



Frank R. Schoppenhorst Papers (R0134)

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Collection Title: Frank R. Schoppenhorst Papers

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Abstract: The Frank R. Schoppenhorst Papers contain a microfilm copy of a memoir of military service during World War I by a native of Marthasville, Warren County, Missouri. Schoppenhorst served in the 354th Infantry Regiment of the 89th Division. He saw action in the St. Mihiel and Muese-Argonne offensives. He was wounded during the fighting in the Argonne Forest.

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Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

Frank R. Schoppenhorst was inducted into the United States Army at Warrenton, Missouri, on September 20, 1917. He was sent to Camp Funston, Kansas, for training, and was assigned to Company I, 354th Infantry, 89th Division. The regiment left Camp Funston for overseas assignment in May 1918, part of a large contingent of American troops that entered France in the summer of that year.

After his arrival in France via Winchester, England, the regiment underwent additional infantry and trench warfare training. It then moved to the front in support of forces engaged in the St. Mihiel offensive. Schoppenhorst and his unit got their first taste of life in the front lines when they were rotated into the lines at Flirey. They were pulled out of the trenches in late September, but instead of a promised three-week rest, they received only a three-day respite before being transferred, with the remainder of the 89th Division, to forces massing for the Meuse-Argonne offensive in October and November 1918. Schoppenhorst's active military career ended in this campaign when he was hit in the knee by fragments from a high-explosive shell. He was removed to the base hospital at Mars-sur-Alliers, and then was evacuated to the United States. He was sent to Camp Dix, New Jersey, then back to Camp Funston, where he was discharged on April 15, 1919.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

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Schoppenhorst completed his memoir of wartime service in 1938. He noted in the introduction that his story told only a small part of the American war effort, and he made no attempt to write a history of his regiment or its campaigns. However, he did leave an interesting account of one infantryman's experiences in the American Expeditionary Forces. His descriptions of basic training, troopships, the French countryside, and his stay in Army hospitals are well detailed. The narrative can be broken roughly into three parts: his induction and training at Camp Funston; the voyage to England and France and his service at the front; and his treatment and recovery after having been wounded in the Argonne Forest.

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