

Marion Milton Beal, World War 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 Marion Milton Beal, U.S. Marine. Marion died from pneumonia on October 5, 1918 at Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

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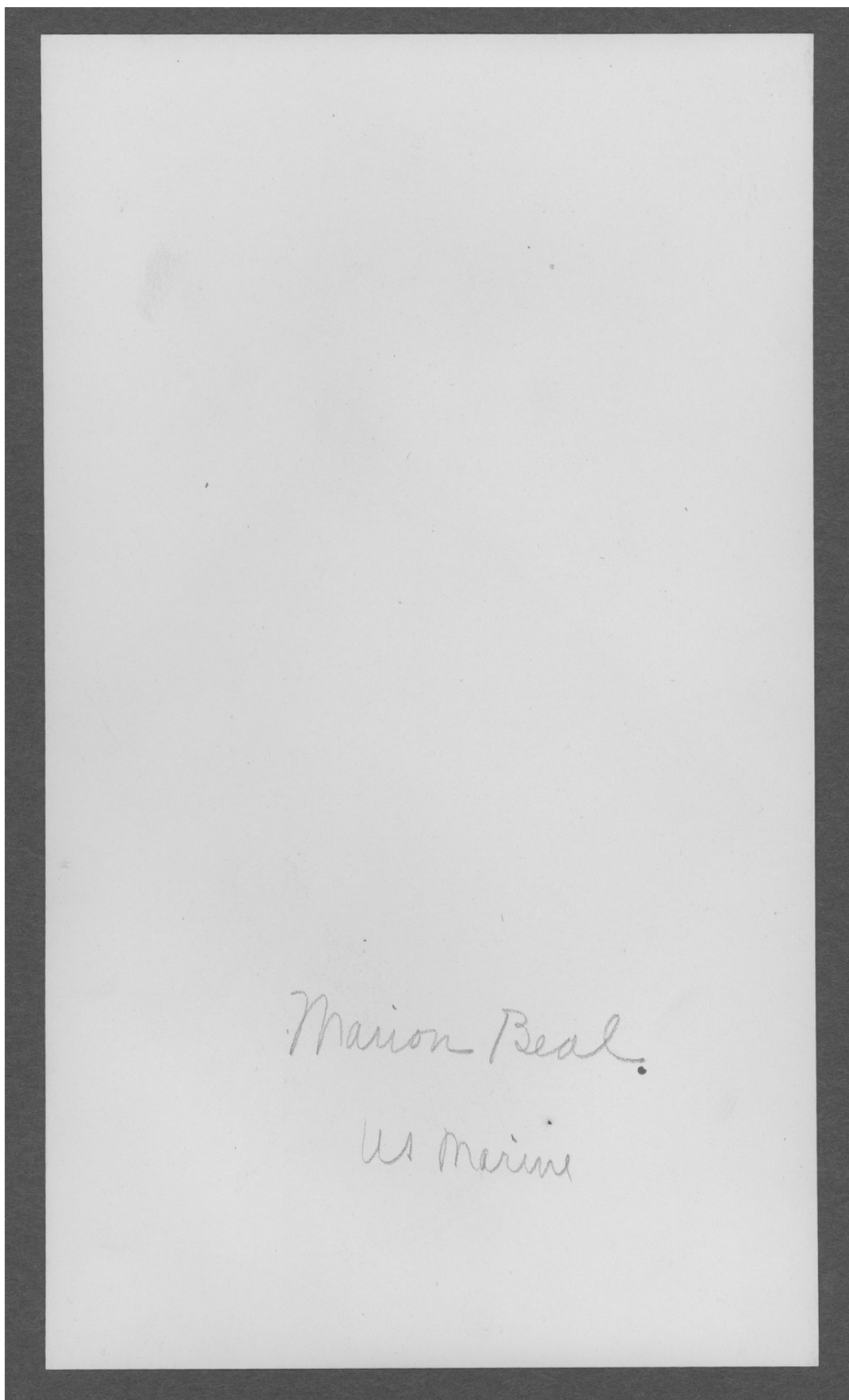
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MARION MILTON BEAL

U S. MARINE

BORN JUNE 12, 1889

DIED OCTOBER 5, 1918

AT 4:55 A. M.

