

# **A Biography of Arnold Leo Ferrell, Sr.**

Leo, as he commonly called, was born 13 April 1927, a product of a hard working farm family. His parents were Charlie and Dollie Ferrell who lived on their farm in Springhill Township in Wilson County, N.C. Leo was the fourth oldest child born according to the 1930 U.S. Census

Following his father's death, the family continued to operate the farm as best they could. The back breaking labor in the fields of tobacco, corn, etc., was more than the young boys could stand so the family moved to Lucama, N.C. where they continued their education.

During his teenage years he became interested in the car and truck industry where he could use some of the skills developed while repairing farm implements and other farm-related equipment. That gave him a chance to drive cars and trucks while delivering goods for Wilson merchants.

World War 2 was still going on when he reached his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Wilson County draft board was probably breathing down his neck about the same time so this gave him a chance to escape the rigors of making a living without much of a future. This was also probably his chance to see something else in the world. He joined the U.S. Army and was inducted at Ft. Bragg, N.C. on 28 July 1945. From there, he was sent to Camp Croft, S.C. for basic training. This was located few miles southeast of Spartanburg, S.C. and was used as the U.S. Army Infantry Replacement Training Center. It was there that he received the M1 Rifle Marksman Medal. At that time, the Army was offering a chance for one to re-enlist for 18 months and choose something more suitable to their interest. On 2 December 1945, he was given an honorable discharge for the convenience of the government to enlist in the Regular Army. His mustering out pay was \$200.

On 3 December 1945, he enlisted in the Regular Army for a term of 18 months. It is assumed that he enlisted at Camp Croft, S.C. After 47 days of testing, indoctrination of European culture, immunizations, Christmas leave, traveling, etc., Leo Ferrell was on his way from Ft. Dix, N.J. to Europe probably through one of the ports in New York City. His date of departure was 19 January 1946 and arrived in Europe 28 January 1946. No records are readily



available to indicate where they arrived in Europe; but since his army unit was stationed in southern Germany, he could have landed at one of the German ports along the North Sea.

His discharge states that he was assigned to the 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Company C as a light truck driver. Research indicates that this regiment was part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division assigned to southern Germany. That general area was responsible for the constabulary activities in and around Stuttgart, Dachau, Neumberg, Munich, Lenggries and other cities along the southern border. This area is rich in world history so Leo got a good introduction to another culture. No mention is made of his exact location.

On 9 March 1946, he was promoted to P.F.C. (Private First Class).

On 12 April 1947, he departed Europe for the U.S.A. and arrived on 22 April 1947 probably either in New York or Ft. Dix, N.J.. His total time in foreign service is listed as 1 year, 3 months and 4 days. After going through all the necessary processing, Leo was awarded another honorable discharge at Ft. Dix N.J. on 5 June 1947. His mustering out pay was \$100.00 plus \$22.25 allowance for traveling to Lucama, N.C. He was now a free man.

After spending 676 days in the army and not wanting to return to work on a farm, he got a job delivering goods for The Southern Grain Company. During that time he found the girl of his dreams and married Betty Mae Scott of Wilson. Then he sold insurance for a while and followed that by being employed at Whitley's Electric Company as L.P. gas truck driver. Opportunity presented itself to Leo and his youngest sister's husband so they bought out a service station at the intersection of Gold Street, Herring Avenue, and the A.C.L. Railroad. Leo still had the transportation industry in his blood so he and his brother-in-law, Edmund Lane, formed a partnership and purchased a tractor-trailer rig and joined the trucking business hauling tobacco and other goods mostly in N.C. and the southeastern U.S.. Soon the service station business succumbed to the trucking business and that is when they got into the trucking business full time. For several years, that business flourished by having several tractor-trailer rigs and their own building for maintenance and repairs. As the tobacco industry went into a decline, the trucking industry followed. Then in December 1995 they sold the entire business and both owners went into retirement.

In January 1996, Leo went to his doctor for physical and that is when he found out he had cancer in his lungs. He fought it valiantly until his death 19 November, 1996. Leo left behind a lovely wife of 48 years, Betty Mae; a daughter, Amy, and her husband, Joe Lybrand; a son, Arnold Leo Jr. (Arnie) and

his wife, Stephanie; a grandson, Arnold Leo, III ;and a great- grandson, Carson Leo. He is also survived by 2 brothers and 4 sisters.

