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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for promoting Fort Caswell efforts

To the editor:

Thanks for publishing community news items supporting the monument for World War I veterans and the restoration of 1918 Fort Caswell Rifle Range.

I had no idea when I sent the photos and information to Amy and Norma Eckard of the Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range that I would be featured in the Beacon on June 7.

I hope the items will create interest in the descendants of the veterans and they will step up and support the engraving of the names on the monument. I would be elated if 50 percent of the veterans were honored by their descendants.

Mary Earp
Winnabow

Remember World War I veterans

To the editor:

On Memorial Day, the Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range remembered the 24 Brunswick County men who gave their lives while serving in World War I.

Pvt. 1st Class Walter S Brock, Pvts. Harvey T. Chadwick and Jimmie Griffin, Pvt. 1st Class Erastus Iredell Nelson, Pvt. Harry Langdon Pigott and Cpl. Herbert B Ward were killed in action.

Pvts. William Cross Hewett and Benjamin B.

Smith died of wounds.

Pvt. William F. Brooks, Pvt. 1st Class John W. Carlisle, Pvt. Carl J. Danford, Pvt. 1st Class Isaac Davenport, David L. Doshier (cook), Seaman James C. Edwards, Sgt. Robert G. Farmer, Pvts. Manning Hall, Claudie Hall McCall, Elijah Milliken, Kendrick W. Outlaw, Cecil Smith Pierce, Samuel C. Swain, Guy Ellis Watson, David Williams and Fred Wilson died of disease.

We encourage the community to honor them in the following ways:

1) Visit their gravesites, take a photo by the headstone and send it to ftcaswellriflerange@gmail.com to be posted on the website caswellriflerange.com.

2) Choose a veteran to honor through the Honor a World War I Brunswick County Veteran project.

3) Contribute to saving the 1918 Fort Caswell Rifle Range.

4) Contribute to funding of the book containing their stories planned in the future.

For the next several months, stories and profiles will continue to be written for these men. By Nov. 11, we hope to honor the men and women with a monument at the rifle range site in Caswell Beach for all to visit. The book honoring these men and women is planned for 2019 with all the Brunswick County names of World War I, their profiles and a history of the rifle range that prepared many of them for combat in France.

Go to caswellriflerange.com or email ftcaswellriflerange@gmail.com for more information.

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