AT PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FUNERAL SERVICES AT HIS HOME

MOLINE, KANSAS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1918 AT 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

CONDUCTED BY REV. J. K. MILLER

INTERMENT IN AMES CHAPEL CEMETERY

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Death of Marion Beal

This community was greatly touched Saturday when word came that Marion Beal had passed away at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where he was stationed as a member of the U. S. Marine Corps. For a few days it had been known that Marion was a victim of pneumonia but was hoped that he would recover.

He had been home on a two weeks leave of absence and had returned three weeks ago. At that time Marion was looking well and had his usual cherry word for everyone that made him a favorite with all classes of people. It is sad to think that one so vigorous and active, so cheerful and kindly, should be taken so quickly. The greatest of sympathy is felt for the family in which is centered a sorrow so keen.

Word was received Tuesday that the body was being shipped home that day and funeral arrangements are awaiting its arrival.

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Obituary of Marion M. Beal

Marion Milton Beal was born near Eldorado, Kansas, June 12, 1889, he died Saturday morning, October 5, at 4:55 a. m., at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. His age was twenty-nine years, three months and twenty three days. When a child he moved with his parents to Macon, Missouri. At about the age of eighteen the family moved back to Kansas and settled in Howard this county. Two years later coming to Moline, which has been the home until he went into the service of his country.

In the various relations in life he was true and faithful to a very marked degree. His ability in business was more than ordinary. For the last four years he together with his sister, Grace were the chief support of their father in all his business. His integrity as well as his ability and industry was without question. He had a large circle of business friends. In his social life and in the circle of young people in which he moved he was a general favorite. He was never forewore yet to approach, cheerful and genial.

As a boy he united with the Presbyterian church at Macon, Missouri, about the year 1901. He was a member of the Masonic lodge, being a member at this place since 1911.

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When Uncle Sam called he heard the call and obeyed. The 19th of April, last he enlisted at Kansas City with the U. S. Marines, reporting there April 30th for service. He did this as he did everything else after due consideration and in a whole hearted manner. He went at once to Paris Island, South Carolina, where he finished his land training as a marine, and was ranked "Sharpshooter." The 23rd of June he was ordered to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where he performed guard duty, a few weeks later being given special duty at this same Post.

He was granted a furlough and came home September 2nd returning to duty September 15th. These thirteen days at home shall long be remembered and cherished as very precious in the memory of his many friends and relatives.

He was taken with the Spanish gripe on September 26th; October 2nd pneumonia developed and the morning of October 5th he paid the last full measure of devotion to his country that it is possible for a true soldier to make. He laid himself upon his country's altar and she was pleased to accept the offering.

He leaves to mourn his early departure his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Beal of Moline; four sisters, Mrs. Henry Vansickle, Cambridge, Kansas; Mrs. Lawrence Long, Ponca City, Oklahoma; Mrs. Roland Green and Miss Grace Beal, Moline, Kansas; two grandmothers, Mrs. Sarah A. Beal, Macon, Missouri, and Mrs. Mary E. Osborn, Moline, Kansas. Besides these are many more distant relatives and a host of friends who prized his friendship and who know his true worth.

Funeral services were at his home in Moline, Kansas, Friday, October 11th at 3 o'clock p. m., conducted by Rev J. K. Miller. Interment in Ames Chapel cemetery.

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Moline, Kansas, Nov 14 1918

William E. Connelley
Topeka Kan.

Dear Sir: It is with deep sorrow that I tell
you that my son Marion M. Beal, died Oct 5-18
at Portsmouth N.H. while doing duty with The U.S. Marines
at that post. As per your request I will send
you his photograph clipping and other things
requested in yours of Aug 4-1918.
We particularly appreciate your words.

