

OSCAR L. YATES

OSCAR L. YATES was born in Pelham township of this County near Gatewood on the 25th day of December, 1888. His father, J. M. Yates, was born in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, but made his home in Caswell a number of years ago, and has ranked high among our most prominent and useful citizens. The mother of this young soldier, whose maiden name was Lou Gatewood, is a native born Caswell woman. As a boy this soldier attended the public schools of the county, and made a splendid record as a student.

He received his induction into military service on the 29th of May, 1918., and was sent to Camp Jackson, South Carolina, for training. There he was assigned to the Infantry and placed in Company G. 321st Regiment of the 81st Division. His stay at Camp Jackson was indeed a short one, for, after only two months of training, he was made ready for over-seas, sailing from Hoboken on an English transport, July 29, 1918. After a safe voyage through the submarine zone he landed at Liverpool. From this place he was sent

across the Channel to France by the usual route. Immediately upon his arrival on the Continent he was placed in active service in the St. Die Sector and the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Fortunately he escaped being wounded or gassed. The signing of the Armistice found him with his Division in the Argonne Forest. He remained in France until the 11th off July 1919, doing the regular assigned duties of the men of his Division. On the date mentioned above, he sailed from Brest on the U. S. S "Plattsburg", and landed at Hoboken, New Jersey. From this port of debarkation, he was sent to Camp Dix, and there on the 27th day of July 1919 he was discharged from service. The army serial number of this ex-service man was 2991944. Before entering service he was engaged in mercantile pursuits, since his return to civil life he has resumed the same.