

## **Willie Edmund Rasnick**

Willie Edmund Rasnick was born 03 October 1893 in Selton, Dickenson Co., Va., Clement Laird Vallandingham Rasnick and Eunice E. Presley (called Eunicy). He married Maxie Vanover 21 June 1917 in Coeburn, Va. He moved to Montana with his parents in April 1915, but came back to Virginia. After his marriage, he moved to Kingsport, Tenn.

He enlisted in the Naval Reserves on 3 September 1918 in Richmond, Va., as Seaman Second Class. His identification number was 40979. He was initially assigned to the Naval Operating Base at Hampton Roads, Va. On 3 October 1918, he entered Yeoman School. He was in the Base Hospital at Hampton Roads from 3 December 1918 to 20 December 1918. He retired from active duty at the Base Hospital, Hampton Roads, Va., 21 December 1918 as Seaman Second Class. At some point, he attended business college in Lynchburg and worked as an Assistant Bank Cashier in the Dickenson County Bank in Clintwood, Va. After his service, he was elected Circuit Court Clerk, Dickenson County and served 1920-27. Sometime after that he moved his family to Portland, Ore.

In his affidavit which was submitted 31 January 1921 at Clintwood, Va., he stated that he was willing to serve his country in any capacity required. He also stated that his time in service affected his mental condition very little but greatly improved his physical condition. It did not mention any commendations or medals.

Willie and Eunice had two children: Wilma Charlee and Edmund Reed.