Leo was always kind and honest person ,slow to anger,spoke softly to everyone,and greeted you with a wave of his right hand index finger. He was a good husband,father,grandfather,great-grandfather,brother, and friend to all who knew him.

August 31, 2010





## Honorable Discharge

*This is to certify that*

ARNOLD L FERRELL RA-44 159 764 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS  
COMPANY "C" 18TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Army of the United States

*is hereby Honorably Discharged from the military  
service of the United States of America.*

*This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Honest  
and Faithful Service to this country.*

*Given at* SEPARATION CENTER  
FORT DIX NEW JERSEY

*Date* 5 JUNE 1947

NORTH CAROLINA  
WILSON COUNTY

FILED FOR REGISTRATION  
AT 9:30 O'CLOCK A.M. 11 DAY OF  
*August* 1947 AND RECORDED  
IN BOOK #17 PAGE 143

*Jedee H. Collins*  
REGISTER OF DEEDS

*W F Catlin*

W. F. CATLIN  
MAJOR AC



# ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION HONORABLE DISCHARGE

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1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL FERRELL ARNOLD L			2. ARMY SERIAL NO. RA 44 159 764		3. RATE PFC	4. ARM OR SERVICE INF	5. COMPONENT RA 18 MO
6. ORGANIZATION CO C 18TH INF REGT			7. DATE OF SEPARATION 5 JUN 47		8. PLACE OF SEPARATION SEP CTR FT DIX NJ		
9. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES PO LUCANA NC				10. DATE OF BIRTH 13 APR 27		11. PLACE OF BIRTH LUCAMA NC	
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT SEE 9				13. COLOR EYES BLU		14. COLOR HAIR BLND	15. HEIGHT 5 8
16. WEIGHT 170		17. NO. DEPEND. 0					
18. RACE WHITE		19. MARITAL STATUS SINGLE		20. U. S. CITIZEN YES		21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. FARMER 3 06 10	
22. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT SEE 9		23. COUNTY AND STATE X					

## MILITARY HISTORY

22. DATE OF INDUCTION		23. DATE OF ENLISTMENT 3 DEC 45		24. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE 3 DEC 45		25. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE FT BRAGG NC	
26. LOCAL S.E. BOARD NO.		27. COUNTY AND STATE		28. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE SEE 9			
29. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. TRUCK DRIVER LIGHT 345				30. MILITARY QUALIFICATION AND DATE (i.e., infantry, aviation and marksmanship badges, etc.) RIFLE MI MKM 126 SEP 45			
31. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS NONE							
32. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL							
33. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION NONE							
34. LATEST IMMUNIZATION DATES							
SMALLPOX MAR 47		TYPHOID MAR 47		TETANUS MAR 47		OTHER (specify) NONE	
35. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE				36. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U. S. AND RETURN			
CONTINENTAL SERVICE				DATE OF DEPARTURE			
FOREIGN SERVICE				DESTINATION			
YEARS MONTHS DAYS 0 2 29 1 3 4				DATE OF ARRIVAL 28 JAN 46			
37. HIGHEST GRADE HELD PFC				DATE OF DEPARTURE 12 APR 47			
38. PRIOR SERVICE AUS O-4-5				DATE OF ARRIVAL 22 APR 47			
39. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION PAR 1 AR 615 365 CONV OF GOVT & SEC 111 WD CIR 93 (47)							
40. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED NONE							
41. EDUCATION (Years)							
Grammar		High School		College			
6		0		0			

## PAY DATA

43. LONGEVITY FOR PAY PURPOSES			44. MUSTERING OUT PAY		45. SOLDIER DEPOSITS		46. TRAVEL PAY		47. TOTAL AMOUNT, NAME OF DISBURSING OFFICER	
YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	TOTAL	THIS PAYMENT	None	22.25	122.25	JM BARRETTE LT COL FD		
1	10	8	\$ 100	\$ 100						

