He went the first of the week to Jacksonville, Florida. Physicians who examined him stated he was the nearest physically perfect man they had ever passed on." *The Soldier Clipper*, June 26, 1918. "Last week we stated that Orvil Williams was home on a furlough. Orvil is in France, Leonard was the Navy boy home. *The Soldier Clipper*, November 6, 1918.
- Williams, Richard.¹ "In a write-up of the American army in France, published in the Kansas City Star of Tuesday was the following item regarding Richard Williams, son of Mrs. Sadie Williams of Holton: "On the same front Corp. Richard

A. Williams of Topeka was repairing a telephone line at the top of a 30-foot pole, when a sprinkling of bullets from an aerial machine gunner began to drop around him. He slipped down the pole in two "catches" and seizing his rifle, slipped up the pole again, and from across a tree carried on a duel with the plane, eventually scaring the enemy aviator away." *The Holton Recorder*, October 3, 1918. "Somewhere in France. Nov. 19, 1917. ... the above letter is from Richard Williams, son of Mrs. Sadie Williams, of Holton. Mr. Williams is serving his country with a company made up entirely of Santa Fe railway employees, and they are doing a great work on the French railroads." *The Holton Recorder*, January 19, 1918.

Williamson, G. H.² Glenn H. Williamson, service number 3477589; enlisted on August 15, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Detach. Motor Transport Corps; discharged on May 12, 1919, at Raritan Arsenal, New Jersey. Box 49, folder 2.¹⁰ "KANSAS PVT MOTOR TRANSPORT CORP WORLD WAR I" Born July 12, 1894; Died September 4, 1963. Buried in Denison Cemetery, Denison, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Wilmoth, W. L.¹ May be William L. Wilmot, served as a captain in 317th Infantry, A. E. F., discharged on June 9, 1919, at Camp Lee, Virginia. Box 49, folder 4.¹⁰

Wilson, Clifford. "Clifford Wilson is home on a furlough visiting relatives and friends at Delia and Grove." *The Delia News*, August 16, 1918.

Wilson, Cyrus.¹

Wilson, Dallas S. Inducted July 22, 1918 at Atchison, Kansas, served as a private, 58th Company, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged December 2, 1918.¹² Probably Dallas Wilson. Born in 1891; Died in 1959. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Wilson, Fred W.² Probably Fred W. Wilson. Born February 10, 1900; Died June 3, 1984. Buried in Spring Grove Cemetery, Winchester, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Wilson, Lake.¹ May be Lake Cedric Wilson. Born May 19, 1891; Died December 10, 1976. Buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Whiting, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Wilson, Stanley C.¹ Probably Stanley Wilson. Born in 1886; Died in 1947. Buried in Spring Grove Cemetery, Winchester, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Wilson, William D. "The Sunday papers contained a dispatch headed "Two Wilson Meet in Death." It was an account of an aeroplane collision at Mather Field, Sacramento, Calif., in which two cadets by the name of Wilson were killed. One of the young cadets, William G. Wilson of Berkeley, Calif. was a nephew of Herb D. Wilson of Holton. The young man was the son of J. Stitt Wilson a former candidate for governor of California on the Socialist ticket." *The Holton Recorder*, September 12, 1918.

Wing, Lyle Jefferson; rank, corporal; enlisted at Cripple Creek, Colorado on June 4, 1917; served in headquarters 1st Army Corps in France; discharged at Mitchell Field, Long Island, New York on June 5, 1919.⁵ "SGT US ARMY WORLD WAR I & II" Born August 29, 1897; Died November 12, 1976. Buried in Oaklawn Cemetery, Plant City, Florida. www.findagrave.com.

Winkler, Clyde.¹ Service number 3299864, enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private 1st class in the 3rd Company, 1st Battalion, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on December 28, 1918, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 50, folder 2.¹⁰ Discharged on January 2, 1919.¹¹

Winkler, Guy. "Guy Winkler of the Great Lakes Training Station, is home on a furlough." *The Holton Recorder*, October 10, 1918.

