

Story #920 Harold Rochon

1st Lieutenant Harold Rochon (1914-1976) was a Mazomanie World War II veteran and a charter member of the Mazomanie Greening – Buelow American Legion Post #437.

Harold enlisted in the Army on September 25, 1941 in Milwaukee. His serial number was 36219771. He mustered out on February 7, 1945, having served three and one-half years. Harold was sent to Camp Adair OR where he joined Battery B of the 725th Field Artillery of the 70th Division. The Division was sent to Europe in December 1944, arriving in Marseilles France December 10. They reached the front on December 28, near Bischweiler on the west bank of the Rhine River, engaging the Germans. They defeated German forces at Phillipsbourg, Wingen and Saarbrucken before Harold returned to the United States

Harold Raymond Rochon was born in Marshfield WI, the son of taxi cab driver William Rochon and Margaret Stai. Hans grew up in Marshfield, where he is found with his family in the 1920, 1930 and 1940 US Census. . His October 16, 1940 Draft Card listed him in Marshfield as 5'-5½", 132 # with a ruddy completion, brown hair and hazel eyes. He was 26 years old and a student in Montana.

While in the Army Harold married Wisconsin nurse Doris Dunlap (1914-1993) in Vancouver WA on January 1, 1944. She was the daughter of Mazomanie mill owner and banker Guy Dunlap and Mayme Kirch. After the war, they returned to Mazomanie, where he worked at the Badger Army Ammunition Plant and operated the Mazomanie Mill for twenty years. Harold passed away in Prairie du Sac on May 4, 1976 and is buried in the Mazomanie St. Barnabas Cemetery with his wife. They had two children.

