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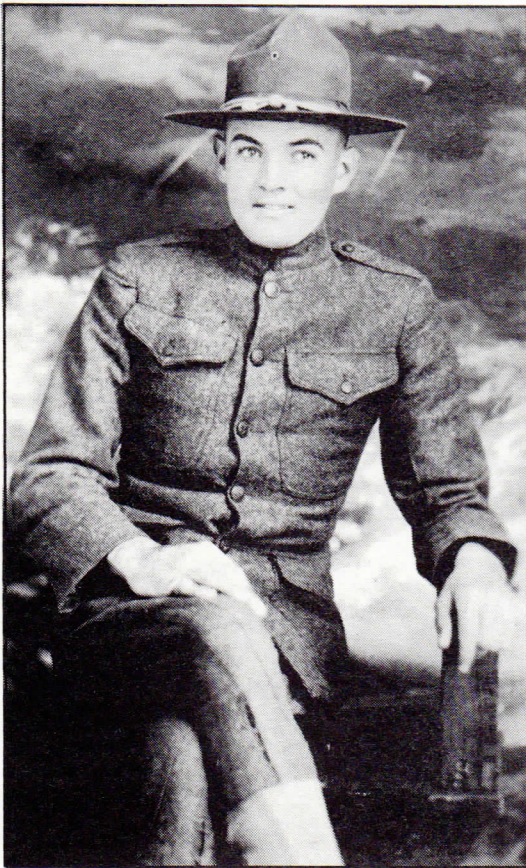
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In 1920, Capt. A. L. Fletcher of Raleigh wrote a brief history of the 113th Field Artillery Regiment, which began as a National Guard unit, the First North Carolina Light Field Artillery, in 1917 and was composed entirely of volunteers from North Carolina. In September the North Carolina men joined with units from Tennessee and South Carolina for training at Camp Sevier, South Carolina, but advance preparation of the site had been cursory. After several months of clearing away a tangled forest, grubbing stumps, draining acres of marshy ground and moving tons of dirt, the men received orders to clear the parade ground. According to Fletcher,

“every inch of which was covered with trees, briars, thorns and vines. A Chatham county rabbit would have hesitated long before trying to make his way through it and Chatham county rabbits are famous throughout North Carolina for their daring and intrepidity.”

The men went on to see action in France, including the battles of St. Mihiel and the Argonne, served with the army of occupation, and returned to the United States in 1919.



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"Sailed July 2 & landed Aug 11/1919
 Many thanks to good old Artemis to bring me Home."

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