Winninger, Emmett.¹

Wolverton, Harlan B.; rank, private, musician; a member of the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France.⁴ Enrolled on July 12, 1917, at St. Louis, Missouri; served as private in the U. S. Marine Corps, A. E. F.; discharged on July 11, 1921, at Washington, D. C. Box 50.¹⁰ "Harlan Wolverton, who returned to Holton a short time ago on a furlough, is the first member of the Holton Marine Band to return to the United States. He was badly gassed in the fight at Belleau Wood on the morning of June 14. While his injuries are of a serious nature, Mr. Wolverton feels that he will recover, but his lungs may not be as strong as before. His heart is also affected. He will return to the hospital the latter part of the month but hopes to receive his discharge in a short time. ... We were moved along the Verdun front, some sections being more lively than others, and has last were sent back of the lines for a ten days rest. At this time the Germans had started their drive for Paris and before our rest was completed we received a hurry up order and were taken by French motor lorries to the Château Thierry front. Then the business did pick up. We were in the hottest kind of fighting for eight days and were then ordered to Belleau Wood, a short distance from there. We arrived there at midnight of June 13th, and the boys were waiting for the chow wagon to come up. I was the first in line and had just finished my meal, when the Germans laid down a box barrage on us, the worst I had ever been in. The boys scattered out and lay flat on the ground, having no protection other than by digging in, both sides being in the open in this fight. The woods were full of different kinds of gas, the trees held it in so that it was thick enough to cut it with a knife. I had early formed the habit of working at times with my gas mask off. The glasses in the mask would coat over and the heat from one of them made it almost impossible to wear. My partner at that time, Mr. Tomlinson, from Corning, and myself, were working like demons, when we took off our masks for a moment and right there is were we got ours. I believe that Tomlinson was gassed worse than I was. He was perspiring profusely at the time and the gas caused his body to blister

so badly that he was practically one big blister. We were both able to get back to the first aid station, where we were put into an ambulance. At first I was deathly sick, and felt like vomiting, then my eyes glued shut and became very irritated, and my lungs pained continually. Rust, Tomlinson and I were together in some of the hospitals, and I say that I found all hospitals to be fine in every respect - the best of medical attention, good beds and plenty to eat." *The Holton Recorder*, January 9, 1919. "KANSAS CPL US MARINE CORPS WORLD WAR I" Harlan N. Wolverton. Born February 21, 1895; Died March 27, 1972. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Woodul, Charles. "Charles Woodul was killed on the firing line in France on October 8th. Charles was the youngest son of R. L. Woodul, a nephew of Mrs. F. E. Myers and a grandson of the late Dr. J. H. Woodul" *The Whiting Journal*, November 22, 1919. "TEXAS SGT 141 INFANTRY 36 DIV" Died October 8, 1918. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. www.findagrave.com.

Woodruff, Ora G.; rank 2nd lieutenant; served in the 40th Infantry, September through November, 1918, Company L, 77th Infantry in December of 1918; discharged on February 19, 1919.⁵ Enlisted on August 28, 1916, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; served as a sergeant in Company L, 40th Infantry; discharged on September 5, 1918, to receive a commission as 2nd lieutenant, at Camp Custer, Michigan; served in Headquarters Company, 77th infantry, discharged on February 19, 1919, at Camp Custer, Michigan. Box 50, folder 2.¹⁰ "KANSAS 2D LT 77 INFANTRY 14 DIVISION WORLD WAR I" Ora Guy Woodruff. Born July 18, 1888; Died July 23, 1958. Buried in Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. findagrave.com.

