

# WWI Snapshot: Wilton Vesper Hughes 1890-1976

Wilton Vesper Hughes was born in Ash in Brunswick County on Jan. 28, 1890, according to his NC WWI Service Card.

Wilton was ordered to report for duty on July 30, 1918, and sent to Camp Hancock in Georgia. His service card indicates he was assigned to the 63rd Machine Gun Battalion on Nov. 5, 1918. However, that battalion didn't exist, and is likely meant to be 363rd Machine Gun Battalion. This assumption was made based on a fellow draftee, Newman Goodman Hewett, whose NC WWI Service Card shows he was serving at the Machine Gun Training Center at Camp Hancock, then assigned to the 363rd Machine Gun Battalion. The battalion was planned for the 96th Division. Because of the armistice, the division was never fully formed. (Source: *Historic Branch, War Plans Division (1921). A Brief History of Divisions, U.S. Army. 1917-1918*)

Besides Pvt. Hughes and Pvt. Newman Goodman Hewett, Pvt. Joseph Sicero Smith, Pvt. Walker Otis Smith and Pvt. Anthony Dewitt Stewart also trained at the Machine Gun Training Center at Camp Hancock.

Pvt. Hughes was discharged on Dec. 18, 1918.

Wilton Vesper Hughes passed away on Jan. 21, 1976, and was laid to rest in McKeehan Cemetery in Ash. No military honors are shown.

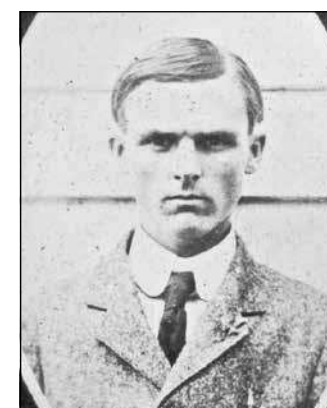


Hughes and unidentified friend (Ancestry)

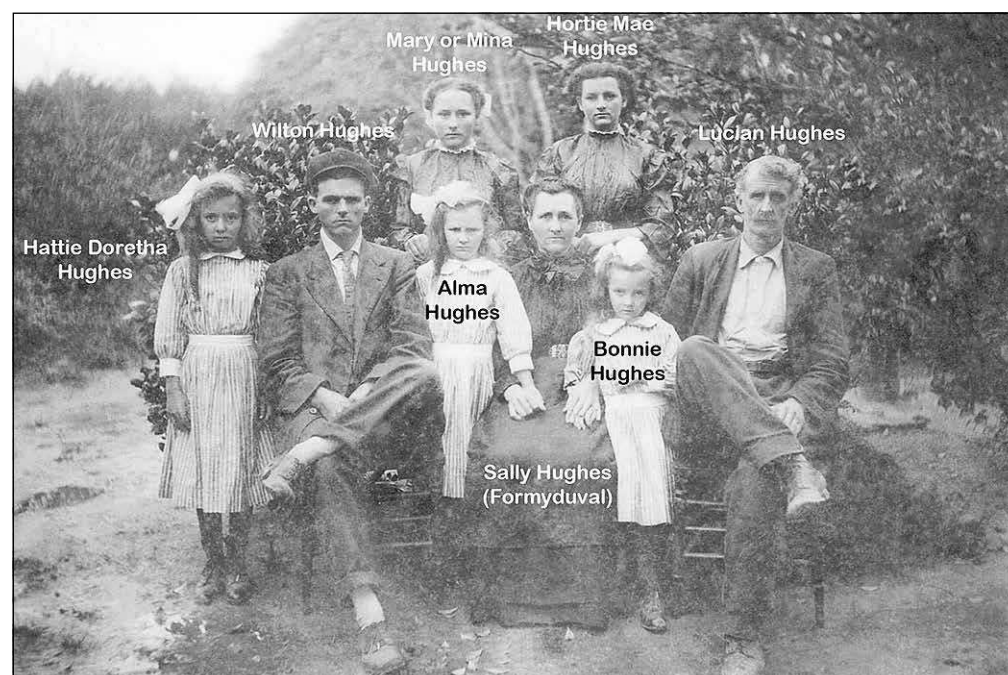
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Wilton Vesper Hughes (Ancestry).



Wilton Vesper Hughes photo taken from family portrait (Findagrave, circa 1911).



Hughes family portrait with each family member labeled (Ancestry).

Hughes Wilton V		4,162,069	1
(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	* White * Colored
Residence: 5FD #1 Box 28 Ash Brunswick NORTH CAROLINA			
(Street and house number)		(Town or city)	(County) (State)
Enlisted: U.S. Army * Inducted at Southport NC		July 30 1918	
Place of birth: Ash NC		Age or date of birth: Jan 28/90	
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: Unasgd Camp Hancock Ga to Nov 5/18; Co C 63 M G Bn to disch			
Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt			
Engagements:			
Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.			
Served overseas from HOME to HOME, from HOME to HOME			
Honorable discharged on demobilization Dec 18 1918			
In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported 0 per cent disabled.			
Remarks:			
Form No. 724-1, A. G. O. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S. Nov. 22, 1919.			

NC Service Card for Wilton Vesper Hughes.