WWI Snapshot: Roger Hankins 1887-1924

ccording 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 It's not unusual to have various spellings on historical documents.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

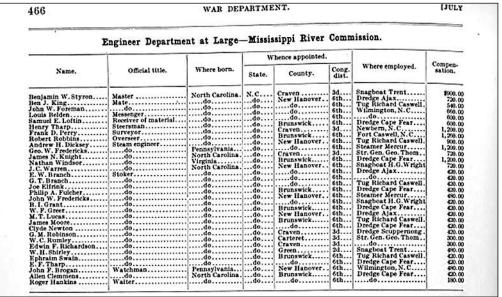
and in the Beacon for nearly three years.

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 ftcaswell-riflerange.

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NC Service Card for Roger Hankins.

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