

#### 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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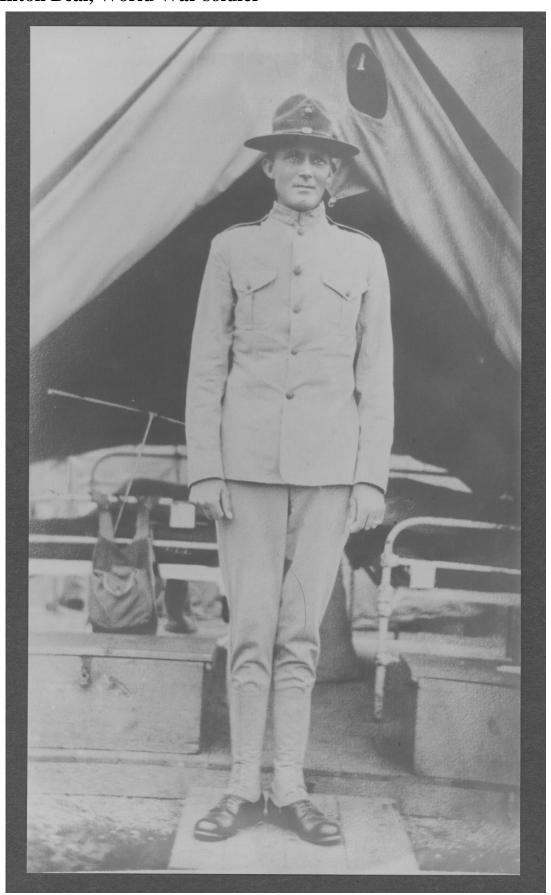
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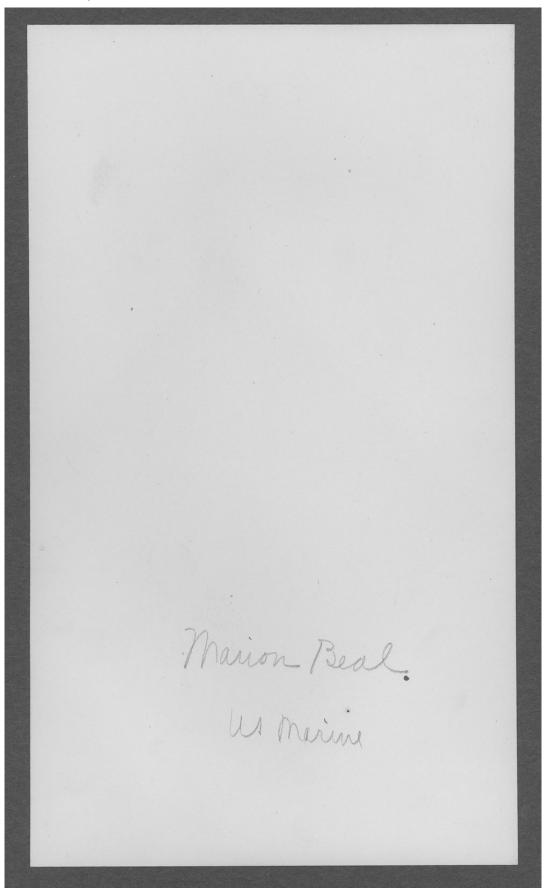
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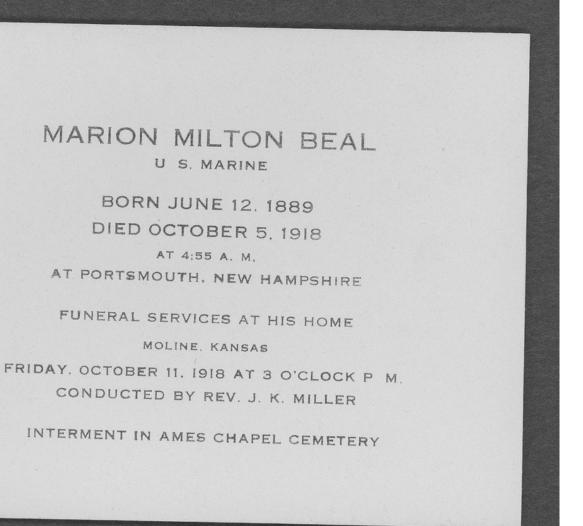
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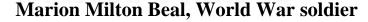
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#### Death of Marion Beal

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.





