



Douglas Rasnake

Douglas Rasnake was born 08 February 1896 in Duty, Dickenson Co., Va., a son of Elijah Rasnake and Nancy Jane Skeen. He married Nancy Myrtle Rasnake (called Myrtle). Before the war he was a civil engineer with the Clinchfield Coal Co., in Cleveland, Va.

Douglas was inducted into service on 21 September 1917 in Clintwood, Dickenson Co., Va., as a private in the infantry. His military identification number was 1819512. 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. 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 saw action at Artois Sector, 2 – 6 August and 16-18 August 1918. He also saw action at St. Mihiel 12-16 September 1918 and Meuse Argonne 25 September – 12 October 1918. Although he was not wounded or disabled, he was in the base hospital 1 – 8 January 1918 with rheumatism.

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 25 January 1922 at his home at R.F.D. 2, Cleveland, Va. His brother John Ross Hendricks Rasnake also served during World War I.

Douglas and Myrtle had nine children: Donald, Gaynell, Betty Jo, Lillian Magaline, Billy Boncil, Leon, Lucille, Conley Clifford, and Claranetta.