

graduated from that institution with the degree of LL. B. in June, 1917. In 1914 he married Elizabeth Somerville Wilson, daughter of Joseph B. and Jeanette Yates Clagett Wilson, of Upper Marlboro, Maryland. They have two sons and a daughter, Blair Lee, III, Edward Brooke Lee, Jr., and Elizabeth Somerville Lee.

In June, 1912, Brooke Lee enlisted in F Company, First Maryland Infantry, at Hyattsville, Maryland. He held all enlisted and commissioned grades up to Captain in the First Maryland Infantry, serving as company commander during the Border Service in 1916. He commanded K Company when the First Maryland was called for World War service, and was placed in command of K Company, 115th Infantry, when that Regiment was organized from the Maryland National Guard Brigade at Camp McClellan, Alabama, in October, 1917. He commanded K Company, 115th Infantry, during the period the Twenty-ninth Division held a sector of the line in Alsace, during which period he was twice cited by his Division Commander for gallantry in action, and twice decorated by the French with the Croix de Guerre. He received the American Distinguished Service Cross and the Belgian Order of Leopold for leading the advance of a raiding party through the enemy wire on August 31, 1918, and for being the last to leave the enemy trenches. He was promoted to the rank of Major and placed in command of the Second Battalion, 115th Infantry, November 2, 1918, and was discharged at Camp Meade, Maryland, as Major of that Battalion, in June, 1919. He commanded the Second Battalion, 320th Infantry, 80th Division of Organized Reserves, in 1922 and 1923, and is now serving as Lieutenant Colonel, Assistant Chief of Staff of the 29th Division, National Guard of Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

He was elected Comptroller of the State of Maryland on November 4, 1919, and served the two-year term in that office. In 1922 he engaged actively in building and land development at Silver Spring, in addition to working as Secretary and Treasurer of the Silver Spring Building Supply Company. He was appointed Secretary of State in September, 1923, and reappointed in January, 1924.