Woodworth, Ray, rank, sergeant, musician; enlisted on July 12, 1917 in the U. S. Marines at St. Louis, Missouri; served in the U. S. Marine 6th Regiment Band, 2nd Division; served in France where he was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm; discharged on July 11, 1919 at Washington, D. C.⁴ Enrolled on July 12, 1917, at St. Louis, Missouri; served as sergeant in the U. S. Marine Corps, A. E. F.; discharged on July 11, 1921, at Washington, D. C. Box 50, folder 2.¹⁰ "This week Mayor Woodworth received a picture of his son Ray in his full soldier equipment with his nine pound steel helmet. Ray called particular attention to his "dancing pumps" where a good sized hole was visible in the toe. He was out of the trenches when the letter was written and had a reunion with Lieut. Wm. Dye of Holton." *The Holton Recorder*, September 12, 1918. "(From Ray Woodworth, to his uncle, J. E. Woodworth.) I received your letter of May 30 a few days ago, and was sure glad to hear from you. I suppose you have read what the marines are doing. I am still in the land of the living and expect to be a good long time. I am too lucky to get hurt bad, as I have been scratched a little by a shell, had a little too much gas and the trench fever but am still feeling fine, although I was in the hospital about six weeks. Mike Tomlinson and several others were gassed or wounded and are now in the hospital, but none of them are serious and we expect them back with us in a few days. We have been relieved of carrying stretchers now and won't be in so much danger from now on, so we expect to have a fine band once more in a short time. We have had our experiences now and are willing to do band duty one more. I am sure glad to hear that the people are beginning to realize the seriousness of this war. No one can realize what war really is until they have spent a few months on the front lines. Sherman only half expressed it. But after the Germans are licked, we will all be the happier for our sacrifices and hardships. Hoping this finds you all well, and with love to all, Sgt. Ray Woodworth." *The Holton Recorder*, July 25, 1918. Born August 20, 1896; Died in 1961. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Workman, Wm. O.¹ William O. Workman, service number 3299846; inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the 49th Company, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged on August 30, 1918, on account of a disability, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 50.¹⁰

Worth, Lewis.²

Wright, Tom.² Service number 514736, enlisted or inducted on May 29, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the 6th Company, Dev. Battalion, #2; discharged on December 20, 1918, at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky. Box 50.¹⁰ "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Tom Wright." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918.

Wuthnow, Edwin; rank, private; enlisted or inducted into service at Abilene, Kansas on April 18, 1918; served in France; discharged from the 164th Depot Brigade at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.⁵ Service number 1182741. Box 50.¹⁰

Wyatt, Dr. Charles A. "MAJOR MEDICAL CORPS WORLD WAR I & II" Born April 3, 1890. Died February 17, 1953. Buried Topeka Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Wyatt, John P; rank, private; enlisted on June 4, 1917 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Service number 1447735, enlisted on June 4, 1917, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in Headquarters Company, 137th Infantry, A. E. F.; discharged on May 10, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 50.¹⁰ "Somewhere in France, Oct. 8, 1918. Dear Sister: I am writing you a line to let you know I am O. K., as are some of the other boys from around there. We just got back out of the lines a few days ago. I did not know whether I was going to get back altogether or not, for it was pretty lively up there. We gained some ground that the Dutch has had ever since the beginning of the war. They sure had it well fortified, and thought it would be impossible for us to drive them out; but we did, just the same. They told us that our rifle was our best friend at Doniphan. I think a shell hole is my best friend over here." *The Holton Recorder*, November 31, 1918.

