

WWI Snapshot: Christopher Roger Morse, 1888-1983

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Christopher Roger Morse and two brothers who also served in WWI, Thomas Aubrey Morse and James Harris Morse, were born in Southport, NC. Thomas Aubrey Morse has his own WWI Snapshot.

Christopher Roger Morse enlisted in the NC National Guard on July 9, 1917, soon after the US declared war on Germany. He served in the US Army Coast Artillery Corps at Fort Caswell, serving overseas from November 2, 1918 to January 8, 1919. Sgt Morse was honorably discharged on January 19, 1919.

This photo can be found in Findagrave. According to the description, Christopher "Racky" is on the left; one of his brothers, Neil, is on the right; and his father is bottom center.

Christopher Roger Morse passed away in 1983, at age 95. He, along with one of his brothers, Thomas Aubrey Morse, are some of the longest living Brunswick County WWI veterans.

He is buried at Oakdale Cemetery, in Wilmington, NC. A military flat marker is located at his grave site.

If you would like to help us honor Christopher Roger Morse or another Brunswick County WWI veteran, please email the Friends of Ft Caswell Rifle Range: < fcaswellriflerange@gmail.com> or go to : www.caswellriflerange.com

Funds continue to be sent to support 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 Fox-fire Trace, Caswell beach, NC 28465.



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Morse family: Christopher on the left, with brother and father.

Morse, Christopher Roger		717,898	White	1 1/2
(surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	(Race: White or colored)	
Residence: Wilmington		New H	NORTH CAROLINA	
(Street and house number)	(Town or city)	(County)	(State)	
*Enlisted in	NG Wilmington N.C. July 9/17			
†Born in	Southport N.C. 29 yrs			
Organizations:	2 Co CAC NC NG to Dec 29/17; 7 A-A Btry CAC Ft Caswell NC to Feb 9/18; 9 Co CAC Ft Caswell NC to Sept 28/18; Btry B 6 TM Btry to disch			
Grades:	Pvt 1cl Sept 15/17; Corp Sept 23/18; Sgt Oct 27/18			
Engagements:				
Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.				
‡Served overseas:	Nov 2/18 to Jan 8/19			
§Hon. disch.	Jan 19/19 on demobilization			
Was reported	0 per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.			
Remarks:				
Form No. 734-1 1/2, A. G. O. March 12, 1920. 3-7088		*Insert "R. A.", "N. G.", "E. R. C.", "N. A." as case may be, followed by place and date of enlistment. †Give place of birth and date of birth, or age at enlistment. ‡Give dates of departure from and arrival in the United States. § Give date.		

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Morse NC WWI Service Card