



Napoleon Bonaparte Rasnick

Napoleon Bonaparte Rasnick was born 26 March 1894 at Selton, Dickenson Co., Va., a son of Elihu Jackson Rasnick and Melvina Powers. He married his second cousin, Eddie Ethel Rasnick on 19 February 1921 in Selton, Dickenson Co., Va. He was a member of the Elks.

Napoleon Bonaparte was inducted into service on 24 May 1918 in Clintwood, Dickenson Co., Va., as a private in the infantry. He was assigned to 18th Co., 5th ??? Battalion, 150 DB at Camp Lee, Va. He remained at Camp Lee until 25 May 1918 when he was sent to Norfolk, Va., to board the ship, the USS Modovska. He shipped out on 2 August 1918 and arrived at Brest, France 18 August 1918. From Brest he proceeded to Pontejean Barracks, 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 Verme Argonne 26 September 1918. He also saw action at Argonne – Lorraine Front. He was gassed at Argonne 7 October 1918 and again at Metz 10 November 1918. He was in Base Hospital #87 at Toul, France from 11 November 1918 to 14 February 1919.

He arrived at Hoboken, N.J., on the ship the USS Minnesota 29 April 1919. He was discharged from Camp Dix, N.J., on 4 May 1919.

He submitted an affidavit of his service on 22 February 1922 at Selton, Va. His brother, John Marshall Rasnick, also served during World War I.

John Marshall and Eddie had ten children: Howard (who was killed during World War II), Ida Belle (who died young), Essie, Tildon, Byron Gray (who died young), Mozelle, Franklin, Nila, Giles, and Theda.