

Charlie Herman Rasnick

Charlie Herman Rasnick was born in Selton, Dickenson Co., Va., son of Joseph H. Rasnick and Ida Honaker. He married Margaret Anna Jessee (called Annie).

Charlie was inducted into service on 21 September 1917 in Clintwood, Dickenson Co., Va., as a private in the infantry. He was assigned to Co. L, 317th Infantry, 80th Division at Camp Lee, Va. He remained at Camp Lee until 25 May 1918 when he was sent to Newport News, Va., to board the ship, the USS Mongolia. He shipped out on 26 May 1918 and arrived at Brest, France 8 June 1918.

On 10 July 1918, he was promoted to Private 1st Class. He first went into action at Artois Sector, 23 July 1918. He served there until 18 Aug 1918. He served in the Reserve Corps at St. Mihiel 12-16 September 1918 and on 16 September 1918 was transferred to Headquarters Co. of the 317th. He was at Meuse Argonne 26 September through 12 October and again 1-6 November 1918.

His affidavit does not mention any commendations or medals. He was not wounded or disabled. He arrived back at Newport News, Va., on the ship the Nansemond on 1 June 1919 from Brest, France. He was discharged from Camp Lee, Va., on 10 June 1919 at the rank of Private First Class.

In the 1920 census, he is listed in the Sand Lick district of Dickenson Co., Va. He is 24 years old and Annie is 17. Although there were no children listed in the 1920 census, they eventually had fourteen: Mary Frances, Asa, Edgar, Doris, Clyde, Mildred, Dewey, May, Ray, Leigh, Clarie, William, Charles Jr., and Eugene.

He submitted an affidavit of his service on 10 February 1922. His brother, Woodford Grady, also served during World War I.