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Around 1919, the Kansas State Historical Society and the American Legion solicited biographical information from returning veterans (primarily members of the 35th and 89th infantry divisions) and the families of those who died in service, notably from the Gold Star Mothers. Each veteran or family member was asked to provide letters, photographs, a biography, and military records. This file contains information on Chester Milton Cellar, Company A, 108th Infantry, 27th Division.

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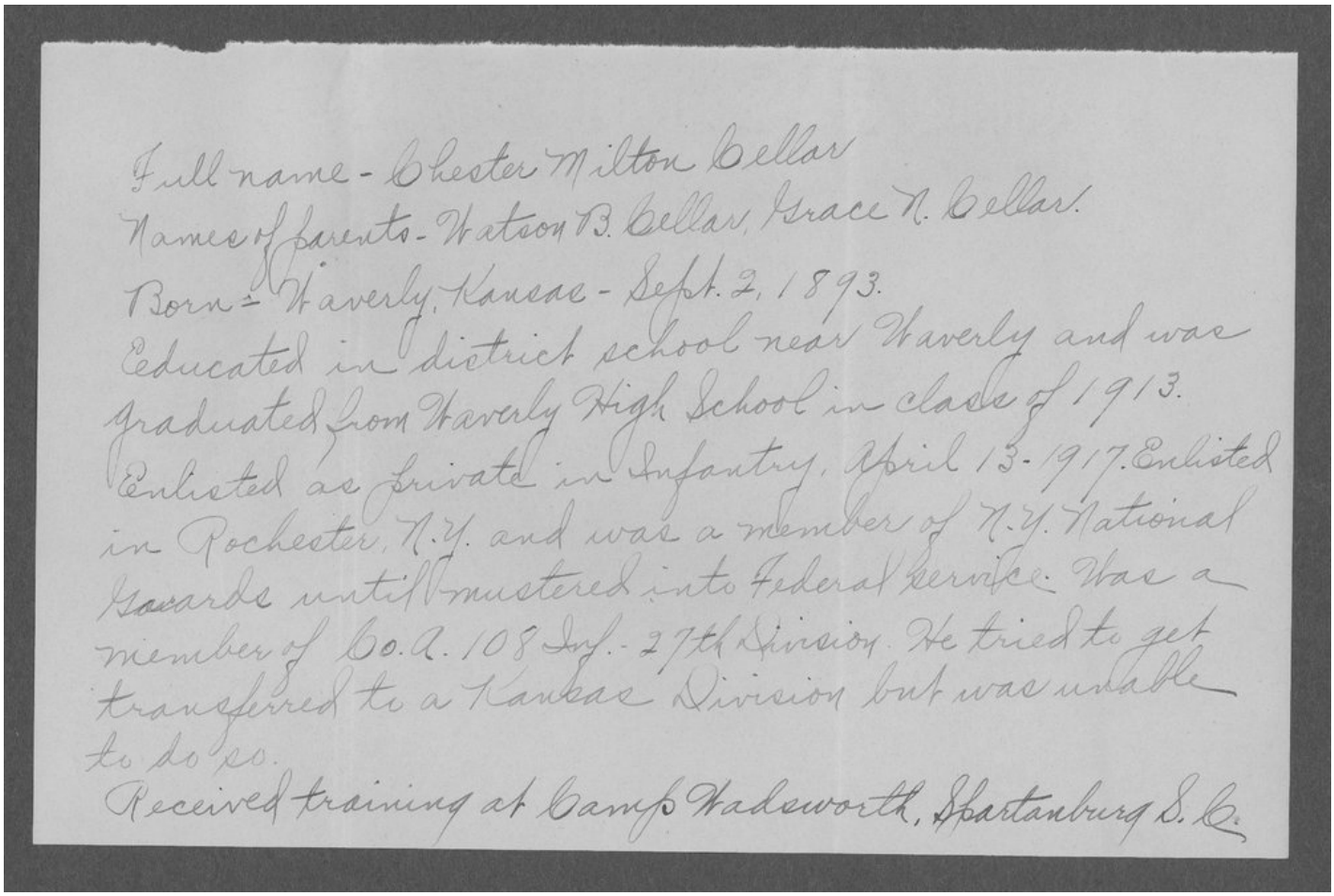
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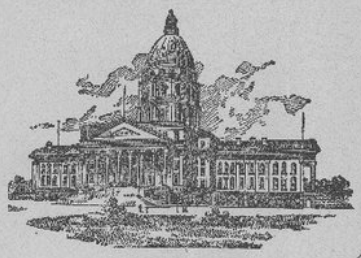
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Full name - Chester Milton Cellar
Names of parents - Watson B. Cellar, Grace N. Cellar.
Born - Waverly, Kansas - Sept. 2, 1893.
Educated in district school near Waverly and was graduated from Waverly High School in class of 1913.
Enlisted as private in Infantry, April 13-1917. Enlisted in Rochester, N.Y. and was a member of N.Y. National Guards until mustered into Federal service. Was a member of Co. A. 108 Inf. - 27th Division. He tried to get transferred to a Kansas Division but was unable to do so.
Received training at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg S. C.

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May 10, 1918 he sailed from Newport News, Va. on the ship "Kursk". Not long after arriving in France the 27th Division, of which he was a member, and the 30th Division were turned over to the British and from that time until the Armistice was signed he served with the British in Northern France and in Belgium.

Went through Hindenburg line on Sept. 29, 1918 and for bravery in the operation of a machine gun that day he has received four medals, Distinguished Service Cross of U.S., British Military Medal, Croix de Guerre of France, and the Distinguished Conduct Medal of England.

Received a Divisional citation signed by Major-General John F. O'Ryan, commending him for gallant conduct on Oct. 14, 1918, in voluntarily serving in a small raiding party which crossed the La Selle River and in the face of heavy fire, captured 23 prisoners, at St. Souplet, France.

Prior to Sept. 29th he had been made Corporal and for his service on that day and during the month of October he was promoted to the office of

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Sergeant the first of November.

He received no wounds during his service but was in the hospital once for two weeks on account of illness caused by gas.

He sailed from Brest, France, Feb. 28, 1919, on the S. S. Mauretania and landed in New York, March 6, 1919.

Mustered out of service on March 31, 1919 at Camp Upton, N. Y., after having served one year, eleven and one half months.

Since childhood he has been a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Waverly, Kansas.

Unmarried.

Was a member of the Grange for a while before going into the service and joined the Mason Lodge a few months after leaving the service.

A few of the boys whose names appear on the list have moved away and I do not know their address, and others failed to answer my letter asking them for the information and pictures. Some sent information but had no pictures which they cared to give away.

Hoping this will not be too late to be of value, I am,

Very sincerely yours

(Miss) Sybil B. Cellar.