## INSURANCE NOTICE

IMPORTANT IF PREMIUM IS NOT PAID WHEN DUE OR WITHIN THIRTY-ONE DAYS THEREAFTER, INSURANCE WILL LAPSE. MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER OF THE U. S. AND FORWARD TO COLLECTIONS SUBDIVISION, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON, 25, D. C.											
48. KIND OF INSURANCE		49. HOW PAID		50. Effective Date of Allocated Discontinuance		51. Date of Next Premium Due (One month after 50)		52. PREMIUM DUE EACH MONTH		53. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO	
Nat. Serv.	U.S. Govt.	None	Allotment	Direct to V. A.	31 MAY 47	30 JUN 47	6 40	Continue	Continue Only	Discontinue	X



RIGHT THUMB PRINT

54. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. D. Directives)

LAPEL BUTTON ISSUED  
NO DAYS LOST UNDER AW 107  
RECOMMENDED FOR FURTHER MILITARY TRAINING

55. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED

Arnold L. Ferrell

56. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization—signature)

A L FARENZENA  
1ST LT AC

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*This is to certify that*

ARNOLD IFO FERRELL 44 159 764 PRIVATE  
Infantry Replacement Training Center  
Camp Croft, South Carolina

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*Given at*

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*Date*

2 December 1945

GEORGE P. GILLAN  
Major, Adjutant General's Department



# ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION HONORABLE DISCHARGE

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <b>Ferrell Arnold L</b>		2. ARMY SERIAL NO. <b>44 159 764</b>	3. GRADE <b>Private</b>	4. ARM OR SERVICE <b>Infantry</b>	5. COMPONENT <b>AUS</b>
6. ORGANIZATION <b>IRTC Camp Croft S C</b>		7. DATE OF SEPARATION <b>2 Dec 1945</b>	8. PLACE OF SEPARATION <b>Camp Croft S C</b>		
9. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES <b>Gen Del Lucama N C</b>		10. DATE OF BIRTH <b>13 Apr 1927</b>	11. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>Lucama N C</b>		
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT <b>Enlistment in Regular Army</b>		13. COLOR EYES <b>Blue</b>	14. COLOR HAIR <b>Brown</b>	15. HEIGHT <b>5'8</b>	16. WEIGHT <b>156 LBS.</b>
18. RACE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WHITE <input type="checkbox"/> NEGRO <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify)		19. MARITAL STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify)	20. U.S. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. <b>Farmer 499</b>

## MILITARY HISTORY


22. DATE OF INDUCTION <b>28 Jul 1945</b>		23. DATE OF ENLISTMENT <b>28 Jul 1945</b>		24. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE <b>28 Jul 1945</b>		25. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE <b>Fort Bragg N C</b>							
26. REGISTERED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		27. LOCAL S.S. BOARD NO. <b>#1</b>		28. COUNTY AND STATE <b>Wilson N C</b>		29. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE <b>Gen Del Lucama N C</b>							
30. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. <b>Rifleman 745</b>				31. MILITARY QUALIFICATION AND DATE (I.e., Infantry, Cavalry, and mounted units, etc.) <b>None</b>									
32. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS <b>None</b>													
33. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS <b>None</b>													
34. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION <b>None</b>													
35. LATEST IMMUNIZATION DATES				36. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U.S. AND RETURN									
SHALLPOX <b>22 Aug 1945</b>		TYPHOID <b>1 Sep 1945</b>		TETANUS <b>13 Sep 1945</b>		OTHER (specify) <b>Influenza 31 Oct 1945</b>							
DATE OF DEPARTURE <b>None</b>		DESTINATION <b>None</b>		DATE OF ARRIVAL <b>None</b>									
37. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE				38. HIGHEST GRADE HELD									
CONTINENTAL SERVICE		FOREIGN SERVICE		<b>Private</b>									
YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	YEARS					MONTHS	DAYS				
<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>								
39. PRIOR SERVICE <b>None</b>													
40. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION <b>AR 615-365 (Convenience of the Government) WD Circular 310, 1945</b>													
41. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED <b>None</b>													
42. EDUCATION (Years) <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>Grammar</td> <td>High School</td> <td>College</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>6</b></td> <td><b>0</b></td> <td><b>0</b></td> </tr> </table>								Grammar	High School	College	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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43. LEAVEY FOR PAY PERIOD			44. MUSTERS OUT PAY			45. SOLDIER DEPOSITS			46. TRAVEL PAY			47. TOTAL AMOUNT			48. NAME OF DISBURSING OFFICER		
YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>M.H. ESHLEMAN, CAPT. F.D.</b>									

