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Abstract

Military uniform of U.S. Army Korean War veteran and Grafton, West Virginia native William Farley Bowman, Jr. (1931/08/28 - 1973/07/21). See historical note for biographical information.

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Biographical / Historical

William Farley Bowman, Jr. was drafted for active duty by the U.S. Armed Forces (Army) on 12 August 1952. At that time he was 21 years of age and had completed two years of college. Upon completion of basic training at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, he was sent to Korea. On the train trip to the front lines his name was called out, and he was asked to report to the commander in charge. Bowman was offered an office assignment behind the lines, and he felt the offer was due to his two years of college education. Although he wasn't on the front lines, he told of hearing the bombing, witnessing fires, and seeing casualties. He even lost part of his hearing in one ear during this time. He attained the rank of Sergeant on 19 March 1954. He returned to the United States and was given an honorable discharge from the Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky on 21 May 1954.

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Korean War Veteran's Record

for William Farley Bowman, Jr.

from Taylor County Courthouse Discharge Record Book Number 5, page 247.

Date of Birth: August 28, 1931.

Date of Induction: Entered August 12, 1952 in Fairmont, West Virginia at the rank of Private.

Branch or Arm of Service Entered: U.S. Army.

Military Occupational Specialty and Assignment: Significant duty at

HQ CO 24th Engr. Const. Op. (Headquarters Company 24th Engineer Construction Op.)

Theater of Service: Korean.

Length of Service: 1 year, 9 months, 10 days.

Length of Foreign Service: 1 year, 3 months, 19 days.

Rank at Time of Separation: Technical Sergeant.

Date of Separation: Honorably discharged May 21, 1954.

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