

Edward Grombkowski

Mar 1, 1921 - Dec 5, 1990 BIRTHPLACE: Brooklyn, New York

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: PFC

DIVISION: Army, 390th Infantry Regiment, 98th Division. Co. "H" .

THEATER OF OPERATION: Pacific

BATTLE: Unknown

MILITARY HONORS: Good Conduct Medal, (this is the only medal I know he received, I'm sure there was several more).

HONORED BY: Henry Andres, Nephew.

BIOGRAPHY

Edward J. Grombkowski was my uncle, and the 5th of 6 children, he had an older sister, 3 older brothers, (all four US Army WWII Veterans) and a younger sister, (my mother). The family lived in the Greenpoint Section of Brooklyn New York, and from what I was told he was pretty much the adventurous type. As a teenager he became a member of President Roosevelt's "Civilian Conservation Corp." (CCC Camps) serving in the state of Montana, which he often spoke of, enjoying that time in the country, scenery and fresh air. He was inducted into the Army, becoming a member of the 98th Division, 390th Regiment, and trained at Fort Breckenridge, Kentucky. In 1944 the Division departed from Seattle Washington, for the Hawaiian Islands, PTO. It was there the 98th trained for the invasion of Japan . After Japan's surrender in Aug. 1945, the 98th prepared for occupation duty instead, landing in Japan in Sept. 1945. The 98th's assignment now was to demobilize the Japanese Armed Forces by seizing, and destroying supplies, and equipment, and supervise the relocation of suitable supplies for civilian use. After his discharge, my uncle returned to his pre-war civilian position with the Pennsylvania Rail Road in Long Island City NY. He never married, and was the proverbial "Uncle Eddie", generous to a fault with all his nieces, and nephews, After his retirement he lived in a small house in Montauk NY, doing what he enjoyed the most, fishing, and beach combing the Fort Pond Bay area of Montauk NY, until his passing in Dec. 1990.