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of sympathy and to know that the State of
Kansas appropriates what her boys have done
and is keeping this record of them.
Very respectfully.
I. W. Beal.

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Mr William E. Connelley.
Topsick, Kansas

Dear Sir: Enclosed find
copies of sketches of letters
the first May 26 written while
training at Paris Island S.F.
the next July 29 - while doing
guard duty at Portsmouth
in a short time after this
he was assigned to special
duty called Post Farmer.

He liked his work very much
and like all other soldiers
thought his branch of service
the very best.

The last copy is taken
from a postal card
sent me upon his arrival
at Portsmouth after he had

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from home on furlough.
I am sending the photo
we had to have this made from
a kodak picture, as he had
not had one made in uniform
but that it would be better
for you that one without
his uniform. As he was so
proud of his uniform
and hat, for he thought people
knew who he was when
they saw the emblem on his
hat.

Very Sincerely
M. M. Beal.

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Soppy.

Parris Island
May 26 - 1918.

Dear folks at home!

Sunday morning and as I promised you a long letter, well start and see what luck I have. I got my last shot in the arm yesterday, felt pretty bad last night but am feeling all O.K. this morning. We are getting along very well with our training.

We have three different kinds of work. Drilling, police duty and guard duty. You probably know what the drilling would be like, but I like it the best of any. Police duty you would get fooled on as it is just manual labor, hauling sand, cleaning up the grounds, unloading, lumber and such so that.

Guard duty you are on guard two hours at a time and off four, you don't take off your clothes while on guard duty.

yesterday I got a job as carpenter work. Had to put screen wire around the Captains tent. It was a easy job the Captain said takes your time if you get tired rest awhile. Captain of our battalion name is Capt. Rhoads sure a fine fellow. He's very large but ^{he is} a tall man.

All for this morning.

Love Marion-M. Beal.

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Sojour, Portsmouth N.H. July 29-1918.
 Dear folks at home:
 Well we are having some warm weather
 now the last few days. The nights are
 still real cool. I need someone with me
 when walk post though to keep the mosquitos
 off as they are a fright some nights.
 We have mosquito bars that we put over
 our cots to keep them off when we sleep.
 Everything is fine here and the
 war situation is looking better every day.
 Went to Church yesterday and Chaplain
 Van Dyke gave a splendid address. He has
 just returned from France. Said the
 Germans are terrible liars.
 Want to go to the beach for a few days
 will go to-morrow if nothing happens.
 Met a girl from St. Louis, she has a brother
 in France with Aero Squadron and he says
 that the Marines have done hard fighting over
 there. So you see I am with the boys
 that do the fighting and the reason they
 do is because they know how. Of course I
 am not learning much up here, but unless you
 are pretty good soldier they don't keep you here
 long. As it is quite particular and if you make
 a bad move they transfer you. I myself
 would rather be at Quantico training
 to go across, but this is where they want
 me and I am going to be satisfied till
 they send me some place else. And do.
 Everything here that they want me to.

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Copy. Written on Red Cross Post Card.

Poolemouth N.H.

Sept 17-1918.

Arrived to night.

Everything fine. Was glad
to get here as was getting
tired of riding on the train.
Stopped in Boston awhile.

Think that a good town.
Wouldn't mind if lived
there. Do you know that it
sure looked good to me to get
back in the New England States.
Didn't know that did like
it so well up here. Will write
when I get more time.
Am going in to camp
soon. As ever Love
Marion

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Mr. I. W. Beal,
Moline, Kansas.

December 16, 1918

Dear sir-

I thank you for your favor of the 14th inst., concerning your son Marion M. Beal who died at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, a soldier who gave his life in defense of his country. The photograph and clipping have not yet come in but they will probably be in today's mail later.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary