

John Marshall Rasnick

John Marshall Rasnick was born 21 April 1892 in Aily, Dickenson Co., Va., a son of Elihu Jackson Rasnick and Melvina Powers. He married Edith Kathryn Vance on 25 February 1920 in Bristol, Sullivan Co., Tenn. He was a member of the Masons and was a cashier for the Clinchfield Coal Company.

John Marshall was inducted into service on 8 November 1917 in Clintwood, Dickenson Co., Va., as a private in the infantry. His military service number was 1818703. He was assigned to Supply, 317th Infantry, 80th Division at Camp Lee, Va. He remained at Camp Lee until 23 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, to Doudeville on 16 June 1918; and on to Doullens on 8 July 1918. He was officially stationed at Leaforges, France from 6 December 1918 to 3 April 1919

He first saw action at Picardy Sector (Somme) 12 July 1918. He also saw action at St. Mihiel and Meuse Argonne.

His affidavit did not mention any medals or commendations. He was not wounded or disabled either.

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 Corporal.

He submitted an affidavit of his service on 17 January 1922 Clintwood, Va. His brother, Napoleon Bonaparte Rasnick, also served during World War I.

John Marshall and Edith had two children: John Marshall Rasnick, Jr., and Rolston Vance Rasnick.