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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

WWI casualty
Rhoades, Roy Earl
1892 KS – 1918 France

Rhoades, (Surname)	Roy E. (Christian name)	251,573 (Army serial number)	* White * Colored	7
Residence: None (Street and house number)	Dalhart (Town or city)	Dallam (County)	TEXAS (State)	
* Enlisted R. A. * N. G. * E. R. C. * Inducted at Dalhart Tex on Oct 8, 1917				
Place of birth: Greathend Kans		Age or date of birth: 25 6/12 yrs		
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: 53 Co 165 Dep Brig to Co M 9 Inf to death				
Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt Oct 8/17; Pvt 1st				
Engagements:				
Served overseas from † to † death , from † to †				
Died Sept 12, 1918 , of wounds received in action.				
Other wounds or injuries received in action: None				
Person notified of death: John H. Rhoades Box 164 (No. and street or rural route)		Dalhart (City, town, or post office)	Father (Degree of relationship) Tex. (State or country)	
Remarks:				
Form No. 724-7, A. G. O. Nov. 22, 1919. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.				

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SOLDIERS OF THE GREAT WAR

TEXAS

REESE, James R., Old Nixon.
REESE, Monty J., Fort Worth.
RHOADES, Roy E., Dalhart.
RHYMES, Troy F., Silsbee.
RICE, William, El Paso.
RICHIE, Allen, Bryan.
RODRIGUEZ, Juan M., Buenna Vista.
ROLLS, Otto G., Nocona.
ROPER, William A., Corpus Christi.
ROSE, Roy W., Snyder.

Private, died of wounds – the Ancestry.com index says he “died of disease” but that is not the header for this section (“died of wounds” is correct) – and all newspaper accounts report he died of wounds -

https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=61470&h=67892&tid=5254369&pid=160671307&queryId=9a3e35ef6aa00cb038d0ef319b9b3652&usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB48458&_phstart=successSource

Name:	Roy E Rhoades
Rank:	Private
Residence Place:	Texas
Military Unit:	9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Division
Military Branch:	U.S. Army
War:	World War I
Death Date:	12 Sep 1918
Cemetery Plot Number:	C
Cemetery Row:	27
Cemetery Section:	Grave: 20
Cemetery:	St. Mihiel American Cemetery
Burial Place:	Thiaucourt, France

Roy E Rhoades

in the U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S., Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil, 1942-1949

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/30214725:9170?tid=5254369&pid=160671307&queryId=9a3e35ef6aa00cb038d0ef319b9b3652&_phsrc=hFB48459&_phstart=successSource

RHOADES ROY EARL		X C 115 438
Pvt Co M 9th Inf		K
Coll Rm 3 Box 2 Soldiers Home, Calif		A 4 212 204
Sa 2 51573	Died 9-12-18	T 496 124
Born 4-1-92		R
Enl	Dis	CL
		I 99 341
U. S. VETERANS BUREAU MAIL AND RECORDS FORM 1000-Rev. Sept. 1929		INDEX CARD

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TEXAS WHITE: INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NO</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Rhoades, Roy E.	251,573	Pvt	Co M 9 Inf	Sept 12/18

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“Great Bend (KS) Tribune” Monday 9 Dec 1918 p 6

AMERICAN LEGION POST.

One is Just Being Formed by Former Soldiers at Dalhart.

Dalhart, Tex., Feb. 16.—The charter for the Roy Rhoades Post No. 139, American Legion, has been received by W. E. Hill, of the J. N. Johnson Land company.—All ex-service men who are eligible for membership have been requested to be present at a meeting to be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms on the evening of March 2nd. Officers will be elected and the organization will be perfected at that meeting.

The Roy Rhoades Post No. 139 is expected to become one of the leading posts in the Texas Department, being the only organization within a radius of many miles in the Dalhart country.

“Hutchinson (KS) News” Monday 16 Feb 1920 p 1

COME PLAY WITH US

The American Legion invites you to spend the Fourth of July in Dalhart. We promise a good time for everybody. The business men of Dalhart are giving away on this day three Ford cars and numerous other prizes. A splendid program has been arranged and we want you to enjoy it. Beginning at 10:30 in the morning and extending far into the night, there will be something doing every minute.