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Nat. Serv.	U.S. Govt.	None	Allotment	Direct to V. A.										Continue	Continue Only	Discontinue	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									<b>\$ None</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

 RIGHT THUMB PRINT	54. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. D. Directives)	
	<p>Honorably discharged for C of G to enlist in the Regular Army WD Circular 310, 1945. Discharged as temporary Private, AUS, permanent Private, Regular Army. No time lost AW 107.</p>	
55. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED <i>Ferrell Arnold L.</i>		
56. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization - signature) <i>Edward W. Coulter</i> <b>EDWARD W. COULTER, CWO, USA</b> <b>IRTC, Cp Croft, S C</b>		



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**ARMY GROUND FORCES**

**CERTIFICATE**

**INFANTRY REPLACEMENT TRAINING CENTER**  
**CAMP CROFT, SOUTH CAROLINA**

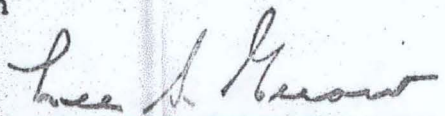
PRIVATE ARNOLD L. FERRELL, 44159764 MOS 745

has successfully completed  
**The Prescribed Course**  
**of Training**

13 August 1945 to 8 December 1945

**Specially qualified for: Rifleman**



  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army  
Commanding



## 1930 United States Federal Census

Name: **Leo Ferrell**  
Home in 1930: **Springhill, Wilson, North Carolina**  
[View Map](#)  
Age: **2**  
Estimated birth year: **abt 1927**  
Relation to Head of House: **Son**  
Father's Name: **Charlie E**  
Mother's Name: ~~Dallie~~ **DOLLIE**  
Race: **White**  
Occupation:  
Education:  
Military service:  
Rent/home value: [View image](#)  
Age at first marriage:  
Parents' birthplace:  
Neighbors: [View others on page](#)  
Household Name  
Members: [Charlie E Ferrell](#)  
[Dallie Ferrell](#)  
**EVELYN** [Evelin Ferrell](#)  
**DOROTHY** [Dorothy Ferrell](#)  
[Charles Ferrell](#)  
  
[Leo Ferrell](#)  
  
[Mary O Ferrell](#)

Source Citation: Year: 1930; Census Place: Springhill, Wilson, North Carolina; Page: 9B; Enumeration District: 15; Image: 519.0.

## Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1930 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2002.



## North Carolina Death Collection, 1908-:

Name: **Arnold Leo Ferrell Sr.**  
Gender: **Male**  
Race: **White**  
Marital Status: **Married**  
Social Security Number: **237304263**  
Father's Last Name: **Ferrell**  
Age: **69**  
Date of Birth: **13 Apr 1927**  
Residence City: **Wilson**  
Residence County: **Wilson**  
Residence State: **North Carolina**  
Date of Death: **Nov 1996** *Nov. 19, 1996*  
Death City: **Wilson**  
Death County: **Wilson**  
Death State: **North Carolina**  
Institution: **General Hospital**  
Attendant: **Physician**  
Burial Location: **Burial in state**  
Source Vendor: **NC Department of Health. North Caroli  
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Source Citation: Source Vendor: *NC Department of Health. North Carolina*

## Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *North Carolina Death Collection, 1908-2004* [database on-line]

Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2007.

Original data:

- North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics. *North Carolina Deaths, 19*  
*Carolina State Center for Health Statistics, Raleigh, North Carolina.*
- North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. *North Carolina*  
*1968-1996. North Carolina Vital Records, Raleigh, North Carolina.*
- North Carolina Archives and Records Section. *North Carolina County Reco*