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William E. Beasley, 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 William E. Beasley, Company C, 353rd Infantry, 89th Division.

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Pittsburg Kas

William Edward Beasley
was born in Anderson Kas
Dec 6 1895. he moved with
his parents to Pittsburg Kas 1896
from Pittsburg they moved near
Midway Kas where he resided
with his mother. his father
died May 29 1904. he was
Called to Camp Funston Sept
18 1917 he was employed as
a farmer and coal producer
he was working at a steam
shovel at the time he was
Called to the colors. I will send
his picture and a few extracts
from his letters he wrote after
he got to France. He left

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Camp Trenston May 25 - for
Long Island Camp from there
to England landed near London
June 18 landed in France June
24, 1918. He just got a
common education as his father
died when he was young.
from his Sister

Edna Breyles
Pittsburg Kas RR 6

P.S. will you please
return the pictures &
will send two. the small
one is the best; the large
ones so so dark

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F. May 29 - 18

Dear mother I
will write you a few
lines to let you know
that I am fine and
hope you the same.
I got to this camp
last night about 8 o'clock
this is same camp
there is nothing but tents
up here in this camp
they call it the Long
Island we was on the
train 3 days and three

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night I was tired riding when we got here we cross the river coming over here to this camp we was on the boat about an hour I sure seem tame pretty country coming up here we are about 14 miles from this camp and it sureayne town before me we marched thought a scantan we are about 1000 miles from home that sure is a long way I dropped letter and two part card off let me know whether you got them or not the letter was mailed in Kas City well mother I dont think we will be in this camp very long the way they talk they say we are going on across the pond I hope we don't half to stay in this camp very long you ought to see the

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air plain flying in
the air in this camp there
is about fifty of them
here well mother I will.
close for this time
regards by form
your loving son

Carthage. W E Beasley.

Co. C 853 Army & 9 Division American
Expeditionary Forces
This is my address.

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June 1918
Co.C 353 Inf

Dear mother and Bros.

I will write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope you the same we got across all right it was sage trip to make. we were on the water 12 days and nights without seeing land. I didn't get see sick coming across the sea. we are 1 hour out of London we got here about 1,30 this morning. well I don't know much to write so I will close for this time so good

By farm your loving son
Cpl. William E. Beasley

Co.C 353 Inf

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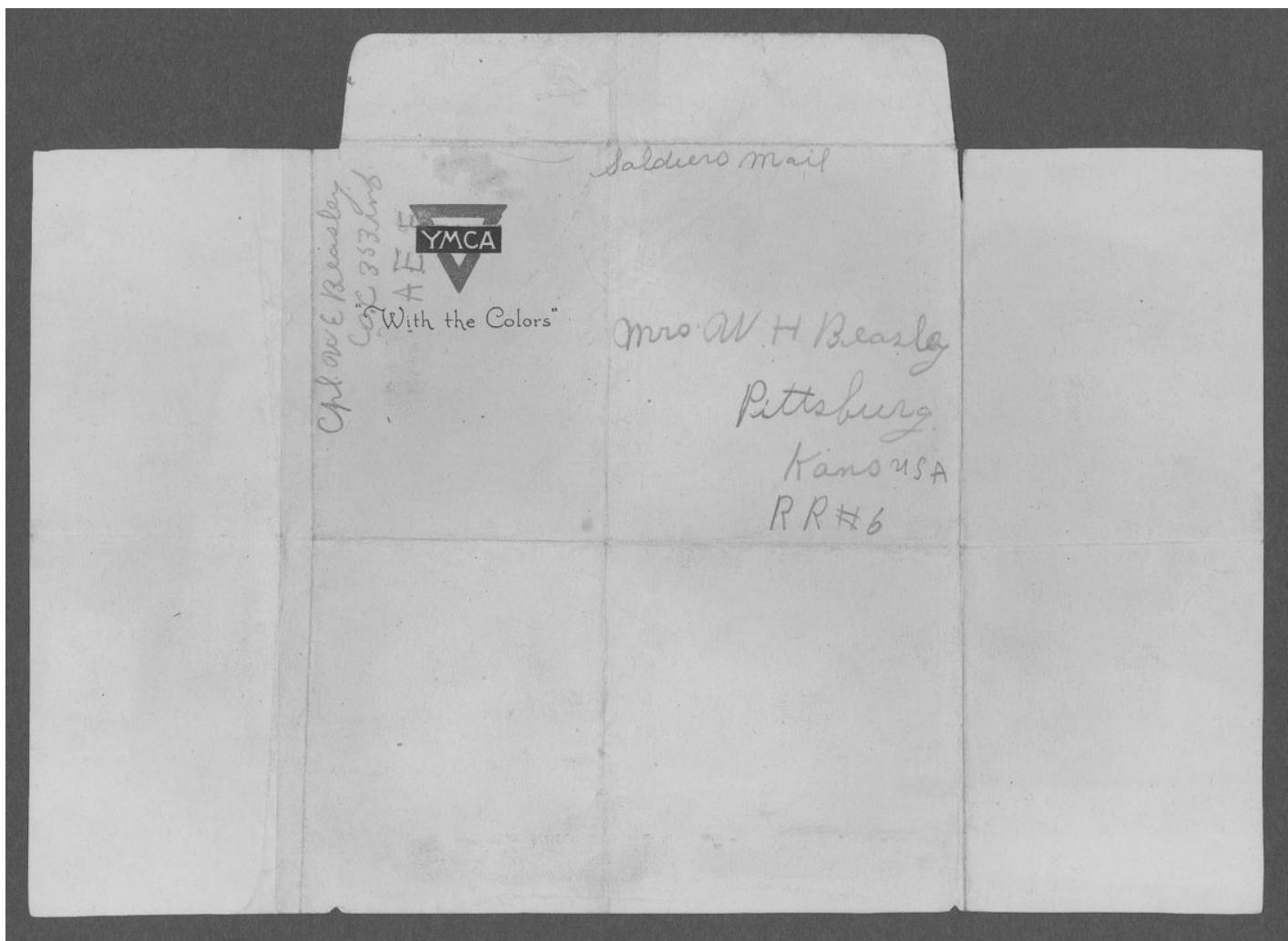
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Dear mother and
Brother I will write you a
few lines to let you know
that I am fine and hope
you the same we are having
same fine weather out here.
we are in the trenches and
I dont know when we are going
to get out of them we are
having same time out here
in this place I like
it fine in the trenches
I seen a moving picture
show last night
it sure was some show
I think we will be
home before long I hope
so any way

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Same where in France Sept 20-18

Dear Mother

and Brother I will write
you a few lines to let you
know that I am fine and
hope you the same we
went over the top the other
day the boys were tired that
night we went over the top
it been raining the last
three or four days.

I been getting two or three
letters a week from you
and I am glad to get
them I would like to
see the war end before
long as the share working
good now I hope so
any way

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=2= Sept 26-12

Dear mother
and Brother I will
write you a few lines
to let you know that
I am fine and hope
you the same this
sure is a pretty day
it has rain late
out here the last
two weeks they are
doing good work out
here now we go out
on a working party

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I hear the birds singing at morning. think that
I am home. we are living in the woods now
and it sure get dark I stood guard the other
night and it sure was dark; and we went out to
dig trenches last night but we did not get to
dig and it sure made me mad I think we will
go out to night and dig trenches well I dont
know as much to write this time so I will
write more next time so tell all the folks
down there I said hello for me and tell
guys I said be a good boy that is all for
this time so good by from your loving
son Corporal E Beasley Co.C. 353rd american E.F.
with love and kisses to all.

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every night digging
trenches and putting
up wire we sure have
same time digging
trenches I seen a kid
I used to go to
school with he didn't
live on the state
line. I sure wish you
could see me now
in my little home.
it sure is same
home before me ^{OK}
Robert Moore
2nd St. Luf. 54.

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=1= Jan 9-17

Dear mother and
family I will write you a few
lines to let you know that
I am in the hospital with
the grip I don't regt back.
~~I been in the hospital 9 days~~
I don't think it will be
very long before I can go back
to my company I hope not
anyway this sure is a muddy
place out here its rained the
last three or four days
I don't seen the sun for
3 or 4 weeks this sure is
same country over here.

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Mother you asked that you thought
I didn't get all your letters I
think I have got all of them
because I have got 10 or 12 letters
since I been over here in this
place. Well Mother I don't know
much to write this time so
I will close for this time

So good by from

Your Son

Sam

Cpl William E Beasley

Co.C. 353 Inf

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Well mother I am ~~still~~ feeling very good.
today I think I will get along
all right now I feel like I could
go back to my Company before
long. You needn't worry,
because I will get along all right
this is a pretty day the sun
is shining the first time the
sun has shone for a long
time I sure would like to be
~~home~~ to go to church ~~tonight~~ but
and see the people once more.
I don't want to church for a
long time I don't think they
have church over here in this
place all they think about
over here is fighting and
they sure do lots of that
I think they will get all the
fighting they want before long
if the war last any longer.

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I sure would like to get back to old Kansas where I could see the sun dance more. Well I don't think it will be long till we will be back in old Kansas. They made a big drive the other day and they done good work so I don't think it will be long till the war is over. Well at is supper time and it is getting dark so I will finish this letter in the morning No 40118 Well mother I try and finish this letter I just got through eating dinner we sure had same dinner today I wish you would come over and eat supper with me this is sunday and it is a lame same old day for me.

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

"WITH THE COLORS"



Nov, 20, 1918

for dinner you said that
you would like to see
me in my little home
I wish you could of seen
me to because I sure
had me some. hate yr
big town it was about
a feet wide and about
4 or 5 feet deep. and that
is what I lived in, for
about three months
but I don't think we
will have to live in
them again
we are living in a town
now but I don't know
how long we will be here.
for we are ready to leave
here any time now
they can leave here any
time they get ready.

TO THE WRITER: SAVE BY WRITING ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER

TO THE FOLKS AT HOME: SAVE FOOD; BUY LIBERTY BONDS AND WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

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But I hope when they
leave this place they
go back toward the
state so I got a letter
from Anna Kelsay the
other day she said
she was going to school
yet she said they weren't
but a few days left
down there now

Well at about bed time
for me so I will close.
For this time no good
Bye from your son

Sgt Corp W E Beasley
Co C 353 Inf
American 8 F

OK
H. J. Beasley
4. 11. 18. 18