

# WWI Snapshot: Roger Hankins 1887-1924

According to his World War I Draft Registration, Roger Hankins was born in Southport. His registration shows he was working as a fisherman for Capt. Tom Lewis in Southport.

Roger's actual name may be Rogers or Rodgers. All three spellings are used in various documents. It's not unusual to have various spellings on historical documents. The military referred to him as Rogers.

A Roger Hankins is listed in a 1905 volume that lists officers and employees in civil, military and naval service. If Roger's birth year of 1887 is correct, he would have been 18 years old at the time, which seems plausible. The list shows he was paid as a waiter for the work dredging Cape Fear. While there doesn't appear to be another Roger Hankins in Brunswick County who qualifies, verification that this was the WWI veteran Roger Hankins cannot be made.

Roger was ordered to report for duty on Aug. 22, 1918. Pvt. Hankins served in the 346th Service Battalion, serving overseas from Sept. 30, 1918, until July 4, 1919. When he sailed for France on George Washington, he listed Mrs. Agnes Wornett as his next of kin (sister).

Pvt. Hankins was promoted to private first class on April 1, 1919. He was honorably discharged on July 16, 1919. He returned to Southport. In 1920, he was living there with his sister Agnes and her family.

Roger Hankins passed away on March 6, 1924, in Southport, recorded as 38 years old. The cause was listed as stomach cancer. His death certificate indicates he was laid to rest in Southport.

The cemetery is not identified. It seems likely he lies in an unmarked grave in John N. Smith Cemetery in Southport.

A second shipment of the book, "Brunswick County in the Great War: Preserving the 1918 Fort Caswell Rifle Range and the Lega-

cies of the Men and Women Who Served," is available. The book covers the history and 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.

Anyone wishing to purchase a book may visit the Friends website at caswell-riflerange.com for directions or call Norma Eckard at (910) 278-7584. For more information, email fcaswell-riflerange.

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Hankins Rogers 4 233 607 \*White, \*Colored.  
 (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)

Residence: Southport Brunswick NORTH CAROLINA  
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

\*Inducted at Southport N C on Aug 21, 1918  
 Place of birth: Southport N C Age or date of birth: Mch 14 1887

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:  
 Co B 346 Service Bn to May 13/19; Co C 346 Service Bn to disch.

Grades, with date of appointment:  
 Pvt 1 cl Apr 1/19

Engagements:

Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.  
 Served overseas from Sept 30/18 to July 4/19, from to to  
 Honorably discharged on demobilization July 16 19 19  
 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.

Photos contributed

NC Service Card for Roger Hankins.

466 WAR DEPARTMENT. 1917

Engineer Department at Large—Mississippi River Commission.

Name.	Official title.	Where born.	Whence appointed.			Where employed.	Compensation.
			State.	County.	Cong. dist.		
Benjamin W. Styron	Master	North Carolina	N. C.	Craven	3d	Snagboat Trent	\$200.00
Ben J. King	Mate	do	do	New Hanover	6th	Dredge Ajax	720.00
John W. Foreman	do	do	do	do	6th	Tug Richard Caswell	540.00
Louis Bidson	do	do	do	do	6th	Wilmington, N. C.	660.00
Samuel E. Lottin	Receiver of material	do	do	do	6th	do	600.00
Henry Tharp	Steward	do	do	do	6th	Dredge Cape Fear	600.00
Frank D. Terry	Surveyor	do	do	do	3d	Newbern, N. C.	1,200.00
Robert Robbins	Overseer	do	do	do	6th	Fort Caswell, N. C.	1,200.00
Andrew H. Decker	Steam engineer	do	do	New Hanover	6th	Tug Richard Caswell	900.00
Geo. W. Fredericks	do	Pennsylvania	do	Craven	3d	Str. Gen. Geo. Thom.	1,200.00
James S. Knight	do	North Carolina	do	Brunswick	6th	Steamer Mercur	720.00
Nathan Windsor	do	do	do	do	6th	Dredge Cape Fear	1,200.00
J. C. Warren	do	North Carolina	do	New Hanover	6th	Snagboat H. G. Wright	720.00
E. W. Branch	Stoker	do	do	do	6th	Dredge Ajax	420.00
G. T. Branch	do	do	do	do	6th	do	420.00
Joe Effink	do	do	do	do	6th	Tug Richard Caswell	420.00
Philip A. Fulcher	do	do	do	do	6th	Dredge Cape Fear	420.00
John W. Fredericks	do	do	do	do	6th	Snagboat H. G. Wright	420.00
H. I. Grant	do	do	do	New Hanover	6th	Tug Richard Caswell	420.00
W. F. Green	do	do	do	do	6th	Dredge Ajax	420.00
M. T. Lucas	do	do	do	Brunswick	6th	Tug Richard Caswell	420.00
James Moore	do	do	do	do	6th	Dredge Cape Fear	420.00
Clyde Newton	do	do	do	do	6th	Dredge Skipperong	420.00
G. M. Robinson	do	do	do	do	6th	Str. Gen. Geo. Thom.	300.00
W. C. Rumley	do	do	do	Carteret	3d	do	300.00
Edwin F. Richardson	do	do	do	do	6th	Snagboat Trent	420.00
W. H. Shirley	do	do	do	do	2d	do	420.00
Ephraim Swain	do	do	do	do	6th	Dredge Cape Fear	420.00
E. F. Tharp	do	do	do	do	6th	Tug Richard Caswell	420.00
John F. Hrogan	Watchman	Pennsylvania	do	New Hanover	6th	Wilmington, N. C.	420.00
Allen Clement	do	North Carolina	do	Brunswick	6th	Dredge Cape Fear	420.00
Roger Hankins	Waiter	do	do	do	6th	do	180.00

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