AUTOMOBILE RACES FOOT RACES BASE BALL GAMES
FIRE CO. WATER FIGHTS WRESTLING AND BOXING BOUTS
STREET DANCE AT NIGHT

AWARDING OF THREE FORD CARS TO BE GIVEN AWAY FREE
ABOUT THIRTY SPECIAL PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN AWAY THAT DAY

There'll be fun for everyone in Dalhart July 4th—If you miss it, we'll miss you

American Legion
Dalhart, Texas



Roy Rhoades
Post

"Texhoma (TX) Times" Friday 19 Jun 1925 p 4

DALHART

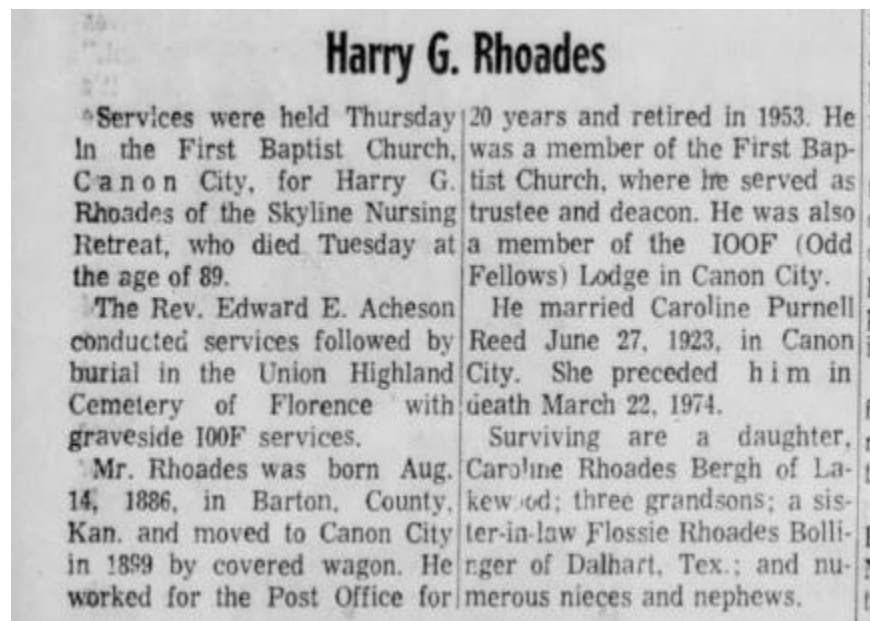
Roy Rhoades Post 139, Dalhart, was organized March 3, 1920. In recognition of organizing activity of W. E. Hill and J. R. Beverly, they were elected commander and adjutant, respectively. The post was named for Roy Rhoades who was reported as missing in action.

The Dalhart Post has been consistently active since organized and has sponsored many civic activities. The most recent was building of a lighted athletic field for night football and soft-ball.

Present officers of the Post are W. L. Cotton, Commander; Geo. Thomas, adjutant; Kellas Barton, first vice-commander; J. B. Kolner, second vice; R. U. Counts, Finance officer; Jess Rocquemore, sergeant-at-arms; Bill DeSelms, chaplain; John A. Taylor, historian; and Travis Rattan, service officer.

Roy was not missing in action, as he was buried in France – “Pampa (TX) Daily News”
Friday 20 May 1938 p 18

Siblings:



Obituary of **brother Harry George Rhoades (1886-1976)** – “Colorado Springs (CO) Gazette-Telegraph” Sunday 28 Mar 1976 p 4

Half-siblings:

Funeral Services Held March 5 For J. H. Dorndorf

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at Mullins-O'Dell chapel for Jesse Henry Dorndorf, Mountain Park, who died here March 3.

Born in Corning, Missouri, on June 14, 1875, Mr. Dorndorf was 75 years of age at the time of his death. Orphaned at the age of five, he made his home as a child with Mr. and Mrs. James Farrell of Effingham, Kansas.

In 1901 he went to Canon City, Colorado, where he became foreman of a large fruit farm, and remained until 1939, when he came to Mountain Park. Here he served as foreman of the F. O. Mackey ranch. On January 3, 1904, in Canon City, he was married to Miss Loretta Rhoads, who survives him. Surviving also is a daughter, Opal Dorndorf. Both are of Mountain Park. Another daughter, Mrs. Violet Lee, and a grandchild preceded him in death.

The deceased was a member of the Methodist church and the IOOF lodge at Canon City. Officiating at the final rites was the Rev. Henry Van Valkenburg. Burial was in Monte Vista cemetery with Mullins-O'Dell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Dall bearers included George Halle, Bus Abbott, Gentry Robertson, J. B. Denton, Wiley Smith and Harry L. Towner.

Obituary of Jesse H. Dorndorf, husband of Roy's half-sister Loretta Angeline Rhoades –
"Alamogordo (NM) Daily News" Thursday 6 Mar 1952 p 1



92nd birthday of half-sister Louiza Amanda Jane Rhoades Pittman – “Colorado Springs (CO) Gazette-Telegraph” Monday 17 Mar 1969 p 9

Name: Roy Earl Rhoades

Name variations: Rhoads

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2, Casuals - private

Serial number: 251,573

Entered service from: Dalhart, Dallam TX

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Roy E. RHOADS

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father J. H. (John H.) Rhoads, Box 164, Dalhart TX

Buried in France where he died.

World War I draft registration (1917): as Roy Earl Rhoades - b. 1 Apr 1892 Great Bend KS; res: Dalhart, Dallam TX. Single. Farmer & stockman. Medium height & build.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Born: 1 Apr 1892

Died: 12 Sep 1918

Enlistment & discharge dates not listed

Address: Coll Rm 3 Box 9 Soldiers Home CA

Rank/unit: private, Co. M, 9th Infantry

Birth & death:

Born: 1 Apr 1892 Great Bend, Barton KS

Died: 12 Sep 1918 France (of wounds received in action)

Find A Grave record: 56341859 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Thiacourt-Regnieville, Departement de Meurthe-et-Moselle, France

Cemetery: Saint Mihiel American Cemetery & Memorial

Tombstone: notes he is from TX

Father: John Henry Rhoades, 15 Feb 1846 IA or Kansas City, Jackson MO – 4 Jun 1933 Fremont Co. CO. Son of James Rhoades & Mary Musgrave. Served in the Civil War from 5 Jan 1864 to 7 Aug 1865 as a private in the 2nd IA Light Artillery. He was a member of the GAR Post of Canon City CO.

His 1st wife was Mary Delora Balden, 1853 MO – 8 Dec 1883 Barton Co. KS. Daughter of Cannada (C.C.) & Louisa Balden. In the 1880 census, John & Mary lived in Barton Co. KS next door to her parents. Mary is buried in Everett Cemetery, Barton Co. KS, F: 93498725. John & Mary had 5 known children. She died less than 2 months after the birth of her last child, Effie May Rhodes.

John then married Effie Henderson..

He is buried with Effie at Greenwood Cemetery, Canon City, Fremont CO.

Find A Grave: 33072089

Mother: Effie Henderson Rhoades, 2 Dec 1856 IA – 24 Nov 1927 Canon City, Fremont CO. Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Canon City, Fremont CO.

Find A Grave: 33072125

Parents' marriage:

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: by his father's 2nd marriage to his mother Effie Henderson – Roy was born after Henry

- Harry George Rhoades, 14 Aug 1886 Great Bend, Barton KS – 25 Mar 1976 Canon City, Fremont CO. Husband of Caroline Purnell Reed (1889-1974, F: 96223442), the daughter of Henry Purnell & Mary Daniels. Buried in Union Highland Cemetery, Florence, Fremont CO. F: 79510698
- Benjamin Ellis Rhoades, 19 Apr 1888 Barton Co. KS – 14 Mar 1956 Sonoma, Sonoma CA. SSN 547-01-1606. Married in 1906 in Greenwood, Custer CO to Lydia Grettie Vaughn (1887-1975, F: 73829428). Buried in Lower Lake Cemetery, Lower Lake, Lake CA. F: 73829448
- Henry James Rhoades, 1 Dec 1889 Barton Co. KS – Apr 1968 Dalhart, Dallam TX. SSN 441-10-8565. Married to Florence (Flossie) Ellis (1898-1993, F: 104144700). Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Dalhart, Dallam TX. F: 129202718
- Jennie G. Rhoades, 1895 KS –
- Wilbur A. Rhoades, 1897 KS –
- Elton Ralph Rhoades, 3 Mar 1898 KS – 23 Feb 1976 Santa Clara, Santa Clara CA. Husband of Wilhelmina Marguerite (Mina) Clary (1901-1964, F: 112040715). Buried in Los Gatos Memorial park, San Jose, Santa Clara CA. F: 112040589

Half-siblings: by his father's 1st marriage, to Mary Delora Balden

- William Franklin Rhoades, 26 Jan 1874 Smith township, Thomas Co. KS – 1949 KS. Married in 1906 to Birdie May Archer (1879-1949, F: 15941460). Buried in Sperry Rest Haven Cemetery, Osage Co. OK. F: 15941464
- Loretta Angeline Rhoades Dorndorf, 8 Feb 1875 or 1876 KS – 1 Nov 1967 Canon City, Fremont CO [Social Security Death Index = Oct 1967]. SSN 523-70-6947. Married 31 Jan 1908 in Canon City, Fremont CO to Jesse H. Dorndorf (1875 MO – 1952 NM, buried in Monte Vista Cemetery, Alamogordo, Otero NM but not on Find A Grave as of 26 Aug 2022). In the 1950 census for High Rolls, Otero NM, Jesse (74 & Loretta A. (75) Dorndorf have their daughter Opal L. (34) living with them. Loretta is buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Canon City, Fremont CO. F: 113952694
- Louiza Amanda Jane Rhoades Pittman, Mar 1877 KS – 12 Sep 1971. Married 23 Nov 1904 in Canon City, Fremont CO to Edward Richard Pittman (1879-1975, F: 111691312). Her CO death record lists her as Eliza Pittman. Buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Canon City, Fremont CO. F: 111691363
- Arthur Albert Rhoades, 30 Jun 1880 Clarence, Barton KS – 5 May 1948 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. Married 20 Apr 1910 in Los Angeles Co. CA to Grace Louella Rouse (1888-1989, F: 198270035). Buried in Forest Lawn Memorial park, Long Beach, Los Angeles CA. F: 198270036
- Effie May Rhoades, 9 Apr 1883 – 16 Oct 1883 Barton Co. KS. Effie lived 6 months & 7 days. Her mother died in Dec 1883. Buried in Everett Cemetery, Barton Co. KS. F: 16720101

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

“Cincinnati (OH) Enquirer” Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 2 – among the survivors from Tuscania:
Roy E. Rhoades, Dalhart TX.

“Washington (DC) Herald” Wednesday 18 Dec 1918 p 7 – on the casualty list – died of
wounds: Pvt. Roy E. Rhoades, Dalhart TX

Post-war:

Namesake of Roy Rhoades American Legion Post No. 139 which does not appear to be in
operation as of Aug 2022, but which has numerous newspaper articles in the
Newspapers.com database into the 1950s.

Obituary:

Censuses:

1880 Clarence, Barton KS

J.H. Rhoades, 35 IA, parents b. MO, farm

M.D., 26 MO, father b. IN, mother b. VA, keeping house

W.F., 6 KS [son - if this is William Franklin, he is younger than his sister, Loretta & Louiza]

L.A., 5 KS [daughter]

L.A.J., 3 KS [daughter]

1895 KS state census – Clarence, Barton KS

J.H. Rhoades, 50 IA [John Henry]

Effie, 38 IA

W.F., 21 KS [William Franklin]

L.A. 20 KS [Loretta Angeline]

L.A., 18 KS [Louiza Amanda Jane]

A.A., 18 KS [Arthur Albert]

G.H., 8 KS [Harry George]

B.E., 6 KS [Benjamin Ellis]

J.H., 5 KS [Henry James]

L.E., 3 KS [by default, Roy Earl]

1900 Fruitmere, Fremont CO

John H. RHOADS, 55 IA, Feb 1845, married 15 years, parents b. MO, farmer

Effie, 42 IA, Dec 1857, parents b. PA, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living [they are Harry,
Benjamin, Henry, Roy & Elton in this census]

William F., 26 KS, father b. IA, mother b. MO, farm (laborer)

Loretta A., 24 KS, Feb 1876, father b. IA, mother b. MO

Louisa J., 23 KS, Mar 1877, father b. IA, mother b. MO

Arthur A., 19 KS, Jan 1880, father b. IA, mother b. MO, farmer (labor)

Harry G., 13 KS, Aug 1886, parents b. IA, farmer (labor)
Benjamin E., 12 KS, Apr 1888, parents b. IA, farmer (labor)
Henry J., 10 KS, Dec 1889, parents b. IA, farmer (labor)
Roy L., 8 KS, Apr 1892, parents b. IA
Elton R., 1 (2 crossed through) KS, Mar 1899, parents b. IA [misread & misindexed as Ellen]

1910 Justice Precinct 2, Dallam Co. TX

John RHOADS, 65 IA, parents b. MO, married 24 years, farmer, general farm
Effie, 53 IA, parents b. PA, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living
Henry, 20 KS
Roy, 18 KS
Elton, 12 KS