

WWI Snapshot: Pvt. James Hill, 1895-1969

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At the Veterans Day Commemoration in November 2019, special guests included the family of Robert Bollie Stanley, Brunswick County's only known WWI POW. Pvt Stanley's sacrifice was recognized earlier in the year during the dedication of a military-style marker at his gravesite in Shallotte.

During the Roll Call, the Stanley family was surprised to hear their other grandfather's name recited: Pvt James Hill. This was not planned, but was a memorable moment for everyone.

"Private James Hill was my father's father who served in the war stateside. We heard his name on the last roll call," said Deborah Bolin, granddaughter of Pvt. Robert Bollie Stanley and Pvt. James Hill.

Historic documents and details were quickly collected and shared with the family. Deborah was able to locate a photograph of James Hill to include in this WWI Snapshot.

James Hill was born in July 1895 in Shallotte. He was ordered to report to duty on Aug. 22, 1918, and was sent to Camp Greene in Charlotte. In September, he began serving in the Supply Company of the 810th Pioneer Infantry, which had been formed that month in Camp Greene. After the Armistice, there was no need for overseas work. The 810th was demobilized in December. Pvt. Hill was honorably discharged on Dec. 17, 1918.

The following 13 WWI veterans from Brunswick County have been identified as serving in the 810th Pioneer Infantry at Camp Greene (there company is also provided): Pvt. Moses Bell, Company K; Pvt. Simon Benjamin, HQ; Pvt.



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Headstone of James Hill

Guy L. Brown, Company C; Pvt. Joseph Nathaniel Brown, Company K; Pvt. Mike Davis, Company C; Pvt. William Galloway, Company C; Pvt. Alfred Hardy, Company I; Pvt. George Hewette, Company I; Pvt. James Hill, Suppl Company; Pvt. Alex Jones, Company B; Cook Fred Parker, Company B; Pvt. John Moss Rutland, Company I; and Pvt. Napoleon Williams, Company I.

These names are also located on the WWI Army/Marine Division Rosters webpage.

James Hill passed away on Jan. 11, 1969, at age 73. He was laid to rest in Mulberry Cemetery in Shallotte, joining his wife, Earler Hill (1905-1960). A military headstone was requested and placed there.

To view this or an earlier profile or snapshot at any time, go to caswellriflerange.com and click on the veteran's name on the WWI Brunswick County Veteran list, which is also accessible by the blue button on the top right of the webpage.



Hill

If you would like to help us honor James Hill or another Brunswick County WWI veteran, email the Friends of Ft. Caswell Rifle Range at ftcaswellriflerange@gmail.com or go to caswellriflerange.com.

Funds continue to be sent supporting the historical

preservation of the 1918 World War I Fort Caswell Rifle Range Memorial and the book featuring all the men and women who served in the Great War from Brunswick County. Send donations to Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range, 5 Foxfire Trace, Caswell Beach, NC 28465.

Hill, James		4,233,629	*White *Colored.
(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	
Residence:	Shallotte	Brunswick	NORTH CAROLINA
(Street and house number)	(Town or city)	(County)	(State)
	C. *Inducted at	Columbus Co NC	Aug 22, 1918
Place of birth:	Shallotte NC	Age or date of birth:	July 4/1895
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:			
Rct Camp #3 Camp Greene NC to Sept 12/18; Sup Co 810			
Pion Inf to disch			
Grades, with date of appointment:			
Pvt			
Engagements:			
Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.			
Served overseas from †None to †, from † to †			
Honorably discharged on demobilization Dec 17, 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. 3-7362			

James Hill's NC Service Card