

# SOUTHAMPTON HISTORY OF WORLD'S WAR WORK NEW YORK STATE HISTORY

Name in full and rank .... Lester Ezra Spole... 1st Lt. Med. (During War.)...  
 (Later made Capt.)  
 Organizations ... Student & Co. Cadet. M.O.T.C. Camp Greenleaf...  
 "Deerfield" "Big" "Camp Pike" Ship.....  
 Place and date of enlistment Jun.. 19.. 18.. Camp Greenleaf, Et. Oglethorpe.....  
 Chickamauga Pk. Ga.  
 Place and date of discharge Feb. 14, 19. Camp Pike Little Rock Ark.  
 Military camps with dates .. As above.. Was transferred soon after Armistice...  
 Exact date forgotten.  
 Date of trip overseas and return ..... None  
 Are you a member of the American Legion? If so give name of Post.... Yes.....  
 Arthur E Ellis Hays Westhampton Beach.

If you were awarded medals, citations or certificates of merit please note below; also any battles or engagements in which you saw service.

None

Letter Written by Arthur G. Howell to his parents dated Nov. 20th  
1918

We sailed from Newport News on July 31, and landed in Brest, France on Aug. 12th. We came over on the Italian ship "Amerika", a large steamer and on of a convoy of 6 troopships. When we were 8 days out we had a big storm and all were seasick. On the 11th day we were attacked by 5 or 6 "subs", who fired torpedoes at us but did not hit any of the ships.

The torpedo boats then got busy and sunk 2 of the Subs, and the rest escaped. After landing at Brest we were marched 2 miles and "camped" for 12 days sleeping in "tin" tents and sleeping on the ground. I then met Henry Walker. Our next stop was at Mehan, where Joan of Arc was born. I worked there a week on high tenting work. We then went to Grevres, near Tours. I had charge of a construction gang building a line for an electric light circuit. Was exposed to shell fire when in Varennes, but though we were close to the line we were fortunate in not having big shells or aeroplanes drop bombs on our plant, though some of the boys at the Ammunition dumps had narrow escapes. Saw hundreds of German prisoners--they were mostly young boys and seemed glad to be captured.

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