



Menzies, William J

Served in the United States Army from 1948 to 1952.

Rank U.S. Army Corporal

In 1948 William J Menzies volunteered for services in the United States Army. Shortly after he was deployed to Japan and assigned to the 24 infantry division as part of the post World War II Japanese occupation force. In 1950 the Korean conflict broke out and Task Force Smith and the 24th Infantry division were immediately set to Pusan, Korea. From June of 1950 to the end of the conflict in June of 1952 he and the 24thg Infantry were involved in many infamous battles including the Pusan perimeter battle, the battle at the Chosin Reservoir, the battle of Pork Chop Hill, the battle of Taejon, and the battle of Kyongju. These are a few of the many important battles that he and the 24th Infantry took part in. As a result of these and other battles William J. Menzies was awarded a Combat Infantry Badge, 7 Battle Stars, 2 Purple Hearts, United Nations Award for Korea and he and his unit were awarded a Presidential Unit Citation the highest award a combat infantry can be awarded.