

WILLIAM B. MOODY

103d Recon & D-Company, 409th



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William B. Moody was born April 16, 1924 in Shawnee, OK. Bill was Scotch/Irish from his Father's side and Cherokee/Irish from his Mother's side.

Bill got an early start in his military service. At 15 (1939), his father unceremoniously dumped him at the Oklahoma Military (old time cavalry) Academy at Claremore, OK.

Upon graduation, Bill enlisted in the Army on September 29, 1942 and reported for his basic training at Ft. Riley, KS. He trained with the 103d Recon Troops at Camp Howze in 1944. He was transferred to D-Co, 409th as an 81mm Mortar ammo bearer in November 1944. He served in this capacity until he was transferred back to 103d Recon in April of 1945.



Post WWII, Bill graduated from Oklahoma University and became a school teacher. He also joined the National Guard's 45th Division in 1949 and served in Korea. After active duty in Korea, he joined the Texas National Guard's 36th Division. He once again served in Germany in 1960 and in 1969 he was sent to Vietnam where he served as an interpreter. Bill retired from service in 1976 as a Major.

Bill wrote his personal memoir in a book titled, "Hell's Folly". This book traces Bill's footsteps throughout WWII and the liberation of Dachau Concentration Camp. His book has been inducted into the US Library of Congress, Veterans History Project and selected by the National WWII Archives Library at Florida State University.