

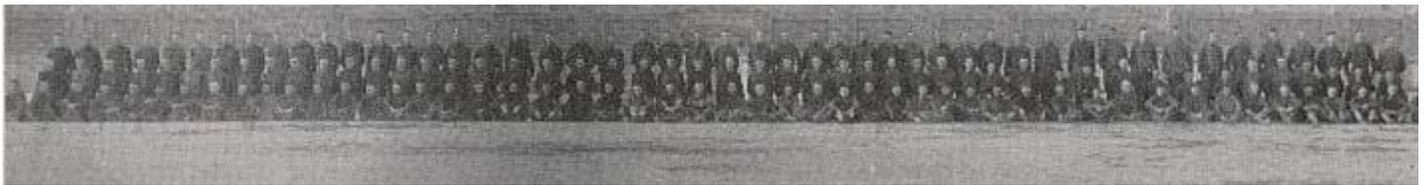
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Remembering Paul Green's Service at this 100th Anniversary End of World War I



Company B of the 105th Engineers

On **July 24, 1917**, at the completion of his freshman year at the University of North Carolina, Paul Green joined Company B of the 105th Engineers on the Chapel Hill campus. Company B was sent to basic training camps in North and South Carolina before they were shipped out to the trenches of France and Belgium.



Pictured here are Hugh and Paul Green in France.

In a 1917 letter to his father from Camp Sevier, S.C., Paul writes, "The only thing that keeps me sound and with a healthy point of view towards the army is a knowledge of the fact that we are fighting a great fight, and for the principles of right living.

I believe there is more of sorrow than bitterness among the men in uniform because we are compelled to fight the Germans. These boys in camp are brave, and when the time comes, they will not be found wanting."

While Paul Green was in basic training camp, he had a book of his poems, entitled *Trifles of Thought* published so that, as he wrote to his sister, "In case I don't return, I want people to know I wanted to be a poet." Throughout the war, Paul wrote poems in his diaries. He was discharged on **May 15, 1919** and returned to school at UNC.

I Remember
I remember that grey morning
when the great ships slipped
their moorings
And like grey-hounds turned their
noses to the sea.
All of us were gaily singing,
and the Yankee yells were
ringing,
While above us grand and strong
stood Liberty.
For the air blew free,
and the lure of the sea,
Set us tingling for the world that
lay out there.
Soon the leaden sky bent o'er us
as the great sea lay before us;



Then the land and cities faded from our view.
Thick the swirling fog swept round us,
and the lonely feeling found us,
While the snapping waves
along the taffrail flew.
For the call of home
and the treacherous foam
Set astir a nameless sorrow in the air.

Pictured above is 2nd Lt. Paul Green, Paris 1919

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