



James Luther Rasnick

James Luther Rasnick was born 15 August 1892 in Leek, Dickenson Co., Va., a son of Ezekiel Claude Rasnick and Ernestine Virginia Kiser. He married (1) Mary Jeanette Hamilton on 02 June 1917 in Flat Gap, Va.; and (2) Roxie Phillips in 1941.

James Luther 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. 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.

His affidavit does not mention any medals or commendations. 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.

He submitted an affidavit of his service on 25 January 1922 at his home in Leek, Va. Much of the information was provided by his parents.

In the 1920 census, James Luther and Mary Jeanette were listed in the Roberson District of Wise Co., Va. Both of them were 27 years old and his occupation is listed as farmer. James Luther and Mary Jeannette had two children: Lena Jeannette and James Carl. James Luther and Roxie had one son – name unknown.

During his lifetime, James Luther was a guard, a crane operator and a miner. They lived in Portsmouth and Nora, Va., and Baltimore, Md.