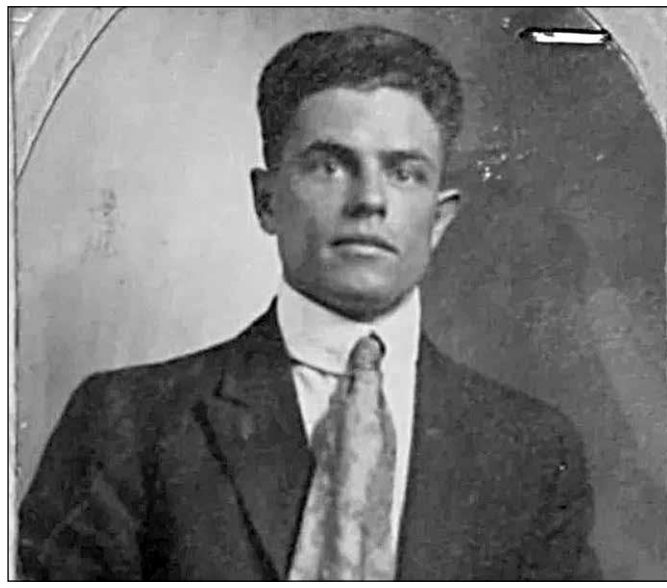


WWI Snapshot: Albert Solon Russ, 1895-1987



Albert Russ

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Albert Solon Russ was born in Makatoka in Brunswick County on Aug. 23, 1895. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on March 30, 1915, in Charleston, S.C.

Brothers Christopher Cleveland Russ and Burns Lee Russ also served in World War I.

Albert's NC WWI Service Card shows he served on the USS Arizona during the war, reaching the rank of Electrician, First Class, before his honorable discharge on March 25, 1919. On May 12, 1919, Albert requested a Seaman's Certificate.

Albert's wife, Retha Rose Russ, passed away in 1961. Her death certificate shows she was laid to rest in Riverside Cemetery in Riverside, Calif. No findagrave entry was found. It appears that Albert and Retha had no children.

Albert Solon Russ passed away on Feb. 3, 1987, at age 91. His death certificate shows he was laid to rest in Montecito Memorial Park in Riverside, Calif. No findagrave entry was found.

No. 13240
APPLICATION FOR SEAMAN'S CERTIFICATE OF AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP (R.S. 4588)
New York, N. Y. MAY 12 1919 191

Name Albert Russ Address Makatoka N.C.
Place of birth Makatoka N.C. Date of birth Aug 23 1895
Birth (or citizenship) confirmed by U.S. Discharge 7/23/33
Class 1C (g) - Regular Discharge from Reg. Act
Place of father's birth USA at New York Mother's USA
was naturalized by _____ court of _____
at _____ certificate number _____
dated _____ Age 23 on 5/23 1918
Height 5-7 1/2 Complexion Ruddy Hair Dark Eyes Blue
Physical marks Scar on forehead scar on knee
Scar on elbow
Last vessel Arizona flag US Arrived at N. C. 1/2/19
Next vessel Whiston Rating oil
Vessel and rating confirmed by Naval Discharge
Identified by Signature on memo book (personal)

I do solemnly swear that the above facts are all true and that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

Signature Albert Russ
MAY 12 1919 191
Act. Deputy Collector.

Left thumb print.

Seaman Certificate of Albert Russ

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If you would like to help us honor Albert Solon Russ or another Brunswick County WWI veteran, email the Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range at fcaswellriflerange@gmail.com or go to caswellriflerange.com.

We have been hard at work with Daniel Norris from Slap-Dash Publishing on the book we plan to offer in September, "Brunswick County in the Great War: Preserving the 1918 Fort Caswell Rifle Range and the Legacies of the Men and Women Who Served."

The book covers the history and future preservation of the rifle range, and includes profiles and snapshots of all of the courageous men and women from Brunswick County who served in WWI and have been featured on the website and in the Beacon for nearly three years. If you can, please help.

Included in the book is the list of Brunswick County WWI veterans. Alongside each name is the name of the generous supporter who honored that veteran with a donation of any amount. As the thermometer on the right side of the website shows, 574 veterans have been honored, which leaves 144 with no recognition. Please consider donating any amount to honor the remaining 144 Brunswick County WWI veterans.

Name		RUSS-ALBERT		Service Number		184-57-40	
ENLISTED	USS HARTFORD AT CHARLESTON S.C.	Date	3-30-15	U. S. N.			
Age at Entrance	19 YRS. 7 MOS.	Rate	APPRENTICE SEAMAN	U. S. N.			
Home Address	County -- Brunswick	Town	MAKATOKA	U. S. N.			
S	State	N. C.		U. S. N.			
Served at	County	From	To	Served as	No. Days		
USS ARIZONA		4-6-17	11-11-18	ELECTRICIAN 3RD CLASS GENERAL	80		
				ELECTRICIAN 2ND CLASS GENERAL	371		
				ELECTRICIAN 1ST CLASS GENERAL	133		
Remarks:							
Date	Discharge	3-25-19 RECEIVING SHIP AT		ELECTRICIAN 1ST			
Place	Place	NEW YORK N. Y.		CLASS GENERAL			

Albert Russ NC Service Card World War I