



**Emil
Hlaus**
Army

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Jun 9, 1916 - Mar 7, 2002

BIRTHPLACE: Wilson, Kansas

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Technician 4th Grade

DIVISION: Army, 1397th Construction Engineers

THEATER OF OPERATION: Pacific

SERVED: Jul 15, 1941 - Oct 15, 1945

BATTLE: Central Pacific Western Pacific Ryukyus

**MILITARY HONORS: American Defense Service
Medal Good Conduct Medal Asiatic Pacific Service
Medal Meritorious Service Unit**

HONORED BY: Hlaus Family

BIOGRAPHY

Emil C. Hlaus was born in Wilson, Kansas on June 9, 1916 to Joseph and Anna (Vopat) Hlaus. Emil attended Wilson Public Schools and graduated in 1935. Learning a strong work ethic from his Czechoslovakian immigrant grandparents, and from his parents, Emil helped his father on his 800 acre farm near Wilson. Emil entered the service July 15 1941. He was stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri and later at Fort Ord, California. Emil went overseas in December 1941 and served with the 1397th Army Construction Engineers in the Pacific Theater. While stationed in Hawaii, Emil was fortunate to see and spend time with his brother, Albert, who was also serving in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater. After his discharge at Ft. Logan, Colorado on October 15, 1945, Emil returned to Wilson where he was a farmer/stockman in the Hell Creek area near present day Wilson Lake. Emil was a proud member of the Wilson American Legion and for many years decorated veteran's graves on Memorial Day. Emil died March 7, 2002 and is buried in the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Cemetery.