

## 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 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 7<sup>TH</sup> ARMY. CORPORAL RAHN SERVED AS SQUAD LEADER FOR A 1<sup>ST</sup> 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.