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Herman Dan Fulford's headstone

The 300-yard rifle range at Camp Sevier, S.C.

## The World War I story of Pvt. Herman Dan Fulford

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Herman Dan Fulford was born and raised in Supply. A family tree is located in Family Search. His World War I draft registration form shows he was married with one child, working at a sawmill in Supply.

After receiving orders to report to the military board on Sept. 18, 1917, Fulford was assigned to Company M, 119th Infantry, 30th "Old Hickory" Division and trained at Camp Sevier, S.C.

Pvt. Fulford was severely wounded on either Sept. 29 during the Hindenburg assault or in October as the Allies continued their advance, capturing French cities and liberating the citizens. [Source: History 119th, 60th Brigade, 30th Division. U.S.A. Operations in Belgium and France, 1917-1919, p.84.]

The previous posts describe the details of the operations at the time. No information was found to pinpoint the exact date of Herman's injury. What is known is it was severe and he did not recover completely.

Fulford left Base Hospital No. 29 in London on Dec. 26, 1918, and boarded at the Tillbury Docks, England, on Saxonia with other sick and wounded soldiers. He was honorably discharged Jan. 19, 1919, with a reported 25 percent disability.

Later census records show Fulford was working in the fishing industry. He and his wife had several more children and remained in the Supply area.

Herman Fulford passed away at 84. His obituary cannot be found online, but his wife, who lived to 94, included him in her obituary from The Brunswick Beacon on June 4, 1992, p.10A:

*Lovie Jane C. Fulford*

*Lovie Jane C. Fulford, 94, of Route 1, Supply, died May 31 in The Brunswick Hospital.*

*The funeral was June 2 at Sabbath Home Baptist Church, Supply; with the Rev. Sidney Britt and the Rev. Weston Yarnum officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.*

*Mrs. Fulford was born in Supply on Feb. 1, 1898, the daughter of the late Jim Thomas and Julia Fulford Caison. She was a member of Sabbath Home Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman Fulford, and a daughter, Alene Robinson.*

*Her survivors include a son, Jabie Fulford of Supply; five daughters, Beatrice Fulford, Violet Fulford, Mable Corbett and Vera Carlisle, all of Supply, and Marie Del Re of Washington, D.C.; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.*

Herman Dan Fulford was laid to rest in Holden Beach. Military honors are shown.

If you would like to help us honor Brunswick County World War I veterans, go to [caswellriflerange.com](http://caswellriflerange.com) or email [ftcaswellriflerange@gmail.com](mailto:ftcaswellriflerange@gmail.com). Three hundred fifty Brunswick County World War I veterans have been honored to date.

A monument will be placed at the site of the rifle range in Caswell Beach Veterans' Day 2018 in honor of the men and women from Brunswick County who served their country. A book, "To All Those Who Served in World War I from Brunswick County, N.C.," is to be published during 2019 containing all 724 names, as well as a historical overview of the 1918 World War I Rifle Range Target Pit Storage Room.

We would like the public to review the names of the following Brunswick County men who died during World War I to make certain they have not forgotten anyone that may have perished or missed someone while researching names that should be on this list.

Killed in action: Pvts. 1st Class Walter S. Brock and Erastus I. Nelson, Pvts. Harvey T. Chadwick, Jimmie Griffin and Harry L. Pigott, Cpl. Herbert B. Ward

Died of wounds: Pvts. William C. Hewett and Benjamin B. Smith

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

Before the monument is engraved, they need the public to help verify the list. If you see a discrepancy or know a name to be added, email [ftcaswellriflerange@gmail.com](mailto:ftcaswellriflerange@gmail.com).

The rifle range memorial and monument dedication will be held on Veterans' Day, Sunday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. at the site in Caswell Beach.

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