



**Charles
Jezek**

Army Air Corps

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Jun 22, 1915 - Apr 18, 1961

BIRTHPLACE: Farm near Holyrood, Ks

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: S. Sgt.

DIVISION: Army Air Corps, 463rd AAF Base Unit

THEATER OF OPERATION: Other

SERVED: Mar 18, 1942 - Oct 17, 1945

MILITARY HONORS: Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal with 1 bronze star, 4 overseas bars with 1 service stripe

HONORED BY: Nieces Emma L. Doherty, Erlene K. Fox, Evelyn E. Parker, Nephew Ernie Jezek

BIOGRAPHY

Charles Jezek Jr. was born on a farm between Wilson and Holyrood KS. He attended grammar school at North Palacky District 59, a country school. Jezek entered Holyrood High school graduating in 1934. After graduation he assisted his dad and worked for Enoch & Burrows, drilling contractors. Jezek enlisted in the Army January 1942 and reported to Fort Leavenworth where he was assigned to the Engineer Replacement Center at Fort Leonard Wood, MO for basic training. Jezek was transferred to the 110th Engineers H. Q. in Los Angeles, CA. His unit was the first ones assigned to "Bing Crosby's stables" they engaged in cleaning and remodeling the quarter. Charles and his buddies were assigned to Sea Biscuit's stable which was a big attraction to the other guys in the unit. While stationed in CA he worked the switch boards for around a month, then drove a truck to transport troops. On July 20, 1942, Cpl. Jezek was shipped out for foreign duty and arrived in Alaska. He was stationed at the Aleutian Islands. Jezek's mission was considered a military secret. While in the Alaskan Islands, he moved to several locations. Jezek commented, 'the living condition were not pleasant but at a healthy climate'. Jezek returned home and married Elnita Ehler in 1947. Sadly he was killed in an automobile accident April 18, 1961.