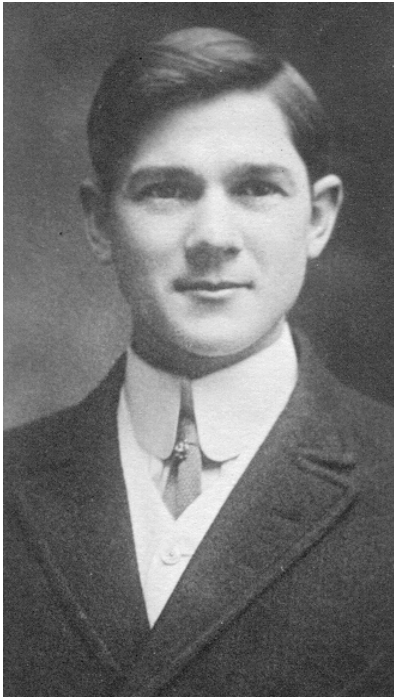


## IX. CASPER JOSEPH CAVERLY 1893 - 1918

(Redford, Charles H., Philip Jr., Philip Sr., John Sr., Peter I, Peter Gerardus, Jean)

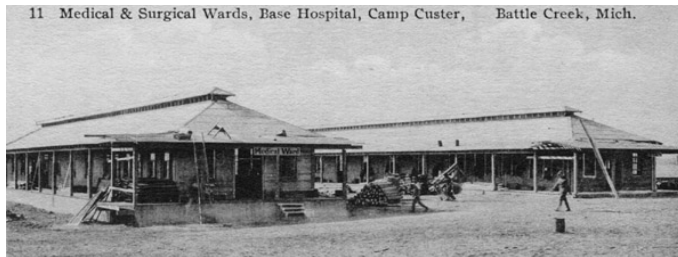


Casper and the family dog Jack.



There came a message one evening,  
For a couple old and gray,  
That their son was ill at Custer,  
It was a cool November day.  
Soon they hurried to the bed-side,  
Of the gallant soldier brave,  
Trembling, fainting, he had left them,  
Now to fill a soldiers grave.  
He has done a deed of bravery,  
Like a soldier stout and true,  
"Cheer up" now dear father, mother,  
As his thoughts were all of you.  
Well indeed might they be saddened,  
He has gone no more to roam.  
He has left them brave and honored,  
He has gained a furlow home.  
Dry your eyes poor aged parents,  
Think how you gave a son so brave,  
And that he will rest so sweetly  
In a soldiers honored grave.  
Casper's gone to rest in peace!  
He no more on earth to dwell,  
Trust to God, and look to Glory,  
For he doeth all things well.

Mrs. Sanford.



Casper was born January 29, 1893 to Redford and Susannah (Bull) Caverly in Oliver Twp. per Huron Co., MI Vol. 6, page 36 birth records. At the time Redford listed his occupation as drayman. The first several years of Casper's life were spent in Oliver Twp. until his family moved to a farm in Tuscola Co., MI around 1904. Ten years later they moved to Kingston, MI.

Casper enlisted in the service for World War I and several months later on Nov. 9, 1918 he died of pneumonia at Camp Custer.

The poem on the left was written by Delilah (Warner) Caverly's Aunt Eltie who was her father's sister.