- “KANSAS 137 INF 35 DIV” Born in March of 1896; Died July 14, 1924. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Wyatt, Robert S.; rank, private 1st class; enlisted on April 29, 1918 at Holton, Kansas; served in Company D, 353rd Infantry, 89th Division in France; discharged on June 19, 1919 at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.⁵ Robert Smith Wyatt. Box 51.⁷ Service number 2190796. Box 50.¹⁰ “The following boys were called in the 2nd draft from Mayetta: Fred Robson, Robt. Wyatt, Hoke Smith Cadue, Jno. Mitchell, Jno. Wabnum, Roy (Nick) Spangler, Harry Wamego.” *The Holton Recorder*, April 18, 1918. “France, Sept. 20, 1918. Dear Niece Mabel: - Will try to answer your letter of Aug. 12, received tonight. Sure glad to hear from you. Am O. K. and hope you folks are the same. Suppose you children have started school by this time. How is Jesse making it with his burrow, how many times has he been thrown off! How is Pearl and who does Elsie fight with since I left? Ha, ha. Tell her I fight with the Germans. About 120 Germans came over early one morning in a heavy fog and tried to raid our part. There were about 25 of us. We killed a few, captured some prisoners and sent some of them back cripples. We never lost a man killed. Two boys got wounded. A few days later we went over the top in our drive and believe me they didn’t stop us either. We took several thousand prisoners. Well, I guess I had better quit talking war. I don’t need anything. Uncle Sammie clothes us good. The folks say they have never heard from me and Robson’s from Fred. Tell them I haven’t seen Fred since our drive, but he is O. K. The army sure agrees with Fred, He is getting fat and the picture of health. Also tell Tork’s Bud is O. K. Well, there is nothing more to write, so I’ll quit. Write as often as you can. Private Robert S. Wyatt. Co. D 353 Inf. A. E. F.” *The Mayetta Herald*, October 23, 1918. “KANSAS PFC US ARMY WORLD WAR I” Born September 11, 1893; Died July 26, 1972. Buried in Mayetta Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Wykert, Clarence W. Wykert, Clarence W.; rank, fireman 1st class in U. S. Navy; enlisted on April 25, 1917 at Kansas City, Missouri; discharged at St. Louis, Missouri on November 2, 1919.⁵ Box 50.¹⁰ “On Friday Rev. Wykert received a card from his son Clarence, who at the time of writing the card, was at Portsmouth Naval hospital. He stated he was allowed to sit up and hour a day, and the following day he could sit up two hours.” *The Soldier Clipper*, May 29, 1918. “Letters from the Wykert boys in the service state that Harold has been assigned to the ship Pasadena and Clarence is still on the hospital ship. He is well and on duty.” *The Soldier Clipper*, September 18, 1918.
- Wykert, Harold.¹ Harold R. Wykert, enlisted on May 25, 1917, at Seattle, Washington; served as a fireman 1st class in the U. S. Navy; discharged on November 2, 1919, at St. Louis, Missouri. Box 50.¹⁰ “Harold Wykert landed in New York of Feb. 2 completing his 2nd trip to France on a transport. It took them 16 days to return the last trip.” *The Soldier Clipper*, February 13, 1918. “Harold Wykert was one of the crew on the U. S. S. Pres. Lincoln, which was torpedoed and sunk a few days ago on the return trip from France. He was on the seventh trip. His parents received a telegram Tuesday saying he was not among the lost. The crew were probably landed in France. There were 24 lives lost.” *The Soldier Clipper*, June 5, 1918. “The survivors were on the life rafts 18 hours before they were rescued. An hour after the ship went down the U boat appeared again, took pictures of the victims and made a prisoner of one officer.” *The Soldier Clipper*, June 19, 1918. “Letters from the Wykert boys in the service state that Harold has been assigned to the ship Pasadena and Clarence is still on the hospital ship. He is well and on duty.” *The Soldier Clipper*, September 18, 1918. “KANSAS F1 US NAVY WORLD WAR I” Born March 11, 1892; Died May 18, 1956. Buried in Hoyt Cemetery, Hoyt, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Wykert, John R.¹
- Wylli, Herman James. “a veteran of World War I with the Army and World War II as a chief petty officer in the Navy” Born December 3, 1926; Died October 14, 1971. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.
- Wynduske, Philip.²
- Young, Chas. Benj.¹
- Young, Clarence O.; rank, bugler; enlisted on June 28, 1916 in Company B, 2nd Infantry, Kansas National Guard; drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917 for duty in WWI; became a member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division in October of 1917 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.³ Enlisted on June 28, 1916, at Fort Riley, Kansas; served as sergeant on Company B, 137th infantry, A. E. F., gassed; discharged on May 9, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 51, folder 2.¹⁰ “KANSAS SGT CO B 137 INF 35 DIVISION WORLD WAR I” Born May 26, 1895; Died December 11, 1957. Buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California. www.findagrave.com.
- Young, Orville; enlisted for service during WWI; member of Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment, 69th Brigade, 35th Division; served in France and was mustered out of Federal service at Fort Riley, Kansas on May 9, 1919.³ Box 51, folder 2.¹⁰ “Mrs. Miles Young received word from her son, Orvil, a member of B Co., 137th Infantry, that he was in a hospital in France. He had been gassed.” *The Holton Recorder*, December 5, 1918.
- Zabel, Walter.¹ Walter J. Zabel. Performed clerical duties. Box 51.⁷ “Feb. 1, 1918. Mr. W. F. Zabel, Dear father: I am being transferred to New Jersey, Camp Merritt. I have been selected as one of the 863 from Camp Law and we are going tomorrow ... your son, Walter.” *The Holton Recorder*, February 14, 1918.
- Zachariasen, Chrissie. “called to service and expects to leave for Camp Funston in a few days. He is a brother of Peter Zachariasen, who died at Camp Travis, Tex., October 31st.” *The Holton Recorder*, November 14, 1918. Christopher Wenters “Chris” Zachariasen. Born Sep. 27, 1898; Died in 1966. Buried in Massena Cemetery, Massena, Iowa.

www.findagrave.com.

Zachariassen, Pete Winter. "The following is a list of boys from Hoyt and community who have gone to the front ... Pete Zacherison." *The Hoyt Weekly Reporter*, October 24, 1918. "a soldier located at Camp Travis, Tex., died Monday as a result of an attack of influenza. ... Open air funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Stewart cemetery, 4 miles northwest of Meriden. He will be buried with full military honors, with a detail from the Ninth battalion Kansas state guard" *The Holton Signal*, October 31, 1918. "Pete Zachariason, a soldier at Camp Travis, Texas, died October 31, following an attack of influenza. The deceased's father is a well known Jackson county farmer." *The Holton Recorder*, November 7, 1918. Served in Ambulance Company 209, 10th Sanitation Train. Box 51.¹⁰ Born June 25, 1887; Died October 26, 1918. Buried in Stewart Cemetery, Jackson County, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Zibell, John F.² John Fred Zibell, service number 5310247; enlisted on October 15, 1918, at Holton, Kansas; served as a private in the 2nd Company, 164th Depot Brigade; discharged January 21, 1919, at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas. Box 51.¹⁰ Also.¹¹ "KANSAS PVT BASE HOSP WORLD WAR I" Born July 12, 1891; Died February 13, 1952. Buried in Holton Cemetery, Holton, Kansas. www.findagrave.com.

Zieglsch, A. Adrian W. Zeigelasch, service number 982944; enlisted or inducted on June 11, 1918, at Pittsburg, Kansas; served as a corporal in 3rd Battalion, 5th Detachment, D. G. P. 37th Service Company A. E. F.; discharged on July 11, 1919, at Camp Lee, Virginia. Box 51.¹⁰ "The Holton boys in the 8th Battalion, Signal Corps, Louis Roebke, Roy Abel, Paul Hurrel, Herbert Robinson and A. Zieglsch, who were trained at Fort Leavenworth, are now on the water on their way overseas. Merle Frazey has also started overseas." *The Holton Recorder*, August 29, 1918. "Cards were received in Holton Wednesday announcing the safe arrival overseas of Louis Roebke, Jr., Herbert Robinson, A. Zeiglsch, Roy Abel and Paul Hurrel." *The Holton Recorder*, September 12, 1918.

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