

# LESTER SCOTT

U. S. Army Wagoner, Supply Company 314th Field Artillery

Died of Wounds October 29, 1918 in France

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.



From Soldiers of the Great War – West Virginia

In his WWI Draft Registration, Lester Scott stated he was born on September 5, 1896 in Graysville, Pennsylvania. He was a farmer for L. E. Fisher at RD #5, Elm Grove, and his address was the same.

REGISTRATION CARD		47-1-21-A REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
1 Name in full <i>Lester Scott</i>	Age in years <i>21</i>	1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <i>Medium</i>	2 Color of eyes? <i>Blue</i>
2 Home address <i>P.O. 5 Elm Grove W. Va</i>	3 Date of birth <i>September 5 1896</i>	3 Color of hair? <i>Brown</i>	3 Hair? <i>No</i>
4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <i>Natural Born Citizen</i>	5 Where were you born? <i>Graysville Penna. U.S.</i>	I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:	
6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? <i>Citizen</i>	7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Farmer</i>	<i>Joseph Maguire</i> Registrar	
8 By whom employed? <i>L. E. Fisher</i>	9 Where employed? <i>P.O. 5 Elm Grove W. Va</i>		
9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <i>No</i>	10 Married or single (which)? <i>Single</i>	Precinct <i>17</i>	City or County <i>Ohio</i>
11 What military service have you had? Rank <i>None</i>	11 Race (specify which)? <i>Caucasian</i>	State <i>West Virginia</i>	Date of registration <i>June 5-1917</i>
12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <i>No</i>	11 Branch <i>None</i>		
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.			
15 <i>Lester Scott</i> (Signature of Registrant)			

Lester's parents were Christopher Scott and Sarah Jane "Jennie" Ewart. At the time of the 1900 census, the mother was deceased (died in 1899) and the family lived in Richhill, Greene County, Pennsylvania. The children were Haddie M., 14, Bearl, 18, Brantly, 10, Minnie P., 8, and Leslie, 4.

In 1910, Christopher Scott was residing at Sand Hill, Marshall County, at which time Lester was "Lesley," age 14. Other children at home were May, 24, Brantley, 18, and Nora, 6.

Lester Scott enlisted on September 22, 1917.

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Word reached Dallas Wednesday that  
Lester Scott, who has been fighting in  
France for some time, was reported killed  
in action. His many friends hope  
that it is a false report.

From the "Dallas" section of the *Daily Intelligencer*, December 7, 1918: "Miss Minnie Scott Riggle received a telegram from the war department Monday stating that her brother Lester Scott was severely wounded." *The West Virginian*, Fairmont, W.Va., December 10, 1918: "Wounded Severely - Lester Scott, Dallas."

Lester Scott is buried at Mt. View Cemetery, near Dallas, Marshall County.

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Born 9/5/95					Cl
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU MAIL AND RECORDS Form 7202--Rev. Sept., 1926					
INDEX CARD					
GPO 2-12820					

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## LESTER SCOTT'S BODY LOOKED FOR TODAY

**MEMBER OF FAMOUS 314TH FIELD  
ARTILLERY WHO WAS KILLED  
IN MEUSE-ARGONNE OF-  
FENSIVE.**

**Funeral Arrangements Incomplete Pending  
Arrival—Former Comrades to  
Act as Pallbearers.**

The body of Lester Scott, member of the famous 314th Field Artillery, better known as "Wheeling's Own Regiment," is expected to arrive in the city this morning at 10:25 o'clock, and will be taken at once to Crider Bros.' undertaking parlors at Elm Grove. Funeral arrangements are incomplete pending arrival, but services will likely be held Sunday afternoon at Dallas Presbyterian church, with Rev. Fred William officiating, and interment in Dallas cemetery.

Scott, on account of his knowledge of horses, was selected as a wagoner, and after eight months in Camp Lee he was sent overseas and on the firing line displayed great courage, going into the most dangerous areas driving a team carrying rations to the fighting lads. "Scotty," as he was known to all his comrades, was one of the most popular lads in his unit, and was known as one of the most conscientious boys in the supply company. Death resulted from a sharpnel wound in the chest at the time of the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

Young Scott had a premonition of death, and as he stepped to the gang-plank of the steamer taking the boys across the ocean he said: "This is the last time my foot ever sets on United States soil." This remark was the basis of many discussions both before and after Scott's death.

Surviving the dead soldier are his father, Christopher Scott, and two sisters, Mrs. James Riggle of Dallas and Mrs. Sam Simms of Roney's Point, and one brother, Burley Scott of Roney's Point.

The local American Legion will hold their ritual over the body and will have general charge of the services, providing pallbearers and a firing squad.

