

# **Philip E. Scholz collection**

**AFC 2001/001/864**

**Guides to the Collections in the Veterans History Project**



**Veterans History Project, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress  
Washington, D.C.**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Philip E. Scholz collection: Veterans History Project (U.S.)

**Inclusive Dates:** 1918-1920

**Call No.:** AFC 2001/001/864

**Creator:** Scholz, Philip E., 1895-1962.

**Extent (Manuscripts):** manuscripts: 55 items.

**Extent (Photographs):** graphic images black and white ; various sizes.

**Extent (Correspondence):** 45 letters (81 pages).

**Language:** In English.

**Location:** Veterans History Project, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/2017655242>

**Summary:** The Philip Scholz collection documents Scholz's World War I service. Born in Wisconsin, Scholz was a private in the United States Army and served at Camp Grant, Illinois; Camp Upton, New York; England; and France. Dating 1918-1920, materials include correspondence, a memoir, military papers, printed matter, and photographs.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Kapp, Harriet

Scholz, Philip E., 1895-1962--Correspondence.

Scholz, Philip E., 1895-1962.

### Organizations

American Folklife Center

United States. Army.

Veterans History Project (U.S.)

### Subjects

World War, 1914-1918--Personal narratives, American.

World War, 1914-1918--Veterans--Wisconsin.

### Form/Genre

Correspondence.

Manuscripts.

Photographs.

## Arrangement

Arranged into two series: Manuscripts and Photographs. Materials are arranged alphabetically by type of record. Letters are further arranged by recipient.

## Acquisition

Accessioned, 2002.

## Copyright Status

Duplication of collection materials may be restricted.

## Access and Restrictions

Collection is open for research; access restrictions apply. To request collection materials, please contact the Veterans History Project at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.afc/vhp.contact>

## Preferred Citation

Philip E. Scholz Collection (AFC/2001/001/864), Veterans History Project, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress.

## Biographical Note

Philip E. Scholz was born on September 3, 1895, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was drafted into the United States Army and reported for duty on May 23, 1918. He was assigned to Camp Grant, near Rockport, Illinois, for training camp, where he remained for three months. On August 21, 1918, Scholz, a private in C Company, 332nd Machine Gun Battalion, 86th Division, arrived at Camp Upton in Yaphank, New York for embarkation. He arrived in England on September 24, 1918. Soon after, Scholz left for France, where he would remain for the rest of his service in Europe. A little over a month after arriving in France, Scholz was injured by a piece of a shell that exploded over his group. He recuperated at Base Hospital 49 in Allerey, France, and by December had made a full recovery and was assigned light duty. Entering 1919, Scholz was still in France conducting guard duties. By March 18, 1919, Scholz was in Newport News, Virginia, awaiting his discharge.

Following his World War I service, Scholz returned to Wisconsin. He stayed with his brother for a period of time before buying land near his parents in Fredonia, Wisconsin, to become a farmer. He married and had two children. Philip E. Scholz died on October 19, 1962.

## Scope and Content

The Philip E. Scholz collection documents Scholz's World War I service in the United States Army. Materials include correspondence, a memoir, military papers, printed matter, and photographs dating 1918-1920.

Comprising a substantial portion of the collection, correspondence consists of letters sent primarily by Scholz to his brother, sister, and parents. Two letters from fellow veterans sent after Scholz's discharge, postcards from the War Department, and other personal correspondence are also included. Topics in the letters mostly center on daily camp and military life, injury updates, and Scholz's observations regarding the U.S. Army, World War I, and Europe. The memoir is written by Scholz's niece, Victoria Ott. It tells the story of Ott and her parents preparing to visit Scholz at Camp Grant and baking a cake for her uncle. At the end, she recounts what happened to Scholz and another uncle, Alvin Ploeger, after they returned from service. Printed matter includes numerous postcards documenting military scenes at Camp Grant and in Europe. Other items include a card titled, "Wilson Will Win," which includes an image of the then-Governor of New Jersey and a biography of Woodrow Wilson, an image of Camp Grant, an invitation to a dance at the Opera House in Port Washington, Wisconsin, and a religious message printed on a small card. Photographs consist of Scholz in uniform by himself or with fellow soldiers. Two other images include a group photo of the 7th Contingent and Local Board of Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, on May 23, 1918, a few days before Scholz departed for Camp Grant, and an image of the USS *Louisiana*.

## Description of Series

Container

Series

Series I: Manuscripts

Series II: Photographs

# Container List

Container	Contents
<b>Series I: Manuscripts</b>	
<b>BOX-FOLDER MSS68/1</b>	Correspondence, 1918-1919 1 folder MS01: Miscellaneous. Postcards from the War Department, personal correspondence, 1918-1919 (5 items).
<b>BOX-FOLDER MSS68/2</b>	Correspondence, 1918-1919 1 folder MS02: Outgoing to Brothers, 1918 (8 items). Topics covered include camp life, overseas deployment, and general updates.
<b>BOX-FOLDER MSS68/3</b>	Correspondence, 1918 1 folder MS03: Outgoing to Sisters, 1918 (3 items). Topics covered include daily camp and military life, overseas deployment, and a story about the trip to Camp Upton.
<b>BOX-FOLDER MSS68/4</b>	Correspondence, 1918-1919 1 folder MS04: Outgoing to Parents, 1918-1919 (27 items). Topics covered include daily camp and military life, injury updates, and Scholz's observations regarding the U.S. Army, World War I, and Europe.
<b>BOX-FOLDER MSS68/5</b>	Correspondence, 1920 1 folder MS05: Received, 1920 (2 items). Letters from Carl Schicke, a member of the 332nd Gun Machine Battalion (1920), and Ludwig, a "hospital bunkie" of Scholz's (undated).
<b>BOX-FOLDER MSS68/6</b>	Memoir, 1918 1 folder MS06: "A Flag for Uncle Phil" by Victoria Otto (undated). Memoir recounts the story of Ott and her parents preparing to visit Scholz at Camp Grant and baking a cake for her uncle. At the end, she recounts what happened to Scholz and another uncle, Alvin Ploeger, after they returned from service.
<b>BOX-FOLDER MSS68/7</b>	Military papers, undated 1 folder MS07: Includes billet number cards, induction papers, physical examination cards, and a supply checklist.
<b>BOX-FOLDER MSS68/8</b>	Printed matter, undated 1 folder MS08: Miscellaneous printed matter. Items include a card titled, "Wilson Will Win," which includes an image of the then-Governor of New Jersey and a short biography of Woodrow Wilson, an image of Camp Grant, an invitation to a dance at the Opera House in Port Washington, Wisconsin, and a religious message printed on a small card.
<b>BOX-FOLDER MSS68/10</b>	Printed matter, undated 1 folder

## Series I: Manuscripts

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MS09: 22 postcards depicting various Army activities at Camp Grant and France; combat and camp life (undated).

## Series II: Photographs

1 folder

### BOX-FOLDER MSS68/9

Original prints, 1918

1 folder

PH01-PH05: Images include veteran in front of the U.S. flag by himself, group shots with other soldiers (undated), a photo of the 7th Contingent & Local Board of Ozaukee County Wisconsin (5/23/1918), and the USS *Louisiana* (undated).