#### Obituary of Marion M. Beal

Marion Milton Beal was born near ElDorado, Kanas, June 12, 1889, he died Saturday morning. October 5, at 4:55 a.m., at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. 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 ordi nary. 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 abil ty 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 grippe 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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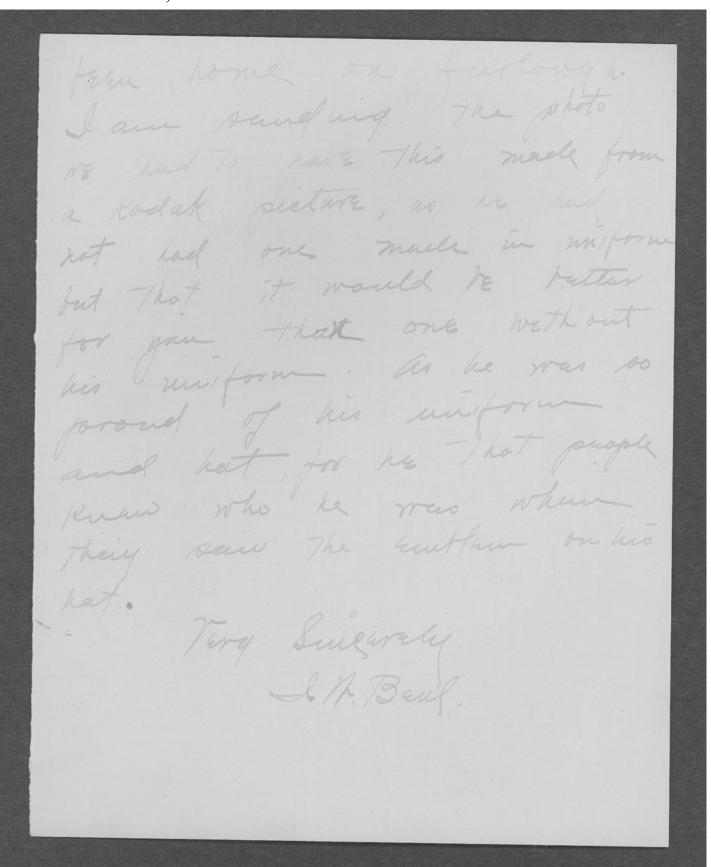


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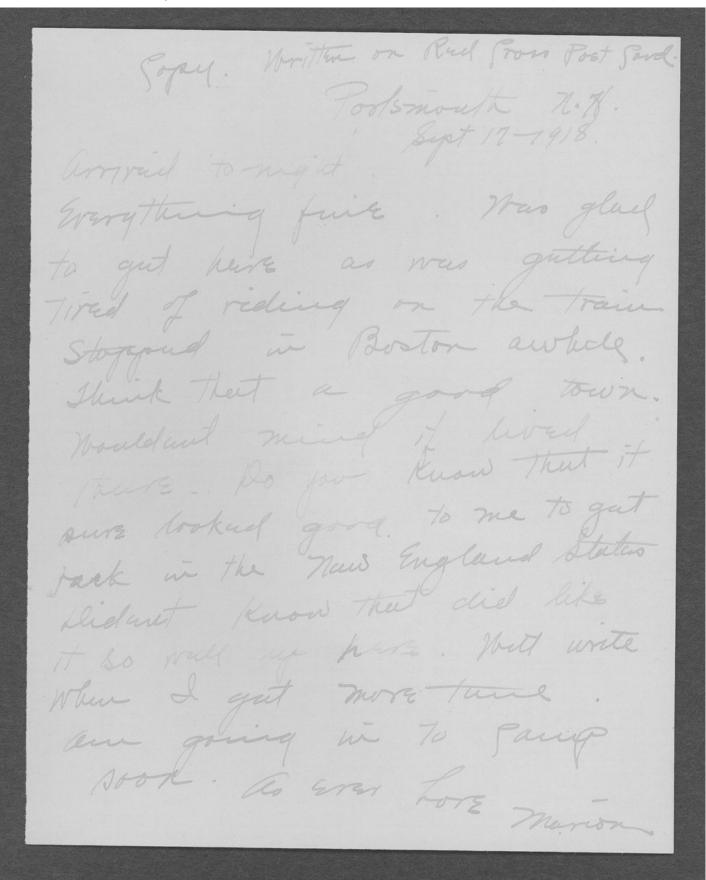


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#### Marion Milton Beal, World War soldier

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

December 16, 1918

Dear sir-

I thank you for your favor of the 14" inst., concerning your son Marion M. Beal who died at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, a soldier who gave his life in lefense 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