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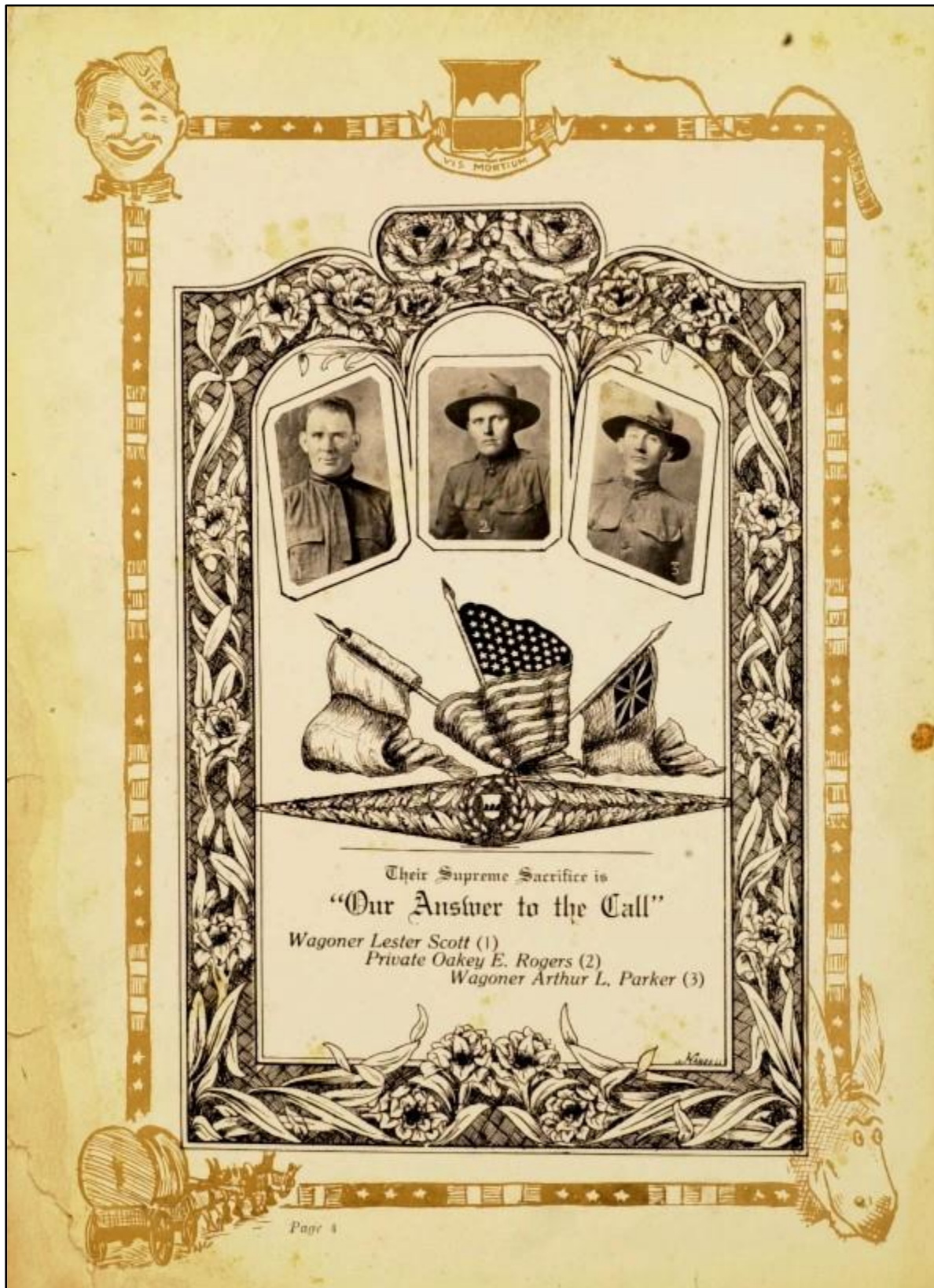
### Funeral Rites for Lester Scott.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Dallas Presbyterian church, over the body of Lester Scott, wagoner of the 314th field artillery, who met death by a German shell in the Meuse sector. Rev. Fred Scott officiated, and interment took place in the Dallas cemetery. The services were in charge of the American Legion and were conducted according to the Legion ritual.

The deceased was the son of Christopher Scott of Elm Grove.



From the 314<sup>th</sup> Supply Company booklet, presented by Linda Cunningham Fluharty:  
[Our Answer to the Call - Supply Company 314th](#)



Their Supreme Sacrifice is  
"Our Answer to the Call"  
Wagoner Lester Scott (1)  
Private Oakey E. Rogers (2)  
Wagoner Arthur L. Parker (3)