



Dan Rasnake

Dan Rasnake was born 29 November 1893 in Duty, Dickenson Co., Va., a son of James Harvey Rasnake and Rachel Rasnake. He married his first cousin, Gracie Rasnake on 02 February 1917.

Dan 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, 317<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 80<sup>th</sup> 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. From Brest he proceeded to Calais, on 12 June 1918 and on to Duellens on 28 June 1918. He was officially stationed at Souvaisy, France from 29 November 1918 to 20 May 1919

He first went into action at Artois Sector, 2 August 1918. He also saw action at St. Mihiel and Meuse Argonne.

His affidavit does not list 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 13 June 1919 at the rank of Private First Class.

He submitted an affidavit of his service on 22 January 1922 at R.F.D. 2, Cleveland, Va. Much of the information on his affidavit was submitted by his nephew Douglas Rasnake.

In the 1920 census, Dan and Gracie were living in the Sand Lick District of Dickenson Co., Va. He was 26 years old and she was 23. Dan made a living by farming and coal mining. Although no children were listed in the 1920 census, they eventually had eight children: Benton, Billy, Cecil, Joanne, Lucille, Lena, Ralph E., and Seldon Harmon.