

## **Paul Clifford Beach, World War I soldier**

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 Paul Clifford Beach, 18th Infantry, Medical Detachment, 1st Division. Paul died from pneumonia on September 14, 1918 while stationed in France.

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To the Order of the Gold Star  
Sketch of my Soldier son.  
Paul. C. Beach. Pvt. 1st Div- 18<sup>inf</sup> Med. <sup>dep.</sup>  
Parents names, Walter J. Beach.  
Bro. Claud Beach, Emma J. Beach.  
Born at Summerfield Kansas <sup>Marshall Co</sup>  
Nov. 21. 1894. When 10 yrs of age  
he moved with his parents and  
younger brother to the western  
part of Kansas living in Logan  
Co- several years and in 1913-  
they all moved to Minneapolis  
Kansas. When his country  
entered the great war he enlisted  
in the Natl. Guard at that place  
Apr 24- 1917. he was mustered in  
on Aug 5- 1917. and was in army  
Camp there untill Sep. 29<sup>th</sup> when  
they entrained for Fort Sill Okla  
and was soon transferred to the  
Med. Dept. at The Base Hospital at  
Fort Sill. he was home to visit his  
parents in Apr. 1918. and in July  
crossed to France with his detach-  
ment. While on duty near the  
front trenches, caring for the sick



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and wounded <sup>(2)</sup> he himself was taken sick, and was immediately transferred to Base Hospital 68. where every care and attention was given him, But within 2 days. He died, in Base Hosp. 68 of Lobar Pneumonia Sept. 14 - 1918. at the age of 23. yr. 9 mo. and 23 days. He was laid to rest in American Cemetery Mars. Sur. Sept 15. With full Military Honors.

After the war close, at the request of his parents, his body was removed by our government and sent to Minneapolis Kansas under Military escort.

Funeral services were conducted Sun. afternoon at the M. E. Church under the auspices of the American Legion Post. Rev. J. W. Snapp conducting the services The G. A. R. W. R. C. Women's Aux. and the American Legion attended the services in a body. and he was now more layed to rest with full military honors. in charge of the G. A. R.

Sunday Jan. 9th 1921.

Highland Cemetery Minneapolis  
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Mrs. Emma Beach  
Ellis Kans -



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- (a) Full name *Paul Clifford Beach.*
- (b) Where educated *Common Schools of Kansas.*
- (c) Extent of schooling *8th grade common school.*
- (d) Names of parents *Emma J. & Walter J. Beach.*
- (e) When and where soldier was born *November 21st. 1894. Sumnerfield Kansas.*
- (f) Trade or profession followed by soldier *Painting paper hanging also farming.*
- (g) When enlisted or drafted *Enlisted Apr 23. 1917. K. N. G.*
- (h) Where trained *Camp Doniphan Ft. Sill. Okla.*
- (i) Give history of service *At Doniphan he transferred to the Base Hospt. Med. Dept. here he acted as nurse in the Diphtheria and scarlet fever.*
- (j) Church and lodge affiliations *Always professed and attended M. E. Church. a member of A. O. U. W.*
- (k) If married when and to whom *no*
- (l) Names of children, if any *none*
- (m) Cause of death *Lobar Pneumonia. Died Sep 14. 1918. Base Hosp. 68.*
- (n) Additional general information *is buried at Amer. Cemetery Mars. Meuse France.*
- Signed by *Emma J. Beach.*
- (o) PLEASE ENCLOSE PHOTOGRAPH.