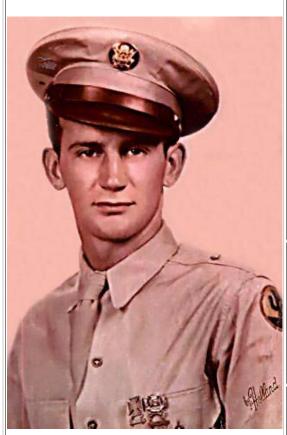
CHARLES G. RAHN





CAMP CLAIBORNE

TOP ROW: Unknown, Charles Rahn, Unknown, Louie Michalski

BOTTOM ROW: Jack Niklas, Unknown, Philip Yates.

Charles wrote an account of his days as a P.O.W. titled *Hande Hoch*

ENTERED SERVICE ON 12/9/1942 FROM DETROIT, MI. COMPLETED BASIC TRAINING AT CAMP CLAIBORNE, LA. ASSIGNED TO COMPANY D (Heavy Weapons), 409TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 103RD DIVISION. PARTICIPATED IN THE 3RD ARMY LOUISIANA MANEUVERS. WAS PART OF CADRE MOVED TO CAMP HOWZE IN NOVEMBER, 1943. BOARDED THE USS MONTICELLO ON 10/06/44 AND ARRIVED IN MARSEILLES, FRANCE ON 10/20/44 AS A MEMBER OF GENERAL ALEXANDER PATCH'S 7TH ARMY. CORPORAL RAHN SERVED AS SQUAD LEADER FOR A 1ST PLATOON, .30 CAL WATER-COOLED MACHINE GUN CREW IN RHINELAND AND ALSACE BEFORE BEING CAPTURED IN SELESTAT, FRANCE ON 12/2/1944. HE SPOKE FLUENT GERMAN AND SERVED THE REMAINDER OF THE WAR AS A P.O.W. AT STALAGS XII-A, III-B AND III-A. HE KEPT A DIARY WHILE IN CAPTIVITY AND LATER WROTE A BOOK TITLED, 'HANDE HOCH' (Hand's High) ABOUT HIS TIME AS A P.O.W. HE WAS LIBERATED BY THE RUSSIANS ON 4/22/45 NEAR LUCKENWALDE, GERMANY.