

## **Charles William Blessman, 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 Charles William Blessman, Company F, 110th Engineers, 35th Division.

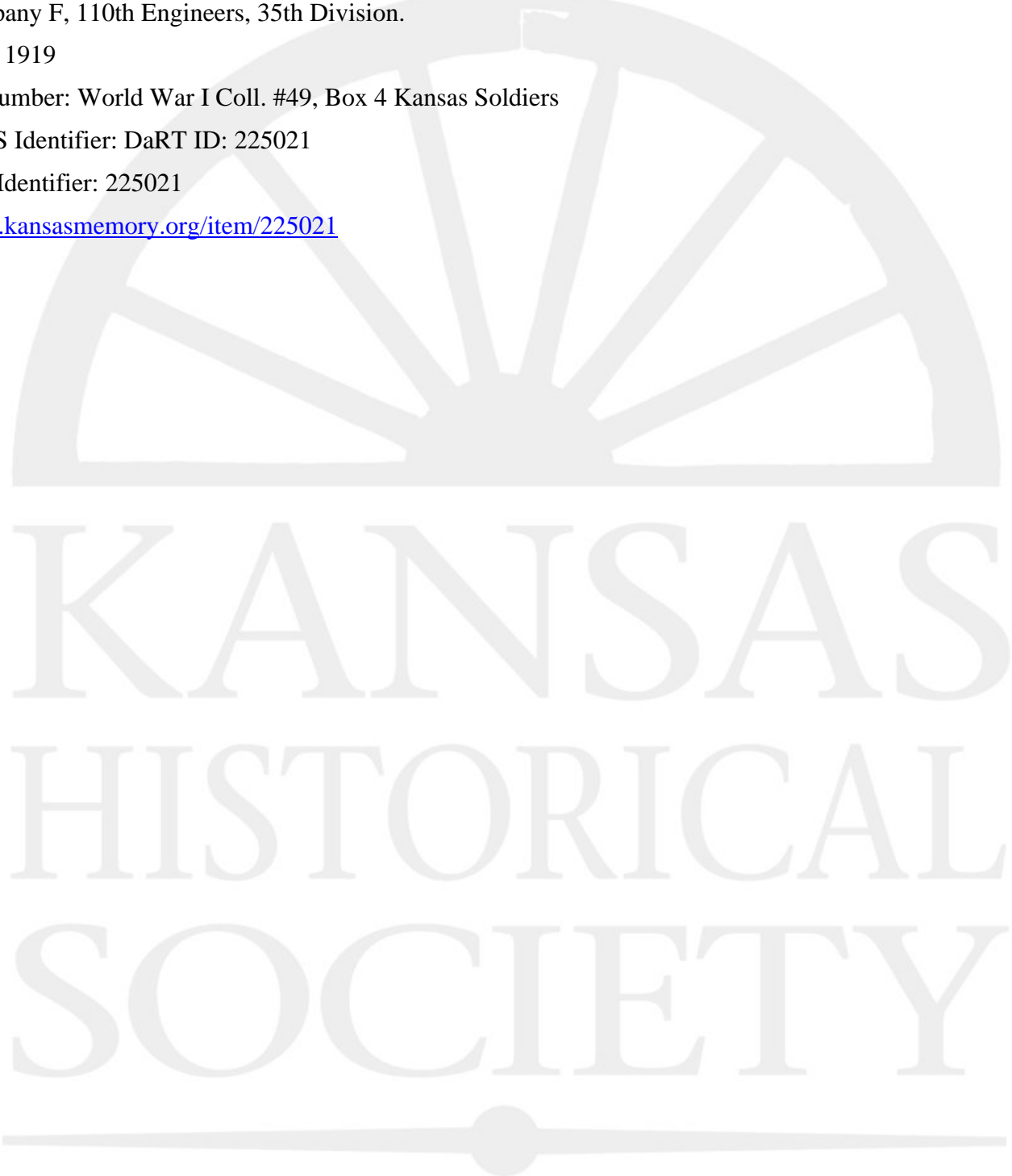
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April 8, 1919  
2901 Lafayette  
Kansas City  
Kansas

Dear Sir:

I am not sure  
whether it is too late  
or not but am send-  
ing you a brief ac-  
count of my husbands  
life in the army.

His name is  
Chas William Bless-  
man and he enlisted  
in the 117<sup>th</sup> Signal  
Battalion March  
April 5, 1917 but was

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not mustered in service until August the 5<sup>th</sup> He was sent to Nevada Mo and was there transferred to the 110 Regiment engineers Co 7 <sup>35<sup>th</sup> div.</sup> He was at camp Doniphan until April the twenty third 1918. He was with the regiment and when they distinguished themselves in the Argonne battle. He killed four privates and two German officers with a machine gun but was wounded September 30 and was in the hospital for about two months but is back with his company now.

I am enclosing a picture of my husband Will you return it please.  
Yours Truly  
Mrs. Ruth Blessman



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April 10, 1919  
2901 Lafayette  
Kansas City  
Kansas

Dear Sir:  
I received your  
letter this morning  
telling me that the  
picture was broken  
and am sending you  
another one which  
you can return when  
you have secured a  
copy. It is Chas  
William Blessman  
110 Regiment Eng Co 7  
35th Division - <sup>Yours</sup> Chas William Blessman



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April 9, 1919

Mrs. Ruth Blessman,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Madam:-

I have your favor of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., enclosing a sketch and photograph of your late husband Charles William Blessman. It is not too late, in fact, we are very anxious to have everything we can get about these Kansas soldiers. The state will not publish this material concerning the soldiers for two years at least. The last legislature failed to make an appropriation for any publishing. - You request the return of the photograph of your husband. It is a very small one and has been broken right across the face. It is doubtful if we can get any real picture from it. When we have secured a copy of it, it will be returned to you. I am enclosing herewith card which will tell you the time it will probably take to get these copies.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

## Charles William Blessman, World War I soldier

April 15, 1919

Mrs. Charles W. Blessman,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Madam-

I received your favor of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., notifying me that you had sent another picture of your husband. It has not come in yet but will probably come in a later mail today. I thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary