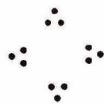


A GENEALOGY
OF THE
NESBIT, ROSS, PORTER,
TAGGART FAMILIES
OF
PENNSYLVANIA

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1541. Jesse Kilgore Taggart, born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Mar. 18, 1896, enlisted for three years June 12, 1916 as a private in Battery F., First Regiment of Field Artillery, Pennsylvania National Guard and was sent to the Mexican border. He was honorably discharged by reason of his enlistment in the U. S. Navy, Mar. 24, 1917, by Capt. John S. Purucker.

He left Mt. Gretna, Pa., June 15, 1916 with his battery, which was the first from all the states to reach the border at that point, and saw the encampment grow from 2,000 men to 45,000 in a few months' time. His battery broke camp Nov. 18, 1916 and he was mustered out at East Liberty, Dec. 4, 1916.

He entered the Naval Training Station at Newport, R. I., Apr. 5, 1917, the United States declaring war upon Germany Apr. 6, 1917.

On Apr. 14, 1917, with forty-nine picked ex-service men, he was sent to New York where he went aboard the receiving ship waiting to carry the men to the U. S. S. Tallahassee at Colon, Panama, where they arrived May 8, 1917 and were sent to Coco Solo where they worked and drilled. On May 30th they marched a distance of ten miles there and back from Colon to Monkey Hill, Mt. Hope Cemetery, with no shade and no water and with the thermometer at 115 degrees.

They went aboard the Tallahassee as her crew and were anchored at the main entrance of the breakwater to protect the canal. On Oct. 18, 1917 they made their first trip through the canal, returning Oct. 20th from Panama City to Colon in six hours and fifteen minutes, C. Y. Johnson, commanding.

On May 21, 1918 the Tallahassee left Colon for St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. His brother, George H. Taggart, was then aboard. On May 23, 1918, Jesse K. Taggart was sent to Coco Solo, now the U. S. Naval Air Station and Submarine Base.

On Dec. 18th he went aboard the U. S. S. Beaver, Submarine tender for the R. boats and went through the Canal to San Pedro, Calif. and to San Diego. After some months on the coast he started for Honolulu, reaching the Submarine Base at Pearl Harbor, Sept. 28, 1919, acting as radio operator on the U. S. Submarines.

He left Honolulu on the U. S. Transport Thomas for San Francisco, arriving at Goat Island Oct. 9, 1919, and was sent with four men to Pittsburgh, Pa., where they were discharged at East Liberty, Oct. 15, 1919, serving in all two years, six months and twelve days in the World War.

At Fort B. V. Meade, Mar. 21, 1918, Eng. Off. William Wagner of the U. S. S. Tallahassee took thirty of the crew, including Jesse K. and George H. Taggart, to the Dutch ship Cornelis lying in Colon Bay. They had orders to take the ship and her crew, which they did without resistance. He received orders from the captain to take fourteen men of the Cornelis to the U. S. Patrol Station at Colon. Of this incident he said: "The men seemed glad that the U. S. A. had ordered us to take their ship and them. We struck the Dutch colors and raised the Stars and Stripes at 11:30 A.M. with sixty sailors on board from the Patrol Station to take the ship to New York when orders were received from Washington to turn back the ship to the Dutch at 3:45 P.M., Mar. 22, 1918."